Pittsburgh Gazette.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUG. 8.

CITY AFFAIRS.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS for the *Gazette*, by G. E. Shaw, Optician, No. 55 Fifth street—corrected daily:

	IN SUN.	IN SHADE.
9 o'clock, A. M.	90	83
12 " M.	138	92
6 " P. M.		88
Barometer		29 8-20

What Allegheny County is Doing.

The recruiting excitement is now at fever height, and it is estimated that some forty companies are now in process of forming, principally in the two cities and vicinity. The number in prospect, however, is not so sure an indication of what is doing, as the number likely to be filled up. It is always safe to count the men actually mustered in, and acting under this rule we note the following:

On Wednesday, the CASS Infantry, Captain Gast, was sworn in, with a full complement.

On Thursday, the Butchers' Light Infantry, Capt. Danver, and the Howe Engineers, Capt. Adams, were mustered in, each with the maximum of one hundred men.

The "Butcher boys" are now engaged in raising a second company (Co. B) and it is said they have already thirty or forty names enrolled. They are doing nobly.

The Walker Infantry, Capt. Tyler, is over full, and will be mustered in to-day, at the maximum.

Rev. J. B. Clark's company was filled in the incredibly short space of thirty-six hours! There was no "drumming up," but the men rushed voluntarily, and placed their names on the roll. Mr. C. is pastor of the Second United Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, and a minister of learning and ability. He enters the service as Captain, and so great has been the desire to enlist under him that he is now engaged in taking names for a second company. We are informed that Co. B already numbers some forty men, with a strong delegation yet to arrive from Cannonsburg, where Mr. Clark is well known. He will have no difficulty in filling up Co. B, and the Captaincy has been tendered to his brother-in-law, but no reply has yet been received. If he declines, Hon. S. Drum, Mayor of Allegheny, will take command—and if he accepts, Mayor Drum will go as First Lieutenant. The company will perhaps be filled up to-day. We understand that Samuel Long, high constable of Allegheny, has been chosen First Lieutentant of Capt. Clark's company. So Allegheny is likely to be deprived of her popular and efficient Mayor, and no less efficient high constable.

In addition to the above, three other companies are about completed, if not already full—to wit: The Keystone Infantry, Capt. Bayne; the Watt Infantry, Capt. Maxwell, and Capt. Wright's Infantry Company.

Taken altogether, the above would sum up say 800 men.

Then we have many other companies, with very respectable lists, and which will, beyond doubt, be filled up in a few days, to say nothing of Edward Jay Allen's Battalion, and other corps.

It is roughly estimated that between 1200 and 1300 men are already enrolled, in separate companies, but it is impossible to get at the exact figures. Some place the aggregate at over 1500, and this is perhaps not too high.

Several companies of nine months men expect to leave to-day and to-morrow for Harrisburg. Then the three years men will begin to recruit more vigorously, and no doubt whatever is entertained that Allegheny county will furnish an excess of her quota, besides filling up the old regiments.

In the country districts, where comparatively little has yet been done, hundreds of young men will enlist for the three years, as no one seems disposed to run the risk of being drafted.

Several companies were expected here last evening, from adjoining counties, but we believe they did not arrive.

Allegheny Councils.

A regular meeting of this body was held last evening, members generally being present.

In *Select*, the President read a communication from the County Executive Committee, relative to a corporate subscription to the volunteer bounty fund. Referred to the Finance Committee.

A communication from the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Company, remonstrating against the opening of streets through their grounds at the outer depot, in the Second Ward, was referred to the Street Committee.

The report of the Street Committee was presented, with a resolution to locate and open a street called Avery street, from Cedar avenue to East lane. Report accepted and resolution adopted.

Sundry bills were passed upon, and warrants ordered to be drawn for their payment.

In *Common Council*, a resolution was adopted in regard to fire signals, giving the "Columbia Hose Company" (independent) possession of the Fourth Ward engine house, and agreeing to remove the "Reliance" (city) apparatus to the Diamond. This rescinds the former action in regard to the "First Ward Hose Company," and leaves that apparatus in the hands of the "Hope Hose Company," (independent.)

A resolution was adopted, instructing the removal of the Anderson Library from the care of the Young Men's Christian Association, until such time as the room in the new City Hall is in readiness for occupancy, provided the expense does not exceed the amount of the annual appropriation, $50. In S. C., the President offered to furnish boxes, drayage, etc., free of cost to the city, which proposition was accepted; but upon report of a Committee of Conference, S. receded and concurred with C. C.

A number of petitions, relative to water pipes, gas lamps, etc., were read and referred, but they contained nothing of general interest.

The Volunteer Bounty Fund.

