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By Hooton, McLean & Co., at 9 o'clock A. M., at the foot of Custom-house street, corner of entrance Ham.

By John Merlin, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the rear of Exchange street, Pork, Flour, Coffee, Hay, Tea and Herring.

PROFESSOR OF LANGUAGES AND MATHEMATICS.—In another column will be found the card of Mr. F. A. Mader, professor of languages, who offers his services to heads of families and of institutions of learning, for private tuition in the modern languages and in mathematics. A personal acquaintance with Mr. Mader enables us to speak of him as a scholar of attainments and an able teacher. Mr. Mader's experience in teaching—he having filled important posts in the public schools of the Second and Third Districts—eminently qualifies him as a teacher either for private tuition, or in an institution of learning. See his card elsewhere.

PRACTICAL SCHOOL.—Mr. Chas. Caron, a gentleman well and favorably known in our city, as a teacher, publishes in our columns the prospectus of his school, No. 137 Dauphine street. We believe with Mr. Caron that at no time should parents trust their education with more earnestness than at present to the education of their children; and whilst that education should be refined and solid, it should in a great measure be of a practical character. An institution whose mission it is to impart such instruction, commends itself specially to the attention of parents. Such a one is Mr. Chas. Caron's Practical School; and parents would do well to call upon Mr. Caron.

CHOICE GROCERIES.—By reference to the advertisement it will be seen that H. Esberdier offers for sale, in lots to suit purchasers, a choice assortment of groceries. Mr. Esberdier's stand is at the corner of Lafayette, Felicia and Levee streets.

BOTHERLAND LIPRATRIE'S INSTITUTION.—This institution, No. 126 Canal street, will re-open on Monday, the 1st of September. See advertisement elsewhere.

News from the Peninsula.

From the Fortress Monroe correspondence of the New York *Herald*, under date of August 11th, we had the following intelligence from Gen. McClellan's army:

THE EXPEDITION TO MALVERN HILL—A GREAT BATTLE PLANNED AND FRUSTRATED—EXCITEMENT AT HOPEFOIL, ETC.

In regard to the occupation, after evacuation of Malvern Hill by the Federal troops, little has been said. Our reconnoitering division took possession on Tuesday, and on that day all the generals of the army, with, said General McClellan sent back for the greater part of his army, but the messengers took the wrong road, and thus delayed so long that the troops did not reach Malvern Hill until it was too late, and only a portion of those sent for arrived at all, and those only in season to beat a hasty retreat. This was on Wednesday morning, and on that day a great battle would have been fought had our forces arrived in season. But as none of them were approaching, and in sight of Malvern Hill, there was a very large force of rebels soon coming from Richmond, numbered, at least 100,000 men, filling all the roads, passage ways and vacant lots as far as the eye could reach. A retreat was consequently made to Harrison's Landing.

Gen. McClellan had planned for a great battle, but the enemy were not asleep, and have taken possession of Malvern with an immense army.

Norfolk has been in a state of excitement. A few days since an officer of the Provost Guard applied to General Mansfield, of Suffolk, for permission to search a house in that city for arms. Authority was given, and arms and ammunition to some extent were found in a private dwelling on the General's premises.

Last night, in Norfolk, a triple guard was put on duty. This has not been done until many of our guardsmen have been shot at and some shot down.

It is understood that all the inhabitants of the district in the vicinity of Norfolk, Suffolk and Portsmouth are required to take the test of either taking the oath of allegiance to the United States or to leave for rebeldom.

The mail boat is just in from Harrison's Landing. The general appearance there is that a move of the whole or a large part of the army is taking place.

Commodore Porter's mortar fleet still remains at anchor in Hampton Roads.

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Second—That military and naval commanders shall employ as laborers, within and from said States so many persons of African descent as can be advantageously used for military or naval purposes, giving them reasonable wages for their labor.

Third—That, as to both property and persons of African descent, accounts shall be kept of moderately accurate and in detail to show quantities and amounts, and from whom both property and such persons shall have come, as a basis upon which compensation may be made in proper cases; and the several departments of this Government will assist to and perform their appropriate parts toward the early attention of them orders. By order of the President.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

No official copy of this order has been received at these headquarters; and the General Commanding has for this reason delayed the issuing of a general order to carry into effect the views and directions of the President. Some recent occurrences in this army have, however, shown that it has become necessary for me to prevent this executive order being made a pretext for military license.

