THE WAR FOR THE UNION

IMPORTANT FROM THE SOUTHWEST. IMPORTANT FROM THE SOUTH AND INTERPRETARY FROM THE SOUTH AND LOUISVILLE, Feb. 28.—A reliable informant, who left the iront on Friday morning, reports our army then five miles from Tunnel Hill. They had as entained that the enemy was in force at Dalton. Our army had full rations and would attack Dalton. Our army had full rations and would attack Dalton when det med advisable.

On the contrary, intelligence of the same date received by military men, states that our army, haveing accomplished the object of the reconstitutions are towards Dalton, had returned to Chattanooga. The later opinion is mainly held by the military aultorilies. thorities.

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MEMPHIS, Feb. 26.—The reports of stragglers that General Smith's expedition had been cut up prove to be jalse. That officer arrived here last night. From the officer's diary kept during the progress of the expedition, I condense the following particulars in addition to those already furnished:

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Point. We lost one Licutenant killed and five
men wounded in the skirmish, and killed one
rebet Ca₁ ta.n, capturing a rebet Major and one

rebet Cal ta., taptang by the control of the let we moved on West Point, and found forrest, L.e. Chalmers and Roddy combined against u. They tried to out our column in two, but without success. Very heavy fighting occurred both in the rear and on the advance.

The 2d lows had a number killed and wounded in the regulant charge. From two hundred to three hundred rebels hovered on each fink. in the gallant charge. Find in the gallant charge, three hundred rebels hovered on each fink, while all the heavy force in our rear was containly charging. We here lost three field pieces, 4 pounder steel gans, which were spiked before being captured. All their animunition was saved. General smith now-fell back slowly, our troops ambushing the rebels as they advanced. The

amousting the levels as the available of the rebel loss is quite heavy.
General Smith burned every trestle on the Memphisand Ohio Railroad, and destroyed miles of the track and large quantities of corn as we fell on the 22d we broke camp at 1 A. M., after resting only two hours. There was severe fighting in the rear all day. As the roads were ambushed at every available point, volley after volley was poured into them at short range, but having so much the larger force, they continued to press our rear heavily.

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The rebel column moved on each flank, with the evident design of reaching the Tallahatchie in advance of our force, and forming a junction to prevent our crossing, and capture the whole command, but by forced marching General Smith passed both the flanking columns, and marching all night crossed safely at New Albany.

23d. The rear guard was skirmishing all day.

24th, The skirmishing was continued. 25th, We marched fifty-two miles, arriving at Memphis at 11 P M. Most of the expedition, however, stopped at Colliersville.

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The following is an estimate of the results: The expedition des royed over one million bushels of corn, tore up and destroyed miles of the Memphis and Ohio Railroad track, burned many bridges and trestles, captured and brought over 1500 mules and lorses, about 2000 negroes and over 300 rebel prisoners. It is impossible to give our loss, but it is much less than the enemy's.

The expedition was successful at every point and in every particular, except the important one of making a junction with General Sherman, which is attributed mainly to the slow movements of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiments, which caused a week's delay in starting the expedition. ing the expedition.

The retreat was not at any time a rout, though

there was some straggling.
The Pre ident's Amnesty Proclamation and Gen. Grant's orders were extensively Firculated throughout the country.

THE BETREAT OF LONGSTREET.

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KNOXVILLE, Feb. 28.—At the last, accounts, Longstreet was still retreating; his headquarters being at Greenville on Wednesday night. Our cavalry came upon his rear guard in the vicinity of Bean's Station yesterday, and a slight skirmish ensued, when the rebels gave way.

Gen. Schoffeld is pursuing with his troops, but owing to the rapid retreat of the enemy no engagement is expected this side of the Virginia line. The rallroad bridge at Strawberry Plains and the track, were injured beyond the possibility of present use. Five officers and a number of men deserted when Longstreet fell back, and have taken the ammesty oath. The officers state that he is retreating to Richmond with his, original troops, leaving Johnston and Buckner to protect the Virginia Border.

