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STEAMERS FROM ABOVE.—The Continental and the Jupes White left St. Louis for this city on the 7th. The latter passed Baton Rouge yesterday noon. We are not certainly advised that she brings later news, though it is probable that she does. The Julia was announced to leave on the 9th at 10 A. M., and the Saratoga on the 10th at 10 A. M.

ARRIVAL OF THE FUNG SHUEY.—The steamship Fung Shuey, Captain Hildreth, from New York on the 6th P. M., arrived last afternoon, about 2 o'clock, with New York dates to the hour of her departure. To Captain Hildreth and the Purser of the Fung Shuey, we are obliged for acceptable newspaper favors.

The U. S. mail steamship Fung Shuey, Capt. Hildreth, arrived yesterday afternoon from New York, 6th inst., with a full freight, the U. S. mails and nineteen passengers.

On the 9th inst., at 6 P. M., off Cape Hatteras, passed brig Mary Cobb, showing a blue signal with B & Co. in centre. The steamship Chas. C. Leary, for this port, sailed on the 6th inst., and was passed by the Fung Shuey a few hours out. The following is a list of the Fung Shuey's passengers:

J Deschberger, Sam Sampson, Valentine Schmidt, Carl Newland, Wm McDonald, Julian De Vishe, wife and two children, Emilio Grassa, Edward Stephens, D M Wilson, Orrin De Grouy, Feloian Gomez, J D Durham, Miss Kate Mix, W H Jones, L C Ehlers, C Watters, H Talcupe one.

News from Red River.

Kirby Smith in Alexandria—Buckner Assumes Taylor's Command—Taylor in Command of Polk's Old Corps.

[From last evening's Time Delta.]

We have reliable advices from Alexandria as late as the 7th inst. At that date Kirby Smith was there. Buckner had taken possession of the place made vacant by the removal of Dick Taylor, who, with his staff, has gone to Atlanta, and is in command of Polk's old corps. The rebels are seizing the property of every body suspected of loyalty. A number of wealthy planters are living upon rations in the convent; their houses being destroyed. The rebels are conscripting with great severity. Both conscripts and refugees swear that they will capture and kill Dick Taylor's children as hostages for the security of their families. The river is very low and everything dismal.

CROSSING TROOPS FROM THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI.—The New York *Times*, of the 6th, alluding to the ram-red transit of troops from Kirby Smith's army to the eastern side of the river and the erection of batteries on the river between Vicksburg and the mouth of Red river, says:

The only region on the Lower Mississippi where territorial and military conditions seem favorable for such a transit, is that lying between Vicksburg on the side, and the outlet of the Red River on the other.

It is extremely likely that the very object the rebels have had in view in the erection of these batteries on the Lower Mississippi, has been to obtain through them, and under their cover, an opportunity to ferry to this side of the river their troops now useless on the other side. If our naval officers doing duty on the river have be in fully apprised of this, it is quite within their power to prevent it. The matter is one of very great importance at this crisis of operations in Georgia.

Another Card from Horace Greeley on the Niagara Peace Negotiations.

The New York *Tribune* of the 9th contains a card from Horace Greeley in reply to an article in the New York *Times*, criticising his conduct in the Niagara peace affair. Mr Greeley says:

The proposal of the *Times*, that I shall publish *all* the correspondence on this subject not already before the public, I would very gladly comply with, upon due assurance that this course would be acceptable to the President. But I have no copies of my own letters, and may have mislaid some of the replies. With the *Times*'s help, I will endeavor to collect the correspondence, and print it. Enough my part of it was written without the faintest suspicion that it would ever see the light, I have no desire to withhold it from publication.

Meantime, I very gladly agree that I wrote the President (as I understood that others did to his Premier if not to him) that certain unauthorized rebels were in Canada, at or near Niagara Falls, who professed to have authority from Richmond to propose terms of peace—that they were holding confidential interviews with leading Democrats from this side—that it was currently reported that terms of "reconstruction" were propounded and considered between them—and that it was further reported that one of them (Mr. C. C. Clay) had agreed to address a letter to the Chicago Convention indicating terms of peace and reunion. So much I heard in common, I presume, with many others; and it seemed to me desirable that, if such terms were proffered, the Government of the United States should have the first refusal of them. And I proposed that—in the first and much the longest letter which I addressed to the President on the subject—I roughly indicated certain basis of peace and reunion which I thought it would be expedient to offer to the rebels, in case their proffer to the Government should be—as I feared it would be—one that could not be accepted.

