THE WAR FOR THE UNION. THE RED RIVER EXPEDITION.

Chicaco, May 2 — The Tribina publishes a telegram from the mouth of the Red River, dated April 24th, stating that Banks's Army was falling back to Alexandria without fighting. The gunboat fleet is at the same place, nine boats above and some below the Falls

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The Red River is low and still falling. The Onact its and Tensas rivers are filling up from Labe Providence.
The guerillas are becoming more troublesome on the fattern bank of the Mississippi.
General Siecle has opened communication with General Banks.
The New Orleans Era, of the 19th, contains the names of the f-llowing soldiers of the 47th Penn sylvania Regiment, brought from Grand Ecore to New Orleans, on the steamer Ohio Belle. They were wounded in the battles of Sabine Cross Roads and Pleasant Ridge:
Samuel Wagner, Company D.; Cornelius Oramer, Company C.; Wm. Pyers, sergeant, Company C.; Edward Mier, sergeant, Company C.; Edward Mier, sergeant, Company C.; Edward Mier, sergeant, Company B.; H. Holester, Company B.; Robert A. Kingshorough, Company H.; Isaac Baldwin, Company D.

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IMPORTANT FROM RICHMOND.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The Frevericksburg correspondent of the Richmond Examiner, of April 27, says:

"The opinion prevails in Washington that Lee's army, in numerical strength, does not exceed fifty thousand men. To oppose this force, or rather for the purpose of attack, Grant has required that the army of the Potomac shall be rendered one hundred thousand strong.

"To this end reinforcements to that army have been continually passing over the Orange and Alexandria Railway for the past ten days. Ten days hence it will be ready for an advance, which is universally desired in the United States, from Lincoln down or up, whichever phrase you prefer.

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"The commonly received opinion that General Grant will attack General Lee in front and in his fortifications is erroneous. He will seek to turn the flank of our army and his policy is, evicently, to maintain his present position until his organization and equipment are thoroughly accomplished, and then by suddenly unfolding his strategy to surprise General Lee.

"He may march rapidly, and without announcement, either to some point of crossing on the Rapidan or Rappanannock, or to Port Republic, thence to Stanton, and thence to Lynchburg. I think an attempt to flank on the east most probable, his army crossing at some of the lower fords of the Rappahannock. This, however, is all conjecture, and but the echo of Washington gossip."

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A despatch to the Richmond Enquirer, from Orange Court House, under date of April 27 h, says that General Averill has gone to Southwest Virginia on a raid, and that General Meade is receiving reinforcements over the Alexandria Railroad. The Richmond Enquirer has the following despatch:

despatch:
Talton, Ga., April 27.—Brownlow's Yankee eavairy, five hundred strong, dashed into Spring Place this morning, but beyond the capture of one citizen, effected nothing. This was nothing more than a reconnoissance of the route by which the enemy will advance.

A despatch to the Richmond Enquirer, from Mo-

A despatch to the Richmond Enquirer, from Mobile, says that General Banks has fallen back, and was intraching himself.

Washington, May 2.—Rebel papers published in Richmond on the 30th uit. have been received. A Wilmington despatch of the 20th says a fire occurred the previous night which consumed the offices of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad, thirty-four freight cars belonging to the Georgia Central Railroad, and every building south of the depot, including the Confederate cotton press. Berry's marine railway, and all the cetton stored west of the ferry, being about 6,000 bales.

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The loss is estimated at from six to seven and a half millions of dollars. A second despatch of the same date says, at the fire to day about 4.40. bales of cotton, 25 freight cars, the railroad offices, rosin and oil works, cotton press, Berry's shipyard, shed, &c., were burned. The loss is estimated at five million dollars. The Contederate Government lose about one million. The balance falls on individuls, who are insured only for about ten thousand dollars.

The Richmond Examiner, of April 29th, says:—
'We have again rumors of an impending battle on the Georgia and Tennessee lines. The opinion in that part of the Confederacy appears to be that the enemy is to make a grand effort for a successful campaign in that quarter, but while there is much stronger evidence that an effort is to be made in the

stronger evidence that an effort is to be made in the direction of Richmond, it must be recollected that this theory by no means excludes the probability that an important issue is also to be tried in North Georgia. The enemy has no army there which is formidable in numbers and discipline. It possesses one great advantage while the enemy has not in Virginia—the impregnable fortifications of Chattanooga upon which to fall back in case of disaster."

