The Press.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1863.

THE NEWS.

OPERATIONS in the Armies of the Cumberland, Ohio, and Kentucky are about to be concentrated under the command of General Grant, whose arrival at Nashville has been followed by that of the Secretary of War. General Hooker is reported at Stevenson, Ala., and General Rosecrans has reported at Cincinnati, for what other service it is unconjectured. Mismanagement of the late battle, whose merit belongs to General Thomas, and which was in progress before Rosecrans was aware, is mentioned in correspondence as the cause of his removal. General Burnside reports excellent progress in the war, near the line of the Virginia and East Tennessee Railroad. The enemy were met at Blue Springs on the 10th, by a cavalry brigade, and some infantry, and driven in confusion, with a loss of 150 prisoners, and many killed and wounded. Gen. Shackleford continued in pursuit, and drove the enemy from East Tennessee, and captured Fort Zollicoffer, destroying half a dozen bridges and a locomotive train. He was ten miles beyond Bristol on the 17th, and near Abingdon. We now hold East Tennessee, from Bristol to the Hiawasee river.

INFORMATION received by General Lee, on the 16th, that a large force, under Burnside, near Abingdon, in southwestern Virginia, was moving upon Lynchburg, the rebel base of supplies, is a favorite solution of the problem of General Lee's retreat. Burnside had destroyed the railroad for forty miles, and Lee was vigorously embarking troops at Culpeper, for the purpose of running down the East Virginia and Tennessee road, after having broken up the roads in his rear to delay the pursuit of Gen. Meade. The Army of the Potomac had occupied Warrenton, without a blow, and no doubt seemed to exist that Lee was in retreat. Previous to this, on the 20th, the rebels were reported in force, near Gainesville, and a battle imminent, from the advance of our troops. Buford's cavalry had reconnoitred through Thoroughfare Gap, and found no enemy in force.

A RAID in the rear of our forces at Chattanooga is apprehended. General Stephen D. Lee, an able cavalry general of the rebels, had crossed the river at Decatur, Ala. Rebel papers announce the arrival of Jefferson Davis in Bragg's army, to adjudge the disputes of the generals and their commander. Longstreet is rumored to supersede Bragg.

A STEAMSHIP arrival from Europe brings news that on the 9th the English Government seized the ram-ship, built by the Messrs. Laird for the rebels. The Turkish Porte is said to have offered to purchase the vessels, a proposition favored by Earl Russell. Correspondence from the Continent gives impression unfavorable to the Mexican throne. The answer of the Archduke Maximilian was looked upon as a qualified refusal, rather than acceptance of the crown. It is asserted that Prince Czartoryski has demanded the recognition of the Poles as belligerents, doubtless in view of the Southern precedent.

CENTRAL AMERICA dates give hope that St. Domingo will have to be abandoned by the Spaniards, though a small brigade is still entrenched at La Pinta, covered by several war vessels. There are rumors in Havana that Marshal Forey has died of yellow fever.

IN the case of Hon. G. W. Jones, minister to Bogota under Buchanan, against the Secretary of State, Justice Clerke, of New York, held that the President had no constitutional right to suspend the habeas corpus, either as President or commander-in-chief.

ONE of Colonel Birney's recruiting officers, Lieutenant White, while on service to enlist slaves, was shot by a slave-owner named Sotheron. Lieutenant White was about to take two slaves whom the owner had tied up to prevent escaping.

MONDAY the committee from the Councils of the city visited the flag-ship of the Russian admiral, in New York, and invited the distinguished Russian strangers to Philadelphia. The answer of the admiral was satisfactory and cordial.

The Plans of General Lee.

The interest generally felt a few weeks ago in the situation of military affairs at Charleston and Chattanooga, gave place, temporarily, in the public mind, to a far deeper interest in the struggle for the preservation of the Union waged here, at home, upon our own soil, in the shape of a political canvass. Having secured this triumph, the attention of the people now reverts to a new theatre of action; and the "War in Virginia," from a sleepy newspaper caption, is once more changed to an earnest and absorbing fact. We read of mysterious movements and counter-movements; of reconnoissances and brisk cavalry skirmishes; but what is the grand purpose that dictates these things, what they can mean, or how they shall finally result, we are only permitted to surmise. This is a privilege of which the public generally has not been slow to avail itself, and rumors of the wildest and most absurd character, generally set afloat by scheming speculators, have been seized upon by the credulous, and circulated with amazing rapidity. One of these stories, that LEE's army was across the Potomac, was started by a New York evening paper of Saturday, and printed by one of our disloyal papers on the following day, with all the satisfaction possible to express in the boldest-faced type, and a lavish display of exclamation marks. The mere fact that such nonsense could impose upon the credulity of any person whatever shows how anxiously the game of strategy being played by Generals MEADE and LEE is being watched by the public, and with what intense eagerness its result will be awaited.