The order of the President accords so substantially with the course uniformly pursued by the army on this peninsula, under the orders and instructions of the General Commanding, that no material change in the system will be required thereby in its conduct and general policy.

Personal property necessary or convenient for supplies or other military purposes of this army will be, as heretofore, taken by the proper quartermasters or subsistence staff officers, upon the orders of commanders of army corps, or in case of troops employed on detached service, where army corps commanders are not accessible, by order of the officer in command of such detached force.

In all cases the officers thus making the seizures shall take an account, when they can, of the kind and quantities of property seized, and the names of the persons from whom the same shall have come. Wherever circumstances admit of so doing, receipts will be given to the owners or their agents, specifying simply the particulars above mentioned. Copies of all such accounts and receipts will be transmitted in the usual manner, by the officers making them, to these headquarters.

All officers and soldiers of this army are enjoined and ordered to abstain from all seizures of private property except in the mode above described; all other appropriations will be regarded and punished as pillage. The idea that private property may be plundered with impunity is, perhaps, the very worst that can pervade an army. Marauding degrades an army and demoralizes not as soldiers all who engage in it, and esteems them to their homes justly for the pursuits of honest industry. The army is composed mostly of young men and the General Commanding, in whose care they are entrusted, owes it to the parents who have sent their sons and to the communities that have sent the flower of their youth into the military service of their country, to warn and restrain them from an evil as pernicious.

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The destruction of any species of property in the absence of orders from a competent authority, or malice is expressly prohibited by the President's order, as well as by the Articles of War and the usages of all civilized nations. All commanding officers are expressly enjoined to exercise the utmost vigilance on this subject. Straggling and treasoning are the invariable indications of a tendency to this demoralization of crime.

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In presenting private property to officers and others, to be impressed into service or taken by means of African labor, such persons will be regarded by this army, as they have ever before been, no occupying simply a peculiar and anomalous state here, which entitles the military authorities of the United States to not required to regard at all in districts where military operations are made necessary by the rebellious action of the State government.

Persons subject to suspicion of hostile purposes, residing or being near our forces, will be, therefore, subject to arrest and detention, until the cause or necessity is removed. All such arrested parties will be sent, as usual, to the Provost Marshal General, with a statement of the facts in each case.

The General Commanding takes this occasion to remind the officers and soldiers of this army that we are engaged in supporting the Constitution and laws of the United States, and in suppressing rebellion against their authority; that we are not engaged in a war of rapine, revenge or subjugation; that this is not a contest against [illegible] but against armed forces and political organizations; that it is a struggle carried on within the United States, and should be conducted by us upon the highest principles known to Christian civilization.

Since this army commenced active operations persons of African descent, including those held to service or labor under State laws, have already become involved, pressed and employed as laborers, at work. Hereafter it shall be the duty of the Provost Marshal General to cause limits to be made of all persons of African descent employed in this army as laborers for military purposes, such limits being made sufficiently accurate and in detail to show from whom such persons shall have come.

Persons so subject and so employed have always understood that, after being received into the military service of the United States, in any capacity, they could never be reclaimed by their former holders. Except upon such understanding on their part, the order of the President as to this class of persons would be inoperative. The General Commanding therefore feels authorized to declare to all such employés that they will receive permanent military protection against any compulsory return to a condition of servitude.

By command of Maj. Gen. McCLELLAN.

S. WILLIAMS, Assistant Adjutant-General.

IMPORTANT MOVEMENT BY THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Under this heading the Fortress Monroe correspondent of the New York *Tribune*, writing from that place, under date of the 12th August, gives the following important intelligence:

For a week past it has been well understood here that the army of the Potomac was on the eve of an important movement, though it remained in its real character there was nothing beyond conjecture. The numberless suggestions, however, all concurred in one thing, and that is, that Gen. McClellan had come to the conclusion that with reference to his new base, the thing most to be desired, and yet the most difficult to do, was to get away from it, and that he was going to act accordingly. That precisely this is done with great caution now doing is believed to be true, and there is no longer any motive for disguising it from the public.

