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BY TELEGRAPH.

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Important from Tennessee River.

Memphis, Wednesday.—There has been a hasty level of skedaddle on the Tennessee river in consequence of the invasion. The gunboats Lexington, Conestoga, and Sam Orr, 1700 pounds of powder and two submarine batteries, set fire to eight steamers, ten miles above Tennessee river bridge, on Friday and Saturday. The Appleton Bells and Lyon Boys were burnt by the Confederates, at the mouth of Duck river.

The Sam Kirkman, Julius Smith and Time, the latter having $100,000 worth of Government stores on board, were abandoned and burnt at Paducah on Saturday. The Dunbar was sunk in Cypress creek, and at Eastport a Confederate gunboat, repairing, was sunk. The Corro Dorko and Sallie Ward were the only boats captured by the Federals. The Rebel is the only boat that escaped.

The Federal gunboats have left the river, but are expected back. The Yankees took 20,000 pounds of Confederate pork at Eastport. They refused to vouch private property, even potton.

The passenger trains have resumed on the Charleston road.

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From Norfolk.

Norfolk, February 10.—A courier arrived at 4 o'clock this afternoon with the intelligence that Elizabeth City was burned this morning by the inhabitants.

During the conflagration the Federals landed a large force.

All our gunboats, excepting one, have been captured by the enemy.

Gen. Wise has not yet arrived.

Mason Peninsula.—The *Observer* of Saturday has the following:

Madame Rumor was in town yesterday, and while here stated that the greatest scenes of excitement then existed in the counties of Barnstable, who was to be joined by the naturous Penrose Spicer with another squadron, would call here soon and Pensacola and Mobile would be made the third victory. This was enough to open the eyes of the people, but our citizens—even the women and children—have become used to reports, and have not the knowledge of the co-operation of the enemy, that we see, as we have heard, to be apprehensive of fear. The rumor, however, bears some marks of credence. All we know we are not at liberty to publish, but we would say this much: let our people attend every possible means of assistance to the military in making Pensacola impregnable to the enemy. We must not feel too safe, although we may know that it would take a large force to take it, and that Yankee soldiers can bring to bear to affect our fortifications, yet every man should be active and on the qui vive. Let us be well prepared to give them all a sunshine threshing they have had since the war began.

Depredations upon Missouri.—The Richmond *Examiner* of the 5th instant has the following:

Some private dispatches have been received here from General Price by members of the Missouri delegation in this city, which contain the gratifying intelligence that the Southern men are rapidly volunteering for the Confederate service. The former difficulties in the way of the enlistment have been removed, however, by the decision of the War Department to retain the troops under General Price's command for a term of enlistment for twelve months instead of for the war, as first proposed. This exception in favor of the Missouri troops does not compromise the rule of the War Department to arm only such troops as enlist for the war, as General Price's men are already armed.

The same paper says:

We learn that, at the instance of Congress the Secretary of War has prepared an estimate of a loan to the State of Missouri for military purposes, to the amount of $2,000,000. We are informed that the troops under General Price's command for a term of enlistment for twelve months, instead of for the war, as first proposed, will number ten thousand men.

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The movement of gunboats up the Tennessee river, and of the Burnside fleet and army to Roanoke Island, are of a different character. Undoubtedly there was and neglect in organizing proper defences on the Tennessee river. For months the whole country had been rendered familiar with the contemplated movements of the enemy, and yet it is scarcely credible that no important steamer, navigable during high water from its mouth at Paducah down to the heart of Alabama, should have suspended for protection upon a solitary fort, built upon a mud flat, and liable to partial inundation at particular seasons. Fort Henry is now swept for hundreds of miles, and may and probably will destroy property, public and private, to an immense amount. There appears to be no obstruction whatever to their progress, and so far as we have learned, not a military force to oppose or annoy them. Does not this mark of culpable neglect on the part of the military authorities? We are disposed to think to the fullest extent the difficulty of coping with an antagonists who commands a navy, while we have none, but in the absence of Confederate gunboats, which, had the Government exercised ordinary forethought and sagacity, would have been constructed months ago at every available point, batteries might have been placed along the banks of the river for the purpose of annoying the enemy, crippling him, if possible, and retarding his progress.

