

The Confederate Privateer Florida.

NEW YORK, July 29.—The brig John Freeman has arrived from Bermuda. On the 22d instant, the Florida was there coaling and caulking, and did not expect to leave for two or three days.

A British schooner bound from Bermuda brings Captain Coffin and crew of the brig W. B. Nash, captured by the Florida. Capt. Coffin reports that he sailed from New York, July 3d, with a cargo of lard and staves. On July 8th, met a steamer to the eastward, standing westward; passed about five miles off.—Soon after she bore up for us and came alongside with the stars and stripes flying. At 10.45 hailed us to heave to, as they wished to send a boat aboard, and as the boat boarded us they hoisted the Confederate flag, and the officers of the boat pronounced us prisoners to the Confederate flag. He ordered myself and part of the crew to take part of our clothes and my papers and go on board the steamer, which proved to be the Florida. My charts and instruments, were confiscated and the brig set on fire. The Florida then steered for a schooner in sight which she found to be abandoned. She was a whaling schooner belonging to Provincetown, and was set on fire and crew landed at Bermuda on the 16th of July."

A number of blockade runners are at Bermuda. The Florida had transferred a portion of her crew and also a portion of her valuable spoils to the Robert E. Lee to be taken to Wilmington, N. C. The cargo of the W. B. Nash consisted of six hundred and eighty-six thousand five hundred and thirty-two pounds of lard, and eighty thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven staves.

HALIFAX, July 29.—The brig Devonshire, with Bermuda dates to the 21st of July, arrived to-day. The Florida arrived at Bermuda on the 11th, to repair the damage to her machinery, and take in the boat. She anchored at first on the outside, and on the following day was permitted to enter the harbor. She saluted the British flag, and the salute was returned. A considerable interchange of civilities took place between the officers of the Florida and those on shore.

The papers teem with communications laudatory of the craft, officers and the crew.—Since advices of the 17th the Florida has destroyed twelve other vessels. The Florida lately ran within fifty miles of New York, it is said in search of the Ericsson, which she chased some time, but the Ericsson escaped in a dense fog. She shortly afterwards destroyed the Nash.

Samuel P. Dagg, of Rockingham county, Virginia, refugee, was committed to the Old Capitol yesterday, he having refused to take the oath of allegiance.

A number of wealthy Americans have taken up their residence at Leamington, in Warwickshire, (England,) this year. Leamington is a flourishing market town, a pretty parish, pleasantly situated on the river Leam, which is an affluent of the Avon, there crossed by two elegant bridges. It is a fashionable watering place, has a fine Gothic Church, pump-room and baths, beautiful public gardens, a salt, sulphur, and chalybeate springs, which are considered very salubrious.

It is understood that the U. S. Government has taken decided ground in the matter of the Confederate fleet now being fitted out in English ports, and has notified Her Majesty's Government that the sailing of these vessels will be considered an unfriendly act on the part of Great Britain.

ADMIRAL DUPONT'S ATTACK UPON CHARLESTON.—The Stimers court of inquiry has closed its session. The testimony of Captain Worden has an important bearing upon the question whether or not the attack could have been renewed on the 8th of April. Captain Worden says: "I am and was of the opinion that a renewal of the attack on the 8th would have been likely to have resulted in a very serious disaster to the iron-clads; after feeling the weight of the enemy's fire on the 7th, and looking at the obstructions, which were of a very formidable character, I thought that any attempt to break through the obstructions would have got the propellers of the ships involved in the net-works it was known the enemy had there; they would have become unmanageable, and so injured by torpedoes that they would have sunk in the harbor or have fallen into the enemy's hands; and I did not think the risk of such a disaster was justifiable under the circumstances; rebel iron-clads were lying behind the obstructions; any of our vessels that had become disabled would have been exposed to attack from them."

THE SKIRMISH AT SHEPHERDSTOWN.—The Richmond Whig gives a Southern version of the late skirmish at Shepherdstown, Va., and adds:

"Our loss is not definitely known, but it is unofficially estimated at from seventy-five to one hundred, from all causes. We lost no prisoners. The enemy's loss in killed, wounded and prisoners is estimated at from one hundred and fifty to two hundred. The casualties, as usual latterly, were considerable among our officers, who much exposed themselves, leading and encouraging the men, and making conspicuous marks for the enemy's sharpshooters. Colonel Drake, First Virginia, and Adjutant Barbour, Seventeenth Virginia, are reported killed—the latter while gallantly cheering on the men to a charge. Colonel Gregg, of Lee's brigade, reported mortally wounded, and Maj. James H. Newman of the 16th wounded in the head."

The steamer Imperial has arrived at St. Louis on her return trip from New Orleans.—Two other boats have left St. Louis for the Crescent City.

The draft in Ohio is to be commenced in a few days.

The Louisville Journal says that General Meade is a brother-in-law of Henry A. Wise, of Virginia. General Meade and Governor Wise married daughters of John Sargeant, of Philadelphia. Mrs. Wise died many years ago.


There are no prisoners of any kind now confined at the Rip Raps. About one hundred and twenty-five laborers, however, mostly negroes, are engaged upon the work. In all, fifty-two casemates are completed, and the traverse irons are already laid for mounting the guns, which are to be 10-inch columbiads. The fort is to have three tiers of guns, and will be very formidable.

Detachments from the Army of the Potomac are daily arriving and leaving for the North to escort on the drafted men.

The New York Dispatch says that many of the wealthiest citizens of that city are making preparations to dispose of their property and leave the city, in consequence of the late riots.

On Tuesday morning a train arrived from Warrenton, bringing down about three hundred sick soldiers, mostly from the sixth corps, who were distributed among the different hospitals in Washington.

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