Pittsburgh Gazette.

MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 16.

CITY AFFAIRS.

THE OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

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

	IN SUN.	IN SHADE.
9 o'clock, A. M.	60	30
12 " M.	60	32
6 " P. M.		26
Barometer	29 5-10	

The Pittsburgh Sanitary Committee Takes pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of the following contributions for the relief of our suffering soldiers. This list embraces all articles received up to the present date, March 16th, and it will be gratifying to the donors to know that fifteen boxes, seven barrels and one sack of stores were forwarded, in addition to a large quantity of onions and vegetables, last week to the Southwest:

Miss E. Murdock—18 pillow cases, 12 towels, 1 shirt, 1 bolster case, 2 sheets, 1 bundle rags.

Anonymous, Brownsville—4 pounds brown sugar, 2 pounds white sugar, 3½ pounds black berries, 2½ cherries, 3 shirts, 2 pairs canton flannel drawers, 4 towels, 4 pairs stockings.

Anonymous—1 pair pants, 1 vest.

Pittsburgh Sanitary Committee (old stock on hand)—3 bags lint, 19 pillow cases, 6 bales hays, 2 quilts, 1 towel.

Minersville and Centre Avenue Knitting Association—19 muslin shirts, 40 flannel shirts, 39 pairs drawers, 25 colored dressing gowns, 101 pairs woolen socks, 37 pairs slippers, 16 handkerchiefs, 5 pounds chocolate, 20 pillow slips, bundle woolen rags, bundle cotton rags.

From Manchester per Mrs. Brunot—5 jars of fruit.

Ladies' Episcopal Aid Society—1 bed tick, 2 double wrappers, 3 muslin shirts, 2 canton flannel shirts, — pairs socks, 19 handkerchiefs.

Mrs. W. S. Haven—1 barrel potatoes and onions, 1 barrel potatoes, 1 do canned tomatoes and catsup, 19 cans fruit.

Mrs. Jas. Laughlin—39 cans of tomatoes, peaches and blackberry jam.

Mrs. J. W. Williams—2 cases of Underwood's Boston Pickles.

The pupils of the Birmingham Public School—100 cans fruit, 46 jars fruit, 32 glasses jelly, 28½ dozen lemons, 1 bag dried apples, 1 bag peaches, 20 quarts small dried fruit, 3 papers pepper and mustard, 55 lbs. corn starch, 20 bottles catsup, 8 lbs. sugar, 9 jars pickles, 1¼ lbs. tea, 13 cakes soap, 1 bag green apples, 1 sack onions, with sundry other articles.

Ladies' Aid Society, Allegheny.—1 pack cards, 1 sack onions, 2 pkgs. dried fruit, 2 pkgs. dried berries, 13 cans fruit, 1 jar jelly, 2 pairs woolen drawers, 2 flannel shirts, 2 pairs socks, 2 coats, 1 pair pants, 1 vest, 1 pkg. newspapers.

West Deer Aid Society—6 woolen shirts, 2 pairs socks.

Pittsburgh Subsistence Committee.—1 barrel containing 35 cans fruit, 1 sack dried fruit, 7 pillows, 1 bbl. lint, 1 demijohn of 5 gallons whisky, 1 large box containing clothing, bedding, and other articles.

Miller, Morrow & Co.—7 large empty boxes, half dozen blank books.

W. S. Haven & Co.—2 large empty boxes.

Bakewell & Pears—1 dozen empty boxes.

Ladies of the Unitarian Society, aided by other friends.—17 pairs woolen socks, 6 woolen shirts, 14 cotton shirts, 7 towels 3 pairs canton flannel drawers, 1 blanket, 1 jar preserves, 1 can tomatoes, 1 can soldiers' delight.

Mrs. Bailey.—6 pairs fine woolen socks.

Mrs. Francis —— jars canned fruit.

Mrs. Hallman, ——, the noble liberality of whose acknowledgments, at most recent, the Committee hopes that are long every individual will regard it a *duty* as well as a *pleasure* to cheerfully relieve when suffering the men who are sacrificing comfort, health and life in our *defense*.

The Subsistence Committee.

We visited the rooms of the Subsistence Committee on Liberty street, on Saturday last, but found the soldiers had all left except two, who were on their way home to Pomeroy, Ohio. One of them, quite a young man, was lying on a couch in the room, hardly able to speak or walk, being very much reduced by chronic diarrhœa. The other was an old man, a soldier from the same regiment, who had undertaken to see this boy safe home. They expected to leave in the evening on a boat for Pomeroy. Before leaving they were amply provided with food and medicines to last until they would reach home.