With respect to the calamity at Roanoke Island, we are told that the garrison was too distributed to resist the Yankees. It no doubt distributed itself with heroic valor, and was ably commanded by the batteries on the island. But it cannot be alleged that the attack on Roanoke Island was a surprise. On the contrary, for weeks it had been shrewdly surmised that that place would prove the first object of the Burnside expedition. How it was known or ascertainty that these were at least fifteen thousand Yankee soldiers on board the vessels composing the fleet, and ordinary prudence should have strengthened the Government that these thousand Confederates would be unable to prevent the landing of five times that number of Yankees. No amount of personal valor will compensate for such disparity of strength. If the Government was unable to send a force to Roanoke Island approximating that of the foe, would it not have been better to abandon the attempt to hold the place, and to concentrate on our little army on the mainland, where, if defeated, it would as all events have retained its safety?

Whether it is that we have underestimated the power of the Yankees, or have grown overweeningly confident because of previous triumphs, and have not availed ourselves of those military precautions often essential to success, it is obvious that we have of late lost ground. To retrieve our position; to beat back the invader; to secure other advantages equivalent to those he has achieved, should certainly be henceforth the fixed policy of the Government. But these objects can only be accomplished by redoubling our efforts; by adding materially to the numerical strength of our armies; by carefully watching our every line of communications; by concentrating, if possible, every gun, and above all by a display of vigor, overpowering promptness and liberality on the part of the Navy Department. It is not too late for the Confederate Government to order the building of gunboats, iron-plated, at every seaport in the Confederacy. With gunboats we can and will defend our narrow inlets and shallow streams. Without them every portion of our extended seacoast will be exposed to sudden, destructive and ruin. Had the Government six months ago ordered the building of fifty gunboats it is considerable that half a dozen Yankee gunboats would now hold the Tennessee river from its mouth to its extreme navigable limit, and defy molestation? The Government has accomplished radical errors. It has granted to Providence, but has forgotten that Providence helps those only who helps themselves. The errors of the past are irretrievable, but at least let them be accepted as salutary warnings for the future.

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The Vacancy in Missouri.

A correspondent of the Richmond *Enquirer*, writing from Springfield, thus refers to the character of the contest waged by the Yankees in Missouri:

The history of this war, so far as Missouri is concerned, has yet to be written; no far seeking is known of it, except by those who have seen and bitterly *felt* it. A subsidized press, existing only by the grace of Lincoln tyranny, whose bonnanabs they daily sing, not only suppress but distort truth. The best men are scattered, while cut-throats and robbers are the themes of studied panegyric. I speak within the bounds of sacred truth when I tell you that the scenes of the French revolution are being enacted upon the soil of Missouri, while the gloomy precincts of Lexemburg were but the prototype of the hell in which Missouri is the direction of the mainland, which at some points is distant but a short way, and where ferry accommodations might be easily established. This movement is undertaken with a view of making Hilton Head a great permanent base of operations—an object which has been carefully kept in view for the last year. No cares had been procured, but those adapted to horse power could easily and speedily be conveyed to Gen. Sherman whenever he should desire them.

The wharf at Hilton Head is building with as much rapidity as possible. To aid in the work, one or two old whalers have been sunk; and these, it is understood, are also used in approaching with stores to that portion of the wharf already built.—*Columbus Times.*

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The Stabbing of Officer Sorrel by Banks.—In regard to his connection with the affair of Sam Banks, Mr. Mike Bowen requests us to state that the shooting of Lieut by Banks, which gave rise to every thing else, was entirely accidental on the part of Bowen, who had not been before the Fust Dist Court, in which Sam is prosecuting. It arose about the sale of a dog. Moreover, Bowen says the affair was half over before he heard any thing about it, and that when he came up he made every effort to stop it. He is deeply grieved, although, at the end the shooting of Lieut Sorrel, at the same time, he tried to keep him from being shot by the policemen whom Banks was assaulting.

Drowned.—Edmund Ware was found yesterday on the body of John Keane, a native of Ireland, 40 years of age, and on that of Captain Alexander Grandmaison a native of France. Keane fell into a hole in the levee path, on Peter Lorrec street, between John and St. Joseph, yesterday morning, and was drowned before the accident was known. Captain Grandmaison was knocked off the steps of a steam cotton press on the lower side of Hospital street, by the swing arm of the boom. His body was found in the Lake, near the River St. John.

Fire.—Michael Weldon's stable, corner of St. Jospeh street and the Levee, was totally destroyed by fire about one o'clock yesterday morning. The property was insured in Peter Rochelle, but was worth only a few hundred dollars.

Recorder Gautier's Court.—Fred. Hutmath was held to answer the charge of having struck Wm. Camp over the forehead with some dangerous instrument. Camp and Hutmath were partners, at the corner of Canal and Front streets, and the former had commenced proceedings to recover the charge of striking Amos Allison. Hutmath and Andres gave security to appear, charged by officer John Greene with interfering to prevent the arrest of a drunken man.

