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In this week's War Press there are some new Premiums offered, to which attention is called. The new work, by EDMUND KIRKE, of "AMONG THE PINES; OR, SOUTH IN SECESSION-TIME," will be sent (in addition to the War Press for a year) to every person remitting Two Dollars.

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THE WAR.

Stonewall Jackson is at Hagerstown. He has crossed the ridges separating the two valleys of Western Maryland, and is now in strong force twenty-five miles northwest of the rebel headquarters at Frederick. This seems to indicate a purpose upon the part of the enemy's commander-in-chief either to invade the southern counties of Pennsylvania, by entering the State south of Chambersburg, and proceeding to that town, or else to pretend an attack upon loyal soil whilst he carries out his real design—breaking of communication between Baltimore and Washington. In either case we should be aroused. Our fellow-citizens upon the border need all the aid we can give them; and the capital of the country, whilst one strong arm remains throughout the land, should never be isolated from the States which acknowledge it still to be that Washington which the noblest Virginian of our early history made it in 1799. General McClellan is watching the enemy from his position in the vicinity of Poolesville, but can only balk their movements in case of an advance in the direction of Baltimore or Washington. Protection against a raid into Pennsylvania, (unless the army near Washington makes some sudden movement into this State,) can only be furnished by forces sent from the North. If Stonewall Jackson and his fellow-conspirator, Robert E. Lee, will take advice from us, and we think we are competent to counsel them, they will make no raid into Pennsylvania. Once upon the fertile fields of Franklin, and Adams, and York counties, they would, perhaps, riot for a few days to their heart's content. But then their barbarous success would end. A retribution worse than that which ever befel an unrighteous army would stare them in the face. McClellan and his veterans would thunder upon their rear, and in front, from every tree, and fence, and clod, would rise an enemy. The red-coats, who invaded Lexington, until they attempted that ill-starred enterprise, knew but little of the terrible destruction which can be wrought by a few patriots, who know the country upon which they stand, and love it too well not to aim a musket at those who pollute it. The whole North would be aroused. No such miserable cowardice as that shown by false-hearted traitors, who, during Northern occupation of Southern cities, took the oath of allegiance only to break it when the Union army has gone, would be shown by our people. Every man would become a sturdy, unyielding enemy—each woman an opponent of rebel intrusion—and even the babes in so holy a cause would lisp curses upon the heads of the traitor hordes who were disturbing their homes. Let Stonewall Jackson pause before he crosses the Southern border.

Philadelphia's Danger

Pennsylvania, and especially Philadelphia, must be defended at all hazards. The crisis is at hand, and we must be prepared to meet it with something of the spirit of our sires, who have made the fame of our city coeval with the nation's history, and linked it with the glory of Revolutionary days. In the very commencement of the present struggle, it was a favorite boast of the Richmond press, that the flag of treason should float from Independence and Faneuil Halls. This threat we then despised; it now seems in the way of realization, *and still we may despise it.* We can make the experiment a bloody one to the enemy, should he attempt to carry pillage and destruction, by fire or the sword, to our peaceful homes and hearths. They may cross the Susquehanna without much opposition; they may lay waste our fields, and desolate our peaceful valleys, but a fearful vengeance must await them on the outskirts of our city.

The City of Independence must be, will be defended to the last extremity. Washington may fall, Baltimore may fall, *but Philadelphia never!* This is the stern determination of every loyal citizen in our midst. But have we done all that we can in this emergency? If the same danger had menaced New York, which now threatens the destruction of our beloved city, we should now see at least *one hundred thousand of her citizens under arms.* What is the important business engaging us that we cannot close our stores and counting-houses *to-day, immediately,* and rally by tens of thousands to greet the invader? Men of Philadelphia, would you see the perfect safety of our homes assured, and a peaceful ending of the war accomplished? Only two courses now remain to you—either to fight the enemy relentlessly, until the rebellion is completely crushed, or to ignominiously submit to the dominion of rebel taskmasters. You have no alternative now, if you would avoid the fate of cringing servitude, but to fight the fight your sons and brothers have been fighting so nobly for the last seventeen months—and die, if need be, for the cause, ennobled by their blood! Arouse to-day! Moments are ages, when the cause of human liberty is threatened by the hands of treason, and the fate of millions yet unborn perhaps depends upon this issue!

An Appeal for our Soldiers.