For the last forty-eight hours transports loaded heavily with troops are coming down the James river, and, without stopping here, have gone directly up the bay to some of the rivers leading into Virginia. Yesterday the great body of the army had orders to be ready to march to Harrison's Landing, with six days rations. As they will not cross in the opposite side of the James, we get some idea of the new design of the *motions recently made* in that direction. If, as is said, the rebels were indeed to march a large force out of Richmond toward Petersburg to meet the expected advance of Gen. McClellan's force in that direction, I presume that [illegible] is why the movement is to be made by the opposite of Harrison's Landing was achieved.

If that was a feint, what is the reality? If the rebels should meet our army to appear on the right bank of the James, they have been deceived, and, for it has gone in another direction. Where? Should this come to the type-setter's hands, no doubt the question will have been answered—the whole thing explained—perhaps written with tragic characters in blood. That the position [illegible] which went up the river yesterday, accompanied by a very large force of engineers and sappers and miners, are destined for the Chickahominy, is not wholly a matter of conjecture.

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The Rebel Press on the Battle of Cedar Mountain.

We give below a summary review of the commentaries of the New York papers on the battle of Cedar Mountain. The New York *World* of the 13th, commenting upon the battle, says:

Still the old story—a Union force attacked by superior rebel numbers and badly cut up before reinforcements could join them. The telegraph-er at Culpepper, in his dispatch yesterday, draws a favorable inference from the fact that the rebels, yesterday morning, sent in a flag of truce requesting permission to bury their dead. If Gen. Banks had not been reinforced subsequent to the battle of Saturday, such a request might be regarded as proving that the rebels were defeated. But General Banks was promptly and largely reinforced, and Jackson, having successfully re-enacted on a smaller scale the last day's battle at Shiloh, had too much prudence to risk the result of the second.

The *World* concludes its comments with the following remarks:

The truth evidently is, that Jackson retreated before superior numbers after Banks had been reinforced, or in the apprehension that if he remained another hostile still further reinforcements might come up while he was in progress.

The moral of this affair is obvious. General Pope should forthwith be strengthened with force sufficient to enable him to confront Jackson with superior numbers at whatever point it may be necessary to fight him.

The *Times* of the 12th, upon the same subject, says:

The battle of Saturday wears a more favorable aspect than was given it by some of the telegraphic details published yesterday. It is clear that though Gen. Banks's command suffered heavy loss, and though he was outmanœuvred in the early part of the action, yet he maintained his position with persistency and valor, and inflicted upon the rebels at least equal damage to what he himself suffered; while the fact that the enemy yesterday sent a flag of truce to our lines, asking permission to bury their dead, shows that our forces, at the conclusion of the engagement, held the field of battle.

After stating that Gen. Pope "threw at least two days before the battle that the rebels were marching to attack him," and that the force was under command of Stonewall Jackson, "whose penchant for surprises and sudden movements is well enough known," the *Times* says:

And yet it seems that Gen. Pope sent forward less than one quarter of the forces under his immediate command, and ready to his hand, to give them battle.

The *Times* further adds:

And the fact will stand, that while Pope had a force twice as great as that credited to the rebels, he brought on an engagement with them with a force not half as large as theirs, and less than a quarter of that under his command.

It concludes its article as follows:

The country has anticipated so much from Gen. Pope, that its disappointment will be proportionate to previous expectations. Success in the field is the soldier's only title to public applause and confidence. He has a splendid opportunity yet before him, however. If he will but concentrate his columns—or, if urged soon, he has not yet done—drive across the Rapidan the audacious enemy who has advanced to meet him, capture Gordonsville, and route Stonewall Jackson, he will give proof of generalship, in the brilliancy of which his present lack of victory will be forgotten. At all events, we want to hear of no more battles in which the rebels outnumber us two to one. It would be better to avoid fighting altogether until our million men are in the field.

On the other hand, the *Herald* of the 13th then criticises the articles of the *World* and *Times*:

Look at the editorial articles in the *Times* and *World* of yesterday upon the recent battle of Cedar Mountain. The *Times* says that we "have nothing to boast of" in the result of the battle, calls our share of the engagement "a failure," and regrets that the country has been "disappointed in Gen. Pope." The *World*, going still further than its weak colleague, insists that "Gen. Banks was beaten;" that he "retreated;" that the "rebels were not driven back, but rushed on their balayre." These assertions, it will be remembered, are not from correspondents, but are editorials from the pens of the conductors. They are supported only by special pleading in regard to a telegram which announced our success, but which, by a silly play upon words, these shuddering journalists attempt to construe into a confession of their own cowardly and hopeless fears. The battle was by no means "a failure." The country is not "disappointed in Gen. Pope." Gen. Banks was not "beaten." The rebels did not "retire at their leisure."

