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By A. B. Morphy, at 11 o'clock, on Tchoupitoulas street, Nos. 69 and 71, sundries.

THE DAY'S NEWS.

The many exciting rumors of news, all of an exciting character, which, during the last week, have filled the city, are gradually assuming an aspect of likelihood at least. Two of our evening contemporaries publish copious extracts from the Mobile papers of the 10th, to which sources we had been diminished the greatest bulk of news which appeared in the city. The bulkiest of above, as in persons published, clearly establishes the evacuation of Fort Pillow and the capture of Memphis; and the complete destruction of the fleet of gunboats under Com. Montgomery. The struggle in front of the city of Memphis was a short but stubbornly contested one, and it resulted, as we have just stated, in the complete destruction of the Confederate boats. The loss of life, on the Confederate side, we are told, was very small considering the length and desperation of the conflict. The Federal troops occupied the city on the 6th.

The defeat is simply announced as the successful evacuation of Fort Pillow, on Wednesday night, but give no particulars.

The same papers contain news from Richmond as late as the 7th inst., which would seem to indicate that Richmond was not evacuated on the 31st, and from them we learn that the Richmond *Dispatch* of that date announces that a victory was won by Jackson over Shields at Strasburg. No official information of the fight has been received.

We learn from the same source that a dispatch from Staunton, Va., says that Fremont had attacked Ewell, the latter driving him back and still pursuing him. A second dispatch to Gov. Letcher reports Fremont completely routed and in full retreat.

Northern dates to the 6th had been received, and Gen. Mitchell had defeated Pillow and Van Dorn, and had captured 6000 prisoners, but it is not stated at what point, or at which date, whether prior or subsequently to the evacuation of Corinth by the Confederates, the full particulars of which we give as published by the Northern papers of the 31st, and as announced by the official dispatches of Gen. Halleck, who seems to have no definite idea of the position of the Confederates; but he believes them to be in strong force on his left flank.

From the *Evening Delta* of yesterday we learn that the Mobile *Advertiser* publishes a dispatch from Chattanooga, dated the 8th, which says that the United States forces were shelling that point. The Confederate batteries did not respond. The United States forces consisted of Gen. Mitchell's command, together with about 8000 additional troops from Nashville and Huntsville. The Confederates were in expectation of an engagement on the succeeding day.

Such is the gross and scope of the news, as published from both Southern and Northern sources.

DR. SAMUEL HARRY.

The death of a good man deserves more than a passing notice; a fitting tribute to his memory is demanded by his virtues, grounded in his surviving family, and properly exhausted to induce others to walk in his paths.

If a survey of practical usefulness, in a sphere well adapted to precisely influence the minds of his fellow-beings, entitles a man to the admiration and gratitude of society, the subject of this obituary, in that respect, ranks pre-eminently high. As the conductor of a public journal for a quarter of a century, his record stands without blemish.

To an intellect of remarkable vigor and classical polish, he united an elevated tone of morality, which breathed through all of his writings; and during the last three years of his life, his compositions evidenced those subdued religious characteristics, which are ever the outpourings of a regenerated heart.

He was a good citizen, practically illustrative in the daily walks of life, that charity and benevolence, the two noble orders to which he was so long attached, (Masonic and Odd Fellowships) so beautifully inculcate. He was a devoted husband and father; and the sad grief of his afflicted wife and children, attest their severe loss. He was a warm and steadfast friend, full of truth and sincerity, with a confidence in others, frequently resulting in serious loss to himself.

The death of such a man is a public calamity. In bowing in humble submission to the inscrutable decrees of an All-Wise Providence, his family is overwhelmed with sorrow at his sudden departure, to be consoled by the reflection, that his life, services and character are to them a rich legacy.

I. M. M.

Purser Wells, of the steamship Matoza, will accept our thanks for late Northern papers.

D. S. Morphy must cover, would respectfully call the attention of buyers and dealers to his different sales advertised for to-morrow. See advertisements.

LIEUT.—Mr. J. Maurice Ogsbac has just established, at No. 255 Carondelet Walk, at the grounds of the former B. Holmes Garden, an extensive lime-kiln, and he is prepared to furnish builders and masons with a superior quality of lime, which he will sell at reasonable rates. This new enterprise commends itself to the public, and we trust that Mr. Ogsbac will meet that ready support and patronage which he fully deserves.

CITY CORN MEAL MILLS.—As will be seen by reference to another column, the committee have established at different points in the respective Districts, for the convenience of the public, branches of these mills. Meal in small quantities, for family use only, can be had at the various places indicated in the advertisement.

COUNTRY RESIDENCE FOR RENT.—A fine furnished house, with a garden and out-house, situated at Lowisburg, is advertised elsewhere for rent.

TEA.—Messrs. Wenshaw & Co. have on hand a lot of black and green Souchong tea, of fine quality. See advertisement elsewhere.

