

Resignation of Maj. Harry White - A New Election Offered.

The flag of truce having arrived on last Saturday evening, with the information that the rebels refused to exchange Maj. White on the very terms they had previously proposed, his father, Judge White, transmitted the resignation, which we publish below, at once to Speaker Penney, through Senator Lowry. We hope that the editors of the Tory Organ will at once call upon Mr. Penney and inspect the letter of resignation closely before they pronounce it a forgery again, as they had the audacity to do this morning. The document is closely written on both sides of a half sheet of small commercial note paper, and the folds bear evidence that it has been carefully concealed in a small compass. It was brought from Richmond by an exchanged captain, who had it carefully concealed in his shoulder strap, and the rebels were thus ingeniously thwarted in their base attempt to prevent the resignation from being sent. The entire letter is written by Harry White, whose hand writing is well known here, and all attempts to pronounce the resignation a forgery are base and cowardly in the extreme. We are fully satisfied that rebels in our midst have prevented the exchange of Major White, but a day of reckoning will come, when these scoundrels will receive their well deserved punishments. The Copperhead Senators who were present when the resignation was exhibited in the Senate chamber this morning, by Senator Lowry, were quite chaffed and uneasy. The letter itself needs no eulogy on our part. It expresses the words of a patriot and soldier. Read it carefully.

Dog in the Manger. The Tory Organ contained a characteristic article this morning. We do not refer to it as an answer to its non-sense. It is worthy of notice only, because the many who are barking in the manger, proceedings of the minority in the Senate, and the zeal with which the Tory press of the Commonwealth, has sustained the confederates in the Legislature. It will be remembered, when the Senate first attempted to organize, Senator Lowrie offered to divide the patronage of that body with the hungry followers who are barking in the train of the minority, provided a Senator of that minority would pair off with Maj. White on all vital questions affecting the policy of the State or National administrations. Honorable men, if in this minority, would not have waited for the tender of such a proposition, but have offered it at the time fixed for the opening of the Legislature. Yet this proposition was rejected by the factionists in the minority. It was then insisted by the leaders of the minority, that Harry White had resigned - that he was no longer a member of the Senate - and hence the majority had no right to ask a Senator to pair off with a man who had relinquished his seat in the Senate. Such men as Wallace and Clymer and Lamberton claimed that they and their party had the right to the organization of the Senate, and went to work to establish that right by arguments just as clear and as cogent as those used by Jeff. Davis, R. M. Lee, and John C. Breckinridge, that they have a right to the organization of a Southern Confederacy. Between these men there is not an iota of difference, except that the Southern bully has a little more brute courage than his Northern ally, and is willing to risk his neck in the attempt to force his wrong to success. Both represent minorities - both are opposing organized branches of the governments, impelled to it by the same motive of having lost the control of patronage which they once used to enrich and corrupt their followers. But we have digressed from our main purpose in writing this article. We intended to call the attention of the people to the fact that the representatives of the majority in the Senate had exhausted every honorable effort to secure an organization of that body for the purpose of proceeding to business, without contracting the expense of an election to fill the vacancy made by the absence of Senator White. The resignation of Senator White has been in the hands of his father for many weeks, with the understanding that it should be used only when it was apparent that the minority would not yield to any fair or honorable arrangement to secure the organization of the Senate. It was thought by the friends of Major White, if the Senate could be organized without him, that the rebels would determine his retention to be of no practical service to themselves or the minority, and hence exchange him according to the cartel entered into between the insurgents and the Government. In this, however, loyal men have been mistaken. The Tory Organ going hence to Richmond with the full correspondence of the Knights of the Golden Circle in this city, have impressed Jeff. Davis with the importance of holding on to Major White. He has accordingly sent Major W. beyond Richmond, where all possibility of his escape or exchange would be cut off - hence the audacious, illiberal, unjust and even traitorous course of the minority in the Senate is explained. And now, with these facts fairly established - with the unmistakable proof before his eyes that an election to fill the vacancy created by the absence and resignation of Senator White, will only secure the successful progress of necessary legislation, it is understood that Speaker Penney has caused a writ to be issued ordering such an election in the Indiana district. Justice, law, business, both public and private, the necessities and the credit of the Commonwealth - the order and reputation of the people - our very existence, in fact, as a State, demand that such an election should be had. And yet, through the columns of the Tory Organ this morning, the minority in the Senate, finding that they are about to be frustrated in their revolutionary and their traitorous designs, offer the most bitter opposition to this, the last and the best effort of the majority to secure the organization of the Senate! Speaker Penney is warned to beware! He is threatened with some mysterious vengeance. He is cajoled and sought to be brow beaten in the same paragraph, all because he has simply performed his duty in attempting to secure the organization of the Senate. We leave these facts to the public at large. We submit them to the judgment of the men devoted to the great interests depending on the speedy organization of the Senate. Surely the last sayings of the organ of the minority in the Senate, have exposed the revolutionary objects of that faction. We now find the charge into their teeth, that they have conspired to degrade the Commonwealth, and when failure and disgrace are about to overtake their efforts, they affect to threaten a resort to violence in the hope of intimidating honest men in the performance of their duty. We bid them welcome to all the results they can gather from such intimidations, and when the Senate is once properly organized, we give them joy in all the benefits they will gather from its proceedings.