The Committee have fed over 350 sick and wounded soldiers at this room during the past week, besides over 2,000 paroled prisoners, from Annapolis, Md., were provided for at City Hall, on Thursday and Friday evenings, among whom were a number of wounded men, who received every attention they required. It is not necessary for us to say anything in commendation of the Committee. Their numerous acts of kindness and attention to soldiers passing through our city, are well known. We hope our citizens will not forget their part, but contribute liberally to this noble organization. Contributions of cash, or eatables of any description, can be left at the rooms on Liberty street or at Messrs. Wayman & Son, Smithfield street, or at Aiken, Bon & Co., Wood street.

Burglaries in the Fourth Ward.

On Saturday night or Sunday morning several burglaries were committed in the Fourth Ward, but so far as we can learn nothing of value was obtained by the thieves. The residence of James McAuley, Esq., on Duquesne Way, was visited, and both back doors were unlocked by means of "outsiders," but in addition to the locks the doors were provided with inside bolts, and hence the attempt was unsuccessful. The residence of William McKnight, Esq., corner of Penn and Pitt streets, was entered through the hall by the key having been turned from the outside. Mr. McKnight got awake, and his stirring about caused the rascals to decamp. Nothing was missed but a few cigars. A shawl had been spread in the hall, evidently for the purpose of carrying off their plunder. The residence of Mr. S. S. Fowler, corner of Penn and Hay streets, was also entered, but we believe the thieves met with no better success here.

For the information of the thieves we may state (what we know to be a fact) that two of the gentlemen upon whose premises they had entered were well provided for their reception, and if an opportunity had presented itself they would have received some metal that they were not expecting.

Query.—Where were the night police while these burglars were going from house to house, tampering with door locks?

Meeting of the Republican County Committee.

Pursuant to the call, the members of the Republican County Committee met at the Council Chamber, on Saturday, March 14, at 10 o'clock A. M. The President stated the object of the meeting. A free interchange of opinion was had, when the following resolutions were offered and passed:

Resolved, That the County Convention be held on the second day of June, and that primary meetings for election of delegates be held on Saturday, May 30, 1863.

Resolved, That the primary meetings in the cities and boroughs be held between the hours of 6 and 7 p. m.; and in the townships between the hours of 4 and 6 p. m., except in Collins and Peebles, which are to be held between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m. The voting in the cities and boroughs to be by ballot, and in the townships by ballot or marking, as each township may determine.

After the transaction of some unimportant business, the Committee then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

WM. B. NEALEY, Chairman.
JAS. L. SUTHERLAND, Secretary.

ACCIDENT ON THE MT. PLEASANT RAILROAD.—On Friday, the train which left Washington borough for Wheeling, conveyed a number of passengers who had no other object in view than to witness the execution of Pool, the murderer. At West Alexander, the engine ran off the track, burying itself in the mud. Some of the passengers hired hacks, while others pushed along on foot, but nearly all of them were too late to have their curiosity gratified.

IN THE CITY.—Capt. H. S. Tyler, of the 103d Regiment, (now Adjutant of the Third Brigade, Fifth Division,) arrived here on Friday night, on a visit to his friends in Allegheny.

Execution of a Murderer.

On Friday, Robert G. Pool was executed at Wheeling for the murder of Adam Bach. The execution took place in public, and was witnessed, it is said, by five thousand men, women and children. On Thursday night, a prayer meeting was held in Pool's cell until ten o'clock, after which he dictated two letters—one to a lady who had been attentive in ministering to him, and another to his brother Alexander, now confined in the Parkersburg jail for the murder of a fellow soldier. The condemned man then retired to his bunk, and appeared to sleep soundly for three hours. On Friday, as the time for execution approached, hundreds of people began to congregate about the jail. Religious services were held in the cell, after which the prisoner was dressed for the grave. A shroud was put on him, the rope was adjusted about his neck, and his hands were pinioned. Immediately after this was done, he asked for a chew of tobacco, which was given him. This singular request was not made for the purpose of showing his indifference, but because as desired the stimulant. At his own request, he walked around the jail, that he might bid his fellow prisoners farewell. As he went from cell to cell, the inmates, would reach their hands through the iron bars, when Pool would say: "I can't shake hands with you—my hands are tied. Good bye. I hope to meet you in heaven—you will all have to follow me some day and I hope you'll be prepared." The prisoners particularly the female portion, bade the condemned good bye with tears in their eyes, and all seemed to be much affected.

After taking leave of the jailor's family, he was conveyed in an omnibus, in company with several ministers, the sheriff, jailor, and others, to the place of execution—a ravine some distance from the city. The hills on either side of this ravine would furnish a view of the scaffold to one hundred thousand people. As the omnibus neared the place of execution, hundreds of people, men, women and children were seen hurrying along the side of the hill, falling in the snow and clinging to the bushes, encountering and overcoming all sorts of difficulties to reach the vicinity of the gallows, and obtain eligible positions from which to observe the horrible scene about to be enacted. Pool passed upon the scene with as much calmness as any other person in the vehicle. He seemed to be perfectly resigned, and his confidence in the Divine goodness seemed to increase as his last worldly journey diminished. He begged the sheriff not to fool and, remarking that he knew it was disagreeable duty to hang a man, but he hoped he would perform it with as little regret as possible.

