

with from New Ironsides, and ordered to the Yantic.

Second Asst. Engineer F. G. Coggan, from the South Atlantic Squadron, and waiting orders.

Acting Ensign John Blitz, from the store bark Ironsides and ordered North. Acting Ensign Richmond Daggett, from the Pawnee and a leave of absence for thirty days granted.

Confirmed—Acting Ensign, J. F. Kavanaugh, and ordered to the Racer; Acting Ensign E. H. Frisbie, and ordered to the Nipsic; Acting Ensign H. G. Seaman, and ordered to the Lehigh; Acting Ensign Chas. F. Moore, and ordered to the South Atlantic Squadron; Acting Ensign Jas. E. Huriburt, and ordered to the Massachusetts; Acting Ensign Jos. Richardson, and detached from the Massachusetts and ordered to the South Atlantic Squadron; Acting Master Wm. H. Latham, of the Flag, to Acting Volunteer Lieutenant; Acting Acting Master Alvin Phinney, commanding the Racer, to Acting Volunteer Lieutenant.

Admiral Dahlgren reports the capture of the prize sloop Hope, of Nassau, while attempting to run out of Sapelo, on the 10th of July, by the United States steamer Ladona, under command of Acting Volunteer Lieutenant George E. Welch. Also, the capture of the prize sloop Sarah May, of Nassau, on the night of the 26th of June, ultimo, by the United States steamer Norfolk Packet, Acting Ensign George N. Wood, commanding, and a list of the officers and men entitled to share. The cargoes will be sent to Philadelphia for adjudication.

A letter recently received from the surgeon of the Water Witch, per flag of truce, states that he was uninjured. He, with his fellow officers, are in the naval hospital at Savannah, and the wounded ones are under his professional care. He says:—The number of wounded in the engagement was thirteen, of whom seven were officers. Besides these, one was killed. The party that captured us lost six killed and ten wounded. Our wounded are all doing well and likely to recover. Paymaster Billings gained the admiration of friend and foe by his gallant conduct. He received a sabre stroke over the head, which stunned him for the time and left a wound, but not a serious one.

The fleet off Mobile consists of the following vessels:—Hartford (flag-ship), 20 guns; Richmond, 18; Brooklyn, 24; Monongahela, 12; Lackawanna, 14; Oneida, 10; Metacomet, 10; Genesee, 8; Sabago, 10; Port Royal, 8; Kennebec, 5; Pinola, 4; Itasca, 4; Pembina, 6; Penquin, 7; Tennessee, 5; Conemaugh, 9; Ossipee, 73; Galena, 14; Cowslip, Phillipi, Gloscon, Jasmine, Backthorn, tugs. The Manhattan was to arrive about the middle of August, she being at Pensacola, coaling.

We understand that in accordance with the request of Rear Admiral Dahlgren, the officers and men of the United States steamer Acacia, now in this harbor, have each contributed one day's pay in behalf of the National Sailors' Fair, soon to be held in Boston.

MOBILE.

The glorious news from Mobile caused every patriotic heart to thrill with joy. Admiral Farragut's praises are in all mouths. His achievements thus far seem almost incredible. With only six iron-clads and a small wooden fleet, he has taken formidable forts which he was obliged to operate against at great disadvantage, and captured, sunk or beached the whole rebel fleet, one vessel alone escaping with considerable damage. The formidable Tennessee, the boast of the rebels, the Mobile bugbear, was among those overcome. So much having been so unexpectedly accomplished, we may now look for news of the speedy capture of the city. If it is not taken the operations will weaken Gen. Hood's strength, for a large garrison is necessary for Mobile with Admiral Farragut before it.

The news was received here with great rejoicings. A salute was fired from Fort Welles on Monday, in accordance with an order from headquarters which we publish elsewhere.

The navy fired a salute the following day.

The steamship Arago, lying at the pier, was gallily decked out with flags.

BRILLIANT NAVAL FEAT.

Capture of a County Meeting by an Expedition from the Saratoga.

The following order was issued by Admiral Dahlgren on Tuesday. In addition to the captures therein mentioned, we learn that quite a number of horses and some buggies and other vehicles were among the spoils brought away by the party. A number of slaves were also brought away with their masters:

ORDER NO. 63.

FLAG STEAMER "PHILADELPHIA,"

PORT ROYAL HARBOR, S. C., August 15, 1864.

