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ABOLITION BULLABALOO.

The official Abolitionists of the North are in a great ballyhoo about the conspiracy of the Military Governor of North Carolina (or Ireland) for colored children, kept at Fort Colyer, the superintendent of the same to be Newborn.

Governor Stanley, the Military Governor of North Carolina, upon reaching Newborn, was informed by Colyer that he had organized a system of education for the negroes, free, slave or husband, as is stated by a Northern mail-bird; and that about seven hundred were in attendance. Upon this statement, Governor Stanley determined to close the schools, as he represented from Washington to see that the laws of North Carolina were administered strictly as they were before the rebellion: that the laws of North Carolina made it a criminal offence to instruct the negroes, and consequently the schools must be closed. Such is the announcement made by a Northern paper.

With these of the most radical journals raise a hue and cry against Governor Stanley's application, "the sway of the dark ages in North Carolina," the moderate Republicans are not disposed to join in the party howl against this official, for an action of so much moment as import.

From the radicals, both journalists and Congressmen, are chippering for his removal, the conservative Republicans oppose his recal, as they think it would be difficult to find a better man for his successor.

On one hand it is maintained that Governor Stanley declares that he was instructed by the President of the United States to establish a form of State Government for the people of North Carolina, as they existed previous to the war, on the other it is declared that any instruction on this subject was without official.

The New York *World*, reviewing the conduct of Governor Stanley, considers that "he has prudently and most foolishly committed acts calculated to thwart the President's policy of conciliation." His conduct, the *World* says, places the President of the United States in a trying dilemma. For, says the *World*, "if he supports Governor Stanley's action, the violent radicals will come out in opposition to the Administration; if he reverses it, the movement will be censured at the South as an evidence that Union invited back into the States, are to be deprived of the control of their own affairs."

It is evident that in the former contingency, the imbecilities which will arise from all Abolition rule will be endless; whilst in the reverse of the latter, it would be difficult for the people of the South to adopt a different constitution from that now enforced. If the *status quo ante bellum* is to be preserved with regard to the administration of local and State laws, it is clearly evident that the control of local affairs will be entirely taken out of the hands of the people of those States, where the Federal authority may be sway.

However, if there is a firm adherence to the Constitution of our forefathers, the administration of local laws can be sustained, as in the past, without endangering the institutions of the disorganized States.

ASSORTED MERCHANDISE.—There is now for sale at No. 79 Magazine street, a large quantity of assorted merchandise, just received per brig Ellen P. Stewart. See advertisement in another column.

CANNED CAMPS.—R. C. Clark & Co., 56 Bienville street, between Perdido and Magazine streets, offer for sale an assorted cargo of canned goods. Just received from Philadelphia, per brig Ellen P. Stewart. See advertisement in another column.

BOOTS WANTED.—A gentleman wishing to rent a small cottage home in the Third District, near one of the city railroads. See advertisement.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LORD LYONS FOR ENGLAND.—The latest advices from Washington, to the following effect announce the departure of Lord Lyons for England; and it had given rise to various commonplaces and suppositions. The correspondent from Washington, announcing his departure, adds "nothing as it which should cause undue apprehension, as he is assured that the Ambassador will be England animated with the best intentions towards the United States. He goes to England, says the correspondent, to make the Government understand that the war cannot be of long duration."

U. S. CONSULSHIPS TO NEW ORLEANS.—The New York *World* of the 19th, as we learn from the *Picayune*, intimates that Mr. Seward will oust the Hon. Reverdy Johnson to this city and appoint a commissioner to investigate the facts of the difficulty between General Butler and the Consul of the Netherlands here: and it adds that which he will have reported, the Government of the Netherlands will have no reason to complain of injustice.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL COPPENS.—Among the wounded in the battle of Chickahominy, was not Lieutenant-Colonel Coppens, of this city, attached to St. Paul's battalion. The character of his wound is not mentioned, and from this fact we infer it cannot be very serious.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Supposed Confederate Property Seized.—The Second District police yesterday seized with L. P. Sizeretaux, residing on the Levee, at the foot of Hospital street, six feet of iron, seventeen feet long, and a small barge, believed to be Confederate property.