FROM MORRIS ISLAND. FROM MORRIS ISLAND.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The Palmetto Herald of April 28th, published at Pert Royal, S. C., has been received. General Hatch has been relieved of command in Florida by General Wm. Birney. Colonel Hewell, of the 85th Pennsylvania Regiment, is relieved as commander of the District of Hilton Head by Colonel W. W. H. Davis, of the 104th Pennsylvania. Colonel Duryea, 6th Connecticnt, is succeeded in command of the post at Hilton Head by Colonel Hoyt, of the 52d Pennsylvania.

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Fifteen or twenty rebels, scouting in Vincent Creek, Morris Island, were captured by the pickets of the 54th Massachusetts (colored) Regiment. They confirmed the reports that the armles for the defence of Richmond had been strengthened at the expense of more southerly nositions.

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AFFAIRS IN THE SOUTHWEST.

CAIRO, May 1.—By the arrival of steamer Mollie
Able, we have New Orleans dates to the 26th ult,
and Memphis to the 29th. The steamer Morning
Star, from New York on the 16th, arrived on the
evening of the 25th.

The cotton market is too unsettled for quotations.
A small lot of strict low middling sold at 90. Sugar
and Molasses firm; sales of 600 hads. Sugar at 24
for good fair, and 24 ½ 28 ½ for fully fair. 500 bbls.
Molasses sold at 95 for new. expense of more southerly positions

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The Mollie Able brought up 200 hhds. of sugar, and a few barrels of molasses.

The gunboat Petrel was suddenly boarded, captured and burned by Wirt Adams's cavalry, on the 23d, two miles above Yazoo City. A number in the boat were killed. Capt. McElroy and his crew are among the missing, and are supposed to be prisoners.

the water among the minimals, and the prisoners.

The executive officer, pilot, engineer and an ensign escaped. The Petrel was a small sized gunboat armed with four or five guns. The following Sunday, a Federal officer, named Wooster, formerly in command of a colored regiment, was executed in the same vicinity.

The steamer Tycoon, from White River, has arrived at Memphis, and reports a skirmish between cavalry and guerillas near Duvall's Bluff. tween cavalry and guerillas near Duvall's Bluff.

The enemy were routed and a number of prisoners taken. The Arkansas River is failing very rapidly. The steamer Progress was recently fired into near Concordia Miss., and a deck hand was wounded. Another attack was made near Grand Eake. One guerilla was killed and ten taken prisoners by a company of marines.

The Progress was attacked a third time near Island No. 76, but sustained no injury. The military authorities are pressing horses from citizens for the purpose of mounting a body of cavalry on duty at that place.

The Memphis cotton market was active and firm, all offering being readily taken. Receipts small. Middling to strict do., 66a67c.; good, 68a69c.; fair, 72c.

It is reported that Paducah is again threatened, and measures are to be taken to prevent Government property from falling into the enemy's hands, should they advance on the place. It is said a thousand people from the country about Paducah and contrabands are encamped within a radius of ten miles on the opposite side of the river from that city.

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Colonel Osborn, who was wounded at Carbondale on the 27th, has since died.

CAIRO, May 2.—Generals Ransom and Howe are passengers by the steamer Memphis, from New Orleans. The former is rapidly recovering from New Orleans. The former is rapidly recovering from his wound. His statement goes to exonerate General Stone from the responsibility of the disastrresulting from the disposition of our forces at Sabine Cross Roads. He further states that General Stone has endeared himself to the Army of the Gulf by his gallant conduct in the battles of the 8th and 9th.

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The party who captured the gunboat Petrel are represented to number about 300 men, with two pieces of artillery, which, with musketry, suddenly opened on the boat. The crew, though taken by surprise, quickly responded, and quite a briek fire was kept up for some minutes, when a ball from the enemy pierced the boilers of the Petrel, filling the boat with scalding steam, compelling the crew to leave her. What damage was inflicted on the enemy is unknown.

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MENTHIS, April 29, via Calro, May 1.—Martin. Smith was executed to day in Fort Pickering, for the crime of smuggling percussion caps to the enemy and violating his oath of allegiance. He stated at the gallows that he was guity, and that his sentence was just. Two other men are now in Irvin Prison for the same crime, and will probably offer the same penalty.

Gen. Washburne is very actively preparing his forces for active duty in the field.

Gen. Stingers has assumed command of the cavalry here, and is remounting and equipping them.

report a bill in favor of relieving Paymaster Beinton from liability, for two millions and a haif of greenbacks, burnt on the steamer Ruth, last summer, on the Mississiph, which were under his charge when the accident occurred.