Captain Colvocoressis, commanding U. S. Sloop of War Saratoga, has recently effected the capture of a County Meeting in McIntosh County, in an exceedingly creditable manner to himself and his party.

The Rebel Colonel Gaudin, commanding the Coast Guard, ordered a meeting of the Reserve Militia of McIntosh County, on the 3d of August, at the County Court House.

Captain Colvocoressis having been favored with a sight of the notice in a Savannah paper, and feeling considerable interest in the object of the meeting, concluded that he would attend it also,—which he did with a number of U. S. citizens, serving at the time on board the U. S. S. Saratoga, as officers, seamen, and marines.

Having a considerable distance to go by land and water, Captain Colvocoressis started from his ship the day before, and after a night's march reached Sapelo bridge, where he stationed a small party under Boatswain Phillip J. Miller, to intercept a party of cavalry said to be in the rear, and also to prevent the escape of fugitives. The main body then proceeded some miles further towards the Court House, where it was divided and placed so as to surround the building, but concealed from view.

When the appointed time arrived Mr. Miller set fire to the bridge, and at the signal the main body rushed out and joined the meeting: soon after Mr. Miller arrived with some citizens that he had picked up by the way.

Captain Colvocoressis then read to the meeting from the newspaper the order of Col. Gaudin for their assembling, and regretting that the Colonel had failed to attend, he invited the meeting to accompany him, which they did, and arrived safely on board the Saratoga, where they met daily under the U. S. Flag.

Colonel Gaudin has since published a statement in which he professes himself to be much humiliated by the occurrence; for which there is no occasion, as his friends are in better company than they were before.

He also pays his compliments to Capt. Colvocoressis and says that "when he calls to see him again, he (Col. G.) shall be at home, and will try to give him a more respectful reception."

I think I can answer for Capt. Colvocoressis, that he duly appreciates the Colonel's politeness and will endeavor to reciprocate.

The whole affair does great credit to Capt. Colvocoressis, his officers and men. With him were Acting Ensigns Edward Rogers and Geo. O. Fabens; Boatswain Phillip J. Miller; Acting Master's Mates, Wm. A. Stannard and Thomas Dalton. Acting Capt's. Clerk, John W. McKeynolds, and Dr. Winthrop Butler; and I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to him, to them, and to the men.

Commanders of Vessels will have this Order read on the Quarter Deck to all hands, the day after its reception.

JOHN A. DAHLGREN,

Rear Admiral, Commanding South Atlantic Blockading Squadron.

A CASE OF RESTITUTION FOR INJURY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

The following correspondence explains itself:

HILTON HEAD, Aug. 15, 1864.

Major-Gen. Foster, commanding Department of the South: Dear General—Enclosed you will find \$16, which you will use as, in your judgment, you may think best. It is restitution for injury done to the U. S. Government. The injury was done in the Department of the South, and hence the reason I send the money to you who command this Department.

By no positive supposition can you ever know the name of the party making the restitution, nor can you ever know the circumstances of the case.

The knowledge of the fact was obtained through the Catholic confessional, the secret of which is inviolable. The sum, though small, compensates the Government to the last fraction for the injury done.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this, and oblige. Yours, Respectfully,

JAMES HASSON, Chaplain.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPT OF THE SOUTH,

HILTON HEAD, S. C., Aug. 15, 1864.

Rev. James Hasson, Catholic Chaplain: Dear Sir—I have received your note of this day with its enclosure of \$16, which is restored to the United States by some person, as a just restitution for the injury

done; the acknowledgment of the fault having been made in the confessional, and the reparation made through you.

Please accept my thanks. Very Respectfully Yours,

(Signed)

J. G. FOSTER,
Major-General Comd'g.

OUR PRISONERS IN REBEL HANDS.

The Enemy Anxious to Exchange.

By extracts from rebel papers it will be seen that the rebels are anticipating another exchange of the prisoners at Charleston. We also learn that Gen. Jones is anxious to exchange all the Federal prisoners in his hands, and has been empowered by his government to make the exchange. There are 39,000 Federal prisoners at Andersonville, where they are horribly treated, and are dying at the rate of forty a day. While it may not seem politic to return that number of able-bodied rebels to the enemy, humanity seems to demand that our suffering officers and men in rebel hands should be relieved if possible, and we hope that Gen. Foster may be empowered by the Government to make the exchange, certain that we shall not lose by a good action, even if the enemy's strength is increased thereby.

