The Press.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1863.

THE NEWS.

A GREAT engagement has been fought in Georgia, which is doubtless but the beginning of a struggle of much greater magnitude. The rebels have been anxious to bring on immediate battle at the moment Bragg received his full reinforcement. They began the attack on the morning of the 19th, on our left wing, commanded by General Thomas, and were defeated after a desperate struggle, but, with added numbers, succeeded in regaining their ground, from which they were again driven, and charged for nearly a mile. The rebels also made a successful dash at the centre, but were driven off by vigorous movements on the right and left. Palmer and Negley pushed bravely forward, and by four in the afternoon our lines were re-established on Chickamauga river, southwest of Chattanooga, at the foot of the Pigeon Ridge. There is a report, by no means incredible, that General Lee is in command of the enemy; and prisoners taken represent themselves from the corps of Hill, Polk, Johnston, and Longstreet.

We publish this morning a detailed account of the projection and starting of what seems to be a most promising and extensive expedition to operate in the State of Texas, under command of Generals Franklin, Washburne, and Herron. An unfortunate accident occurred to one portion of the expedition at Sabine Pass, near the mouth of the Mississippi, whereby we lost one small gunboat sunk and another captured. This mishap, it was thought at last advices, would not delay the active operations of General Franklin's column, to which the gunboats lost were temporarily attached.

CHARLESTON papers estimate the rebel killed and wounded in the struggle for Morris Island at seven hundred. It is not probable that Beauregard has been superseded. The reported new commander is one Gilmer, who distinguished himself at Donelson and Shiloh. Lieut. Gen. Holmes has been permanently retired by supersedure.

Gen. GRANGER has issued a complimentary order to his troops, in which he says that Charleston city and harbor are now at the mercy of our guns. The rebels are working on Fort Sumpter, and it is stated that Beauregard is about to assume the offensive; how, it is not surmised.

A CONSIDERABLE body of rebel troops are making their appearance in North Carolina. The main part consists of cavalry, with Imboden in command, and the whole force, which has shown itself at Kinston, numbers five or six thousand. Between twenty and thirty thousand troops were lately in the vicinity of Raleigh, perhaps *en route* for Charleston or the West.

The military character of the war is apparently making a radical change. Troops from Richmond have undoubtedly gone to reinforce the West. Richmond must have, therefore, been left to a much diminished army, and the rumors of its evacuation are not without respectability. The policy of the rebels has been to contract their lines of defence, giving up indefensible territory, and protracting the contest by stubborn fights until they provoke recognition. They may be willing to give up Richmond if Rosecrans can be crushed and Gilmore baffled.

NEWSPAPER correspondents are forbidden to hold communication with rebel prisoners, or accompany cavalry advances, by a special order from Major General Meade, in command of the Army of the Potomac.

DISPATCHES from the coal regions of this State show that the damage done by the recent storm and freshets has been immense. Railroad bridges and canal locks have been washed away at several points, and navigation will cease for a time.

A SEMON was prevalent at Fortress Monroe and Norfolk on Saturday last, to the effect that Richmond was being evacuated. This report is no doubt based upon the fact that large bodies of rebel troops have recently been sent South and West, from Richmond and its various lines of outpost defences.

Reports from the Rapidan river, yesterday, convey the impression that the rebel Army of Northern Virginia is in line and prepared for battle, which is looked for immediately. General Meade is preparing for another important forward movement.

AFTER great effort has been made and much money sacrificed, New Jersey will not be able to avoid the draft. Although filling has been going on since the latter part of July, only 4,000 men have been procured, leaving 4,288 yet to be furnished—not to speak of numerous desertions among the men enlisted, which will have to be made up. At the present rate of enlistment it will require two months to make up the original quota, and some time longer to fill the vacancies caused by desertions.

THAT a battle should have been fought in Georgia is itself proof of the immense progress of the national arms, and is occasion of congratulation altogether independently of victory or defeat. Our armies stand in the centre of the South, and behind them two happy States which they have wrested from the rebellion, and restored to loyalty and peace, prove the greatness of our past achievements. The position has a marked significance; and even if the united armies of JOHNSTON and BRAGG, largely reinforced from the forces of LEE, should repulse General ROSECRANS, the fact that we have penetrated to the heart of the Confederacy will remain. Nothing, however, promises an unfortunate result. Our line of battle was attacked by the enemy, and broken; hard fighting and good generalship restored it, and, at latest accounts, our brave troops had driven back the enemy, and recovered their first position. The fierceness of this contest indicates the probable greatness of the struggle to which it is but a prelude. Before the week is ended glorious news, we trust, will be ours. The defeat of the great rebel army in Georgia will be for us a victory of such magnitude, that no man can over-estimate its value, no prayer for it can be too earnest, no sacrifice to gain it too mighty.