We think it not improbable that the passage of the Potomac was included in the general plan of his movements, by Gen. LEE. "But Washington, with its fortifications, is impregnable," we hear it said by those who instantly associate the idea of a march upon the Capital with the suggestion of a rebel advance. We concede that Washington is impregnable against any force Gen. LEE could bring against it; and, even supposing that it should be taken by the rebels, that it could not be held by them forty-eight hours. It would be the most fatal victory LEE could possibly achieve, for it would bring upon his ragged legions a swift and terrible destruction, and rouse the whole North to arms. What, then, was the aim of the rebel General? Was it to force Gen. MEADE to give battle, in the hope of destroying or capturing his army, and thus avenging the terrible defeat of Gettysburg? Primarily, we think not, although LEE, confident that the Army of the Potomac has been weakened to strengthen ROSECRANS, would probably not seek to avoid a general engagement, if a favorable opportunity offered. Was his object simply to gain plunder, or did he begin, in fact, a mere foraging expedition in force? Such may have been one of his incidental purposes; but certainly it cannot be the main one. Nor, finally, do we believe that his sole object was to make a last desperate attempt to attach "My Maryland" to the Confederacy. To some extent one or more of these purposes may help to explain his present undertaking; but we feel convinced that, after all, his grand motive was to *gain time*. In the summer of 1862, General BRAGG, taking the initiative, advanced against General BUELL's communications, compelling him to retreat to Louisville, by which movement the whole of Tennessee came into rebel possession, and the war was retarded for an entire year. In the fall of 1862 General LEE, taking the initiative, advanced against General POPE's communications, compelling him to retreat to Washington; by which movement the whole of Virginia came into rebel possession, and the war was retarded for at least six months. In the summer of 1863, General LEE, *always taking the initiative*, menaced the communications of General HOOKER, compelling him likewise to retreat to Washington, by which movement the whole of Virginia once more fell into the possession of the rebels, and the war has been retarded for at least another four months, and the inactivity might have continued for a longer period, but for the fact that LEE has once more put his trains in motion.

The strategy of General LEE is very evident. It is infinitely cheaper for him to prolong the war for six months at a time, by a simple march of one or two hundred miles, than to attempt to prolong it by fighting decisive battles, in which his success has always been indifferent. He cannot spare the men. One or two Gettysburgs would annihilate his army, and with his army destroyed there would be an end of the rebellion at once. Therefore, he has adopted the shrewd and economical policy of avoiding general engagements, substituting strategy for hard fighting. In the natural order of things, his army should be upon the defensive; but an attitude of defence is a confession of weakness, while the disadvantages, both of a moral and military nature, attaching to it, are such that except in peculiar cases it is assumed only from necessity. That no such necessity exists for General LEE in this instance is no fault of General MEADE, or of the War Department. For such is the nature of the ground in Virginia, intersected with mountain ridges and numerous streams, that the obstacles an invading army must encounter are very difficult to be neutralized by mere superiority of numbers. Hence it has occurred that in several memorable instances when our generals have apparently been "masters of the situation," the real advantages have rested with the enemy. As the *Army and Navy Journal* of last week said: "As a general rule, the belligerent that boldly seizes the initiative will reduce his adversary to follow his lead, for there are few commanders that have the audacity displayed by TURENNE, who, when his opponent, MONTECUCULI, passed to the left bank of the Rhine for the purpose of invading Alsace, disregarded the initiative of his adversary, and himself crossed to the *right* bank, thus obliging MONTECUCULI to beat a hasty retreat back again."

Although it was by feigning to make a movement precisely similar to this, that General MEADE compelled EWELL to recross the Rapidan on the 10th of the present month, he would scarcely, in imitation of TURENNE's audacity, have dared to carry out the counter-movement; for the risk would far outweigh the advantages. I is because General LEE appreciated this fact thoroughly, that he ventured upon an advance that carried him so far from his base. He felt that Richmond at all events is now in no risk of capture; he believed that we had no force at present to menace his line of communications; he thought that he was safe in once more assuming the initiative; and he believed that, should the worst come to the worst, he will at all events have gained the important advantages of dragging the war again to the very threshold of our capital, (if not upon the soil of a loyal State,) and thus postponing for several months, perhaps, the inevitable fate of the rebellion. How can his plans be most effectually circumvented? General MEADE has given the answer. We have every confidence that this answer will satisfy the nation, and compel the rebels to remain upon the defensive for some time to come; for, as in the battle of Gettysburg, his indomitable energy and splendid fighting capacities were shown, so in the battle of Bristow Station he has given evidence that, as a strategist, he is fully able to cope with LEE.

Gen. Rosecrans' Successor.

