The Press.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1861.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAST SPEECH OF STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS.—"The conspiracy to break up the Union is in fact now known to all. Armies are being raised, and war levied to accomplish it. There can be but two sides to the controversy. Every man must be on the side of the United States or against it. There can be no neutrals in this war. There can be none but patriots and traitors."

FOR SALE.—The double-cylinder "TAYLOR" PRESS on which this paper has been printed for the last nine months. It is in excellent condition, having been made to order a year ago, and will be sold at a bargain. For terms apply at this office, or address JOHN W. FORNEY, 417 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

The Latest War News.

As the campaign progresses the important points around which the tide of battle, or the preparations for deadly contest, centre, increase in number and in interest. The whole nation is awaiting with deep anxiety the results of the movements in Missouri, along the line of the Mississippi, in Kentucky, in Western Virginia, on the Upper and Lower Potomac, at Newport News, at Fortress Monroe, and along the line of the Southern seacoast, which is not only blockaded, but menaced by great naval expeditions that are popularly supposed to be strong enough to capture any Southern seaboard city.

No important new developments have recently been made in regard to the campaign in Missouri. It is stated that General WOOL will not, at present, be sent even temporarily to that State, and, on Saturday, he returned from Washington to Fortress Monroe. There seems to be a disposition to give General FREMONT a full and fair trial, notwithstanding the charges against him. A portion of our forces moved westward of Jefferson City, on the 4th inst., for the purpose of advancing upon the enemy, and it was supposed that General FREMONT intended, on Saturday, to make a similar forward movement. Our army is well appointed, in fine spirits and condition, and burning with a desire to meet and vanquish the foes of the Union. In St. Louis the Secession sympathizers have been greatly emboldened by the recent exploits of the traitors, and some of them boast that in less than a month that great city will fall into the hands of the rebels, but it is scarcely conceivable that so great a calamity can befall the country.

The late news from Kansas shows that the people of that State are thoroughly aroused, and they are prepared, almost to a man, to serve for the war.

In Kentucky the conviction is now universal that an immense force is to be employed in the invasion of that State. BUCKNER spoke truly when he said that his army was only the advance guard of the host that would follow in his footsteps. The rebel Congress formally decided upon the "conquest" of Kentucky, and to sustain this project the Governor of Tennessee has called out a force of 30,000 men. All the Secessionists in the district assailed are expected to join in the war upon their own soil and against their own relatives and friends, and all the forces that can be spared from Virginia, or from the Southwestern States, are to be sent forward to join in this infamous raid. On the other hand, the four great States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky are appealed to to drive back these aggressive miscreants, as a measure of self-defence, as well as for the preservation of the Government and the relief of their suffering countrymen. That they will be ultimately successful we cannot doubt. It will be seen that both branches of the Legislature have adopted, by an overwhelming majority, a resolution requesting *Senators* BRECKINRIDGE and POWELL to resign the seats in which they have shamefully misrepresented their loyal constituents. General W. T. SHERMAN (and not General MCCOOK, as heretofore reported,) is the officer who is hereafter to be entrusted with the chief command in Kentucky, in lieu of General ANDERSON, whose feeble health has induced him to desire partial relief from the pressing duties heretofore imposed upon him.

No very important movement has recently occurred on the line of the Potomac. Both armies are becoming as well prepared as possible for a great struggle, and, for the present, the ominous lull that precedes a storm prevails. General MCCLELLAN is about to have a grand review of cavalry and artillery. The election, which is to be held in the Pennsylvania camps to-morrow, may, it is feared by some of the officers, have a demoralizing effect upon the troops, but it will evidently not be interfered with, as every necessary facility is afforded to the civil officers who desire to furnish the blanks necessary to make legal returns. On Friday, a Union reconnoissance was pushed nine miles farther into Virginia than any movement since the battle of Manassas. Our troops breakfasted at Pohick Church, sixteen miles beyond Alexandria, and the country was traversed for a considerable distance in every direction without finding any large bodies of troops north of Occoquan river.

We publish on our first page a number of interesting items of Southern news, obtained from late numbers of the rebel papers and other sources. The health of JEFFERSON DAVIS has so much improved that he visited Fairfax Court House last week, and made a personal reconnoissance of the outposts of the camps of his army.

Evidences are furnished of the continued existence of a strong Union feeling in Louisiana, in North Carolina, and even in parts of Eastern Virginia. The pressure of the blockade is very seriously felt. Rye is being used as a substitute for coffee, and great efforts are constantly being made to devise measures for manufacturing some of the numerous indispensable articles with which the people of the South are very poorly supplied.

The brig *Cronstadt*, at Gloucester, Mass., from Surinam, reports that on the 15th September, off the port of Surinam, she saw the United States steamer *Powhatan*, steering east, and in search of the privateer steamer *Sumpter*.

