

The American Consul at Matamoras writes that a large number of Unionists are organized on the Rio Grande near Brownsville. It is announced that the destination of Banks' expedition to Texas produced the organization.

The storm of Wednesday was the most severe experienced by the army of the Potomac. The Federal cavalry have cleared out a number of guerilla parties in the eastern counties of North Carolina.

JAN. 30.—A letter from Havana states that the Confederate pirate Flenda, alias Oveita, sailed from thence on the 22nd, and when four miles off the port robbed and burned the brig *Windward* laden with molasses, for Portland. The next day she burned the brig *Cara Anna*, of Machias, Maine, from Philadelphia, laden with box shooks. Soon after she destroyed two more brigs just from Cardenas and when last seen she was flying the British ensign, steering towards the Bahama Islands.

A Spanish man-of-war fired into the Federal steam ship *Raney*, when a short distance from Havana. The *Raney* returned to the port of Havana, and the Federal gunboat *Oveida* conveyed her out to sea again.

The *New York Times* editorially states that Horace Greeley entered into personal negotiations with M. Mercier, the French Minister at Washington, to promote intervention on the part of the French Government.

The British steamship *Rising Dawn*, from Nassau, N. P., has been captured by the Federals, in an attempt to run the Southern blockade. The schr. *Weiman*, with cotton, was captured by a Federal man-of-war while running out of Charleston harbor. The steamer *Tropic*, formerly the *Huntress*, was destroyed by fire while attempting to run the blockade.

The British steamship *Pearl* was captured off the Bahama Islands and had arrived at Key West. It is reported Gen. McClelland's forces had landed on the Louisiana side of the Mississippi River, in view of Vicksburg. Two brigades were opening the "Cut off," the river being full. Gen. Weitzell has captured and blew up the Confederate gunboat *Cotton*, in Bayou Teche.

The arrest of a newspaper proprietor in Philadelphia, Penn., has caused much excitement in that city and in the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania. Admiral Goldsboro's despatch reports 92 sail, including several iron-clads, in Beaufort harbor. A French division consisting of 14,000 men, which was near Puebla, had retreated to Orisaba.

FEB. 2.—A letter dated Nassau, N. P., January 19th, 1863, states that there are in that port the steamers 'Gladiator,' 'Douro' and 'Flora,' blockade runners. The steamer 'Leopard' had arrived at Nassau from Charleston, S. C., with a cargo of cotton. Hogg Island, below Nassau, is lined with vesels, laden with contraband cargoes, bound to Southern ports. Intense Southern sympathy pervades Nassau, from the Governor down. Vessels from New York bring full cargoes, which are shipped to Southern ports. A barque from New York brought a cargo of coal to Messrs. Adderly & Co., and discharged a part of the same into one of the blockade runners lying in port.

A letter from Fortress Monroe says the Confederates had crossed the Blackwater, when General Peck sent a force out against them, driving them back with severe loss. Federals lost forty killed and wounded in the encounter. Count Mercier denies participation in any intervention scheme.

It is reported that the Confederates have commissioned agents at St. Thomas, Bermuda, Kingston, Jam., and the principal ports on the Spanish Main.

Evening.—Blackwater fight was between Confederate General Pryor, with five regiments infantry, nine hundred cavalry, and fourteen pieces artillery. Federal force under General Corcoran routed them from all their positions.

Federal fleet left Beaufort, N. C., for Port Royal consisting of sixty army steam transports with about seventy thousand men 150 schooners, with artillery, &c., would leave speedily.

Charleston despatch says Federal gunboat I. P. Smith, 11 guns, surrendered on Friday after sharp engagement at Stone River. Federal loss heavy. Another gunboat escaped crippled.

Reported that Burnside has been offered command of New Department, consisting of North and South Carolina.

Federal scouting party captured a steamer and three hundred prisoners at Van Buren, Arkansas.

FLOUR.—Super. \$7 to 7.35; Extra, 7.55 to 7.75. Gold. 159.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The office of Leonard Scott & Co., New York, with all the back numbers of the *Reviews*, Blackwood, &c., was lately destroyed by fire.

NORTHERNS RUNNING THE BLOCKADE.—Parties in New England have been extensively engaged in manufacturing and selling to the rebels shoes and other goods, which are shipped first to Canada, and from thence to Nassau, where they are re-shipped in small vessels to run the blockade.

