The Press.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1862.

THE WAR.

We have startling news from the Army of the Potomac, and much of it we scarcely know how to comprehend. As we predicted several times during the last week, so the result has turned out—the bird has flown. Lee's army has escaped to Gordonsville. It would have escaped at any rate, had every gap been held by our forces weeks ago. The difficulty began with the surrender of Harper's Ferry. By the surrender of that fortress, we gave up to the rebels the key to the Shenandoah Valley, and, of course, we have never been able to lock the door upon them since. When we know who was responsible for that disgrace, we will know who is responsible for this last disgrace of Lee's escape. The latter was an inevitable consequence of the former, and no generalship, however brilliant, could have prevented it, the relative strength of the two armies being considered. But, in addition to the dismal tidings of Lee's escape, which was an assured fact when Harper's Ferry fell, we have also the news that General McClellan has been superseded, and that General Burnside, the next in command, has succeeded him. The grounds for Mr. Lincoln's action are announced by us this morning. As will be seen, they are purely military, and have reference solely to the policy which should mark the conduct of the war. From the Army of the Potomac, we have one other piece of intelligence which is of the utmost importance—so important, indeed, that we cannot now undertake to estimate its results. According to our despatches, Bragg's army, driven out of Kentucky, has effected a junction with the rebel army of Virginia. If this should prove true—and we not only regard it as credible, but have on several previous occasions contended that there was imminent danger of such a movement—we may calculate upon a desperate battle before the close of the week; perhaps, once again in the region of Centreville. If our third campaign in Virginia should prove unsuccessful, we may thank, in the first place, the treachery which surrendered Harper's Ferry, and in the second place, the incompetency which permitted the escape of Bragg's army from Kentucky.

All the fears we had entertained for the safety of Nashville are dispelled by the gratifying intelligence published this morning. John C. Breckinridge has repeated his Baton Rouge exploit. He has attacked a heroic Federal garrison, suffering for supplies, and has been repulsed. As to his strength, our despatches are irreconcilable. According to one he had but 3,500 men; another credited him with 20,000; and a third gives him 25,000, exclusive of 3,000 cavalry, under Morgan. The last statement is probably nearest the truth, for the rebels would not attack a fortified town, unless they outnumbered the garrison two or three to one. Yet, in this instance, with such a preponderance of numbers in their favor, they have made the attack and have failed. General Negley, with his half-starved command of ten thousand men, has driven off a rebel army, at least twice his own in numbers; and as Major General McCook has reached the city, a renewal of the attack need not be apprehended. Had the charge of this important post been entrusted to a less heroic and determined officer than General Negley, in whose success we feel an especial pride as Pennsylvanians, we might have had a repetition, of the Munfordsville affair. To show to what straits his command was reduced for supplies, we reprint a single sentence from the last letter of our Nashville correspondent: "There are about ten thousand troops in this city, and, as our supplies ran out about five weeks ago, foraging is absolutely necessary; and, no matter how strict the commanding general and regimental officers may be, a large party seldom goes out without some pilfering episodes transpiring ere the return."

The Removal of General McClellan.

General McCLELLAN has been relieved from the command of the Army of the Potomac. This announcement will create a great deal of comment throughout the country, although it has been anticipated by those who have been carefully watching the course of recent events. It was purely a military act, and was the result of military consultation and decision. Although recommended to the President, and approved by him some time ago, it was only finally resolved upon after a change became inevitable. No act of the present Administration—we might say no Executive act since the beginning of the Government—has been the subject of more careful deliberation. There was every possible friendship and good feeling towards Gen. McCLELLAN. His many estimable personal qualities, his services in Western Virginia, his exertions to strengthen and discipline the army, were fully appreciated by the Government, and more particularly by the President of the United States, and that magistrate was at all times his true and sincere friend. The manner in which General McCLELLAN has conducted the various campaigns committed to his charge has not answered the expectations of the country, and the military men at the head of the army do not think his policy the most efficient towards suppressing the rebellion. The necessary result of these opinions, on the part of our military authorities, and the anxiety among the people for more active and fertile military measures, is announced this morning in the order relevingi him from his present command.