The First Ward Committee—Messrs. James N. Kemp and Adams Getty—received the following appropriations yesterday:

Hays & Getty	$100
Fleming & Torrens	100
Watson & Monroe	100
Davage & Roberts	100
Richey & Finkbine	100
James Thorn & Co	100
C. Barchfield	100
Samuel Cooper	100
John Orr & Co	100
John Irwin	100
Douglass & English	50
Guthrie & Sill	50
William Bea	50
J. H. Jenks	50
William Evans	25
Slack & Sholes	25
D. Cooper & Co	20
Charles L. Caldwell	25
J. C. McCullough	10
John E. Rheam	10
J. W. Carnhan	5
J. B. Meanor	10
John W. Roberts	25

N. B.—Any citizen of the Ward, who has not been called upon and wishes to aid the general Government, can leave their contributions at Hays & Getty's, Market street.

MR. JAMES COLLARD was for a number of years in the employ of A. Bradley. He has already distinguished himself in the late terrible battles before Richmond, and is a christian gentleman, as his host of friends in this community can testify. Parents wishing to have their sons serve "God and our native land" under such a man, or any who are willing to go with him, will do well to call on Vankirk, at the office of A. Bradley, stove merchant, corner of Wood and Second streets. See advertisement in another column.

A FEW more good men will be accepted for Centre Section Hampton's Light Battery. This Section will leave for Harrisburg to-day (Friday) at 8 o'clock, p. m. This will be the last chance for men wishing to go in the artillery, as no more will be accepted from Pennsylvania. The roll will be open at No. 98 Fourth street, a few doors above Wood, until the Section leaves.

KEYSTONE INFANTRY.—The members of the Keystone Infantry are hereby notified to meet at No. 34 Smithfield street, headquarters, to-day, 8th inst., at 2 o'clock, p. m., to be examined by the Medical Surgeon and sworn into the service. The Company will leave at 6 p. m. for Harrisburg. Ten or fifteen good men will be accepted to fill up the ranks. T. M. Bayne, Captain; F. A. Dilworth, First Lieutenant.

Our Book Table.

"AMONG THE PINES"—BY EDMUND KIRKE.—We have already noticed this remarkable work, on several occasions;—more than once as it appeared from month to month in the *Continental Monthly*, and subsequently when it was published in a volume. Here we have it from the publisher in a new form—in a new and cheap edition, which, we doubt not, will sell by thousands and tens of thousands. Such are its merits, both in a literary point of view, and as a work pregnant with the most profitable teachings for the times, in the striking and truthful views of slavery in the Southern States, which it so vividly presents, that we rejoice to see it rendered still more accessible to the reading public by this cheap form of publication, which, by the way, is quite as elegant and attractive in every respect as the mere expensive edition first published.

Mr. W. A. Gildenfenney, 45 Fifth street, is the agent for the publisher, J. R. Gilmore, New York.

SECOND SERIES OF TRAIN'S UNION SPEECHES.—The speeches of George Francis Train, delivered in England during the present war, have formed one of the remarkable features of our time. Bold, racy, piquant, they both commended and won a large share of public attention even in great Britain, spite of John Bull's prejudices and self-complacency, to which they paid no degree of deference. No one can secure so much refreshing reading, for an outlay of 25 cents, as by calling at Mr. Miner's and tendering that amount for this Second Series of Train's Speeches.

—Mr. W. A. Gildenfenney, 45 Fifth street, has also received the Second Series of Train's Union Speeches. T. B. Peterson & Brothers, of Philadelphia, are the publishers.

The Gold Excitement in Ohio.

It turns out that the supposed discovery of gold in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, was a complete humbug. After much labor, excitement, expense and trouble, the gold bubble bursted—the high expectations of realizing a princely fortune by digging up a few shovels of earth, vanished like mist before the noonday sun. By a minute examination, a few days ago, by chemical process, to the great disappointment of hundreds of citizens, the reported gold proves to be nothing but mere *mica*—a mineral of a foliated structure, thin scales, having a shining surface, the constituent parts of which are granite, gneiss and mica slate, and does not contain a particle of gold.

Another New Company.

Mr. Jeremiah M. Sample, of Allegheny, is about recruiting a company for the war, and expects to open this morning at stand No. 2, Diamond, Allegheny. Mr. Sample is well known, and a highly esteemed citizen, a member of Beaver Street M. E. Church, and Superintendent of the Second Ward Mission Sabbath School. He has two sons in the Union army, and although well advanced in years, he is determined to enter service himself as Captain. His First Lieutenant will be Israel V. Hoag, a gentleman of great energy and integrity of character. Under their direction, the ranks cannot be long in filling up with good men.

State Senate.

PITTSBURGH, July 6, 1862.