The brief reply to this letter was to this effect: "If any person duly authorized by the rebels are prepared to offer such terms of peace as I reconstruction as you set forth, bring them to Washington."

I at once rejoined, of course: "Mr. President, I do not know what terms the rebel envoys are prepared to offer. How could I know? I have no authority and am forbidden by law to negotiate them on the subject; and how could I expect them to open their hearts to me on such a matter? If you desire me to ascertain what sort of a proposition they are prepared to make, I will do my best, but with faint hopes of success.

My point is not that they stand ready to offer terms that you can accept; but that they can offer no terms that you will not strengthen the National cause by receiving and considering." (Here are unreasonable and offensive their terms, the better for our side, provided we are not able to accept them.)

There may have been one more note on either side, but I think not. I write from recollection merely, subject to correction by the correspondence when published. But I am not mistaken on the vital point above set forth—that the President fully acquiesced in my view of the matter, so far as to consent to receive whatever proposals our agents duly accredited from Richmond might see fit to offer, and that I went to Niagara fully authorized to proffer a safe conduct and our company to Washington the persons expected, in the understanding that they were empowered to submit, and would submit, terms of pacification; and that there were no conditions beyond these.

Of course, the rhetoric, "To Whom it May Concern," brought to Niagara by Major Hay, changed all this.

With due submission, I deem this change a mistake—a very grave mistake—which is rather magnified than obscured by the *Times*'s pers stent misrepresentations of the position of Messrs C. C. Clay and Holcombe, and its irrelevant abuse of sundry others. Messrs. Clay and Holcombe say, in their S. S. notes to me:

"Our sole conduct of the President of the United States has been ascribed to us, we regret to state, under some misapprehension of facts. We have not been accredited to him from Richmond as the bearers of propositions looking to the establishment of peace.

We are, however, in the confidential employment of our Government, and are entirely in manner with its wishes and opinions on that subject, and we feel authorized to declare that, if the circumstances disclosed in this correspondence were communicated to Richmond, we would be at once invested with the authority to which your letter refers, or other gentlemen clothed with full powers would be immediately sent to Washington, with the view of instituting a correspondence so sweet to be desired, and terminating at the earliest possible moment the calamities of war.

Is there any doubt of the truth of these assertions? And, if they are true, is it not plain that Messrs C. and H. (see a Senator, the other a Representative, to the rebel Congress) are quite other than the irresponsible, unauthorized, accredited persons that the *Times* would make them? Their mission appears to be directed toward the Democratic leaders, simply because they had no hope of access to the Government.

Now, suppose the President had said: "Well, gentlemen, go to Richmond, if you wish, by the shortest route; and whenever you, or others, duly authorized by the power now warring upon the Union, shall deem access to Washington, there so propose conditions of peace, you shall have safe conduct and a hearing"—where would have been the harm? Suppose they had made an intolerable proposition, would not that have aided the National cause? Suppose they had made one that could be accepted and not be orably accepted, who would not have rejoiced? And suppose nothing had come of it but the manifestation by our Government of a kindly spirit and an earnest desire for any honorable peace, would not *that* have been worth the trifling cost?

I am quite sure the mistake was not originally the President's, but that some one or more of the gentlemen who are paid $8,000 a year from the Treasury for giving him bad advice and, first or last, all the blunders. I infer that it had its initial impulse from the War Department. The campaign in Maryland and on the Potomac against Early and Breckinridge which was commenced simultaneously with the issue of "To Whom it May Concern," must have had a common origin with that stroke of statesmanship. There can hardly be two different men living contemporaneously who are equal to these two exhibitions of genius. Nature is not so lavish of her grand achievements.

I constantly asking the *Times* should it report to this subject, to keep the whole point steadily in view. A copy that the overture submitted through Major Hay was the "same offer" I had been author and to make. I deny that I even ever required to compose my crude "credentials" as those embodied in Major Hay's manuscript. And I responsibly ask all who may see fit to deal with this statement to quote it as

H. G.

[From the New York Times.]