A correspondent of a New York journal, writing from Fortress Monroe under date of the 3d instant, says that "the *Jamestown* and *Yorktown*, of the old Richmond line, are still watching a chance to run down to Norfolk. It is understood on good authority that they are not coppered, and before they attempt to run the blockade here, and put to sea, it will be necessary for them to go into drydock at the navy yard, and have their keels and bottoms thoroughly overhauled and repaired. The only thing that troubles them is the blockade at Newport News. Once past this, they would have no difficulty in getting to Norfolk. A sharp lookout is kept for them, and it is more than doubtful whether they will ever get to the mouth of the James river while we hold our position at Newport News. Yet it is all-important that we should be prepared for them down here, as, once passed, it would be difficult to catch either of them, and from what we know of the capacity of the *Sumpter* to do harm to our commerce, we can easily imagine the injury ships of the *Jamestown's* class could inflict on our commerce on the Atlantic coast."

A despatch received last night from Louisville says that the Federal forces occupy Ship Island and the Chandaleur. The city of New Orleans is so seriously menaced that the Governor of Louisiana has ordered all its stores to be closed every day after two o'clock, and the whole population capable of bearing arms are compelled to drill. Terrible consternation evidently prevails in that quarter.

The Great Eastern.

We publish a letter from one of the passengers of the *Great Eastern*, from which may be realized a better idea of the imminent peril of that vast vessel than has been conveyed in any other narrative. The facts which we gather are these:

First: the *Great Eastern* was sent to sea, literally "prepared for nothing." Second: the storm was not a furious one,—and it is on record that the *Persia* and another ocean steamer which were exposed to it reached this country without damage or delay. Third: the articles in the vessel, from anchors and oil-tanks to tables and footstools, were wholly unfastened. Fourth: the *Great Eastern* rolled fearfully, even in a moderate sea, having *no ballast*, and only two or three hundred tons of cargo. Fifth: the paddles were so weak that they were soon beaten to pieces. Sixth: the baggage was "smashed to bits," because it was laid down in one of the compartments, without being secured and stored, and was dashed from side to side, in a foot of water, until it was all ground up into fragments. Seventh: every thing in the saloons and dining-rooms was also reduced to a *débris* of like character. Eighth: the safety of the vessel was owing, under God, to Mr. TOWLE, an American engineer, and one of the passengers, who contrived and fitted up a steering apparatus; but the captain and his head engineer endeavored to deprive Mr. TOWLE of the credit of his skill and readiness, and the English portion of the passengers sided with the captain! Lastly: "fifty-two cases of fracture occurred, besides several broken legs, arms, a collar-bone, wrist, &c."

It is scarcely probable, whoever else may venture to sea in that gigantic failure, the *Great Eastern*, that any rational American will run the risk. To do so would look like tempting Providence.

ON OUR FOURTH PAGE will be found interesting reports of the proceedings of the meeting in support of the Union movement, which was held at Frankford, on Saturday evening, and addressed by WM. WELSH, JOHN W. FORNEY, and DANIEL DOUGHERTY, Esqs., and of the meeting of the People's party, held at National Hall, on the same evening.

NEW JERSEY is sound to the core, notwithstanding the wail of Mr. JAMES W. WALL, who has repaid the generosity of his Government in releasing him from Fort Lafayette by the busiest and bitterest abuse of some of the best friends of the Union, and whose example has induced the secret Secessionists here and elsewhere to believe there is doubt as to the loyalty of the people of our neighbor State. As one of the thousand evidences of the patriotic feeling now prevalent in New Jersey, we notice that an immense meeting was held at Trenton on Monday evening, the 30th of September, in the proceedings of which many of the most eminent members of the Democratic party participated, side by side with the leading Republicans. The veteran Chancellor GREEN presided, and the distinguished STACY G. POTTS wrote an ardent letter endorsing the action of the meeting, the sentiments of which were heartily responded to in the resolutions and by a number of leading orators. A single extract from this fine letter shows where New Jersey stands to-day:

"An old-line Democrat of the Jackson school, I supported the Union in the measures he adopted to put down 'Southern nullification' thirty years ago; and now that the nullification of that day has ripened into the rebellion of this, and, instead of being confined to one State, has infected the whole South, I feel that all party distinctions should be merged in one sentiment—that of patriotism, devotion to the Union, the vindication of our national institutions and our national honor.

"As long as the South sought for the redress of grievances in a constitutional way, I earnestly desired *conciliation*—most heartily advocated *compromise*—most deeply, I deprecate the strife of sections. But since, courting the fearful issue, the Southern leaders broke the Democratic party into fragments, for the very purpose of securing the election of Mr. Lincoln, and then made that election the pretext for rebellion, I feel that there is but one duty left for us to perform, and that duty is, to put down the rebellion—*to prove to the world* that our institutions are not a failure—and to vindicate the honor of an 'insulted flag.'

