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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Trial of Captain Thomas Rodgers for the Murder of John Thompson Hart Vandegrift.

THIRD DAY.

Court met at nine o'clock. Present Judges McClure, Mellon and Adams.

The testimony for the defence was taken up at the opening of the Court and proceeded as follows.

Henry Murphy, sworn.—Was acquainted with Vandegrift; have known him sixteen or seventeen years; saw him on the day of this occurrence, about eleven o'clock in the morning. Captain Boles was with me; we were on Water street, near Wood, standing in a door-way. I called him to me and told him he ought to be ashamed of himself to pick up a fuss with an old man like Captain Rodgers in such excitable times. He started off towards one of those little dog-rates, and he replied: "Captain Rodgers drew a knife on me and I'm going in there to get a knife to cut his heart out." Vandegrift then went into the house; couldn't name the house. We then started up Wood street, towards Hanna, Hart & Co's. saw Captain Rodgers near the corner of Wood and Water, with Mr Rano and Mr. Whitten. Beckoned to Rodgers and told him I wanted him to come up street with me, as he was in great danger; told him afterwards from whom he was in danger. Saw Vandegrift standing at the corner of Wood street, looking at me. Told defendant he was in danger from Vandegrift, but did not give him the substance of his threats. After this conversation Rodgers went up First street towards Market.

Captain Robert Boles, sworn.—Know the last witness on the stand, was with him on the morning of April 29 1, when we met Vandegrift on Water street, near Wood in answer to Mr. Murphy's remark that he ought to be ashamed of himself for raising a fight with Rodgers, Vandegrift answered: "I don't care a G—d d—n; I'm going right in here to buy a knife and I'm going to cut his d—n heart out. Murphy said: "Tom, don't do that, let him alone." Vandegrift replied: "I don't care a d—n, I'll have his heart's blood." He then went into Connelly's store, where they sell knives, &c. We walked up Wood street and I told Captain Rodgers in conversation with Captain Joe Smith. Murphy said to Rodgers: "Come, Captain, go up street with me." Defendant replied: "I have business down at the Association Room." Murphy said: "I ask one favor, go with me; don't go down that way, your life is in danger." We went up Wood street with Captain R

Defendant's counsel proposed to ask witness if he heard Murphy communicate to Rodgers the threats made by Vandegrift. To this the Commonwealth objected, Murphy having already testified as to what he did say. The Court ruled that the evidence might be given as cumulative or corroborative, but not so as to contradict Murphy.

Robert Boles, cross-examined.—Murphy said to Rodgers: "You are in danger of your life! You go down that way." We walked up street half a square, when he said: "I must go down to the Association Rooms. I have business there and will not be scared away from it." Mr. Whitten came up and said to him go with me, a roundabout way. They went down Wood to First and down First toward Market. Why we were in conversation with Captain Rodgers saw Vandegrift at the corner of Wood and Water streets. From where we stood to the Association Rooms, the most direct route was along Wood to Water street. Captain Rodgers turned into First street from Wood and was out of our sight. Captain Rodgers boat was lying between Wood and Market street, to the best of my knowledge. The most direct course to his boat would have been down Wood street. On the same morning saw Vandegrift and Rodgers together; the first time I saw them in close quarters, with quarrelsome design, was on the corner of First and Wood streets, about nine o'clock in the morning. I came down to the mouth of Market street; saw a crowd near the Association Room. Vandegrift was on the pave near the Association Rooms entrance. Rodgers was standing in the door. A short time afterwards saw Vandegrift and Rodgers at the corner of First and Wood. I was on the corner of First and Market; Rodgers back was toward me; he was standing on the pavement; did not go down to where they were; did not see Captain Rodgers afterwards until I met him when I was with Murphy. Had known Vandegrift well for eight or nine years; he was apparently heavier built than Rodgers, and I think about 35 years old.

Cross Examined.—And not near Vandegrift; say Rodgers had drawn a knife on him, or that Rodgers had attacked him. Did not hear Murphy tell Rodgers Vandegrift had said he would cut his heart out. When Murphy told Rodgers he was in danger of no life, he had been talking about Vandegrift and referred to him. When I saw Rodgers and Vandegrift at the corner of Wood and First, saw Vandegrift striking at Rodgers; there was a wagon between me and Vandegrift. I then walked down to Water street met Murphy and we were walking up Water street when we saw Vandegrift, and had the conversation with him during which he made the threats. It was about twenty-five minutes from the time I saw Rodgers and Vandegrift at the corner of First and Wood that the latter made the threats. Capt. Rodgers did not exhibit a weapon or state he had one when Vandegrift's threats were communicated to him

Samuel J. Reno, recalled.—Saw Capt. Boles, Vandegrift and another man together on the morning of the occurrence—I was passing heard Vandegrift say "he would get a knife and cut his (Rodgers') heart out;" he then went out into the saloon.