Pool ascended the steps of the gallows with the same firmness that he had heretofore manifested, and took a seat. At his request, a man named Rodenbaugh was called from the crowd, and ascending the scaffold, Pool requested him to assist in taking down his body after he was dead, and to be careful that it did not fall to the ground. Rev. Mr. Barnes then read in a deep and impressive voice, the first seventeen verses of the fifty-first and the first four verses of the twenty-third Psalm.

At Pool's request, the ministers and others present joined in singing the hymn commencing—

> Jesus sought me when a stranger,
> Wandering from the fold of God,
> He to rescue me from danger,
> Interposed his precious blood.

Pool joined heartily in the singing, and his voice could be heard sometimes high above the rest. After the singing Pool made as if he designed to say something to the assembled multitude, but fearing he would not have sufficient voice requested Mr. Barnits to say for him that he implored all present to reconsider their sins and turn to God, as they hoped for peace in the world to come.

To the young men he wished it said that but for the intoxicating cup he might have been a useful and happy man instead of a condemned criminal. He exhorted them to flee from the wrath to come—that he forgave all his enemies and prayed that his enemies would forgive him.

Rev. Mr. Barnes then offered up a fervent prayer in behalf of the condemned, at the conclusion of which the rope was carefully adjusted around the firm cross beam, the cap was drawn over the unhappy culprit's head, the ministers and sheriffs shook him by the hand, the iron bolt was drawn from the trap door, the sheriff struck the trigger with his foot, and Robert G. Pool was launched into a boundless eternity. He struggled, though not with much violence, for about one minute. When the poor culprit dropped a number of horror went round the crowd, and hundreds turned away pale and faint from the sickening sight.

Pool after the cap was drawn over his eyes and in answer to the question—"are you ready?" said, "I'm quicker than lightning." These were the last words he uttered.

The body was permitted to hang half an hour, after which it was taken down, placed in the coffin, and removed to the jail, where it remained until Saturday, when it was delivered to his friends. The gallows was burnt to ashes immediately after the execution.

Before the execution Pool made what he termed a full and truthful statement of the circumstances attending the murder. He was intoxicated when he entered Buch's tavern, where he imbibed freely with others. A difficulty afterwards ensued, in which Buch was shot and mortally injured. He declared that he never intended to kill Buch, and thought that the pistol must have been discharged during the struggle, as he had no recollection of having pulled the trigger. "Buch's whisky," said Pool, "robbed me of my senses, and while in that state I robbed him of his life."

Pool was about twenty-five years of age, and previous to the murder had served in the army. His parents were respectable and worthy people, and adhered to the Quaker faith. He leaves two sisters, estimable ladies in all respects; and two brothers in Texas, both of whom are wealthy.

Union League of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania—To the Army of the Cumberland, Greeting.

WHEREAS, The deplorable fact exists, that Treason to the Government of the United States is not confined to the Rebellion in arms in the South, but that Traitors in the North, under various disguises, are furnishing "aid and comfort" to the enemies of the Republic, by word and deed; and whereas our gallant soldiers in the field must not only be sustained by men to recruit their thinned ranks, and by money to supply their physical wants, but that it is the moral duty of all patriots to protect them from the "FIRE IN THEIR REAR"—from the miscreants at home. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Union League of Allegheny County, Pa., in Grand Council assembled, that we pledge ourselves to use all lawful means to frustrate the purposes of these parricides, and bring to punishment every Traitor in our midst, who shall be guilty of any overt act of treason; and be it will exercise the most watchful vigilance to defeat and baffle the enemy at home.

Resolved, That we will sustain without condition or qualification the integrity of the Government of the United States in the honor of the Flag; and that while our brave soldiers are fighting our battles, and incurring the hardships of the camp and field, we will support and cherish them in their endeavors, and teach our children to love, to venerate, and to imitate the example of the brave men who [illegible] all in our defense.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Union League of Allegheny County be tendered to Major General ROSECRANS, and the officers and men of the gallant Army of the Cumberland for the glorious services which have attained, for the splendid victories, and undying ready consecrated their [illegible] not, are the harbingers of greater victories, and [illegible] more glorious consummation yet to come.

Resolved, That a hearty and generous welcome be extended to our fellow-citizen [illegible] tried soldier General James S. Negley, by this Council, and that he be charged in behalf of this Union League, of which he is an honored member, to convey to the brave Pennsylvania Regiments in his Division, as well as to all others in the army of the Cumberland, the grateful homage and profound admiration not only of this Council but of all loyal men, inspired by their gallant conduct in their late encounters with the enemies of their country.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our Minutes, and that they be signed by the officers of this Council, and that ten thousand copies be printed and transmitted to Major General Rosecrans for distribution amongst the various Regiments in the Army of the Cumberland.