The Philadelphia public, with unsurpassed liberality, has given generously to the support and comfort of the volunteers now in the field. A new appeal is now made to us in behalf of the levies shortly to be drafted. Their wants must be as urgent as in the case of those we have hitherto sent, and their claims upon the sympathies of their fellow-citizens will prove equally as strong. One of the requisites of a soldier's outfit is a good blanket, an article which the Government will be unable to furnish in proper time, as the market has been exhausted, and the manufacture of a new stock will require months that cannot well be spared for delay. Many of our citizens can help the Government in this dilemma, and we hope to record, to-morrow, that they have responded willingly to the call preferred by Quartermaster CROSMAN.

Judge Allison's Address.

The timely, patriotic, and judicious address of Judge ALLISON, which we print in another column to-day, cannot be read without profit in the present crisis. It is unnecessary that we should more than call attention to it. The truths it enunciates are too suggestive to need comment.

LETTER FROM "OCCASIONAL."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10, 1862.

I had hoped that when General McClellan was placed in command of the army for the defence of Washington, all attempts to weaken his influence would cease. I see, however, by a weekly New York journal, which has been prominent and inflammatory in its attacks upon him, that there is a disposition to persecute him to the end. It is unnecessary to follow the arguments which are used. I concede the ability with which this New York journalist manages his case, but unfortunately he arrives at no practical result. Grant everything that may be said against McClellan—that his campaign on the Peninsula was a failure, his long delays on the Potomac unnecessary, and his tardiness at Alexandria criminal—what is now to be gained by bringing up the past, and embarrassing the future? I have criticised General McClellan when criticism seemed necessary. I differed from his policy in the height of his fame, because I believed it to be wrong, and I support his policy now when he is assailed and calumniated, because I believe he is serving the Republic well, and because he is now the chief champion the Republic can lean upon. I want no better evidence of Gen. McClellan's capacity than the fact that he has been appointed to his present command. Who, after all, is the best judge of a general's fitness for his position? Is it not the President, and his commander-in-chief? They are not partisans. They have no interest to serve but the dearest interests of our country. If they fail now, their names become infamous in all coming time. If they succeed, they live in history along with Cincinnatus and Washington. They know Gen. McClellan. They have watched his course with an eager and a jealous eye. They have heard his story of the Peninsular war. They know why he failed to take Richmond—and in giving him command of the army, they say to the people that the failure was his misfortune and not his fault. If we remove McClellan, who shall take his place? There can be no better answer than this to his enemies. They tear down, but they do not build up. They insist upon a disease, but suggest no remedy. McClellan is a soldier. No one will deny him great military qualities. He has exhibited them on every occasion, and I am confident he will exhibit them on a grander scale in upper Maryland.

It is an easy thing to be a grumbler. I can conceive no task less difficult, in times like these, than to denounce and to disparage. When we charge with crime, or inefficiency, or error, we become general and popular, and I question whether the true patriot is to be found in the man who constantly denounces and derides those who serve the State, and whose interest it is to serve it well, or in the man who is patient, confiding, and just. Much as we may dislike those whom we have placed in power, it is better that we should submit to their authority in these fearful hours, than incur the natural results of any attempt to antagonize and overthrow them. Now we have laws, a constitutional government, a legislature, an army under control, a free people, and all the blessings which our fathers gave to us in their written constitution. If these grumblers succeed we have anarchy. If we break down one of the dikes, the flood comes in, and sweeps away every vestige of liberty and civilization. If any great man—that is to say, if any representative man like General McClellan—is to be sacrificed to the mere opinion of those who criticised him almost before he had drawn his sword, and who condemned him on the very threshold of his career, the consequences may be irretrievable. I do not like many of the influences which support General McClellan. I have done my humble part towards rescuing him from the hands of the sympathizers who use his name to break down the Government. But I am convinced that he is truly devoted to the cause, and I have seen nothing to show that he is an incompetent commander. This is bold and earnest language, and I use it to counteract the attempt to ruin the Government in ruining him. If he succeeds, it is the glory of the Republic—if he fails, it is the shame of the Republic. With the support of all true men, and at the head of his loyal and brave army, I believe that his success will be certain. The present campaign will bring the decisive contest of the war. Let us stand by him now that he leads the armies of the Union, and let us pray to God that by his valor and his wisdom the Union will be saved from the dangers which now encompass it.

OCCASIONAL.

The True Men Now.

The men who hold by the old flag, in this the darkest hour since that which saw it unfurled as the signal of human freedom amid the bloody baptism of the American Revolution, will be remembered "forever and aye!" Even the base ingrates who have deserted the stars and stripes will honor the heroic fortitude of those who resolve to adhere to that glorious emblem of liberty, in the moment of their direst peril.

The False Men Now.