Capt. Frank Maratta sworn.—Am Captain of the Sunny Side; was acquainted with Vandegrift; knew him about ten years. Do not recollect making a trip on the Marmora. Capt. Brennan, knew Rodgers, eight or ten days before the occurrence, my clerk, Henry McKinney, myself and Vandegrift were in conversation in the city of Cincinnati. Vandegrift was talking about skinning the Clara Dean. This was a Sun ay evening; he was following us up; he would give satisfaction out of three "enemies," adding, "and there's that G——d d——n ——— with Tom Rodgers, I'll cut the heart out of him the first time I see him." I rebuked him, saying Rodgers was a decent man. On the day of the shooting saw Vandegrift about ten o'clock in the morning in front of the Association Rooms. He was following Rodgers up and said (cursing and drawing his coat off,) "I'll whip you, or any other pimp of Bill Martin." Told Vandegrift to put his coat on, but he would pay no attention to me. Mr. Fitzsimmons afterwards made him put his coat on. Seen afterwards saw the two at the corner of First and Wood; Vandegrift had a large stone in his hand and was threatening to knock Rodgers' brains out; Rodgers did not resist him or make any reply. Went up in company with George Neal, to the rooms of the Committee on Public Safety, and about an hour afterwards returned to my boat. At half past twelve Rodgers came down to the boat, and took dinner with me. After dinner we went out on the boiler deck. I told Capt Rodgers to be cautious, as Vandegrift was a bad, quarrelsome man, and would catch him up town and kill him. Also told defendant of the threats made by Vandegrift in Cincinnati. A little after one o'clock he started up from the boat to go to McCully's warehouse. On parting with him at the gangway told him to watch these men or they would take his life.

Cross Examined.—My boat lay half way between Market and Wood; the "Dadem" lay nearer Wood street. (McCully's warehouse is on Wood, between Sixth and Liberty.) After Vandegrift put his coat on at the Association Rooms, Rodgers took him by the arm, and walked around Market street, as I thought, to make up the difficulty.

Capt Woodburn, sworn.—Took dinner on the Sunny Side, on the 29th of April, at half past twelve, with Wm. Atwood, the officers of the boat, Captain Rodgers and others. Left the boat soon after dinner was over, nearly one o'clock; left Captain Rodgers on the boat.

Daniel Fitzsimmons, sworn.—Know Captain Rodgers; had known Vandegrift eight or ten years. On the morning of April 29th, about ten o'clock, in front of the Association Rooms, saw Vandegrift jump out, fronting the pavement; he swore he could whip Rodgers (who was standing in the doorway of Jones' insurance office) or any of Capt. Martin's pimps, at the same time pulling his coat off and throwing it down on the pavement. Captain Maratta was present and tried ineffectually to pacify Vandegrift. I stepped forward, spoke to Vandegrift and he put on his coat and moved off towards the corner. I then went to Rodgers, took him by the arm and told him to go up to the meeting. He (Rodgers) refused and Vandegrift, took him by the arm and walked around Market street. Probably quarter of an hour afterwards I walked up to the corner of Market and Water, having seen several gentlemen there who told me Rodgers and Vandegrift had another difficulty near Wood street. About 11 o'clock, while I was at my warehouse talking to Captain Rodgers, I saw Vandegrift at the corner of Market and Water, with Captain Martin. I then cautioned Rodgers to beware of Vandegrift; Rodgers left me and went down toward the Association Rooms.

Reese J. Thomas, sworn.—Was at the office of the Western Insurance Company, on the morning of the occurrence, between half past nine and ten, coming towards Market street. Saw the difficulty between Vandegrift and Rodgers. (Testimony corroborative of other witnesses.)

Captain Wm. Martin, sworn.—Knew deceased; have known Rodgers twelve years. Saw Vandegrift, on the morning of the occurrence, after the second difficulty, at the corner of Market and Water streets; saw Captain Rodgers after I had left Vandegrift, don't know whether he passed us while we were talking.

John Blair, sworn.—Reside in Allegheny City; am a teamster. On the morning of the killing, saw Captain Rodgers on Wood street, a little below First. Was walking up Wood when Vandegrift and Rodgers had just turned the corner from First. Heard loud talking, and looking up saw Vandegrift just in the act of throwing a large stone. I have the stone, (exhibited a large boulder weighing three or four pounds.) They passed down, still talking loud. Capt. R. spoke to me, heard him say to Vandegrift: "Don't be excited." They walked into Oliver's store and I saw them talking there in the door; as I passed them, saw Vandegrift throw the stone from him; next morning went an got the stone; think it is the same stone Vandegrift had, as it was lying nearly where he threw it. Had looked the day before to see where Vandegrift got the stone, but could see no other lying loose.