We have no desire to enter into any review of the career of General McCLELLAN. We accept the decision of the President as finally determining his fitness to command the Army of the Potomac and to carry out the policy of those who direct our military movements. We could have wished that a commander in whose fame we all have felt such a great interest should have led the great army of the Republic to the end of a triumphant war. We watched his progress with an interest and an enthusiasm only equalled by the regret with which we witnessed the failure of his many efforts to overwhelm the enemy in a final and crowning victory. We have taken part in no criticism upon his military career, because we wished to believe in his ultimate triumph. As we have sustained General McCLELLAN we now sustain the President, and we call upon all true men—upon all who have sustained General McCLELLAN in the varying fortunes of this fearful war—upon all who believe in the honesty of the President and his earnest desire to end this rebellion speedily, by compelling repeated and unceasing victories—to receive this decree patriotically—to refuse to listen to the appeals of demagogues, and to await swiftly coming events. The new policy inaugurated with the rem val of General McCLELLAN contemplates hard fighting—earnest war—rapid marches—the utter ruin of every source of this rebellion's strength—short, quick, decisive campaigns, and speedy peace. The army is prepared to carry this policy into effect, and the country will gladly welcome every evidence of the sincerity and efficiency with which it is sustained.

Anglo-Southern Piracy.

Harper's Weekly has an amusing cartoon this week, illustrative of the recent proceedings of Pirate SEMMES, commanding the Alabama, under the British flag. It represents SEMMES, "bearded like a pard," running off to his boat, the ship in the distance, with a large quantity of English goods labelled "British Insurances," while John Bull, in a smock frock, accompanied by a cudgel and mastiff, stands in an attitude of surprised alarm, and furiously calls out, "Hallo! there, SEMMES; that's my property. Fair play, you rascal! If I'd suspected this, you'd never have *got out of Liverpool*." This pictorial commentary illustrates the newspaper statement, that "most of the property destroyed by Pirate SEMMES on board the vessels he seized was insured in England, and the loss will consequently fall upon Englishmen." In the case of the bark Lauretta, where SEMMES violated the British, Portuguese, and Italian consular seals, *all* the property belonged to an Englishman.

As the Alabama was got up by subscription among the Liverpool sympathizers, it ought to be hoped, but can scarcely be expected, that the British Government will pay attention to SEMMES, the pirate. It would be a delicate compliment to him to send a couple of war-steamers to convoy him to England, for the purpose of being tried as a buccaneer, in the High Court of Admiralty. England, however, is capricious in her treatment of pirates. Captain GOFF and Captain KIDD, who sailed under the black flag, plundering and burning merchant-vessels, and putting their crews in irons (precisely as SEMMES does), and sometimes carooning them or making them "walk the plank," (as he will probably, some fine day,) were hung in chairs, but HENRY MORGAN, as great a buccaneer as any of them, and who amassed an immense fortune by taking and plundering Portobello and Panama, was received at Court by CHARLES II., who knighted him and appointed him Governor of Jamaica. A more recent example is that of Dr. BLACKBURNE, whose life is vainly to be looked for in most biographical dictionaries and cyclopedias. In his youth he was a buccaneer, but repented of his evil ways, entered the ministry and was made Bishop of Exeter in 1716, and was promoted to be Archbishop of York, in 1724, as a reward, it was whispered for secretly marrying GEORGE I. to the Duchess of MUNSTER. We see no reason why SEMMES, the pirate, should not be elevated, as well as MORGAN and BLACKBOURNE—but the proper way of doing this would be, with the assistance of a rope. If one of *our* commanders captures SEMMES, it is probable that, without the delay of a judicial trial, the pirate will soon find himself pensile from a yard-arm.