SOLE LEATHER.—Mr. Jean Dufant has just received an extensive assortment of sole leather, which he offers very cheap for cash.

J. W. Gray, editor and proprietor of the Cleveland *Plaindealer*, died in that city on Tuesday, after a brief illness. He was a native of Vermont, and at the age of twenty-three removed to Cleveland, which he followed the profession of a school-teacher. In 1846 he assumed the charge of the *Plaindealer*, and continued it with vigor until his death. Mr. Gray was appointed Postmaster at Cleveland by President Pierce, but was removed by President Buchanan for political differences on the Lecompton question. In 1858 he was nominated for Congress by the Democracy of his district, and in 1860, with Honorable H. B. Payne, was elected delegate to the Charleston-Baltimore Convention. In politics he was a Democrat of the Silas Wright school, and an earnest supporter of the late Stephen A. Douglas and his policy.

EXPLOSION OF A POWDER-MILL.—*Munch Chunck, Pa.*, May 28.—W. H. Coat's powder mills at Beaver Meadow, Pa., blew up this morning, at about 9 o'clock. Cause unknown. Loss about $7000. No one was injured.

DEATH OF AN ARMY PAYMASTER.—*Baltimore*, May 28.—Eugene Van Blum, paymaster U. S. A., died to-day at his residence in this city. He was fifty-eight, and was highly esteemed. He had been in the army for twenty-three years. He was a son of the late Judge Van Hum, of New York.

Steam Marine.

ADDITIONAL BY THE EUROPA.

The New York *Herald* of the 30th ult. contains the following additional news from Europe, by the Europa:

Halifax, May 29, 1862.—The steamer Europa arrived here this afternoon, and sailed in half-past nine for Boston. The following is additional to her latest intelligence:

Madrid, May 16, 1862.—A ministerial council was held, to-day, on receipt of official reports from Mexico. The minister of Gen. Prim finds considerable adherents in Madrid. The Senate without discussion passed the bill for the continuance of the debt of 1823.

The Kangaroo had arrived at noon, on the 29th, but no news had been contingent by the arrival of the Europa.

The City of New York arrived at Queenstown early on the morning of the 14th of May.

The New York *Times* of the 30th, under the head of personal, says:

Hon. J. P. Benjamin, member of Congress from New Orleans, left the Fifth yesterday, for Washington. He was tendered a reception at his hotel on Tuesday evening, but was obliged to decline on account of ill health, and the necessity of an early departure for Washington.

Late from Fort Pillow, Memphis, Chattanooga and Virginia.

We take the following from the *Evening Delta*, as published by the Mobile papers of the 10th inst.:

Grenada, Miss., June 7.—A reporter of the Memphis *Appeal* arrived here to-day, who witnessed the destruction of Montgomery's fleet in front of Memphis, on Friday, by Com. DAVIS's fleet of Yankee iron-boats and rams.

Capt. Montgomery, after the successful evacuation of Fort Pillow, which was completed Wednesday night, dropped down the river to Memphis, and commenced coaling. The enemy's fleet anchored at Mound City, six miles above Memphis, Thursday night. Friday morning as soames they dropped down to the foot of the island one mile above the city.

Capt. Montgomery made preparations to receive them, and a fight began immediately in front of the city. Thousands of spectators, including men, women and children, lined the shores, and witnessed the heroic struggle of our gallant men against overwhelming odds. The fight was stubbornly contested, and lasted two hours, when victory was in hand. It ended in the complete destruction of our boats. The Price, Lovell and Little Rebel sunk—the Van Dorn was disabled. She was fired and blown up, the crew escaping to the woods. The Beauregard was struck by one of the enemy's rams, she was run ashore opposite the city, sunk on a bar and surrendered. The Mexico and Bragg were captured.

The loss of life on the Confederate side was very small, considering the length and desperation of the conflict.

The enemy claims to have taken one hundred prisoners. Capt. Montgomery escaped to the Arkansas shore. Cobell, the pilot of the Lovell, was killed by the enemy's sharpshooters, and his body went down with the boat. The captain, officers and crew escaped by swimming ashore. The enemy's loss was fully equal to ours. Capt. Montgomery and Delaney passed down the river this morning.

The Lincolnites occupied the city yesterday. Col. Fitch, of an Indiana regiment, commands the post.

Three regiments of infantry have arrived, and a large cavalry force is immediately expected.

News from Northern Papers.

Northern dates of the 4th have been received here. The Federals claim a victory in the fight at Chickahominy, Sunday. They say they retook the ground which the Confederates drove them from on Saturday, and are now within four miles of Richmond. Their loss on both days is set down at three thousand killed, wounded and missing. They say the rebels left twelve hundred dead on the field.

The Northern papers indulge in severe strictures on Halleck for allowing Beauregard to escape from Corinth.

Halleck telegraphed to the War Department that the evacuation of Corinth commenced on Wednesday, and was completed Thursday night in great haste and confusion, and an immense amount of property was abandoned and destroyed. It is evidently an endeavor on his part to palliate public sentiment in the North, which is raising against him.