The City.—The state of the city at the present moment is one of mingled trial and consolation. The weather is warm, indeed: but the health of the city continues, notwithstanding the changes in the mortality of last week, to be considered with that of the previous one, cannot but be considered as satisfactory. On the other hand, though we see no reason to fear the general scarcity of provisions, the price of this principal necessary, flour, is enormous, especially in connection with the resources of the people. Perhaps we may be able soon to announce this important improvement in this latter respect.

The work of cleaning the canals and the streets of the city, and repairing the wharves continues with vigor, and at once affords subsistence to hundreds who, in most other cities, would be in want and condition, and contributes to secure that the summer may be passed without any extraordinary mortality.

The Tars.—The deserters from the Pensacola, which we noticed yesterday, caused quite an unexpected disappointment to many poor tars, who are to be sympathised with for having had to suffer without having themselves given actual cause of offence. On Tuesday evening, among others arrested under the general orders of the Provost Marshal for the seizure of all sailors found out after dark, some of them belonging to the Trade Wind, which had entered only a few hours previously, had to spend the night in the calaboose. A number of others, equally void of offence, were arrested during the evening and yesterday, and had no doubt time in securing their liberation. How many of the actual deserters have been recaptured we have not been able to learn. We understand that some of them have been.

Incorrigible Negroes.—Johnny O'Brien, one of the eleven who escaped from the Parish Prison as already reported, was recaptured on Monday night, in a house on Thalia street, by Capt. John Kelly. Kelly was arrested with O'Brien in the charge of harboring the fugitive. Many were both locked up for the night, and will be to-day apparently disposed of yesterday by Judge Ball, in the Provost's Court.

Charity Hospital.—We understand that the Commissioners of this Institution having sent in their resignations, General Butler yesterday refused to accept them, and requested them to continue the exercise of their functions, together with the other officers of the Institution. We have been told that the reception of Federal soldiers was ordered, and as intimations were given that whatever supplies might be needed would be furnished. We did not hear that any had been attended to the order.

Arrested.—Mr. E. P. Jones, lately a clerk in the office of Recorder Emerson, and whose absence has been explained by cure some two weeks since, died yesterday.

It appears that while endeavoring to get out of the city at Pearl Creek, he fell, and from the effects of which he injured that surgeon, Dr. Beard, was called in. He lingered, and died yesterday. Mr. Jones had received an appointment in the Confederate army, but had not accepted it. He was about to be arrested for this, when he was found dead. He was not arrested, but was buried from his residence, on Julia street, between Rampart and Burgundy, on Thursday last, July 24.

Sale of Negroes.—A sale of 2000 negroes belonging to Messrs. Bradford & Co., of Natchez, took place yesterday at the Exchange. The prices realized were very low, and the sale was not completed.

Provost Court—Judge Bell.—Among the cases brought forward in the morning session in which a claim was made for an order to the effect of one-half of the value of five bales of cotton saved from destruction during the occupancy on the approach of the Federal fleet to the city, on the 25th of April. The cotton had been burned in March; and the owner of it expressed his willingness to pay reasonably *for* the services rendered in saving it. The defendants, however, were unwilling to accept this. The Court decided that the case was one entirely for the judgment of a civil court.

Mr. Casey was brought up on the charge of having refused to restore to two lone and unprotected females the respective sums of $61 and $35, which they had accidentally entrusted to him for safe-keeping. On being asked what he had to say on the subject, he offered to pay a portion of the amounts to day, and the balance before long, if not sooner, the Court gave him an order permitting him to do so, and all the parties "went on their way rejoicing."

The owner of the Crystal Palace, a wall known by that name at the corner of Poydras and St. Charles streets, was mulcted in the sum of $100 for selling liquor to soldiers in violation of Major-General Butler's proclaimed orders. His place was also ordered to be closed in consequence of his not having taken out a license.

Edward Donnelly, said to belong to the important fraternity of newsboys, was sent to the Parish Prison for one month to enable him to atone for having fallen from grace and taken unauthorized possession of a pair of boots, at the late fire in Poydras street.

