

over \$2,500,000 last week, at the Philadelphia agency. It is safe to say that Secretary Chase has decided that in no event will he come into the market for a loan anything below par. The recent wonderful success of the 5-20 loan almost inclines the Secretary to trust to that alone for present emergencies. The receipts of the Internal Revenue bill were last week \$1,000,000.

March 23.—A despatch from Columbus, Ky., received from a competent hand, reports, on the authority of a captain belonging to John Morgan's staff, the capture of Fort Pemberton, on the Tallahatchie river, by the Yazoo Pass Expedition, with a few prisoners.

March 23.—Admiral Porter's despatch says that he has received information from Lieutenant-Commander Watson Smith on the instant, that the whole Yazoo Pass Expedition had arrived in the Tallahatchie, which gives us control of the head of Mississippi. The vessels were all got through in fighting condition, excepting the *Petrel*, which lost her wheel entirely. This movement of the fleet has evidently alarmed the rebels, as they are energetically at work preparing themselves against contingencies.

March 23.—Hawker's system of furloughs is found to work so well that it will be adopted permanently. The regulations for infringements have been so severely administered that the officers and men return promptly at the expiration of their leave.

57 of our cavalry were killed or wounded and 22 taken prisoners in the recent brilliant fight at Kelly's Ford. The returning civilian prisoners were furnished with clothing and transportation to their homes.

Today Gen Heintzelman is likely to succeed Gen Slocum in the Department of Missouri.

The report of the Committee on the Conduct of the War will be made on April 4. It is said to contain evidence compelling the court-martial of at least one officer of rank.

March 23.—Judges Coster, Ohio, and Wylie organized a District Sanitary Court-day. J. Meigs was installed Clerk. The official announcement was made that no lawyer is permitted to practice in the Court who has not taken the stringent oath of allegiance. This produced a sensation among the Washington lawyers.

The War Department is overwhelmed with applications for positions in the regular regiments. The success of the Florida expedition [Black brigade] has given a great impetus to this movement.

Murfreesboro, March 23.—Within the last few days the enemy has undertaken several reconnoisseances, running eastwardly along the railroad along the entire front. The rebels do not appear anxious to bring on a general engagement. We expect, with 3,000 mounted men, half advanced to Middleburg, 10 miles beyond our posts. Forest is still with Van Dorn, whose whereabouts is not definitely known. Morgan, who has crossed over, has been camped on Snow Hill, 13 miles beyond Liberty, on our left.

Cairo, March 23.—Memphis papers of Saturday report that another vessel, an express, was being opened from the M. & M. across the river. It was reported to have been captured by the rebels, but was probably lost. Several thousand rebels are now at Corinth, and more are coming. An early campaign is looked for in Kentucky.

Washington, March 23.—It is estimated to dry weather there will be an increase with reflected showers. The rebels are now leaving 1500 or 1600 men in the rear of the advance on the Rappahannock's bridges. An article in a Richmond paper says that the rebels are inclined to attack the Rappahannock, and to cross the river at Fredericksburg.

Philadelphia, March 23.—The rebels are still holding the fortifications of the Vicksburg road, and are making preparations to bring on a general engagement. The water was rising into the lake at a rapid rate. The Post office at Greenwood is still held in check by the rebel battery.

Washington, March 24.—The rebels are stronger here than the rebels preparing to fall back from Fredericksburg. Their advances, if not to retake Port Hudson, must itself, which begins to be talk of as possible.

Advices from Admiral Porter state that when the last damage turned Major Lee's back to the blockade of Vicksburg the rebels again made a furious反攻 upon it that proved a great success, exciting the bursting of some of the rebels' large guns, and wounding quite a number of the rebel soldiers.

The Government has information that the leading rebels, including such prominent men as Judah P. Benjamin, are converting their available property into foreign exchange.

Syracuse, March 24.—The body of Gen. Sumner was removed from his residence to the City Hall this morning, where it remains in state. During the day it was visited by thousands. The funeral will take place to-morrow.

New York, March 24.—The despatch to Washington yesterday, from Southeast Pass, La., the 15, should read as follows:

"Commodore Farragut, leading in the Hartford, passed the Port Hudson batteries at 11 last night."

Philadelphia, March 24.—Jay Cook, subscription agent, announces the conversion of \$1,200,000 of legal tenders into 5% to-day.

St. Louis, March 24.—Marmaduke's retreat to Arkansas is confirmed via Pilot Knob.

Cincinnati, March 24.—Gen. Buell and staff arrived at this city this morning. A large crowd welcomed him and he made a short speech, which was much lauded—6,000 of his old army corps are expected to reach here to-morrow.

Cairo, March 24.—We have just received the following communication from Lieut. Commander Breese, dated Blackhawk, March 19. The Admiral has not through Steel's and Black Bayou, with five iron-clads, into the Pass, and is into Deep Creek, making all haste for the Yucatan, and doubtless is there now.

Chicago, March 25.—The Times' special despatch, just received from Memphis the 23d, says: The steamer *Swallow* arrived to-day from Yonca's Point, having left there Friday. Her officers report that Admiral Farragut had run the batteries at Port Hudson, last week, with seven of his iron-clads. Four of the vessels were left at the mouth of the Red river, and the other three came to Warrington.

At Hard Times Point the Indianola was discovered and recaptured without resistance. The rebels had been at work on her, and she was nearly ready for service. The ram Queen of the West, is at Black river, on the Mississippi side, out of the reach of our boats.

New York, March 25.—The Times' despatch says refugees who arrived within our lines yesterday, confirm the statement that the rebel army is falling back from Fredericksburg, being massed within the

fortifications before Richmond. They state the entire force left Fredericksburg on Monday night was only 8,000; they also confirm the news that gun-making machinery and ordnance stores were being rapidly removed from Richmond into Georgia, and that the withdrawal of families from that city had fully set in and sales of property are being forced at ruinous prices.

It is also stated that the Richmond rebels from 400 to 500 killed and wounded in the recent engagement of cavalry forces with Gen. Averill.

One great duty which Burnside is charged with in his new Department is to defend Kentucky from the approaching rebel invasion. He will be furnished with an ample force for that purpose, and should circumstances favor, may also operate with Rosecrans in Middle Tennessee.

Washington, March 25.—The following despatches have been received by Secretary Welles, from Cairo, the 24: We have just received the following communication from Lieutenant-Commander Breese, dated Blackhawk, March 20: "The Hartford is below W. Greenup, and Admiral Farragut's secretary came on board this morning, en route to Admiral Porter. It will take him at least a week to communicate and get back. He says the Hartford passed the force, but the others were repelled—Our vessel was run in flames, which is believed to be the Mississippi." A.M. Passages, Fleet Capt. Commanding.

Lee's Richmond preparations to break up the majority of his forces. One of them is to make the people believe on two accounts. The Executive states that nothing is held by their master but the abandoned fort and soil for that master. It says that the rebels' *descendents* expect their master to follow the marching out of the rolling, noisy army of home, etc., their running has been reduced to 10 miles an hour. The numbers in Virginia on the part of giving out.

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