There are also 600 prisoners at Savannah, whom the rebel authorities seem anxious to exchange.

We presume that Gen. Foster has represented the case at Washington, and that we shall soon know the result.

DEFENCES OF HILTON HEAD AND BEAUFORT TO BE STRENGTHENED.

An attack on Hilton Head or Beaufort would be welcome at any time, by the troops, who are ready for any force the rebels can bring. But to render the defence of these posts practicable by a small number of troops, it is probable that instead of occupying the forces now here in expeditions, Gen. Foster will occupy them in strengthening the defences of these two islands.

The works near the upper sally-port have already been extended, and a large citadel constructed in the center. Another will probably be built near Mitchellville, and one at Beaufort.

These improvements will render it easy for a small number of men to hold the posts, so that portions of the forces can be engaged on other duty.

THE JOHN RICE arrived here from Fortress Monroe on Monday, but brought no later news. She is to return this morning.

RECRUITING FOR NORTHERN STATE QUOTAS goes on but slowly. Massachusetts, we believe, got the first recruit, and has obtained the largest number. The officers sent here for that State are, Lt.-Col. J. Rice, Assistant Provost Marshal; Major E. A. Albee, Paymaster, and Capt. H. B. Nottage, Assistant Adjutant General. There are numerous other agents of States, counties, and cities.

THE N. Y. TRIBUNE, inadvertently of course, heads its news from the Department of the South, "Gen. Hatch's Department." The Tribune scarcely needs to be informed that Major Gen. J. G. Foster is in command of this Department, and that Brig. Gen. J. P. Hatch, formerly in command of the Department, and subsequently of Hilton Head District, now commands the District of Florida, having succeeded Brig. Gen. Wm. Birney.

FIRE BRIGADE.—An important order in relation to the enrollment of citizens liable to do duty in the Fire Brigade, is published in another column.

LIEUT.-COL. C. E. FULLER, formerly Chief Quartermaster of this Department, and who went North with the Tenth Army Corps, has been appointed Chief Quartermaster of the Department of Virginia and North Carolina.

FROM FLORIDA.—Gen. Hatch left on an expedition on the 15th, but we have no news from it as yet.

THE U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION are in their old quarters near the head of the pier.

PERSONAL.—Capt. H. R. Clum, Chief Signal Officer, and Lieut. Paul Brodie, Signal Corps, have been relieved from duty here, and ordered to report at Washington. They will probably sail in the Arago. Capt. Clum is succeeded here by Capt. Jessie Merrill, as Chief Signal Officer.

THE POST BAND, we are pleased to learn, is soon to be recruited up again.

THE THEATER has been opened during the past week for a minstrel and a dramatic performance, both of which were well patronized.

IN our mention last week of the absence of Dr. W. M. Walsh, we omitted to state that Dr. J. B. McAuley is acting in his place while he is away.

THE TRADE RESTRICTIONS.—Mr. John H. Pillsbury, Asst. Special Agent of the Treasury Department, announces by advertisement in another column that the present restrictions on trade to other ports in this Department are only temporary, to last until new regulations are issued.

REV. JAMES LYNCH will exhibit a series of Bible and miscellaneous pictures at the church of the Christian Commission, Monday night.

DRUGS AND MEDICINES!!
Just landed from New York, a large assortment of Drugs, Chemicals, and Perfumery, viz. Lubi's Extracts, Edrith's, do.; Colognes, Pomades, Hair tonics of the finest quality, Tooth Powder, Pastes and Washes.
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ST. HELENA AND TYBER ISLANDS,
HILTON HEAD, S. C., August 16, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 26.

THE PROVOST MARSHAL WILL CAUSE an enrollment to be made of all Citizens at this Post liable to duty in the Fire Brigade. All Citizens so enrolled will be under the control of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Brigade, and subject to his orders. They will turn out in all cases of alarm of fire. Neglect of duty in this respect will render them liable to arrest and punishment.
By Order of Brig.-Gen. E. E. POTTER.
WM. C. MANNING,
1st Lt. and A. A. G.

PHOTOGRAPH OF GRANT ON HORSEBACK.—A capital thing, suitable for albums. For sale at
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