The citizen who does not, in this gloomy crisis, yield up all party, or personal, or sectional feeling to the regular Government, is ineffably infamous. All his former pretexts for indifference will not avail him. He might have recovered a lost position among his own people by an opportune penitence for his earlier sympathy with treason. Now, he not only trebly loses that, but entitles himself to the contempt of the very traitors whose favors he would court!

THE *Liverpool Journal* of the 23d August mentions the departure of the Queen Dowager of Spain, with the Duke de RIANZARES (her husband), their children and suite. The day before their departure they were visited by the Duke and Duchess of MONTPENSIER; the latter is the Queen's second daughter. During her stay in England, the Spanish party occupied Oak Lodge, Kensington, London, the residence of JAMES W. HENRY, Esq., formerly of Philadelphia.

Lays of Ancient Rome.

BY WALTER SCOTT.

March, march, Ettrick and Teviotdale,
Why the deil dinna ye march forward in order?
March, march, Eskdale and Liddesdale,
All the Blue Bonnets are bound for the Border.
Many a banner spread,
Flutters above your head,
Many a crest that is famous in story.
Mount and make ready then,
Sons of the mountain glen,
Fight for the Queen and our old Scottish glory.

Come from the hills where your hirsels are grazing,
Come from the glen of the buck and the roe;
Come to the crag where the beacon is blazing,
Come with the buckler, the lance, and the bow.
Trumpets are sounding,
War-steeds are bounding,
Stand to your arms and march in good order,
England shall many a day
Tell of the bloody fray,
When the Blue Bonnets come over the Border.

LARGE SALE OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS, ARMY BLUE KERSEYS, DOMET FLANNELS, &c.—We invite the early attention of purchasers to the large and desirable assortment of foreign and domestic dry goods, including cloths, cassimeres, satinets, velvet and satin vestings, Barnsley damask, table-cloths, towels, dress goods, satin and velvet ribbons, hosiery, hoop-skirts, ready-made clothing, &c.; (also, for cash, about 14,000 yards army blue kerseys, and 12,000 yards Domet flannels,) embracing 725 lots, to be peremptorily sold, by catalogue, on four months' credit, commencing this morning at 10 o'clock, to be continued all day, without intermission, by John B. Myers & Co., auctioneers, Nos. 232 and 234 Market street.

From the South—The Rebel Congress.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 8.—In the Confederate Senate, on the 3d inst., Mr. Henry, of Tennessee, introduced a proposition to extend the sequestration act to citizens refusing to take the oath of allegiance to the Government.

On the 4th instant, pending the bill to extend the provisions of the conscription to persons between the ages of thirty-five and forty-five years, Mr. Yancey, of Alabama, offered a substitute providing for requisitions upon the States for their quotas to be raised from citizens between such ages. A lengthy discussion ensued, when the substitute was rejected, and the original bill passed, by a vote of 20 yeas to 2 nays.

The Grenada *Appeal*, of the 5th instant, says that a fight took place at Denmark on Tuesday last, between the Federal forces and Colonel Jackson's and Pierson's Confederate cavalry, which resulted in a drawn battle. The Confederate loss was 100 killed and wounded. They captured 200 prisoners and two pieces of cannon.

Two despatches dated Chattanooga, on the 4th instant, state that the Federal forces had evacuated Huntsville.

Democratic State Convention of Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., September 10.—The Democratic State Convention assembled in this city to-day, and nominated Hon. James S. Allen for Congress, Hon. Alexander Starne for State Treasurer, and Hon. John O. Brooks for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Race on Fashion Course—Tillingham the Winner.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—The race for a purse of $10,000 on Fashion Course, this afternoon, was won by Tillingham, who beat Ethan Allen in two straight heats. A large crowd was present

THE INVASION OF MARYLAND.

Accurate Statement of the Rebel Strength.

Only 1,500 Recruits Gained in the State.

10,000 EXPECTED IN BALTIMORE.

Washington, Baltimore, and Philadelphia, to be Attacked.

REBEL PROXIMITY TO HAGERSTOWN.

Telegraphic and Mail Communication Cut Off.

MIDDLETOWN CAPTURED BY REBEL CAVALRY.

They are Encountered and Punished by Union Troops.

A CAMP MEETING BROKEN UP BY RUMORS OF JACKSON'S COMING.

STARTLING RUMOR.

The Rebel Army Falling Back Through Thoroughfare Gap.

Heintzleman and Sigel Said to be Pursuing.

SKIRMISH AT POINT OF ROCKS.

THE TOWN EVACUATED BY GEN. MILES.

The Enemy Cross the River at Berlin, and our Troops Retire.

[Special Correspondence of The Press.]

ELLICOTT'S MILLS, Md., Sept. 10.