Let those who are inclined to believe the assertions of the *Times* and *World* read our correspondence's account of the battle, published in another column this morning. They will find that the advance corps of General Banks, not desiring to bring on a general engagement, was driven by a superior force of rebels; that General Banks sent to General Sumner for reinforcements; that Sumner sent to Sigel for the first attack; that our soldiers not only held their ground in spite of the rebels, but actually occupied the battle field, and that Stonewall Jackson acknowledges himself beaten by sending a flag of truce for permission to bury his dead. Now, then, the absurdity in which the assailing journalists of the *Times* and *World* have placed themselves. Stonewall Jackson, a rebel general, acknowledges his defeat by the customary mode, recognized the world over, of begging permission to bury his dead. These journalists, pretending to be loyal, assert that the rebels were victorious, and virtually deny both the Union and the rebel generals' versions of the affair. Do they make haste to claim a rebel victory? Why do they eagerly announce, in contradiction to all the rest of the corps, that the Union forces were defeated? Why do they joyfully seize upon the first occasion—or rather lack of occasion—to proclaim General Pope a failure? Is his loyal, patriotic, manly? Shall we never have the last of this straddling journalism?

The *Herald* ends its criticism as follows:

Let us wait until we are certain of defeat, and then make the best of it, rejoicing, like the Roman Consul, that "in it no words." In victory or defeat alike let us "Never despair of the republic."

Continuing our extracts, we find in the *World* of the 14th a rejoinder to the article in the *Herald*. Its length will not permit us to reproduce it; we will therefore give such extracts as are relevant to the subject matter. The *World*, after some remarks upon the course to be observed in furnishing news, says:

Whoever furnished the report of the battle to the telegraph felt the need of some argument to convert it into a victory. He accordingly fabricated the telegraphic argument on a very apochryphal fact. The *Herald*, yesterday morning, in taking up the task, repeats the argument thus:

"Stonewall' Jackson, a rebel General, acknowledges his defeat by the customary mode, recognized the world over, of begging permission to bury his dead. These journalists, pretending to be loyal, assert that the rebels were victorious, and virtually deny both the Union and rebel Generals' versions of the affair. Do the editors of the *Times* and *World* know better than the 'Stonewall' Jackson whether or not he was defeated?"

The same number of the *Herald* contains a letter from the battle-field which states that the permission to bury the dead was accorded by Jackson to Pope, and by him. This statement tallies so much better with other known facts that we are inclined to credit it. Why, if we gained a victory, did our dead lie unburied from Saturday until Monday? Why were hundreds of our wounded left in a broiling August sun without surgical attendance, or any alleviation of their hunger and thirst, except what was administered by the rebels?

After making a few extracts from the *Herald's* correspondence, relating to the state of things on the second day after the battle, the *World* concludes as follows:

We believe that General Pope will yet win a great victory over Jackson, and see nothing in the battle on Cedar Mountain inconsistent with this expectation. As little do we see any reason to fly to justify such silly, inaccurate as the following, telegraphed from Culpepper Court House:

Jackson obviously does not intend to stop running until he reaches the rebel fortifications at Richmond.

General Pope has fully met the public expectations of him.

The enemy now only show their backs to our forces.

Do let us have common honesty and common sense. Whoever will call "Stonewall" Jackson as that he will stay whipped will perform a very contemptible feat. General Pope is probably the ablest and the future victor—even small thanks to the shallow journalists who so indecorously belittle his advance the achievement which will be one of his proudest titles to fame.

We conclude our review with the extract of the following short article of the *Tribune* upon this affair. Says the *Tribune* of the 15th:

Stonewall Jackson has acknowledged a defeat. Under cover of night, he has withdrawn to the south side of the Rapidan. The battle of the redoubtable Secesh hero was a failure. Some brave officers and equally brave men; he was met and fairly and steadily made up for the vast disparity of numbers. He was foiled; and to be checked in such an endeavor is to be beaten. He did not come for deliberate warfare; his object was to crush by a sudden onset, take advantage of the panic, and rush up the valley, trusting to his heels in case the panic should make it a stand with even half his numbers. Had he succeeded in routing Pope's army, doubtless Lee and Magruder would have gone at McClellan with every soldier they could raise. As it is their venture has done us no harm, and has enlarged our grasp on their resources and time. The fleet floated Jackson, like his namesake, "The American Dean," into safety; and the time from the face of Pope, very probably hastened in his flight by the apparition of Burnside on his right.