The New York *Albion*, avowedly representing British feeling, strongly condemns the conduct of SEMMES towards the Lauretta, and strongly says: "We need not stop to narrate the personal ill-treatment experienced by those Northern Americans who fell into this Southern captain's hands, nor the particulars of their subsequent release. We will only say on this point that his behavior showed him to be devoid of humanity; in assuming a gratuitously hostile attitude towards foreign Governments he proved himself devoid of sense." It adds, what we learn with pleasure, that "Mr. BURDEN has naturally called upon H. B. M. consul to complain that his official protection has been outrageously set at naught; and Mr. ARCHIBALD, just as naturally, has done what any British consul would do under the circumstances—he has communicated with the British Admiral at Halifax, tantamount, we take it, to general orders being issued to her Majesty's ships on the North American and West Indian station, that this insolent rover who sets neutral rights at defiance shall, if fallen in with, be captured and carried into a British port. In fact, under the flagrancy of the case, we think it more probable that Vice-Admiral Sir ALEXANDER MILNE will detach a vessel or two from his squadron on this especial service. We trust the errand will be successful, and that the Alabama may be carried into Bermuda under escort." Mr. ARCHIBALD, it is said, telegraphed to the Admiral at Halifax, even before Mr. BURDEN's complaint reached him. The Alabama is liable to seizure in any British port, for having violated the revenue laws in the manner of her escape from Liverpool—this, too, in addition to the forfeiture of her owners' bond for £20,000. It is satisfactory to find that Englishmen, on this side of the great waters, universally condemn the high-handed outrages of SEMMES, the pirate.

We notice, in a recent English paper, that the Earl of CLARENDON, ex-Viceroy of Ireland and ex-Foreign Secretary of England, lately visited the iron ship-building yard of Messrs. LAIRD, at Birkenhead, the Camden of Liverpool. There he saw, not only some monster iron-clad frigates for the Royal navy, but "two iron-clad shell proof rams, of very peculiar shape and construction, rising into shape under the shed where the famous '290' was put together." In fact, that particular shed is called the American, and the shell-proof war-rams are intended for the South. Mr. LAIRD, who builds them, is a member of Parliament, and Lord CLARENDON is a Privy Councillor. Do neither peer nor commoner think of their Royal mistress' Proclamation of neutrality, when one built and the other admired war-rams ordered by the South? It is likely as not that Mr. LAIRD has some pecuniary interest in the Alabama, which he built.

LETTER FROM "OCCASIONAL."

WASHINGTON, NOV. 8, 1862.

Probably the most healthy sign after the disagreeable aspect of several of the Northern and Western elections, is the effort making to show that the Democrats chosen to the next Congress of the United States will be found earnestly in favor of a vigorous and rapid prosecution of the war. Most of the organs recently so venomous against the Administration, and so hostile to the war measures of the last session of the present Congress, wisely anticipating that, however successful they may have been in deceiving the people, it would prove to be a most hazardous experiment if they attempted to carry out their theories and threats, now indicate quite a resolute determination to put down the rebellion and restore the Union. This precautionary announcement will probably be followed by still stronger expressions, when the fact is made clear to their minds that the next House of Representatives will be in the hands of the unconditional friends of the Administration and the war. The successes of the so-called Democracy exultingly hailed by all the known sympathigers with Secession in this city, may prove to be valuable admonitions to the Republicans and loyal Democrats. Had our opponents carried so many State elections in the fall of 1863, the Presidential contest of 1864 would undoubtedly have resulted in their triumph. But with two years' notice, and with a full knowledge of the dangerous doctrines and schemes of the Breckinridge politicians, the loyal men will be blind indeed if they do not take advantage of their position, and prepare for coming contests by unity and conciliation among themselves. We have a powerful advantage in the fact that the Federal Government is controlled by statesmen who have no other object to accomplish but the suppression of the rebellion. We did not lose a single Governor of a single State in the late elections, save only in New York; and although we lost Wadsworth there, we displace Burton in Delaware, and elect Cannon, a thorough-going Union Democrat. The Governor of every other State, including all the Border States, is with the President and his friends. Chief among these let us class Governor Pierpont, of Virginia, and Governor Johnson, of Tennessee. Of the latter we know nothing that does not prove a self-sacrificing heroism which accepts every remedy necessary to crush the treason, and dares every hazard in putting it to trial. The speeches of Governor Pierpont, while on a brief visit during the last campaign in Pennsylvania, to the people of Chester county, breathed the noblest patriotism; and his testimony against slavery was so overwhelming that it carried conviction to every honest heart. With such men at the head of the loyal State Governments in the South, co-operating with the chief magistrates of the North, educating and stimulating the common mind, we start out with high hope upon other campaigns. The great shock of a terrific political conflict has passed, and we still retain the citadel of the Federal Government, hold all the outposts of the State Governments, with one exception, and remain entrenched in both branches of the Congress of the United States. Those who have defeated us in certain Congressional districts, and who have gained probably three Senators of the United States, will find little encouragement to pursue any other but a patriotic course, if the vast power and just principles of the General and State Administrations referred to are carefully husbanded and advocated. Nor must we forget that, while we have been assailed, and, in some cases, damaged by able and crafty politicians, who used the name of Democracy to weaken the constituted authorities, there are hundreds of fearless Democratic leaders in the army who were forced to be silent in the late elections, but who, in their time and turn, will come forward, backed by the hosts that have suffered by their side, to oppose the politicians who have abused the Democratic name, and to strengthen the Administration, which has done its best to promote their comfort, and to give a successful direction to the operation of the war. Not a day should, therefore, be lost by the loyal men of the United States in earnest preparations for the elections of 1863-'64. *The game of the Opposition, now revealed, is to acquire present strength, so that when the war is closed they may vote in concert with the leaders of the existing rebellion, and restore these leaders to the dangerous ascendency, by which and from which they hurled such fatal missiles at the integrity of the Republic.*