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BEAUFORT, S. C., Feb. 23.—I have just got to town, and learn that we have been whipped badly in Florida. Two hundred and forty wounded were brought here last night, and more yet to come. Captain Jewett and Lieutenants Littlefield and Tomlinson, of the Massachusetts 54th (colored), are wounded, but not seriously.

Colonel Hallowell and Captain Watson, of your city, are unhurt. city, are unhurt.
This regiment, as well as the 55th Massachusetts, colored, have lost many men, having fought with great courage,
Colonel Fribley of the Sth United States colored, is killed; he and his men, I am told, fought bravely. As it stands now, this whole thing very much looks like another Fort Wagneraffair, and ought, if it retains its complexion, to bring punishment upon the heads of those that have caused it.

FARTIAL LIST OF CARUALTIES.

T. Stawart Co. F. Sth United States, back

T. Stewart, Co. F. Sth United States, back.

A. Jackson, Co. E, Sth United States, head and A. Jackson, Co. E, 8th United States, left arm.
left hip.
E. Willis, Co. A. 8th United States, left arm.
Sergeant G. F. Sessions, Co., E, 31 United
States Artillery, right side
D. Carroll, Co. E. 3d United States, Artillery,
right hip. D. Carroll, Co. E. 3d United States, Artillery, right bip.
J. March. Co. B, 1st, United States, head.
C. Moore, Co. B, 1st United States, head.
P. Flood, Co. E, 3d United States Artillery, ichteide.

night ade. E. H. Price, Co. E, 3d, United States Artillery, right hip and back. L. Browns, Co. G, 8th United States, right Sides, Co. E. 1st United States Artillery, back. John Tales, Co. E. 3d United States Artillery, left arm.
T. Carver, Co. K., 8th United States Volunteers, T. Carver, Co. R., Sth United States, left leg.
J. Flo.d, Co. B, Sth United States, left leg.
J. H. Burns, Co. B, Sth United States, left leg.
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S. Such, Co. B, 1st United States Armery, left size.

H. Bell; Co. I, Sth United States, left arm.
A. Gray, Co. G, 8th United States, left shoulder.
First Lieut. J. R. Mysic, Co. E, 3d United States Artillery, left foot.
First Lieut. George C, Eddy, Co. E, 3d United States Artillery, right foot. First Lieut. George C., Eddy, Co. E, 3d United States Artillery, right foot.
Secont Lieut. R. L. Dodge, Co. E, 3d United States Artillery, arm.
Capt. J. Hamilton, Co. E, 3d United States Artillery, left arm.
First Lieut. G. Harrington, Co. H, 8th United States Volunteers, foot. Volunteers, foot. or Loren Burritt, 8th United States Volunteers, right leg and foot.
Second Lieut. Seth Lewis, Co. A, 8th United States Volunteers, thigh.

Capt. E. A. Pratt, Co. G, 8th United States
Volunteers shoulder. Volunteers shoulder.
Second Lieut. J. Schieffelin, Co. B, 8th United States Volunteers, leg.
First Lieut. T. McCray, Co. M, 1st United States Artillery, legs.
First Lieut. C. Olowe, 8th United States Volunteers, hand.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Gen. Sickles has been ordered to visit the armies in Arkansas, New Orleans, &c., on a tour of inspection. Information from the Army of the Potomacstates that on Thursday night about one hundred rebels crossed the river near Raccoon Ford, and made a slight demonstration on our pickets, killing two horses, but in a few minutes they heat a hasty retreat across the river. Thirteen of the party, how ever, took the opportunity to desert, and came On Thursday, while Comments.

ever, took the Opportunity to desert, and came on Thursday, while Company D. 25th Pennsyllams was accidentally shot by a comrade, who cleaning his piece with a cap for the purpose of loaded. The ball passed through Williams's head, the ertire regiment. Not long ago he re-enlisted, and had been home on furlough and was marked et all the Provoet Marshall's office by United States Detective arrived the Provoet Marshall's office by United States Detective arrived, of the steamer Weiden, having een picked up at different points on the Lower Potomac. The personal effects of the parties filled two large furniture wagons, and many of them had upon their persons a considerable amount of money is gold and silver.