Defendant's counsel called Henry Ackley, by whom they proposed to give deceased's account of the difficulty at Wood and First streets and prove other threats made against Rodgers, on the day of the killing. Commonwealth objected, because the offer of testimony is merely that of hearsay and the declarations not being made under apprehension of impending death could not be received as dying declaration; further, that the threats were not communicated to defendant and were therefore inadmissible.

This point having been fully argued by counsel, Court took a recess until two o'clock

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the re-assembling of Court, at 2 o'clock, the evidence in dispute was admitted, and the witness proceeded to testify.

About twelve o'clock on the day of the shooting had a conversation with deceased. He stated that Rogers had been talking about him; that he (V.) wanted to fight Rodgers in front of the Association Rooms, when he refused and took him by the arm, walking along First street to Wood, where he (V.) called Rodgers a ——— ——h. This Rodgers said he would not take, when Vandegrift jumped into the street and seized a boulder, swearing he would as soon kill him as not. Rodgers told him not to dare strike him Vandegrift; said he talked him out of it then but he would not do it this time

Michael Flaherty, sworn.—Knew deceased; was in Connolly's the morning of the shooting, about ten o'clock. Vandegrift came in and asked the ow keeper for a knife; John Connolly, the bar-keeper, refused the knife; he again asked for a white-handled knife which had been in he case, but did not get it; said if he had it he would are revenge on Captain Rodgers

Henry McKinney, sworn.—Knew deceased while living; s on the Sunny Side in April last. On a Sunday in that month was with deceased and Captain Maratta in Cincinnati. Deceased was talking to the steamboat captains generally and among others Capta n Rodgers, concerning whom he used very bad language and swore he would be avenged on him. This was after I heard of the conversation, as I walked off to get out of Vandegrift

Cross Examined.—Never told Capt. Rogers what I heard Vandegrift say.

Anthony Meahan, sworn.—On the day of the shooting, saw Vandegrift coming out of John Connelly's, third door from the corner of Wood, on Water, about half past one o'clock in the afternoon. He went out to the hydrant at the corner, approaching Davis, who was waiting on him, sitting on the hydrant. Heard the two talking; Vandegrift said to David: "Where the h——l and d——n have you been all day?" Davis answered: "I spent part of the time on the Marmora?" Vandegrift said: "I had a nice fight for you if I'd seen you this morning." Davis said: "I'd like to see it! Who is it?" Vandegrift—"Tom Rodgers, the ———" Davis ——"What! the man on the Diadem?" Vandegrift—"Yes." Davis—"If I see him I'd like to knock his head off." Vandegrift—"If you don't, I'll cut his d——d heart out." Then went down to the Sunny Side and saw Rodgers leave Captain Maratta and go up the wharf. It was not five minutes until I heard the shooting.

Samuel J. Reno, recalled.—Heard Vandegrift and Davis talking about Rodgers when he came up to them. They were talking in an ordinary tone of voice, and spoke of whipping Rodger. Davis said to him that Vandegrift was going to tell Rodgers he had a boy to whip him, and that boy was him (Davis). "Ain't you, Vandegrift answered "yes." Rodgers was passing at the time; and after walking a step or two turned back. Witness then proceeded to give the circumstances of the shooting, substantially the same as when on the stand for the Commonwealth, except that he stated that Captain Rodgers, when he went back, raised up his hand as though exclaiming.

William R. Reno, sworn.—Am between fifteen and sixteen years of age. Do not know Rodgers; knew Vandegrift about four months. Went to the wharf with my cousin Sam. Vandegrift and Davis were at the corner of Wood and Water; we sat down there. Sam and Vandegrift were talking, but I paid no attention to them. Rodgers came along, walked past, turned back and motioned I turned round to look at the steamboat bellie last. Heard scuffle, looked around, saw Davis, Vandegrift and Rodgers all together. The witness corroborated his cousin in the main points, but stated that when Vandegrift jumped across the gutter he stopped to pick up a stone and was in the act of raising when the shot was fired. Rodgers first went over towards Vandegrift after he was shot and then up Wood street to First, into a warehouse. Witness followed and heard him say to a man at the door of the warehouse "I reckon I have killed him." Captain Rodgers then asked Mr. Bennett to go with him to the Mayor's office.

James M. Long, sworn.—Saw Captain Rodgers on First street, after the shooting; his face was cut and bleeding slightly. His shirt and wristlers were bloody. He directed Mr. Bennett and myself to take him to the Mayor's office which we did by a roundabout route. Two persons, whom I supposed were police officers, followed us up First street to find out arrest defendant. Did not see the pistol.

The weapon, a single barrelled, self-cocking pistol, was produced by Mr. Coyle and exhibited to the jury.

John Hollenbach, sworn.—The pistol was about the size and similar in appearance. The barrel seemed brighter than this and I thought Rodgers cocked it with his thumb. Cannot identify this as the pistol.