Ferdinand Fair, for striking Lina Gren, and Elliott Hebert, for shooting Mary Mandeneau, had to pay five dollars fine and five cents costs.

The cases of André Tessier, f. m. c., charged with shooting P. Fernandez, f. m. c., and of Augusto Dandelon, charged of stealing François Rathbonnet, were both dismissed.

The thirteen disorderly women arrested in an establishment on Bourbon street Monday night, by Sergeant Bell, were let off on charge of disturbing the peace, pay half to answer.

First District Court—Judge T. W. Collens. The case of Rev. R. Pinet, charged with assault and battery to county Rev. R. Soussoton, came up for trial. After an elaborate argument between Messrs. Cuppia Dufour and Hall Dibles for the state and Messrs. Attorney Reynolds for the defendant, as to the admissibility of questions touching absent prosecutor, Judge Collens decided that nothing should be admitted except from the testimony of the witnesses present at the moment of the assault. At this opinion the counsel for defence cut off, that their plea of justification having deprived them, they would enter a plea of guilty.

George Craft was tried for larceny in stabling gutter plows from a frame in St. Ann street. He was found guilty of petit larceny only. Hermine Colemen was found guilty of an assault and battery on Hippolyte Servan, but was recommended to mercy.

The Common Council.—The Board of Aldermen held their regular session on Monday. Present—Messrs. Bell, Bonnabel, Cucullu, Gardner, Gilbert, Gaudet and Guillemet. Mr. Gilbert in the chair. The minutes of the last session were read, but the other was passed, owing to the absence of the Secretary. The petition of Bernadin and Comte street, through Faubourgs Franklin, Bayou Fleida, Marais and Prieur to Bayou St. John.

The petition of Fillmore Square was referred to Committee on Improvements, with power to act. The petition of Mr. Fransoni, as Assistant Recorder, was read. The resolution requesting the Mayor to remove all above ground tombs from the Protestant burial ground was received, and the petition of Elizabeth Bennett to pay for the opening of Gibbs to the Free Market, was laid on the table.

The petition of John Condon for assistance to enable him to submit to the operation of amputation of his leg was referred to the Committee on Charities. The petition to the Navy Department, at Richmond, for the release of Mr. Bell, was referred to the Committee on Police. The petition of Mr. Bell to give the Crescent Artillery $500 out of the fund on a war footing. An ordinance from Mr. Bell to pay the Crescent Artillery $500 out of the funds of the city for their services, and the Board adjourned.

The Board of Assistant Aldermen met at 7 o'clock, President Bonnabel in the chair. The city budget for 1862 was read and referred to the Committee on Finance. An ordinance and resolution from the Board of Aldermen was read and laid on the table. It was resolved that the city pay the expenditures of the police department, and all other expenditures of the whole to build a new house capable, and after framing like gunboats, steel plated.

The Board announced a balance on hand of $126,-967 02, and an outstanding debt of $6,000 00. The Finance Committee's report showed balances of $31,676 to the Charity Hospital account, and $21,376 to Railroad account.

The committee requesting all persons arriving in New Orleans from Jefferson and St. Bernard parishes to report themselves to the steamer that the Board of Health would send down for that purpose, reported that the fees of twenty-five cents per person had been collected by parties registering and the fees paid into the Treasury.

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The Board then adjourned.

COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE BEE,
TUESDAY EVENING, Feb. 11, 1862.

COTTON.—There is very little inquiry to-day, and we did not hear of a sale.

TOBACCO.—Nothing reported.

FREIGHTS.—The market is very dull, and the sales were confined to 250 bbls. at about previous prices, viz.—To Liverpool, 7-16d; Cork for orders, 7-16d; Havre, 1f; Ghent, 1f; Bremen, 1f; Hamburg, 1f; Rotterdam, 1f; Antwerp, 1f; Barcelona, 1f; Genoa, 1f; Leghorn, 1f; Trieste, 1f; Marseilles, 1f; Cadiz, 1f; Malaga, 1f; Gibraltar, 1f; Malta, 1f; Alexandria, 1f; Constantinople, 1f; Smyrna, 1f; Odessa, 1f; Ancona, 1f; Naples, 1f; Palermo, 1f; Messina, 1f; Trapani, 1f; Cagliari, 1f; Tunis, 1f; Algiers, 1f; Tangiers, 1f; Mogador, 1f; Lisbon, 1f; Oporto, 1f; Vigo, 1f; Coruna, 1f; Santander, 1f; Bilbao, 1f; Gijon, 1f; Malaga, 1f; Cadiz, 1f; Gibraltar, 1f; Malta, 1f; Alexandria, 1f; Constantinople, 1f; Smyrna, 1f; Odessa, 1f; Ancona, 1f; Naples, 1f; Palermo, 1f; Messina, 1f; Trapani, 1f; Cagliari, 1f; Tunis, 1f; Algiers, 1f; Tangiers, 1f; Mogador, 1f; Lisbon, 1f; Oporto, 1f; Vigo, 1f; Coruna, 1f; Santander, 1f; Bilbao, 1f; Gijon, 1f.