"I pray God for peace—my heart sickens at the carnage and *desolation* of civil war. But better, even this, a thousand times, than a broken and dissevered Union—the eternal discord of hostile factions, changed into hostile governments—and perhaps, worse than all, the wreck forever of free institutions in the world."

The Union men of New Jersey are not men of mere professions—they practise what they promise—and accordingly, a committee was appointed at the above meeting to prepare an organization, the object of which was to ignore all party, and to nominate candidates entirely irrespective of former political divisions. When will the party leaders in our midst open their eyes to their true duty, alike to the Administration and to the country?

Death of Senator Bingham.

The Hon. KINGSLY S. BINGHAM, U. S. Senator from Michigan, died of apoplexy, at his residence, at Green Oak, on Saturday. He was born in Camillas, Onondago county, New York, December 16, 1808. He received a fair academic education, and was early placed in the office of a lawyer as clerk, where he served three years. In 1833 he emigrated to Michigan and settled upon a farm. Elected in 1837 to the Michigan Legislature, he served five years as a member of that body. He afterwards served three years as speaker of the same body. He was a Representative in Congress from Michigan from 1849 to 1851, and served during that term on the Committee of Commerce. In 1854 he was elected Governor of the State, and held that position till 1859, when he was elected to the United States Senate.

Judge Allison.

The general disposition of our citizens to sustain all the old judges whose terms are about to expire, should be, and we think is, strong enough to secure their re-election, notwithstanding the insidious efforts of their opponents. At present there appears to be a stronger effort to antagonize Judge ALLISON than any other candidate, but we hope these schemes will prove unsuccessful. He has ably and faithfully discharged his duties on the bench, and this is no time to make rash experiments for the benefit of ambitious legal aspirants. We should be thankful that we have a pure and conscientious bench, and the only way to keep it so is to show judges that while they are true to the people the people will be true to them. We therefore hope that Judge ALLISON, like his associates, will be cordially sustained to-morrow by the great mass of the voters of all parties.

Public Amusements.

"Jeannette," which has been so well got up and so finely played at Arch-street Theatre, will be repeated every evening this week, and Mrs. Drew announces the receipt of two new plays from Paris, the exclusive right of representing them in this city being hers. The burlesque of "Mazeppa" and the old comedy of "The Way to Keep Him" are underlined here.

Matilda Heron, an actress of very great ability and fine artistical tact, whose performance of *Medea* was mentioned in England as equal to the most successful efforts of Ristori, commences an engagement at Walnut-street Theatre this evening, when a new five-act comedy, expressly written for her, and called "The Belle of the season," will be played for the first time in America. New scenery and decorations are promised—for which novelty we beg to thank Mr. Richings, the stage manager—and the piece is well cast, including Miss Heron, Miss Gray, Miss Honrade, Mrs. Thayer, Edwin Adams, J. S. Wright, &c. Miss Heron, whom we are glad to claim a denizen of Philadelphia, always has played a fine engagement here, and is pretty certain of no diminution of success on this occasion.

At the Continental Theatre, during the present week, "The Tempest" will be played as an afterpiece, the performances commencing with "The Dramatist," the part of *Vapid* by Mr. Wheatley. The *on dit* is that a striking novelty will be produced at this theatre next week. It will be difficult, in scenic effect, to equal the splendid closing scene of "The Tempest."

McDonough's Olympic Theatre was reopened on Saturday evening, when the house, whose decorations and improvements we lately noticed, was crowded. He has variety enough, at all events. On Saturday afternoon, in each week, there will be a matinée for ladies and children.

MRS. BOWERS.—With very few exceptions, the whole press of London has spoken highly of Mrs. Bowers' *début* at Sadler's Wells' Theatre, and hailed her as a talented addition to the very limited number of good English actresses. Notwithstanding, she played no more than a few nights, though engaged for the season. We understand the fact to be that Mr. Phelps, manager of Sadler's Wells' Theatre, and himself a very fine performer, has a son, to support whose *début* Mrs. Bowers was engaged. Unfortunately, this young gentleman did not succeed, while Mrs. Bowers did, and *her* success seems to have induced the management to shelve her, for the present, and force young Phelps on the public. Assuredly, theatrical and managerial policy is infinitely mysterious.

A new circus will this evening be opened, by Messrs. Gardner & Hemming, in Twelfth-street, below Spruce. They promise as fine a selection of horses, equestrians, and gymnasts as has been in this city for years. The clowns are Gardner and Ward. It is intended to have afternoon performances every Wednesday and Saturday. It may be remembered that Messrs. Gardner & Hemming gave their equestrian performances last winter, in the National Theatre, (now Wheatley's Continental,) Walnut street.

WAUGH'S ITALIA.—This evening, at Assembly Buildings, Chestnut and Tenth, a splendid series of admirable paintings, by our well-known and very brilliant artist, Mr. Waugh, will be exhibited to the public, with new stereoscopic views of the present rebellion. Mr. Waugh's pictures illustrate Northern, Central, and Southern Italy. Mr. W. F. Fenno, well-known as a man of letters and an actor, will describe the paintings. The exhibition will be on view every evening this week, and on the afternoons of Wednesday and Saturday.