Major Gen. GEORGE H. THOMAS, the successor of Gen. ROSECRANS to the command of the Army of the Cumberland, is spoken of as a splendid officer, and, indeed, the noble manner in which he acquitted himself at Mill Springs, Stone River, and recently at Chickamauga, where his single division foiled the manœuvres of BRAGG's entire army, must entitle him to the highest credit. The *National Intelligencer*, several weeks ago, said of him: "He was in the regular army for *twelve years* without being absent a day from his post. Just before the breaking out of the war he obtained twelve months' leave of absence, but before the expiration of three months of the time Fort Sumpter was fired upon, when he returned to duty, where he has been ever since, without being absent a single day." This is high praise, but assuredly not undeserved. An officer of the regular service, who has long enjoyed the acquaintance of Gen. THOMAS, states that he was *eighteen* years in the army without being absent from his post. The following anecdote, as serving to show his rare fidelity to the claims of duty, is eminently characteristic of the man: While our army was lying at Murfreesboro, Gen. THOMAS was asked when he intended to visit Nashville, thirty miles distant. "Why," he replied, "I have been trying for some time to find an excuse to go up there, but cannot do it. I am not sick; have duties here, and really don't know what excuse I could offer for going away." So it would seem that fidelity and courage are qualities not lacking in the composition of Gen. THOMAS; and though he should possess but a tithe of the dash and energy that have distinguished Major Gen. GRANT, now his superior, he must win for himself a still prouder name in the annals of the Western army, and exercise a controlling influence in moulding the issues of the Tennessee campaign.

LETTER FROM "OCCASIONAL."

WASHINGTON, October 21, 1863.

A copy of the Richmond *Enquirer* of the 16th inst. contains an editorial on the terms of peace which the rebels will accept from the Northern mud-sills, and which I commend to whatever may be left of the Northern sympathizers with Southern treason. I will ask you to publish the article in connection with my letter, and, therefore, have directed proof-sheets to be forwarded. From this all patriotic and reasonable men will perceive that there are but two roads to peace—either that which is cleared by the bayonet and the cannon, or that which is consummated by Northern disgrace and ruin. The whole philosophy of the war is stated in this article of the Richmond *Enquirer*. *It must be fought out.* The traitors themselves understand now, as they have understood from the first, that their fate must be that of submission or of subjugation; and one or the other of these results will be accomplished alone by force of arms. This fact does not prefigure a long war, because every day disenchants the Southern masses, dismays the rebel chiefs, and increases and crystalizes a Union sentiment in the seceded States. The article in the Richmond *Enquirer* is a wail of agony rather than a threat of desperation, and, added to the late elections in the Northern States, will go far to convince and convert hundreds of thousands who at first supposed that the exhibition of vigor and courage on the part of the traitor armies would induce the Federal Government to recognize the so-called Southern Confederacy, and complete the separation of the Republic. This expectation dies in the presence of Northern unity and in the dreadful front of Southern devastation and decay. I had the pleasure yesterday to find a startling illustration of this assertion in the reluctant testimony of a gentleman who, a little more than two years ago, was one of the wealthiest slaveholders in Mississippi. He is the owner of two thousand acres of cotton land, and is a fair type of that better class in the South, which, with all its instincts against secession, was forced to yield to it, and is now reaping the black and bitter fruits of that mad and measureless acquiescence. The rebels first destroyed two thousand bales of his own cotton, and after them came the triumphant columns of the conquerors of Vicksburg, who completed the catastrophe by taking the cattle and other produce of this sometime magnate, and by declaring freedom to all his slaves. Behold the sequel and the commentary. In the midst of this magnate's despair a plain Northern man comes forward and proposes to cultivate the deserted plantation, to bring order out of chaos, to recall the negroes, and to *make human beings of them by paying them the wages of white laborers of the North.* And all this upon the condition that the net profits should be divided equally between the two; and the proposition was immediately and gratefully accepted. Now, is it not clear to the commonest mind, that such a policy and such a resolution is the best for the slaveholder himself? It calls to his aid economy, discipline, and business tact. It dissipates at once and forever the whole clamor of the Copperheads, that the liberated slaves would run into the North to compete with white labor. How long do you suppose that, operated upon by such facts and proofs as these, the fanatical demands of the Richmond *Enquirer* will be permitted to sway the Southern people? Only a few months can pass before the war will close in triumph, as well by the influence of our successful armies as by the awful and irresistible march of unanswerable and eternal truth.

OCCASIONAL.

EXTENSIVE POSITIVE SALE OF DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, &c.—The early particular attention of dealers is requested to the extensive and desirable assortment of domestic, British, French, German, and Swiss dry goods, clothing, &c., embracing about 750 packages and lots of staple and fancy articles, in cottons, linens, woolens, worsteds, and silks, to be peremptorily sold by catalogue, on four months' credit, and cash, 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., Oct. 21.

Rebel Steamers on the Red River Destroyed.