Everything is quiet here at present, and a great deal of mystery attaches itself both to the movements of our own troops and those of the rebels. It is generally acknowledged, however, that Gen. McClellan holds the advantage, and has frustrated the rebel plans if any advance was designed. As far as my information goes, I should say that the rebels are in a very "tight place," as they are certainly surrounded, and by such a force that they cannot hope to cut their way out, unless, indeed, they have a strong and well organized force, a matter of some doubt here and elsewhere.

THE POSITION AT FREDERICK.

Our troops have possession of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to a point about seven miles this side of Frederick, and the rebel pickets are in sight. Frederick can be taken at any moment by General Burnside, but the time for this movement has not yet arrived.

WHAT DESERTERS SAY.

Desertions from the rebel ranks are frequent. From conversations with deserters, we learn that the rebels have not a very great force in Maryland, which having failed in obtaining the thousands of recruits, and numerous stands of arms promised, are anxious to be carried back to "Old Virginny." They have succeeded in driving a large amount of stores and stock over the Potomac, but, in other ways, have not succeeded in doing much damage, and now find themselves surrounded by the Grand Army of the Union, and almost certain of capture. The rebels confidently expected the entire population of Maryland would rise and join them as soon as they crossed the Potomac, but, instead of this, they have lost nearly two thousand men by desertion, and have picked only a few miserable recruits.

THE STRENGTH OF THE REBEL ARMY.

An intelligent rebel lieutenant, who has recently been captured by a scouting party of General Burnside's *corps d'armée*, says that although the rebel army is large and well organized, we have greatly overestimated its real strength in the newspapers. The Confederate generals do not for a moment hope to overwhelm us, or even make an extensive invasion of Northern soil. They believe—at least the most sanguine of them—that their leaders are far superior to our generals in a strategical point of view, having proved it on the field upon several occasions, and they hope by rapid movements and brilliant dashes, to weary our people of the war, alarm the Government, and prevent us from advancing upon Richmond until winter, when the bad condition of the roads will place an embargo on any Federal advance. During the interval thus obtained, they hope to recuperate and reorganize, and gain the recognition of foreign Powers. The rebel army in Virginia comprises four grand divisions, as follows: Longstreet, twelve brigades; Anderson, twelve brigades; Jackson, ten brigades; Joe Johnston's old division, under command of Gen. A. P. Hill, ten brigades; cavalry corps about six thousand men, under Gen. Stuart and Fitzhugh Lee. Each brigade numbers from 1,800 to 2,500 men, with an average throughout of 2,000 men, including a light battery of artillery to every two brigades. In addition to this, a considerable army is left at and around Richmond, under Huger and the elder Hill, numbering, possibly, 50,000 men, besides numerous partisan corps of rangers and guerillas, so that we may say that the rebel army in Virginia is not at present more than 100,000 strong. Yet it must be remembered that numerous details have been made since the seven days battles, from this army, to send South and West—

THE LATEST BATTLES.

The despatches protest that the recent campaign of Pope the Federal troops could have overpowered the rebels but for the superiority of the generalship of Lee, Longstreet, and Jackson—these latter having but sixty thousand men, while we had over a hundred thousand, with superior arms and artillery, and the choice of ground. The rebels acknowledge a fearful loss of men and officers, but all official reports are kept from the soldiers and the people. Every battle is represented as a Confederate victory, and this has the effect of inducing the masses, who are ignorant, to believe that the cause is just, holy, and certain of success.

FEELING AMONG THE PEOPLE.

The feeling of the people of Maryland towards the Confederate invaders is undisguisedly bitter. They say they will make the Secessionists in Frederick pay for all that Union men have lost in the present raid. The Union people—and they are plenty and true—complain that the Government has been trifling with the traitors long enough, and they are pleased to observe a change in the war policy. A large number of Union men from Frederick are in Baltimore, and are now being well treated by the Secessionists, in fear of their impending day of wrath. I was informed yesterday, by a noted Secessionist here, that the rebel invading leaders had been warned of the danger of advancing any further inland, and were advised to retire to Virginia as speedily as possible.

OUR ARMY IN MARYLAND.

Gen. Burnside was in this vicinity yesterday. He reports that all is going on well in the army of the Potomac, which is advancing, and Gen. McClellan holds every advantageous point in force.

FALSE REPORT.

The report that Generals Miles and White had been captured with their whole commands, is false. They have ample supplies, have a strong and reliable force of men, strongly posted, and desirous of "trying conclusions" with Stonewall Jackson, or any other rebel that may be so rash as to attack them. Gen. McClellan is in constant communication with Miles and White.

STARTLING RUMOR.