The Evening Bulletin.

On Saturday the *Daily Evening Bulletin* appeared in new and clear type—and we are glad to notice this as a proof of decided success. Mr. Peacock, its accomplished, judicious, and hard-working editor, has greatly elevated its character since the change of proprietorship, some time ago, and its ability and loyalty have made it no vain boast, we believe, that its circulation now surpasses that of every other evening paper in America.

LARGE AND ATTRACTIVE SALE OF PARIS DRESS GOODS, SHAWLS, SILKS, RIBBONS, GLOVES, EMBROIDERIES, &C.—The particular attention of purchasers is requested to the large and attractive assortment of French, German, Swiss, and British dry goods, Paris dress goods, silks, shawls, kid gloves, velvet and Paris bonnet ribbons, fancy goods, &c., comprising about 825 lots choice articles in silk, worsted, woollen, cotton, and linen fabrics, to be peremptorily sold, by catalogue, for cash, commencing this morning, at ten o'clock, and to be continued the greater part of the day, without intermission, by Myers, Claghorn, & Co., auctioneers, Nos. 232 and 234 Market street.

AUCTION NOTICE—SALE OF BOOTS AND SHOES.—We would call the attention of the trade to the large and desirable sale 900 cases boots, shoes, brogans, &c., comprising a fresh and desirable assortment of city and Eastern manufacture, to be sold this morning, commencing at 10 o'clock, at the auction rooms of Philip Ford & Co., No. 525 Market and 523 Commerce streets.

A SERENADE will be given this evening, at the Continental Hotel, at 9 o'clock, to Mr. William B. Carter, of Carter county, Tennessee, a slaveholder and property owner of the South, who is devoting his time and means to the Union cause. The grandfather of Mr. Carter was president of the Convention that formed the first Constitution of Tennessee.

LETTER FROM "OCCASIONAL."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6, 1861.

There is a favorite drama in which a somewhat notorious personage plays the leading part, and proves how easy it is to deceive poor human nature by pious professions and eleventh-hour penitences. In some of the scenes he appears in his true character. We see his hoofs and his tail, and, occasionally, think we smell his sulphurous breath. In others he is a whining, canting, lying "gentleman in black." We know how deaf he is to mercy, how cold to entreaty, and with what satanic malignity he pursues his victims, even to the verge of the grave. And yet, it is impossible not to be surprised at the manner in which he pretends to reform when he assumes another *role*, by the fervor of his prayers, and the earnestness of his denunciations of all vice, and by the seeming sincerity with which he devotes himself to virtue and benevolence. Nobody is deceived, however. We rise from the exhibition with the good lesson in our hearts, that while it is always right to forgive the errors and sins of those who honestly repent, there are still some offences which eleventh-hour confessions cannot entirely expiate. In fact, when the playwright introduces his satanic majesty upon the stage, and shows how successfully he can put on an air of morality and religion, his object is, unquestionably, to teach the world that some men are fond of "stealing the livery of Heaven to serve the devil in."

I have been reading James Buchanan's last letter to a so-called Union meeting in Pennsylvania. It is a fair missive, couched in good English, and was, doubtless, sent forward, written in the round, faultless, and genteel chirography that has always distinguished the ex-President of the United States. Mr. Buchanan has ever prided himself upon his handwriting. He punctuates like a printer, writes like a practised clerk, and is careful that his signature shall be as stately as his own personal bearing. I saw one of his recent epistles, and find that old age has left him with almost an untrembling styl., and that he is as critical and as hypocritical in preserving the propriety of things in his correspondence as when, thirty years ago, he scattered his letters over Pennsylvania, making more than one heart glad by his pharisaical promises.