Fremont has crossed the Shenandoah mountain with a large force, with a view of intercepting the retreat of Stonewall Jackson. Shields is slightly injured. Fremont and Major Dowell, with drawing his forces from the valley, carrying off large quantities of arms, ammunition and stores, captured from Banks.

Gen. Hooker has been appointed to the command of the post of Harper's Ferry, in place of Banks. Gen. Wool has been ordered to Baltimore to take command of the Middle Department. (Gen. Dix was ordered to Fortress Monroe to report to Gen. McClellan.

Lincoln has called for fifty thousand three-months troops.

The Governors of Ohio and Illinois have issued proclamations for volunteers.

A dispatch published in the Northern papers to the effect that Mitchell had defeated Price and Van Dorn, and captured six thousand prisoners.

Gov. Neill S. Brown addressed a large public meeting at Columbia. Gov. Brown has turned a complete somersault and lighted on Andy Johnson's side. He says the rebellion has played out, and Tennessee ought to be for the Union. It is folly to contend against the Federal Government; and the longer the war is kept up the harder it will be for the South.

The Union feeling is represented as increasing in Tennessee.

Augusta, June 7.—A dispatch to the Columbia (S. C.) *Guardian* says Gen. Pettigrew and Col. Lloyd, have been killed, but prisoners in the hands of the enemy.

The Richmond *Examiner* announces officially that Jackson was at Winchester. It was only his cavalry that penetrated to Frederick.

Williamsport on Harper's Ferry were either reoccupied or visited by Confederate scouts daily.

Richmond, June 7.—The Lynchburg *Virginian* of yesterday reports, on authority of an officer who arrived there, that a victory was won by Jackson over Shields, at Strasburg. No official information of the fight has been received. The river is falling. All quiet along the lines this morning.

Latest from Richmond—An English Reporter Captured.

Richmond, June 7.—Jackson's reported victory turns out to be a skirmish near Woodstock, between the rear guard and the enemy's advance.

Ashby's cavalry had a skirmish near Harrisburg on Thursday, and captured an English Reporter, Sir Percy Wyndam, a Colonel in the Yankee army.

Richmond, June 8.—Sharp skirmishing was heard in the direction of Mechanicsville this morning. No account from it have been received.

Very Latest.

Chattanooga, June 9.—It is thought that the demonstration on Chattanooga may be a feint of the enemy to cover some other movement. Several Federal spies have been captured.

Richmond, June 9.—The New York *Herald* gives a long account of the battle near Richmond, and admits a loss of 800 and 3000 wounded. Says the rebel loss in killed and wounded was 1500; 200 prisoners.

A dispatch from Halleck to Stanton, dated the 4th, says Pope is pursuing Beauregard, and has already captured 20,000 prisoners, and 15,000 stands of arms; also locomotives, &c.

By telegraph—Special to the Mobile Advertiser.]

Chattanooga, June 8.—The enemy (U. S. forces) resumed their work of shelling this point at 10 o'clock to-day, and continued the fire until 1 o'clock, P. M., without any casualties, and only two buildings injured.

Our batteries did not respond.

Confederate scouts from across the river report that the enemy left for another position to-day.

They are expected to make an attempt to cross the river at Brown's Ferry, three miles below Chattanooga, directly opposite Lookout Mountain. They have pontoon bridges.

Memphis papers have been seized as gunboats, and seven heavy guns fitted as gunboats.

Our troops are in fine spirits, confident of being able to hold Chattanooga.

The enemy's forces consists of Mitchell's command, with additions from Nashville and Huntsville, supposed to be about 8000 in all.

Heavy work is expected to-morrow.

[By Telegraph—Extra—Mobile Advertiser.]

Richmond, June 9.—Gen. (late Col.) Turner Ashby was killed near Harrisonburg on Thursday, in a skirmish with the enemy.

Johnson K. Hooper, late Secretary to the Provisional Congress, died in this city on Saturday.

The following dispatches were received by Governor Letcher last night:

Staunton, Va., June 9.—Shields crossed the Shenandoah river at Port Republic. After a short combat he was driven back, with the loss of two pieces of artillery.

Fremont attacked Ewell. We have driven him back, and Ewell is still pursuing him hard. Jackson is on the heights of the Shenandoah, and Jackson holds him in check. I hope to be able to announce a great victory to you to-night.

MESSAGE OF PEACE TO GOV. LETCHER.

The third dispatch of the same date says that Generals Ewell and Elzey are both wounded, but not dangerously.

It is a complete victory. Jackson is in close pursuit. Artillery and prisoners have been captured in abundance. We will get Shields to-morrow.

Bombardment of Chattanooga.

Chattanooga, June 7.—The bombardment has ceased, after having continued briskly, with short intervals until 6 o'clock.