It is currently reported and believed here that the rebel army in Virginia is falling back through Thoroughfare Gap, into the valley of the Shenandoah, and that Heintzleman and Sigel are after them. They are either retreating to Staunton, or trying to get over into Western Virginia. So the great rebel plan of invading the North is a failure, and will prove a calamity to the traitors in the end. Washington and Baltimore are safe, and our army is marching—

SPECIAL.

Our Point of Rocks Correspondence.

[Correspondence of The Press.]

POINT OF ROCKS, Va., Sept. 5, 1862.

A person has just arrived here who reports the rebels in strong force on the Potomac, their line extending from Bull's Bluff to the mouth of the Monocacy. I have just learned from another, who came direct from Leesburg, that, having failed to cross at Edwards' Ferry, they moved up in force on the Leesburg pike, with the supposed intention of moving to Harper's Ferry. A skirmish took place yesterday, at Leesburg, but seen a portion of Stuart's Cavalry and the 1st Maryland Cavalry, in which, after some severe fighting, our troops were worsted, having several killed and wounded.

Four young men, armed and equipped, on their way to join the rebels, were arrested to-day at Nolan's Ferry, some three miles distant from this place, and are now confined within a few yards of where I sit. They are hot-headed young men, and such as are always found to be extreme in their notions, having very little judgment or culture to enable them to form correct opinions. They belong to the genus "Jakey." They are said to be well supplied with money, which leads me to believe that they are hirelings, and that, therefore, the rebel cause is not so popular in Maryland as the rebels themselves would seem to think.

It is reported that Sigel met four divisions of the enemy yesterday afternoon at Leesburg, and drove them towards Winchester. It is now half past seven P. M., and the rebels are reported to be advancing on this place; our troops are being formed in order of battle, and all is bustle and preparation on the part of the soldiery, while among civilians consternation reigns sole terific God of the hour. Your correspondent, with some unpleasant recollections of Catlett's Station still remaining imprinted on his memory, feels that he is now fairly in for another scrape. Visions of Southern prison fare and close confinement, with such luxuries as usually pertain thereto, unpleasantly intrude themselves. But even the luxury of indulging in such reveries is disturbed. We hear a call for civilians to assist in demolishing a bridge across the canal, but that class of the community are meditating flight, or the seeking of places of safety. We rush out, and, taking an axe in hand, cut and slash furiously, and have the pleasure of hearing ourselves complimented on our dexterity, but are entirely too much out of breath to do more than nod our thanks. The expected attack, however, does not take place, and all begin to breathe more freely, and even those who were an hour ago invisible, now appear and seem sorry that the rebels did not come so that they might have an opportunity of displaying their prowess.

White's rebel cavalry yesterday entered Waterford, which is within six miles of Leesburg. They were merely foraging. They, however, in addition to their robberies, were malignantly destructive of the property of Union men. Among these, we heard the name of one Sidney Williams, who appears to have been peculiarly an object of their vengeance.

This morning, September 5th, 7 o'clock A. M., our men are momentarily expecting an attack, and the majority of the inhabitants have gone towards Frederick, Md. Two hours ago the rebels are reported to have crossed the river, below Nolan's Ferry, in considerable numbers. I am penned up here. I shall await the appearance of the enemy at whatever risk, and transmit the result.

H.

Our Middletown Correspondence.

[Special Correspondence of The Press.]

MIDDLETOWN, Frederick Co., Md.
September 8, 1862.

In my last communication I informed you of the expected attack on the force at Point of Rocks. No attack, however, was made, though hourly expected even through the day. The only incident worthy of mention as an event was one in which Company E, 87th Ohio Volunteers, were out on picket duty, were concerned. Ten men, who were thrown forward as pickets, were provided some breakfast on a canal-boat, which lay in the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, about three miles below Point of Rocks, when they observed a company of secession cavalry, on foot, armed with carbines, marching up the opposite side of the canal. They inform the corporal of the guard, said they were rubbing their eyes as if they had just arisen from a bed, and were making a desperate effort to awake. Our boys blazed away, when all but two of them jumped hastily off the tow-path to the ground on the other side. Some threw up arms as if they had been shot, but as it was quite early in the morning, with a slight haze, our pickets could not see distinctly whether any were killed or wounded.