Messrs. Editors:—In the midst of the excitement attending the levy of new troops, we should not forget the civil duties which will devolve upon us. As the time for selecting candidates for office approaches, I desire through your columns, on behalf of many persons with whom I have consulted, to urge upon the people the return to the Senate of our present very able and efficient member, E. H. Irish, Esq. For the last two years we have been able to point with pride to the members of the Senate from Allegheny county, for every person about Harrisburgh acknowledged their ability, industry and unswerving honesty. Amidst the corruptions of the past two years, when the country was astounded by the magnitude of the frauds perpetrated, and the character of the men who yielded to the temptation, Messrs. Irish and Penny were not merely pure, but above suspicion. They were known throughout the State, and their character for honesty, ability and attention to business was such as to give them great influence in the councils of the State. Their action throughout their terms of office has received in all cases the unqualified approbation of our citizens. Why then should we make a change. Mr. Irish has performed his duty well, let us then retain his services, for, without disparagement to the other aspirants for the position, there is no question that he can exert a greater influence than a new man. He has made an extensive acquaintance, established a character, and has an intimate knowledge of the details of legislation, all of which are essential to the efficient performance of his duties. But in addition to all these considerations there is another of more importance. When one of our officers passes through the ordeal of Harrisburg life unscathed, and brings back to his constituents a reputation untarnished, it is our duty to show our appreciation of the man, by a renewal of our confidence.

We now have a man who fills the Jeffersonion standard, he is "honest and capable," let us not try new men, but retain one we know and can trust. THIRD WARD.

Concerning Drafting.

Eds. Gazette: In making up the quota of troops required from Allegheny county, under the recent requisition of the President, ought not the list of proper subjects for draft to be prepared by the Commissioners with reference to what the different sections of the county have already done in the way of volunteering. To illustrate: A certain district in the county has already offered every young man within its limits, with the exception of three. This number may, quite likely, be reduced to two, before the item which chronicles the fact is read by the neighbors of one of the gentlemen in question. Within half an hour's ride of this locality there is another of a three-fold greater population, which, I am informed, has only furnished, since the outstart of the rebellion, some five or six recruits altogether.

Now, should the loyal neighborhood first alluded to be made to supply, after the depletion already undergone, a proportionate number of men with the other, I will not say disloyal, but delinquent one?

If that be the case; and if the case be a general one, then—to say nothing of the irregular apportionment of responsibility—the result may show that the ballot-box, one of these days, may prove an enemy in the rear more to be dreaded than the bayonets in front of our army. PATRIOT.

THE WALKER INFANTRY.—This fine company recruited by Capt. Tyler, last evening numbered one hundred and fifteen men, and are ordered to meet this morning, at 8 o'clock, at their headquarters, Allegheny, to be mustered in and receive their bounty. Captain Tyler has worked incessantly, and overcome many difficulties in recruiting his company, but success has crowned his efforts. He served in the three months campaign; and is very popular among his comrades in arms.

FLAG STOLEN.—A fine flag, valued at $30, was yesterday stolen from the recruiting stand of the Painter Guards, Capt. Caldwell, in the Diamond, Allegheny. The party who took it is requested to return it, and save trouble.

BONDS EXCHANGED.—Allegheny City Railroad Bonds, to the amount of $250,000, have already been exchanged by the City Treasurer, under the basis of compromise agreed upon between the Commissioners of the city and the bondholders. Those holding old railroad bonds of the city can have them exchanged for the new bonds by application to the City Treasurer.

DIED:

MACKEY.—On Thursday morning, August 7th, at his residence in Springdale, Allegheny county, WM. MACKEY, aged 65 years.

The funeral will take place FRIDAY MORNING, at 10 o'clock, from the residence of his son-in-law, T. T. Myler, No. 12 Anderson street, Allegheny City. The friends of the family are invited to attend.

KERR.—On Thursday morning, 7th inst., WILLIAM KERR, youngest son of the late Andrew L. Kerr, Esq.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his mother, No. 256 Penn street, at 4 o'clock FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

ANDERSON.—On Thursday evening, 7th instant, JUDEET A., wife of Robert J. Anderson, Esq.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her husband, No. 93 Liberty street, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 4½ o'clock.

STEVENSON.—On Wednesday, August 6th, WILLIAM E. STEVENSON, aged 14 years; also, ANNA REBECCA STEVENSON, aged 8 years, children of William and Nancy Stevenson.

The funeral will take place TO-DAY, at 3 o'clock, from their parents' residence, North Canal street, Allegheny city.

FROM YESTERDAY'S EVENING GAZETTE.

Jefferson College Exercises.

On Sabbath, August 3d, the anniversaries of Jefferson College were commenced by a sermon from the Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Allegheny city, before the Religious Societies of the College. In the evening the President of the College delivered a baccalaureate before the graduating class.

On Monday, the 4th inst., the exercises of the Religious Societies were held. These performances occupied about an hour and a half, and were listened to with considerable interest.