OCCASIONAL.

FROM CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 8.—Sailed, ship Centurion from Calico.

Sales to-day of 500 firkins of Butter at 28c, 100 boxes Candles 17c, 1,000 boxes Cincinnati do 18½c, 4,000 kegs Nails at $4, cordage to-day declined 3c ₱ pound.

The steamer Pacific arrived from the northern coast to-day, bringing 600 passengers and $170,000 in treasure from British Columbia, and $120,000 from Oregon.

Extreme cold weather is driving the miners from British Columbia. At Carriboo, four hundred animals perished in a recent snow-storm.

Letter from General Halleck to the Secretary of War.

The Grounds for General McClellan's Removal.

[Special Despatch to The Press.]

WASHINGTON, November 9.

The following important correspondence will perhaps give some of the reasons which actuated our War Department in recommending the President to make a change in the command of the Army of the Potomac:

Letter from General Halleck.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
Washington, Oct. 28, 1862.

Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War:—

SIR: In reply to the general interrogatories contained in your letter of yesterday, I have the honor to report:

First. That requisitions for supplies to the army under General McClellan are made by his staff officers on the Chiefs of Bureaus here; that is, the Quartermaster applies by his Chief Quartermaster on Quartermaster General; for commissary supplies by his Chief Commissary on Commissary General, &c.

No such requisitions have been, to my knowledge, made upon the Secretary of War, and none upon the General-in Chief.

Second. On several occasions, General McClellan has telegraphed me that his army was deficient in certain supplies. All these telegrams were immediately referred to the heads of bureaus with orders to report. It was ascertained that in every instance the requisitions have been immediately filled, except where the Quarterma ter General had been obliged to send from Philadelphia certain articles of clothing, tents, etc, not having a full supply here.

There has not been, so far as I could ascertain, any neglect or delay, in any department or bureau, in issuing all the supplies asked for by General McClellan, or by the officers of his staff.

Delays have occasionally occurred in forwarding supplies by railroad on account of the crowded condition of the railroad depots, or of a want of a sufficient number of cars; but, whenever notified of this fact, agents have been sent out to remove the difficulty under the excellent superintendence of Gen. Haupt. I think those delays have been less frequent and of shorter duration than is usually the case with freight trains. An army of the size of that under General McClellan will frequently be for some days without the supplies it has asked for, on account of a neglect in making timely requisi ions for them, and unavoidable delays in forwarding them and distributing them to the different brigades and regiments.

From all the information that I can obtain, I am of the opinion that the requisitions from that army have been filled more promptly, and that the men, as a general rule, have been better supplied, than in the case of our armies operating in the West. The latter have operated at much greater distances from the sources of supplies, and have had far less facilities for transportation. In fine, I believe that no armies in the world in campaigning have been more promptly or better supplied than ours.

