

WHOLE NO. 9601.

ONE WEEK LATER FROM EUROPE.

THE EUROPA AT HALIFAX.

Concentration of the British West India Fleet.

The English Abolitionists in Support of the Emancipation Proclamation.

FRENCH REINFORCEMENTS FOR MEXICO.

General Prim Defends the Withdrawal of the Spanish Troops.

He Prophesies Poor Results for France.

Garibaldi's Son Mortally Wounded in a Duel.

THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.

HALIFAX, Dec. 26, 1862.

The steamer Europa, Captain Munn, from Liverpool at eleven o'clock A. M. on the 13th, via Queenstown...

THE AMERICAN QUESTION.

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The London Shipping Gazette says the war steamer Ariadne has been ordered to leave Halifax...

THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.

A general meeting of the Atlantic Telegraph Company was held in London on the 12th.

The London News, Star and other journals warmly advocate the claims of the company.

France.

There are again rumors in Paris of unfavorable news from Mexico, and urgent calls for reinforcements...

Italy.

Parliament reassembled on the 11th instant.

Various explanations have been given to the Emperor to explain to the Pope the Emperor's views...

Spain.

General Prim has made lengthy explanations in the Cortes on the conduct in Mexico.

Russia.

The Imperial Bank of Russia has reduced its rate of discounts from 5 to 4.

Commercial Intelligence.

THE LONDON MONEY MARKET.

THE LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

THE PARIS BOURSE.

THE NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

THE NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

THE NEW YORK WHEAT MARKET.

THE NEW YORK RICE MARKET.

THE NEW YORK SUGAR MARKET.

THE NEW YORK OIL MARKET.

THE NEW YORK FLOUR MARKET.

THE NEW YORK IRON MARKET.

THE NEW YORK STEEL MARKET.

THE NEW YORK COPPER MARKET.

THE NEW YORK LEAD MARKET.

THE NEW YORK ZINC MARKET.

THE NEW YORK SILVER MARKET.

THE NEW YORK GOLD MARKET.

THE NEW YORK DIAMOND MARKET.

market closing quiet and steady at the advance noted.

The authorized quotations are—

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ASTOUNDING ARMY FRAUDS.

The Official Investigations in This City.

High Government Officers Implicated.

HOW THE FRAUDS ARE COMMITTED.

Extraordinary Operations of New York Brokers.

The Colonel of a City Regiment Figuring as a Wholesale Robber.

Forty Forgeries on the Government in Two Months.

Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars Robbed in One Single Department.

It is not generally known that a most important inquiry has been progressing in this city for the last two months...

This inquiry has had a most salutary result in laying bare a vile and gigantic system of robbery and peculation...

Colonel H. S. O'Connell is the commissioner appointed by the War Department to make the necessary investigations...

Colonel O'Connell has been employed since the 1st of November last in the prosecution of his important duties...

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INTERESTING FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

Another Skirmish with the Rebels on the Blackwater—Success of the Union Troops—News from North Carolina, &c.

Fortress Monroe, Dec. 26, 1862.

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THE PORTER COURT MARTIAL.

Testimony of Major General Merrill, Lieutenant Colonel Locke and Captain Martin.

Washington, Dec. 26, 1862.

The Court Martial in the case of Fitz John Porter resumed its sessions this morning.

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OPERATIONS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

We begin to-day the publication of our chronology of the events of 1862.

The capture of Forts Henry, Donelson and Memphis—The Taking of New Orleans—The Monitor and the Merrimack—Battles of Pittsburg Landing, Pea Ridge, Mill Springs, Roanoke Island, Corinth, Yorktown, the Siege of Richmond, the Actions at South Mountain, Antietam, Crawford Prairie and Fredericksburg, Kingston and Goldsboro, &c., &c., &c.

Wednesday, January 1, 1863.

The dawn of the new year gave a distinct view of the gigantic proportions of the rebellion, and showed the people of the loyal States pretty plainly that a large degree of patience must be exercised and severe labor performed before it could be put down.

A battle took place on Port Royal Island, South Carolina, between General Stevens' Brigade and a rebel force, in which the Union troops were signally victorious.

Fort Pickens opened fire on the rebel batteries at Pensacola, which was responded to. The firing continued nearly all day. A breach was made in Fort Barrancas, and the town of Warrenton was set on fire, and the ammunition continued all night. Only one man was injured at Fort Pickens.

James M. Mason, John Sidel, George Davis and their clerks, who were taken from on board the British steamer Trent by Captain Wilkes of the United States steam frigate San Jacinto, left Fort Warren, in Boston harbor, where they had been detained as prisoners, and embarked on board the English gunboat Rinaldo, at Provincetown, Mass., and sailed for England.

A light occurred between the Union gunboats Yankee and Ansonia, of the Potomac flotilla, and the rebel battery at Cockpit Point. The missiles from the rebel gun struck the Yankee, doing but small damage. Several of the projectiles from the gunboats took effect in the midst of the battery.

Two hundred and thirty-nine Union prisoners, who had been captured at Richmond, arrived at Fortress Monroe, having been exchanged.

The Union troops took possession of Big Tassel, Va., the rebel having evacuated the place.

Seven hundred and fifty Union troops were sent by General Milroy to attack Hottelville, in Western Virginia, which place was occupied by the rebels at a depot for supplies. An engagement ensued, and the enemy was driven from the place with the loss of eight killed and wounded. The Unionists did not lose a man. About twenty-five thousand dollars worth of rebel army stores were destroyed.

A large force of rebels attacked the Fifth Connecticut regiment, which was guarding the railroad in Virginia, opposite Hancock, Md. The Unionists were forced to retire across the Potomac river, and a large number of the rebels track and destroyed the telegraph wires.

The rebel General Jackson, with a full force, appeared at Bath, Va., where there were but about one thousand Union troops. An attack