Foreigners in the Rebel Army.

A case is pending before the "Confederate States District Court," at Richmond, which presents to the world a new and startling history of the means by which the military despotism of the Confederacy prolongs its reign and defies alike the criticism or the resentment of foreign powers.

The case, the opening report of which we publish to-day in other columns, had a formal hearing in Richmond on Thursday last. It is that of R. D. Ogden, an Englishman by birth and an actor by profession. For some time before and after the outbreak of the war, Ogden resided at Mobile, and it is alleged—although that turns out to be in a measure immaterial to the issue before the court—that he there exercised the right of citizenship, by voting at one or more of the local elections. In November, 1861, Ogden came to Richmond under a professional engagement with the proprietor of the Richmond Theatre, and bearing at the same time credentials from the British Consul at Mobile, which vouched for his claims to be a British subject. Under the protection of his consular papers, Ogden was left to pursue his calling unmolested by the enrolling officers until the 1st of April of the present year, when he was drawn as a conscript and ordered to Camp Lee for military duty. His protests were altogether disregarded by the military authorities, and his consular certificate, he then learned for the first time, was utterly valueless, inasmuch as the so called British Consul, by whom it was signed, had no *exequatur* from the Confederate Government.

In presenting the case before the Richmond District Court last week, Mr. F. D. Hyatt, on behalf of the Confederate War Department, rested his case mainly upon the broad ground that the rule of Admiralty Courts in prize cases was applicable to all domiciled foreigners. war placed all the resident inhabitants of one country at war with all the resident inhabitants of the other. The person, the counsel contended, as well as the property of every resident foreigner of one belligerent country, was treated by the other as if the resident foreigner was a native-born citizen; and if domiciled foreigners did not want to be so regarded, they must leave as soon as war was declared. To sustain this view, Mr. Aylett cited Vattel, Wheaton, and others, at length, leaving almost out of sight any and every argument he might have founded on Ogden's alleged Confederate citizenship.

But the counsel was not content with merely presenting the law of the case, he dwelt strongly upon the policy involved in his decision. The refusal of Ogden, it seems, would cause the discharge of twenty thousand foreigners now held to involuntary service in the rebel armies. In holding these twenty thousand foreigners under the iron heel of military law, it is easy to see Davis gains vastly more than their mere service as conscripts; he holds a lever by which to press upon foreign powers a different recognition from what he has yet received. He spares the certificate of their consuls, to impress on them the necessity of their having his own *exequatur*.

He keeps these foreigners in his camp that they may swell the cry for recognition. Not a-bit shrewd, calculating plans been without their influence. We can see now, by the light of this Ogden case, a sufficiently strong reason for Lord Russell's repeated attempts to get safe conduct for a foreign office messenger to Richmond. We can see what a position Davis can impose the governments, whose subjects are at his mercy, to occupy, if these governments have demands to make upon him. He turns their consuls adrift without ceremony, and before he consents to any conference through other channels, he demands that his agents in Europe shall have fuller recognition, different treatment and higher consideration accorded to them. The device is one of no common ingenuity.

It is worth a moment's reflection now whether any other civil or military organization in the world, calling itself a government, would have thus ventured on trying the temper of regularly established and leading powers, by seizing their subjects, wholesale, for purposes of military service. England, at this crisis, does not appear to be too anxious to go to war. But, we venture to say, if the United States Government were to proclaim its rights to dispose of the lives and fortunes of all resident British subjects, as Jeff Davis' War Department has done, through its Solicitor, we should have a second war on hand before half of the remainder of the current year were out. It may be one of the particular privileges of an outlaw to operate as Davis finds audacity to do in the matter, but we should suppose that such things have their limit, and that even the ill-concealed sympathy of Western Europe for the cause of the Southern conspirators would not accord to them the right of absolute disposal over foreign residents—a right which the most barbarous of existing States has never been known to claim.

Application of England's Non-Intervention Policy to the Slave Trade.

[Correspondence of the N. Y. Times, 6th.]