John Kelly, one of the illustrious eleven who made such a desperate effort to worship the Goddess of Liberty at the well known institution on Orleans street, the other day, was remanded thither, with orders to vegetate for an additional six months as a cold wall flower.

James McGhan, who seems rather inclined to the abuse of marital rights, was required to give proper bonds of $200 to behave himself for the future with gentleness to his wife in particular, and with inoffensiveness to the community in general.

In order was made on Tuesday requiring Mr. Gordon, the agent of J. D. Alexander, now of Maryland, to pay $100 at once and $40 per month, out of the rental of Mr. Alexander's property, towards the support of Mrs J. M. Burke and Miss Forbes, his daughters.

Police and Provost Marshal's Business.—The Provost Marshal gives notice that he will be at the office nightly occupied by the City Attorney, City Hall, to attend to police business, from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and at 177 Canal street, to attend to the duties of the Provost Marshal's office.

Burglary.—The residence of Mr. Edward Inman, on Liberty street, between Gravier and Common streets, was entered on Tuesday night by means of false keys, and some $20 in silver, a plated ice-pitcher, a revolver, and other articles were stolen therefrom.

Impudent to Liquor Sellers.—The Provost Marshall gives notice that all liquor-sellers if they do not take out licenses by the 1st prox., will have their establishments closed, and their property confiscated.

We are requested to state that in the case of Clifford Percival, arraigned of a charge of having stolen $12 from the armoir of Chas. Roenger, the defendant was discharged, as the Court was not satisfied that the charge was substantiated. We may add, that Mr. Percival exhibited to us documents from a respectable source, showing him to be an honest man.

EARNEST NEWS.

The *National Advocate* published last evening a second edition, from which we extract the following news:

The Memphis *Appeal* of the 21st, published at Grenada, contains the following:

[From the Memphis Appeal of the 21st.]

Grenada, Miss., June 21.—The *South Carolinian* learns, on the authority of a private dispatch from Richmond, that the authorities have received *official notice* of the recognition by France of the Government of the Confederate States of America. It was rumored that Russia, Spain and the Netherlands had also recognized the South.

THE CHICKAHOMINY BATTLE.

It was first announced (says the Richmond *Dispatch*) that the splendid Union victory of Seven Pines," resulted in the capture of fifteen hundred prisoners, and among them the whole of the 5th Alabama regiment. The New York *Herald* gave full biographical sketches of the field officers, and, at least, three honored, never having belonged to the regiment, and who was at the time of the battle very quietly residing in Montgomery, in the list of prisoners belonging to the 5th. Instead of 4500, the *Herald* now gives the number 220.

The list of their killed and wounded has reached forty-eight hundred, and the "Union victory" is open of in doubtful terms.

We see that Col. Charles Eliot, the commander of the Federal ram fleet, is seriously ill. He was wounded with a ball from a pistol, in the recent fight before Memphis, the ball striking the left temple and passing upward, shortly afterward he was taken with a comma, and is said to be quite ill. He has gone back to Cairo.

Ten of the Federal mortar boats passed Natchez on the 19th at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the 20th, on their way up to Vicksburg.

A writer in the New York *Tribune* says it is reported that a ball was given on board the English gunboat Rinaldo, in Norfolk harbor, but the short time since, which was attended by the ladies of that city. It is furthermore reported that Jefferson Davis was the toast frequently repeated and warmly applauded. The *Tribune* writer does not relish this last sentence at all.

THE ENEMY OF OUR BORDERS.

Mississippi has now over 40,000 men in other States, and the Yankees being aware of the fact seek to invade her soil from Memphis and Baton Rouge on the south, Memphis and Holly Springs on the north, and Vicksburg and Grand Gulf on the west.

These calculations may all be very wise, but when a certain gallant division from Beauregard performs its orders our enemy will learn to their sorrow that it is no easy matter to desecrate Mississippi soil.—*Jackson Mississippian.*

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special to the Charleston Commercial, 16th.]

An inhabitant of Winchester during Jackson's occupation, says that before he left he made an appeal to the people, assuring them that he'd return at an early day, adding that he didn't fail when he promised them before, so he wouldn't now.