The enemy had three batteries in position on a ridge.

These were replied to by Armstrong's battery of two six pounders on the bank of the river, and by Captain Barry's battery of four guns, the doubt existing as to the latter. A heavy rifled fire was kept up by sharpshooters on both sides of the river. On our side one man was killed of Barry's battery. The wounded are Capt. Bloom, of the Forty third Georgia Regiment, severely; Georgia Bobbit, of Morgan's command, badly, and two others slightly. A number of the enemy are known to be killed.

The number of men engaged on our side did not exceed 300; while the enemy's forces was about 1500.

Two of their guns were silenced. On our side several houses were destroyed by shells, and a few tents riddled.

The enemy are reported at the mouth of Battle Creek, below Shell Mound, 22 miles below Chattanooga, building flats, preparing to cross the river.

There is reliable information that a council of war was held at Nashville last Tuesday, at which it was resolved to take possession of East Tennessee with a force of 15,000 men.

Richmond, June 7.—All is quiet along the lines to-day.

The bodies of our killed have not been recovered. Gen. Stuart, within whose lines they lie, refused permission for the purpose of examining them.

Full lists of casualties have not yet been obtained.

Our wounded are doing extremely well.

The New York *Times* of the 31st has the following:

The Baltimore *American* says that the bridges on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad were destroyed, on Tuesday, by the rebel soldiers. The Gunpowder bridges, two miles east of Magnolia, a wooden structure one hundred yards long, and the Fallow bridge, also wooden, two hundred and fifty yards long, to the east of Martinsburg. The telegraph operator at Martinsburg escaped with his instruments. It is understood that the railroad itself has not been disturbed. The Western train goes no further than Harper's Ferry.

Evacuation of Corinth.

We clip from yesterday morning's *Delta* the following dispatches to Northern papers, announcing the evacuation of Corinth by the Confederates on the 29th ultimo, and its occupation on the morning of the 30th by the advance of Gen. Pope's division:

THE FIRST NEWS RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, Friday, May 30.—A telegraphic dispatch has just been received at the War Department from an unofficial source, stating that the rebels left Corinth last night, and that Gen. Nelson occupied their intrenchments at 6 o'clock this morning.

A CORROBORATIVE DISPATCH.

Washington, Friday, May 30.—A dispatch just received at the War Department fully corroborates the former message that Corinth is evacuated by the rebels and occupied by our troops. Prisoners say the enemy left last night for Okalcora, a point about 60 miles south of Corinth, on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad.

[Okalcora is a hamlet and post village in Chickasaw county, Miss., situated on the line of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad.]

DISPATCHES FROM BEFORE CORINTH.

Before Corinth, Thursday, May 29, Midnight.—No additional movements have taken place, except ticket skirmishing and strengthening our position. General Halleck has moved his camp two miles forward to-day.

Lieutenant Webb, aid to General Dorsheus, was among the wounded reported yesterday.

CORINTH ASCERTAINED TO BE EVACUATED.

Near Corinth, Friday, May 30.—Gen. Pope's advance, the Thirty-ninth Ohio Regiment, occupied Corinth at 6:40 this morning, and planted our flag on the courthouse.

The enemy evacuated the place last night, retreating down the Mobile and Ohio Railroad.

The telegraphic line is occupied with military business, but expect to obtain particulars soon.

Bi-paschle from Gen. Halleck.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT OF WEDNESDAY.

Headquarters Department of the Mississippi,
Camp on the Corinth Road, May 29, 1862.

Hon. E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War:

The strong reconnoitering columns advanced this morning on the right, centre and left, to feel the enemy and ascertain his batteries. The enemy feebly contested his ground at each point, but was driven back with considerable loss. The column on the left encountered the strongest opposition. Our loss is twenty-five killed and wounded. The enemy left thirty dead on the field. Our losses at other points are not yet ascertained. Some five or six officers, and a number of privates were captured.

The fighting will probably be renewed to-morrow at daybreak. The whole country is so thickly wooded that we are compelled to feel our way.

(Signed) H. W. HALLECK, Major-General.

REPORTS OF OUR HEAVY BATTERIES.

Hon. E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War:

Near Corinth, May 30.—Gen. Pope's heavy batteries opened upon the enemy's entrenchments yesterday, about 10 A. M., and soon drove the rebels from their advanced batteries.

Major-General W. T. Sherman established another of the heavy batteries yesterday afternoon, within one thousand yards of their works, and skirmishing parties advanced at daybreak this morning. Three of our divisions are already in the enemy's advanced works, about three-quarters of a mile from Corinth, which is in flames. The enemy has fallen back on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad.

(Signed) H. W. HALLECK.

THE OCCUPATION OF CORINTH—CONFLICTING REPORTS ABOUT THE ENEMY.

Hon. E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War:

Near Corinth, May 30.—Our advance guard are in Corinth.