FEDERAL DISCONTENT.—A bill has passed the Federal House of Representatives providing that no money be paid to civilians in the employment of the Government, until the arrears due to soldiers are paid. The amount due them is said to exceed \$50,000,000. They are being paid off at the rate of \$50,000 a day. The measure is principally due to the dissatisfaction which exists in the Army of the Potomac owing to arrears. An influential New York paper says that on this account the "soldiers were on the verge of demoralization."

The *New York Express* has given the Administration notice that, hereafter, the arrest of traitors in that State will be resisted by the whole democratic party, aided by the democracy of New Jersey and Connecticut.

The Stevedores of New York who stowed the relief fund on board the American ship *George Griswold*, sent their bill of \$670 to the committee received, being their offering to the distressed operatives in England.

John Anderson, the fugitive slave, whose case once excited so much interest in Toronto, is about to leave England for Liberia, where he intends to settle. He has received a substantial education at a school in Somersetshire, where he was boarded at the expense of the Anti-Slavery Society.

SOUTHERN MARKETS.—The *Recorder* says. We have to thank a friend for a Wilmington, N. C., paper of the 7th. It contains little interesting matter. The following is a quotation of the markets in that State:—Bacon, 80c. per lb. for hog round; butter, \$1 per lb.; Corn meal is wanted, and the market is almost, if not quite bare—\$3, 25 per bushel. Eggs 64 to 75 cts. per dozen. Flour—the stock is very light—superfine \$31 to \$32, and family at \$33 to \$34 per barrel. Lard—45c. per lb. Molasses—New Orleans, \$3 25 per gallon by the barrel. Sugar retailing at 75c. to \$1 per lb. Poultry—Fowls, 75 cents each; Turkeys \$1.50 to \$2.50 each. Salt—\$10 to \$12 per bush. Wood, \$12 per cord for ash and oak. Leather—Sole, \$3 per lb.—upper \$3.50.

European News.

ACCIDENTS TO TWO OF THE ROYAL PRINCESSES.—Their Royal Highnesses the Crown Princess of Russia and the Princess of Hesse have both narrowly escaped serious injury whilst out driving, in consequence of the carelessness of the drivers.

In the case of her Royal Highness the Crown Princess, it appears that she was driving through the streets of Berlin, when the pole of a fire-engine was run through the carriage window, and the hand of her Royal Highness was cut with the broken glass. The accident to the Princess of Hesse was of a more serious character. As in the previous case, she was out driving, on Wednesday morning, at Osborne, when the postillion, in attempting to pass between two vehicles on the road, upset the carriage by coming into collision, and threw her Royal Highness and her companion, the Hon. Mrs. Bruce, to the ground, with great violence. The Princess had her ankle sprained, and Mrs. Bruce hurt the muscles of her wrist. It is since reported that both the Princess and Mrs. Bruce are better. Mr. Joseph Groves, D. A., a medical student at King's College, London, on a Christmas visit to Newport, happened to be passing with his sister, and ran to the assistance of the ladies, not knowing at all who they were. In the course of an hour after the accident the Princess was well on her way to Osborne with the same postillion and horse, one of which received a very slight injury. It is stated that Mr. Groves was graciously received by the Prince of Hesse the same evening at Osborne, and heartily thanked for the attention he had paid to her Royal Highness.

THE DISTRESS IN LANCASHIRE.—The report on the state of the cotton districts, read before the Executive Committee of the Central Relief Fund, at Manchester, on Monday, Dec. 29 shows a net decrease of 5,163 persons in the number of those receiving public relief. It was stated by Mr. Farnall that there was an increase in eleven places, in which Manchester was the principal; and a decrease at twelve others of which Stockport and Ashton were the chief, making the balance of the last account, the number just stated below that of the previous one.

Mr. Gladstone, in the course of a speech which he made on Saturday evening at Chester, alluded to the Lancashire distress. Not unnaturally he went into an inquiry as to how the distress would affect the revenue. In his opinion, the loss to the revenue through the want of wages in the distressed districts is at the rate of one of a million and a half a year. The actual loss on the current financial year would, he thought, be more than a million. He expressed a strong belief that provision was now made for the sufferers during the winter, and added that should the war in America cease great and early relief might be expected.

"A Lancashire Lad," in a letter to the *London Telegraph* says:—"Stockport has reaped great benefits from an institution to which all Lancashire owes much—the Sunday-school. For considerably more than one generation these schools have been at work here, and now their strength and the hold they have upon the people is very great. I see their influence in the faces, in the behaviour of the girls at the sewing-schools; and I have noticed that the home has been frequently hallowed by Sunday-school associations.

