

The Alexandria Gazette

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 27.

CAPTURE OF BOOTH AND HERROLD THE ASSASSINS.

The State Journal, in this place, announced in an extra, issued this morning, the capture of J. Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, and Herrold, his accomplice. It is said they crossed over the Potomac from the Maryland shore, at or near Aquia creek, and a cavalry scout being in the neighborhood, they were pursued and tracked to a barn on the road leading from Port Royal to Bowling Green in Caroline county, Va.; and yesterday morning, the place of concealment was surrounded and a surrender ordered. This they refused to do, when the barn was set on fire.— Herrold then gave himself up, and Booth, in attempting to escape was fired upon, wounded in the neck, and captured. Booth had received an injury in his leg, and was heavily armed when taken. Intelligence was immediately sent to Washington. Full details of the capture of these assassins will be given. This crime will hand their names down to posterity, with an infamous notoriety; nor will the punishment of their deeds ever be forgotten—for in shedding blood with the hand of the murderer, they have brought sorrow and woe upon a whole land. P. S.—Our paper generally goes to press too early for the Washington afternoon papers. None of the morning papers contained the least reference to the subject.— But all the statements from Washington confirm the reported capture of the assassins.— One account, is, that Booth was killed, and that his body was brought up this morning to Washington.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

FORTRESS MONROE, April 24.—Intelligence was received here this morning of the destruction by fire of the schooner Ocean Herald, loaded with forage, while anchored off the mouth of the Warwick river, a little stream about eighteen miles from here on the James river.

Large numbers of prisoners, unable to go North by reason of an order recently issued by the Secretary of War, are scattered all over Old Point and its immediate vicinity, subsisting upon government rations, and wend their way in every direction over the country.

The New York World deprecates the severity of the strictures upon the recent proceedings of Gen. Sherman, made by many of the public journals; and says that it is very wrong to attempt to ruin his public character, even if he did make a mistake.

Italian affairs are now prominent topics of discussion in Europe. Napoleon having determined to remove the French troops from Rome, we are now to see what will be the course of the Pope, and the King of Italy.

The City Council of Baltimore has passed a resolution requesting the military authorities to remove from that city, "Rev. J. J. Bullock, Rev. J. E. Hamner and Rev. J. Lefevre, and all such dangerous persons as are inimical to our Government."

Both in Petersburg and Richmond numbers of persons, wishing to engage in business, are taking the oath of allegiance.

At the last accounts, Jefferson Davis, was in South Carolina making his way to the Mississippi river.

CORRESPONDENCE.

GRAHAMS, S. C., February 7, 1865.

GENERAL: I have the honor to propose that if the troops of your army be required to discontinue burning the houses of our citizens, I will discontinue burning cotton.

As an earnest of the good faith in which my proposition is tendered, I have at this place about three hundred bales of cotton not harmed, worth in New York over a quarter of a million, and in our currency one and a half millions. I trust my having commenced will cause your influence to insure the acceptance of the proposition by your whole army.

I trust that you will not deem it improper for me to ask that you will require the troops under your command to discontinue the wanton destruction of property not necessary to their sustenance.

Respectfully, General, your obedient servant,
J. WHEELER, Major General C. S. A.
Major Gen. O. O. HOWARD, United States Army Commanding, &c.

ANSWER OF GENERAL SHERMAN.

HEADQ'RS MIL. DIV. OF THE MISSISSIPPI, IN THE FIELD, February 8.

GENERAL: Yours, addressed to Gen. Howard, is received by me. I hope you will burn all cotton, and save us the trouble. We don't want it, and it has proved a curse to our country. All you don't burn I will.

As to private houses, occupied by peaceful families, my orders are not to molest or disturb them, and I think my orders are obeyed. Vacant houses, being of no use to anybody. I care little about, as the owners have thought them of no use to themselves. I don't want them destroyed, but do not take much care to preserve them.

I am, with respect, yours truly,
W. T. SHERMAN,
Major General Commanding.
Maj. Gen. J. WHEELER, commanding cavalry corps, Confederate army.

MOBILE.