The picket guarding but ten in number, retreated into a cornfield, where they remained undisturbed by the rebels, who seemed to intend eating the breakfast rather than fighting. The guard having heard the firing, advanced to the spot of the pickets. When they arrived, however, they had had eaten the breakfast and were moving off in direction whence they came. A few shots were exchanged, and so ended the forenoon at Point of Rocks. In afternoon orders were transmitted by telegraph from Camp Miles to evacuate the place, which was done accordingly, and we proceeded to Berlin, 6 miles higher up on the Pao. On the evening of the next day, just about dusk, a large body of rebels appeared on the other side of the river, and commenced crossing. The 87th opened on them with two pieces of artillery, shelling them with great rapidity for about fifteen minutes. They appeared, however, such force that our troops deemed it necessary to retire Harper's Ferry.

About 11 o'clock this morning a party of rebel cavalry rode into this town and pulled down the only American flag waving in it. After which, they indulged in much boasting, and were quite unsparing in their taunts, saying that they had whipped the Yankees at Virginia, and they had come to whip them out of Maryland. They dismounted, after having rode about provokingly defiant manner, and commenced talking very freely with the citizens, but still in a boasting vein. After much altercation they left us, and not very much, with a promise that they would return; they did so, but they returned as prisoners in charge of the Maryland Cavalry, commanded by Capt. Russell.

Some of the scoundrels concealed themselves in order to avoid capture by our cavalry, since they were well known to have conveyed information to the enemy, who are in and about Frederick. The best of all, however, is that Sigel and Banks are both marching on them, and we shall then be able to tell whether the Yankees are. They have boasted much that I meant never to leave Maryland. All this, of course, was in order to obtain recruits, but in this locality I will obtain very few, and though many here talk Secession, they will not fight for it.

H.

[Special Correspondence of The Press.]

HAGERTOWN, Sept. 9, 1862.

I wrote you this morning from Chambersburg, from which point this place is but twenty-five miles southerly. A report existed here that Hagerstown was held by rebel pickets, and came this way, not expecting to proceed beyond a state line, four miles back. On arriving here, I had there had been no signs of the enemy nearer than Frederick, twenty-two miles off. A gentleman who was in that place yesterday mentions having seen but one cavalry in the town, but that on the outskirts the enemy were encamped to the estimated number of seven or five thousand.

Their numbers had not been called since crossing the Potomac by more than fifteen hundred sympathizers from this State, but it is supposed that should they reach Baltimore, they would have an accession of an additional ten thousand. This, however, is hypothetical. These Secessionists who desire active participation in the rebellion have in great part long ago joined the enemy. A number have recently been added, through the prospect of a Union draft and those left behind desire to save both their property and their lives by a practical neutrality. A leading motive in the rebel invasion of Maryland is getting aside the obtaining of supplies, has been to annex it, as a slave State, to those already in the revolt. Marylanders in the rebel army, and Secessionists at large, have confidently assured the Jeff Davis Government that a visit of Confederate troops into the State would engender a general uprising. The game will fail. It will be met by a Union sentiment on one hand, and a political apathy among their friends on the other. Maryland does not wish to be the theatre of war. If the rebels operate in this State, it will not be in this region, at eastward, where more accessions and richer supplies are to be anticipated. With that idea, I leave here to-morrow, and shall be guided by circumstances as to my destination. The army at Frederick anticipate attacking Baltimore, Washington, and, if possible, Philadelphia. A raid into the southern counties of Pennsylvania would be chiefly by cavalry, and with the simple view of doing damage, and subsequently retreating. They fear too much the preponderance of the Northern population to venture far within our lines.

An absence of military news at Hagerstown leads me to talk about the place itself. Its population is five thousand. Beyond a few small machine shops, it has no manufactories, and is supported by the surrounding country, of Washington county, which is a long-settled and rich district. Comparatively few slaves exist in the neighborhood. Farm work done by free colored labor; by white natives of the State, and by Germans. The American laborers are chiefly Union men, the Germans Secessionists. The Union being preponderates, but holders of each sentiment are pro-slavery. A few Abolitionists lately existed here, but they have departed northward since the rebels passed the Potomac. Among the more wealthy, who are large land and slaveholders, Secession exists in a venomous form, and is largely participated in by the women of that class, some of whom have been heard to declare that the streets might run with Union blood, to which they attended display their handkerchiefs. Union men are also found among these classes, but the only practical manifestation has been the departure, during the entire war, of but a dozen men from the town for the rebel army, and about seventy from the county. For the Union army the county has furnished fifteen hundred men.

To guard against the arrival of rebels, several storekeepers, especially boot and shoe dealers, have sent their stocks into Pennsylvania, and the two banks, the Hagerstown Bank and the Washington County Bank, with a Savings Institution, are said to have removed their specie, last week, to New York, for safe keeping. All, therefore, is snug. A further development of rebel proximity has been the cessation of telegraphic and postal communications from this place.