BURGLARY IN ALLEGHENY.—On Saturday night the shoe shop of Mr. Leonard Snyder, situated on the corner of Water street and Pike alley, was entered by forcing open the back door, and one pair of boots and two pair of shoes were stolen.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

Reported for this Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, March 13, 1863.

HOUSE—The following Bills were favorably reported by the respective committees to which they were referred; Bill to authorize the opening of Main street in Lawrenceville, Allegheny county; bill validating the payment of bounties to volunteers in the county of Beaver; supplement to an act for the regulation of the militia of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; bill to facilitate anatomical researches; bill to provide for the payment of the nine months' soldiers in Butler county; bill to legalize the levying and collecting of a certain tax in Lawrence county, to pay the bounty to volunteers; bill to incorporate the Rye Exchange Association of Pittsburgh; bill to incorporate the Zoological Society of Philadelphia; bill to authorize the sale of a certain lot of ground of the Society of Friends in Washington county; bill to enable trustees of railroad stocks of the city of Pittsburgh, to sell or assign said stocks; and bill relative to the taking of certain ground situated in the city of Pittsburgh, by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company were reported with amendments.

The supplement to an act to prevent the forcible and fraudulent crossing of bridges without payment of toll, approved March 10, 1858, was reported with a negative recommendation.

Bill for the adoption of Agnes Credilla Stark, daughter of Joseph Stark and Mary Ann Hartman and Thomas McKeown Spencer, son of Ann Spencer, deceased, and E. Spencer, as adopted children of Daniel Hollerich; a supplement to the act relative to hawkers and peddlers in the borough of Greensburg and for other purposes, approved May 14, 1852, were reported as committed.

The bill to provide for the ordinary expenses of the government and other general and specific appropriations was considered in Committee of the Whole and reported to the House with amendments. The total expenditures is $6,922,734 97. The committee struck out section fifty-one, providing $40,000 for the erection of new wings to the Capitol. The committee made an amendment for the erection of a building (at the Dixmonts Hospital) all for the use of the resident physician, and other officers, $6,000.

The House adjourned at 4 h. 44 m. until 7½ o'clock Monday evening.

SENATE.—The following petitions and remonstrances were introduced:

Mr. Graham, petition of citizens of Allegheny county against repealing an act passed in 1857 to prevent cattle, horses, sheep and swine from running at large in said county.

Mr. Reilly, petition of citizens of Schuylkill county for a National Convention; also, three remonstrances of citizens of Schuylkill county against the passage of a law granting to corporations the right to hold their own mining property.

Mr. Reilly introduced a bill to incorporate the Keystone Gold and Silver Mining Company. The Corporators are: Benj. Hayward, Thomas A. Scott, F. W. Hughes, E. M. Clymer, A. B. Cochran, Lloomis G. Marshall, E. Metzger, and A. Cochran, and their associates. They are to hold property, real, personal and mixed, and to hold and improve lands in Colorado Territory to obtain minerals and valuable substances.

Mr. McSherry, bill to incorporate the Inland Telegraph Company. Corporators are: David Wills, Joel B. Danner, Henry J. Stahle, George Arnold and Thomas McSherry, of the borough of Gettysburg; A. W. Eichelberger and Henry Wirt, of the borough of Hanover; William McClellan, Allison Euper, Geo. Hoover, of Chambersburg; Wm. P. Schell and Alex King, of Bedford, and William M. Hersh, of Pittsburgh, and their associates.

The line is to maintain telegraph lines and communication from the point of connection with the lines of the American Telegraph Company, at Hanover Junction, in York county, on the southern Central Railroad, through the boroughs of Hanover, Gettysburg, Chambersburg and Bedford to the city of Pittsburg, with such intermediate villages and towns, and from Pittsburgh, west to the Ohio State line. Capital stock, 4,0 0 shares of $50 each.

Section four gives power to purchase, make use and maintain any connecting or side lines.

Mr. Lamberton, joint resolution for the recall of the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps.

WHEREAS, In response to the application of the Executive to the War Department, asking that the remnant of that gallant band of heroes, the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps," "be ordered to Harrisburg, in order to fill up its ranks," the Secretary of War replied that, "if our request be acceded to, all similar applications must be granted;" and

WHEREAS, The War Department has since then adopted a different policy, in permitting the second five year regiment, alleged to be 600 strong, to return to that State to recruit its ranks and for other purposes; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to ask the War Department that the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps be permitted to return to this State for the purpose of recruiting its decimated ranks and perfect its organization.

The following bills were passed: A bill to incorporate the Cooper Five Arms Manufacturing Company; a bill to repeal the special road law, in certain townships in Allegheny county; a bill to authorize the location of four supervisors for Hanover township, Westmoreland county.