The Navy Department received yesterday the official report from Admiral Thatcher, of the capture of Mobile, Ala. The unconditional surrender of the city was formally made by the mayor on the 14th of April. Most of the contents of the navy yard at Mobile were destroyed except a quantity of soft coal and lumber. The iron clad Nashville and gunboat Morgan fled up the Tombigbee river. One of the Union monitors and an iron-clad were sent in pursuit of them. Before the evacuation, they sunk in Spanish river the Huntsville and Tuscaloosa, two powerful rams. Whilst removing torpedoes from the Mobile bay, the Union gunboat Sciota was sunk, on the 14th instant, together with the steamtugs Ida and Althea. Admiral Thatcher estimates that the number of guns captured by the army and navy will not fall short of 400, many of them of the heaviest calibre.

A Washington correspondent of the New York Times says:

"It appears Johnston's first letter to Gen. Sherman proposed a surrender of his army on the same terms Lee surrendered. A meeting was arranged, at which Wade Hampton was present. He protested against the terms of surrender, and declared he would not surrender his cavalry force. Thereupon Sherman consented to delay, for the purpose of giving Johnson and Hampton an opportunity to consult Jeff. Davis. Another meeting was arranged for the next day. On that day the parties again met, and at the first sitting the remarkable memorandum or basis of agreement was presented, and at once signed. It is further said that before Sherman signed the memorandum he had received the news of the assassination of President Lincoln."

The corner stone of the Wilkey Monument, was laid in Baltimore, yesterday, by the Odd Fellows.

General Sherman's Order.

HQ'S MIL. DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, IN THE FIELD.

RALEIGH, April 17

Special Field Order No 50—The General Commanding announces with pain and sorrow that, on the evening of the 14th instant, at the theatre in Washington city, his Excellency the President of the United States, Mr. Lincoln, was assassinated by one who uttered the State motto of Virginia. At the same time the Secretary of State, Mr. Seward, whilst suffering from a broken arm, was also stabbed by another murderer in his own house, but still survives, and his son was wounded, supposed fatally.

It is believed by persons capable of judging that the other high officers were designed to share the same fate. Thus it seems that our enemy, despairing of meeting us in manly warfare, begin to resort to the assassin's tools. Your General does not wish you to infer that this is universal, for he knows that the great mass of the Confederate army would scorn to sanction such acts, but he believes in the legitimate consequence of rebellion against rightful authority. We have met every phase which this war has assumed, and must now be prepared for it in its last and worst shape, that of assassins and guerrillas; but woe unto the people who seek to expend their wild passions in such a manner, for there is but one dread result.

By order of MAJ. GEN. W. T. SHERMAN.
L. M. Dayton, Maj. and Asst. Adj. Gen.

Notice to Visitors to City Point, Richmond and Petersburg, Va

WAR DEPARTMENT.

WASHINGTON, April 27, 1865.

No passes are required from Washington or Baltimore, by persons desiring to visit Richmond or Petersburg, but transportation on Government vessels will not be furnished, except to persons in the Government service. All persons visiting City Point, Richmond, or Petersburg, will be required to register themselves on landing, at the office established for that purpose, and will be subject to the police regulations established by the military authority. By order of the Secretary of War:

JAMES A. HARDIE.

Brevet Brig. Gen. Inspector-General.

Gold, in New York, to day, 149½.

MARINE LIST.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27.

Arrived—Schooner Robert H. Kemp, Capt. Wroten, from Baltimore, with salt for G. H. Smoot, and corn for Lewis McKenzie.

The Fourth Lecture of the FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY, will be delivered at American Hall, on Thursday evening, at 7½ o'clock, by Mr. Wm. F. Carne. Subject—Early History of Alexandria. The public are invited. Seats reserved for ladies. ap 26-27

EDGAR SNOWDEN SR'S OFFICE, corner of King and Royal streets, over Mr. Owings's Store, where he will receive subscriptions and advertisements for the ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE. Persons having business with the office, can transact it with him. ap 27 lawlf

OFFICE OF THE GREAT FALLS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, WASHINGTON, March 13, 1865.

THE SALE OF STOCK FOR UNPAID assessment of \$1 per share, as ordered and published, of 28d February, 1863, and suspended by the Board of Directors until further order, will be resumed on Thursday, the 20th of April next, at 3 o'clock P. M., at the office of the Company, west basement City Hall.

By order of the Board.
JOHN CARROLL BRENT, Secretary
The above sale is postponed until Saturday, 21th May next, same hour and place. ap 15 eotmy20

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