These refugees are principally Germans, but are anwilling to reveal anything in relation to affairs a Richmond, perhaps, because of their ignorance,

or from the fact that the head of each family has a pass, "saying that the bearer has taken the oath of allegiance to the Confederate States, a d being I ledged not to reveal, either directly or indirectly, any information that may benefit the enemy, is permitted to pass beyond the limits of the confederate States."

Some time last year the Belgium Government made a treaty with the King of the Netherlands for the extinguishment of the Scheldt dues, and proposed as a compensation therefore a certain sum of money, the annual interest on which wont? yield an angust equivalent to the average income from such direction the last ten years. It is unders ood that by the treaty between the United States and Eelgium, recently ratified, our Government has obligated to pay between \$500,000 and \$600,000 as its pro rata in consideration of the important commercial privileges to be conferred.

France, England, Sweden and Norway, Den-

mercial privileges to be conferred.
France, England, Sweden and Norway, Denmark, Russia and Spain, have already exchanged ratifications of the general treaty for the exting sishment of the same dues. Our flag is to be assimilated to that of Belgium for the transportation of with other Governments, including France, is to be equally applied to goods imported from the United States. SUFFERINGS OF OUR PRISONERS IN RICH. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27, 18⁴1.— Col. Boyd has made the following affidavif for the House Military Committee, who will take some action upon it at United States of America, District of Co-

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON CITY, 85:—Joseph, F.
Boyd, being duly sworn, says that he is a resident
of Louisville, Kentucky, and is an Assistant Quarmaster in the United States Army, and while as
Chief Quartermaster of the Second Army Corps,
with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, upon the 2d
of October was captured by the rebels and taken
to Richmond, reaching Libby Prison Novemper
let, 1863. Privates captured by the same party of
rebels who captured me, and with whom i 'ravelled during the period of three weeks immediately subsequent to my capture, were partly
stripped of their clothing, such as blankets and
hoes, and in that c ndition were compelled to
'rayel with the command.

We reached Atla, its about the 23d of November,
1863, remaining there four days. During that time
our hundred and fifty prisoners were brought in,
captured in East Tenne see, belonging to the First
and Eleventh Kentucky and Forty-fifth Ohio Regiment. These prisoners were stripped of their

and Eleventh Kentucky and Forty-fifth Ohio Regiment. These prisoners were stripped of their blankets, haversacks, overcoats; and some of them came in barefooted and were turned into the jait yard enclosure, which afforded only shelter for a small portion, and were kept for twenty-four hours without food during an inclement rain storm.

On the lith of November, 1863, shortly after my arrival at Libby, I was appointed by the rebel authorities one of the three appointed to distribute the clothing sent by the United States Government to Richmond, for the United States Government to Richmond, for the United States soldiers imprisoned there, and in that capacity had extended opportunities to observe the treatment of our officers and soldiers who were held as prisoners of war by the rebels.

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Upon Belle Island the prisoners of war, and mostly those captured during the months of Ju. y and August, are with comparatively little clothing, their blouses and blankets gone. If und many of them without shirts, many without pantaloons, many without drawers, shoes or stockings, and none (with an occasional exception) with blankets or overcosts. They had been farmished with no article of clothing by the rebels. The ration per man consisted per diem of a small piece of corn bread, made of a small piece of nubolted meal, just sufficient, with an occasional issue of meat just sufficient, with an occasional issue of mea just summer, with an occasional issue of meat and vegetables, to support life, and not enough to satisfy hunger. While there was no cases of actual starvation came under my observation the regimen of diet was so reduced, and the strength and health of the prisoners accordingly, that when sickness intervened the patient almost at once succumbed to the disease. the disease.

I visited four other prisons in Richmond and three hospitals, all used for United States' prisoners of war. Their condition as to clothing and shelter was better, but largely over-crowded.