The bill to incorporate the United Presbyterian Board of Publication was reported from the Committee without amendments. The corporators named are—Rev. David H. Kerr, D. D., Rev. Jas. R. Wylie, D. D., Rev. Jas. Hodgers, D. D., Rev. Geo. G. Brown, Rev. George C. Vincent, Charles Arbuthnot, James McCandless, James Robb, and William Stevenson.

Adjourned till Monday.

The Copperhead Press.

Messrs. Editors: I read with pleasure the vigorous resolutions of the Washington county meeting, as published in your paper of this morning. Who would not rather have "armed traitors in an open field" than secret traitors in our midst." It is the difference between an enemy whom you can meet face to face, and the assassin who uses the dagger on you in the dark. And yet there are men in this community who, while openly and honestly joining in the support of the government and denouncing the traitors, are as openly contributing their money to sustain and propogate the vicious principles of the Thugs who are organized against the life of our free government.

I occasionally see a newspaper, published in a neighboring county, the reading matter of which is of the most traitorous and detestable stamp. And yet its advertising columns teem with the names of citizens who would vigorously resent the least imputation on their loyalty. How can these gentlemen aid in furnishing means for the war against principle, which ought to be as dear to them as life itself? What pecuniary profit will justify them?—and how can they reconcile their conduct with CONSISTENCY?

Our Book Table.

Prayerful Sympathy Invoked for America. A Sermon preached at Queen Street Chapel, Islington, England, on Sunday, December 21st, 1862. By the Rev. Alfred C. Thomas. Philadelphia: W. S. & A. Martien. Pittsburgh: R. S. Davis, 83 Wood street.

Within the past few months, many a voice of christian sympathy with this nation in its great struggle with the conspirators of slavery, has been heard from the British pulpit. Soon as the President's proclamation made the issue clear, the venal portion of the press could no longer mislead the people of England; and the stipendiary scribes of Mr. Jefferson Davis suddenly found their occupation gone—at least, become worthless to their employer. The above discourse, as one of the first of those earnest utterances of fraternal sentiment, which are now abounding, well deserved republication in this country, and will be read with cordial appreciation.

Who Will Care for the Orphans?

A Nashville paper contains the following announcement: "Mrs. Mary Mulloy, wife of John Mulloy, who is supposed to have been killed in battle, died in this city last Saturday, in a state of great destitution, leaving three children, a boy and two girls, who have been temporarily provided for. It is thought by neighbors that the mother has relatives in Pittsburgh, Pa., who would take charge of the children. If such is the fact, they can obtain information by addressing Bishop Whelan, at the Cathedral, Nashville, Tenn.

A gala day for the ladies, to-morrow, Tuesday. Barker & Co., 59 Market street, have a grand exhibition of Spring Mantles, Saques and Cloaks. Marshall be greatly disappointed, judging from what we have seen, if this house does not take the lead this season in this, as it always has in every other branch of the dry goods trade.

SICK IN PHILADELPHIA.—Among a number of sick and wounded soldiers, conveyed to Philadelphia, from Washington, on Friday last, were two from Col. Allen's Regiment, (155th) viz: Alex. Porter, Co. B, and John V. Read, Co. H.

THE hour of the annual meeting of the Pittsburgh and Boston Mining Co., has been changed from 2½ p. m. to 11 o'clock, a. m., on Monday the 16th inst.

WANTS.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—An engineer, at the Pittsburgh Locomotive Works. Apply at the office, No. 420 Liberty street.

WANTED—A SALESMAN, to take charge of a Fruit Garden and nursery in the city. Recommendations required. Inquire at WATER STREET.

SITUATION WANTED.—A Man, (wounded in arm at Battle of Antietam, which prevents him from working at his trade,) wishes a situation at anything where heavy work is not required at present. Enquire at No. 307 Liberty street, or address "S. H. C., Box 649, Pittsburgh P. O."

BUTTER—1,000 lbs. Fresh; EGGS—10 bbls Fresh; PEACHES—100 bush. Halves; EGGS—10 lbs. White; Now receiving and for sale by R. RIDDLE, No. 752 Liberty street.

THE LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, March 16, 1863.

PROMOTIONS.

Gens. Schurz and Stahl, nominated yesterday as Major Generals, were at once confirmed. Gen. Morrel, nominated for a similar promotion, was not acted upon.

Major Wm. A. Murfey, nominated as paymaster in the regular army, was rejected.

Gens. Mitchell, of Kansas, and Schoolfield were given the go-by by the Senate. Also numerous Chaplains and Brevet promotions.

DEATH OF J. W. NOELL.