The position taken by the English Ministry on the Dahlek question, is producing some curious results. It is generally looked upon at home as well as on the continent as a formal declaration that hereafter the English foreign policy is to be one of strict isolation; that she will rigidly refrain from all interference in the affairs of other nations, excepting advice and "protests;" and that she will in no case use either fleet or army, except for the purpose of warding off direct and palpable danger to her own possessions or interests. The London *Times* is in reality, or pretends to be, on the whole, well pleased with this decision, and proceeds to base on it an elaborate and sarcastic argument in favor of the total cessation, on the part of Great Britain, of any attempt to repress the Slave-trade. It declares that the measures of a squadron on the Coast of Africa, for the purpose of preventing the exportation of blacks, is a clear violation of the rule now laid down, as it is forcible interference in defence of foreign savages, whose condition, calamities and prospects are of no sort of concern to England, and to whom kidnapping and Slavery is after all, but one of the ordinary incidents of a life which is, at least, very miserable. It alleges that the English Government is in no way responsible for what happens to Africans, but it is responsible for the lives of Englishmen in its service, and that therefore it is open to the gravest censure every time an officer or sailor of the squadron falls a victim to the climate.

The great basis which is here made to bring about the practical application of this new morality by making it the means of releasing the slave trade from the trammels under which it labors at present, is one more proof of the rapid "advance" which the mind of a certain portion of the public in England is making on the question of slavery. The *Times* is so shrewd an observer of the drift of public opinion, and so ready to adapt its course to the current, that we may rely upon it this suggestion has not been thrown out without strong evidence of its acceptability to the class of which it is the organ. This class is generally known as the "upper middle class," or, in other words, the wealthy trading class—not badly represented by Messrs. Lindsay and Laird—with strong affiliations with more violent and younger members of the Tory party. I has frankly and fully adopted Mr. Cobden's theory of the folly of all foreign entanglements, but proposes to make deductions from it which he never dreamed of.

In the eyes of this class, the whole sphere of national obligations is limited by the duty of making money, and consequently, anything which interferes with money-making, is discarded as not only necessary, but hurtful. The value of slavery, as a means of keeping the cotton market supplied, has within the last few years not only removed all the objections which these men once had to it, but removed all shame about advocating and promoting its revival and extension. To them the Southern Confederacy is simply an immense machine for raising the "great staple." Political or humanitarian interest in it they have none. They are, consequently, just now very anxious to make the broad change in the British foreign policy instrumental in liberating "the peculiar form of industry" from its last fetters. The losses of "properly" sustained by the South during the present war have been so great that, even if they should succeed in securing their independence, their powers of production would, for some years, be greatly curtailed. Hence the desirability of removing all obstacles, such as the West African squadron, to the free supply of the labor market.

A New Presidential Movement.

The New York *Evening Post* publishes the call for a new National Convention on the 22d September, and says:

The time and place selected for holding this proposed Convention are, we think, very well chosen. It is put off to the 22d day of September, by which date we shall have got through with the military campaign which now properly engrosses the attention of the people, and the place, Buffalo, is as central as any in the North. But whether such a Convention will be needed or not will depend very much upon the action at Chicago. If a peace Democrat of the character and opinions of Valandigham should be nominated there, we do not see how the war Democrats, who may be unwilling to support Mr. Lincoln can be induced to give in their adhesion to the party. On the other hand, if a sound, honest, capable and earnest war Democrat should be nominated there, on the simple platform of "unconditional submission to the Constitution and the laws," it would go far toward rallying to his support all that part of the nation which is dissatisfied with the present administration of affairs. In the former event a new Convention would be requisite; in the latter apparently needless.

German Sentiment Towards the U. S. States.

From the Paris Correspondence of the N. Y. Times:

Paris, Tuesday, July 19, 1864.—During a few days' run into Germany I had occasion the other day to go into the Bourse at Frankfort-on-the-Maine. What I saw there did me good, and is worth telling about. Coming from Paris, where one hears none or little sympathy for the Union cause, where American stocks are not known, and where the Government journals teach the people that the American Government is on the verge of ruin, it was like one's self in the midst of many hundreds of bankers and brokers surrounding themselves from over American stocks. In a place where more American stocks are bought and sold in one day than of all the European stocks combined, and where such an interest is felt in the national cause that the agency of the Erlanger Loan in the Confederate Loan is charged against that house as almost a crime!