THE satisfactory progress which the campaign in Pennsylvania is making, as evidenced in the political indications of the past week, has doubtless been observed by very many, even of those who are unaccustomed to noting closely the signs of the times, while it has served still further to encourage and unite the friends of the Union for the task which lies before them. If it had been possible for us to doubt before that Pennsylvania would be true in this struggle, as she has been true in all other struggles, all doubt upon the subject would have been removed by the very cheering aspect which the political field has recently assumed. Within a few days past several significant events have occured, which, so far as they go to prove that the loyal men of the Commonwealth are disposed to sink all minor issues in the grand question of the nation's existence, must be regarded as of the highest consequence. The first of the events referred to is the announcement that General CAMERON has expressed himself desirous that Governor CURTIN should be re-elected, thus silencing the stale and baseless charge that the two gentlemen did not entertain friendly feelings towards each other, and disappointing the hope of the disloyalists that this supposed antipathy could be turned to the benefit of Mr. Justice WOODWARD. Another noteworthy event is the fact that General BUTLER is canvassing the State for CURTIN and AGNEW, and is now employing the same talents which he so successfully directed against the Secessionists of Louisiana, against their sympathizers in Pennsylvania. That his success will be as marked here, in our home campaign, as it was in more distant fields, none who rightly appreciate the character of the man can entertain a doubt. We might recite other occurrences tending to show that the friends of the Union everywhere look upon Pennsylvania as the decisive battle-ground, and are coming forward, with the eagerness of volunteers, to consolidate their forces for the mighty contest so close at hand; but the facts adverted to are sufficiently suggestive of the spirit which animates our loyal men, and sufficiently indicative of the glorious victory which waits to crown their labors in October next.

THE HON. A. V. PARSONS, of this city, delivered a speech at Williamsport on Thursday last, in the course of which he manifested his hatred to the Government in a manner which proves that the "freedom of speech" is not much restricted in that quarter. It is said that Judge PARSONS is to be the successor of Judge WOODWARD on the Supreme bench—*when the latter gentleman is elected Governor*. This may account for the newly-awakened zeal of Judge PARSONS.

A MAINE correspondent of the Boston *Courier*, endeavoring to explain the Democratic defeat, says: "Too much was said about peace by BRADBURY's friends. The truth is, *the people—the unthinking masses*—will never get enough of war until they are more thoroughly cut up." The "unthinking masses" will learn to think very rapidly, if such confession and compliments are frequently made. The Copperheads are bitterly complaining of the shameful lack of hypocrisy on the part of the Maine Democrats. They too boldly advocated dishonorable peace.

Mr. Seward's Circular in Europe.

Mr. SEWARD's diplomatic circular has not convinced the London *Times* of the possibility of restoring the Union. Great grief must, therefore, be felt by its distinguished author, and joy enormous by the superstitious, who believe that from the opinion of that oracular journal there is no appeal. Still, there is a little consolation left for us. "Mr. SEWARD is perfectly accurate in his presumption that the statesmen of France and England do consider, to this very day, that the old American Union can never be reconstructed;" thus speaks the *Times*; "but the argument he employs to prove that it *can* be is needless and ineffective, because even if we accept it, exactly as it is, it leaves our conclusions just what they were." It is interesting to find the editors of the *Times* thus speaking of themselves as European statesmen, and assuring Mr. SEWARD that his circular is needless and ineffective, because *their* conclusions are unaltered. Yet, while we know that the pens which write nations up and down, in the *Times*, are often dipped in official inkstands, we cannot think "the pale and silent man," who, as Mr. KINGLAKE informs us, sits alone at midnight, and holds England on the point of his pen, meant to class himself with Lord PALMERSTON so coolly. It is not that his audacity is great, but that his grammar is bad; for, really, the *Times* is not the most grammatical of journals, and often in the same paragraph will speak of "the South—their bravery;" "the South—its courage," and "the South—her remarkable unanimity." Remembering these little delicacies, we do not believe that the pale and silent man meant to call himself a European statesman; yet, for the sake of his argument, it would have been well had he asserted his right to the title. For it is ridiculous to say that Mr. SEWARD's argument, addressed to the statesmen of England and France, is needless and ineffective simply because the *Times* is unconvinced. Mr. SEWARD's circular was intended to convince the Governments of Europe, not the newspapers. Therefore, there is a little consolation left. Mr. SEWARD's statesman can confer with statesman, and newspaper with newspaper. But the pale and silent man has the dignity and mystery in which his peculiar grammar has enwrapt him, and is, so far as the slovenly substitution of a pronoun goes, a European statesman. His true opponent is, therefore, the gigantic intellect which inspires the columns of the *Herald*.

Yet, in our humble opinion, the *Times* ought to see in the argument of Mr. SEWARD some reason for hoping, or fearing, the success of the Union cause. But it wont, don't, and is determined not to.