Everybody was shocked and surprised at the death of John W. Noell. He was known to be seriously ill, but a fatal result had not been apprehended. His death was caused by an abcess in the head of a most malignant type, and producing towards the close terrible agony. Last December he was very ill in St. Louis from the same disease, while on his way here. Fears are expressed that his district cannot now send so reliable a man to take his place, and the probabilities are that his death diminishes by yet one more vote the perilous small chances for a Republican majority in the next House.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

The workings of the internal revenue law begins to be most satisfactory. With weekly receipts of over a million and a half per week, the interest on the public debt is safe. The following is last week's statement: Receipts for the week ending March 14th, 1863, $1,662,691 37. Increase over the previous week, $368,979 77. Average receipts per day, $277,115 22.

THE DISTRICT SUPREME COURT.

A vacancy exists on the bench of the District Supreme Court, the confirmation of Andrew Wylie, of Va., for the position having been reconsidered. His letter retracting the threats against Senator Trumbull did not suffice to save him. The charges which called forth these threats affected the personal honesty of Wylie.

THE EXCITEMENT IN THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC On Thursday was caused by a false report of the enemy having crossed the Rappahannock at the United States ford.

NEW DISCOVERIES OF GOLD.

Official letters from Lapas Arizona speak of the recent discoveries of very rich gold, silver and quicksilver mines there.

RUMORS AFLOAT.

There were rumors of great successes at Vicksburgh dying through the streets all this afternoon.

SECRETARY CHASE

Is expected to return from New York on Monday or Tuesday

FROM MURFREESBORO.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

MURFREESBORO, March 15, 1863.

A refugee from Georgia, who escaped about the beginning of the year, declares there are thousands in that section of country who are praying for the success of the Union arms. All through the northern portions of his State and Alabama he reports a terrible destitution of the necessaries of life. He says he knows of many slaveholders who would gladly give up their last negro if they could be relieved from the crushing military despotism now prevalent in the South. He is sure that if the Northern people could only look for one day at the sufferings, of the Unionists in these States, there would be no further difference of opinion amongst them as to the war.

All the troops that went out after Van Dorn have returned.

Col. Walker's brigade, of Gen. Fry's division, broke up camp yesterday. They will probably be heard of in the front.

First Lieut. Geo. P. Stiles, of the 31st Ohio, who was dismissed from service upon a misapprehension of facts connected with his absence from his regiment, has been honorably restored. Lieut. Stiles is an ex-United States Judge for Utah Territory. He is a prominent Democrat in his section of country and a devoted friend to the cause. He reports to Col. Mundy for duty at Louisville.

The rebels are getting thick again in Wilson county.

Joseph King, of Company O, 24th Ohio, for killing George Dart, of the same company and regiment, on the 13th of January last, has been sentenced to hard labor in the Alton penitentiary for 20 years.

Colonel Coburn is at Atlanta, Ga.

There has been beautiful weather for the last five days, but there is strong indications of rain to-night. F.

From the Mississippi Squadron.

U. S. MISSISSIPPI SQUADRON,
YAZOO RIVER, March 10th,
Via Memphis and Louisville, March 13.

Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy:

I have been pretty well assured for some time past that the Indianola had been blown up in consequence of the appearance of a wooden imitation mortar, which was sunk with their batteries. The mortar was a valuable aid to us; it forced away the Queen of the West, and caused the blowing up of the Indianola.

The following is an account of the affair, taken from the Vicksburg *Whig*, of the 5th inst., of the destruction of the Indianola:

"We stated a day or two since we would not enlighten our readers in regard to a matter which was puzzling them very much. We alluded to the loss of the gunboat Indianola, recently captured from the enemy. We were loth to acknowledge that she had been destroyed, but such is the case.

"The Yankee barge which was sent down the river last week, was reported to be an ironclad gunboat. The authorities thinking that the monster would retake the Indianola, immediately issued an order to blow her up—which was sent down by the commander to the officer in charge of the vessel. A few hours afterwards another order was sent down countermanding the first, it being ascertained that the monstrous craft was only a coal boat, but before it reached the Indianola she had been blown to atoms. Who is to blame for this folly and this precipitancy? It would really seem as if we had no use for gunboats on the Mississippi, as a coal barge is magnified into a monster, and our authorities immediately order a boat that would have been worth a small army to be blown up."

[Signed] D. D. PORTER,
Acting Rear Admiral, Com. Miss. Squadron.

Ratifying the Proceedings of the Late Cooper Institute Meeting.

NEW YORK, March 15.—There was an immense gathering at the Academy of Music last evening, to ratify the proceedings at the late Cooper Institute meeting. Secretary Chase and Wells were present. Among the speakers were Gen. Wool, Gen. Cochran and James T. Brady, who presided. Also Ex-Governor Wright, of Indiana, Gov. Johnson, of Tennessee, and Gen. Weitmore. General Scott was prevented by illness from presiding. The plan of organization for the loyal Union League was adopted with enthusiasm. Gen. Scott was chosen President, and the list of Vice Presidents and the Executive Committee include many of our most prominent citizens.