On Tuesday evening the exercises of the Literary Societies came off. These were quite interesting, indeed. The valedictory of the Philo Society was delivered by W. O. Campbell, of Butler, Pa. A response was made by J. H. Weis, of Shaefferstown, Pa.

In behalf of the Franklin Society a valedictory was delivered by J. G. Sloan, of Dunningsville, Pa. A response was made by E. S. Riggs, of Sharon, Pa.

About 8 o'clock the Rev. Dr. Sloane, of New York, was introduced to a large audience, and delivered a very eloquent address on "Religion, Law and Liberty—Their Relation to the Present War." A part of the audience attempted to hiss him once or twice, but the students cheered him so loudly that the hisses were completely drowned.

On Wednesday, Providence Hall was filled to overflowing by a large and appreciative audience, to hear the exercises of the senior class.

The English Salutatory was delivered by R. Gracy Ferguson, Dry Run, Pa., who was the happy recipient of the fourth honor.

The Latin Salutatory, by F. S. Jennings, Allegheny county, was well spoken, but, of course, attracted but little attention. Its author competed for and won the third honor.

The Greek Salutatory was delivered by A. J. Caldwell, who obtained the second honor.

The attention of the audience was then gained by a stirring speech on the "Price of Victory," by F. H. Agnew, Beaver, Pa.

The characteristics of "True Patriotism" were faithfully delineated in an oration by J. J. Bellville.

This was followed by a clear, convincing and telling speech on the "Elements of Success," by A. H. Brown, Saltsburg, Pa.

E. T. Jeffers then entertained the audience with a disquisition on "The Constitution."

"Reason and Faith," by J. R. Johnson, Coshocton, Ohio, next claimed the attention of the audience.

"The Trials of the Republic," were graphically described by S. B. McBride, Cannonsburg, Pa.

"Antagonism," as displayed in the contest between truth and error, liberty and tyranny, law and rebellion, was happily treated by H. N. Potter, Cannonsburg.

Wallace Radcliff, of Pittsburgh, Pa., followed with an oration; the subject—"Devotion to Truth," was pretty thoroughly handled and the composition admirably executed.

"Crime, its own Retribution," was strangely but strikingly treated by R. H. Rohland, Mansfield, Ohio.

The addresses were closed with a "valedictory oration," by B. F. Woodburn, Allegheny city, Pa., who took the first honor. The author displayed an unwonted depth of thought and skill in composition.

The degree of A. B. was conferred on fifty young men of the graduating class.

Shocking Accident.

On Wednesday night, a woman named Ringeling, wife of Jacob Ringeling, residing on Pride street, in the Eighth ward, was so shockingly burned by carelessness in filling a lamp, that she is not expected to recover. The lamp becoming empty, and not wishing to extinguish the light, she removed the burner, and commenced pouring in oil from a can, holding the burning wick so close that the vapor ignited, exploding the can, and covering herself with the burning fluid. Having children in the room, she fled to another part of the house, and thence to a porch, where she fell writhing in pain—her clothing having been nearly all burnt off. Her face, breast, arms, and in fact the entire front part of her body, was frightfully and deeply burned. She is about twenty-six years of age, and has a child only six weeks old.

Dr. Walter is doing all in his power to save her, but the surface is so very large, and the injury so deep, that he has little hope of her recovery.

Killed in Battle.

Mr. Paul Crawford, of Allegheny City, has received a letter from Capt. George F. Dick, dated Harrison's Landing, Va., July 25th, from which we extract the following:

"Your brother, Robert Crawford, was killed instantly on the 25th of June, on the battle field near Fair Oaks, while gallantly fighting for his country. He was a noble little soldier, and I was proud of him. You all have my deepest sympathies in your bereavement. It is hard to lose one so young, so innocent, and with such bright prospects before him—but such is the fate of war. Robert was beloved by all who knew him, and his death is mourned by the whole company. I sent out some men who buried him with the others, and marked his grave."

Fatal Case of Poisoning.

On Thursday morning last, Wm. Hamilton, residing in Chestnut Ridge, four or five miles from Mount Pleasant, while under the influence of liquor, called at Andrews' hotel for breakfast, and also wanted whisky. The landlord replied that he kept no whisky, but would order him something to eat. In his absence, Mr. Hamilton, observing a bottle on a shelf, which he supposed to contain whisky, but which proved to be Cyanuret of Potassium, a most deadly poison, belonging to an artist at that place, drank nearly a teacupful, destroying his life in two hours, notwithstanding medical aid was in immediate attendance. Deceased was about sixty years of age.

Bounty Fund.