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SUGAR.—The market is very dull, and the sales were confined to 250 bbls. at about previous prices, viz.—Fair to Fully Fair 3½@3¾c. Prime to Choice 3¾@4c. Choice Yellow 4@4½c. Strictly Prime to Choice Clear, Nominal 4¾@5c. Brown Grocery 2½@3c.

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FLOUR.—The market remains very dull, and we have again to record sales of small lots at previous rates. Yesterday (not reported) 200 bbls. Extra at $5,10@5,15, at which price $5,20 is bid. To-day 250 bbls. at $5,10 for Superfine, 150 bbls. Superfine at $5,00, 250 at $5,15, and 700 bbls. Choice Extra at $5,25@5,30.

PORK.—More in retailing at $20 ₱ bbl.

LARD.—Prime in tierces is retailing at 8½c, and in kegs at 9c ₱ lb.

BACON.—Shoulders held at 6½c, Ribbed Sides 9c, Clear Sides 9½@9¾c, and Pork Hams 10c.

WHISKY.—The retail demand for Old (Bourbon and Monongahela) has been supplied at 21@22c ₱ gl and Rectified, sales from Second Hand at 20@21c; 20 ₱ gallon.

Cattle Market.

NEW ORLEANS CITY, Feb. 12, 1862.

Arrived yesterday, 300 Texas Beeves, 770 Western & Kentucky Beeves, 50 Texas Cows, 50 Western Cows, 200 Texas Horses, 40 Western Horses, 200 Hogs, 250 Cattle and 2 Milch Cows. Stock remaining on sale, 1000 Beeves, 50 Cows, 200 Horses, 1000 Hogs, 250 Cattle and 25 Milch Cows. We quote:

Western Beef Cattle, ₱ 100 lbs. net, 1st qty			10@10½
" " ₱ head,	1st		75@80
" " "	2d		70@75
" " "	3d		60@65
" " Choice, ₱ lb			9@10
Texas Cattle, ₱ head,	1st		60@65
" " "	2d		55@60
" " "	3d		50@55
Sheep, "			3@4
Hogs, ₱ 100 lbs. gross,	1st		10@10½
" " "	2d		9@9½
Milch Cows, ₱ head,	1st		45@50
" " "	2d		40@45

MARINE NEWS.

Port of New Orleans, Feb. 12, 1862.

☞ No clearances at the Custom-house yesterday.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.
STEAMBOATS.

Alice Price, Cooper, from Columbus.
Minis, Dickerson, from Lakeville.
Ruth, Richards, from Lower Coast.
Robert Fulton, Allen, from Alexandria.
J. A. Cotton, Barnum, from Bayou Sara.
Lizzie, Grant, from Fort Jackson.
Tom Cat, ——, from Jackson's.

RECEIPTS BY THE RIVER.

OPELOUSAS—Per steamer Anna Perrot—100 bbls sugar, 200 bbls molasses, 30 half do ₱ Payne, Hunsinger & Co; 100 bbls molasses, 1 half do ₱ Payne, 5 bales hides, 1 ₱ Rathbone & co—50 do ₱ J Wadsworth—40 do ₱ Gaudet, Lapice & Co—50 do ₱ Gaudet & Co—50 bbls molasses, 10 bales hides ₱ Montgomery & Co—4 do ₱ Montgomery & White—1 half do ₱ Gaudet, Lapice & Co—100 bbls sugar, 200 bbls molasses, 61 bales hides.

LAFOURCHE—Per steamer Monita—20 bbls sugar, 100 bbls molasses, 1 bale hides, 1 barrel tallow, 1 barrel feathers, Gaudet & Co—20 do Lapice, Avery & Co—20 do ₱ Lapice, Avery & Co—20 do ₱ Lapice, Avery & Co—20 do ₱