

THE LOCAL NEWS.

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

The Message of the President of the Confederate States to the Southern Congress, is published in all the Northern papers:—"He refers to the vicissitudes of an arduous campaign soon to be partially interrupted by the approach of winter, and to the services of the volunteers. He asserts that after seven months of war the Federal Government has not only failed to extend its occupancy of the soil of the seceded States, but that new States and territories have been added to the Confederacy, and that instead of a march of forced conquest, the Federal troops have been driven at more than one point to assume the defensive. He praises the people of Missouri for the stand which they have made, and justifies the occupation of the soil of Kentucky by Confederate troops, on the ground that the State had been invaded against the will of the people by the Federal forces. Financial matters are next touched upon, and the Treasury note system is said to be working well. By husbanding the means of the States, and judiciously using their resources, it is contended that the war could be carried on for an unlimited period. A reconstruction of the old Union is declared to be an impossibility, and for the independence which has been asserted no alternative will be accepted. The arrest of Messrs. Mason and Slidell is briefly touched upon. It is concluded that those gentlemen when seized were under the protection and within the dominions of a neutral nation and were as much under the jurisdiction of the British government upon that ship and beneath its flag as if they had been on English soil.—The inefficiency of the blockade of the Southern ports is alluded to, but whilst it is admitted that the Confederate States would be benefited by the enforcement of the rules of international laws in regard to the blockade, the declaration is also made that the Confederate States are not dependent on that enforcement for the successful prosecution of the war."

WAR NEWS.

It is reported that the Confederates in Missouri have burned Warsaw, in that State, to prevent its being used as winter quarters for the Federal troops; that a great quantity of government stores was destroyed; and that a train of eighty wagons with 200 Federal troops, on the way from Sedalia for Leavenworth, had been attacked by a party of Confederates and captured.

On Friday, a portion of the New Jersey Brigade, under Gen. Franklin, went to Springfield Station, and one regiment from Gen. Heintzelman's command proceeded to Burke's Station on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, the latter fourteen miles from Alexandria. No evidence of the Confederate was observed near either place. The 3d New Jersey regiment remained at Springfield during the night and returned to their quarters yesterday morning. The pickets from Gen. Heintzelman's division daily visit Occoquan Creek, about sixteen miles below Alexandria.

Gen. Floyd's army has fallen back four miles south of Raleigh Court House, and the Federal troops had been largely reinforced. Gen. Lee's command has retired to Meadow Bluff. The Confederates report two killed and several captured in a skirmish during the past week, in Western Virginia. The roads are in a bad condition, making it difficult to obtain supplies.

Ben McCulloch, with a large Confederate force, is now encamped between Springfield and Lebanon. His pickets extended Thursday night over a space of fifteen miles this side of Lebanon. This is considered reliable. It is also rumored, but not credited, that the advance of the Confederates, 800 strong, is at Gasconade, thirteen miles west of there.

The Fort Smith (Ark.) Times says that Gen. Cooper, at the head of 5,000 Choctaws, Creek and Chickasaw regiments had dispersed Opothleycholo's force of 4,000, with 1,300 fugitive slaves that fled to him for freedom. The latter chief was a fugitive.

About midnight on the 22nd, the gunboat Cambridge proceeded up the James river opposite Warwick and engaged a Confederate battery. No particulars have transpired further than that the battery replied with spirit, but was finally silenced. The Cambridge is said to have received one shot, but which did no particular damage.

The will of the late John Withers, of this city, was admitted to probate in the Orphans' Court, in Washington. He bequeathes one-fifth of his estate, after paying his debts, to Columbian College, the remainder is divided among his relatives.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Washington Republican of yesterday says:—"Most of the regiments quartered in and around Washington have been paid off within the past few days; and while most of the soldiers have conferred honor upon themselves by sending a considerable proportion of their pay home to their families, others have invested a large proportion of it in liquor; and the result has been that the Provost Guard has been kept very busy within the past day or two in making arrests."