Correspondence between Major-General Butler and Brigadier-General Phelps, with regard to Contrabands.

We find in the Philadelphia *Inquirer* of the 14th, the following correspondence:

Headquarters Department of the Gulf, } New Orleans, August 2, 1862.

Hon. EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

SIR—I beg leave to enclose to you copies of orders and correspondence with General Phelps upon the subject of arming and equipping the negroes.

General Phelps, without orders and without my knowledge, has raised a force companies of negroes, and the first official information I had of his doings in that behalf was a requisition for arms and equipments for them.

It became necessary, in my judgment, to employ them differently, and I thought by other means I could find employment for their labor, and not raise the question offensively between General Phelps and myself, until it was settled at Washington, and, therefore, was I not order to employ the negroes without sending an answer to his requisition. But his letter of resignation left me no choice but to insist that my order should be obeyed.

I submit the whole matter to the Department. I think the force in Genl. Phelps, who has been with me from the beginning, is worth more than I can. Mr. Rosslin, who I have sent by the Connecticut, can tell you much more fully than I can. The enemy yesterday sent a flag of truce to our lines, asking permission to bury their dead, shows that our forces, at the conclusion of the engagement, held the field of battle.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

J. W. PHELPS, Brigadier-General.

Headquarters Department of the Gulf. } New Orleans, July 31, 1862. }

General—The General Commanding wishes you to employ the contrabands in and about your camp in cutting down all the trees, &c., between your lines and the lake, and in forming abatis according to the plan agreed upon between you and Lieutenant Weitzel when last visited you some time since. What wood is not used by you in camp needed in this city. For this purpose I have ordered the Quartermaster to furnish you with axes, and teams for the negroes to be quartered in.

By order of Major General BUTLER.

R. S. DAVIS, Captain and A. A. A. G.

Headquarters Department of the Gulf, } New Orleans, July 31, 1862. }

Capt. R. S. DAVIS, Acting Assistant Adjutant-General:

Sir—The communication from your office, of this date, signed "By order, Major General Butler," directs me to employ the contrabands in and about my camp in cutting down all the trees between my lines and the lake, &c., has just been received. In reply I must state that, while I am willing to prepare African regiments for the defence of the country, and impelling to you improper motives in your conduct in organizing them, I am unwilling to become the mere slave-driver which you propose, under such qualifications in that way. I am, therefore, under the above circumstances, tendering the resignation of my commission as an officer of the army of the United States, and respectfully ask a leave of absence until it is accepted in accordance with paragraph 61, page 19, of the General Regulations. While I am waiting, at my post eight o'clock, P. M., a colored man has been brought to me of the pickets, who has been wounded in the charge of a party of three have-hunters or guerrillas, a mile or more from our lines of scouts. As it is some distance from the camp to the lake, the party of wood-choppers which you have directed me will probably need a considerable force to guard them against similar attacks.

J. W. PHELPS, Brigadier-General.

Headquarters, Department of the Gulf, } New Orleans, August 2, 1862. }

General—By the act of Congress, as I understand it, the President of the United States has been given the authority to employ Africans in some way as a part of the military force of the United States.

Every law, up to this time, raising volunteer or militia forces, has been opposed to their employment. Genl. Phelps has not as yet had occasion to employ the Africans in arms.

The arms, clothing and camp equipage which I have here for the Louisiana volunteers are, by the letter of the Secretary of War, especially limited to white soldiers; so that I have no authority to direct them; however much I may desire so to do.

I do not think you are empowered to organize into companies negroes, and drill them as a military organization, as I am unexpectedly informed you have done, without mention thus course of action at present adversely, especially when we have need of the services of the blacks who are now employed upon the obstacles of your camp, as you will see by the orders for their employment sent you by the Assistant Adjutant General.

I will send your application to the President, but, in the meantime, you must refrain from the formation of any negro military organization.