Third. Soon after the battle of Antietam, General McClellan was urged to give me information of his intended movements, in order that if he moved between the enemy and Washington the reinforcements could be sent from this place. On the first of October, finding that he purposed to operate from Harper's Ferry, I urged him to cross the river at once and give battle to the enemy, pointing out to him the disadvantages of delaying till the autumn rains had swollen the Potomac and impaired the roads. On the 6th of October he was *peremptorily ordered to cross the Potomac and give battle to the enemy, or drive him South.* I said to him: "*Your army must move nowh*, while the roads are in good condition." It will be observed that three weeks have elapsed since that order was given.

Fourth, in my opinion *there has been no such want of supplies in the army under General McClellan as to prevent his compliance with my orders to advance upon the enemy.*

Had he moved his army to the south side of the Potomac, he could have received his supplies almost as readily as by *remaining inactive* on the north side.

Fifth. On the seventh of October, in a telegram in regard to his intended movements, Gen. McClellan stated that he would require at least three days to supply the first, fifth, and sixth corps; that they needed shoes, and other indispensable articles of clothing, as well as shelter-tents. No complaint was made to me that his army requisitions had not been filled, and it was inferred from his language that he was only waiting for the distribution of his supplies.

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LATER FROM NASHVILLE.

NO ATTACK ON THE CITY.

The Rebels Retreating to Chattanooga.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 9.—No assault had been made on Nashville up to Friday evening last, and nothing had been heard of General Polk's army.

On Wednesday night, the rebel pickets on the Murfreesboro', McMinnville, and Hunkville pikes began skirmishing. Eight hundred of Sickel's cavalry charged upon Stearn's cavalry, and drove them within three miles of Franklin. In the meanwhile a rebel force, supposed to be under Morgan, made a dash on the new railroad bridge north of Nashville, but were repulsed. The Federal loss in the various skirmishes was one killed, thirteen wounded, and three missing.

Gen. McCook's advance reached Nashville on the afternoon of the 4th inst.

It is reported that the rebels have evacuated Murfreesboro and McMinnsville, and gone to Chattanooga; and also that Gen. Joe Johnston has arrived at Chattanooga and assumed the command of the Department of Tennessee and North Alabama.

Breckinridge's command is at Chattanooga.

Deserters from the rebel army say that Bragg was obliged to destroy most of his spoils captured in Kentucky to prevent their falling into Gen. Buell's hands.

Later from Newbern, N. C.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—The steamer Dudley Buck, from Newbern, N. C, with dates to the 2d inst., has arrived.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Despatches to "The Press."

WASHINGTON, November 9, 1862.

The Command of the Army of the Potomac.

The first information the public received of General McCLELLAN being relieved of the command of the Army of the Potomac was through the telegram published this morning. It affords a general theme of conversation and comment, and excites surprise, the event occurring most unexpectedly. The cause of the Executive action in the premises does not appear to be known outside of official circles, and hence the absence of facts gives rise to conflicting speculations. General McCLELLAN, it is said, passed through Washington to-day on his way to Trenton.

The friends of General HOOKER say that he has sufficiently recovered from his wound to resume his duties in the field.

Internal Revenue Stamps.

Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue ESTES has addressed a letter to J. D. VERMILYE, chairman of the committee of the New York Clearing-House Association, in which he states that the Government now have increased facilities for supplying the internal revenue stamps, and all orders now in the office for the kinds already engraved will be filled before the 15th instant. Within a very short time plates for every denomination of the different kinds of stamps will be finished, and all orders will be promptly supplied. When this can be done, an order will emanate from this department, giving notice that after a certain day stamps must be used, or the penalty will be enforced in all cases where stamps can be promptly furnished by the Government on application.

Lists of Killed, Wounded, and Missing, after Battles.

Official order, dated October 27th, just promulgated, directs that lists of killed, wounded, and missing be promptly forwarded to the Adjutant General's office as soon as possible after every battle, skirmish, or engagement.

Lord Lyons.