"The notorious Fred Douglas being advertised to lecture in Rochester on Thursday and Friday evening next, a handbill has been circulated, concluding as follows: "Rally, then, one and all, and drive him from our city! Down on the arch-fugitive to Europe, who is not only a coward but a traitor to his country! Rally, freemen. Admission ten cents."

The immense quantities of petroleum oil thrown into market lately having materially reduced the value of the article, the principal well-owners in Pennsylvania (says a Pittsburg paper) are about concerting measures for regulating the supply so as to prevent that glut in the market under which prices have fallen so low.

A sale of condemned horses took place in Washington a few days since, which sold at prices ranging from 60 cents to \$30. About half the number were only fit for glue-house purposes.

Governor Hicks of Md., has appointed Thomas J. Wilson, Esq., editor of the Annapolis Gazette, Secretary of State, instead of Grayson Eichelberger, Esq., resigned.

Col. Taylor, who was arrested under a misapprehension in connection with the running over of a private on Wednesday, has been restored to his command.

One of the machine shops at Richmond has commenced the manufacture of steam engines.

A letter from Col. S. Borland received in Memphis states that he has not been promoted to the position of brigadier general.

J. C. Underwood, Fifth Auditor, has been authorized to bring into service a brigade of Virginia refugees, of whom at least 600 to 700 are now believed to be in Maryland.—Mr. Samuel C. Means, one of their number from Waterford, recently tendered to the government a company of 100 of his friends.

The "Black Horse" Cavalry, recruited at Troy, have arrived at New York on their way to the seat of war. They have no horses, very few arms, and the men are not half uniformed.

Captain Comfort, of the French army, who has served fourteen years in Algeria, has, at the request of General McClellan, been authorized to raise a regiment of "Franc Fireurs," their service to be special in its character and under the immediate command-in-chief.

The Paris Constitutionnel argues that American ingratitude enables France to witness the disruption of the Union with the utmost indifference.

Gen. Walter Mitchell and John Hamilton, Esq., were arrested at Port Tobacco, Md., on the 17th, by the military, but released on the 19th.

There is said to be no American cotton known to be at sea for Liverpool on the 9th of November. The amount on the water this time last year was about 45,000 bales.

Lieut. Henry A. Wise is the acting chief of the Naval Ordnance Bureau in the absence of Capt. Harwood, who is off on a tour of inspection.

Immense quantities of codfish are now taken on a newly discovered bank off the Western coast of Scotland.

Gen. Fremont is shortly expected in New York, and the Tribune says that the Germans propose giving him a grand reception with music, torches, and banners.

Judge Thomas S. Richards was shot through a window of the Court House, in Scotland county, Missouri, on Monday last, while confined as a prisoner in the hands of Col. Moore, of the Home Guard. Colonel Moore subsequently offered a reward of \$1,000 for the apprehension of the assassin.

Peterson's Detector cautions the public against counterfeit tens on the Waterbury Bank of Connecticut. It is the best and most dangerous counterfeit that has been out for years.

The Norfolk papers contain an advertisement from S. R. Mallory, the Confederate Secretary of the Navy, asking for proposals for the construction of four sea-going iron-clad and ball proof steam ram ships to carry at least four guns each.

Mrs. and Miss James—daughter-in-law and daughter of the noted British novelist, G. P. R. James, recently deceased—are about to open a female school in Detroit.

It is said that four thousand seven hundred and thirty-five applicants for admission to the New York State Inebriate Asylum are on file, coming from all the States of the Union, from all classes of men, and some of them from foreign countries.

The first part of the "History of Julius Caesar," by Louis Napoleon, may soon be looked for, the final execution of the maps, by which the work is to be enriched, being the only delay to its immediate publication.

Fielder Cross, esq., has died at Locust Grove, Prince George's county, Md., at the age of 92 years. He was said to be the oldest white inhabitant in the county.