John Sewell, Jr., sworn.—When defendant was brought to prison he had a wound on his left cheek bone, about the size of a half dollar. Dr. McCook, Sr., dressed the wound; he was there on three times, perhaps oftener. There was some little blood on Rodgers shirt; judging from the appearance of the wound, would not think it was made by a musket ball. Capt. Rodgers complained to me of his neck. Capt R weighs 147 lbs and looks, I think, quite as well as when he came to prison. Rodgers complained of the pain in that side for many a week.

Charles Lockhart, sworn.—Know defendant. On the Thursday preceding the shooting of Vandegrift became to our warehouse (McCully & Co.,) Wood street between Sixth and Liberty,) and made an arrangement to come up the beginning of the next week about some depreciated currency he had.

Here the testimony was closed on behalf of the defendant.

Mr. Moffett then addressed the jury at length in behalf of the Commonwealth, expounding the law of murder and summing up the evidence against the prisoner. He closed by saying that the Commonwealth would expect a conviction either for murder in the first degree or manslaughter.

At the close of Mr. Moffett's address, Court adjourned until nine o'clock on Saturday morning, when the jury will be addressed by Messrs Black and Collier for the defendant and Swartzwelder for the Commonwealth.

CATHOLIC ITEMS.—The annual exhibition at the Young Ladies' Academy, St Xavier's, will take place on Tuesday the 2nd of July. A train which leaves the city at 4 o'clock will afford to the parents of pupils an opportunity of being present at the exercises which will commence at ten o'clock. The concluding exercises in the theological department of St. Michael's Seminary will take place on the morning of Tuesday, June 25th. Those in the preparatory department, together with the distribution of premiums in the same, will be held on the afternoon of the same day. The annual exhibition and distribution of premiums at St. Aloysius' Academy, Loretto, will take place on Thursday, the 27th inst., commencing at one o'clock, p m. The annual distribution of premiums at St. Francis College, Loretto, will take place on Thursday, the 27th inst. The church of the Holy Family, Loretto, contributed $10 towards the support of the Mercy Hospital.

WE regret that we have not space for the brilliant address of Hon. Wm. Wilkins, delivered on the occasion of the presentation of a flag to the Duquesne Central Guards, in Allegheny city, on Thursday evening. The speech was one of his best efforts and most *appropos* to the occasion. The conclusion was as follows: All countries have their partizans, as well as their National flags. Washington's Life Guards had their peculiar design, on which was painted a war horse fully equipped, and a female figure representing freedom, with the shield and the eagle, and the motto "Conquer or die!" In their glorious services, each portion of their stern and heroic motto was verified. Carry on your scroll whatever patriotic device you may, but let it be accompanied by the "Appeal to Heaven."

The reply of Ex-Governor Johnston was equally felicitous and well conceived. The occasion throughout, was most interesting and all present were pleased.

MORE NEW COMPANIES.—Col John W. Grerry has authorized Capt. David Critchlow to raise a company of 101 men, which will form his regiment at Philadelphia forthwith. Capt. Critchlow will recruit his company at New Brighton.

Capt. Hardimeyer's company has also been accepted by Col Grerry.

This will give two companies from the West, five from the interior and three from Philadelphia to Col Grerry's regiment.

HEAD QUARTERS 1ST BRIGADE HOME GUARDS,
No 23 Fifth Street,

ORDER No ——

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

I—Captain Robert Finney, Swiss Valo guards to be Assistant Adjutant General, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

II—Captain W. H. Smith, Company D Oakland guards, and Robert B Sterling, to be Aide de camp, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

G. W. CASS Brig Gen Commanding

THE THIRD WARD SHOOTING AFFAIR.—Professor Barry, who was shot on Thursday afternoon, was somewhat worse when visited by Mayor Wilson yesterday, though not in a dangerous condition. Barry alleges that Kennedy took a pistol from his pocket, or out of a drawer, and shot him, and an information for assault and battery with intent to kill was preferred against Kennedy. The latter states positively that he can prove by three or four witnesses that he did not shoot Barry at all, and that he was shot by his own gun. The ball entered in front of the right shoulder, and passed up under the skin

DEDICATION.—The new M. E. Church in Brownsville was dedicated on last Sabbath. The dedication sermon was preached by the Rev. C. A. Holmes, of Christ Church, Pittsburgh, after which Rev. S. F. Minor, pastor, stated that the cost of the new church was $7,500; that the indebtedness was $600, which was promptly met. Rev. E. Hingely, former pastor, preached in the afternoon, and Rev. A. G. Williams, of this city, at night.

SNAKES.—Copperheads are abundant in the oil regions. A man, name unknown, was bitten by one near the Hoover oil well, below Franklin, one day last week, and has since died. Rattlesnakes are reported uncomfortably plentiful about the mouth of French Creek.—Four were killed last week near McFarland & Co.'s well, one having fourteen rattles. Another was discovered by a man just as he was stopping to drink out of a spring, upon the edge of which the reptile was coiled; he backed out and soon despatched the snake.