Lord LYONS, the British Minister, has arrived here after his visit to his native country. Newspaper reporters are consequently on the alert for sensations, but so far no official reports of his instructions and intentions have been made public.

Departure of the Monitor.

The Monitor left the Washington navy yard last evening, and passed down the Potomac river.

Major General Hunter.

Major General HUNTER will in a few days return to the Department of the South.

Naval Changes.

Captain JOHN RODGERS has been detached from the command of the Galena, and ordered to the iron-clad Weehawken.

Lieutenant Commander LEONARD PAULDING has been detached from ordnance duty at New York, and ordered to the command of the Galena.

Ensign B. H. PORTER has been ordered to the South Atlantic Squadron.

Commodore C. K. STRIBLING has been ordered to the command of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, in place of Commodore PENDERGRAST, deceased.

A Sensation Canard Exploded.

The Navy Department has despatches from Fortress Monroe to the 6th, which make no mention of the reported capture of three thousand rebels at Plymouth, North Carolina.

Important from the Army of the Potomac.

REMOVAL OF GENERAL McCLELLAN.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,
SALEM, VA., Saturday, Nov. 8, noon,
Via Gainesville, 3 o'clock P. M.

The order relieving Gen. McClellan from the command of the Army of the Potomac was received at headquarters at 11 o'clock last night.

It was entirely unexpected to all, and therefore every one was taken by surprise.

On its receipt the command was immediately turned over to Gen. Burnside.

Gen. McClellan and his staff will leave to-morrow for Trenton, where he is ordered to report.

The order was delivered to him by Gen. Buckingham in person.

The last official act of the late commander of the Army of the Potomac was the issuing of an address to the troops of a few words, informing them that the command devolved on Gen. Burnside, and taking leave of them.

There is no other news worthy of mention, excepting that the army is in motion.

THE WAR IN VIRGINIA.

Lee's Army on its way to Gordonsville.

Rumors that Bragg and Jackson have made a Junction, and are going to Attack our Forces.

WARRENTON, Nov. 7, 4 o'clock P. M.—General Reynolds' corps took possession of this town yesterday, unopposed.

The place was occupied by Colonel Payne with about four hundred cavalry and two howitzers. General Longstreet's corps had occupied Culpeper Court House for several days. Longstreet left that town last Saturday, and it was generally reported that he would encamp on the hills south of it. Gen. A. P. Hill's command arrived there on Thursday.

Reliable citizens confirm the general belief of intelligent officers of our army that Lee has succeeded in eluding McClellan, and that the main portion of his army is at Gordonsville.

A. P. Hill's command and Stuart's cavalry formed the rear guard. The former was at Chester Gap, and Pleasanton had pushed Stuart to Elk's Run.

Our troops found two hundred and seventy wounded Confederates in the hospital here. "Great distress prevails among the citizens hereabouts for the necessaries of life. All the stores have exhausted their supplies and closed. The cars are expected here to-morrow. The snow storm continued till late this afternoon. General Bayard to-day captured Lieutenant Colonel Blunt, of Longstreet's staff. Blunt is provost general in the rebel army, and was inspecting his pickets when captured."

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AFFAIRS ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI.

The Movements of the Rebel Bands.

CAIRO, Nov. 7.—An expedition from Helena down the river forty miles has returned. They saw nothing of the rebel forces.

Last Friday, a detachment of the 46th Indiana, on picket duty, was attacked by rebel cavalry. The latter were repulsed with severe loss; the number not stated. Our loss was one killed and one wounded.

Hindman's outlaws have committed sundry depredations upon Union citizens in the vicinity of Helena. The Unionists have retaliated on rebel sympathizers, and a number of fine farms have been destroyed.

Information from Memphis states that on the 4th there was a large rebel force between Colliersville and Memphis, burning cotton and committing depredations.

THE WAR IN MISSOURI.

The Inactivity of the Rebels!

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 8.—We hear nothing of special interest from General Schofield's army. The rebels do not appear to have attempted to regain their lost advantages, or to repossess themselves of any part of Missouri. They have been pursued in Boston Mountains, and will certainly be compelled to retreat beyond the Arkansas river.