The fact is, it is surprised, not that our Government has done so much, but that it has done so little. Herein we note the consequences of morbid and unnatural expectations. We are told by the *Times* that when the war begun it thought the South would be conquered in six months, so far as military power could do it. The *Times* expresses its surprise that the South has shown such power of resistance, and is disposed to ridicule Mr. SEWARD because he cannot recount more glorious achievements; because, after two years of war, "he is reduced to sing a pæan over the deliverance of the North from the invasion of a Southern army." But is the real force of Mr. SEWARD's argument destroyed because the great expectations of the *Times*, of which, till now, we never heard, were unreasonable? And is its own argument any stronger for its false statement of Mr. SEWARD's musical necessities. Mr. SEWARD does *not* sing a pæan over the deliverance of the North. We do not think he sings any pæan at all. He states *facts*, which it is the permanent interest of European statesmen to consider, and the temporary interest of the *Times* to misrepresent.

All that can be said in excuse for the *Times*, is that Mr. SEWARD's diplomatic circular is rather long—necessarily so, recounting numerous victories—and that the pale and silent man, or the eminent European statesman, was obliged to write of it without reading it. How else can we, without accusing the *Times* of unfairness, account for the ignorance of the circular and of American affairs, displayed in such a statement as this?—"All that can be said at this moment of Northern exultation is that the Federals have taken two places on the Mississippi after sieges three times as costly and tedious as they were expected to be, and that they have not had their own capital occupied by the enemy, as seemed highly probable two months ago." Is it in this way that the pale and silent man writes nations up or down? Why, as *Hamlet* says, "it is as easy as lying." "In point of fact," continues this unknown statesman—made a statesman by his own bad grammar—"the South has had a greater share of victory than the North." Did he learn this startling bit of news from the circular? Where did he hear this yet more astonishing report?—"Even now General LEE is, *by all accounts*," more likely to assume the offensive than General MEADE; and though we do not hear that the Federals are preparing immediately to invade the territories of the Confederates, we do hear that the Confederates may be expected at any moment in the country of the Federals." It is not strange that the *Times*, thus assured, "by all accounts," of the victorious attitude of the Southern armies, and ignorant of the very circular it criticises, of the great victories in Tennessee, and of the retreat of LEE on Richmond, should conclude that "the fortunes of the war are not, upon the whole, very unevenly balanced." If we allow the pale and silent man to make his own imagination and ignorance the basis of his argument, we permit him to prove anything he wishes. And we do cheerfully grant him that privilege, for the excellent reason that we have learned by long experience that no human power can prevent him from using it. Yet, until it is shown that the other statesmen of Europe are equally ignorant and imaginative, and agree with his opinion, that Mr. SEWARD's argument is both ineffective and needless, we shall not admit his trouble in writing his circular was unessessarily expended.

THE radicals keep up the false and senseless cry that the rebels desire the election of the conservative candidates in the North. No doubt those of the Southern people who sigh for the reorganization of the Union do ardently desire this; but there is nothing the leaders of the rebellion fear so much as Democratic success in the Northern elections.—*Boston Courier*.

Did not Mr. MAURY recently declare that the success of the Democracy would be an element in favor of the rebellion? Is he one of those who ardently sigh for Union? The Richmond *Enquirer*, certainly expressing the opinions and passions of the leaders of the rebellion, advised General LEE to invade Pennsylvania with the single object of "strengthening the Democracy." We defy the *Courier* to show a solitary instance in which a leader of rebellion has shown any fear of the Copperhead party. Everywhere in South, and in Europe, the enemies of the Government point to Democratic principles as evidence that the North will be divided, and that the rebellion will finally triumph. It is the National Union party that the traitors fear, and its success in Pennsylvania and Ohio will dishearten and discourage the boldest of their leaders.

MUCH has been won for the Union, in the last year, on the battle-field and at the polls. Vicksburg, Chattanooga, the great West are ours, and in Vermont, Connecticut, California, and Maine great victories have been gained for the Government. These are triumphs which mean the subjugation of the rebellion. But more must be done before the war can honorably end. Victory must be gained in Virginia over LEE, in Georgia over BRAGG, in Ohio over VALLANDIGHAM, and in Pennsylvania over a party which sympathizes with the South, and a candidate who has defended the right of States to secede, and who, at the beginning of the war, declared that the South should be permitted peaceably to leave the Union. The defeat of Mr. Justice WOODWARD is as important as the defeat of either of the rebel armies.

THE Lancaster county Copperheads had a convention a few days ago, and adopted a number of platitudes, which they called resolutions. The following is one of the most precious of the number:

Resolved, That the soldiers fighting in our armies merit the warmest thanks of the nation. Living they shall know a nation's gratitude; wounded a nation's care; and dying they shall live in our memories to teach posterity to honor patriots and heroes who sacrificed their lives upon their country's altar. But we cannot fail to censure the reckless management of the civil department that manages them, and the cruel delay to hold out the olive branch of peace to those erring States, by which this protracted and cruel war may be speedily and honorably ended.