When it is considered that the ex-President's true policy in all our troubles was to maintain at least the appearance of a dignified reserve, he cannot murmur if, when he breaks that reserve, his own record should be partially opened up, and his relations to past events, the recollection of which still rankles in the hearts of twenty-two millions of people, fearlessly and indignantly, discussed. His countrymen prefer that he should be left to the awful Judge whom he is soon to meet, and in the spirit which leaves him to that great Arbiter they have reverently refrained taking his case into their own hands, or even of bestowing upon it such comments and condemnation as it deserves. But as a compensation for this, they demand that he shall maintain silence. They know their own distresses and their duties—the authors of the one and the incentives to the other. Above all, while they hunger for counsel from the good and the brave, and greet with ardent welcome every indication of candid regret on the part of those who were deluded by James Buchanan, they do not believe the great cause in which they are engaged can in any respect be assisted by the public and pretentious advice of the man who has been the chief agent in all the mischiefs that disturb and threaten to dislocate our happy Union. I forbear the use of harsh phrases; but if Mr. Buchanan is anxious to provoke a discussion of the acts of his Administration, before he has been gathered to his fathers, he can have it. I know that he is deliberating a posthumous vindication of his conduct. I know that he contemplates an attack upon the independent men who forewarned him of the consequences of his infamous policy; and it is asserted and believed that his preparations to this effect will be marked by more than the usual malignity and cruelty that characterized his course after a confiding people had put him into the Presidential chair. It may be that his letter is the forerunner of this demonstration—an attempt to secure a hearing from that American people whom he so shamefully outraged and betrayed. But the questions he will be compelled to answer to future generations in this vindication cannot be glossed over by assaults upon those who contended against his Administration and pointed out the consequences of his treachery, nor yet by giving false reasons for the manner in which he permitted traitors to undermine the Constitution, even in his own official household. He will be forced, if he desires to secure a respectable position among historical characters, *to confess that he did wrong from the beginning to the end.* Whether it would not be well for him, before he is called away, to expose to the world the wretched instruments who used him, upon the one hand, and whom he used upon the other, is a matter of good taste that may be properly referred to his own conscience. He has a vast amount of information in his possession. He is one of those long-lived men who treasure up every confidential communication and letter. He has a complete daily journal or record of all that transpired in his Cabinet councils. Why not make a clean breast of all this? Why stand upon a matter of personal pride, and attempt to buy or beg an audience from his countrymen to listen to his apologies after his death? He need not fear the vengeance of the Southern traitors. They utterly despise him; because, after having permitted them to conduct him to the precipice, he had not the courage to follow them into the abyss of Disunion. Nothing that he could give to his country could be more valuable than the experience gleaned after he surrendered to these enemies of the human race. If he waits much longer his evidence will be of little value. This is the day and the hour. If he would be forgiven by posterity, let him pay that decent tribute to the present generation, by showing, in other ways than by writing letters to pseudo Union meetings, that he is sincerely penitent for the inconceivable wrongs he has heaped upon the American people. OCCASIONAL.

Wm. Bradford.

[For The Press.]

Some well-disposed people have been led into the false impression that William Bradford, who has represented the Seventh ward in the Select or Common Councils for the last six years, and who has been nominated for re-election, is a sharer of the sentiments and sympathies of Vincent L. Bradford, who, on the 16th of last January, acted as chairman of the committee of arrangements of the decidedly Secession meeting which was held at Concert Hall, on the evening of the above date. This opinion, however, does great injustice to William Bradford, who was chairman of the committee of Select Council which presented the resolutions that were adopted on the 17th of September, the anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution, from which I copy the following:

"*Resolved*, That the doctrine that a State may absolve its citizens from their national allegiance, and may withdraw at will from the Union, is a monstrous political heresy, and the attempt to exercise this pretended right is a crime of the deepest dye."

Military Preparations in Kansas.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 6.—The Leavenworth correspondent of the *St. Louis Republican*, under date of the 2d, gives the following information:

A full battery of iron six-pounders has been presented to the Home Guard of Leavenworth. They were cast in this city, being the first attempt at casting ordnance.

After the fall of Lexington, Gen. Sturgis made a requisition upon Major General Stone, of the Kansas militia, to call out the militia of the eastern counties of Kansas. The people responded warmly to the call, and poured into Wyandotte in large numbers. They were immediately sworn into the United States service, and now compose part of Gen. Sturgis' command at Kansas city. The Second Kansas regiment, under Major Cloud, is also at Kansas city. Col. Mitchell, its commander, is rapidly recovering from his wounds received in the battle of Springfield.

Nine regiments, most of which are full, and the rest rapidly filling up, have been furnished by Kansas for the war. In addition to this, we have twice responded to the call of the authorities, and furnished thirty-day men when danger threatened. Every man in Kansas is now well-drilled, and ready to fight if occasion required it.

Major Prince is still the commander of the post at Fort Leavenworth, and is prosecuting with vigor the work of strengthening and fortifying his position. A long line of earthenworks and entrenchments have been thrown up on the west of Fort Leavenworth. The river side is protected by pickets and masked batteries. Such a thing as taking the fort by surprise is now out of the question.

General Wool Returned to Fortress Monroe.

BALTIMORE, October 6.—General Wool arrived here yesterday afternoon from Washington, and left immediately in the boat for Old Point, on his return to Fortress Monroe.

Arrival of a Prize at Boston.

BOSTON, Oct. 4.—The prize schooner *Julia*, of St. John, from Hatteras, arrived here this morning in charge of Prize Master Odiorne.

LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM WASHINGTON.

POSITION OF THE TWO ARMIES.

No Further Movements of the Union Troops.

REBEL BATTERY AT FALLS CHURCH.

THE CHARGES AGAINST COLONEL BLAIR.

JOHN ROSS STILL FOR THE UNION.

THE PURSUIT OF THE PIRATE SUMPTER.