IT IS STATED that Col. Hays' regiment, now in Camp Wright, are under marching orders for next week, and also the Erie regiment, which will be taken into immediate service for the remainder of the three months' enlistment—about six weeks.

OFF FOR NEW YORK.—Co. C, United States Zouave Cadets, under command of First Lieutenant Thos. J. Abl, left the city by Pennsylvania Railroad at four o'clock yesterday afternoon, with a complement of 112 men. They proceed immediately to New York to join Sickles' Excelsior brigade.

THE SECOND WISCONSIN REGIMENT was expected to leave Cleveland at five o'clock last evening for this city. If they did not reach this city by the early train, we may expect them this morning. They will remain but a short time and then go East by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

From the Ohio River Squadron.

MARIETTA, June 20, 1861.

MR. EDITOR:—Since I last wrote you we have enjoyed ourselves hugely. I saw soldiers here in earnest—the most perfect drilled I ever met. Col. Cook's regiment, for exercise, captured the town yesterday in regular warlike form—the poetry of war—and an intensely interesting sight. The impression among military men is that the 9th Ohio (Col. McC's, and a relative of the Dr. on Fifth street,) has the most perfect drilled volunteer regiment, except the 69th Irish regiment, of N. Y., in the U S. He is the only American in the 9th. Such an apparent resemblance have they to each other that at the distance of fifty feet one can scarcely distinguish the separate features. They are all Germans, and the greatest number have been under fire in some engagement in Europe.

We have also here a battery consisting of 6 pieces of artillery, from Michigan, commanded by Capt. C. O. Loomis, formerly a lawyer of your city, having his office on Fourth street. I can hardly say too much in praise of the exercise of this company. The captain challenges comparison. He has none of his non-commissioned officers regularly appointed, the company having agreed to wait for the result of the first regular engagement, and then have the selections made for meritorious services.—The acting orderly is an Irishman, named O'Reardon, one of the famous "Six Hundred" whose charge at Balaklava has made their reputation world wide. His management and practical horsemanship sends to the wind all equestrianism within my experience. He carries his medals and vouchers and feels as rich as Rothschild in their possession. An immense sum has been expended on this company, and Capt Loomis and his command may safely feel their importance.

We got a furlough of ten hours to day, and volunteered to go down to Blennerhasset, and bring up about forty tons of hay, flour, beans, sugar, &c., left by steamer Decatur, being unable to get over the bar. There was a no two hundred and forty horses and one hundred wagons, but they were hauled overland. We had no official order, but thought somebody might be disappointed if the stores had been partially destroyed in the rain, the boat having put them ashore and returned to Cincinnati.—We got back in time, and also escaped the guard-house for acting without orders

The Ohio River Squadron is now lying at Marietta. The approach coming into the landing was a sight not soon to be forgotten. Capt. Rountz's management so far has been admirable. Every movement, however apparently dull, finds its ultimate utility with precision. The boats move in right at six o'clock, each one maintaining its respective 100 yards apart. As you approach Marietta, passing the island, the river forms a crescent about a mile above town, and to come to the landing, the channel forming below, a countermarch movement was made by the fleet. You can better imagine than describe the consternation of the people in Marietta until the boats were all secured at the landing. Such a scene as the usually quiet, orderly town presents this evening is of rare occurrence. Imagine 1,500 soldiers and an average complement of 250 soldiers and marines, and you may have some idea of what is going on.

As you are aware, I belong to a regular "know-nothing" crowd now. Since the fleet arrived numerous have been the inquiries for our certain destination, and when we move again. Being here for some time those latest arrived think we know something new, and vice versa. Of course each inquiry is answered, "Don't know," but to look wise like an owl, I find, is essential to keep in style

I could recite many amusing occurrences, but "busy life," the morning call is common, and leave them almost without interest. You can imagine us all arrayed in regular order along the shore, each boat with its cabin entirely stripped, and free access for the men to enjoy themselves as best they can. Principal among the amusements this evening, is singing, and some of us of more than ordinary ability. The moon shines out strong enough to make the most dull lively and patriotic, and what with singing, cheering, bands playing, handsome ladies greeting, etc., your humble servant feels quite valorous.

The Home Guard Drill To-Day.

The contest for the "Stewart Dahlgren gun," among the Home Guards, takes place today. The Committee of Home Defence, in view of the recent riot at Camp Wilkins, have determined to change the ground selected for the drill, which accordingly takes place on the West Common, Allegheny City, fronting on Ridge street. The arrangement of the ground has been entrusted to a committee, who will have the ground prepared, a stand for the judges erected and other necessary preparations made. All companies entering for competition are requested to hand in their names signed by the officers, to the Chairman of the Committee on Home Defence, at 9 o'clock in the ground. All companies of Home Guards, now organized are expected to report themselves on the ground at two o'clock. A line of Guards will be formed around the parade ground in a square, and no citizens will be allowed to pass inside. Hons. Wm. Wilkins, F. C. Shannon, T. M. Howe and others are expected to be present and address the Guards after the drill. From the proficiency of a number of our companies, we expect to see a very creditable drill, such a one as may even compare favorably with regulars.

