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The South Side of the James.

The New York *World* of Tuesday contains the following editorial speculations:

The south bank of the James is the true base of operations against the rebel capital.

A great deal of folly has been exhibited by certain Generals in declaring that if Lee, with his army, was forced inside the fortifications of Richmond he would be invested and forced to capitulate. This is nonsense, because the Union commander can never have an army large enough to completely invest the rebel capital. The only way to bring about a fall of Richmond is, for the Union army to besiege it on the south side, thus cutting off all supplies. This is probably Gen. Grant's scheme, by this time fully developed. As the possession of the Richmond and Petersburg and the Danville roads is indispensable for the preservation of the rebel capital, it follows that General Lee will be compelled to risk a great battle south of the James river. In connection with the movements of the combined armies of Hunter, Crook, and Averill are significant to give plausibility to the statements which reach us from Washington, that all the roads leading to the rebel capital will soon be either in possession of, or cut by the Union forces. General Sheridan is on another raid, which is intended to be a long and important one. The necessity which exists for cutting off the rebel communication, with Richmond on the south, indicated the destination of General Sheridan; and he will doubtless endeavor to sweep around the south of the rebel capital, and join the forces of General Butler. Thus he would isolate Richmond entirely, and pave the way for the direct operations of General Grant from the north bank across the James river. The rumor that Fort Darling is again invested may have some foundation in fact. If, as has been represented, Beauregard is directly assisting Lee in the defense of Richmond on the north side, there was an opportunity for a stand on the part of General Gillmore, of which he has probably taken advantage. Fort Darling is now the only barrier of consequence to the ascent of the James river by our iron-clads and other gunboats, as, with this fort silenced, the torpedoes and other obstructions can easily be removed.

A Cousin of Secretary Chase Murdered by the Rebels in Cold Blood.

A correspondent of the Brooklyn *Union* of Saturday says:

"The remains of Arthur L. Chase, late a lieutenant in the Eighth New York artillery, passed through New York city this morning, on the way to Lockport, N. Y., the residence of his parents, for interment. The circumstances of the death of this brave and noble boy are of such a character that they may well be put on record with the many other acts of disgraceful barbarity, which will remain in the future as just exponents of the character of the rebellion, its cause and its abettors. He died in Washington on the morning of the 8th instant, in the Armory Square Hospital, and previous to his death, a memorandum was found in one of his pockets, in his own handwriting, which states that he had been wounded, dismounted, and had fallen on the battle-field, and while in this helpless state he was approached by four rebel soldiers, who shot him through the neck, chest and thigh, placing the muzzle of their guns so near him that his clothing and flesh were burned by their discharge, and are now the witnesses of the truth of this memorandum, which he had strength to make after suffering from the atrocious act."

Lieutenant Chase was a cousin of Secretary Chase, and a nephew of Doctor Wells, of Brooklyn.

MAJOR GENERAL CARL SCHURZ.—General Schurz is not, as has been stated, in command of the convalescent camp at Nashville. On the consolidation of the 11th and 12th corps, he reported to General Sherman, and while waiting for an active command in the field, undertook, by desire of the latter, the formation of a large camp of instruction for a large number of new troops then arriving from the North. This camp was intended to form the nucleous of a large reserve force, but it became necessary to scatter the men upon a long line of railroad, and Gen. Schurz consequently reports for orders, according to the new command.

THE Christian Commission has sent through Washington and Baltimore over a hundred delegates since the change of base, to work among the wounded coming in at the White House; also large quantities of stores. Four teams have been purchased, in addition to those heretofore employed, between White House and the front. As many as 500 boxes of stores have been sent in a single day. A steaming barge and a schooner are chartered by the Commission to transport stores from Washington to the base.

THE Common Council of Newark, N. J., has appropriated the sum of four hundred dollars to all men drafted and accepted in that city who furnish substitutes or serve in person. The Committee of the Council also furnish substitutes at $450, the drafted man paying $50 toward the bounty and $2 for expenses. Several thousand dollars have already been paid out for this purpose; but in no instance have they paid the $300 exemption.

THE following list of captures shows the losses of the Anglo-rebel blockade runners in the past few days. All of them had valuable cargoes on board, and some of them valuable documents, which have fallen into our hands:

Captors.	Name of Prize.	Where.	Time.
Admiral	Isabel	Off Wilmington	May 29
Keystone State	Caledonia	Off Wilmington	May 30
Victoria	Georgiana McCaw		June 2
Fort Jackson	Thistle		June 5
Keystone State	Stag		June 5
The Sci	Denbigh	Off Mobile	June 6

MRS. SARAH SIMONDS, of Londonderry, N. H., has lost four of her seven sons in a little over a year, three of them in the war. Clark, a captain in the 15th Massachusetts Regiment, was killed at Antietam; Aaron, a private in the 6th New Hampshire, died at Fort Royal; and Benjamin, a lieutenant in the 16th Massachusetts, was shot dead at the head of his company in one of the recent battles in the Wilderness.

THE Democrats of Chicago are erecting a large building on the shore of Lake Michigan, for the accommodation of the Democratic Convention. It will be 628 feet in circumference, and will seat about 15,000 people. The Convention will occupy a raised platform in the centre of an amphitheatre, from which all but delegates, reporters, &c., will be excluded. The building will cost $5,000.

GENERAL LONGSTREET'S WOUND.—The following dispatch from the rebel General Longstreet appears in the rebel papers:

GREENSBORO, May 18.

"To Judge A. R. Longstreet: My wound is severe, but not dangerous. It is through the neck and shoulder. I am improving.

"JAMES LONGSTREET."

MR. KINGLAKE'S "Invasion of the Crimea," translated into French by Th. Karcher, and just published at Brussells, is in the list of books which are not allowed to enter France.

Supplies in Virginia.

In a letter from the headquarters of the Army of the Potomac, we find the following:

We wish, by the way, to correct a misapprehension in regard to the condition of such supplies in the parts of Virginia which we have been recently traversing. If any one has formed a picture of a starving, foodless, famished, desolated South, let them look for a moment on the true picture of the country which our army has occupied for several weeks. With the exception of a few poor families, who often make pretenses of destitution to save themselves from robbery at the hands of our soldiers, the country is abundantly supplied with everything. Chickens are filled with corn until they overflow. Garden grow all the luxuries of the season. Flocks and herds have not deserted the pastures and hills. Corydon and Thyrsis eat their country messes in the shade. Fowls frequent the barn-yards, and the dove cotes are not abandoned by their meek and innocent inmates. Our horses wade through clover knee deep, and the growing wheat brushes their sides as they pass through it. Forests stand