Surprise is expressed in Germany that the people of the United States should show such sympathy for Denmark in her struggle with Germany, since so large a proportion of the people of the United States are one-half of Germans, and others the interest of the (United States is so intimately united with the German people in Germany, they say, to a great and powerful

and intellectual nation, *without a navy or the power to build one*, and if the United States or England, or France, had been in their place, they would have fought for nothing long ago the Danish peninsula. The Germans deem it their right to possess a navy, and without ports this is impossible. Moreover, the present King of Denmark is a renegade German, who knows very well the rights of Germany upon Schleswig and Holstein, and who, in his secret thought, desires to foster the German Confederation. The Germans say, therefore, with reason, that the sympathy shown by the people of the United States for Denmark is based upon too abstract, too far-south a principle, in presence of the strong ties which bind German and American people.

The Proposed Cession of Sardinia to France.

The *Popolo d'Italia* of the 24 instant has an article on this subject, denouncing the treatment which the island has always received from the Central Government at Turin, and calling attention to the policy of Count Cavour, which all right-thinking men must condemn. The marriage took place by proxy at Nice, Rev. John Kaye, M. A., curate of Wroxhall, Warwickshire, officiating. The bride was given away in the absence of her noble father, by Capt. Frederick Grenville, a near friend.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Provost Court.—*Judge Warmoth, Presiding.*—Charles Hurst, of the 13th Massachusetts Battery, was fined $50 for assault and battery, having been arrested for abusing police officers.

Four stout men, two police officers and two soldiers, were charged with assaulting Thomas Lizzie Foster, who was charged with having pitched a pitcher full of liquor for some martial visitors. She admitted the fact. Fines, and went down 30 thirty days to expiate her offence.

John Rox, a laborer on the transport Mississippi, was tried for mutinous conduct and assault on officers of the vessel, inciting them, etc. The Court had no law on the subject, and discharged the accused.

Second District Recorder's Court.—A. F. Wendling, Esq., presiding.—John Weaver and half a dozen of his friends had been kicking up an uproarious row, and were placed under peace bonds in $200 each.

Wm. Gardner and Isaac Burgess had a small fight, which cost them $.

Mary Clancy, as a drunken vagrant, was sent to the Workhouse for thirty days.

Reserve Item.—A curious case was reported by officer Forbes of the police station, and vouched for by Mr. Phillips the ambulance boy as his informer. On Carondelet street Mr. Bell keeps an oyster saloon establishment for the preservation of dead bodies. Yesterday morning the body of a colored man was brought there by strangers that process for the gratification of the friends of the deceased. When the operator made an incision in one of the arms of the apparently dead man it was observed that the fluids were injected. Departure warriors were made and the body laid out for embalming across a lite and hearty man. In the evening he was missed from the burial avocations, satisfied that he robbed the embalmer a job on this occasion at least.

Frank Blair, Sen., Visits General McClellan.

[Correspondence of the New York Herald.]

Washington, August 3.—You have already advised your readers that Frank Blair, Sr., had been in New York, but although that fact antedates us yet as to his mission. That secret is now here. I appears that his mission was for the purpose of sounding General McClellan (1) Blair found, on his arrival in New York, that McClellan and wife were stopping with a friend on Thompson's Neck, in Westchester county. He immediately sent for him to meet him on his arrival there finds Mrs. McClellan, who informs him that the General was in the city that day, and that she was not expecting him. I get trace of him he retraces his steps, and succeeds in obtaining an interview with "Little Mac" at Barnum's City Hotel, and down to Blair. After exchanging the usual compliments of the day, Blair proceeds to business, and informs General McClellan "that his services are needed in the field, and that he will still have a command if the President or himself, stating that he has no political aspirations, and that *he will not allow his name to be used at the Chicago Convention if the President will give him McClellan an important command at once.* This may not have been the precise wording of Blair's statements in every particular, but it is the precise substance and purport of his statement. I understand that a reply was just such as an honorable man would be expected to give to such a proposition. As a matter of course, he declined making any bargain, and refused to write any letter to that effect. But it is said that he intimated that he, as a military officer, was under the orders of the President, and if the latter ordered him to the field he would have to obey. Thus Blair was compelled to return to Washington with a big flea in his ear.

England and Intervention.

[From the London Times, July 8.]

