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TELEGRAPHIC.

Richmond, Feb. 1.—The New
York Herald, of the 30th, is received
and the following is a summary of
its news:

The Herald says: Nothing later is
received from the Burnside expedi-
tions.

On the 29th inst., a skirmish oc-
curred near Occoquan in which nine
Texans were killed and one taken
prisoner.

The London Herald, urging En-
gland to recognize the Confederacy,
says: Perfect free trade will at once
be established with the South, and
England will have a fine market for
her manufactured goods."

Lord Derby continues to advocate
the recognition of the Confederacy.

The Opiuone Nationale says:—
The Emperor will make war on the
United States, and warns France
against it. The French journals
severely denounce the stone blockade
of Charleston harbor.

Massachusetts is making coast
defences.

McClellan has entirely recovered
his health.

A half million of dollars are appro-
priated by the Federal House for the
purchase of heavy ordnance.

The House Committee have report-
ed adversely to abolishing slavery in
the District of Columbia.

It is reported at Washington that
Gen. Stone will be superseded. Sec-
ret sessions of the Federal Congress
are expected. Hamilton Fish, the
Deputy Commissioner, is at Wash-
ington. Doubts are entertained
whether the Commissioners will be
permitted to visit the South to pro-
vide for the wants of the Yankee
prisoners.

Financial matters continue to agi-
tate Congress and Wall street. The
steamer Philadelphia has arrived at
New York with a cavalry company
from Fort Pickens. No later Euro-
pean news received by the Herald.

Nashville, Feb. 1.—The remains
of Gen. Zollicoffer reached here to-
day. The Legislature adjourned in
honor of the deceased, whose remains
were escorted from the depot by the
military, the Governor, State officers,
members of the Legislature and citi-
zens, to the Capitol, where they are
now lying in state. The funeral will
take place on to-morrow.

The official report of Lieut. Col.
Waltham, commanding the 15th Mis-
sissippi Regiment at the battle of
Fishing Creek, reports 43 killed, 153
wounded, and 24 missing.

Gen. Beauregard has arrived at
Columbus, and will immediately take
command of the forces at that point,
and make his examinations.

The Stuffed Cat.

An old chiffonnier (or rag picker)
died in Paris in a state of abject
poverty. His only relation was a
niece, who lived as a servant with a
green grocer. The girl always as-
sisted her uncle as far as her means
would permit. When she learned of
his death, which took place suddenly,
she was on the point of marriage
with a journeyman baker, to whom
she had long been attached. The
nuptial day was fixed, but Suzette
had not yet bought her wedding
clothes. She hastened to tell her
lover that the wedding must be de-
ferred; she wanted the price of her
bridal finery to lay her uncle decently
in the grave. Her mistress ridiculed
the idea, and exhorted her to leave
the old man to be buried by charity.
Suzette refused. The consequence
was a quarrel, in which the young
woman lost her place and her lover,
who sided with her mistress. She
hastened to the miserable garret
where her uncle had expired, and by
the sacrifice, not only of the money
for her wedding attire, but nearly all
the rest of her slender wardrobe, she
had the old man decently interred.—
Her pious task fulfilled, she sat alone
in her uncle's room weeping bitterly,
when the master of her faithless lover,
a good-looking young man entered.

So my Suzette, I find you have
lost your place, said he; I am come
to offer you one for life. Will you
marry me?

I sir! said Suzette, you are joking.

No, faith, said he, I am wanting a
wife, and I'm sure I can't find a
better.

But everybody will laugh at you
for marrying a poor girl like me, said
Suzette.

Oh, if that is your only objection,
said the young man, we shall soon
get over it; come, come along, my
mother is prepared to receive you.

Suzette hesitated no longer, but
she wished to take with her a memo-
rial of her deceased uncle—it was a
cat which he had for many years.—
The old man was so fond of the ani-
mal that he determined that even
death should not separate them, for
he had her stuffed and placed it on the
tester of his bed.

As Suzette took down puss, she
uttered exclamation of surprise at
finding it so heavy. The lover hast-
ened to open the animal, when out
fell a shower of gold. There were
a thousand louis concealed in the
body of the cat; and this sum which
the old miser had starved himself to
amass had become the reward of the
worthy girl and her disinterested
lover.

**Running the Blockade of Apalachi-
cola.**—The Apalachicola Times, of
the 23d, reports the departure of the
schooner Atwater, from that port,
with a cargo of cotton being towed
out right under the nose of the Lin-
coln fleet, from which fact the Times
suspects foul play some where. The
Columbus (Ga.) Sun copies the re-
marks of the Times, and adds:

There may, perhaps, have been
some improper shipment of cotton
from Apalachicola, and elsewhere.—
But from information we have derived
from an unquestionable source we are
confident that the Atwater made her
exit through one of the gaps in Lin-
coln's blockade, and without the
knowledge and connivance of the
blockading fleet. She is now, as we
have reason to state, speeding her
way to a distant port with which we
trust, at no distant day, to hold di-
rect communication.