A dispatch from General Johnston was found at Winchester, in which he tells Jackson if the enemy is in his immediate front is not too large, to threaten Washington and Baltimore, for the purpose of driving reinforcements from McClellan.

[From the Mississippian of the 19th.]

Richmond, June 17.—Heavy skirmishing on the right of our lines to-day. City perfectly quiet.

Jackson has been heavily reinforced, and is again marching towards the Potomac. Fremont has undoubtedly left the Shenandoah valley. The Federal army has advanced from Memphis and occupied Holly Springs. General Bradford, Confederate, was captured.

The Federals have arrived in force at the Tallahatchie river 12 miles from Oxford, and were there met by Colonel Shelby and 600 infantry. Battle raging at 2 o'clock on the 17th.

General Beauregard wrote a long letter from headquarters of his army on the 17th, in which he denies all the statements made by General Halleck.

LATEST FROM WASHINGTON.

Washington, June 14.—Notice has been given to the various churches, without regard to denomination, that their edifices will be used for military hospitals, if necessary.

It is ascertained from a gentleman who arrived to-day from Gen. Fremont's army that arrangements have been made by which to promptly furnish them the requisite commissary and quartermaster's stores.

The Post-Office Department has directed the resumption of mail facilities to Memphis, Tennessee.

Another ship load of contrabands will soon leave here for Hayti, making in all about five hundred sent there during the present month.

Washington, June 14.—An officer who was in the battle of Fort Republic, doing duty in the advance of General Blenker's Brigade, has just arrived here. He says he received positive orders not to burn the bridge over the Shenandoah. Our entire loss in the fight, in killed, wounded and prisoners, did not exceed 1000; 156 of our men were killed, and 300 wounded.

M'CLELLAN'S ARMY.

Washington, June 15.—A dispatch from General McClellan's army says the movements of the enemy have been extensive, and as yet involved in mystery. Large bodies have been seen moving down from near Mechanicsville bridge and Richmond toward the battle field. Our pickets yesterday were driven in from Old Church, showing that the enemy intends making demonstrations in that direction.

A contraband reports that 5000 cavalry left Richmond on Wednesday, going in the direction of Fredericksburg—probably the same that was seen at Old Church.

The rebels opened this morning a sharp artillery fire in front of Sumner's division, lasting about three hours. We had one killed and one wounded. The weather is sultry.

THE BATTLE OF PORT REPUBLIC.

Front Royal, June 15.—The result of the Port Republic battle, on Monday, is now ascertained as near as possible. Many thought things are doubtless badly wounded, and necessarily left on the field in our retreat before superior numbers. Many missing will doubtless return.

The forces engaged were mostly Western regiments, who fought heroically. On more than five times their number, for four hours, and Ewell retired in order, except one or two regiments, which surrendered, and were taken to the mountains.

The Seventh Indiana did nobly. Col. Garvin personally rallied the rebels, driving them like sheep. They left Brigadiers and 3000 reinforcements arrived at Port Republic 20 minutes after the fight closed. Jackson's force is reported at 30 thousand. Ewell's force is estimated at 15 thousand. Jackson's loss is said to be about 1500. Ewell's loss is not reported. Our loss is about 1000 killed, wounded and prisoners, did not exceed 1500. Ewell's loss very heavy.

Gazette Shooter,
Saturday, June 21, 1862.

Arrived from Memphis at 10 o'clock this morning, the steamer Gazette, with the following passengers:

[illegible] killed and [illegible] of the following officers:

[illegible]

War News.

The following is the official report of Fremont upon the engagement between his forces and Jackson's on the 8th inst.:

Headquarters Army in the Field,
Camp near Fort Republic, June 9, 9 A. M.
To E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War:

(No. 40)—The army left Harrisonburg at six o'clock this morning, and at half past eight advanced cautiously upon the rebels about seven miles from that place, near Union Church. The enemy was very advantageously posted in the timber, having taken up his own position, forming a smaller circle than our own, and with his troops formed en masse. It occupied undoubtedly all Jackson's force. The battle began with heavy firing on eleven o'clock, and lasted with great obstinacy and violence until four in the afternoon. Some skirmishing and artillery firing continuing from that time until dark. Our troops fought principally under the murderous fire of greatly superior numbers, the bottom of the small area this being on the left wing, which was held by Stahl's Brigade, consisting of five regiments. The bayonets and sabres only were used freely and with great effect by our men. The loss on both sides is very great. Ours is very heavy among the officers. A full report of them with the individual chevrons will be made without postponing.