Two years ago, when the American war was yet young, there was a general wish among those who were scandalized at its excesses to bring the influence of European nations to bear on the combatants, and by an offer of mediation to compose the differences between North and South, either by a restoration of the Union under such arrangements or by a peaceful separation. This well intentioned scheme enlisted the sympathies of the best men of all classes, but did not satisfy their judgment. It was a matter in which the plain common sense of the English people proved wiser than the political experience of the French Emperor. That sovereign, whose decided opinions have ever been against the combinations of the coward, submitted to the British government a proposal for a joint offer of mediation, to which, if accepted by England, the assent of Russia and other Powers was to be asked. The French press dwelt upon the unnatural character of the war, the ruinous waste of life and treasure, and the improbability of an issue favorable to the Federals, or even of an end of any kind for a long term of years.

It was pointed out that the vast extent of the country, the equal bravery and valor of the two sections of the American people and the resources of the invaded community would for ever render the war most make this contest one of the most prolonged and desolating ever known. Not could humane men hear without regret the threats of confiscation and extermination which even then were muttered at Washington, or look without alarm at the wild schemes for raising money, possible only on the supposition of early success, which were initiated by Mr. Lincoln's Cabinet, and threatened to disorder the finances of the whole world. When the proposal of mediation was made to our own government there were accordingly many who thought that absolute inaction was hardly expedient, and that a nation so nearly connected with America as our own ought, at least, to make a further of good offices. The subject had, we doubt not, the long and attentive consideration of her Majesty's ministers, and the result was that, though agreeing for the most part with the Emperor of the French, *they came to the conclusion that up good could follow from a regular and formal offer of service.*

Now it is likely that the more preaching of English counsels and home could advise the Americans more *than the lessons which events are now reading them!* Can the remarks of Earl Cathcart on the "futility" of their enterprise convey to them any information which they do not receive from the position of their armies and the state of their currency? What statesman can moralize better than the despatches from the seat of war and from Wall street? Such intelligence as we have just received for instance, must make a deeper impression than anything that two suspected—we may almost say hated—European Powers can advance. General Grant, after losing probably half his original army, *is reduced to inaction. Sidney Johnston executes a raid threatens the Northern States*, in Georgia the contest is nothing permanently favorable, in the South-west the Confederates are slowly recovering their overrun territory, and the diminished armies of the North are scarcely strong enough to hold the central points which they seized in former campaigns.

The comment on all this is one which cannot be suspected of partiality. It is not ours, it is that of democrats or Southerners; it is that of the whole mercantile community. Gold by the latest advices had again risen to 270, in spite of the repeal of the gold bill and the active sale of Government stores. Europe is looked to to save the confidence of the country. This pusillanimous acquiescence explains sufficiently the real fear of any fighter. *Were paper money to lose immensely and rapidly depreciated it would probably be used to hasten any treasonable sale and.* The American currency is now reaching the point *where it must either be* depreciated or sustained even for vessels. Last week the premium on bills on London was 200 per cent., and gold was at 250 per cent. premium. Dealers ask 1 p. d'y.

Foreign Exchange was without any movement to establish a definite One of the Banks will draw Sterling at sight for payment in Legal Tender notes, another sells 110 (Gold. The quotations outside are 270@275, and 2.0 for private bills. France are quoted nominal at 5.25 for bankers and 5.12 1-2 for private bills. Private sterling may be bought at 109 1-2 for Gold.

Notes graughtred in Gold. Holders asked 2 0 premium for dollar, but purchasers for shipment could have been made at 270. We did not hear of a sale of Silver. Dealers pay .35 for the small lots of American half dollars offered at their counters, but round lots could have been bought under 1.0 or perhaps 245. Nothing further transpired in Mexican dollars since the sales reported yesterday at 260.

The stock market continued extremely dull, but the sales included 20 Shares Union Bank at —, 20 Bank of America, in two lots yesterday, at 0 1/2, and 9 City Bonds, Railroad issue, at 99. There was some enquiry for Consolidated at 102½, but holders asked higher.

