

THE SWISS GIFT. An American lady residing in Zurich, Mary H. C. Booth, being at the rooms of the American Consulate when a poor woman came trembling in with a gift for the Sanitary Fair, comprising a book of pressed Alpine flowers, and a wooden wine cup, once the property of her son, wrote the following impromptu lines for the donor, and placed them in the cup: I'm much, Herr Consul, that I have brought to-day...

THE WAR FOR THE UNION

FROM NEW ORLEANS. CAIRO, APRIL 8.—The steamer Continental, from New Orleans on the evening of the 3d, has arrived, bringing a large number of Government mules and wagons from Vicksburg. Nine hundred contrabands, men, women and children, had arrived from Alexandria. The officers of steamers from Red River report a considerable fight on Cane river, thirty-five miles above Alexandria, on the 28th ult., between General Smith's forces, consisting of 8,000 infantry, under Gen. Mower and Dudley's Brigade of Lee's cavalry corps and Dick Taylor's army, estimated to be twelve thousand strong, posted in an advantageous position in a narrow defile.

The fight lasted about three hours. Our loss is reported to be eighteen killed about thirty wounded. That of the rebels was much greater, some placing it at two hundred killed and wounded. It was General Smith's prisoners and other things being brought to Dudley's brigade, in advance, greatly distinguished themselves. Our troops did not halt on the battle-ground, but pushed on in pursuit of the retreating foe. No rest would be given the rebels until they were completely defeated in a pitched battle, if possible. A considerable number of deserters have come into our lines.

THE GERRILLAS IN KENTUCKY. Louisville, April 8.—Reports of the guerrillas from Caldwell county, belonging to the 3d Kentucky rebel cavalry, gave themselves up to the Provost Marshal of Hopkinsville yesterday and were sent where they took the oath prescribed by the Government. One of them says that Forrest, on the 26th, marched between Mayfield and Paducah, and disbanded the 3d, 7th, and 8th Kentucky rebel cavalry, and permitted the men to go to their homes. Two hundred rebels, reported in the vicinity of Hermitage, eleven miles from Nashville, attacked a camp of wood choppers on the south side of the Cumberland River. A force has been sent to capture them. The story of Forrest's officers having crossed into Indiana to excite the people to revolt is discredited here.

THE REBELS. The steamer Spaulding has returned from Newbern, and reports that the Cape Lookout Light-house has probably been destroyed by the rebels, as no light has been exhibited there for a week. Lieut.-Colonel W. J. Johnson, United States Army, Medical Inspector of this Department, arrived on the Spaulding.

MEMORANDA. Steamship City of Manchester (Br), Halcyon, for Liverpool, cleared at New York yesterday. Steamship City of London, cleared at Port Royal 31st ult. for this port. Steamship Britannia (Br), Ferrier, for Glasgow, cleared at Port Royal 31st ult. for this port.

FROM THE PLAINS. The St Paul Pioneer of April 3d says: The scouts at the "Head of the Coteau," northwest from Lake Travers, have notified to General Sibley, under date of the 14th ultimo, that they have held communication with some of the Indians from the upper country. These reports indicate that most of the Sissetons are encamped near "Big Horn," at the mouth of Coteau, to the number of two hundred and twenty lodges. The Yanktons are expected to arrive in the neighborhood shortly. The Teton Sioux are preparing to cross to this side, as they say there are no buffaloes in their country, and they will starve if they remain there. They will be governed by the course of the Yanktons as to peace or war with the Americans.

FROM WASHINGTON. WASHINGTON, April 8.—The Committee on Duties on April 8 made a report relative to the duties on the 27th of February, bound to the fact that low grades of wool would not compete with the domestic product has not been collected, seven-eighths of all importations la-

SHIPPING.

STEAM WEEKLY TO LIVERPOOL. The steamer "Hercules," Capt. Baker, will sail for Liverpool, New York and Philadelphia Steamship Company on Saturday, April 9, at 10 o'clock. And every succeeding Saturday at noon, from 4th North River.

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