I desire to say that both officers and men behaved themselves with splendid gallantry, and that the services of the artillery was especially admirable.

We are encamped on the field of battle, which may be reserved at my request.

(Signed) J. C. FREMONT,
Major-General.

THE ATTACK ON CHARLESTON.

The Northern papers contain the following dispatches regarding the movements of the Federal forces against Charleston:

Washington, June 8, 1862.—Dispatches from Flag Officer Dupont state that the gunboats have passed Fort Sumter, near Charleston. The fullest news was made in consequence of information received from Robert Smalls.

Philadelphia, June 9, 1862.—The following dispatches are taken from Southern papers received in Baltimore:

Charleston, June 3, 1862.—The Federal gunboats are moving up as if to engage our batteries. The greatest excitement prevails as the gunboats are in sight at times. Every confidence is expressed in Gen. Gist's ability to drive the invaders off.

Charleston, June 4, A. M.—The enemy landed this morning, two thousand strong, at James Island, opposite this city. A battle took place. The enemy were repulsed, and twenty-one taken prisoners by the forces of General Gist. The prisoners will be sent to Salem, Ala., immediately. There is still heavy firing in the direction of James Island, and it is rumored that a hundred more Yankees have been cut off and captured.

Charleston, June 4, P. M.—General Gist's last dispatch says: The prisoners taken this morning report that the enemy landed, 1700 strong, on Battery Island and on John's Island. The enemy is now in front of me, in force, and under cover of his gunboats. An advance is imminent.

Newspaper Accounts.

[Telegraphed to the Richmond Examiner, June 5.]

DEMONSTRATION OF THE ENEMY AGAINST CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA—REPULSE OF THE ENEMY AND CAPTURE OF PRISONERS.

Augusta, June 4, 1862.—The Savannah *Republican* of this morning has dispatches from Charleston dated yesterday, which state that the enemy landed, about 400 strong, at James Island, nearly opposite the city, and were repulsed, with the loss of twenty prisoners.

General Gist's dispatch says that the prisoners taken this morning report that the force landed 1700 strong last night on Battery Island. There is little force in Legareville, John's Island. The enemy are in front of me, but under cover of their gunboats.

Five P. M.—The twenty Yankee prisoners captured on James Island have just passed on their way to jail. Ninety more were cut off, and will probably be captured. Heavy firing continues in that direction.

[From the Charleston Courier, June 24.]

ATTACK ON FORT PEMBERTON.

About two o'clock Friday afternoon one of the enemy's gunboats came into Seabrook river, and took a position from which they opened fire on Fort Pemberton, garrisoned under the command of Major J. J. Lucas. The post is now under command of Lieutenant-Colonel T. C. H. Peake. A brisk engagement of half an hour took place, after which the enemy retired. The behavior of the garrison was admirable.

The Southern papers contain the following dispatches from Richmond and Atlanta to the 17th inst.:

Severe Battle on James Island.

HENRY COMPLETELY DEFEATED—ESTES'S LOSS FOUR HUNDRED—OUR LOSS FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED—ANOTHER ATTACK EXPECTED.

Atlanta, June 17.—Special dispatches from Augusta papers, dated Saturday, 7:30, say that a severe battle took place this morning, on James Island, four miles from this city.

Five regiments of Yankees, reinforced by artillery, attacked our batteries at Secessionville.

Col. Lamar commanded the Confederates, and after a hot contest the troops repulsed the enemy three times with great slaughter.

The enemy fought bravely, but were defeated.

Our victory was complete.

The enemy's loss supposed to be 400, including thirty or more prisoners.

Our loss estimated at from 50 to 100.