PITTSBURGH FEMALE COLLEGE.—All who desire to enjoy a literary feast will do well to attend the closing exercises of the Pittsburgh Female College, which will commence to-morrow with a Baccalaureate Service, in Christ's M. E. Church, by Rev. C. A. Holmes. Monday and Tuesday will be devoted to the usual examination of classes. Dr. Reiley, the former popular pastor of Christ's M. E. Church, will deliver the Annual Address on Monday evening at 7½ o'clock, and the commencement exercise will commence on Tuesday evening at the same hour. All are cordially invited to attend. We rejoice in the great prosperity of this *home* Institution, and hope that all will avail themselves of the opportunity of enjoying "a feast of reason and a flow of soul."

MORE RECRUITS FOR THE SICKLES BRIGADE.—Mr. Henry Reis, who has been commissioned by Brig. Gen. D. E. Sickles for the purpose, arrived in the city yesterday for the purpose of recruiting men for the brigade. He has opened his office at the third story of Wilkins Hall, where all who apply between this and four o'clock on Monday afternoon, when the recruits will start for New York, will be received. Mr. Reis will be absent during a part of Monday, but will leave an officer behind in charge. There is a fine opportunity for those desiring to go into active service at once in a fine brigade. Mr. Reis will, we are sure, get plenty of recruits here.

GRADUATED IN DUFF'S COLLEGE.—J. S. Craig, Washington, Guernsey Co., O.; R. B. Hoon, Butler, Butler Co., Pa., who passed a highly satisfactory examination, and were awarded the elegant new Diploma of the College, with copies of Duncan's gems of business and ornamental penmanship. This splendid establishment will be in session day and evening throughout the summer, giving all an opportunity of preparing themselves for the expected revival of business.

OUR readers will see, by refering to C. Hanson Loves advertisement, that he is selling of his Summer Dress Goods, Lace Mantles, &c., at greatly reduced prices, he is also opening new Domestic and Staple Dry Goods which he is also selling very cheap for cash. Par funds or its equivalents in Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri money.

LATE FROM NEW ORLEANS.—We are indebted to Gerome S. Bonnett, Esq., who has just returned from Texas, where he has resided for some years, for a New Orleans paper as late as the 18th inst. Mr. Bonnett experienced no difficulty whatever in coming through.

THE PITTSBURGH RIFLES and some of the other companies at Camp Wright will be sworn into the service for three years this afternoon.

DENTISTRY.—Dr. C. Sill, No. 246 Penn street, attends to all branches of the Dental profession.

ESTD. 1825. ANTHONY REIER.

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BACON.—2,000 lbs sides, shoulders hams, country bacon, just received and for sale by JAS. A. FETZER, je8 corner Market and First streets.

DRIED APPLES.—200 bushel Bright Dry Apples in store and for sale by JAS. A. FETZER, je8 corner Market and First streets.

THE LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Terrorism at Harper's Ferry.

Union Men Murdered by the Rebels.

ACTIVE HOSTILITIES EXPECTED.

WHEELING CONVENTION.

Rebels Advancing on Forirees Monroe.

PLAN TO DESTROY BLOCKADING VESSELS.

FORTRESS MONROE, June 21.—Within a few hours past there have been rumors of a large secession force advancing upon Fortress Monroe from the direction of Yorktown. A reconnoitering towards Great Bethel was therefore made this morning, under the direction of Capt. Smith, U. S. A. Col. Max Weber's regiment of German Turners, with a company of regulars, in charge of two pieces of artillery, left Hampton six hours ago, and have not yet been heard from. Col. Townsend's regiment remains at Hampton as a reserve. Our picket guard near Little Bethel, was driven in by the rebels yesterday.

Fels du Point fortifications around the head of a brigade—Ed. Jones are being formed on Hampton Creek, preparatory to establishing the bridge. Two persons came in this morning representing themselves to be deserters from Sewell's Point, out I learn from General Butler that their statements were so contradictory that he was obliged to send them to the guard house as spies.

It is said the rebels are erecting strong masked batteries opposite to the Rip Raps. Since the successful experiment with Sawyer's gun, important events at Sewall's Point have been expected.

Complete returns of the killed and wounded at Great Bethel have not yet been made out, and it is expected they never will be. The carelessness and insufficiency of many of the volunteer officers is inexcusable.

A flag of truce came down to Hampton a few hours ago to arrange for an exchange of prisoners, of whom we have four—one soldier and three civilians, taken with arms in their hands. From ten to twenty citizens come in daily from the vicinity to take the oath of allegiance.