Several members called upon the Senate to-day to urge; them to adopt the House resolution to adjourn on the last day of May.

The Hoa. Amos Myers, of Pennsylvania, to-day secured, through the Secretary of the Navy, an increase of pay for the joiners in the Navy Yard to three dollars per day.

A large number of the wives of Senators, members of the House and others, met to-day for an organization of a society for the purpose of exercising greater economy in the purchase of foreign luxurities. The Constitution, as reported, states the object of the association, and designates its name as 'The Coverant.' It contains the following pledge, which is to be signed by all the members: 'For three years or during the war we pledgeourselyes to purchase no foreign articles of apparel when American articles can possibly be substituted.'

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We are again without any war news of interest from the Army of the Potomac.

Gen. Spinler, of the United States Treasury Department, is still confined to his room with fever. He is improving, but is very weak, and it may be some days before he can resume his duties, with his usual vigor and herculean energy.

IMPORTANT CONCERNING THE DHAFT.

WAR DEPARTMENT, PROVOST MARSEAL GENSHAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, April 29, 1861.—Circu ar No 16—The following opinion of the Honewilliam Whitner, Solicitor of the War Department, is published for the information and guidance of all officers of the Bureau:

In regard to the question whether the plea of non-residence in the district where a drafted man may have been enrolled shoule; under all circumtances, be regarded by Boards of Enrollment as a legal and proper ground for exemption from in ilitary service under the draftin that district, &c.

OPINION.

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When a person who has been enrolled and drafted claums exemption from draft on the ground of non-residence, the Board of Eurollment will be justified in granting it if he makes satisfactory proof on three points proof on three points.

1st. His non-residence in the district where he claims exemption at the time of his enrollmen

herein.
2d What his place of actual residence was at the time when the enrollment therein was made.

3d. That he was or is actually enrolled, and has been drafted, or is liable to draft in his place of actual residence
All persons from whom military service is re-

Ell persons from whom military service is required under the Act of Congress, are liable to enrollment and draft in some district. The notation or the occupations and residence of persons enrolled is not required to enable unpatriotic citizens by technical objections to avoid their fair share of public duty, but to identify the persons drafted and assist in equalizing smong the different districts their respective quotas.

Whoever has been enrolled in one district and intends to claim exemption from draft by reason of residence elsewhere, must take care to be enrolled where he resides.

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If the corrected enrollment be promptly effected, an application thereather made to the Provost Manshal-General, or to the Boards of Enrollment will protect him against double liability; but if he neglect this privilege he ought not to escape all military service in time of war, by proving: that an error had been made in the place of his residence, the spelling of his name, or the description of his trade of occupation.

It is deemed a privilege to enter into the military stryice of the United States. The patriot owes it to his country; the man of honor owes it to his neighbors to see that every ci izen liable to military duty is properly enrolled. JAMES B. FRY,

POULITICAL AFFAIRS IN KEVADA.

A copy of a letter from Governor Nice, of Nevada, to the Secretary of State, has been sent to Congress. With regard to the defeat, by the people, of the State Constitution, the Governor suggests that the Constitution contained stringent provisions in regard to the right of suffrage which arrayed the disloyal element against it. Many miners objected to the provision imposing a tax on mining. It was submitted at the same time as the State election, and some of the names on the State ticket excited much dissatisfaction. Exception was also taken to some proceedings of the Convention. All these causes combined sufficed to defeat the State Constitution.

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Virginia City and the adjacent county, which were entitled to one-third of the representation of the Territory, instructed their nonliness to yole against the tax on mines.

This slarmed the farmers, who thought the whole tax would fall upon them, and many joined the disaffected to defeat the Constitution. He says there is a good Union majority in every precunct of the county. Too many of the disloyat who arnoy and perplex consautly, and considerable of the Secession element exists in the recent immigration, mainly from Missouri, Southern Indiana, and the scattered rebel forces of the Southwest.

the Southwest.

This character of immigration, he thicks, will be greatly increased this session. The struggle between the parties has been carnest and embittered. He has no doubt that Nevada will immediately respond to the enabling act of Congress; thirty millions of dollars in precious metals have been mined during the past year. When irrigation is reduced to a system, it is claimed that the territory will produce a sufficiency of vegetables and cera's.

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The subscription to the Ten-forty loan, reported at the Treasury Department to-day, amount to one million four hundred thousand dollars.

The name of Mr. O'Neill, of Pennsylvania, was incorrectly printed in the yeas and nays among those who, on Saturday, voted against equalizing the pay of white and black soldiers. He voted for that amendment.

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