Capt. Lamar was wounded; Capts. Reed and King and Lieut. Edwards killed.

It is expected that the attack will soon be renewed.

The Confederates were much exhausted by the shelling of the enemy day and night for a week.

A dispatch to the Savannah *Republican* says the troops engaged were the Rhett Regiment, Charleston Battalion, Forty-seventh Georgia Regiment, Hazzard's Legionet, Lamar's Battery, and a detachment of Chatham's Artillery, all in command, Gen. Evans in command.

Gens. Pemberton and Evans complimented Col. Lamar on the field.

Montgomery, June 17.—Gen. Beauregard and staff are now on their way to Richmond.

It is rumored that a large portion of the army of the Mississippi will soon follow the General.

A sufficient force will be left under the invincible Bragg to check any advance towards the interior by the vandals on the coast.

Richmond, June 16.—Via Mobile 17th.—Official confirmation of the above.

Some pickets skirmishing along the lines today.

An engagement at an early day deemed not improbable.

Weather clear and cold. No news from the Valley.

Richmond, June 17.—The Fortress Monroe correspondent of the New York *Tribune* says he has been assured by a gentleman who has just left the Shenandoah valley. The Federal army has advanced from Memphis and occupied Holly Springs. General Bradford, Confederate, was captured.

The Federals have arrived in force at the Tallahatchie river 12 miles from Oxford, and were there met by Colonel Shelby and 600 infantry. Battle raging at 2 o'clock on the 17th.

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[From the Richmond Enquirer, June 4.]

THE LIES ABOUT RICHMOND.

The enemy fired a few shells into the woods on yesterday, and, we understand, a little skirmishing was indulged in, with no effort of importance upon one or the other side. The battle of the Chickahominy.

Mr. Spence has addressed another communication to the London *Times*. Referring to the treaties of the Confederates, he says it was plainly useless to continue the war on the principle of two men fighting three and a rowboat: hence they resolve to call in their outlying and foreign auxiliaries upon Richmond, with the view also of falling back from there unless tempted by circumstances to engage a general action. The object of tactics in an unequal war is to exhaust the strength of the enemy before grappling him in action.

FRANCE.—Prince Carignan had been received by Napoleon at a private audience.

Paris journals state that the Count of Montebello has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the French army in Rome.

ITALY.—The Austrian Government, in reply to the Committee of Finance, declared it was harmoniously engaged in providing by diplomatic means for a settlement of Italian affairs, and had reason to hope its efforts would be successful; that all the questions at issue had reached a crisis, and in a short time matters would be easier. They consider the danger of war is finally as averted for a long period, and are about to realize the reduction of the army on a grand scale.

According to news from Rome, the family of Francis II is preparing to leave.

RUSSIA.—The Grand Duke Constantine has been appointed Viceroy of the kingdom of Poland.

SPAIN.—The Spanish Government is about to build seven iron frigates.

The entire Spanish press refutes the late article in the Paris *Patrie*.

INDIA.—*Bombay, May 12, 1862.*—The cotton market is wild, at 12 a 13 rupees advance. No supplies. Freight weak and lower. Exchange ¼d higher.

Commercial Intelligence.

Liverpool, May 30, 1862.—In the London market Consols were steady and rather firmer. Stocks very dull, with a downward tendency.

London, May 30, 1862.—Consols closed at 90¾ for money.

American securities unchanged and steady.

The bullion in the Bank has decreased £168,000.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

Liverpool May 30, 1862.—[Per Brokers' Circular.]—The sales of the week are 37,000 bales. The market has been irregular and dull, and quotations vary, in the early part of the week, 1-16d per pound, but closed with an advance of ⅛d per pound. The sales of Friday and Saturday (30th and 31st) were 10,000 bales, including 2,000 to speculators, closing heavily at the following quotations:

	Fair.	Mid Orleans
Uplands	14d.	13 1-16d
Mobile	13 15-16d.	12 15-16d.
Orleans	14d.	13¼d.

The Manchester market is quiet and steady.

The Capture of Memphis.