If any one can understand the drift of this resolution, at a single reading, or at an infinite number of readings, he must be possessed of extraordinary intelligence. It is the lamest attempt we have ever seen to dovetail Peace and War together, and the joints will show, in spite of the coat of rhetorical varnish applied with so much care. There is quite as much olive branch as sword, and the sword is very like hypocrisy. With this slight exception the resolution is admirable, not only for its untrammelled grammar, but for its humane and forgiving spirit, and we are not quite sure that we have not been hypercritical in what we have said of it.

THE *Valley Spirit*, the organ of the Copperheads, who volunteered to guide STUART's cavalry to the property of Union citizens, during the late raid into the Cumberland Valley, utters the following characteristic falsehood:

"Curtin and Stanton are in conspiracy to prevent, by military force, a fair election in Pennsylvania. Let every man who loves liberty be prepared to prove that he is worthy of it, by defending his rights at all hazards and to the last extremity."

The New York *World*—never published a more direct invocation to mob law than this. It is somewhat surprising that men who look upon slavery as "an incalculable blessing," should now proclaim themselves ready to defend their liberties "to the last extremity."

ONE of the leaders of the so-called Democracy, in this State, has been making a speech against the Administration, in which alluding to its policy in the States which, have been redeemed from rebel misrule, says: "*Subjugation* and *epilation* seem to have been the watchwords instead of *peace* and *fraternity*." Supposing this were the case (which is supposing a falsity), we would not be required to search very diligently for a precedent to justify the course of the Government. The rebels have voluntarily furnished us with one. The Richmond *Enquirer*, perhaps the leading journal in the South, recently said: "For 'Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity' we have deliberately substituted 'Slavery, Subordination, Government.'"

THE PITTSBURG COMMERCIAL—An ably-managed, handsome, and spirited newspaper, entitled the *Daily Commercial*, has been started at Pittsburg, Pa., and meets with much success. As the name indicates, it is a thorough business paper, and will commend itself more particularly to the mercantile portion of the community. At the same time, its well-filled columns include full telegraphic news by telegraph, as well as literary and general matters. The *Commercial* is destined soon to rank among the most influential journals in the country, and we record the fact with the greater pleasure because its influence will be exerted in behalf of the country's best interests.

ENGLISH PICTORIALS—From Mr. J. J. Kromer, No. 403 Chestnut street, we have the *Illustrated London News* of September 5, with a supplement, and its usual complement of fine wood engravings. Mr. Kromer also has sent us the *Illustrated News of the World* for August 29, and September 5, with supplement, portraits engraved on steel, of two theatrical personages—Miss Glyn, and Mr. Leigh Murray. We have also the *News of the World* of September 6.

LARGE POSITIVE SALE OF FRENCH DRY GOODS, &c.—The attention of purchasers is requested to the choice and desirable assortment of French, German, Swiss, and British dry goods, embracing about 575 lots of fancy and staple articles in silks, ribbons, shawls, dress goods, gloves, embroideries, &c., &c., to be peremptorily sold by catalogue, on four months' credit, commencing this morning, at ten o'clock, to be continued, without intermission, the larger part of the day, by John B. Myers & Co., auctioneers, Nos. 232 and 234 Market street.

WASHINGTON.

Special Despatches to The Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 20, 1863.

The National Treasury.

It is proper the public should be cautioned against bills purporting to be upon the "Government Bank," which unprincipled persons are attempting to put into circulation. They are dated at Washington, and purporting to be "payable on demand," and, being of a greenish color, they are liable to be mistaken by the unwary for the old issue of United States notes, most of which have been redeemed and cancelled at the Treasury Department. It is said they have been passed quite extensively about New York. No such bank exists. An office, with the sign "Government Bank" over its door, was some time ago closed by the Provost Marshal of the War Department.

The Treasurer of the United States has recently received additional evidence that the two millions of dollars for the pay of General GRANT's army were actually on board the Ruth at the time of the fire. Much of the money has been recovered, in a charred condition, and a commission has been appointed to extend the search for the portion yet missing.

Since the conflagration at Lawrence, Kansas, eight or nine packages of notes have been sent to the Treasury, to be exchanged for others. They were subjected to fire, but not so much injured that their real character cannot be easily identified. It seems that, in the case of the treasury notes, the chemicals employed form a coating which affords partial protection from flame.

It is ascertained that of the fifty-cent postage currency there are nine different counterfeits; of the twenty-fives and tens, two counterfeits each, and of the fives, one; to say nothing of the mutilation of notes, the fragments of which are pasted together to form "currency," by those whose gains, in this respect, were but at least equal if their labor were devoted to honest toil.

The present postage currency is coming into the treasury at the rate of about fifty thousand dollars a day; and about two millions of the twenty millions of dollars in those small denominations have already been returned. The fifty and twenty-five-cent notes will be withdrawn, and the new and improved issues will soon begin to take their place. The withdrawal of the fives and tens will be more gradual.