Rear Admiral FORTER has advised the Navy Department, under date of Cairo, October 7th, on board the flag-ship Black Hawk, that, on the 7th instant, Acting Volunteer Lieutenant JAMES P. FOUTHONG having received information that a rebel steamer was tied up to the bank in the Red river, fitted out an expedition under the charge of Acting Chief Engineer THOMAS DOUGHTY, and twenty men, and Mr. HOBBS, which crossed over from the Mississippi to Red river. After great labor in getting through the entanglement of the bushes and other undergrowth, Mr. DOUGHTY's party got a sight of the steamer lying at the bank, and he managed to get up to her and capture her. A few moments afterward he was enabled to capture another one, and found himself in possession of two steamers and nine prisoners. One of the prisoners was an aid to the rebel General TAYLOR. The rebel officer had been sent up expressly for the last steamer, (the Fulton,) a very fine boat to ferry troops across the Atchafalaya, and the other was one of the few boats the rebels could get provisions by from the seaboard. Mr. DOUGHTY, finding that he could not get the steamers over the bar and out of the Red river, set fire to them and burned them up. This, the Admiral says, is a great loss to the rebels at this moment, as it cuts off their means of operating across that part of the Atchafalaya where they lately came over to attack Morganza. This capture will deter others from coming down the Red river. The affair was well managed, and the officers and men composing the expedition deserve great credit for the share they took in it.

The Hospitals and Invalid Corps.

The Board of Hospitals have reported the general results of their examination of soldiers for the Invalid Corps. They found a large proportion of the ward masters, cooks, nurses, and clerks unfit for field service, and very many not even proper subjects for the first battalion. The guards were generally the most able-bodied men about the hospitals. They find that soldiers "reported for duty" are not sent from the hospitals direct to their regiments, as required by the War Department orders.

In very many instances men impose between the soldiers' leaving the hospitals and joining their regiments. Some men have passed the greater portion of their enlistment in travelling from hospitals to convalescent camps, and from convalescent camps to hospitals. The board say they have taken pains to instruct the medical officers as to the manner of completing companies of the 2d Battalion of the Invalid Corps, so as in time to form a satisfactory hospital corps, by adding men qualified for hospital service, and discharging those found physically unable to perform any duty.

They are constrained to report that they did not find one medical officer fully acquainted with the general order governing the organization of the Invalid Corps, nor did they find in any hospital a complete invalid roll.

Duties on Imports to Venezuela.

Information has been officially communicated to the State Department, that by a decree of the Government of Venezuela of the 6th of September last, the duties on imports to that country have been increased 25 per cent—the decree to take effect at the end of 60 days. On goods imported from the United States this additional impost is declared to be temporary, and its proceeds are pledged strictly to the payment of a loan of three hundred thousand dollars, which has recently been authorized by that Government.

THE WAR IN VIRGINIA.

Fighting Between Pleasanton's and Stuart's Cavalry.

THE REBELS IN FORCE AT GAINESVILLE ON THE 20th.

Rebel Reports of Burnside's Advance in Southwest Virginia.

LEE'S ARMY FALLING BACK TO PROTECT COMMUNICATIONS.

WARRENTON OCCUPIED BY GEN. MEADE.

The Rebels Retreating.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The following intelligence from the Army of the Potomac, up to 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, has been received here by special messenger:

General Kilpatrick's division of cavalry yesterday pushed back Stuart's rebel cavalry beyond Gainesville, toward Warrenton.

There was considerable fighting, but it was not attended with much loss on our side.

General Lee, it is positively stated, was at Warrenton on Monday, and had formed in line of battle and posted his artillery.

Our troops moved steadily on in two columns.

Up to eight o'clock yesterday morning there was no cannonading heard on our front.

General Meade, before daybreak, took the road through Thoroughfare Gap, made a reconnoissance, and reported that they found no enemy in force.

A locomotive had come up on the Manassas Railroad as far as Gainesville, showing that the line of railroad was unbroken.

General Custer reports that in the engagement on Monday he drove the rebel cavalry from Gainesville to beyond Buckland Mills, five miles westward. There our troops encountered a rebel force of infantry and artillery drawn up in line of battle, which was at least a mile in length. Davis' cavalry brigade and battery were at one time entirely cut off, but he extricated himself. We lost about 200 in killed, wounded and missing, and two vertical wagons, one of which contained the official papers of the brigade.

At one o'clock yesterday afternoon the rebels were in force at Buckland Mills, four miles from Gainesville.

Our troops were advancing upon them.

A battle was considered imminent.

Lieutenant Colonel Molsh, of the 5th United States Militia, has received a commission in place of Colonel Hendrickson, now holding a similar command in the Invalid Corps. The lieutenant colonel is William Chalmers, late of the 32d New York, and ex-Captain WILLIAM, of Company K, is major.

