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TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 13.

The Sheriff sells at auction this day, at 10 o'clock A. M., at his warehouse, No. 23 Jefferson street, 21 District, household furniture, etc.

ORPHAN INFANTS' FAIR AT MASONIC HALL.—It was pleasing to observe this fair, organized in behalf of St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, open last night with encouraging indications of happy results. Let not those who go to amuse or refresh themselves on the city's great thoroughfare of pleasure forget the helpless little one whose tender feet have been led by bereavement and adversity to thorny paths and not to pleasant ways. By stopping into the fair they can obtain refreshment at reasonable cost, and with the delicious consciousness that it is not a barren self-indulgence, but a faithful charity.

Additional Orders Regarding Trade Regulations.

We gave in our last evening's edition a summary of the trade regulations framed by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Executive order relative to the purchase of produce of disloyal citizens of States, both documents dated Sept. 24, 1864.

Gen. Canby has issued a General Order from the Headquarters, Military Division of West Mississippi, dated New Orleans, La., Dec. 7 1864, promulgating the Executive Order above mentioned, and also an order from the War Department, Adjutant General's Office, enjoining upon all military commanders and soldiers the strict observance of the provisions of the said Executive Order.

The General Order of Gen. Canby then proceeds minutely and clearly to specify the modes, formalities, and conditions to be observed in carrying out the Executive and War Department orders in question. Among these specifications it is distinctly stated that no one conduct for any point on the tributaries of the Mississippi, or other inland waters, beyond the limits of actual occupation, will be effective, without the joint approval of the commander of the Mississippi, or West Gulf Blockading Squadron, and the Commander of the Division of West Mississippi; and that no permit or safe conduct to any point under the supervision of the Navy, will be effective without the approval of the Commander of the Naval District, or such other officer as may be designated by the Commander of the Division.

The 20th provision of Gen. Canby's order is relative to contraband, as follows:

The authority given to the Commanding Generals at Memphis and New Orleans, in paragraph 7, of this order, to let great permits and safe conducts for supplies, to the extent of one-third of the value of the products sold, and authorized (see 4th section of the Executive Order of September 24th, 1864) does not include the following articles, when being consumed of war, or prohibited by the orders of the Treasury Department, the Secretary of War, or the Commanding General of the Military Division, are not allowed, under any circumstances whatever, to pass beyond our lines: All ordnance; all munitions of every description; balls; shell; shot; powder; and the materials used in making it; lead; military pyrotechnics; and the materials used in their composition; gun carriages; ammunition wagons, and all military equipments; saddles; harness, and the leather and materials used in their manufacture; all articles of camp and garrison equipage; tents, and the materials for making them; camp kettles; mess pans; canteens; clothing and woolen cloth; woolen socks; blankets; boots and shoes, hats and caps, and the material for making them, and all machinery used in the fabrication of cannon or small arms, or other implements of war; wagons; ambulances; carts, and other vehicles; horses; mules; oxen, or any of all kinds; boats of all classes, and all other means of transportation, and the machinery used in their fabrication; steam engines and the propulsion of vessels; screw propellers; cylinders; shafts; boiler plates; tubes for fire and every component part of these engines, and the machinery used in their fabrication; rudders; wheels; tillers; sails; and sailcloth, cordage; rigging; anchors, and all other manufactured articles that may be used in building or equipping vessels, propelled either by steam or by sail.

Locomotive engines; railroad cars and trucks; axles; wheels; railroad iron; chairs and couplings; bolts; screws; and, in general, all machinery and materials designed for, and used on, the construction, equipment, repair, and operation of railroads.

Telegraph instruments; cable wire, and the cells and instruments used in the construction and operation of telegraph lines.

Drugs; medicines; chemicals; hospital and sanitary stores, and the instruments used in their preparation.

Cotton gins; cotton and wool cards, and the machinery used in preparing, spinning and weaving cotton and wool.

Gold and silver coin and bullion; foreign exchange, and all notes, bonds, bills, letters of credit, or other funds, or substitute for funds, except the currency of the United States, as prescribed.

Provisions and forage are contraband of war, which applied directly to the use of the enemy's troops, and the Commanding Generals at Memphis and New Orleans will limit the supply of these articles to the wants of the non-combatants of the districts, to which the supplies are to be confined, and will prohibit them altogether, whenever they have reason to believe that they are designed for, or will be converted to, the use of the rebel troops.

Additional and later by Telegraph

The Situation at Nashville—Fling of Truce from Hood to Thomas for Exchange of Prisoners—Measures Captured on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad—Reported Successful Attack on Shreveport, Bossier City, Minden—Gold on the 7th in. New York 244 1/2—Cotton 135 to 138.

[Special by Telegraph to the N. O. Times.

Nicyanza, Dec. 12.—The steamers Pauline Carroll and Wheeling down this morning with Western dates of 6th.