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Five Hundred Thousand Men. - It will be seen by reference to our news column that the President has issued a proclamation calling for five hundred thousand additional men to be raised by enlistments before the 1st of March next. This is without doubt the true policy, and we hope to see such a response to this call from all parts of the country, as shall at once strike terror to the hearts of the foe.

Military State Agent at Washington. We announced some days since, the appointment of Maj. F. Jordan, as the military agent of the State of Pennsylvania, in the city of Washington. On the 27th ult., Major Jordan entered on the duty thus devolved upon him, and is now actively engaged in the discharge thereof. We know of no other man more competent in the whole Commonwealth for a position such as Major Jordan has just assumed; and we are confident that while he represents Pennsylvania at the Federal Capital, the rights and the interests of the humblest soldier from the State will be guarded and protected.

Position of the City of Harrisburg in Reference to the Draft. - Our readers will be glad to learn that the City of Harrisburg has been designated as a Reserve City for Future Calls. We have frequently insisted that the record would exhibit the fact that the city of Harrisburg had furnished an excess of her quotas in the present call for troops. We were confirmed in this faith by facts which we had in our possession, but as these were of an unofficial character, they could not be used in relieving the different wards of the city from furnishing the troops called for by the Provost Marshal of the District to which we belong. Satisfied, however, that the official record would exhibit the fact that Harrisburg had supplied more men than were demanded of its people, we urged a strict examination of those records, until the city council at length deputed two of our most active and intelligent

young men, Messrs. Child and Willard, C. McFadden, to proceed to the proper department at Washington, and there ascertain from official records, the exact number of men recruited in and credited to the city of Harrisburg. This labor has been faithfully and accurately accomplished by Messrs. Child and McFadden, and are now ready to report to the Council from reliable data, the gratifying fact that Harrisburg has furnished a large excess of the quota called for from the different wards in the coming draft. This puts at rest all discussion on the subject of the draft; while the only object which now remains to engage the attention of the people of this city is the immediate care of the families of the men who thus went forth with no motive of pecuniary gain, to fight the battles of the country. It is due to such as these, that they receive a share of the bounty which it was proposed to pay for volunteers to relieve the city of the draft. They are entitled to this by every consideration of justice and patriotism, as having volunteered in the darkest hour of the country's peril, with no other hope of reward but that of meeting and defeating the enemies of the Government.

Abolition of the Draft. - A Sensation Story Spurred by the Truth. The Tory Organ this morning contains one of its peculiar attempts at sensation in the shape of a tissue of falsehoods in reference to a certain violation of law and order in Sunbury. It appears that the Democrat office in that borough was entered and damaged by a party of New York volunteers, while tarrying there between times en route for home. On this the Tory Organ howls dolefully and fiercely that the abolitionists were the instigators of the wrong; but the real facts leave the responsibility entirely with a few drunken soldiers. It appears (as we are informed by Frank Democratic authority) that a bitter feud exists between Pugh the editor of the Democrat, and a certain landlord in Sunbury. The soldiers were stopping with this landlord, in Sunbury, and in the midst of the excitement produced by their position, the aforesaid landlord deemed it an excellent opportunity to wreak his revenge on Pugh. He accordingly pointed to the Democrat office as a real Copperhead office, which had been circulating treason during the time they (the soldiers) had been absent fighting the battles of their country. On this hint, the soldiers fired but whisky, went into the Democrat office. What followed there the Tory Organ related this morning. But that the "Abolitionists," "Republicans," or partisans of any hue, had anything to do with this mob is simply false, the effect of this "Abolitionist" on the brain which has been turning the heads of the traitor sympathizers all over the country.