The Old North State.—Since the
present war commenced North Car-
olina has not only done her part in
men and arms, and been the peer of
any of her sister States in every way
but she has taken good care to see
that her sons who obeyed her call
and went forth to battle in defense
of her rights, had every assurance that
they were not forgotten by the loved
ones at home." Many munificent
donations have been heretofore noted.
In this regard she leads the van.—
Within a week past her citizens have
sent \$38,000 worth of clothing, &c.,
to the fourth, sixth and twenty-third
regiments, and \$12,400 to other regi-
ments not named. This is the way
the old North State fulfills her obli-
gations to her brave sons.—Rich-
mond Dispatch.

The Rank of General.—The an-
nexed, from the Richmond Dispatch,
is worth remembering:

A correspondent, writing from
Elizabeth City, N. C., asks, what is
the highest rank in the Confederate
army—whether simply General or
Major-General?"

The highest rank in the regular
army is that of "General." The act
of Congress provides for five Gener-
als who have, we believe been ap-
pointed, to take rank in the order in
which they are named, viz; Gens.
Cooper, Albert Sidney Johnston,
Lee, Joseph E. Johnston and Beau-
regard. There can, therefore, be no
further appointment except through
an amendment of the law by Con-
gress.

Russell in New York.—The Phila-
delphia Enquirer says:

It is reported that Mr. Russell, the
celebrated war novelist of the Lon-
don Times, has gone to New York
and is still abiding there. The wise
ones think that means something.—
He hastened away from Washington
immediately after the publication of
Mr. Seward's letter on the Trent
affair, it is suspected, to study local-
ities and gather material for the pro-
secution of his work. It is expected
that the next chapter of his great
romance of the Civil War in Ameri-
ca" will be one of thrilling interest.
His late chapters have fully prepar-
ed us for some startling development
of his highly original plot. We may
confidently predict that there will be

scenes of high wrought passion, paint-
ed with that infinite fertility of in-
vention and that perfect abandon of
expression which distinguish the
great war romancer of the Times.—
The scene of the forthcoming chap-
ters will no doubt be laid in New
York, or its suburbs, and will be re-
plete with riot, blood, battle and mur-
der, as already foreshadowed in those
chapters lately issued. If we may
dare to hazard a guess, we should say
that he is hastening rapidly onward
to the grand catastrophe, and he will
close his work by making the bar-
barous North sink out of sight, like
the Prometheus Vincetus of ancient
Grecian tragedy, and thunder, light-
ning, smoke and earthquake; while
John Bull and Jefferson Davis shake
hands lovingly across the yawning
chasm in which it has disappeared,
and English freemen and southern
slaves bond their joyful voices to-
gether in a cordial song in honor of
King Cotton.

It is said that the traitor Etheridge
accompanies the invading army of
the enemy now in Western Kentucky
in the vain hope that he may reach
his old home in Tennessee.

The Canada papers say Seward's
offer to allow British troops to pass
through Maine will not be accepted.
A Toronto journal intimates that the
Secretary's apparent friendliness was
designed to secure the soldiers who
desert.

Thirty Missourians, mostly far-
mers, some of them wealthy, were, at
last account, on trial by court mar-
tial at Palmyra, charged with burn-
ing railroad bridges. Several had
been found guilty and sentenced to
be shot.

There is really nothing positive
from Missouri. Price is at Spring-
field, or was until recently. His force
is too large to remain in a country
where armies have twice or three
marched over it and eaten up its en-
tire substance. His force is not
strong enough to warrant his advance
and until reinforced, he must content
himself with holding the enemy at
bay, and taking advantage of op-
portunities as they may arise.—Aval-
anche.

The siege of Matamoros continued
without any decisive result up to
January 9, our latest advices. At
that date the combatants were separ-
ated from each other by a brick wall
only eighteen inches in thickness.

Mysterious.—The Augusta Consti-
tutionalist says:

A small leather trunk was found
floating in the Savannah river, a
short distance below this city, this
morning. Being secured, it was
found to be locked, but the leather
was broken and the trunk opened.—
It contained a number of letters be-
longing to officers and crew of the
privateer Lady Davis, of Charleston
together with the report of the stew-
ard of that vessels. It is possible
that the trunk may have been stolen
from the Lady Davis, the valuables,
if any, taken out, and it thrown into
the river to prevent detection.