Conflicting accounts as to the enemy's movements, but he is believed to be in strong force on our left flank, some four or five miles south of Corinth, near the Mobile and Ohio Railroad.

(Signed) H. W. HALLECK, Major-General.

PARTICULARS OF THE EVACUATION.

Halleck's Headquarters, May 30.—During Wednesday all of last night the meeting of cars and suppressed whistles sounding, betokened some movement going on, but is not being any extraordinary occurrence was not considered of an extraordinary nature.

About 5 o'clock this morning several explosions were distinctly heard. Immediately after skirmishers were thrown out, and a general advance commenced.

A large amount of railroad iron was untouched. There being some twelve or fifteen trucks of railroad from the depot to the intrenchments, with side tracks and switches, they were enabled to move troops with great rapidity.

From all information gleaned from prisoners, it is thought the force evacuated last night, and poured the enemy eight miles below Corinth, on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, in the act of burning the bridge, and captured forty prisoners. The enemy's rear guard destroyed the depot, a few bales of cotton, and a caurch, and intended destroying the entire village, but the citizens covered some fifty houses. They also left broken stores and burning cars.

A large cavalry force, under Col. Elliot, sent out on Wednesday morning by a circuitous route, to destroy a bridge on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, south of Corinth, though they have not yet returned, have probably succeeded, as we learn from prisoners that it was known in Corinth last night that a large bridge had been destroyed, forty miles to the south, by a body of our cavalry, and that Gen. Pope's 90 pounder Parrott yesterday enfiladed their camps, killing eighty men and one hundred horses; also, that a 20-pounder Parrott shell, thrown into Corinth by Pope as an experiment, destroyed a locomotive and killed the engineer.

It is thought among military men that the destruction of the bridges at the South, the uncomfortable proximity of our falling shells, and the possibility of National success on the Mississippi, were the causes of the evacuation. The enemy's works were certainly of very great strength, and capable of making a stout resistance.

From the evening edition of the New York *Tribune* of the 30th ultimo contains the following additional particulars touching the evacuation of Corinth; and the reported evacuation of Richmond, the first announcement of which was made by the citizens of Corinth, on the morning of the 30th, to Gen. Halleck's army:

Corinth, Friday, May 30, 1862.—It is now ascertained that the evacuation commenced night before last, the enemy retreating Southwardly until they reached the railroad bridge, burned by a detachment of our forces, whence they went to Grand Junction, and thence Southwardly (on the Jackson Railroad) Some cavalry and several pieces of artillery.

The citizens inform us that Richmond has been evacuated, and that Memphis is almost wholly deserted, all the stores being closed with the exception of a few groceries.

It is ascertained that Van Dorn had a band of Indians under him.

Colonel Jackson reports finding the roads for several miles strewn with knapsacks, haversacks, arms and cantoons, showing great demoralization.

The woods are full of stragglers, who are being brought in as fast as possible. Probably between two and three thousand, including at least the entire Thirteenth Louisiana, are in our lines now.

Many of them are deserters, and the balance have been captured since the evacuation.

A United States military telegraph line was completed to this point to night.

A REPORT FROM GEN. HALLECK.

Washington, Saturday, May 31, 1862.—The following dispatch was received at the War Department this morning:

Headquarters, Camp near Corinth,
Friday, May 30, 1862.

Hon. E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War:

SIR—The enemy's position and works in front of Corinth were exceedingly strong. He cannot occupy a stronger position in his flight. This morning he destroyed an immense amount of public and private property, stores, provisions, tents, &c.

For miles out of the town the roads are filled with arms, haversacks, &c., thrown away by the fleeing troops. A large number of prisoners and deserters have been captured, estimated by Gen. Pope at 2000. Gen. Beauregard evidently distrusts his army, or he would have defended so strong a position. His troops are generally much demoralized and demoralized. In all the engagements for the last few days, their resistance has been slight.

(Signed) H. W. HALLECK,
Major-General Commanding.

RELEASE OF PRISONERS FROM FORT LAFAYETTE.—The New York *Times* of the 31st says:

By order of the Secretary of the Navy, twenty-four foreigners, comprising officers and crew of the steamer Ella Warley, formerly called the Isabel, which was captured in attempting to run the blockade of Charleston with a cargo of arms and ammunition from Nassau, were yesterday released from Fort Lafayette by United States Marshal Murray. The captain, first officer and engineer of the steamer being citizens of the United States, are retained as prisoners. Hereafter persons captured in attempting to run the blockade will be held subject to the order of the Secretary of the Navy, and all who can establish the fact that they are not citizens, and all passengers, native or foreign, who have not been engaged in any way in aiding the rebellion, will be discharged. Persons captured by the gunboats will continue to be held subject to the orders of the Secretary of War as heretofore.