Nashville, Dec. 6.—Very little of interest transpired throughout the day. The usual routine was varied by the reception of a flag of truce sent in by Gen. Hood, which was received by our pickets on Franklin Pike at about 11 A. M. The bearer had the following letter from Gen. Hood:

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. TENNESSEE AND GEORGIA, IN THE FIELD, December 5, 1864.

To Commanding Officer, U. S. Forces, Nashville:

General—I have now in my possession a large number of Federal prisoners, captured during the recent campaign, which I propose to exchange with you for an equal number of Confederate prisoners belonging to the army, in accordance with the cartel made by major Gen. Sherman and myself in the exchange of prisoners which took place in September at Jonesboro, Ga. Should you agree to this proposition, an officer of my staff will meet any one you designate, upon the Franklin pike, between the lines of the two armies, to arrange the time and place and other necessary details connected with this exchange.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
J. B. HOOD, Gen. C. S. A.

To which Gen. Thomas sent the following reply:

Headquarters Dep'tment of the Cumberland, Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 5, 1864.

Gen. J. B. Hood, Commanding Confederate forces on Franklin Road:

General—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this date making proposition for the exchange of prisoners of the army of the United States, now in your possession, for a like number of Confederate prisoners belonging to your army in my hands. In reply, I have to state, that although I have had quite a number of prisoners from your army they have all been sent North, and are, consequently, now beyond my control. I am, therefore, unable to make the exchange proposed by you. Yours, &c.,

GEO. H. THOMAS,
Major General Commanding, &c.

New York, Dec. 6.—Richmond papers of Saturday contain an account of the recent rebel raid on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, when it is said to be in contained, and it is stated the captured at New Creek and Piedmont 800 prisoners, 7 cannons, 20 wagons and ambulances, 800 small arms, 150 horses, 1500 head of cattle, and a great amount of other property. The capture of Chambersburg, Western Virginia, by rebel cavalry, on last Tuesday night, is also claimed. A contraband raid on Lee & Company, and into Chesters, S. C., on the 30th.

It is reported that the rebels are said to have destroyed or carried off considerable property.

It was reported yesterday that Gen. Hardee had attacked the enemy and drove them some distance, leaving their dead and wounded in our hands.

New York, Dec. 7.—Gold's quote at 21 20 to 1 30 for speeding. Gold opened at 241, and closed at 241 @.

(From the New Orleans Era, last evening.)

Sherman in Savannah.

At a late hour last night we received intelligence that Gen. Sherman had reached and occupied Savannah, Georgia.

The source from which we obtain this intelligence leaves us no room to doubt it.—*Times of this morning.*

As no such news had been received at Gen. Canby's headquarters at 11 o'clock this morning, we suppose the "grapevine" telegraph has been reopened and put in working order, and our contemporary favored with the first dispatch over the line.

The Execution of Muller.

HIS FINAL CONFESSION—ONE POWERFUL PRESSURE OF GERMAN INFLUENCE IN HIS FAVOR.

Muller was hanged in front of Newgate Jail, in London, on Monday morning, November 14. At the last moment he confessed the murder of Mr. Briggs.

The following are published as the precise words of the final conversation between Muller and Dr. Cappel. It was in German, of which the following is a translation:

Dr. Cappel—Muller, in a few minutes you will stand before God; I ask you again, and for the last time: Are you guilty or innocent?

Muller—I am innocent.

Dr. Cappel—You are innocent.

Muller—God knows what I have done.

Dr. Cappel—God knows what you have done. Does he know also that you have committed this crime?

Muller—*Yes, I did it.*

At the hour fixed for execution not less than one hundred thousand persons had assembled.

Advices from Germany report great excitement on account of the execution of Muller. The conduct of the British Government was bitterly denounced, and it was thought at Berlin that there was danger for a time of an attack on the British Legation. The German people firmly believed in Muller's innocence. The first accounts published in Berlin of the execution made no allusion to Muller's confession but it was subsequently announced, and of course had a tranquilizing effect.

Among the comments of the English press on the Muller case and its surroundings are the following from the *European Times* (Liverpool) of November 19, which will serve to indicate their general tenor:

It is impossible to read the appalling scenes which the execution of Muller brought out without feeling that the time is not far distant when some other mode of punishing great criminals must supersede the existing one. The following passage we take from the account of the proceedings on the morning of the 14th in the *Daily News*: "There were," says the writer, "besides thieves and prostitutes, workmen of different grades, and philanthropic and professional observers at this execution. But, after carefully estimating the behavior of the crowd, we declare it to be saintly, decent, and devilish. We cannot recall a single redeeming incident, or quote either a word or look of pity for the poor soul gone to judgment, and, in reserving to our experience of 1849, we do not wish a scene of shame and unutterable loathing and humiliation, such as would be evoked by no other spectacle on earth. This is a horrible picture, but there is no exaggeration in it. Mr. Charles Dickens's description of the crowd at the execution of the Manings, some fifteen years ago, was exactly similar in spirit, and London ruffianism had not deteriorated in the interval so far. The prevailing feeling at those sights is that of base enjoyment at the taking away of human life; and a public execution is nothing better than the mélée's and murderers' saturnalia. The stir which was made to save the life of Muller had in it a kind of sentimental folly, bordering on enthusiasm, which a ruffian of a deeper dye would have failed to evoke. His youth, his effeminate appearance, his soft manners, and his deep cunning, obtained a number of credulous people to adopt the belief that he was innocent; but the tenderness for a man who would have been repelled in the case of a more brute-looking and revolting villain.

