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TELEGRAPHIC.

Nashville, Dec. 24.—The Bowling
Green correspondent of the Union
and American, in his letter of the 23d
inst., says: The Federal General,
Buell, with a formidable force, esti-
mated at not less than 45,000 men,
and by many at 60,000 men, has been
for several days past moving in the
direction of Bowling Green. Unusual
preparations are now making, show-
ing that a terrible conflict is impend-
ing. A force of not less than 6000
men, the advance of Buell's army,
have crossed Green River and are
now within five miles of our advance,
which is under the command of Gen.
Hindman, at Cave City.

It was reported a few days since
that the enemy had retreated across
Green River, the report was partially
true. Gen. Hindman had changed his
pickets from the front of the enemy
who, imagining that a flank move-
ment was being made, fled in the
greatest disorder, leaving behind their
tents, wagons and baggage. Their
flight is reported to have been a regular
stampede, the Federals double
quicking five miles. The Federals
returned on the following day, the
20th inst., and are now within 30
miles of Bowling Green. The entire
clan which were recently at Nolin
have been moved to Green River,
where there is now not less than 35-
000 men. Every appearance indicates
a speedy opening of the winter cam-
paign.

A Federal officer was arrested near
Bowling Green on the 21st inst., with
a spy glass making observations of
the different fortifications. He repre-
sented himself to be a deserter from
the 45th New York Regiment, and
that he had made his way from the
Potomac to that place. It is supposed
he belongs to Willich's Indiana Regi-
ment, which was put to flight a few
days since by the Texas Rangers.—
He will be sent to Richmond.

A gentleman who left the Ohio
river on the 19th inst., says Tom Crit-
tenden's forces had crossed Green
River, and are now at Hendersonville,
preparing to move on Hopkinsville.

Another letter from Bowling Green
gives the opinion that no fight will
occur for several days. Passengers
arrived by to-day's train report 8000
Federals this side of Green River,
and that Hindman had fallen back
to Bell's.

Richmond, Dec. 24.—Two hundred
and eighty-four Hatteras prisoners
who were paroled and released, ar-
rived at Norfolk yesterday from the
North.

The New York Herald, of the 21st
inst., says Lord Lyons had two inter-
views with Lincoln of a cordial char-
acter, but no formal written commu-
nication has passed, nor has Lord
Lyons made a demand for Mason and
Slidell. Further instructions to Lord
Lyons are expected by the America,
to arrive. If the demand for Mason
and Slidell be made, the Herald says
Lincoln will probably yield in view
of the present exigencies of the coun-
try in the struggle with rebellion,
and England's maintaining neutrality.

The Herald says it is better grace-
fully to yield to the exigencies of the
crisis, and promptly yield England
her convenient pretext for a quarrel,
by restoring Mason and Slidell to
British protection.

Some dispatches have been sent
South, on the authority of the Wash-
ington correspondent of the Herald,
stating that Lincoln's Cabinet desired
to accede to England's demand for
restitution of Mason and Slidell. In
the copy of the Herald, now before
me, no such statement is made, and
no later news is received.

Nashville, Dec. 26.—The latest
Louisville papers received here repre-
sent that the Northern troops con-
tinue to pour into Kentucky in a
continuous stream.

The Louisville Journal of the 18th
states upon what it says is very good
authority that Seward has really given
Bishop Hughes the secret mission
to Spain.

The Cincinnati Enquirer of the
18th asserts upon direct information
from Washington that there will be
no general engagement this winter
unless brought on by Beauregard.

Memphis, Dec. 27.—Reliable in-
formation from Bowling Green says
that appearances do not indicate any
engagement of consequence as immin-
ent, though unforeseen circumstances
might precipitate a fight within eight
or ten days.

Few Federals have yet crossed
Green River, and it is reported they
have gone back to Burnt Bridge.

General Hindman's official report
of the Woodsonville fight reports the
total killed as follows: Col. Frank
Terry and three Texan Rangers.—
Lieut. Morris and three Rangers
wounded dangerously. Capt. Walker,
three Rangers and two of the Arkan-
sas Battalion wounded slightly.

The enemy's loss, 75 killed, wound-
ed unknown and 8 of them were
taken prisoners.

A Kentuckian, from Bourbon coun-
ty, who has arrived here, says that
the road from Paris to Prestonburg is
clear of Lincoln troops.

Squads of Southerners from the
Blue Grass counties are constantly
joining Gen. Marshall. Marshall's
soldiers are openly recruiting in
Bourbon county.

Few Union men are now to be
found, except in the towns.

The men of the mountains are
flocking to Marshall's standard in
large numbers.

New Orleans, Dec. 27.—The Balti-
more Clipper of the 24th says that it
is asserted in Washington that the
English affair is blowing out, and
that the Mason and Slidell arrest will
be peaceably settled in a few days.

Per contra, a gentleman who has
just reached Richmond, from Wash-
ington, announces in official quarters
that Lord Lyons had made a demand
for the restoration of Mason and
Slidell, on Monday, and the Lincoln
Government had most positively re-
fused.

Gen. Scott returned to New York
in the Arago.

The Persia is at Cape Race and
brings Liverpool dates to the 16th,
but no markets are yet reported.

Prince Albert died suddenly on the
15th of gastric fever.

The British merchant marine have
been warned by the Government that
a war with the United States is
imminent.

Warlike preparations continue in
England, and the English ship own-
ers have sent their agents in this
country orders to hurry all British
bottoms in this country home.

There is said to be no sympathy
whatever in France for the United
States, and if there is a war with
England, it is said that France will
certainly side with England.

The Persia and Australasia passed
Cape Race loaded with troops and
munitions of war for Canada.

