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contributions, good chaste romances,  
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ten articles on any subject.

## TELEGRAMS.

Memphis, Gov. 24.—The gunboat  
Tuscarora was burnt to the water's  
edge, 15 miles above Helena, on Sat-  
urday, the origin of the fire is un-  
known. The magazine was saved.  
The shells forward and aft the locker  
exploded, but nobody hurt. Din-  
nington and crew are here.

Nashville, Nov. 24.—The steamer  
Pink, Varble master, arrived yester-  
day under a flag of truce, at Fort  
Donnellson on the Cumberland river,  
with a barge in tow from Louisville,  
laden with machinery for a cotton  
factory at McMinneville, Tenn.

The machinery was from Massa-  
chusetts, and came through the block-  
ade by a special permit from Secre-  
tary Chase, obtained by a Union  
man, formerly a citizen of Nashville.  
Lieut. Col. McGavoch, commanding  
Fort Donnellson, has detained Capt.  
Varble and crew to await instructions  
from Gen. Johnston. The machinery  
will be brought to this city.

The reported capture of 113 Lin-  
colnites, near Fort Donnellson and  
Henry, is erroneous.

The Patriot of this morning learns  
that two gunboats came up the Cum-  
berland river, on the 18th inst., to  
Canton, Ky., where a field piece from  
Hopkinsville opened fire.

After a short engagement, the en-  
emy retired, with about one hundred  
killed and one boat disabled. Our  
loss was 4 killed and a few wounded.

The Clarksville Jeffersonian of  
the 22d gives an account of an en-  
gagement between the gunboat Con-  
estoga and the guns belonging to  
Capt. Southron's battery of flying  
artillery near Canton. This is prob-  
ably the same affair.

The engagement continued several  
hours without any important conse-  
quence, as the guns were too small  
to make much impression on the iron-  
covered sides of the boat.

These facts we learn from a gentle-  
man who lives near Canton.

The Gazette this morning publish-  
es an extract from a private letter

from Cumberland Gap, which says  
that news has reached here that a  
regiment of Indians crossed the  
line at Jacksboro, and were allowed  
to advance ten miles on Southern  
soil when they were met by the 15th  
Mississippi in a hand to hand fight.

The result was as might have been  
expected. The Southern boys charged  
them with such impetuosity that  
they broke and fled, leaving half  
their number dead upon the field.  
They were literally cut to pieces.  
The news came direct, and the writer  
presumes it to be true. The Knox-  
ville Register of the 23d, makes no  
mention of the affair.

Mobile, Nov. 25.—The Adver-  
tiser's Pensacola correspondent of  
yesterday, says that the steamer  
Time has escaped and arrived safely.  
Our loss up to 1 P. M. was five  
killed and twelve wounded.

Later—9:30 P. M.—The cannon-  
ading is continued to-night, present-  
ing a magnificent spectacle. Several  
bombs exploded over and near Gens.  
Bragg and Gladden's staff, injuring  
none. Bragg is constantly greeted  
wherever he has gone.

Three batteries of Louisiana in-  
fantry commanded by Capt. Wheat,  
Batchelder and Lieut. Maeder have  
greatly distinguished themselves, and  
Captain Van Benthuysen's marine  
battery is entitled to like credit for  
great distinction.

One of the enemy's ships was  
thought to be severely damaged yester-  
day as she has not fired a gun to-  
day.

The Niagara is the only vessel en-  
gaged to-day; but three frigates are  
in sight.

Some old buildings have been  
burned by the enemy's hot shot, but  
the loss amounts to nothing.

A shot passed through the Hos-  
pital but injured no one, as the sick  
have been removed. A number of  
shells have fallen in Pickens, it is  
believed with much effect. The en-  
emy's sand batteries are playing on  
the Navy Yard. Wilson's batteries  
are taking no part in the fight.

A Pensacola press dispatch this  
morning, says that firing ceased at  
4 A. M. and had not been renewed  
up to 10:30. Several buildings at  
Warrington have been burnt.

The Niagara is reported to be dis-  
abled. Six ships are outside.

Pensacola, Nov. 25, 1 P. M.—No  
firing has transpired since 4 o'clock,  
A. M., Sunday morning. No news,  
everything quiet. Two frigates and  
one stoop-of-war are outside. We are  
in momentary expectation of a con-  
tinuance of the bombardment.