The rebel column that was to take Pilot Knob and Cape Girardeau from the southeast, by way of Pocahontas, has not yet achieved such a result. On the contrary, it has been driven below Pocahontas, and portions of General Steele's forces are so disposed at Pittman's ferry, and other points, that it will be impossible for the enemy to obtain a foothold in that quarter.

THE WAR IN KENTUCKY.

Defeat of Rebel Guerillas—Death of a Rebel Colonel.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 9.—A special despatch to the *Commercial*, from Indianapolis, says: On Wednesday night a battalion of Col. Shackelford's 8th Kentucky Cavalry was attacked by a large force of guerillas, under Col. Fowler, on Bird river, seven miles from Madisonville, Kentucky. The attack was gallantly met, and the rebels compelled to retire, with the loss of eight killed, including Col. Fowler. A large number were wounded, and prisoners captured.

FROM LOUISVILLE.

Arrival of Rebel Prisoners—Reported attack on Nashville—Movements of Rebel Troops.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 8.—About 80 rebel prisoners arrived from Lebanon, Kentucky, to-night, including a son of Humphrey Marshall, who had violated his parole by joining the rebels.

The *Democrat's* Bowling Green correspondence, published this morning, states that an escaped prisoner, who left Murfreesboro' on Wednesday reports that the rebel Generals Polk and Breckinridge, with 25,000 men and artillery, attacked the south side of Nashville on the Friday morning previous, while John Morgan, on the north side, with 3,000 men, crossed the river at the ford, and attempted to destroy the bridge, but were repulsed The result of General Polk's attack was not known.

General McCook's corps, comprising Sill, Woodruff, and Sheridan's divisions reached Nashville on Friday. General Crittenden's corps was at Gallatin on Friday, moving down.

General Cheatham, with a portion of General Bragg's army, was at Murfreesboro'. The remainder of Bragg's army, except 15,000 left at Cumberland Gap, was pushing towards Nashville.

General Bragg had been arrested, and superseded by General Joe Johnston, for his disastrous campaign in Kentucky.

No notice had been received at Murfreesboro', which has been in constant telegraphic communication with Mobile, of the capture of the latter city. Fifteen thousand rebel troops are at Mobile.

MOBILE, October 8—11 P. M.—We have been in telegraphic communication with Mitchellsville, Tenn., for the past two days, and have received none of the above tidings.

FROM CAIRO.

Southern News—Return of George N. Sanders—Rebels Retreating from Holly Springs—Expedition from Helena.

CAIRO, Nov. 8.—General Grant has made his headquarters at Lagrange, Mississippi.

The railroad from Jackson to that place is in running order.

A telegram from Col. Lowe from Fort Henry to headquarters here says there is no doubt about Gen. Lawson's having had a fight with Woodward's command in the vicinity of Garrett's Ferry, and reports, from various sources, indicate the rout of the rebels. We have nothing definite in regard to the matter.

A letter from Memphis says that five hundred guerillas are in the vicinity of Colliersville, enforcing the conscription.

General Sherman has issued an order prohibiting the importation of liquors to Memphis, except by gentlemen citizens, or officers, for the exclusive use of themselves or families, or by regular apothecaries, for medicinal purposes, to be retailed on physicians' prescriptions, by the keepers of hotels, licensed saloons, in limited quantities, not exceeding at any one time one month's supply.

The Grenada *Appeal* of the 5th says there was a fire at Augusta on the 4th, which burned cotton warehouses, &c., valued at $500,000.

George N. Sanders has returned from his European mission, and brings the most gratifying assurances of a speedy recognition of the Confederacy and the people of the South greatly rejoice thereat. Belgium is to take the initiative.

The Memphis *Bulletin* of the 7th says a large Federal army passed south from Grand Junction on Tuesday last. It further learns that, for twenty miles out on the Pigeon Roost road, the rebel cavalry had entirely disappeared for several days past.

The rebels at Holly Springs have been moving al their prisoners south, and are now engaged in burning everything, and then falling back on Grenada.