If the philanthropists and well meaning simpletons who have been encompassing the Home-Office to save this criminal from the consequences of his guilt, have taken a lesson to heart which they have received in the public case of Muller, all experience must be lost upon them. The German Legal Procedure theory held, very erroneously, we think, that the character of a countryman being at stake, his responsibility involved more or less in their own; and had it not been for the fixed nerve of the Judges who presided at the trial, backed by the unanimous opinion of the public, the gallows might have been defrauded, and criminal law would have received a terrible shock.

The Muller trial and execution have brought to another climax the question of the right of appeal to the Home Secretary. It appears incredible it it was not so well authenticated, that it now appears, on the testimony of Mr. Briggs, the son of the murdered gentleman, that some of the members of the German Society called at the residence, and requested to see Mrs. Briggs. This was declined, but to one of the question, and albrother of the writer had an interview with them, the time being half-past ten on the Sunday night preceding the execution of the following morning. They first announced that the family of Mr. Briggs were dissatisfied with the verdict, and when this impression was removed, they constituted for three quarters of an hour to badger the young man with all the *ex parte* statements which they had picked up relative to Muller's assumed innocence, and ended by entreating that the son of the murdered man would accompany them in a cab which was waiting to Mr. G. Grey, and plead personally with the prisoner night as respite. Anything more indelicate and barefaced than this course of procedure has never been heard of, and the feelings of the persons who made such a shameful request were not to be saved when they found the next morning that the culprit had confessed his crime. It is hardly to be wondered at that responsible Germans in London are heartily ashamed of their *confrères*, and the exteme to which this impudent system of dictation was carried may be inferred from the fact, that the Duke of Saxe Weimar and Saxe Coburg Gotha, and even the King of Prussia, sent telegrams as to the life of Queen at Windsor Castle, urging the respite of the murderer!

Still more German feel any sense of shame for the part they every rallies belonging to "Fatherland" to have their names signed to him? Another German, named Kohl, is now in custody charged with the murder of a brother-in-law, Mr. Philpot, at Peasland, near Woolwich, under circumstances even more revolting and horrible than those which accompanied the murder of Mr. Briggs. The poor fellow's head was completely severed from his body, and was buried in a spot not far removed from that where the trunk was found. This, too, is one of circumstantial evidence, but the links in the chain which connect Kohl with the crime are more nearly brought out every day, and to prove his guilt, or possibly is the foul deed, Kohl will evidently require all the aid which the German Legal Society can give him, and to all the influence which German princes, backed by the King of Prussia, can exercise at Windsor Castle. As in the case of Muller, the murder was prompted by the lowest cupidity—the possession of from £7 to £8 sovereigns which were seen in the murdered man's possession shortly before his decapitation, and a few shillings which he had pocketed away in the prisoner's hoses.

The Legislature.

MONDAY, December 12, 1864.

The *Senate* was called to order at the usual hour.

The Committee on Parochial affairs reported favorably on the bill relative to Militia Districts.

A resolution relative to the Senators casting lots for the long and short term, was taken from the table and laid over under the rules.

A member gave notice that he would introduce a bill to change the first regular session of the Legislature.

The Senate then took up the militia bill and was engaged at this when a motion was carried to adjourn.

The *House* was called to order at the usual hour.

A memorial from the bragas pilots at S. W. Pass asking for an increase of pilotage on vessels was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufacturers.

A resolution was adopted instructing the warrant clerk to draw separate warrants for each of the members and clerks of this House.

A petition from J. C. Pendergast, former editor of the *Daily Orleanean* newspaper, for advertising Tax sales for the city of New Orleans asking to be paid for the same was referred.

The Judiciary Committee reported favorably on a number of bills which were referred to it. The bill were made the order of the day for Wednesday.

The Committee on Internal Improvements reported that it had found the Madison Gulf Railroad, as now conducted, had ceased to be a public convenience, and would introduce a resolution rescinding the charter of the Company.

The same Committee reported that it had not received an answer to the communication it had addressed to the President of the City Railroad, and recommended the adoption of a resolution authorizing the Sergeant-at-Arms to arrest Mr. Hart, the President of the N. O. City Railroad Company, and detain him until he shall have complied with the request of the Committee relative to certain papers. Both reports were adopted.

A number of bills were read a third time and disposed with their titles.

The House then adjourned.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Bad Conduct in Court.—When the jury was about being impannelled in the First District Court on a murder trial, one of the jurors had passed through the ordeal of the voir dire. He had answered all the searching questions of the Attorney General and been accepted on the State. When tendered to the defense and about being sworn,