Friday night the city councils of New York, made an additional appropriation of \$500,000 for the support of families of volunteers.

THE INNER CALM.

[Selected for the Local News.]

Calm me, my God, and keep me calm,
While these hot breezes blow,
Be like the night dew's cooling balm
Upon earth's fevered brow.

Calm me, my God, and keep me calm,
Soft resting on thy breast,
Soothe me with hazy hymn and psalm,
And bid my spirit rest.

Calm me, my God, and keep me calm,
Let thine outstretching wing
Be like the shade of Elm's palm,
Beside the desert spring.

Yes, keep me calm, though loud and rude
The sounds my ear that greet,
Calm in the closet's solitude,
Calm in the bustling street.

Calm in the hour of buoyant health,
Calm in my hour of pain,
Calm in my poverty or wealth,
Calm in my loss or gain.

Calm in the sufferance of wrong,
Like Him who bore my shame;
Calm 'mid the threatening, taunting throng
Who hate Thy holy name.

Calm when the great world's news with power
My listening spirit stir;
Let not the tidings of the hour
E'er find too fond an ear.

Calm as the ray of sun or star
Which storms assail in vain,
Moving unruddled through earth's war,
The eternal calm to gain.

The steamer Etna, at New York, brings Liverpool dates to the 13th. Cotton firm with an upward tendency—wheat quiet and steady—corn declined. At the Lord Mayor's banquet, in London, the U. S. Minister, Mr. Adams, made a speech, which is reported to have been well received. He made no allusion to the war, but the entire speech was marked by the most friendly feelings toward England. Messrs. Mann and Yancey were guests at the banquet of the Fishmonger's Club. The latter responded to the toast for the restoration of peace. He defended the Confederate cause, eulogized England for the recognition of belligerent rights, and said there could be no basis for negotiations, so long as the Confederates were treated as rebels. The King of Portugal died of typhus fever on the 12th instant, and the Duke of Oporto has succeeded to the throne. It is reported that it was through the instigation of England that America is to be invited to join the expedition against Mexico.

The New York Albion, (British organ in New York,) argues that Com. Wilke's in arresting Mason and Slidell, on board the British steamer Trent, was guilty of a very serious breach of international comity, but leaves jurists to decide whether he has also violated international law. What the British Government may do or demand is held to be a serious question, and one which is not to be dismissed quite so easily as the press affects to believe. The Albion reasserts its previously expressed opinion that war between the two countries is utterly improbable; but declares, that if Great Britain sought a pretext for bringing one on, she has now an opportunity for pushing a dispute into hostilities.

Mr. George Francis Train, of Boston, now in London, writes that large quantities of arms and ammunition for the Confederate States have been sent from England—that another vessel is now loaded and ready to sail—and that negotiations are going on to purchase a number of war vessels for the South.

The Government of the United States is about to send blankets and warm clothing to the Federal prisoners in the Southern States. Gen. Huger, of the Confederate forces, promptly responded to the inquiry of Gen. Wool, on the subject.

The regulars on the other side of the Potomac, are to be reviewed to-morrow, east of the Capitol, in Washington.

A Secession Convention has been held at Russellville, in Kentucky, at which fifty-one counties were represented. A provisional state government was formed, and resolutions adopted in favor of unity with the Southern States.

John Rodgers, (of the firm of Rodgers & Son, machinists and fire engine makers in Baltimore,) died on Saturday. Edward S. Frey, (of the firm of E. & S. Frey,) died in the same city on Friday last.

A letter from the West states that several farmers in Southern Illinois have engaged in the business of cotton raising this season.

The London Times seeks to calm the dismay at the short supplies of cotton, and says there is no ground for national alarm.

Joshua R. Giddings has arrived in Washington.

MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR RENT.—A large and commodious three story BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, containing twenty-one rooms, and a fine Bar Room, and is an excellent place for business. Water and gas, and every convenience attached to the house. For further information, apply to

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corner of Prince and Fairfax streets.
Possession given immediately. nov 23—1w*

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Office, No. 17 Washington street, above King.
WHERE HE CAN BE FOUND AT ALL TIMES.
nov 22—1m*

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DURING the suspension of my regular School Exercises, I am willing, for the sake of congenial employment, to receive a few students, to whom I will give thorough daily instruction in all the solid English branches, together with Composition, Book-Keeping, Mathematics, and the Physical Sciences.

This will afford a rare opportunity for improvement, to such young men and youths, as desire the quiet, order, and refinement of a SELECT SCHOOL, together with the personal instruction of an experienced Teacher.
TERMS \$12.50 per quarter—Drawing \$2.50.
No extra charges whatever. Hours of instruction from 9 A. M., to 1 P. M. Exercises to be commenced on the 2nd of December.
11 mo 7—1m CALEB S. HALLOWELL.

DR. McCONNELL, DENTIST,
FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.,
WILL visit Alexandria on Wednesdays and Saturdays, professionally, each week.
OFFICE—Corner of King and Washington streets, next door to the office of Judge C. Neale, lately occupied by Douglas F. Forrest.
nov 9—2w

DRUGS, CHEMICALS, &c.

DRUGS, &c.—We have on hand,
125 oz. Quinine; 25 lbs Calomel;
25 lbs Blue Mass; 20 do. Turkey Opium;
10 do. Iodide Potash;
50 do. Refined Camphor;
4 oz. Sulphate Morphia;
25 lbs. Chloroform; 200 gals. Kerosene Oil;
Also, Alcohol, Etherial Oil, Linseed Oil and
Paints of all kinds. For sale by
LEADBETTER & CO.,
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PORTLAND KEROSENE.

400 GALLONS of the above, which is universally acknowledged to be equal, if not superior, to any other, received and for sale at a reduced price.
HENRY COOK & CO.
Sarepta Hall, King street.
nov 9

OIL! OIL! OIL!!!

LARD OIL, Machine Oil, Linseed, both raw and boiled, Etherial Oil, pure Neatsfoot Coal Oil, Train and Tanners' Oil, received and for sale by
HENRY COOK & CO., Sarepta Hall.
nov 9

GROCERIES.

JOHN T. COOKE,
CHEAP FAMILY GROCER,
Corner of Prince and Pitt Streets,
(OLD POST OFFICE CORNER.)

ALWAYS on hand a large and well selected stock of FAMILY GROCERIES, which will be sold on terms to suit the times.
nov 5—1m

CURRENTS, CRANBERRIES, AND HAZELNUTS, for sale by
JOHN T. COOKE,
Old Post Office Corner.
nov 14

BOOTS AND SHOES.

HENRY C. FIELD,
BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTURER,
No. 74 King street, Alexandria,
KEEPS on hand, and is prepared to manufacture BOOTS and SHOES of all kinds, at the shortest notice, and of the best material.
Persons in want of a good article in his line, will do well to give him a call. oct 7

WOOD.

PRICE REDUCED.
OAK WOOD! OAK WOOD!!
I AM AUTHORIZED to take orders for OAK WOOD, to be delivered at \$6.75 per cord. Call at Wise & Co's Coal Office, King street.
nov 15—1m* B. T. PLUMMER, Agent.

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BRYAN & ADAMS, AGENTS, have on hand—
Brown and Bleached Cottons
Brown and Bleached Canton Flannels
Cassimeres; Cassinets; Linseys
White and Red Flannels
Grey Sack Flannels; Calicoes; Bed Tickings
Nett Undershirts and Drawers
Gloves, Hosiery, &c. oct 11—6w

JEWELRY, &c.

W. W. ADAM,
DEALER IN WATCHES, JEWELRY, AND SILVER WARE.
All kinds of WATCHES and CLOCKS repaired.
Store No. 78, King street. oct 11—1f