Additional subscriptions at the Mechanics' Bank, Allegheny:

T. H. Nevin & Co	$300
Thompson & Greetzenger	100
W. B. Pasey	100
Jas. Caldwell	50
A. Hobson	50
S. Gordon	50
Thomas Arnold	50
Joseph McNaugher	25
J. P. Fleming	25
W. H. McGee & Co	25
James Myers & Bro	25
H. P. Schwartz	100

THE $100 BOUNTY.—Many of the families of sick and wounded volunteers visit the military hospitals, where their relatives are lying, get them discharged, and take them home to nurse. By doing so at this time, in every such instance, the $100 bounty is lost with the monthly pay of the volunteers also; so that the sick and wounded are afterwards a charge upon their families and friends without any Government aid or bounty. At the military hospitals there are nurses and doctors, good airy buildings, and everything furnished which is needed for the recovery of the sick, so that there is no necessity for taking them away, especially at so great a sacrifice to their pecuniary interests.

HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY.—C. C. Taylor, Esq., and E. A. Montooth, Esq., both members of the Pittsburgh Bar, are recruiting the above company. Mr. Taylor was an officer in the "Old Thirteenth" during the three months campaign, and is a good man. Of Mr. Montooth it is needless for us to say anything, but we can promise that all who enlist in this company will be well cared for, and will find the persons who have the matter in hand, will carry things through successfully. E. P. Jones, Esq., has kindly contributed $200 for the purpose of aiding this company through, and other members of the Bar have contributed generously for the same purpose.

A FEW more good men will be accepted for Centre Section, Hampton's Light Battery. This section will leave for Harrisburg to-morrow (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. This will be the last chance for men wishing to go in the artillery, as no more will be accepted from Pennsylvania. The roll will be open at 98 Fourth street, a few doors above Wood, until the Section leaves. Members of this section, who are off on furlough, must report to-night at 8 o'clock. The Section is under marching orders on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

A TREMENDOUS WAR MEETING was held at West Newton, last week, at which Hon. J. O. Plumer presided. Rev. McIlvear delivered the opening address, and was followed by John H. Hampton, Esq., of this city, in a speech which is highly spoken of by the local press. Edgar A. Cowan followed Mr. Hampton, but a gentleman informs us that he appeared to "labor" throughout his whole speech.

Pennsylvania Soldiers' Relief Association of Washington City.

The second monthly meeting of the General Association was held at Willard's Hall, on Monday evening, the 4th inst. At this meeting the Executive and Financial Committees reported their doings during the month of July. Hon. Jasper E. Brady was Chairman of the meeting, and J. M. Sullivan was Secretary.

Mr. Kimmell, of Indiana county, reported the expenditures for the month to have been $722 21. This was disbursed mostly in small sums of one or two dollars for the purchase of articles of immediate necessity or use. One hundred dollars of the Association's money had been expended on the Peninsula, by Mrs. James Harlan, who had also distributed there a large and valuable box of food and clothing. The money she used for the purchase of bread, onions, butter, etc.

The Association sent on last Saturday week two agents—Messrs. James Kane and J. D. Nichols—with a stock of supplies to Harrison's Landing, to be distributed to the sick, wounded and suffering Pennsylvania soldiers in the army of the Potomac. They took eight large boxes of goods, to which was added $151 91 worth of groceries, tea, pickles, spices, onions, etc., purchased by the Executive Committee here. These agents have not yet reported. A new supply of goods will be sent them within a few days.

The Executive Committee also reported the following articles as distributed in the hospitals here, at Annapolis, and at Alexandria and vicinity: Three hundred and forty-one shirts, 290 pair drawers, 221 towels, 51 bottles of wine, 171 cans of preserved fruit, 590 books, 110 pairs of slippers, 61 dressing gowns, 140 lbs. of butter, 490 pairs cotton socks, 410 handkerchiefs, 160 sheets, 800 packages of lint, bandages, etc., 120 compresses, 11 blankets, 129 sacks of dried fruit, 36 pairs of woolen socks, and a vast number of minor articles too numerous to mention. The greatest aid and assistance have been extended to the Committee by the co-operation of loyal and benevolent women resident or sojourning in this city. The Committee cannot mention all by name, and to single out any would be invidious. Generally, in their ministrations, all the visiting Committees of the Association have been cordially received and welcomed by the physicians in charge of hospitals. Where, in one or two instances, this was not the case, the Surgeon General, Wm. A. Hammond, very effectually caused all such obstacles to speedily disappear. Dr. Hammond is a man at the same time that he is a faithful officer of the Government. The Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War, has been very kind in giving countenance and aid in all proper ways to the efforts of the Association. Such is substantially the report of the Executive Committee.