Crops through this section are poor this year, being much affected by drought, nor is the farming by any means thorough. There is no drilling in preparation for the enemy at Hagerstown, nor yet at Greencastle, a place of two thousand inhabitants, inside the Pennsylvania line. The citizens are content to have removed their valuables, and await a raid with indifference. A knowledge of this, and of all the Government stores having been removed last week, has perhaps operated to prevent a visit.

SEPTEMBER 10.—Hearing this morning that the enemy had withdrawn their pickets around Frederick city, and commenced evacuating that place on Monday night, ostensibly for the Relay House, I leave, concluding that all prospect of their speedy visit this way has passed. Middletown, a place of a thousand inhabitants, chiefly of Union sentiment, eighteen miles southeast from here and eight from Frederick, was taken possession of yesterday by a force of rebel cavalry, who purpose impressing all Union citizens into the rebel army who were on the enrollment list for the contemplated draft. Two companies from among their number, dressed heterogeneously in rags and motley costumes, entered the place the day before at a canter, tore down a Union flag they met with, and then dismounted to supply themselves with shoes, clothing, and liquor. They were in a jolly mood, but gentlemanly, and gave Confederate notes for all they took, suggesting with a malicious wink, that Jeff Davis had given orders for the arrest of all who would not receive them. They expressed a fondness over their whisky for the Union, but did, as they were on the other side, they felt bound to stand by it to the last. They appeared very anxious to meet some Union cavalry, and wanted a fight, even if it was to one. They had their wish soon after. A scouting party of Ogle's cavalry met them outside of the village, killed and wounded several, and took seventeen prisoners. The rest skedaddled to Frederick City, and the result was the occupation of Middletown, in force, yesterday, by their comrades, the Union cavalry retreating before them.

I hear of much fright along the Pennsylvania line, and many people have left the different villages for Chambersburg and Harrisburg, taking with them all valuables, including store goods. A camp meeting commenced last Wednesday, near St. Thomas, five miles west of Greencastle. A large assemblage was there on Sunday, when a report was spread that Jackson was coming. A general run for home took place, and many buggy wheels were broken by collisions.

Five hundred of Anderson's new cavalry regiment are at Greencastle this morning. A few will remain there, and a portion make their headquarters here. They will be occupied in scouring the surrounding country, but have not all yet received their horses, or their carbines. In Chambersburg there are no troops at present, and but about four hundred of the citizens are drilling. They do not realize an attack. A company of recruits for the army has been raised here by Capt. James Kennedy, which has just been completed, and will soon be attached to a regiment.

Chambersburg, at present, is well filled with Union refugees from the border towns of Maryland and Pennsylvania, chiefly ladies, and the town is quite lively.

I rendered myself open to suspicion there by asking questions, and was requested by an officer to prove my identity, which the magic of a pass from the War Department enabled me easily to do. At Hagerstown I have met with no curiosity. No one cares whether I am a rebel or not.

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The Fremont Army Scheme—The Secretary of War Condemns it.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—The correspondence between the so-called National War Committee of this city, J. C. Fremont, and the Secretary of War, is published. The first contains the resolution of the said committee requesting General Fremont if the Government would sanction it, to take command with General Mitchell, of an army corps of 50,000 men, to be raised from the different States; to which the Secretary of War replies that General Mitchell has been assigned a command, and that the raising of volunteers in New York has been assigned to the Governor, who is faithfully performing his duty, and no reason exists for interfering with him. The authorizing of a military officer of high rank to raise an army corps would be productive of disorganization, and the War Department cannot consent that any Major General should organize a separate command.

From Mexico.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Vera Cruz dates of the 1st inst. have been received by the arrival of the steamer Columbia, from Havana.

Doblado had resigned from the Juarez Cabinet, and has returned to Guanajuato, at the head of his troops.

Two thousand French troops landed at Vera Cruz on the 22d, and left for Orizaba.

San Blas and Manzanillo have pronounced in favor of foreign intervention, and it is reported that Uraga and three thousand men have done the same.

The yellow fever and dysentery have killed seventy-five per cent. of the crews of the French vessels. The Amazon, whose complement is 675, has now but 40 men left.

Death of a Pennsylvania Soldier.

JOSEPH D. CHRISTY, 1st Pennsylvania Cavalry, has just died in hospital here.

New York Democratic State Convention.

ALBANY, Sept. 10.—The Albany State Democratic Convention met here this morning, and a temporary organization was formed.

Departure of the Steamer Persia.

NEW YORK, September 10.—The royal mail steamer Persia sailed at 9 o'clock this morning, with 200,000 in specie.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Despatches to "The Press."

WASHINGTON, September 10, 1862.