THE NEW CANADIAN MINISTRY.—The following is a list of the members of the new Canadian Ministry:

Attorney-General U. C.—Hon. J. S. Macdonald.
Attorney-General L. C.—Hon. L. V. Sicotte.
Recording General—Hon. James Morris.
Provincial Secretary—Hon. J. A. Perrios.
Postmaster-General—Hon. H. L. Foley.
Crown Lands—Hon. W. Macdougal.
Finance—Hon. W. P. Howland.
Public Works—Hon. C. J. Fenier.
President Council—Hon. T. D. McGee.
Agricultural and Statistical—Hon. F. Evanturel.
Solicitor-General U. C.—Hon. Adam Wilson.
Solicitor-General L. C.—Hon. J. C. Abbott.

The Destruction of the Merrimac.

OFFICIAL LETTER OF COM. FATHALL.

The following is a copy of a letter addressed by Commodore Tatnall to Secretary Mallory:

Richmond, May 14.

SIR—In detailing to you the circumstances which caused the destruction of the C. S. steamer Virginia, and her consorts a few days previous to that event, I begin with your telegraphic dispatches to me, of the 4th and 5th instant, directing me to take such a position in the James river as would entirely prevent the enemy's ascending it.

General Huger, commanding at Norfolk, on learning that I had received this order, called on me and declared that his exposition would oblige him to abandon immediately his forts on Craney Island and Sewell's Point, and their guns, to the enemy. I informed him that, as commander of the James river squadron, I could not consent to any such step being taken before the protection of Richmond.

All hands having been called on deck I stated to them the condition of things, and my hope that, by getting up the river before the enemy could be made aware of our designs, we might capture his vessels which had succeeded it, and render efficient aid in the defence of Richmond; but that I would not compel any man to go, but that energy in lightening the ship. They replied with three cheers, and went to work at once. The pilots were on deck and heard the address to their crews.

Being quite unwell I had retired to bed. Between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning the first lieutenant reported to me that, after the crew had worked for five or six hours, and lightened ship so as to render her safe for action, the pilots had declared their inability to carry her up the river any further than Jamestown Flats, up to which point the shore, on each side, was occupied by the enemy.

On demanding from the chief pilot, Mr. Parrish, a more explicit statement, he said he could not be deceived, he replied that eighteen feet could be carried after the prevalence of easterly winds, and that the wind for the last two days had been westerly.

I had no time to lose The ship was not in a condition for battle, even with an enemy of equal force, and their force was overwhelming. Under these circumstances, with the concurrence of the first and flag lieutenants, I determined to run for future service, by landing them at Craney Island, the only road for retreat open to us, and then destroy the ship, preventing her falling into the hands of the enemy. I may add that, although not formally consulted, the course was approved by every commissioned officer in the ship. There was but one dissenting opinion. The ship was accordingly put on shore as near the mainland, in the vicinity of Craney Island, as possible, and the crew landed. She was then fired, and I remained on board with Lieutenant Forrest and pilot Parrish, until I saw her well afire forward and aft, when I left in the steamer Beaufort, which I had ordered to be kept in readiness for that purpose, and proceeded to view the course as an officer of the day, and is said to have reported on Tuesday, but to what amount of powder could not be learned. A large part of the stores were not refined. In Mahone's dock were a number of vessels which had a very narrow escape. The Brandywine, a brig, was loaded with 6000 bushels of corn, and would have been destroyed. The captain, with assistance, landed her to the outside of the dock, opened the sails, and, the wind being favorable, sailed away, escaping very luckily. The steamer Glaucus, almost new, and a perfect model, was burned in the water's edge, she was unfortunately aground, and though boarded by our ferry men and every exertion used that was possible, she could not be got off, and was abandoned to her fate She was a brilliant, and was worth about $25,000. A lighter also caught fire, and was towed into the middle of the dock and scuttled.

The flames rapidly spread to the yards on each side of the burning mass, destroying in that of Mr. Ralph W. Kenyon a large quantity of lumber and joists, to the amount of $1500, fully insured in the Kings County and Williamsburg City Insurance Companies. In the other yard was also a quantity of lumber and joists, which were destroyed, together with the new dock; that of North Third street, which Mr. Wm. Lake, of Williamsburg, was building on contract, and which was nearly finished. The following was an exact copy of the damage, collected by one of the officers on the ground for official report, as to seven o'clock last evening: From 10,000 to 15,000 barrels of oil; injury to Mr. Charles Magee, it is said, $10,000. Loss of Norwalk. Docks and sheds, $10,000. Lighter belonging to Flint and Hall, $6000. Bark belonging to Jewett & Co., South street, New York; insured. Lath and ship knees, belonging to Fisher, Ricard & Co., $600.

Sabloffsky & Brothers have three storehouses in Brooklyn for their kerosene oil. The one destroyed was established about four weeks since. The loss on the oil alone is estimated at from eighty to eighty five thousand dollars, and the buildings in which it was stored, at from three to five thousand. The total loss is estimated at from two hundred and fifty to three hundred thousand dollars.

