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THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1862.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS.

The mystery surrounding the capture of New Orleans has been dispelled by the arrival of the Columbia from Havana. A terrific and almost unparalleled engagement, lasting six days, had taken place between our fleets and the rebel forces and vessels, and had resulted in an unconditional surrender...

Fort Morn is at present garrisoned by two artillery companies. The damage done to the fort is not as severe as anticipated. The shells against the fort were not very strong. The main cause of the surrender was the rapidity and freedom of our fire, which rendered the fort untenable except within the caissons, which, in a short time, became too hot for safety...

The Union Report of the Capture of New Orleans.

The outline of the Union report of the capture of New Orleans, which was received yesterday, shows that our great victory at that quarter was not won without a terrific struggle. The capture of New Orleans was the result of the many difficulties our gallant fleet encountered, that the Confederates supported their metropolis to "a safe capture to scorn," and that all our efforts to capture it would prove utterly futile...

One of the causes of the sale of the private Sumpter is reported to have been the desertion of a large portion of her crew. She was closely pursued by the Tuscaraora, which was sailed from Southampton, and securely landed at the mouth of the river. It is believed that she was taken to the Gulf of Mexico...

News from Europe.

We have the London papers of the 23d April, and the Cork Southern Reporter of the 24th, but cannot find anything in them worthy of special notice. Parliament was adjourned over the Easter holidays. There is a statement in the London Morning Advertiser that NARRISON told Mr. STURDILL that "in respect of the decision which would settle the international dispute between the United States and Great Britain, England would feel bound to interfere."

LETTER FROM "OCASIONAL."

WASHINGTON, May 7, 1862. There is no wistfuling of the Government of the United States. The cause of the Union is "marching on" with "irrepressible majesty." When I carried out and kept the cause of the Union, I carried out the cause of the Union. I carried out the cause of the Union. I carried out the cause of the Union.

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self a Catholic, was the historian of the famous Roman Catholic Association. He was founder of the Fine Arts, and had travelled largely before entering into political life. He published "Walks in Rome" and "Oriental Sketches," with other works of less importance. He was a man of great energy and effective orator. His part in procuring Catholic Emancipation cannot soon be forgotten by the friends of civil and religious liberty.

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The Military Situation on the Virginia Peninsula. The reinforcements at Williamsburg must not be considered as a mere reinforcement of the forces which were defeated by Henry's army. On the contrary, they must, for the most part, have been "fresh troops," and not the remnants of the army which had been defeated by the Peninsula Campaign. The reinforcements at Williamsburg must not be considered as a mere reinforcement of the forces which were defeated by Henry's army.

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FROM GEN. HALLECK'S ARMY.

Cairo, May 7.—(Special despatch to the Chicago Press.)—The army of Gen. Halleck, which is probably not less than 200,000 men, was captured in a recent skirmish with the rebels, who were defeated by the army of Gen. Fremont. A strong force was sent in pursuit of the rebels.

FROM GEN. BANKS' COMMAND.

New York, May 7.—All the mails for Gen. Burnside's Expedition from the Army of the Potomac, which were captured in a recent skirmish with the rebels, were destroyed. The rebels were defeated by the army of Gen. Fremont. A strong force was sent in pursuit of the rebels.

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