All the notes returned are counted in the Treasurer's office, put up in packages of ten dollars, and then cut in halves by means of a machine. Each half parcel is again counted by a different person, thus making three counts. The labels on each package are in duplicate, with the name of the first counter written thereon. So in case of a mistake, reference can readily be made, and the author of the error corrected. About thirty young ladies are employed in this business in the Treasurer's bureau, together with male clerks, all under the special direction of General SPINNER, the Treasurer of the United States, whose efficiency and close application to business duties can scarcely be imparted to any apparent robust health. It is said that during last year he worked, with only occasional deviations, seventeen hours a day.

Sutlers' Wagons Captured.

The guerillas still infest the southern side of the Potomac, occasionally capturing sutlers' property. Such was the case on Thursday, when thirteen horses and the full wagons together with the men fell into the hands of fifteen uniformed guerillas, commanded by Captain STRINGFELLOW, while on their way from Catlett's to Bristow Station. These teams had become separated from the few others in the train, when the robbers suddenly approached from the woods, and with pistols in hand, seized and drove them beyond the possibility of rescue. A negro driver was fired at three times by one of the desperadoes, but he escaped unhurt, owing to his activity in dodging the shots. A lieutenant being with the train and in proximity to the guerillas, after exchanging pistol shots with them, ran off for assistance, and while he was returning at the head of a portion of infantry of the railroad guard, the guerillas quickly mounted their horses and left the scene of plunder. The conduct of the U. S. officer saved another valuable team which the rebels had prepared to steal and were in the act of driving away. The five prisoners have returned, having been stripped of nearly all their clothing, including their hats and boots. The only safety for sutlers is with a cavalry guard.

Hospital Board.

A board, composed of Lieut. Colonel P. H. LATHROP, Capt. C. P. HORTON, and Assistant Surgeon LEE, U. S. A., has been organized to inspect the hospitals of Washington and the vicinity, and particularly to ascertain the correctness of the report that soldiers have been retained in the hospitals much longer than necessary.

Clearance.

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued clearances for the steamer Henry Paysen, with a cargo of one hundred tons of ice for Morris island.

Naval.

Lieut. Commander JAMES B. JEWETT has been detached from the command of the R. R. Cuyler, and ordered to command the Sebago.

Personal.

Mr. HARRINGTON, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, has left Washington to embark for Europe, he having obtained two months' additional leave of absence. This trip is in no manner connected with public business, but solely for the benefit of his health, which has been impaired by close application to business night and day. The gentlemen connected with the Department yesterday afternoon took farewell of this truly efficient officer.

— Colonel R. Biddle Roberts, of this city, has received the appointment of Pensaylvania State Agent at Washington. Mr. Roberts is well known here as an able lawyer, who, at his country's call, relinquished his practice and took to the field in defence of her rights and flag. He was colonel of the 1st Reserves, and participated in several battles. He was formerly a Democrat, but, seeing the necessity of maintaining the principles of true loyalty, he joined the ranks of the Union party, and has thrown all his energies into the work of crushing out this rebellion.

ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND.

A GREAT BATTLE IN GEORGIA.

A Desperate Struggle—Repulse of the Rebels.

ENEMY REINFORCED.

TEMPORARY REVERSE.

OUR POSITION REGAINED.

General Lee said to be in Command of the Rebels—The Battle to be Renewed—Partial List of the Casualties.

&c., &c., &c.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND, THREE MILES FROM CRAWFISH SPRINGS, Sept. 19.

An engagement begun this morning at eleven o'clock with a heavy attack on General Thomas, forming the left wing; but at first was thought to be merely a feint. The left was composed of McCook's and Crittenden's troops thrown in as convenience offered, the main portions of each being on the march at the time. The fight on the left was very desperate. The enemy was repulsed, but on being reinforced regained their position, from which they were subsequently driven, after a desperate engagement of an hour and a half. General Thomas charged them for nearly a mile, punishing them severely.

About 2 P. M. the rebels made a dash at the centre, composed of Van Cleve's and Reynolds' divisions. The former was struck on the right flank, and being vigorously pushed, fell back until the centre was broken and the troops much scattered. General Thomas on the left, and Gen. Davis on the right, threw forward their forces vigorously towards the gap, and after a hard fight recovered the lost ground. The fight on the extreme right has been light, the enemy apparently purposing to get between us and Chattanooga.

The general engagement ended by 4 o'clock P. M. General Palmer, who had gathered the scattered forces, and General Negley, who had been sent from the right flank to feel the centre, pushed forward and re-established our line, as it had been before, parallel with and along the Chicamiga creek.

The country is level, and thickly overgrown with small timber and brush, unfavorable to the use of artillery, and very little has been used.

A small number of prisoners have been brought in, including a rebel captain.

It is reported that General Lee is in command.