LEE'S MOVEMENT UNCOVERED.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—The mystery of Lee's movement last week is uncovered; a part of his army was at Culpeper this morning, being vigorously embarked on trains of cars *for the Southwest.*

LATER.—An officer just in from the front brings the intelligence that Lee's whole infantry force is across the Rappahannock. Some of his cavalry are still on this side, and part on the other side.

The rebels tore up and utterly destroyed the railroad between Manassas and the Rappahannock. Every bridge and culvert was ruined, and in some places the embankments were blown down.

Construction trains left Manassas early this morning to repair the damage. So thorough has been the destruction, that with all the force our engineers can at present command, not more than one mile a day can be repaired.

Rebel prisoners taken by our cavalry say that Lee's design was, by his attack last week, to shove Meade back to the defences of Washington; then to turn and make the railroad impassable toward Richmond for three or four weeks, and to hurry with a superior force down the Virginia and East Tennessee Railroad, smash Burnside if he could, and then hurry back to Meade's front.—*Times.*

[Correspondence of the Herald.]

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Deserters from the rebel lines bring us most cheering news to-day, which I understand to be confirmed by official despatches received by General Halleck. Meade's position, and which fully accounts for the hasty withdrawal of Lee from the front. It appears that Burnside has forced his way through the mountains of East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia, and has actually got possession of the main line of rebel intercommunication—the Virginia and East Tennessee Railroad. The information, as I gather it, places Burnside in the vicinity of Abington, about one hundred and seventy-five miles southwest of Lynchburg, the great rebel base of supplies. He is said to be in possession of the railroad for a distance of forty or fifty miles, and has utterly destroyed it. He is working along up the railroad towards Lynchburg.

Lee, in his recent advance against Meade, withdrew all the available men he could gather from the line of this road, supposing it perfectly secure so long as Meade was in his front. It now appears plain—what was before incomprehensible—why Meade was not allowed to fight the rebels on the Rappahannock, as he desired to do, but was not permitted to do by the authorities at Washington. By falling back towards Washington, he drew the enemy at least two days' march farther away from Burnside's field of operations. Lee, utterly ignorant of Burnside's movements, or the vigorous way he followed him. The discovery of Burnside's operations was made on the 16th, and was telegraphed to Gordonsville, and thence despatched by special courier to Lee, reaching him on the 16th, coupled with imperative orders to fall back immediately, and with all haste, to Gordonsville, and reinforce the garrison at Lynchburg. His retrograde movement was commenced on Friday night, when the troops intended for Lynchburg were first withdrawn. These I understand to be the corps of D. H. Hill, which was at that time operating on our left, and was, therefore, nearest to Culpeper. They arrived at Culpeper on Wednesday, where immense trains of cars were waiting for them, by which they were transported southward. The rest of the rebel army followed more leisurely, though with all reasonable expedition, taking the Warrenton turnpike and the dirt road via Greenwich. Stuart's cavalry retained their position in our front until Sunday, when they fell back.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Advices from the Army of the Potomac say that the right column advanced yesterday afternoon to within three miles of Warrenton, and the left column as far as Greenwich village.

Our advance entered Warrenton without much opposition, contrary to the general expectation. The conclusion is that the rebels are really retreating before our advance.

The railroad is intact to Manassas Junction and Gainesville, on the Manassas road, and the telegraph connects with the latter place.

HARRISBURG.

Raid Rumors—Military Activity, &c.

[Special Correspondence of The Press.]

HARRISBURG, October 20.

Activity in military matters hereabout has led to the rumor of another invasion of the State. The Governor always desired to have the State in a ready military situation, and the activity noticed is only a sign of care and not a note of alarm. At the furthest only a cavalry raid is apprehended.

There are rumors from Maryland that Stuart was concentrating to cross the Upper Potomac fords for a foraging and cattle-stealing expedition. Pleasanton's alert cavalry will hardly allow him this diversion.

The fatigues of the political campaign, and an accident to his health, have indisposed our excellent Governor. There is a "raft" of politicians in Harrisburg.

It is reported that the "Reserve" force will be reinstituted, and placed at points on our border.

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THE WAR IN THE SOUTHWEST.

The Rebel Defeat at Blue Springs.

SHACKLEFORD IN SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA.

Official Report of Gen. Burnside.

General Rosecrans' Removal.

Grant at Nashville, and Hooker at Stevenson, Alabama.

THE SECRETARY OF WAR IN TENNESSEE.

A Rebel Raid in Rear of Chattanooga.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Oct. 17.—*Major General Halleck, General-in-Chief:* On the 8th inst., the enemy held down as far as Blue Springs, and a cavalry brigade of ours held Bull's Gap, supported by a small body of infantry at Morristown. I accordingly despatched a brigade of cavalry around by Rogersville to intercept the enemy's retreat, and with a considerable force of infantry and artillery moved to Bull's Gap.

