

THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

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ROMANCE OF BLOCKADE-RUNNING.—Many individuals therein engaged have amassed large fortunes, but more have been entirely ruined. Z. C. Pearson, formerly Mayor of Hull, England, and once a wealthy merchant was not only made bankrupt by his losses. He had at one time under seizure four ships representing a total of £500,000 stg., but had to resign office. A singular cause is assigned for the frequent capture of Mr. Pearson's vessels, viz.: he was too economical—drove hard bargains with his employees who consequently felt no interest in saving a ship when pursued—and used cheap and inferior coal, the black smoke of which is seen a great distance, betrayed the presence of his fleet to the blockading cruisers. Some men who before the war considered their services well paid for at \$20 per month, and whose greatest ambition was to be master of a hundred and fifty-ton coaster now huddle for an extra thousand or fifteen hundred dollars on the run, and command ocean steamships of five hundred tons and more, and boast of having a "pile" (as they term a fortune) of \$20,000—\$100,000 in the bank. But for ten who are provident, ninety become thoroughly reckless, and gamble away their whole earning after every round voyage. Some have made several trips and were never captured or molested, while others have been caught at each attempt. One of the most successful pilots has made over forty runs without being brought off, but our dead are unburied. I have instructed Gen. Gregg to make an effort to send a party to the field and bury our dead.

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