Nashville, Nov. 25.—A gentleman  
arrived here yesterday who passed  
through Louisville on the 17th, and  
reports that 2000 Federal cavalry  
arrived at Louisville on that day, it  
is said that they are from Ohio.

The Cincinnati Commercial of the  
18th, has accounts of a stampede of  
the Federal expedition against Cum-  
berland Gap. Accounts say that the  
stampede was worse than the Bull  
Run stampede.

Hardee's expedition from Bowling  
Green, was reported advancing with  
10,000 men. The Commercial says  
"We have no heart to comment on  
such imbecility."

A special dispatch to the New  
York Times, dated Washington the  
18th, says there is increasing confi-  
dence in the entire correctness of  
Cape Wilkes' account of the taking  
of Shiloh and Mason. I am inform-  
ed that Secretary Chase has expressed  
a regret that Wilkes did not seize the  
vessel.

Indianapolis, Nov. 19.—General  
McClellan has ordered six Ohio and  
two Indiana regiments to Kentucky  
from Western Virginia. There will  
be, in all probability, other Indiana  
regiments which will follow soon.

Pensacola, Nov. 25.—Everything  
is unusually quiet here. The en-  
emy's ships keep beyond our range.  
No additions have been made to the  
fleet.

Richmond, Nov. 25. Daniel  
Hand, formerly a merchant in Aug-

usta and Savannah, but more recent-  
ly in New York, has been brought  
here and committed to jail, charged  
with treasonable conduct, and of be-  
ing a spy.

The following is a copy of an of-  
ficial dispatch dated near Pensacola,  
on Monday at 1 o'clock:

"The enemy seems to be satisfied  
and does not re-open fire. They  
have fired into our hospital but my  
sick had all been removed. Many  
hot shot and innumerable shell were  
thrown into the navy yard with com-  
paratively little damage.

(Signed) BRAXTON BRAGG.  
An official dispatch on Sunday  
says both Federal ships retired in a  
crippled condition. All the damage  
done to our works has been repaired.  
Our wounded are only slightly hurt,  
and doing well.

Savannah, Nov. 25.—The News,  
of this morning, says the Federal  
ships approached Tybee Island  
yesterday and fired several shots.—  
There were no Confederate troops  
there, and but few pickets, they hav-  
ing retired to Fort Pulaski. Gen.  
Lawton has gone down to the fort.—  
It is thought the enemy will attempt  
a lodgement, to blockade that point  
more effectually. It has since been  
reported that the Federals occupy the  
island.

Nashville, Nov. 26.—Movements  
at Louisville and elsewhere in Ken-  
tucky, seem to indicate an early  
movement of the Federals, in large  
numbers. For about ten days past  
two or three regiments have arrived  
in Louisville daily, and have been  
sent forward towards Bowling Green.  
Nelson's command has been with-  
drawn from Prestonburg to the mouth  
of the Sandy river, from whence  
they have been taken to Louisville.  
The Wild Cat and Camp Dick Rob-  
inson troops seem to be concentrating  
at Danville and Crab Orchard.

The Louisville Courier, of this  
morning, learns that a squad of 12  
men were sent to Franklin, Ky., to  
arrest some Lincolnites who were  
committing depredations in the neigh-  
borhood. Some 12 or 15 of the Lin-  
colnites collected in a house, when  
one of their number defied and fired  
upon our troops, killing one and  
wounding one or two. Our troops  
then charged upon the house, set fire  
to it, and burned all the men who  
were in it except two, who made  
their escape.

A detachment of 25 cavalry ar-  
rived in Franklin last night, to arrest  
other parties implicated.

Washington, Nov. 19.—A dispatch  
has been received to-day from Rosen-  
crantz, that Floyd with his entire  
force had abandoned his position near  
the Gauley Bridge, and started to-  
wards Richville, where it was under-  
stood he would make a stand. Rosen-  
crantz was still at Gauley Bridge  
with his entire command. He con-  
templates making a forward move-  
ment as soon as the necessary arrange-  
ments can be made.

New York, Nov. 20.—The Times'  
Port Royal correspondent says the  
fleet is to be divided and that trans-  
ports to convey six thousand  
troops to open another cotton port,  
are now taking water for fifteen  
days.

There is sufficient cotton at Port  
Royal and Pope Island to make 2,000  
bales.