On Saturday, the 10th, I advanced a cavalry brigade to Blue Springs, where they found the enemy strongly posted and offering a stubborn resistance.

The skirmishing continued till the arrival of the infantry at about 5 o'clock A. M., when I sent in a division of infantry, who charged and cleared the woods gallantly, and drove the enemy, in confusion, till dark.

During the night the enemy retreated precipitately, leaving their dead on the field, and most of their wounded in our hands.

We pursued them in the morning with infantry and cavalry. The intercepting force met them at Henderson's, but owing to some misunderstanding, withdrew and allowed them to pass with only a slight check.

The pursuit was continued till evening, when I withdrew most of my infantry and returned to this place.

Gen. Shackelford, with his cavalry and a brigade of infantry, continued the pursuit, the enemy making a stand at every important position. But he has driven them completely from the State, and captured the fort at Zollicoffer, burning the long railroad bridge at that place, and five other bridges, and destroying a locomotive and about thirty-five cars. His advance is now ten miles beyond Bristol.

Our loss at Blue Springs and in the pursuit was about 100 killed and wounded. That of the enemy was considerably greater.

About 150 prisoners were taken.

A. E. BURNSIDE, Major General.

WHY ROSECRANS WAS REMOVED.

The removal of General Rosecrans from his command of the Department of the Cumberland has been fully determined upon. Gen. Thomas will be his successor. The fact that Gen. Rosecrans was with Gens. McCook and Crittenden, asleep in Chattanooga while Gen. Thomas was fighting a brave and desperate battle alone, has been known to the Government for weeks. It is also understood that Gen. Rosecrans has failed, ever since the battle of Chickamauga, to exhibit in his despatches a spirit equal to the circumstances in which he found himself. It is now ascertained that Gen. Rosecrans came very near losing his command during the siege of Vicksburg, in consequence of his refusal to assist Gen. Grant, after repeated orders by the Government and requests from Gen. Grant himself, by attacking Bragg so as to make a diversion in Grant's favor, and prevent the reinforcement of Johnston. The Government is satisfied that he was too cautious before crossing the Tennessee, and too rash afterwards; in the first case hesitating to obey orders to move, and in the second disregarding orders not to move too rapidly; that, in a word, the Chattanooga campaign was really a failure.—*Tribune.*

CONCENTRATION OF ARMIES—THE REBEL JOHNSTON AT SHELBYVILLE, TENN.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—The superseding of General Rosecrans has caused much surprise. The object is to place all the troops in the Western military department under one military man, and concentrate our armies. The appointment of General Thomas to succeed Rosecrans gives satisfaction, as he has won the hearts and confidence of his soldiers, and has earned the command.

Gen. Rosecrans will arrive at Cincinnati to-day.

The only news from below is that Joe Johnston, with a large force, has gone to Shelbyville, Tenn., with a view to prevent Sherman reaching the Army of the Cumberland.

NASHVILLE.

NASHVILLE, Oct. 20.—Quartermaster General Meigs and staff arrived here this evening and reported. General Grant assumes command of the Department of the Cumberland and Ohio, to be called the Military Division of Mississippi. General Thomas, it is reported, assumes command of the Army of the Cumberland. General Hooker is at Stevenson, Alabama.

The Hon. E. M. Stanton arrived in a special train. He is the guest of Judge Catron. There was an assemblage of citizens at the St. Cloud Hotel, and short speeches were delivered by Governor Johnson and Generals Grant and Meigs.

A railroad accident occurred near Murfreesboro, killing and wounding several.

The telegraph is working to Chattanooga.

[RAID IN THE REAR OF CHATTANOOGA.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—A Corinth despatch of the 17th inst., to the *Times*, says that the rebel General Stephen D. Lee has crossed the Tennessee river, at Tuscumbia, probably for a raid in the rear of the Army of the Cumberland.

Eastern Tennessee.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—The *Gazette's* Nashville correspondent says that we now hold the country from Bristol to the Hiawassa river. Parson Brownlow and Horace Maynard made speeches at Knoxville on the 20th ult., and both endorsed the Administration, and fully favored immediate emancipation in East Tennessee.

The War in Kentucky—Capture of Rebel Guerillas.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—A special despatch to the *Commercial*, from Catlettsburg, Kentucky, says that an expedition sent out by Col. Gallup, consisting of detachments of the 14th and 39th Kentucky, has returned, bringing in 50 prisoners, 60 horses, and 50 stand of arms, without the loss of a man. Eastern Kentucky is now pretty well clear of the rebels.

FORTRESS MONROE.

FORTRESS MONROE, Oct. 20.—The steamer New York left yesterday afternoon for City Point, in charge of the general flag-of-truce officer Major Mulford.

They took up a few rebel chaplains only.

The boat is expected back to-morrow.

A train of cars left Norfolk yesterday for Suffolk, under a flag of truce, taking up about 150 women, bound to Richmond.