The steamship Minnesota arrived yesterday from off Charleston with the sixteen prisoners belonging to the rebel privateer.

The U. S. sloop of war, Jamestown sailed Southward last night.

A flag of truce goes to Norfolk this evening to convey thither several persons from abroad who have just returned.

The U. S. sloop of war Vandalia sailed two days ago.

Besides the Cumberland and Harriet Lane there are several gunboats in this vicinity.

The numerous friends of the Hon. Jos Segar, at Old Point, are pained to see him charged by some Northern correspondents with joining the Secession ranks. The officers at Fortress Monroe know too well his sentiments, to credit such reports. He has been unequivocally respected by them for his strong Union views, and the desolation which now overhangs his estate near Hampton is what he ever predicted as the result of secession. He conducted did much to enhance the loyalty of the U. S. officers here, not one of whom have resigned, though Louisiana, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia are represented among them

A large number of nurses arrived from Baltimore this morning.

HAGERSTOWN, MD., June 21.—Lieutenant Colonel Bowman, and also a sergeant of the Eighth Pennsylvania regiment, accidentally got within the enemy's lines yesterday, opposite Williamsport, and were captured. Their present locality is not known.

A sawyer, named Alvey, was arrested last night, and is still in custody. A strong case is said to be made out against him.

LOUISVILLE, June 21.—The New Orleans *picayune*, of the 16th says that there are now in New Orleans parties who will undertake to capture the steamer Brooklyn for one hundred thousand dollars.

The Mobile *Advertiser*, of the 16th, says that three plans have been suggested to sink or drive off the Niagara from Mobile Point, and adds that the Niagara will be obliged to get out of the way of the iron battery, which will soon be after her.

Governor Harris, of Tennessee, in his message, recommends the passage of a law requiring the payment of all sums due from the State to all persons or governments with whom we are at peace, and advises such a policy towards citizens of belligerent States as the rules of war justify. He recommends the issue of treasury notes to pay expenses of the Provisional Government, receivable as taxes.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The apprehension that hostilities will shortly commence on the Virginia shore prevailed to day has its foundation in the fact that the outposts of the opposing armies are being strengthened and extended. In view of this it is supposed that a collision between the outposts would bring on an extensive engagement, hence the continued anxiety for intelligence from that quarter.

The 15th New York regiment, from Albany, arrived to-night, and the 38th from the same State is hourly expected. In order to avoid misapprehension, it is proper to say that the Secretary of the Treasury has not consented or even entertained any prodosition to issue bonds for purposes not specifically authorized by law.

HAGERSTOWN, June 21.—Captain Cook, well known for his distinguished services as commander of the Sharpsburgh Home Guard, has arrived here, and reports that the Virginia picket had reappeared at various points along the line of the Potomac. Sixty were seen at Harper's Ferry this morning. They had returned to arrest the Union men who had gone back to their homes. At noon, to-day, a company of cavalry appeared and the Union citizens made the best escape they could, some in boats, some by swimming, and others by other means. It is stated that the cavalry fired upon the citizens, killing nineteen and wounding many others. Some had their clothes pierced with bullets.

Yesterday, at ten o'clock, the people at Harper's Ferry raised a Union flag, and to day the Confederates fired upon it. A part of Captain Cook's company had gone to Harper's Ferry to assist such citizens as would go to defend the flag. Fifteen Confederate pickets appeared to-day at dam No. 4.

WHEELING, June 21.—The Convention to-day adopted the ordinance relating to disbursements of the public revenue and providing for the appointment of an Auditor, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Commonwealth; also an ordinance fixing the salaries of certain officers.

A resolution was offered and referred, recommending to the Federal authorities the construction of a military road from Webster on the North western Virginia Railroad, Southward to a suitable point in South-western Virginia; another was adopted that a copy of the Declaration and signatures be forwarded to the President of the United States. The Convention then adjourned over till Monday, to afford the Committee of seventeen to perfect an ordinance for the organization of the State militia.

WASHINGTON CITY, June 21.—The President has appointed the following Consuls:—Edward Trowbridge, of Con., at Bermuda; Wm Porter, of Louisiana, at Tripola; P. Hatterchide, of Kansas, at Moscow; Wm. F. Nash, of Kentucky, at Stuttgardt; Wm. Bidd, of Tennessee, at Trinidad de Cuba; John E. Newport, of Penn's, Frank's Island; James Churchman, of Illinois, at Stettin; Robert M. Walsh, of Penn'a., at Leghorn; Arthur B. Bradford, of Penn'a., at Amoy; A. W. Crawford, of Penn'a., at Antwerp; John C. Underwood, of Virginia, at Callao; Geo. True, of Ohio, at Fanchal; James E. Vinton, of Wisconsin, at Halifax; R. P. L. Barber, of Ohio, at Matanzas; A. L. Wolff, of Iowa, at Basle, Seth Webb, Jr., of Mass., Commercial Agent at Port-au-Prince.