As we are not in receipt of our files of Northern papers of the 5th and 9th, we are compelled to adopt the *Picayune's* summary of the particulars of the capture of Memphis. We have received our Northern exchanges of the 7th and 10th, but we lack the intervening dates of the 8th and 9th. The *Picayune* condenses:

On Thursday, the 5th, the Federal gunboat fleet moved from before Fort Pillow. The Confederate transport Sovereign was captured forty miles below. A large amount of cotton had been burned and otherwise wasted by the exasperated planters, all along the banks of the river. The Federal fleet anchored four miles above Memphis, Thursday night.

Friday morning it met eight rebel gunboats, commanded by Capt. Montgomery, and a spirited naval battle ensued, lasting one hour and a half. The Federal fleet sank and destroyed four of the rebel boats, captured three, and one escaped. We did not, says the dispatch, learn the name, while the enemy's loss is estimated at 100 in killed, wounded and drowned.

The city surrendered at noon on the 6th. All is now quiet.

Another dispatch, dated Cairo, June the 8th, says:

The Union fleet engaged eight rebel boats before Memphis on Friday morning, sinking two, burning one and capturing four.

One of the Union rams was disabled. No person killed on our side.

Memphis was occupied at 11 o'clock on the forenoon of Saturday.

The gunboats are before the city. No disturbance took place at the time of occupation.

All the cotton in the city was burned, and much sugar destroyed.

The Union soldiers cut down the rebel flag, which was nailed to the staff, amid the cheering of the people.

The departing trains are crowded with refugees. The stores are closed, and Confederate money refused.

After the return of our gunboats from the pursuit Gen. Davis sent the following note to the Mayor of Memphis:

U. S. Flag Steamer Benton,
Off Memphis, June 6.

I have respectfully to request that you will surrender the city of Memphis to the authority of the United States, which I have the honor to represent.

I am, Mr. Mayor, with high respect, your obedient servant,

C. H. DAVIS, Flag Officer.

In reply, the Mayor says:

"Your note is received, and, in reply, I have only to say, as the civil authorities have no means of defence, and by the force of the circumstances, the city is in your hands."

Immediately after our boats' crews landed, and the national flag was hoisted over the post office. The party was followed by an excited crowd, but were not interfered with. The Forty-third and Forty-sixth Indiana Regiments now occupy the place. Col. Fitch is in command.

The city is quiet. No demonstrations whatever have been made. It is even asserted that it will not be necessary to declare martial law. Five of our gunboats now lie abreast of the city. We captured five large steamers which were moored at the levee. We also secured a new gunboat, which was nearly ready to launch.

COL. DAVIS'S OFFICIAL REPORT.

Washington, June 8.—The following dispatch has been received at the Navy Department:

U. S. Steamer Benton, Off Memphis,
June 6.

To Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy.

Sir—I arrived here last evening at 9 o'clock, accompanied by the mortar fleet under Captain Maynadier, the ram fleet, Lieut. Col. Ellet, and the "Queen of the West," Colonel Ellet, Wheeler, Lieut. Amiss, &c., and anchored a mile and a half above the city.

This morning I discovered the rebel fleet, which had been reinforced, and now consisted of eight rams and gunboats, lying at the levee. The engagement, which commenced at 5.30 A. M. and ended at 7, terminated in a running fight.

I was ably supported by the ram fleet under command of Col. Ellet, who was conspicuous for his gallantry, and is seriously hurt, but not dangerously wounded.

The result of the action was the capture or destruction of seven vessels of the rebel fleet, as follows:

The Gen. Beauregard, blown up and burned.

The Gen. Sterling Price, one wheel carried away.

The *Jeff Thompson*, cut off here by a shell and burned, and magazine blown up.

The Sumter, badly cut up by shot, but will be repaired.

The Little Rebel, better exploded by shot, and otherwise injured, but will be repaired.

Besides this, one of the rebel boats was sunk in the beginning of the action, her name is not known.

A boat, supposed to be the Van Dorn, escaped from the fiddle by her superior speed. Two others are in pursuit.

The officers and crews of the rebel boats endeavored to take the shore. Many of their wounded and prisoners are now in our hands.

The Mayor surrendered the city to me after the engagement.