CHARLESTON.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—The steamer Fulton, from Port Royal and Stono Inlet on the 18th inst., arrived at this port this morning. She reports "all quiet at Charleston." Also, that on October 19th she chased a blockade-runner for nine hours, but the latter escaped during the night. Among the passengers per the steamer Fulton are Brigadier General Terry, Colonels Hawley and Alford, Lieut. Colonels Hamlin and Smith, Major Dyer, and a number of other military men.

MARYLAND.

Recruiting Slaves—Murder of Lieutenant White by a Slave Owner.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 21.—Information reached here to-day of the murder on Tuesday, of Lieut. Eben White, of the 7th U. S. Colored Regiment, now being organized by Colonel Birney, near Benedict, St. Mary's county, by Colonel John M. Sotheron, a prominent slave owner of that county. The lieutenant, with a squad of his company, was sent by Colonel Birney to Benedict, on Monday, to obtain recruits. Hearing that Sotheron had two of his slaves tied up to keep them from enlisting, the lieutenant proceeded to Sotheron's house and ordered the men to be released. Sotheron and his son refused, and abused the lieutenant, and threatened to shoot him, both being heavily armed. The lieutenant then left and proceeded to a field, where a gang of Sotheron's slaves were at work, followed by the two Sotherons, who demanded his object. The lieutenant replied that he was there to enlist all who were so disposed. After some more abuse, the Sotherons declared that they would kill the lieutenant, and both fired their guns, the lieutenant falling mortally wounded. His body was brought here this evening and forwarded to his friends in Massachusetts. The Sotherons escaped.

MISSOURI.

The November Election.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 21.—General Schofield has issued an order for the government of the November election in this State.

The judges of the election will be held strictly responsible that none but qualified voters be allowed to vote, and any action on their part, excluding qualified voters from the polls, will be punished as a military offence. Any person having borne arms against the Government, and given aid and comfort to its enemies during the present rebellion, shall not presume to act as a judge or clerk of the said election; and any county judge who shall knowingly appoint such person as a judge of the election, will be deemed guilty of violating the military orders, and be punished accordingly. In those parts of the State where there is danger of interference by guerillas, or a combination of persons, intended to overawe or intimidate legal voters, the military commanders are directed to prevent such interference. But where such protection is unnecessary, the troops will absent themselves from the polls entirely, and are permitted to vote only at polls open at the headquarters of their respective camp or detachment.

OHIO.

The Rumored Invasion, &c.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—The remains of Brigadier General Lytle will arrive here this morning. General Rosecrans is expected to arrive to-morrow. A committee of citizens has been appointed to give him a public reception.

The fifteenth annual Convention of the American Christian Missionary Association commenced here yesterday. Rev. Alex. Campbell delivered the opening address.

The rumor of invasion via Wyandotte and Wheeling, by Buckner's forces, who are said to have escaped Rosecrans, apparently lacks confirmation. Adjutant Hill, it was said, had issued orders to the militia.

Albany.

ALBANY, Oct. 21.—The quota of volunteers for this State is 35,000 men.

John Y. L. Pruyn has been nominated for Congress by the Democrats, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Erastus Corning.

From Havana, Mexico, and St. Domingo.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—The steamer Creole, from Havana on the 16th instant, arrived here to-day. Among the passengers are M. Romero, the minister from the Mexican Republic to the United States, and suite.

Vera Cruz dates of the 1st had been received at Havana, but contain no news of interest.

General Forey has not yet arrived at Havana, and it is rumored that he had died of yellow fever.

St. Domingo dates of the 12th say that it is probable the Island will have to be abandoned by the Spaniards. Porto Plata has been burnt by the rebels, who have established a Government at Caballeros.

General Rivera is reported to be at Porto Plata with 1,200 men, in an entrenched camp, with plenty of provisions and ammunition. Several vessels of war remain there to cover his retreat. Four war vessels, with troops aboard, have left Havana for St. Domingo. No more Spanish troops can be spared.

The Federal gunboat Juniata had arrived and sailed from Havana.

The report that the pirate Alabama had been off Cardenas, and had obtained a machinist there, was a canard.

San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—Arrived, steamer Brother Jonathan, with $140,000 in treasure from Oregon, and $150,000 from British Columbia.

Refined sugar has advanced to 16@17c.

The Commercial Bank of India has established a branch bank in this city.

Celebration of Election Triumph at Easton.

EASTON, Oct. 22.—The Union men here are having a grand and imposing torchlight procession to-night, in honor of the election of Governor Curtin. The procession is very large, and displays many banners and transparencies, &c., and a very large boat drawn by eight horses. Large delegations from the country are here, and the borough is in a blaze with fireworks, bonfires, and cannon firing. The utmost good feeling appears to prevail.