THE GEORGIA CROPS.—The wheat crops seem to be engaging, at this time, a large share of the public attention. The accounts from various sections very very materially. In some, as in Wilkes and the neighborhood, the crop seems to have been almost entirely cut off, so far as opinions can be based on its present condition. From other portions of the State, especially in the middle and southwestern, similar accounts reach us. If half a crop should be made, the public expectation will be more than satisfied. Accounts from the upper portion of the State are generally favorable. Mr. Bonsell has overtaken the crop, and it promises a heavy yield.—*Savannah Republican.*

Monday afternoon, May 26th, Deputy Provost-Marshal McPhail, by order of General Dix, commanding at Baltimore, arrested Judge Richard Carmichael, judge of Talbot county, Maryland; and others, upon a charge of treason. Judge Carmichael resisted the arrest, but was secured, together with the other parties, and taken to Fort McHenry, where they are now confined.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Good Samaritan Police.—We are too far from the millenium yet to expect our military and municipal police to be conducted exclusively on the Good Samaritan principles; but we were witness two nights ago to a rare case of the kind, which we are tempted to make an item of. The chief performers were one of our "city fathers" and a well known sea-going captain. A large part of the affair was not refined. In Madgie's dance house a number of vessels which had a very narrow escape. The Brandywine, a brig, was loaded with 6000 bushels of corn, and would have been destroyed. The captain, with assistance, landed her to the outside of the dock, opened his sails, and, the wind being favorable, sailed away, escaping very luckily. The steamer Glaucus, almost new, and a perfect model, was burned in the water's edge, she was unfortunately aground, and though boarded by our ferry men and every exertion used that was possible, she could not be got off, and was abandoned to her fate She was a brilliant, and was worth about $25,000. A lighter also caught fire, and was towed into the middle of the dock and scuttled.

Supposing the captain to be a police officer, from his tone of authority, the order was obeyed, and the party started - the captain grasping the arm of the father, and the Alderman steering by leading the boy, and confounding him with the assurance that he and his father should both be taken safely home. Away they trudged from Girod to Canal-to-those street—the boy expressing his joy and gratitude, but the man sullen and then disposed to resent the strong arm that propelled him. It was a long walk, however—the captain beyond Claiborne street—but our friends were encouraged by the sensations of being engaged in a good work, and they perseveredtill they had the satisfaction of closing with the prize. Some guile upon the pair then had secured at so much trouble and labor. Happily they caught a cab on their return, arriving just in time to finish their "smile," and we have no doubt that "Valley" sleep was tried nature's sweet restorer" to the heads that night.

Time and Tide.—This Government steamer left as four o'clock yesterday afternoon, being placed at the sole disposal of Mr John Magruder, Chief Quarter Master, for the purpose of going to Fort Jackson and bringing back to the city Dr. Stone. Mr. Magruder bears an order from General Butler for the unconditional release of Dr. Stone. Many of whose friends wished to charter a boat and go on the same errand to General Butler, however, would not sanction the movement, and empowered Mr. Magruder to act alone.

"Vernacular the Ranche."—During a stroll through the City Hall, yesterday, we were evident agree that most or all of the old habitants were packing up their duds and preparing for the early departure from their cool and comfortable quarters. We presume the last appropriation to be the immediate cause of this effect. The street labor force has not yet been organized, but it being necessary first to appoint the overseers of the work, and as in numerous cases of applicants for these places pressing their claims.

Largest out of a Second Story Window.—About 11 o'clock on Wednesday night, a Miss Heag, in a fit of somnambulism, leaped out of her bedroom window, in the second story of the Planters' Hotel, corner of Julia and Magazine streets. She was picked up by the watchman and conveyed to the Charity Hospital. Strange to say, she did not seem to be very seriously injured. For several days previously she exhibited signs of a "mind disturbed," and is said to have been using laudanum quite freely. It is understood she was from Toronto, Canada, and had been recently engaged as a music teacher on a plantation near the city.

Fresh Beef.—Somebody gives notice that fresh beef may be had every morning between 4 and 7 o'clock, on Levee street, between St. Joseph and Julia streets, at 10 cents per pound in specie, 12½ cents in paper currency.

The City Council.—A called meeting of the upper Board took place last night, but it adjourned in the evening—when both Boards will be in session.

Provost Court—Judge Bell.—Yesterday two keepers of gambling-houses were arraigned for a violation of the statute against gaming. After an argument by their counsel, the judge concluded to view the cases as infractions of Gen. Butler's proclamation only, and fined the parties $100 each, with a promise that he would double future cases according to the statute law.

J. G Page was fined $25 for carrying a pistol, which it seems was accidentally shot off to the great danger of some body.

Dan Calabero was fined $5 for selling meat without weighing it.

Marcus Bates, opposite Poydras Market, was fined $50 for selling liquor without license. Saucier other traders in "red eye" were given until the 15th instant to procure their licenses.