Secretary Chase in New York.

YORK, March 15.—The *Herald* has from Washington that Secretary Chase has been very successful in making arrangements in New York for extensive loans, which will relieve the wants of the Government to such an extent as to preclude any probability of an additional issue of legal tenders.

Letter from General Halleck.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The following letter, dated "Headquarters of the Army, Washington, March 15, 1863," has been addressed by Major General Halleck to Major General Rosecrans, commanding, etc., at Murfreesboro, Tenn:

GENERAL,—I have just received Major General J. J. Reynolds' letter of February 10th, with your endorsement of Feb. 18. The suggestions of Gen. Reynolds and Gen. Thomas, in regard to the more rigid treatment of all disloyal persons within the lines of your army, are approved. No additional instructions from these headquarters are deemed necessary. You have already been urged to procure your subsistence, forage, and means of transportation, so far as possible, in the country occupied. This you had a right to do without any instructions. As commanding General in the field, you have power to enforce all the laws and usages of war, however rigid and severe these may be, unless there be some act of Congress, regulation order, or instructions, forbidding or restricting such enforcements. As a general rule, you must be the judge where it is best to rigidly apply these laws, and where a more lenient course is of greater advantage to our cause. Distinctions, however, should always be made in regard to the character of the people in the district of the country which is militarily occupied or passed over. The people of the country in which you are likely to operate may be divided into three classes:

1st. The truly loyal, who neither aid nor assist the rebels, except under compulsion, but who favor or assist the Union forces; where it can possibly be avoided, this class of persons should not be subjected to military requisitions, but should secure the protection of our arms. It may, however, sometimes be necessary to take their property, either for our own use or to prevent its falling into the hands of the enemy. They will be paid at the time the value of such property, or if that be impracticable, they will, hereafter, be fully indemnified. Receipts should be given for all property so taken without being paid for.

2d. Those who take no active part in the war, but belong to a class, known in military law as non-combatants. In a civil war like that now waged, this class is supposed to sympathize with rebellion, rather than with the Government. There can be no such thing as neutrality with the government in rebellion. This term is applicable only to foreign powers. Such persons, so long as they commit no hostile act, and confine themselves to their private avocations, are not to be molested by military forces, nor is their property to be seized except as a military necessity. They are, however, subject to forced loans and military requisitions, and their houses, billeted for soldiers' quarters and to appropriation for other temporary military uses. Subject to these impositions, the non-combatant inhabitants of a district of country occupied by one of the belligerents, are entitled to civil protection of the occupying forces; but while entitled to such protection they incur very serious obligations—obligations differing in some respects from those of civil allegiance, but equally binding. For example, those who rise in arms against the occupying army or against the authority established by the same are rebels or military traitors, and incur the penalty of death. They are not entitled to be considered prisoners of war when captured. Their property is subject to military seizure and military confiscation. Military treason of this kind is broadly distinguished from the treason defined in the Constitution and statutes. The latter is made punishable by civil courts.

Military treason is not an offence punishable by the common law of war, against persons belonging to such occupied territory and within the military lines of the occupying forces. They can give no information to the enemy of the occupying power without proper authority to do so, and the party not only forfeits all claim to protection, but subjects himself or herself to be punished either as a spy or military traitor, according to the character of the particular offence. Our treatment of such offences and such offenders has hitherto been altogether too lenient, and a more strict enforcement of the laws of war in this respect is recommended. Such offenders should be made to understand the penalties they incur, and to know that these penalties will be rigidly enforced.

3d. Those who are openly and avowedly hostile to the occupying army, but who do not take up arms against such forces. In other words, while claiming to be non combatants they repudiate the obligation tacitly or impliedly incurred by other inhabitants of the occupied territory. Such persons not only incur all the obligations imposed upon other non-combatant inhabitants of the same territory, and are liable to the same punishment for offences committed, but they may be treated as prisoners of war, and be subjected to the rigors of imprisonment, or to expulsion as non-combatants and enemies.

I am of the opinion that such persons should not, as a general rule, be permitted to go at large within our lines. Those capable of bearing arms, if allowed to go within the lines of the enemy, will add to his effective force, and to place them in confinement, will require guards for their safe keeping, and this necessarily diminishes our active forces in the field. You must be determined in each particular case which course will be most advantageous. We have suffered very severely from this class, and it is time the laws of war should be more rigorously enforced against them. A broad line of distinction must be drawn between our friends and enemies, between loyal and disloyal. The foregoing remarks have reference only to military stations and to military offenses under the laws of war. They are not applicable to civil offenses under the Constitution, and general laws of the land. The laws and usages of civilized war must be your guide in the treatment of all claims of persons of the country in which your army may operate, or which it may occupy, and you will be permitted to decide for yourself where it is best to act with rigor, and where it is best to be more lenient. You will not be trammelled with minute instructions.