Hon. Francis E. Rives, of Peters-
burg, died to-day.

Memphis, Dec. 27.—The St. Louis
Republican of the 23d reports the
steamer America with dates to the
7th. Warlike preparations are con-
tinued. An anti-war meeting has
been held at Dublin, and sympathy
was expressed for America.

The Paris papers assert that the
cotton ports of the South would be
opened by February at the latest.

The British parliament will be
prorogued on the 7th January.

More troops have been sent to
Canada.

The Paris correspondent of the
London News says that La Patrie
was imperfectly informed of the in-
tentions of the French Government
when it spoke of France joining
England in an armed mediation.

A large force of engineers will be
sent to Canada immediately.

The demand of the British Gov-
ernment is based on exclusively legal
grounds. It asks the liberation of
Mason and Slidell, and if not granted
Lord Lyons will leave Washington.
The demand is moderate but firm.

The Patrie has reason to believe
that Lincoln will not give Mason and
Slidell up.

British war vessels are preparing
to start for America in the beginning
of January.

It is believed in the Hansatic
towns that the blockade of the South-
ern ports will soon be broken by
England.

The Arago, with Southampton
dates to the 12th arrived at St.
John's on the 21st.

Gen. Scott has arrived, but previ-
ous to embarking he had a long con-
ference with Napoleon.

All the French press except the
Moniteur, say that France will re-
main neutral in the war between
America and England.

American risks and American ships
are refused at Lloyd's.

New Orleans, Dec. 27.—A special
dispatch to the Delta dated Norfolk,
Dec. 27, states that Northern papers
of the 25th have been received, but
they do not indicate what the pre-
cise course of the Federal government
in relation to the commissioners
would be. The general opinion
appears to be that they will be sur-
rendered.

Fears are entertained that should
the Federal Government surrender
the Commissioners with an apology,
that England will insist upon the
blockade being inefficient and illegal.

The Paris correspondent of the
New York Times says that univer-
sal feeling of France is against the
United States, and that in case of a
war between the North and England
that France will inevitably join the
South.

La Patrie says that Wilke's act was
a gross outrage, and the Federal Gov-
ernment authorizing or approving his
act must be insane. It further states
that France will join England in re-
cognizing the Southern Confederacy
and chastise the North and re-estab-
lish trade with the South.

La Presse takes sides with the
South.

The Journal des Debats says that

Wilke's conduct was useless and im-
politic.

The Constitutionnel declares that
Seward intends to provoke a war
with England with a view of reliq-
uishing the present war and seizing
Canada, to compensate for the ter-
ritorial loss in the South.

There was a decrease of \$26,000-
000 specie in the New York banks
last week.

No agreement has yet been made
between Chase and the bankers.

The Charleston Courier says that
last evening the gunboats exchanged
a few shots with the Cole's Island
battery. Yesterday dispatches state
that a fleet of 12 gunboats passed up
White Point and made a demonstra-
tion on Gen. Evans. Reinforcements
have gone to him and a fight there is
imminent. Demonstrations have been
made at other points.

The North Carolina battery dis-
abled a Federal gunboat on Tuesday
morning, which anchored off Coles
Island last night. A battle is ex-
pected to-day.

Augusta, Dec. 27.—It is reported
here that the steamship Gladiator
has arrived at a Confederate port
with a large amount of arms and am-
munition.

The schooner Prince of Wales, from
Nassau, was chased by the Lincoln-
ites, got ashore at Georgetown, and
was burned by the Captain.

Richmond, Dec. 23.—Gen. Phillip
St. George Cooke, a Brigadier Gen-
eral of the Confederate army, ac-
cidentally or designedly killed himself
at his residence in Powhattan county
yesterday. He was a wealthy and
high-spirited gentleman, a brave and
accomplished officer.

Mobile, Dec. 27.—At break of day
a schooner ran the blockade, loaded
with coffee, brimstone and sundries.
She was pursued unsuccessfully by
the blockading vessels until Fort
Morgan's guns opened.

Nashville, Dec. 27.—A dispatch
to the Cincinnati Commercial dated
Frankfort 19th says that advices from
Somerset state that on yesterday
morning at daylight, General Schepff
with all his force marched out to at-
tack the forces under Zollicoffer who
were in position at Fishing Creek
with 6000 men and some artillery.
Schepff's force consists of two East
Tennessee regiments, Hoskin's Ken-
tucky, the 17th, 31st, 35th Ohio,
Staudert's Ohio, Hewitt's Kentucky
and a battery of ten guns. Schepff
is confident of whipping Zollicoffer,
with some hope of capturing most of
his men. The battle took place yes-
terday or to-day.

The Louis Republican of the 20th
states that Gen. Halleck this morning
received a dispatch from Gen. Pope,
which stated that after a forced march
he had captured 150 out of some
1500 rebels recruited at Lexington,
together with their baggage and camp
equipment.

The Louisville Courier of to-day
says that the Federal authorities have
notified the publishers of the Louis-
ville Journal that a change of its
course is necessary to secure its con-
tinuance.

The Dallas Herald says coffee in
considerable quantities, both Rio and
Mexican, is brought to San Antonio,
and sold at 40 to 50 cts. per pound.
The supply can be increased to any
quantity required by the condition
of the market.

The State Legislature has adjourn-
ed to meet again on the 6th of Janu-
ary.

HEADQUARTERS, BAT- TALION LIGHT INFANTRY

—Lieut. Col. Edmonston, who ser-
ved in the Mexican War, is now fil-
ling up his Battalion to its full com-
plement, for the C. S. service.

Companies attaching may report
to the Adjutant No. 36 Natchez
street.