Mr. D. L. Eaton, Chairman of the Finance Committee, which has under its care the entire matter of the collection of goods and money, then reported as follows: The Association has received since the first of July, 3 boxes from the Mt. Jackson Ladies' Association, Lawrence county; 12 boxes, 1 barrel, and 1 keg from the Pittsburgh Sanitary and Subsistence Committee; 1 box from Ladies of Curwensville; 1 bale from Ladies of Huntingdon county; 2 do Ladies of Clarion county; 4 boxes from Ladies of Lock Haven; 1 box from Ladies of Nitany Valley; 1 box Ladies of Warren; 1 do Smithport; 1 do Hyde Park; 3 do Ladies of Lancaster, and 1 from Lity, Lancaster county; 6 boxes from Gov. Curtin; 1 do from Ladies of Farrandville, Clinton August 5th, at seventy-two dollars per foot. The shares of the mines are now selling at twenty-four hundred dollars per foot. There are extremely flattering accounts of all the principal silver mines in Nevada Territory. The bullion receipts are large and stock is going up, and there is danger of the speculative furore.

The Overland Mail Company commenced running since their recent route. A trip from St. Joseph to Salt Lake has been made inside of seven days, and a phenomenal average of time from St. Louis to San Francisco, in nineteen days. The ocean mail from New York to San Francisco is twenty-five days.

Important from Washington.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Admiral Foote has arrived here to enter upon his duties as Chief of the Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting.

The parties arrested yesterday in Harrisburg were brought to Washington, and lodged in the Old Capitol prison.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Capt. Gansafort, of the Adirondack, has informed the Navy Department of the facts attending the recent pursuit by him of the steamer Herald, presented by Nassau papers to the British vessel. This pretence affording an opportunity for expression and indignation against the alleged outrage by this American officer, from whose statement it appears the Herald had been running from Nassau to Charleston with warlike supplies and was returning from Nassau with cotton. She was commanded by a man named Coxsedor, formerly Captain of the privateer Jeff. Davis. The chase, however, was not continued within British jurisdiction. An additional statement confirms the fact that the British flag system was used to advance secession interests.

Numerous applications have been made for passes to the army of the Potomac, but are invariably refused. It is the request of Gen. McClellan that private visitors be excluded from his lines. All the sick are to be removed thence, therefore the friends of many of the patients cannot urge the necessity of their presence for nurses as spies.

From Fortress Monroe.

FORTRESS MONROE, Aug. 6.—The 3,000 rebel prisoners, from Fort Warren and Delaware, went up the river from Harrison's Landing night before last. The flag of truce boat accompanied them, which returned last evening, and reports the change being made satisfactory, and that the same number of Union prisoners from Richmond may be expected down the river to-day or to-morrow, and that the requirements of the Federal Government, in regard to the exchange, has been strictly complied with, which is understood to mean the release of Col. Corcoran and other minor officers.

A reconnoissance made on Monday night has resulted very favorably. Our troops drove in the rebel pickets early yesterday morning, and a fight immediately commenced which lasted between two and three hours, and resulted in the Federals taking possession of and holding Malvern Hill. The fighting and capture of Malvern Hill was done by artillery, so our loss was small, only twenty killed and wounded. The rebel loss was much greater than ours, and besides we captured 100 cavalrymen, horses and equipments complete, with one small battery. Col. Gamble, of the 8th Illinois, is among the wounded. Other names of the killed and wounded I have not been able to obtain.

The President's Order in Reference to Absentees from the Army.

CAMP NEAR LITTLE WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Nothing can exceed the gratification with which the President's Order, in reference to absentees from the army, was received by most of the officers and men of the army of Virginia. While there are many instances of necessary absence from the ranks, the number is infinitely small compared with those who are absent from motives of pleasure or ease. The new order covers all these deficiencies of legislation, and promises to go far towards increasing the rank and file of the army. There is, however, another subject of complaint among military commanders. It is but seldom that men, who are sent to the General Hospital, find their way back to the ranks.

All quiet, and nothing indicative of immediate action, but the presence of Gen. Pope, and his conference with his chief commanders, are significant of something about to be done.

From Cairo.

CAIRO, Aug. 7.—The ram Mingo from Helena reports that on Saturday, a scouting party of 75 federals were surprised by 500 of Hindman's men and badly cut up, only twenty are said to have escaped.

Forty of Jeff. Thompson's men were captured while attempting to cross the river near the town of Austin.

The recent publication of Gen. Pillow's letter in regard to the slaves of the former, renders interesting the fact that Gen. Curtis has freed all the negroes in question, numbering 275. Pillow has three plantations near Helena, on which all moveable property has been confiscated. Curtis has freed at Helena about 2,000 slaves, chiefly those who worked on Forts Pillow and Donelson.

Resistance to Drafting in Missouri.

CAIRO, Aug. 7.—A skirmish took place yesterday, near Point Pleasant, Mo., between the citizens and State troops, in which it is reported several were killed on both sides. It seems that the citizens banded themselves together to resist an enrollment of the militia. Troops were sent from New Madrid to enforce

THE LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

[Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7—11 P. M.