One Saddler had the charge of being found in possession of stolen goods *saddled upon*, and also *saddled* with a residence of six months in prison.

The "rogue," as a class, were pretty numerous, and had to go one or to "fork over" fines.

First District Court—Judge T. W. Collens.—The case of Mary Donohoe, fixed for trial yesterday, was called, but her attorney, Mr. Badd, declining to act, the case was postponed, and the court adjourned.

COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE BEE,
THURSDAY EVENING, June 12, 1862.

SUGAR.—There were sales of two mixed lots, embracing 200 hhds, private terms. The last sales reported were at 7½c for inferior, 8½c for Fair and 9½c for Prime. The receipts to-day comprise 60 hhds.

MOLASSES.—There were receipts to-day of 113 bbls., but we have to add of sales none.

CORN.—The transactions are confined to retail sales at 60 @ 62½ c P bushel.

FLOUR.—We have heard of no sales. The steamer Dan Rice, from Mobile, brought for the Consignees of Wyllie & Co. 200 bbls. Flour

At auction we notice sales, by Mr. B. Scott, of 50 bbls. Brandy at 29@29½c P gallon; 12 bbls. Whisky at 27½c P gallon; 75 cases Castile Soap at 10c P lb; 10 dozen Lard at 14@16c; 20 bags Island Cotton, at 32c; 20 cases starch at 22½c; 10 dozen Cologne at 87½c; 20 cases Holland Gin, Tonic, at $3 10 P case; 50 cases Soap at $2 @ $3 50 case; 25 cases Mackerel at $6 50 P case; 25 cases Mackerel at $7 P case.

There were several other lots similar to those offered at auction, without finding bidders.

Dustin Mariner,
Jefferson City, June 12, 1862.

No arrivals yesterday. Amount of stock sold was 30 bbls. Shipstuff remaining on sale is 85 Prime Brown.

We quote:

Prime Brown, 1st quality, P lb net	$@c 20
Prime Brown, 2d quality, P lb net	@ 19
Prime Brown, 3d quality, P lb net	@ 18
Total, P bbl	@ 37
Mess, P 100 lbs. Gross	@ 30

MARINE NEWS.

Port of New Orleans, June 13, 1862.

☞ No steamboats at the Commercial Exchange yesterday.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

U S M steamer Marion, Phillips, from New York, 6th inst, via Pensacola ports—to army.
Ship Wild Cat, Minor, 10 days from Matanzas, in ballast—Lyons & Co.
Brig West Gulf, Gilbertson, from Ship Island, in ballast, to master—1st inst. 22.
Brig Ellen, Copes, from Ship Island, to master—1st inst. 21.
Sch Lizzie Lee, Lee, from the Coast, to master—2d inst.
Sch Mary Adams, from the Coast, to master—2d inst.
Sch Fleur D'Italie—on the Coast, to master—2d inst.
Sloop Tonnerre, from the Coast, to master—2d inst.
Sloop G W Orr, from the Coast, to master—2d inst.

DEPARTURES.

Iberville, Gould, from Baton Rouge
Dick Keys, Abels, for Mobile

TOWBOATS.

Fox, Murphy, from the Passes.

TOWBOAT REGISTER.

The Fox, from the Passes—West down light—brought up ship Wild Cat and coke West.

BELOW, COMING UP.

Ship Hadlen, (British) Davis, from Liverpool, via Mobile.
Ship Theodore Koehn, (British) from Liverpool, via Havana.
Ship Hibernia, (British) from Colombo and Havana, to master—Quasay bags and rice.
Ship Richmond, Badger, from Boston, to master—Ice to order.
Ship Highlander, ——, from Key West, to U S Gov.
Bark Marie, (French) Rolli, from Bordeaux.
Bark Alice, (British) ——, from Rio de Janeiro.

MEMORANDA.

The steamship Marion, from New York, experienced heavy winds throughout the passage.

Capt. Charles Murphy, of the steamboat Fox, reports having heard the French bark Corbeau, Capt Gueldret, from Matamoras, up to the forts.

SPOKEN.

By Captain Phillips, of steamship Marion, from New York—Barque Hattie Skinner, E Jones, 15 miles south of Cape Florida, the United States frigate Niagara, from Key West, bound for Boston.

PASSENGERS.

For steamship Marion, from New York, via Florida ports—Messrs. Hall, Skinner & Co; Hinkston, E Hinkston, H D Stetson, Van Norden & Co; W S Wright, J P Wright, Chester Magee, H Steele, Adolphus Gage, Mrs E Stevens, Mrs Bernard Bailey, Miss Hewes, Miss Dawson, F Jamison, M Stroud, Master Hendersfield, G W Dewey, Lieut J A Hitchcock, A Dowlin, A G Fackman, J Hitchcock, A Dowlin, A G Fackman, A G Goodhue, W Wright, Rev Duncan, J S Marshall, S Straight, C Fraser, R S Williams, F M Shapleigh,