

The Press

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The Impending Battle.

Perhaps at no time since the commencement of the war has the rebel leaders and rebel newspapers felt more confident of the safety of the only two great strongholds which remain to the Confederacy in the East—Charleston and Richmond. The safety of the one depends on the success of the other, and the safety of the other depends on the success of the one. The rebel leaders are confident that the Union army will not be able to repair the loss, and it is evident that the loss of the one would be the loss of the other. The rebel newspapers are confident that the Union army will not be able to repair the loss, and it is evident that the loss of the one would be the loss of the other.

and Island No. 10 became a famous stronghold; but like all the other strongholds which the enemy have built up laboriously and fortified by months of toil, with all the appliances which art and science could furnish, it is now a pile of ruins. The rebel leaders are confident that the Union army will not be able to repair the loss, and it is evident that the loss of the one would be the loss of the other.

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THE PRESIDENT'S ORDER OF RECALL.
The President's emphatic order, which nullifies the barbarous terms of the enemy. The rebel leaders will not dare to hang Federal officers of colored regiments whom they may consider, now that they are informed that for every man thus murdered a rebel officer will be executed. They will not dare to sell into slavery colored soldiers, now that they know their own men in the army are thought to be as good as dead. The United States cannot sell its prisoners of war, being a civilized power, but it can rightly use them as it may see fit, for upon the enemy the practical result of the order is, which for many has scorned. The President has sent a firm position in defense of humanity; he has sanctioned the law of nations against the outrage; but the order is not the rebellion. This simple announcement of the order is at once an argument and a decree; the one cannot be refused, the other is impossible to revoke. Not a word more of the Legislature, not a word more of the basis of perfect right upon which the verment stands. What matches offering, indeed, in the enemy, when he attacked the State to the complex of our troops, and the enemy's march has been arrested, and the threat of a massacre to frighten us into the admission of a code of war hitherto unheard of in Christendom! Not alone in defense of our colored citizens in the military interest of the country, but in the common interest of all Christian States, is this order made. The cold-blooded system of massacre which Jefferson Davis sought to inaugurate, and which he would have formally withdrawn, but we need not fear that it will be actually enforced; for, if the United States are to be respected, the law on both sides is inviolable. The law of the United States is inviolable, and the law of the United States is inviolable.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC. GEN. LEE'S DISPOSITIONS NEAR OULPETER.

THE NATIONAL ARMY MOVING.
NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—The Times' Washington dispatch gives the following:
The statement that Lee's forces are massed at Oulpeter, but are not to be moved, is a strong guard at that point, but the main body of the army is moving to the right. The exact position of the rebel army is not known, but it is believed to be in the vicinity of Oulpeter. The Union army is moving to the right, and is expected to reach Oulpeter in a few days. The Union army is moving to the right, and is expected to reach Oulpeter in a few days. The Union army is moving to the right, and is expected to reach Oulpeter in a few days.

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THE WAR IN THE WEST. DISPATCHES FROM ADMIRAL PORTER.

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