LOUISVILLE, June 21.—It is generally conceded that the Union candidates for Congress are chosen in all the districts except No. 1, where Burnett is undoubtedly elected.

ST. LOUIS, June 21.—The *Democrat's* special correspondent, writing from Syracuse, 25 miles south of Booneville, says that the expedition is nearly 1,000 strong, with four pieces of artillery, under command of Capt. Totten of the regular service. They left Booneville on last Wednesday night and reached this place at 10 o'clock, A M, yesterday.

Gov. Jackson, with about 500 men, arrived here on Tuesday, after impressing the property of both enemies and friends, and being apprehensive of pursuit, suddenly left yesterday morning, proceeding southward through Warsaw.

Our forces have gone forward to-day, but there is little hope of their overtaking the fleeing party.

A battle took place at sunrise on Tuesday morning between 800 Union Home Guards under Capt. Cook, near Cole Camp and a party of secessionists from Warsaw and the surrounding country, in which 15 of the Guards were killed and 20 wounded, many of them severely, and 30 prisoners taken. Most of the Guards were in a large barn when the firing began, but they immediately sprung to arms. It is said that they killed 40 of the attacking party before overpowered by superior numbers. Nearly all of them finally escaped and are ready to join our forces to dispute the passage of the State troops. Capt. Cook reached here this morning in disguise. He says that not one-half his force was armed and not more than 200 participated in the fight. He hastened forward to overtake and consult with Capt. Totten

Some of Jackson's party went from here on Wednesday night by railroad, taxing what rolling stock they could, destroying the rest and burning Carmine bridge, a costly structure, six miles West of here. Syracuse is now protected by Federal troops.

Among several letters captured in Booneville by Gen. Lyons some embracing orders from headquarters to destroy the bridges on the North Missouri, Hannibal, St. Joseph and Pacific roads and instructions to different officers and individuals inspecting troops, &c., &c., one enumerating the arms and ammunition seized at Liberty Arsenal some time since; the list is as follows: Eight brass and twelve iron six pounders, 166 balls, 380 pounds canister, 53 strap shot, 880 fixed rounds, 180 muskets, 224 rifles, 121 carbines, 511 pistols, 469 sabres, 70 artillery swords, 4000 bills cannon powder, 3000 bills musket powder, 4800 bbls rifle powder, 180,000 musket cartridges, 9000 musketoon do, 17,500 rifle do, 58,000 pistol do, 10,000 blank do.

WASHINGTON CITY, June 21.—REPORT FROM ALEXANDRIA.—It has been exceedingly quiet here to-day; not even a rumor is afloat. The weather has been excessively hot, preventing all unnecessary excitement.

The reports from the outposts on the Loudon Railroad this evening are of a peaceful character, excepting that the Confederated dag can be seen floating, by the pickets, two miles outside of the Camp.

The Orange, Manassas Gap and Hampshire and Loudon Railroads are looked to with more interest by correspondents, as Secession pickets are reported to have approached at times as near as Georges' Point, eight miles from this city. The danger of being removed to Richmond ahead of the army prevents personal verification of these reports.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—All was quiet on the Virginia side of the Potomac last night, with the exception only that the stillness of the country was occasionally disturbed by the signal firing of the pickets.

At headquarters of the army in the city this morning all was calm, affording striking contrast to the active business of yesterday.

Throughout last night and this morning the many government steamers have been engaged in landing the necessary supplies for the troops and the baggage of the constantly arriving military.

The thermometer at 12 o'clock to-day was 102 degrees in the sun.

CLEVELAND, O., June 21.—The 23 Missouri regiment passed through here this evening for Washington. They were welcomed by a large and enthusiastic crowd of citizens. Before leaving they partook of refreshments which had been abundantly provided in the past

NEW YORK, June 21.—It appears that the steamship Bavaria, from Hamburg, brought out 8,000 to 10,000 stand of German guns for the Federal Government.

The New Hampshire regiment has arrived here. They make a splendid appearance with their military train and camp equipage. They leave for the South to day.

EASTON, June 21.—Gen. McCall organized three new regiments last night. They are to elect officers to day. William B. Mann, Robert G. March and H. G. Sickles will be elected Colonels. The latter is at present captain of a company of Col Gray's Scott Legion regiment.

NEW YORK, June 27.—Colonel Lansing's Seventeenth New York regiment left here for Washington to day.

The New Hampshire regiment, heretofore reported, also departed for the same point at 6 o'clock, P M

ST. LOUIS, June 21.—The First Iowa regiment, Col Bates left Hudson at the junction of the North-western and Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroads on Tuesday morning, to effect a junction with Gen. Lyon at Booneville. There is nothing new from the West.

PARKERSBURG, VA., June 21.—All on my fleet are well. Gen. McClellan commands in person. Western Virginia is