THE DEATH OF GEN. M'COOK.

Judge McCook had left for the West to-day before the dispatch arrived announcing the murder of his son, Gen. Robert McCook.

GEN. BURNSIDE'S MOVEMENTS.

The secrecy of Gen. Burnside's movements continue to excite astonishment. His destination has been known here, in well-informed circles, for a week past, but not yet on the street, and nothing of it appears in the newspapers. It is enough to say that Burnside has reached his destination, and is ready for service whenever called on.

THE NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.

The new postage stamps, for circulation, will be ready next week. Sample sheets are here now, so arranged that photographing or any other means of counterfeiting is nearly impossible.

MAJOR GENERAL CASSIUS M. CLAY.

Maj. Gen. Cassius M. Clay is expected, within a day or two, to report himself for orders. There has been some talk of sending him to Cincinnati, but some Kentuckians object, on the ground that his early radicalism had excited a prejudice against him, and that it would be unwise. Influence is against him.

SAFETY OF WASHINGTON.

There has been a renewal of the chronic talk about the safety of Washington within the last few days. Military authorities, however, are satisfied that, with Pope in front, McClellan ready to come in on their rear, and Burnside also ready to operate against them, the rebels would have a hard advance of it.

From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5.—Sailed—ship Wild Pigeon, Valparaiso, and bark E. A. Rawlings, employed by the Government, were recently wrecked in the mouth of the Colorado river, having a cargo of commissary stores for Fort Yuma, valued at two hundred thousand dollars.

The work on the new levee around Sacramento City is progressing energetically, and said to cost over two hundred thousand dollars, and to be from eight to ten feet high and of sufficient strength to leave no room or apprehension of the inundations.

The first train of overland emigrants from Iowa arrived last week at the Powder River Mines, Oregon. They had no trouble on the road, and are getting along without difficulty. Three companies of Oregon cavalry had gone out to meet them.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—The confiscated ship Henry Brigham, was sold by the United States Marshal yesterday for $15,000.

A dividend was declared by the Ophir Silver Mining Company for the month ending August 5th, at seventy-two dollars per foot. The shares of the mines are now selling at twenty-four hundred dollars per foot. There are extremely flattering accounts of all the principal silver mines in Nevada Territory. The bullion receipts are large and stock is going up, and there is danger of the speculative furore.

The Overland Mail Company commenced running since their recent route. A trip from St. Joseph to Salt Lake has been made inside of seven days, and a phenomenal average of time from St. Louis to San Francisco, in nineteen days. The ocean mail from New York to San Francisco is twenty-five days.

Important from Washington.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Admiral Foote has arrived here to enter upon his duties as Chief of the Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting.

The parties arrested yesterday in Harrisburg were brought to Washington, and lodged in the Old Capitol prison.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Capt. Gansafort, of the Adirondack, has informed the Navy Department of the facts attending the recent pursuit by him of the steamer Herald, presented by Nassau papers to the British vessel. This pretence affording an opportunity for expression and indignation against the alleged outrage by this American officer, from whose statement it appears the Herald had been running from Nassau to Charleston with warlike supplies and was returning from Nassau with cotton. She was commanded by a man named Coxsedor, formerly Captain of the privateer Jeff. Davis. The chase, however, was not continued within British jurisdiction. An additional statement confirms the fact that the British flag system was used to advance secession interests.

Numerous applications have been made for passes to the army of the Potomac, but are invariably refused. It is the request of Gen. McClellan that private visitors be excluded from his lines. All the sick are to be removed thence, therefore the friends of many of the patients cannot urge the necessity of their presence for nurses as spies.

From Fortress Monroe.

FORTRESS MONROE, Aug. 6.—The 3,000 rebel prisoners, from Fort Warren and Delaware, went up the river from Harrison's Landing night before last. The flag of truce boat accompanied them, which returned last evening, and reports the change being made satisfactory, and that the same number of Union prisoners from Richmond may be expected down the river to-day or to-morrow, and that the requirements of the Federal Government, in regard to the exchange, has been strictly complied with, which is understood to mean the release of Col. Corcoran and other minor officers.

A reconnoissance made on Monday night has resulted very favorably. Our troops drove in the rebel pickets early yesterday morning, and a fight immediately commenced which lasted between two and three hours, and resulted in the Federals taking possession of and holding Malvern Hill. The fighting and capture of Malvern Hill was done by artillery, so our loss was small, only twenty killed and wounded. The rebel loss was much greater than ours, and besides we captured 100 cavalrymen, horses and equipments complete, with one small battery. Col. Gamble, of the 8th Illinois, is among the wounded. Other names of the killed and wounded I have not been able to obtain.