DOES THE RAVEN CROAK?—Shakespeare says he does; but the Rev. George Tugwell, of Oriel College, Oxford, has come forward to deny the statement. The raven, he says, does not croak. He has a clear musical ring in his cry.

Her Majesty has made another selection from Zschokke's writings, and has given them to Miss Rowan for publication. They will be published under the title of "Meditations on Life and its Religious Duties."

The *Belfast News Letter* states that a biography of the late lamented Sheridan Knowles is about to be published by his son-in-law, the Rev. W. Dobbin, A. M., chaplain of Stevens' Hospital, Dublin.

THE CALAMITY AT EDMUND'S MAIN COLLIERY.—The bodies of the sixty men and boys who were the victims of the explosion at Edmund's Main continue immured in their gloomy sepulchre, and there are but faint hopes that they will be recovered for some months to come. Water is still being poured into the mine in large quantities, and the three shafts are sealed against the admission of air. The operations exactly resemble those which were carried on after the great explosion at Lundhill, three miles from Worsborough. When the pit is full will commence the tedious and laborious operation of pumping it out, and then the restoration of the bracing, so as to reinstate the ventilating apparatus, and then the search for the bodies of the dead. The subscription in aid of the bereaved has now reached about 1,000*l.*

UNIVERSITY EXPENSES.—OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE.—The following comparative estimates of university expenses, taken from Mr. Latham for Cambridge, and from Professor Rogers for Oxford, are interesting. The caution-money for ordinary students is, at Cambridge 15*l.*, at Oxford 30*l.* The average cost of obtaining a degree, including fees and outfit, but independent of annual expenditure, is about the same at both universities, and may be stated at between 45*l.* and 50*l.* The average annual amount of college bills is 100*l.* at Oxford, 90*l.* at Cambridge. An undergraduate's annual expenses, neither stinted nor extravagant, but some margin being allowed, will be at Oxford 200*l.*, at Cambridge 180*l.*

THE IMPRISONED PRIEST IN GLASGOW.—The imprisonment of the Roman Catholic priest, the Rev. P. M'Lauchlin, for refusing to give evidence in a case of theft, has caused considerable interest in Glasgow, and memorials to the Home Secretary have been got up both in favour of the release of the Rev. gentleman and against any interference with his sentence. Sir George Grey, so far as he is concerned, has decided the matter by declining to interpose his authority to set the reverend offender free, but Mr. M'Lauchlin is nevertheless at liberty. An action of suspension and liberation was raised in the Court of Session by the R. Catholics, headed by Mr. Murdoch, the Catholic Bishop of the Western District of Scotland, is so far favourable to Mr. M'Lauchlin that an order has been issued by the court granting an "interim" liberation. If the judges should decide for the validity of the sentence, it may be in such a way as will declare the punishment already endured sufficient for the offence committed; but if this should not be the case, the reverend defendant will, of course, have to return to prison to serve out the unexpired period for which he was committed.

High Approval. REV. PROFESSOR GEO. SHEPARD, Theological Seminary, Bangor, Me., writes—"I find friends who, on my recommendation, are disposed to make trial of 'Mrs. S. A. Allen's World's Hair Restorer and Zylabalsamm,' and there will have to be an agent in this place, the demand so increases as it becomes known."

Sold by druggists everywhere. Depot, 198 Greenwich st., New York.

ALL ALMANACS FOR 1863.—Rimmel's Perfumed Hannay's Nautical, Cassell's Family, Poor Richard's Old Moore's Illustrated London, Punch's Zedkiele's, &c., may be had at the News Agency of G. E. MORTON, & CO.

NEW PUBLICATIONS to be found at the Book and News Agency of G. E. MORTON and Co. Saturday Night—a weekly Magazine, by T. Hood. Handbook of the History of the United States, by Hugo Reid. The Cruise of the St. George. Bishop Colenso on the Pentateuch. Mounted Photographs, copied from paintings by the best masters. Cornhill, and Temple Bar Magazines, London Society and other monthlies for January.

JUDSON'S SIMPLE DYES FOR LADIES.—Magenta, Mauve, Violet, Scarlet, Green, Blue, Orange, or Brown, supplied by G. E. MORTON & Co., Halifax. Any one can use these Dyes, a basin of boiling water being all that is necessary.

FOR THE HAIR.—Mason's hair restorer or Alpine Balm and Hair-dresser, with all other toilet requisites, supplied at the Medical Warehouse of G. E. MORTON & Co.