The Defence of Washington—Stringent Order relative to Officers and Soldiers.

HEADQUARTERS DEFENCES OF WASHINGTON,
WASHINGTON, Sept. 10, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 2.

First. With the exception of general officers, no officer or soldier will be allowed to cross any of the bridges or ferries of the Potomac, or to visit the cities of Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria, without a pass signed by the regimental commander, and approved by the commanders of the brigade and division in which the regiment is serving. Such passes will not be granted for a greater period than forty-eight hours, and every pass must state distinctly the object for which it is granted. General officers, when recognized as such, require no pass, but they will not leave their commands without the permission from their superior commanders. Aids-de-camp, and other staff officers, when not with their general, will require passes in the same manner as all other officers.

Second. Officers and men belonging to troops serving in the cities of Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria will not leave their company or barracks without a pass from their regimental commander.

Third. The officers of the provost guard will order any officer found in either of the three cities, contrary to the provisions of this order, to return to his regiment in arrest, and his name and regiment will, without delay, be communicated by the provost marshal to the division commander concerned, who will cause him to be brought to trial as soon as possible for the violation of this order. Enlisted men found in either of the three cities without proper authority will be arrested and kept under guard until a guard is sent for them by their division commander, whom the provost marshal will promptly notify of the arrest, and who will hold the subordinate commanders concerned responsible for the absence of their men.

Fourth. The subject of passes to civilians not in the military service, will be regulated by the Military Governor of the District of Columbia.

Fifth. No ale, beer, or ardent spirits, unless they be for hospital or subsistence stores, or the private stores of an officer, in either of which cases they should be so marked, will be allowed to pass the guards at any of the bridges or ferries, or the guards of any camp or barracks in this command, without a pass from the Military Governor or Provost Marshal of Washington or Alexandria, to cover the stores.

Sixth. Passes granted by a division commander must be signed by the commander himself, or by not exceeding two officers of his staff, whose names and signatures must be reported to the Military Governors of the District of Columbia and Alexandria.

Seventh. All fast riding or driving is forbidden in the cities of Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria. Teamsters must drive their teams at a walk. Orderlies will habitually ride either at a walk or trot. If necessary for them to ride at a more rapid pace, the direction "Gallop" should be written on the envelops of the despatch.

Eighth. While passing through the streets of Washington, Georgetown, or Alexandria, teams must leave a space equal to the width of a street after every sixth wagon. Wagons will not halt on the crossings, but leave them clear for foot passengers. Quartermasters and wagonmasters will be held responsible for any violation of these provisions by the trains under their command. Commanding officers will see that every quartermaster receives a copy of this order, and quartermasters will see that this order is read to their teamsters.

Ninth. The Military Governors and provost-marshals of Washington and Alexandria will see to the strict and systematic enforcement of the above provisions.

Tenth. Each corps and independent commanders will send an orderly to these headquarters at 12 o'clock M., daily, for orders.

By command of
MAJOR GEN. BANKS.

RICHARD D. IRWIN, Captain A. D. C.,
Acting Ass't Adjutant General.

WASHINGTON, September 10.—A more cheerful spirit prevails in Washington. The apprehension of danger to the capital seems to have passed, in view of the military movements made to foil the supposed intention of the rebels.

The general impression to-day is, that the invasion of Maryland is for food, and not for a permanent raid into the State of Pennsylvania. It is not supposed that our army will seek the enemy to fight him upon his own field, but confine itself more especially to the defence of Washington, while it is massed in force within cannon sound from the Capitol. Nothing, however, is known with certainty as to what the rebels design. All the heretofore wicker points open to the capital to reassure us of our safety.

There is less excitement now about the public departments than there has been, perhaps, at any former period since the war commenced.

The city has been nearly cleared of all stragglers, including not a few officers of the lower grades.

Appointment.

Mr. WILLIAM SAUNDERS, of Germantown, Pa., an experienced gardener, well known for his excellent taste and ability in his profession, has been appointed by Commissioner NEWTON, at the head of the Propagating Gardens, in this city, connected with the Department of Agriculture, in place of JOHN STEPENSON, removed on the 1st of September.

Secessionists in Washington.

The rebel element here has been in high glee within a few days over the prospective advance of JACKSON on Washington. Yesterday and to-day, however, they are not so sure of his coming, and small knots of them are gathered in their favorite haunts discussing the reason. It is alleged that quite a number of well known rebels have left here within a few days for the enemy's lines, in line with a full intention of joining their rank and file, and also found some of their sympathizers

[illegible] Middletown and Boonsboro [illegible] of troops in the direction [illegible] Union. Farmers informed him that a forward movement began at 3 o'clock