The President's Order in Reference to Absentees from the Army.

CAMP NEAR LITTLE WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Nothing can exceed the gratification with which the President's Order, in reference to absentees from the army, was received by most of the officers and men of the army of Virginia. While there are many instances of necessary absence from the ranks, the number is infinitely small compared with those who are absent from motives of pleasure or ease. The new order covers all these deficiencies of legislation, and promises to go far towards increasing the rank and file of the army. There is, however, another subject of complaint among military commanders. It is but seldom that men, who are sent to the General Hospital, find their way back to the ranks.

All quiet, and nothing indicative of immediate action, but the presence of Gen. Pope, and his conference with his chief commanders, are significant of something about to be done.

From Cairo.

CAIRO, Aug. 7.—The ram Mingo from Helena reports that on Saturday, a scouting party of 75 federals were surprised by 500 of Hindman's men and badly cut up, only twenty are said to have escaped.

Forty of Jeff. Thompson's men were captured while attempting to cross the river near the town of Austin.

The recent publication of Gen. Pillow's letter in regard to the slaves of the former, renders interesting the fact that Gen. Curtis has freed all the negroes in question, numbering 275. Pillow has three plantations near Helena, on which all moveable property has been confiscated. Curtis has freed at Helena about 2,000 slaves, chiefly those who worked on Forts Pillow and Donelson.

Resistance to Drafting in Missouri.

CAIRO, Aug. 7.—A skirmish took place yesterday, near Point Pleasant, Mo., between the citizens and State troops, in which it is reported several were killed on both sides. It seems that the citizens banded themselves together to resist an enrollment of the militia. Troops were sent from New Madrid to enforce

Loss of the Golden Gate.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—The following dispatch was received in this city to-day:

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7, 1862.

To Eugene Kelly & Co.: The steamship Golden Gate, which sailed hence on the 21st of July, took fire when twelve miles off Manzanilla, and was burnt to the water's edge. About 200 of her passengers were lost. Edward Flint is gone. Ben. Holladay and Capt. Whitney were saved. It is thought that the treasure will be saved, as the ship has beached.

The following private dispatches were received to-day:

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6, 1862.

To Wm. L. Halsey: I was saved from the burning ship by lashing myself to the forecastle ladder and jumping overboard. I passed under the port wheel while underway, and received a serious injury. I was picked up by one of the ship's boats, and remained in it 20 hours before I reached Manzanilla. Poor Flint was lost. I will return overland. Please telegraph to my family about my safety and health. BENJAMIN HOLLADAY.

[Edward Flint, of New York, went out in February 1861, leaving his wife in this city. He was a middle aged man.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7, 1862.

To Allen McLane: The steamer Golden Gate was burned at sea, near Manzanilla. About 200 of her passengers and crew perished. The ship is a total loss. Full particulars will be sent as soon as possible.

(Signed) FORBES & BARCOCK.

From the Army of the Potomac.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE POTOMAC, HARRISON'S LANDING, August 7.

At Malvern Hill everything was quiet during yesterday. It was reported last night by deserters and contrabands that the rebels had been moving from the vicinity of Richmond all day, in large force toward Malvern Hill, with a view of retaking the position.

Three thousand and nine exchanged prisoners arrived yesterday afternoon from Richmond. Those who belong to this army and are fit to do duty were sent to their regiments. The others leave for the North to-day. No officers are among the party.

Affairs in Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 7.—Brig. Gen. Davidson assumed command of the district of St. Louis to-day. Col. Merrill, formerly commandant of this district, has been commissioned a Brig. General, and will leave for North Missouri this evening, where he will direct the operations against guerrillas.

At a meeting of the Merchant's Union Exchange, this noon, resolutions were passed closing the business houses at four p. m., for the purpose of drilling and organizing the loyal citizens for military service, and requesting the proper authorities to cause a suspension of business throughout the city after that hour for a like purpose.

Gen. Robert McCook Murdered.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 7.—A dispatch to the *Commercial*, from Decherd, Tenn., says Gen. Robert McCook was murdered while riding his ambulance, day before yesterday, in advance of his brigade.

NASHVILLE, August 7.—Gen. Robt. McCook was shot by a party of guerillas near Salem, Alabama, yesterday, while riding towards Winchester, Tenn., sick, in an ambulance, his remains reached here this evening.

Captain Brooks was captured. Our force burned the house of the rebel who led them into this ambuscade.

War Meeting at Norristown.

NORRISTOWN, August 7.—We had another enthusiastic war meeting here last night, to receive the report of the Committee to wait upon the County Commissioners, to ask them to reconsider their refusal to grant the bounty asked for the relatives. The majority of the Commissioners, through the pressure of an indignant popular opinion, have granted the bounty.

Departure of Troops.

BOSTON, Aug.