The casualties in wounded are heavy, but surprisingly light in killed for so heavy a musketry engagement. During the fight on the left, there was a continued roll of musketry for hours. No general officers were injured.

Colonels Hey and Bradley, commanding brigades, were wounded. Col. Jones, 36th Ohio, Col. Carroll and Major Yauntan, of the 10th Indiana, were wounded. Lieut. Jones, Co. A, 10th Indiana, was killed. Lieut. Col. Hurd, 40th Kentucky, Lieut. Col. Maxwell, 2d Ohio, Lieut. Dyrain, Lieut. Ludlow, Lieut. Fessenden, Battery H, 6th Artillery, Lieut. Floyd, Battery I, 4th Artillery, and Capt. Brown, 21st Illinois, were wounded.

Lieut. Col. Hall, assistant adjutant general of Starkweather's brigade, was killed.

The 79th Indiana recovered Tulley's battery.

Battery H, 5th Artillery, was lost and recaptured.

The fight is not yet over, and will probably be renewed to-morrow.

The rebel prisoners taken represent the corps of Generals Hill, Polk, Johnston, and Longstreet.

The men are in the best spirits, and eager to begin anew.

RUMORS ADVERSE AND OTHERWISE.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 20.—All kinds of exciting rumors are prevalent here with regard to the Army of the Cumberland, and some of the rumors are quite adverse to General Rosecrans, but these are mere conjectures, as the Government has possession of the lines, and nothing has been received. There is very little prospect of receiving anything to-night.

THE WAR IN VIRGINIA.

Reported Evacuation of Richmond.

A BATTLE EXPECTED.

RUMORS FROM RICHMOND.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 19.—The special correspondent of the Baltimore *American*, at Fortress Monroe, says:

"A rumor is current here, which obtains belief with many, that Richmond is being evacuated."

LEE'S ARMY IN LINE OF BATTLE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—All the Richmond papers of the 16th and 17th (Wednesday and Thursday) received here mention that Lee's army has been in line of battle for some days between the Rapidan and Orange Court House, but seem to intimate that it will remain on the defensive. This would seem to indicate that Lee is not strong, and is accepted as confirmatory of the reports that troops have been sent south from Virginia.

ORDER AGAINST VISITING REBEL HOUSES.

The following general orders have been issued to the Army of the Potomac:

HEADQUARTERS 11TH CORPS, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Sept. 15, 1863.—The general commanding has learned that a number of officers frequently visit the houses of inhabitants that are known to be rabid Secessionists. Such visits are dangerous both to the safety of the army and the officers themselves. It is known that through friendly conversation, information has been given to the enemy which otherwise could not have been obtained. Such visits, therefore, must be discontinued.

By order of Major General HOWARD.

T. J. PALMER, Acting Asst. Adjt. Gen.

PROHIBITION TO NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Sept. 14, 1863.—I. Newspaper correspondents will be admonished to hold no communication with prisoners of war, whether on their way to headquarters or temporarily detained in the custody of any guard, or to seek any information from guides, scouts, or refugees coming from beyond our lines.

II. No newspaper correspondent or civilian, not connected with the army, will be permitted to accompany or remain with cavalry serving in the front or on the flank of the army.

By command of Major General MEADE.

S. WILLIAMS, Asst. Adj. Gen.

SAN FRANCISCO.

IMPORTANT FROM MEXICO.

REPORTED POISONING OF MINISTER SALIGNY.

THE WAR IN JAPAN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19.—The steamer Golden Age arrived last night with dates from the City of Mexico via Acapulco, to August 10th. The substance of the news is that the guerillas who occupied the main roads to the Capital had captured several French trains, causing much suffering from the scarcity of provisions. The communication with Vera Cruz is constantly interrupted. The guerillas have occupied Jalapa and Orizaba.

Saligny, the French minister, has been poisoned, and was dangerously ill in consequence.

JAPAN.

The ship John Kay has arrived from Kanagawa, with dates to August 10th.

Japan continued unquiet. A British fleet of twelve vessels sailed for the western shores of Japan, to finish the punishment of the Daimios, who recently have been taken to task by the American and French men-of-war.

CHARLESTON.

The Rebels Repairing Fort Sumpter—General Beauregard Reinforced and about to Assume the Offensive—The City and Harbor at the Mercy of our Guns, &c.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—A letter from Morris Island reports the rebels extremely busy repairing Fort Sumpter. Steamers are constantly plying there from the city with materials therefor. Deserters say that after strengthening Sumpter and planting more batteries on James Island, General Beauregard intends to assume the offensive in order, if possible, to gain possession of Morris Island. Charleston is said to be full of rebel troops.

Other accounts state that it may be a week yet before General Gilmore can open fire upon Charleston. The mounting of guns on the north end of Morris Island proves very slow work, but our losses there from the rebel fire have been trifling.

General Gilmore has issued a congratulatory order to the troops on the capture of Morris Island. He says the city and harbor of Charleston lie at the mercy of our artillery.