Respectfully,

BENJ. F. BUTLER, Maj Gen. Comd'g.

Brig. Gen. PHELPS, commanding forces at Camp Parapet.

Resistance to Draft in Maryland.

The Washington correspondent of the New York *Herald*, writing from that place under date of the 13th instant, says:

The secession sympathizers in Maryland are having secret meetings and trying to devise ways and means to resist the draft to be made in that State.

A CHECK TO ATTEMPTS TO EVADE THE DRAFT.

It will be seen by the following circular, just issued, that the Postoffice Department means to head off those disposed to evade the draft by getting pleasure seekers' residence, &c.

Postoffice Department, Appointment Office, } Washington, August 13, 1862. }

Sir—The Postal law allows, and the standing regulations of the department requires, postmasters to appoint an assistant, to prevent the office from being left, even for a short period person to perform its duties in case of the absence, the sickness, resignation or death of the postmaster. It is, therefore, required that you comply with this law, and make the appointment of assistant upon taking charge of your office. The appointment is now in receipt of this office. Successfully carried out, it will of a postmaster, without explanation. It is known that in several instances appointments of this character have been made where the service of the clerk or employé necessary to the business of the office, but with a view to shield the parties from enrolment in the militia. Without impelling to you improper motives in your conduct in organizing them, I am instructed by the Postmaster General to direct that hereafter no person recently appointed by you, be dismissed from your office as clerk, and that the enrolling officer of the district be immediately notified of the fact, unless you shall furnish a satisfactory explanation for his appointment. I am, respectfully, &c.

FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL.

The same writer says the following:

SEARCH AFTER REBEL RECRUITS.

Last night a patrol from the New York Cavalry, under Lieutenant Hudson, entered Rockville, Md., and, finding a man named Peter Trail about leaving the place under suspicious circumstances, questioned him; but he would give no satisfactory account of himself or take the oath of allegiance. He was adopted to shoot one of the guards in whose charge he was placed. He was brought to the Provost Marshal's office this morning and sent to the old Capitol.

The guard also searched the house of W. V. Bowie, and found thirty-one rifles and old muskets, with accoutrements, the plates bearing the Maryland coat of arms.

Evidence was obtained that there had been a rebel recruiting office in this village, from which several recruits had been forwarded South.

THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Orders have been issued by the Secretary of War to the commanding officers of all armories and arsenals in the United States to administer the oath of allegiance to all employed under their command.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO STONECUTTERS.

On Monday the oath of allegiance was administered to most of the stonecutters at the Capitol, by Captain Williams, and then far none have refused to take it.

Affairs in Tennessee—The battle at Cumberland Gap—Reported Defeat and Capture of the Union Forces.

The New York *Herald* publishes the following dispatch:

Memphis, August 11, 1862.—The Grenada *Appeal* of the 8th instant has a dispatch from Cumberland Gap, saying that there had been a fight between Col. Scott's Indiana and Carter, resulting in the defeat of Carter's force and the capture of the entire Union army, except 400, who, it is stated that 7000 prisoners were taken.

The same paper says that General Buell is in a precarious position.

These are rebel reports, and must be taken with grains of allowance.

Other reports represent Buell as having Kirby Smith in front, with Polk and Bragg in his rear.

The *Herald* of the 13th publishes the following:

THE ENGAGEMENT AT CUMBERLAND GAP.

Nashville, August 12, 1862.—A dispatch from General Morgan, at Cumberland Gap, says:

Docurney's brigade, consisting of Fourteenth Kentucky, on the 5th or 6th instant, had several engagements with Stevenson's division in force, the rebels outnumbering us four to one. The rebels lost two hundred and twenty-five killed and wounded and Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon, of the Eleventh Tennessee taken prisoner.

We were three killed, fifteen wounded and fifty prisoners.

We are surrounded by two rebel regiments, and can't get out. We captured a large lot of forage, tobacco, horses and mules.

John Morgan left Knoxville on the 2d, with 2000 cavalry *en route* to Kingston. Kentucky is to be invaded.

The following dispatch is also published:

Louisville, Ky., August 12, 1862.—Eight hundred men belonging to the rebel force of Col Morgan have crossed to the north side of the Cumberland river, and were four miles north of Bennett's ferry, in Monroe county, on Monday last.

