

**STARTLING INTELLIGENCE.**

*Reported Wreck of the Steamer San Francisco, and Supposed Loss of all on Board, consisting of Seven or Eight Hundred Persons—Instant Relief Ordered by the Secretary of War, &c.*

WASHINGTON, January 5th. The dreadful news has just been received of the wreck of the magnificent steamer San Francisco, which recently left New York for California, with the Third Regiment of the United States Army on Board. She was seen in latitude 38 degrees 20 minutes, her decks swept, all her boats lost, and completely disabled. It is feared every soul on board will perish.

Senator Gwin received this intelligence this evening at five o'clock, and immediately applied to the Secretary of the Navy to send a government steamer or vessel of war in reach of the wreck, to save, possibly, those on board. There is not one government vessel fit for sea in any one of our Atlantic ports. Senator Gwin applied to the Secretary of War, who, to his honor be it said, promptly authorized the charter of a steamship; to proceed instantly in search of the San Francisco.

The Secretary of the Treasury will no doubt dispatch also all available revenue cutters, in any of our ports, on the same errand of humanity and duty.

Between seven and eight hundred persons are on board the wreck.

The San Francisco is supposed to be the finest steamer ever built for the Pacific trade. She had on board three months' provisions for the troops, stowed away in her hold. Some faint hope still exists that some of the lives will be saved. X.

Word of the Wreck of Steamship San Francisco in Raleigh, NC paper.