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Lieutenant-Colonel and Quartermaster vol. Sworn to and subscribed before me, February 26, 1564. ARTHUR J. WILLIAMS, Justice of Peace.

LATE SOUTHERN NEWS. From late Southern newspapers we glean the ollowing items:

A. G. Brown, Confederate Senator from Missiers, and the form of th following items:

A. G. Brown, Confederate Senator from Mississippi, has written a letter to the Enquirer, in reply to a communication that appeared charging the Federal Government with mattreating the rebei prisoners on Johnson's Island. Mr. Brown says he has a friend there who corresponds with him regularly, and says his imprisonment was as mild as he could expect, and that he was in want of he has a friend there who corresponds with him regularly, and says his imprisonment was as mild as he could expect, and that he was in want of nothing but liberty. With regard to fuel the prisoners have a sufficiency, and (says Mr. Brown) on the 12th he gives a bill of prison fare, and i undertake to say that half the families in Richmond do not fare so well." Mr. Brown states his reasons for making this statement thus his reasons for making this statement thus his reasons for making this statement thus enemy, next, I would not exasperate that enemy by publishing exaggerated if not talse accounts of his cruel treatment of our prisoners, and thus induce him to change mild and even kind treatment into hersh if not cruel treatment; and lastly, these accounts will meet the eye of many persons in our country who have friends on Johnson's Island, and if uncorrected, they cannot fail to inflict un necessary pain upon such persons. With a change of commanders there may come a change of treatment, but I am perfectly satisfied that, up to the 26th of fast month, the prisoners on Johnson's Island were treated as well as their friends in the Confederacy could reasonably expect."

Upon this letter the Enquirer comments, and makes an issue between Jeff. Davis and the Sentitor by saying that if the statements made as to ill treatment to rebel prisoners by correspondents were false, then also Prevident Davis made a "false statement," when he in his message called attention to the alleged ill treatment of rebel prisoners on Johnson's Island.

The Enquirer copies from the Savannah (Ga.)

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Troombs, which article starts out by saying, "We have said nothing of the recent arrest of tieneral (now Colonel) Toombs, and his trial now progressing before a court martial in this city, for the reason that we regarded it simply a case of military discipline in which the public would feel no particular interest."

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The Republican goes on to say that the statements published in Richmond papers about the "treason, disloyalty, passport, and old women parts of the story are all pure fabrications," and the real cause of the arrest and trial, was on account of a quarrel with a railroad employe. Toombs was about leaving Savannah with his command, and the latter being in box-cars, built a fire therein on bricks laid upon the floor, to which the conductor of the train objected. This excited the fire of Toombs and he threatened to cut the conductor to pieces and put him in his engine for fael, and afterwards caused his arrest and started with the train. These facts were reported to the Kailroad Company. Upon their complaint, Toombs was arrested and ordered to trial.

The Wilmington Journal, of February 11th, notices the great fire which occurred in that cl y on the 9th, and says the bales of cotton there destroyed would average at least 450 pounds, world there \$150, making the loss in oction alone \$601,875. The other property destroyed would probably bring the amount up to \$700,000. The Journal believes the fire was the work of incendiaries.

The Journal treats at length upon the "Agitation in North Carolina," and says at the beginning of the present war they "seriously hoped and trusted that partisan agitation, if not extinct, would at least be suspended until the great struggle might be brought to a close;" and the article continues as follows: "But we say here, that we only state what we know, when we affirm that the movements now endeavoring to be made in North Carolinues, are the cause of the deepest apprehension, not simply in Richmond, but throughout the Confederacy—not simply in official cries, but in the army and among the people. They discourage our ruthless assailants." The strice then concludes by deploring the defenders; they encourage our ruthless assailants." The article then concludes by deploring

cause.

The Raleigh, N. C., Standard of Feb. 12th gives the proceedings of a number of anti-Jeff Davis meetings recently held in that State.

There seems to be a perfect furore in the interior, says the Newbern Times, for holding public meetings for the purpose of agitating the calling of a State Convention, and remonstrating against the Confederate tyranny.

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