Very respectfully, your ob't ser't,
(Signed) H. W. HALLECK,
General-in-Chief.

Important from Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—It was evident that there was not a quorum of Senators present to-day, a number having left Washington during this week for their homes.

At two o'clock, the Senate adjourned *sine die*.

Many nominations of brevet rank for marked military service, which, by a recent law, the President was authorized to confer, were not sent upon.

Andrew Wylie was, on Thursday, confirmed as one of the Justices of the Supreme Court for the District of Columbia, but for reasons satisfactory to the Senate, the vote was after wards reconsidered, and to the appointment

Before the close of the session, there were several confirmations, including the following: Major General Stoneman, of Volunteers, to be Major General, from Nov. 29th, instead of Dec. 31st last. Colonel Lightburn, of the 4th Virginia Volunteers, and Colonel John D. Stevenson, of the Missouri Vols., to be Brig. Generals. George F. Smith, of Penn's; and A. W. Noronos, to be Military Storekeeper; Col. Thos. G. Stephenson, of the 24th, to be Brigadier General of Volunteers; Capt. Jas. J. Palmer, to be a Commander on the active list from the 7th of February, 1863; Com. mander Geo. F. Emmons, to be Captain in the Navy on the active list from the 7th of February, 1863; R. J. Meigs, of Tennessee, to be a Commissioner to revise and codify the laws of the District of Columbia, pursuant to the 19th section of an act entitled "an act to reorganize the Courts in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," approved March 3d, 1863.

John W. Noell, of Mo., a member of the late House of Representatives, died to-day after several weeks illness.

Two hundred and eighty rebel prisoners were conveyed from the Old Capitol prison to-day on the steamer State of Maine, which will take them to City Point under a flag of truce to be exchanged. They were enlisted or actually enlisted, both at the Old Capitol and on the wharf, by a large number of persons, including many women. The rebels were evidently delighted with the salutations they received from their friends. They were under the escort of a strong guard.

A telegram from Gen. Rosecrans states that, according to a report which had reached him, the rebels have evacuated Vicksburg.

Information had been previously received here that the enemy were moving their stores and war materials from Vicksburg into the interior. Nothing, however, is officially so as to speak with certainty of an actual evacuation.

Polish Demonstration.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Several hundred Poles held a meeting last evening, and adopted an address responsive to that of the Polish National Committee. A committee was appointed to arrange for a grand demonstration at the Cooper Institute.

From Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, March 15.—Gen. Wright has prohibited the sale of arms and ammunition, except upon special permit—any violation to be followed by the confiscation of goods and seizure of stock of the vender.

The *Commercial's* Memphis dispatch confirms the reported surprise and capture of Richardson's guerrilla force near Covington, Tenn., and their camp destroyed.

Gen. Looney's camp at Wesley was also surprised by Col. Lee, and a large portion captured, together with Gen. Looney, Major Sanford, Capt. Bright and Lieut. Williams.

The *Commercial's* advices from Vicksburg report all quiet.

The river is very high. The back-water had broken through the levee, and filled the canal, rendering work impossible.

The river at Memphis is within fourteen inches of high water mark, and rising two or three inches per day.

Arrival of a Prize Steamer.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The prize steamer Adela has arrived. The steamer Arago from Port Royal, with dates to the 12th inst., has arrived. Gen. Naglee and the following members of his staff are passengers on the Arago: Capt. Geo. A. Johnston, A. A. G. and Chief of Staff; Lieut. E. M. Bishop, Quartermaster, Lieuts. C. W. Matthews and C. R. Johnston, Aides-de-Camp.

It was feared at Port Royal by the General's friends that the personal difficulties existing between him and the Secretary of War had something to do with his recall. Gen. Terry was in command of Gen. Foster's forces.

Markets by Telegraph.

PHILADELPHIA, March 14—NOON.—Breadstuffs are dull, and prices are in a hot drooping. There is very little shipping demand for Flour, and only 1,000 bbls sold at $6 for Superfine, $6 75@7 for extra and $7 37½ for Extra Family—500 blue Ohio Family at $8 ton. Rye Flour is dull at $5, and Corn Meal at $4. There is no demand for Wheat, and prices are 3c lower; sales of 5,000 bush Red at $1 70@1 73, and White at $1 80@1 95. Corn is scarce and Yellow is in demand at 83c. Oats selling freely at 72c. Barley is worth $1 45@1 50, and malt $1 80. Cloverseed sells at $6@6 50, and Flaxseed at $4. Provisions are held firmly at $16@16 50 for Mess Pork. 50,000 lbs Bacon sold in lots at 5½@5½c, and 200 casks pickled Hams at 8½@9c. Lard is steady at 11½@11¾c. Whisky moves slowly at 50@51c.

NEW YORK, March 14—