CHEAP BOOKS.—The shilling series of Standard Authors, each complete in one volume; also, Waverley Novels, 1s. edition, may be had at the Book and News Agency of G. E. MORTON & CO., near the Province Building Halifax.

Marriages.

On Thursday evening, by the Rev. J. Knox, Mr. Wm. Lemas, to Miss Emma Bates. At Millville, on the 1st inst., by the Rev. J. E. Goucher, Mr. Joseph Hatt, to Miss Lavinia Van Bouskirk, of Wilmot.

By the same, on the same date, Mr. John Vaughan, of Chester, to Dorcas Greenlow, Millville. On the 1st Jan., by the Rev. D. McMillan, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. John Slocumb, formerly of Wilmot, and late of Westport, to Catherine, fifth daughter of George Kreser, Esq., of Lower Granville.

On Jan. 22nd, by Rev. D. O. Parker, Mr. John Leadbetter and Maria Ringer, both of Northfield, Annapolis Co.

By the same, on Dec. 23rd, Mr. Edwin Duclap, of Sabie River, and Dorinda Hunt, of Greenfield. By the same, on Nov. 29th, Mr. Charles A. Christopher and Mary Fraser, both of South Brookfield. In Windsor, Jan. 29th, by Rev. D. M. Welton, Mr. John Lavers, to Miss Rhoda Mosher, both of Windsor.

At the Parsonage, Aylesford, by the Rev. J. L. Read, Dec. 31st, 1862, Mr. Christopher Anderson, of Port George, Wilmot, to Mrs. Mary McKenzie, of Harborville, Cornwallis.

Also, by the same, Jan. 8th, 1863, Mr. Andrew McBride, to Miss Susan Beardsly, both of Greenwick Square, Cornwallis. By the same, on the same day, Mr. David A. Shaw, to Miss Maggie Osbourne, both of Cornwallis. On the 26th Jan., by the Rev. E. M. Saunders, Mr. Nathan Best, to Miss Prudence M. Sandford both of Cornwallis.

Deaths.

On Friday afternoon, Amy Ann, aged 29 years, beloved wife of W. D. Harrington, and daughter of John Northup.

On the 29th ult., the wife of Samuel Purcell, Senior, in the 42nd year of her age. On Saturday, Jane, widow of the late Capt. Samuel Harris, aged 76 years.

On Monday 26th, Isabella, the beloved wife of Mr. W. McLaren, in the 50th year of her age. On the 29th ult., Catherine, wife of Matthew Whelan, in the 80th year of her age.

Suddenly, at Gay's River, on Monday 26th, in his 28th year, Mr. James Campbell McKay. At Smyrna, on the 14th October, of consumption, Capt. John H. Anderson, formerly of Chester, N. S., aged 56 years.

At Lockhartville, 12th Jan., Mrs. Sarah Ann Holmes, relict of Capt. Peleg Holmes, Junr., in the 51st year of her age. Her end was peace. Deceased had been a worthy member of the Hantsport Baptist Church, for nearly thirty years.

At the residence of the Rev. Charles Randall, on the 27th ult., the little grand-son, Reuben Ellsworth, eldest child of Joseph Henry and Sebina Jane Randall, aged 20 months, and 4 days. At Paradise, Co. of Annapolis, on the 5th ultimo, aged 39 years, Susan, the beloved wife of William W. Starrat. Her end was peace.

At Greenwich, Horton, on the 26th Jan., Henrietta, wife of Mr. Eli Griffin, in the sixtieth year of her age.

Shipping List. PORT OF HALIFAX. Arrived. Tuesday, 27th.—Brigt. J. Smith, Vinning, Turks Island, J. T. Wainwright & Co; schrs. Thomas Bagley, McConnell, Baltimore 12 days—S. A. White & Co; Sarah, Purney, Shelburne.

Wednesday, 28th.—Schrs. Magnolia, Clements, New York, H. Lawson; Harriet, Belfontaine, Archat—William H. Creighton. Thursday, 29th.—R. M. steamer Delta, Hunter, Saint Thomas 10 days, via Bermuda 4 days—11 passengers.

Friday, 30th.—Brigts Latina, Fanning, Cienfuegos 17 days—45 days absent; Arab, Mason, Havana, 16 days; Boston, O'Brien, Boston 5 days—John M. Watson & Co. and others; Sarah Kenney, Kingston, Jan. 21 days—Satter & Twining; Fides, Hopkins, Inagua 18 days; brig Express, Frith, do; schr. Mary Jane, Stanley, do.