The Washington correspondent of the New York *World*, writing under date of the 11th, says:

JEFF. DAVIS'S VERACITY TO BE TESTED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

Some time ago I stated to you that immediately after the great battle before Richmond Jeff. Davis sent a private message to Louis Napoleon and Queen Victoria asking for an immediate recognition of the Southern Confederacy, stating at the same time the reasons why it could never be either conquered or subjugated. These reasons were carefully set forth, in a masterly tyrannically written, giving a historical summary of the events since the beginning of the war, and explaining to the French Emperor the pretended rights and the conduct of the war since the fall of Fort Sumter. It now seems that Louis Napoleon, after having taken cognizance of this letter, sent it to M. Thouvenal, who, struck by the facts therein contained sent M. Mercié to the French Consul in Richmond to secure immediately to Paris, in order to state whether or not Jeff. Davis's assertions were true. We are by the late mail that, in obedience to the orders received, this gentleman has left Richmond and is now on his way to France, where he is anxiously expected.

THE COLORED MEN OF MASSACHUSETTS TO BE DRAFTED.—*Boston*, August 13, 1862.—The instructions of Governor Andrew to the city and town assessors throughout the State of Massachusetts are to make it their duty to include the colored citizens, as well as the white ones, in the rolls of those subject to draft for the war.

The Military Excitement.

THE DRAFT NOT TO COMMENCE BEFORE THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER.

We find the following in the New York *Times* of the 13th instant:

We find the following information in the Albany *Journal* of last evening:

"The War Department, in answer to an inquiry from the Governor, telegraphs that '*The Department will receive Volunteers for Old Regiments until the draft is made.*'

"The draft cannot be 'made' before the 1st of September, on the preliminary work—the new enrollments, the decisions upon applications for exemption, &c.—will occupy at least twenty days.

"We are, therefore, authorized to say, unofficially, that *volunteers, by companies, will be received, for old regiments, until the first day of September.* The order to this effect will probably be issued to-morrow.

"The commissariat from the War Department, embodying this permission, says 'It is designed to receive volunteers to fill up the old regiments, and any citizen after they are filled will be credited to the State as much on the draft, and if enough volunteer to fill up the old regiments, that might, perhaps, dispense with the draft.

Later from Europe.

The Scotia off Cape Race—Two Days' Later Intelligence.

The steamship Scotia, from Liverpool August 24, via Queenstown 25, was boarded by the news yacht, off Cape Race, on the forenoon of the 9th inst:

Her advices are two days later than those by the Jura.

The Scotia has 200 passengers, among them Archbishop Hughes.

The United States sloop of war St. Louis was at Queenstown July 22.

The Paris Bourse was (August 2) firm; rentes 69f. 10c.

The French have occupied the Roman frontier, recently evacuated.

Garibaldi has issued a proclamation to volunteers to assemble at Sicily, announcing that the time of action has arrived. The destination of the expedition is unknown.

The latest dispatches from Liverpool, dated on 2d August, say the steamship Europa, from Boston via Halifax, has arrived.

The United States sloop of war Tuscarora left Queenstown on the evening of the 1st. Destination unknown.

At a public meeting in Liverpool for the relief of the distressed in the manufacturing districts, upwards of £17,000 were subscribed on the spot.

There were rumors of an early marriage of the Prince of Wales either to a Danish or Prussian princess.

General Forey left Cherbourg on the 28th for Vera Cruz. The embarkation of troops for Mexico was proceeding briskly.

General Concha would leave Madrid for Paris on the 29th instant. His mission is reported to include an endeavor to establish an understanding between France and Spain regarding Mexico.

The other continental news is unimportant.

Bombay telegrams of July 12 report a rise in cotton and cotton goods.

THE AMERICAN WAR QUESTION.

The Tuscarora was at Queenstown, supposed to be looking after the new steamer known as No 290, bound from Liverpool for Messrs. M'Kay & Co., Commissioners of Customs, Liverpool.

The Alabama was at Cherbourg, repairing her engines and coaling.

The Sumter was at Gibraltar, and was to leave on the 24th for Malta.

The Nashville was at Southampton.

The Oreto was at Palermo.

The Florida was at Nassau, N. P., on the 1st inst.

The Rappahannock was at Havre.

The Sea King was at Singapore.

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