On Wednesday last an expedition left Helena for Cotton Plant, where it was understood a rebel force of 2,500 men had gathered. They took five days' rations. Nothing had been heard from them. A cavalry force also crossed from Helena into Mississippi, to punish the rebel bands who have recently given great annoyance by firing on the Federal pickets.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

FORTRESS MONROE, Nov. 7.—Steamship S. R. Spalding arrived at Fortress Monroe early this morning, from Alexandria, bringing the Twenty-second Maine Regiment.

A severe northeast storm has been raging here since early last evening, and, in consequence, no boat has arrived from Yorktown to-day.

The mail boat Louisiana, from Baltimore, arrived at half past nine, and brings thirty-seven Confederate prisoners from Fort McHenry, to be sent on next flag of truce to Aiken's Landing, for exchange; among them are several majors and doctors.

FORTRESS MONROE, Nov. 8.—The flag-of-truce boat started up the James river to-day with rebel prisoners for exchange.

FROM KANSAS.

LEAVENWORTH, Nov. 7.—The Republican State and Congressional ticket in this State is elected by 7,300 majority. The Legislature will also be Republican.

Prairie fires are causing much damage in various parts of the State by the destruction of crops, &c.

The *Bulletin* learns that a family of six persons were burned to death on the prairie, on Tuesday, in Anderson county.

A fire is now raging in the woods between this city and Wyandotte, involving the destruction of a portion of the telegraph line connecting this city with St. Louis.

From Boston.

BOSTON, Nov. 9.—Last evening the Government chartered the steamer Saxon, of Boston and Philadelphia, and transferred to her 600 troops from the Merrimac and Mississippi. This made all the troops comfortable, and the steamers will leave under convoy of the gunboat Huron as soon as the weather clears up. One death occurred on board the Merrimac from diptheria.

The rain storm continues this evening.

In Search of the Pirate Alabama.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—The United States frigate Sabine was spoken on the 5th instant, in lat. 40, long. 71, in search of the pirate Alabama.

Heavy Gale at New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9—1 o'clock A. M.—It is snowing and hailing, and a heavy gale is blowing here.

The U. S. hospital ship Daniel Webster, from Alexandria for Plymouth Grove, R. I., with 340 sick soldiers, put into this port to-day, in consequence of experiencing tremendous gales and being short of coal.

The bedding and everything else on board of her is saturated with water.

The light ship Captain Cosgrove, which has been stationed off Sandy Hook, parted her moorings at noon on the 7th inst, during the gale.

She drifted as far south as the southern end of the Woodlands, where she was fell in with by the Daniel Webster and towed into port.

The ships Belle Wood and E. Q. have arrived from Liverpool.

Destruction of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum at Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, Nov 9.—The Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum for boys, on Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, took fire from the heater at 2 o'clock this morning, and was totally destroyed. There were two hundred and forty-eight children in the building, nearly all of whom were saved. Only two are yet known to be dead, though it is feared some are beneath the ruins. Two hundred and twenty-two were last night in the female branch of the asylum on Congress street, this morning; and it is hoped the balance will be accounted for, as many of those rescued were found snug in bed in private houses in the neighborhood. The citizens and firemen turned out en masse in the storm to render their services in the cause of humanity. But for their efforts there must have been a terrible calamity.

Burning of a Female Seminary.

CONCORD, N. H., Nov. 8.—The Sanbornton Female Seminary was burned last night. The inmates escaped without injury. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Election in Michigan.

DETROIT, Nov. 8.—In the Fifth Congressional district, Baldwin (Dem.) has been elected. The Sixth district is still in doubt.

The Michigan Legislature will stand about as follows:

	Rep.	Dem.
Senate	17	15
House	58	42

The remains of the late Major General Richardson arrived here to-day en route for Pontiac, his former residence.

Election in Minnesota.

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—The St. Paul (Minnesota) *Press* says Donnelly (Republican) is elected to Congress in the First district by 1,600 majority.

In the Second district, Windom (Republican) is also elected.

The Republicans have carried the State by 2,000 majority.

Marine Disasters—Loss of Life.

BOSTON, November 8.—The schooner Boston, Cornwallis, bound for New York, was totally lost last night, near Cape Ann. All hands perished. The schooner