Saturday, 31st.—R. M. Steamer Merlin, Sampson, Newfoundland 3 days—10 passengers; schr. Janet, Crowell, Matamoras 29 days—cotton, to G. H. Starr & Co.

Sunday, Feb. 1st.—Brig Reindeer, Hays, Matamoras, Mexico, 23 days, to W. B. Hamilton & Co; schrs. Juliet, Simpson, St. N. B., 5 days, to T. A. S. DeWolf & Son; Oasis, Stanley, Boston, 6 days; Arbutus, St. Pierre, to G. H. Starr & Co; Kingston, Henderson, Back River, Ja, to B. Wier & Co.

Monday, 2nd.—Barque Thames, Anthony, Liverpool, 40 days, to T. A. S. DeWolf & Son; schrs. Oswego, Card, New York, 6 days, to S. A. White & Co.; Morning Star, Miller, New York, 6 days, to T. A. S. DeWolf & Son.

Cleared.

Monday, 26th.—bark Trent, James, Liverpool, G. B.; brigts Thomas Albert, Crowell, B. W. Indies; Hawk, Riches, F. W. Indies; schrs; Louisa, Sea Boyer, B. W. Indies; Nova Scotia, Publicover, Jamaica; Mary Jane, Fraser, Turks Island; Sarah, Gwyn, St. Peters C. B.

Wednesday, 28th.—Lady Milne, O'Hara, Cape Canso. Thursday, 29th.—schr. Sea Slipper, Archer, British W. Indies. Friday, 30th.—bark Halifax, O'Brien, Boston. Saturday, 31st.—Brisk, Smith, Havana.

Memoranda.

BARRADOS, Jan. 5th.—Arr. brig Volant, Bridge-water 16 days. 6th.—brig Mediator, Port Medway, 16 days; brig Bloomer, Yarmouth 24 days. The brig *Martha Jane* from New York, struck on the Sisters, in entering the harbour on Sunday, and sustained serious injury to vessel and cargo, comprising tea, flour, &c.

Ship *Morning Star*, of Hantsport, put into St. Thomas, about 19th inst., leaky. Capt. Crowell, of schr. Janet, reports, left at Matamoras, schr. Victoria, from New York; brig Reindeer, Ha's, loading, to sail in a few days for Halifax.

BERMUDA, Jan. 7th.—The schr. Gold Linner, Capt. Weeks, of and from Halifax, bound to Nassau, with an assorted cargo, put into this port on Monday last in distress, having 5 feet of water in her hold. On the night of the 4th inst., when 14 miles distant from the Light, struck on a sunken reef, which immediately caused the vessel to leak badly. By constant attention to the pumps the vessel was brought into port and beached. The cargo is being discharged with dispatch, but will be much damaged.

The brig *Latina*, Capt. Fanning, has performed the voyage from Halifax to Kingston, Jamaica, thence to Cienfuegos, and back to Halifax, in the short space of forty five days. Capt. Fanning, reports, left at Cienfuegos—brigs Milo, and Rover; brig Onward, and schr. Foam, loading for Halifax.

St. John, N. B. Jan. 27th.—C'd. brig Mariner, Atkinson, Ponce. 27th.—Arr'd. schr. Eclipse, Connaughton, New York. New York, Jan. 21st.—Arr'd. schr. Diadem, Clark, Cornwallis; c'd. brig Black Hawk, McLeod, Ponce; schr. Julia, Pinzee, Nassau.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 17th.—C'd. schr. Anna, Lent, West Indies. 21st.—Arr'd. barque Indus, Smith, New York. St. Jago, Jan. 14th.—Arr'd. brigs Fawn, Doat, Halifax; Hound, Anderson, do. Capt. Welsh, of the brig *Wilhelmina*, of Guysboro', at St. Thomas 18th Jan. reports that he spoke the Confederate privateer steamer *Alabama* on the 15th Jan., in lat. 26 47, lon. 62 25. The brig *Floradia McDonald*, from Ponce, bound to Halifax, put into St. Thomas on the 16th Jan. in distress.

MELBOURNE E. BALCOM, M. D. PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. May be consulted professionally at the residence of the Rev. J. L. READ, Upper Aylesford. Sept. 17.

Blanks. Magistrates Bank Summons, Executions &c., &c., Prothonotary's and Lawyers Blanks for sale at the "Christian Messenger" Office, No. 59 Granville Street, Halifax.