PARTICULARS OF THE CAPTURE OF THE FANNY.

Escape of a Union Colonel from Richmond.

BUCKNER'S MOVEMENTS IN KENTUCKY.

Interesting from New Orleans.

UNION FORCES BUILDING FORTIFICATIONS.

REBEL PREPARATIONS FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE CITY.

LATEST FROM MISSOURI.

REPORTED DEATH OF BEN. McCULLOCH.

Special Despatches to "The Press."

WASHINGTON, October 6, 1861.

The Pursuit of the Pirate Sumpter.

The Navy Department has received a letter from Commander SCOTT, of the steamer *Keystone State*, dated Aspinwall, Sept. 25, in which he states that he has been cruising on the coast of Yucatan, but obtained no information either of the pirate *Sumpter* or her prizes. He was alike unsuccessful in the vicinity of the Isle of Pines and Cienfuegos. The *Sumpter*, it was said, endeavored to procure coal at Demarara and Cayenne, and was refused. The merchants of Paramacaibo likewise declined to furnish coal, but it was finally obtained from a Scotchman. Commander SCOTT says that Capt. SEMMES, of the *Sumpter*, is aware that our vessels are in search of him, and that, therefore, he will not again appear in the West Indies. The fact is ascertained that the *Sumpter* has taken several prizes under the British flag and decoyed others under our own, with the union down. This should serve as a warning to United States merchantmen. The *Abby Bradford*, captured off Puerto Cabello, in July, is the last prize taken by the *Sumpter*. The crew of the *Sumpter* numbers sixty-four men, in a disorganized condition. Several of them have escaped and will be sent home.

Applicants for Office and Contracts.

The War Department is overrun by applicants for office and contracts, and the Secretary's door is constantly besieged by persons who want interviews with him to subserve personal ends. The Secretary desires it to be distinctly understood, that there are no vacancies of paymasters, quartermasters, or commissaries in his gift. Nor are there any appointments of officers of the line to be made except in the regular course of promotion. When second lieutenancies are thus vacated the places will be filled by appointments from the ranks. All contracts for supplies, munitions, etc., are made respectively by the quartermaster general, commissary general, and the chief of ordnance, and to them all parties should apply who have proposals to make. Applicants for appointments as acting masters and masters' mates should be made to the Navy Department in writing, and not in person.

The War Department can furnish the revised army regulations only to the officers of the army, and not to members of Congress and other applicants.

The Army To-Day.

The telegraph from the various divisions of the army of the Potomac, to-day, indicates no movement. Both armies are ready for action, but neither of them has any disposition to take the responsibility of the initiatory shot. How long this state of affairs will remain no one, not even Generals SCOTT or MCCLELLAN, can tell. There is at command very satisfactory evidence that the rebel army is getting impatient, uneasy, and fretful, and the men are, in bodies of companies and regiments, asking to be relieved. It is also demonstrated by proof that the army is becoming decidedly shabby in their dress, without a prospect of being supplied with winter garments. On the other hand, the Federal army has everything it can desire to eat, drink, and wear, while the men are all contented, and are becoming daily more perfect in drill and military exercise and discipline.

T. F. Meagher.

It is rumored that THOS. FRANCIS MEAGHER, who is now raising an Irish Brigade in New York, will be offered the brigadier generalship declined by Hon. JAS. SHIELDS, on account of his health.

Sixty Soldiers Captured

The telegraph states that when captured there were twenty-five soldiers on board the steamtug *Fanny*. I am officially informed that there were sixty of our men on board, all of whom were taken prisoners.

Pennsylvania Politicians.

The politicians from Pennsylvania continue to arrive. They have not all succeeded, however, in crossing the Potomac, for the purpose of electioneering. Every facility has been afforded by the military authorities to the sheriff's deputies who are entrusted with the delivery of blank returns for Tuesday's election.

Military Appointments.

Governor MORGAN, of New York, has appointed Capt. HAYMAN, of the U. S. army, to be colonel of the Thirty-seventh Regiment of that State.

Lieutenant Colonel BURKE has been elected to succeed Col. MCCUNN, who was ordered from Washington. A committee, consisting of the senior captains of the regiment, have, in the name of the regiment, waited on Gen. MCCLELLAN, asking him to confirm their choice of a colonel, with which request he will probably comply. The objection is not to Col. HAYMAN, but to the interference of Gov. MORGAN, and besides, the regiment claim the right to make their own selection.

The Kentucky Cavalry, formerly under the command of Col. YOUNG, is to be known hereafter as the Third Regiment of Pennsylvania Cavalry. Lieutenant Colonel OWENS, there is little doubt, will be appointed to the chief command.

A Rebel Battery Near Falls Church.

Yesterday, about sundown, General KEYES drove out to the village of Falls Church. He was accompanied by one of his staff and two orderlies. The party were fired on from a battery located in the woods, on the dirt road leading from Falls Church to Fairfax Court House. One of the shots struck within twenty yards of the general. The other three were out of range. The rebel fire was replied to by two shots from a Parrot gun on Upton's Hill. Nobody is believed to have been hurt on either side.