Nothing of any moment transpired in Bank notes. $3,000 of Louisiana State Bank were sold yesterday at 5 per cent. premium. Dealers offer 2 0 per cent. per annum for Citizens', 1921 for Canal, 4 for Louisiana State, —@83 for Merchants' and Planters' and Union, 2 0 @ 0 dollar for Mercantile, 0 @ 0 for Bank of New Orleans and Bank of Louisiana, and 0 for Commercial City, but for round lots of any on the list buyers would have to pay higher terms. Our quotations are predicated on payment in Legal Tender notes which command a premium of 0 @ 0 per cent. over City Treasury notes, the latter being still the general medium of exchange in our local trade.

Late from Mobile Bay.

[From this morning's Era.]

The U. S. steamer James Battle, commanded by Captain Phillips, arrived at Pilot's dock Monday morning at Milneburg, having left Fort Gaines on Sunday morning at half past ten o'clock. Everything was progressing favorably for our cause over there.

FORT MORGAN TO BE OBSTINATELY DEFENDED.

By the arrival of deserters from Fort Morgan Admiral Farragut is advised that the rebel General Page, in command there, is determined to make an obstinate defense of the fort, and will not surrender it until he is forced to do so.

IRON CLADS AT WORK.

The monitors and the ram Tennessee have been engaged alternately in shelling the fort at intervals, but had not succeeded in provoking a reply. Whenever they can see men apparently working they throw a shell and scatter them, thus keeping up a continual annoyance.

THE ADMIRAL CONFIDENT.

We understand that Admiral Farragut is confident that success will crown our arms, and that we will have all the forts, and Mobile, too, in due time. We must have a little patience, and hope that the noble efforts of our navy and army in Mobile Bay may achieve all that the country can desire.

ARRIVAL OF DESERTERS.

We understand the James Battle brought over twelve or fifteen deserters from Fort Morgan, most of whom have taken the oath and have been released.

NEWS FROM MATAMORAS.

Bobinde Abandons the Juarist Cause, and Leaves the Country after Paying Cortinas $50,000 as a Ransom for His Life.

[From the Ranger's Times.]

By the arrival of the schooner Andromeda from the Rio Grande, which she left on the 13th, we have received the intelligence that Gen. Doblado and his staff left Matamoras on the 6th, in a sailing vessel, for Havana. He had no intimately united with the German people in Germany, they say, to a great and powerful

but just as he was going on board he was sent for by Col. Cortinas and taken back to Matamoras. A fine of fifty thousand dollars, in gold was imposed on him by Cortinas as a ransom to save his neck. If it had not been paid he would have been hung as a traitor.

It will be remembered that several weeks ago Doblado surrendered 2,700 of his men to the French Colonel Dupin, in command of the post at Matamoras, he is a brother of Gen. Cortinas.

A New York Democratic and Conservative Journal on Secret Political Societies.

[From the Albany Argus].

The evidence got up in regard to the alleged plot of a Northwestern Confederacy is said to embrace the existence of political secret societies, affiliated and reaching over many States. It would appear as if the political structure had been loosely combed and undermined by these subterranean organizations.

But if democrats have entered into any such societies, it is a great mistake on their part. It has ever been a trick of power to use for itself these secret combinations. Every one sees in it ropes the police organizer, inspires and dwells in the midst of these conspiracies. A secret society is a tangible, easily organized machine to be betrayed by wholesale. Whenever the time is ripened, there is a spy, if not at the head, at least in the soul of the movement. If it is hazard to conspire, the government informer will have the passions of the members to the starting point. The plots are ripened in government-houses, if they are not hatched there from the beginning. The people of this country are too intelligent, too free, too powerful, to be overthrown by secret societies, and if they all approved our policy (Democratic) it would be absurd to organize them. They would be absolutely powerless. I am a Democrat and have always voted the Democratic ticket. Throughout promised to take us South as soon as the Lincoln Army, and those who followed it, since I was with him. Wilkinson, Lander, Butler, Wadsworth, Sherman, Sheridan, Thomas, Meade, Grant, Rosecrans, Hooker, Howard, Hancock, Burnside, Sickles, Logan, Blair, Granger, Steele, Dodge, Smith, Ord, Kilpatrick, Custer, Merritt, Gregg, Wilson, Crook, Averell, Stoneman, Kautz, Schofield, Terry, Gillmore, Foster, Hunter, Pope, Banks, Canby, Weitzel, Ransom, Gibbon, Gordon