Capt. Fitch came down at 11 o'clock, and has taken military possession.

C. H. DAVIS,
Flag Officer Commanding, pro tem.

BEFORE THE FIGHT.

Washington, June 8.—The following dispatch, written the day before the Memphis battle, was telegraphed from Cairo to-day, and was received at the War Department after these describing the ram engagement:

Opposite Randolph, below Fort Pillow,
Via Cairo, June 8, 1862.

Hon. E. M. Stanton:

To my mortification, the enemy evacuated Fort Pillow last night. They carried away or destroyed everything of value. Yesterday morning Lieut. Col. Ellet and a few men in a yawl went ashore, followed immediately by Col. Fitch and part of his command. To-day boats then came down and anchored below the island. I proceeded with three rams twelve miles below the fort, to a point opposite Randolph, and sent Lieut. Col. Ellet ashore with a flag of truce to demand the surrender of the place. Their forces had all left, two of their gunboats only an hour before we approached. The people seemed to rejoice at the coming of Lieut. Col. Ellet pleased. The guns had been dismantled and many piles of cotton were burning. I shall leave Lieut. Col. Ellet here to the advance, and return immediately to Fort Pillow to bring on my entire forces.

The people attribute the abandonment of the ownership to the attempt made under it before last to sink one of their gunboats at Fort Pillow. Randolph, like Pillow, is weak, and could not have held out long against a vigorous attack.

The people express a desire for the restoration of the old order of things, though still professing to be secessionists.

CHAS. ELLET, JR.,
Colonel Commanding Ram D'Ioilla.

United States Ram Switzerland,
Opposite Memphis, June 7.

Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War:

Sir—Yesterday, after the engagement with the rebel fleet had nearly terminated, and the gunboats and one of my rams had passed below, I was informed that a white flag had been raised in the city. I immediately sent my son, a second cadet, Charles R. Ellet, ashore with a flag of truce, and the following note to the authorities:

Opposite Memphis, June 6, 1862.

I understand that the city of Memphis has surrendered. I therefore send my son, with two United States flags, with instructions to raise one upon the Custom-house and the other upon the Courthouse, as evidence of the return of your city to the care and protection of the Constitution.

CHARLES ELLET, JR.,
Colonel Commanding.

The bearer of the flag and the above note was accompanied by Lieutenant Crankell, of the Fifty-sixth Illinois regiment, and two men of the boat's guard.

The following is the reply of the Mayor of the city:

Memphis, June 6, 1862.

Colonel Charles Ellet, Jr., Commanding, &c.

Sir—Your note of this date is received, and the contents noted. The civil authorities of this city are not advised of its surrender to the forces of the United States Government, and our reply to you is simply to state respectfully that we have no forces to oppose the raising of the flags you have directed to be raised over the Custom-house and Post-Office.

Respectfully,
JOHN PARK, Mayor.

On receiving this reply, the small party proceeded to the Post-Office to raise the national flag, and were there joined by the Mayor. It is proper to say that the conduct of the Mayor and some of the citizens was exceptional; but the party was surrounded by an excited crowd, using angry and threatening language. They managed to get to the top of the Post Office and planted the flag, though fired upon several times and stoned by the mob below. Still I believe this conduct was reprobated by the people of standing in the place. Indeed, many spoke of an extensive Union sentiment in the place even me. Resp, cordially

CHAS. ELLET, JR.,
Colonel Commanding Ram Fleet.

Opposite Memphis, June 10, 1862.

Hon. E. M. Stanton:

Sir—There are several facts touching the naval engagement of the 6th instant at this place which I wish to place on record.

Approaching Memphis, the gunboats were in the advance. I had received no notice that a fight was expected, but was informed on landing within sight of Memphis that the enemy's gunboats had retreated down the river. My first information of the presence of the enemy was a shot which passed over my head. Then four of my rams were powerful ones in the advance and ready for any emergency; the others were towing the barges. On advancing to the point I expected, of course, to be followed by the gunboats, but was informed that they were not in sight. The Memphis ram is peculiarly. Some of the officers of the Lancaster, which was one of the first vessels in the line, became excited and ordered several shells to be thrown into