The Pittsburg Third Presbyterian Church Burned.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 21.—The Third Presbyterian Church was destroyed by fire to-day, including the valuable library of the organ and music. There was insurance for $20,000 on the building, in the Western, North American, Allegheny, and Franklin offices. The organ was also insured for $1,200 in the Western. The fire originated in the old *Journal* building adjoining, occupied as workshops by several tenants.

Collector of Portland.

PORTLAND, Oct. 21.—Israel Washburn, Jr., late Governor, has been appointed the Collector of Portland.

Arrival of the Steamer Limerick.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—The steamer City of Limerick, from Queenstown on the 5th, arrived at this port this morning. Her advices have been anticipated.

Boston.

BOSTON, Oct. 21.—William Sturgis died this evening, aged 81 years.

The steamship Vesuvius arrived here this evening, bringing the Africa's mails. She reports that on Monday, about midnight, when northeast of George's Banks, in a thick fog, she collided with the ship Joseph Holmes, and cut her down nearly to the water's edge. She towed the ship into this port. The steamer suffered no serious damage.

Senator Wilson left here, this evening, for New York, to take part in the political canvass of that State.

Halifax.

HALIFAX, Oct. 21.—The blockade-runner R. E. Lee sailed during the night. She has a valuable cargo of blankets, clothing, etc., destined for Dixie.

Atrocities in Nicaragua.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Official advices from Salvador state that the Nicaraguan troops committed great atrocities on Tiger Island, on the 13th ult. The house of Mr. Amer, an American, was sacked, and the persons who were concealed on the premises were dragged out and bayonetted.—*New York Post.*

Markets by Telegraph.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 21.—Flour quiet; Howard-street superfine, $6 25. Wheat steady; Southern red $1.58@1.63. Corn quiet at a demand. Whisky dull, and closed very firm.

Ship News.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—Arrived steamer Orizaba, from Panama.

Obituary.

ARCHBISHOP WHATELY.—This distinguished English scholar and theologian died in Dublin on the 8th of the present month. He was a son of Rev. Dr. Whately, and was born in London in 1787. He was educated at Oriel College, Oxford, celebrated as being sent forth some of the most eminent English theologians of recent times, such as Arnold, Copleston, and the elder Newman. In 1822 he published anonymously a pamphlet entitled "Historic Doubts relative to the existence of Napoleon Bonaparte," in which he adopted, with singular skill, the Strauseian method of dealing with Scripture narratives, to prove the non-existence, in turn, of Napoleon. In 1826 he published his "Elements of Logic," and two years after the "Elements of Rhetoric," the two works by which he is most widely known in this country. He was a leader in a successful effort to revive the study of Aristotelian logic at Oxford; following in this in the footsteps of Copplestone, who was his tutor. He also revived there the study of Political Economy, of which science he was appointed professor in 1830. In 1831 he was consecrated Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalagh, and since 1846 he has also been Bishop of Kildare. He was for the last a man of great influence in society. For Americans it is pleasant to know that he was on our side in our struggle for national existence.

DEATH OF MRS. TROLLOPE.—The death, at Florence, of Mrs. Trollope, the novelist, is announced. She had ceased to exercise her pen for a few years past, and lived in a happy retirement at Florence. She was born at Heckfield, Hants, in 1795. Her father, the Rev. Mr. Milton, was noted for having a most accomplished man of science. The old Wykehamist connection brought about Miss Milton's marriage, with the Rev. Thomas Anthony Trollope, B.C.L., of Oxford and Fellow of New College, who was called to the bar in 1891, and died at Bruges, October 23, 1835. In her early days of the reign of George IV., Mrs. Trollope and a party, including Mr. Trollope, set sail for America. Her descriptions of the social habits of our people gave great offence at the time, long before the Anti-Slavery Spirit. Her work established Mrs. Trollope's reputation, and she forthwith entered upon that long career of authorship which has been as prolific and as successful. It would take a good deal of space barely to catalogue the authoress's works, and we only mention the best known, which are those other than three novels, and her literary activity was continued down to the year 1856, when she published "Fashionable Life in Paris and London." She died at the good old age of eighty-four.—*Post.*

New Proofs of Vallandigham's Treason.

The following letter, according to the Cincinnati papers, was recently captured in Tennessee, among the baggage of a rebel officer:

They took up a few rebel chaplains only.

The boat is expected back to-morrow.

A train of cars left Norfolk yesterday for Suffolk, under a flag of truce, taking up about 150 women, bound to Richmond.

PERSONAL.

—Major General James S. Negley has arrived at his home in Pittsburg. The editor of the *Commercial* states: "The General paid our sanctum a visit last night, and, although not in as good health as usual, looks remarkably well. He speaks in the most hopeful manner of General Rosecrans' ultimate success over the rebels. General Negley has thirty days' leave of absence, and will remain here until his furlough expires." The Louisville *Journal