The Rumored Evacuation of Richmond.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Special despatches from Washington state that the reported evacuation of Richmond may probably be accounted for by the rebels withdrawing their slaves from the line of the Tennessee Railroad, and scattering them south, to go through North Carolina, towards Atlanta. This is caused by the capture of East Tennessee by Gen. Burnside.

Advices from the Army of the Potomac state that the rebels appear to be in increased force along the Rapidan, as though determined to resist the crossing of our forces, but showing no disposition to cross themselves.

Governor Cortes, of Sonora.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The Washington correspondent of the *Herald* says that Governor Cortes, of Sonora, called on Secretary Seward yesterday. Rumor says that his object is to establish, if possible, an alliance with the United States against Mexico. No action has been taken concerning this application.

The Storm and the Canals.

ALBANY, Sept. 20.—The recent storm has caused a freshet in the Mohawk. The Erie Canal, at Hoffman's, is badly damaged, and it will take a week to repair it.

Ship News.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Arrived—Ship Monterey, from Cardiff; ship Harvest Queen, from Liverpool; ship Jeremiah Thompson, from Liverpool; brig Wm. Henry, from Matanzas; brig Uadig, from Jeremie, St. Domingo; schs. C. H. Cook, from Port au Prince.

Below—Ship City of Brooklyn, from Liverpool; ship Sir Isaac Newton, from Cuxhaven; bark Resolute, from Shields; bark Thomas Terry, from Cardenas.

Spoken—Sept. 8th, ship Wyoming, from Liverpool for Philadelphia.

— Prentice says when Humphrey Marshall was a rebel general he could never make up his mind to die in the last ditch, but he was often in a condition to fall into the first.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK A. M.

THE WAR IN GEORGIA.

REPORTED DEFEAT OF GEN. ROSECRANS.

Retreat to Chattanooga.

HIS FORCES LARGELY OUTNUMBERED.

LOUISVILLE, Sept 21, 1 A. M.—Our army under General Rosecrans has been badly beaten, and compelled to retreat to Chattanooga, by Bragg, with heavy reinforcements from Lee, Beauregard, and Johnston. The military occupation of the telegraph lines will prevent the transmission of the particulars to-night.

THE STORM AND FRESHETS.

The Floods in New York State and Pennsylvania Coal Region—Bridges swept away.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—The gale held up a little last night, after dark, but to-day it is renewed, in part, with rain. The freshets in the interior have done much damage to the railroads and canals. The mail and express trains last night were all detained two and a half hours by a flood eight miles above Schenectady. The steamboat Isaac Newton, from Albany, had three trains of passengers down on Friday night. In the Pennsylvania coal region the flood has been very heavy. The Delaware Division Canal has suffered severely. A number of bridges in the vicinity of Mauch Chunk were carried away, and the loss will be large.

EASTON, Sept. 18.—It has rained here all day. The rivers are rising rapidly, and much damage is apprehended. The Delaware Division Canal is badly damaged below here, and it will take a week at least to repair it. At Mauch Chunk we learn the trestle-bridge of Douglass, Skeer, & Co., the bridge of A. W. Leisenring, and the new county bridge above Mauch Chunk, have been washed away. It is reported the coffer dam above here has been washed away. No damage to the canal or railroad above here has been reported up to eight o'clock to-night.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—During the storm, yesterday, among other damage done on the lower Potomac, two schooners were capsized. The rain destroyed the crops, and the swollen stream carried away the railroad bridge at Laurel, last night. In consequence of this the trains to and from Baltimore were delayed.

Fortress Monroe.

FORTRESS MONROE, Sept. 19.—The Baltimore mail steamer Louisiana, Captain Porter, arrived here this morning at nine o'clock, with several passengers, among whom was Colonel Samuel Kemper, who was wounded and captured at Gettysburg. He is to be exhanged for General Graham, of the United States army, now a prisoner at Richmond.

The Canvass for Governor.

HARRISBURG, Sept. 19.—An immense mass meeting of Republicans was held here this evening. General Cameron presided, and, after announcing his hearty support of the Union candidates, introduced General Butler. The General spoke in the most eloquent manner upon the duty of supporting the Administration. The enthusiasm was unbounded, and the meeting only limited by the capacity of the hall.

ALLENTOWN, PA.—Ten thousand people assembled in mass convention at Catasauqua to day. They were addressed by Governor Curtin, Judge Shannon, Hon. A. K. McClure, and R. S. Mathews. No night in interest as the meeting in progress at Allentown, and addresses are being delivered by the above-named gentlemen.

Montgomery County.

[Correspondence of The Press.]

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Sept. 18, 1863.

Old Montgomery is alive. The Draft Board hear all the claims for exemption at Norristown, and, as a consequence, a large number of Lehigh-county men are daily in town.