An observatory has been erected on Upton's house, from which a fine view is obtained of the surrounding country and the advance guard of the rebel army.

It is not known that there has been any picket firing for a week past, or since our advance to the positions lately evacuated by the rebels.

Particulars of the Capture of the Propeller Fanny.

The following statement of the master of the army transport *Fanny* gives the particulars of her capture by the rebels:

She was despatched by Col. HAWKINS with clothing, ammunition, provisions, &c., to Chickamacomico, for the supply of the troops recently stationed there. After the news of the capture of the *Fanny* was received at Hatteras, Col. HAWKINS called upon the commanding naval officer in these waters for a force to go to the relief of the troops. An armed expedition was fitted out which sailed on the morning of the 3d inst., but nothing had been heard from it at 5 o'clock that evening, when information was last received from that quarter.

STATEMENT OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE FANNY.

The following is the statement of the master of the *Fanny*:

HATTERAS INLET, Oct. 1.

I left in the steamer *Fanny* at 6 o'clock A. M., for Chickamacomico, or Loggerhead Inlet, arriving there at 1 o'clock P. M. We anchored in about eight feet of water, and waited there two hours and a half before we got a communication from the shore. They then brought a flat-boat off and loaded her with an assorted cargo of stores, tents, &c. When the boat had shoved off, and got about two-thirds of the way on shore, we saw a steamboat to the westward, about 4 o'clock P. M., which proved to be one of the enemy. She was standing to cut off our retreat, and in a short time two more appeared, steering directly for us. The first one then stood in, and commenced firing upon us, and as soon as the other two came up they did the same. We returned their fire with nine shots, striking one of the boats in the bow. Then, Captain Hart, of the Twentieth Indiana Regiment, suggested us to surrender, saying that it was no use fighting against such odds. I requested us to hoist the white flag. The mate of the boat, and a few soldiers, turned to and threw overboard some thirty cases of ammunition, and Captain Hart forbid them to throw any more overboard. We likewise requested the sergeant major to throw the cannon overboard, which he refused to do, saying that it would be worse for them, if they were taken prisoners. Captain Hart then requested the mate to be slipped and the boat run ashore, which was done. The white flag was then hoisted, and the crew of the boat left in their boats. We endeavored to get boats to carry the soldiers from the *Fanny*, but could not do so. To the best of my opinion, they had plenty of time, from our arrival to that of the enemy's boat, to have got everything on shore from the *Fanny*, if sufficient boats had been employed in the transportation of the stores, so that we could have destroyed the *Fanny* before she should have fallen into the hands of the rebels.

We left there about 6 o'clock P. M., in a canoe, and arrived here about 7 o'clock A. M., on the 2d instant.

J. H. MORRISON,
Master of the *Fanny*.

A New and Important Projectile.

MR. L. WOOD, of New York, tested his new shell at the navy yard last evening, assisted by the officers of the Ordnance Department. The shell is filled with molten metal just before it is placed in the cannon. When it strikes an object, the shell bursts and the metal scatters, setting fire to all combustible matter with which it comes in contact. It was fired last night into a pile of wet oak wood, causing a conflagration which consumed the heap.

That Balloon.

That balloon which sailed over the city was neither a runaway, nor was it from "Secesh," as reported by your cotemporary.

After a review of troops and presentation of colors, near Clouds Mills, Va., on Friday afternoon, La Mountain, by request of those present and permission from the brigadier general, went up in his favorite aerial ship "Saratoga," sailed over Washington, at an elevation of 18,000 feet, and came down fifteen miles east of the city.

Brigadier General McCook.

Brigadier General MCCOOK will leave here to-morrow, having been ordered to report to the commander of the Department of the Cumberland. His brigade will include the First Ohio Regiment, of which he was formerly colonel.

The general who is to relieve General ANDERSON is W. T. SHERMAN, brother of the Senator of that name.

Recovery of General Heintzelman.

General HEINTZELMAN having completely recovered from his wound, received at Bull Run, has been assigned to the command of a division.

The Government Bakeries.

The basement of the Capitol building has been, as you are aware, converted into an immense bakehouse. In the building there are eight large ovens in full operation, employing forty bakers and turning out from 20,000 to 24,000 twenty-two-ounce loaves per day. In the vaults, outside of the building, there are six double ovens, employing sixty bakers, and producing daily 30,000 to 40,000 loaves. One hundred and sixty persons are employed at these bakeries, receiving from thirty-five to forty-two dollars per month. The monthly payroll amounts to over six thousand dollars.

Private Enterprise.

Stores are going up on Pennsylvania avenue, and fine dwelling houses in other parts of the city. Business is good and money abundant. The hotels and private boarding houses are full.