Call for Half a Million of Men. THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION. Consolidation of the Last Two Calls for Troops. The Draft to Take Place on the 10th of March. EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, Feb. 1, 1864. Ordered, that a draft of five hundred thousand men to serve for three years or during the war be made on the 10th day of March next for the military service of the United States, arming and equipping therefrom so many as may have been enlisted or drafted into the service prior to the first day of March, and not heretofore drafted.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN. EXPLANATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S ORDER. WASHINGTON, JAN. 31. There is much excitement here to-night in consequence of the President's order for a draft of five hundred thousand men on the 10th of March, the general impression being that it is a call for that number in addition to previous drafts. Such is not the case, as it is really but a consolidation of the two previous calls into one draft, on which enlistments previous to March 1st are to be credited. In this way all questions in regard to the filling of former quotas will be avoided, and the number of men required to finish the war be promptly obtained. Those States whose quotas have been filled by the previous calls will not be affected by this new call. It will be recalled, that in October a call for three hundred thousand men was made. This number has been about half filled by volunteering and re-enlistments. The call now made for five hundred thousand men is to include the above three hundred thousand, being, in effect, an additional call for two hundred thousand by men. The volunteering is supposed to furnish at least an average of two thousand men per day. The President makes a credit or deduction of so many as may have enlisted or been drafted prior to the first of March, at which time the \$400 premium expires. When these arrangements are completed the total in the army will be a million of men.

Porkfree of Duty. WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. Information has been received at the State Department that by an official publication of the Custom House rates at Stockholm, Sweden, pork has been declared duty free. This act making it double having been ordered by the King on the 29th of December, 1863.

Virginia. Capture of a Supply Train. ATTACK BY TWO THOUSAND REBELS. EVACUATION OF PETERSBURG. New York, Jan. 31. - A special dispatch, dated Headquarters Department of West Virginia, January 31, says: "On Thursday night a train of eighty wagons was sent out from New Creek, laden with commissary stores for the garrison at Petersburg. Accompanying the train was an escort of eight hundred men, under Colonel Snyder. When three miles south of Williamsport the train was attacked at different points, by concealed rebels two thousand strong. A hard fight ensued, lasting over four hours, at the expiration of which time we had about eighty killed and wounded. The enemy's loss is said to be one hundred. The rebels had four pieces of artillery. A portion of the train was captured. On hearing of the engagement, Col. Mulligan sent reinforcements to Col. Snyder. "Col. Mulligan has received information from Col. Thoburn that Petersburg is again being threatened, and that Early was reported to have moved in force, on Wednesday last, from the neighborhood of Harrisburg. "The rebel generals Rosser and Gillmore are said again to be in the saddle. "Gen. Early is making arrangements to counteract the enemy's movements. EVACUATION OF PETERSBURG - OUR TROOPS SAFE. New York, Jan. 31. - A special dispatch, dated Headquarters, West Virginia, Jan. 31, says: "The command of Colonel Thoburn, which composed the garrison of Petersburg, is now all safe. Late last night he evacuated his position in consequence of receiving information that the enemy in large force would attack him at daylight in the morning. The enemy did attack Petersburg this morning, and made regular approaches, and finally charged, but found no opposing force. Col. Thoburn was within hearing with his retreating column. "Military affairs are now more encouraging. The weather is bad, threatening rain. "General Milroy made a speech to-day at Cumberland. He took an encouraging view of the present state of affairs. Brick Regiments. WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. The private dispatch, dated at Cumberland yesterday, says that there was an engagement on Saturday afternoon, of several hours duration, in Harlan county, near Williamsport, between a portion of Kelley's and Early's commands. No particulars of the affair are given.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. LIST OF LETTERS.

- Anderson, Mrs Jane; Bagart, Mrs Susan; Balm, Mrs Sarah; Barrett, Miss Annie; Bollinger, Miss Annie; Boush, Mrs Sarah; Bortel, Mrs Margaret; Bowman, Mrs Sarah; Brady, Mrs Leavina; Boucher, Miss Emma; Brown, Miss Sarah; Bryson, Miss Emily; ...

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H. ADDISON, M. D. The Celebrated Medical Examiner and Hygienic Doctor. Philadelphia, Pa. has arrived with his Harrisburg, Pa. for medical practice, and taken No. 8 room at the ...

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