Yesterday the largest woods meeting ever held in our county came off in Atkinson's Grove, in Upper Dublin township. The procession was over two miles long, and not less than ten thousand people thronged the vast shaded space where the meeting was held. Charles Kugler, Hon. David Krause (two of our oldest Democrats), Colonel Montgomery from Yicksburg, Chase from New York, and Charles Gilpin and Morton McMichael, of Philadelphia, made speeches, and the enthusiasm for the speakers and for Curtin was unbounded. Curtin meetings have been held weekly at Pottstown, Norristown, and Conshohocken, and other boroughs and villages throughout the county, and political meetings have never been so well attended here as these. A good sign is, that the opposition meetings are small. *Their majority will be small.*

Governor Curtin will be in Norristown on Tuesday next, the 22d instant, when it is expected there will be the grandest demonstration of the year. He will be welcomed to Norristown as he never was received before. We knew him in 1860 as a politician and a man; we know him now as a man, a statesman, and a patriot—the prince of all the loyal Governors of the North.

The State Fair will be held here the last two days of this month and the first two days of October next, and it will be an immense affair. Exhibitors have engaged places on the grounds for a vast amount of stock, and machinery, and resting room. Freight has commenced to arrive, the track is repaired, large additional sheds have been erected, and everything looks like full preparation for a complete success.

Mr. Landis, of Congress, the secretary of the Society, gives all his attention to the exhibition, and is sure of a grand display. AMATEUR.

Public Entertainments.

WALNUT-STREET THEATRE.—Saturday evening was the occasion of the last appearance of Senorita Cubas. For the last two nights this artiste has not only acted before audiences of great numbers, but has acted before them with an energy which altogether astonished them. We are told that Petrarch's lyre was like "morning light, half drew half fire." It is not hyperbole to say that the executions of Cubas in dance and pantomime are such. Where such unusual merit is so very apparent, it is almost as much pleasure to give unqualified praise, as it is to witness the performances which involuntarily extort it. These remarks are made with respect to that legitimate sphere to which Senorita Cubas has, during the last week (with the exception of her benefit night) confined herself. All who witnessed her performance in "Lavengro," must remember the exhibition with mingled feelings of amusement and regret. The attempt, however, was lacking upon so nothing more than an attempt, and as, indeed, a very arduous one. Complete success would merely have added another gem (which she does not now) to the shining circle of success and fame which so brilliantly encrowns her. But it was a dead failure, and we are exceedingly glad that this very interesting artiste had the sagacity to take the one which the opinions of both press and public unmistakably gave.

The "French Spy" is the piece which Senorita Cubas has made her own. The part she takes there belongs to her. The whole burden of the play rests upon her; upon her the entire interest is concentrated. The versatility with which she assumes the various characters, the laughter, drollery, fun, drama, rage, rapture, which by turns she feels herself and her every lineament and countenance every feature, are so animated and natural and fascinating as to be irresistible to anybody but an anchorite. *Would* they be irresistible to him? The Arab dance, at the beginning of the second act, the rapt abstracted air with which she pretends to see visions, and the passion with which she interprets them, completely enchain every heart to which they speak. Many will think, perhaps, that this is extravagant praise, and some who know nothing of the play will say that we are according to second-rate artistes the homage which is the natural right of one who is first-class. We do not think so.

Remembering the mode in which she descends the prison wall, in the second act, and the beautiful pictures she seems involuntarily to form whilst descending, as she clings to crevices, and feels her desperate way down, remembering not only the wonderful sword-combat, but the uncontrollable shame and agony which she so touchingly evinces, upon its being discovered that she is a woman, we cannot think we have said too much of an artiste, who, whatever else she may not possess, possesses the instinct or attraction of being a beautiful woman, always brilliant, always pleasing, always conscientious. It cannot but have been noticed by close observers that there has been, particularly on Saturday evening, a certain falling off in the energy of the delineations. The public is not, perhaps, aware of the fact that the performer who so delighted them has been seriously ill during her present engagement; so unwell, indeed, that it was highly unadvisable for her to perform.

But she would perform, and she did. With all her efforts—they must have been painful and unceasing—to be herself, and, therefore, to appear to other eyes to *be* and not to *seem* the character represented, it was not difficult to perceive, directly Cubas came upon the stage, on Saturday night, that it might prove questionable whether she could get through cred itably. Whether she did so or not we do not know, for we left the theatre before the play was finished. The performance was necessarily painful, not only to the lovely artist, but likewise to that portion of the audience sagacious enough to appreciate and pity. We merely mention the circumstance because it illustrates the imperative claims which beset the life of the actor—claims rising out of engagements, and the demands of a public which, however indulgent, does not like to be disappointed.

We have parted with Senorita Cubas, and we do not know when she will return. She goes hence to fulfil other engagements which will be equally successful with this last. We hope to meet her again soon, for she presents claims to admiration and regard such as are not often presented by any other artist with so much chance or reason for being rec