A Rebel Officer Treed.

Lieutenant A. J. SIGLER, First Virginia Cavalry, commanded by Colonel STUART, was caught in a ree getting chestnuts, on Friday, by a detachment of YOUNG'S cavalry. He was brought to the city, and is in the prison on the Avenue, corner of Thirteenth street. He refuses to give the strength of the rebel army, but says there are men enough in front of our city to whip three hundred thousand Federal troops whenever we decide upon opening the contest. He does not believe the Confederate officers propose to advance upon us.

The Census of New York.

At the request of the Hon. AUGUSTUS FRANK, member of Congress of New York, the Superintendent of the Census Bureau has prepared a statement of the white male population of the several counties of that State, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five, and the proportion required from each county to furnish the quota of one hundred thousand men. The Superintendent says the State presents an effective arm-bearing population of 766,344—about one-half of that of all the States south of Mason and Dixon's line, equalling the combined military strength of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Five Hundred Teamsters Wanted.

The Quartermaster advertises for five hundred *good* teamsters.

Hot Weather.

The thermometer at noon for several days past has ranged between 85 and 90 in the shade.

Quiet Sabbath.

We have another quiet Sabbath day, with the churches very fully attended.

Fresh Earthworks at Freestone Point.

Capt. PEARCE, of the steamer *Patapsco*, has arrived up, and reports fresh earthworks thrown up at Freestone Point, but no rebels were seen.

Condition of the Army.

Regular special reports are being received from the different divisions of the army throughout the country, all expressing gratification at the sanitary condition and spirits of the army.

From the Cherokee Nation.

CHIEF JOHN ROSS FOR THE UNION.

FIGHT WITH THE SECESSION HALF-BREEDS.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 6.—News has reached here that, about two weeks since, John Ross, the Chief of the Cherokee Nation, had called, by proclamation, eight thousand Cherokees around him and declared for the Union. Read, an influential half-breed, and leader of the Secession party, had raised the standard of revolt and had a skirmish with Ross' body-guard, in which the latter was victorious. This conflicts with the recently-published accounts from the Nation, but an active Government scout, thoroughly acquainted with matters in the Southwest, pronounces it reliable.

Escape of Col. Devilliers from Norfolk.

BALTIMORE, October 6.—The boat from Old Point arrived to-day, but brings no intelligence of importance from the Fortress.

The boat brought up a number of refugees from Norfolk, including some released crews of prize vessels.

Colonel Devilliers, the instructor of Colonel Ellsworth, who was taken prisoner by General Wise, in Western Virginia, came up in the boat, having escaped from prison and made his way along the James river to Newport News. He escaped with twelve others, who were recaptured and taken back. He alone, by disguising himself and affecting lameness, succeeded in eluding the vigilance of his pursuers. He was compelled to swim the James river three times, and after much suffering, and being twice fired at by the pickets, reached Newport News. He describes the suffering of the prisoners as great, and their treatment as barbarous, one of them having been shot from the street by a woman. Colonel Devilliers has gone to Washington with much important information, gleaned on his journey down the James river.

The Charges against Colonel Blair.

ST. LOUIS, October 6.—Captain MCKEEVER, Assistant Adjutant General of this Department, has received a despatch from General FREMONT stating that the charges and specifications against Colonel BLAIR, published in the *Democrat* yesterday morning, received publicity without his knowledge or sanction; that he has telegraphed the President and General SCOTT that he act meets his unqualified disapproval, and requests Captain MCKEEVER to investigate this violation of his confidence and interference with his papers, that the perpetrators may be instantly proceeded against and punished.

FROM MISSOURI.

REPORTED DEATH OF M'CULLOCH.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 6.—The correspondence of the *Democrat* gives the following:

ROLLA, Mo., Oct. 6.—From information gathered from scouts, there are about 11,000 armed rebels scattered over the southwestern part of the State, including 6,000 to 7,000 at Camp Walker, Arkansas, 8 miles below the Missouri line, under command of young Ben. McCulloch.

Major Wright, of the Home Guards, furnishes the following statement: A physician well known to the major, whose name I am not permitted to use, arrived from the southwest on Tuesday evening. This physician was formerly a partner of Dr. Snell, Gen. McCulloch's army surgeon.

The former very recently had an interview with his old partner, and was told by him that in the battle of Springfield McCulloch was shot through the hips and a glance ball also struck him in the forehead. Soon after making his report of the battle, McCulloch with the Texas forces was ordered back to Texas, but after reaching Camp Chesapeake, near Mount Vernon, he died from his wounds.

Before he expired he spoke freely of the manner of his treatment by the Missourians, and declared that if he had known the true position of affairs he never would have entered the State. His body was placed in a metallic coffin and conveyed to Texas. His death was concealed even from his own men for a time, it being the policy of the surviving leaders to operate on the prestige of his name.

His son, Ben McCulloch, Jr., was therefore placed in nomin