The steamships Delaware, Boston,  
and Cosmopolitan have been charter-  
ed by the Government for three  
months, and will sail immediately for  
Port Royal.

The transport Atlantic is now coal-  
ing and taking provisions for Port  
Royal. She will also take troops.

Augusta, Nov. 26.—The Savannah  
Republican, of this morning, says that,  
late Sunday evening, several barges  
of Lincolnites landed at Tybee Is-  
land, and soon after raised the Fed-  
eral flag on a house.

The Charleston Courier, of this  
morning, says an official dispatch was  
received there, dated the 24th, stat-  
ing that two boats of Yankees landed  
at Buckingham, six miles from Bluff-

ton, thus coming directly on the main-  
land. Our forces made a forward  
movement to meet them.

Richmond, Nov. 26.—Advices from  
Manassas say that movements in the  
Federal and Confederate camps indi-  
cate that an engagement will take  
place in a day or two.

The Baltimore Sun, of the 23d,  
has been received. It contains re-  
ports of several reviews and sham-  
fights, to accustom the Federals to  
the action that will early take place.  
It is said that the sham-battles are in  
the highest degree creditable to the  
discipline and efficiency of the army.

The New York Post says English  
letters state that the British Govern-  
ment refuses clearances to Federal  
vessels having arms on board.

Louisville, Nov. 21.—Andy John-  
son has arrived here en route to East-  
ern Kentucky.

"Ion," correspondent of the Balti-  
more Sun, says the Federal Congress  
will hold its session till summer.

He intimates that the cotton the  
Federals may obtain in the South  
will be small, and must be taken by  
force.

Geo. Peabody and Mr. Bates write  
from London that Great Britain will  
not recognize the Confederacy nor  
raise the blockade.

Richmond, Nov. 26.—President  
Davis sent a special message to the  
executive session of Congress to-day,  
concerning the secession of Missouri,  
accompanied by an able letter from  
Gov. Jackson. Also an act dissolv-  
ing her union with the United States;  
and an act ratifying the Constitution  
of the Provisional Government, and  
of a convention between the commis-  
sioners of Missouri and those of the  
Confederate States. Congress unani-  
mously ratified the convention entered  
into between R. M. T. Hunter and  
the Commissioner for Missouri.

Rolla, Mo., Nov. 21.—Advices from  
the Southwest say Price abandoned  
his position at Cassville, and was  
moving towards Neosho, where the  
rebel legislature was in session. The  
legislature passed an ordinance of se-  
cession, severing Missouri from the  
United States, and joining it with  
the Southern Confederacy. General  
Rains was elected Confederate Sena-  
tor. It was thought Gen. Parsons  
would be another Senator.

Richmond, Nov. 27.—A message  
from Gen. Bragg last night, says all  
is quiet at Pensacola. The enemy's  
vessels are a safe distance off. He is  
ready for any attack.

Major E. A. Banks has been ordered  
to relieve Major Julius Hesse, at  
Mobile. He leaves to-morrow morn-  
ing.

Augusta, Nov. 26.—Advices from  
Savannah say Com. Tama, with  
three small steamers and a gunboat,  
attacked the fleet at Cockspar Roads  
to-day. The engagement lasted one  
hour. Forty shots were exchanged.  
Nobody was hurt on our side. The  
effect on the enemy is unknown.—  
Failing to draw the fleet under the  
guns of the forts the Commodore  
withdrew his fleet.

Six large vessels are now inside  
the bar. One large frigate was towed  
over this afternoon. The enemy  
have pickets all around Tybee Island  
as far as King's landing. They are  
reported to have taken possession of  
Narrow Island. It is believed they  
are preparing to attack fort Pulaski.

Nashville, Nov. 27.—The Louis-  
ville Courier, of to-day, says the  
affair at Franklin, Ky., which resulted  
in the burning of a house and several  
persons, had no reference to politics,  
none of the parties being Lincolnites.  
The parties were charged with being  
engaged in killing David Whitesides  
about a month ago, and were at Gen.  
Bell's house. An attempt was made  
to arrest them by a squad of soldiers,  
sent by Gen. Buckner, at the request  
of Judge Williams, when they re-  
sisted, killing one soldier and wound-  
ing another. The affair, then, re-  
sulted as stated in yesterday's dis-  
patch.

Washington, November 21.—The  
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