

THE WAR

How the Volunteers for Three Years will be Organized.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The War Department is busy, and a vast amount of work is being performed by the Secretary and Chief Clerk with experienced assistants, in addition to the hundreds of clerks, Adjutant General Tidwell and other military gentlemen.

Much anxiety is manifested to learn what distribution will be made among the States of the force to constitute the thirty-nine regiments of infantry and one of artillery, making a minimum aggregate of 34,500 and a maximum aggregate of 48,000 officers and enlisted men called into service for three years.

The desired information will soon be published. A plan of organization for the infantry will consist of 10 companies and a minimum aggregate of 800 men, or a maximum aggregate of 1,049 officers and men. The cavalry regiment will consist of four or five squadrons, each of 100 men, with a minimum aggregate of 79, or a maximum of 95 officers and men to each company. These may be mustered in by companies or squadrons.

The company officers will be appointed by the Governor of the State furnishing the regiments, and the company will be embodied in a regiment, by the Captain, and afterwards by the Colonel, on recommendation of the Captain. Field officers are to be appointed by the Governor.

The general organization provides for three divisions of infantry, each of three brigades. The Brigadier Generals and Assistants, and the Major Generals are to be appointed by the President.

Arrest of Ross Winans, Esq.

The Baltimore Star of Wednesday says:—The special train of yesterday evening which brought to this city most of the members of the Legislature, just adjourned, stopped a few moments at the Relay House.

While there an officer entered the car, and announced to Mr. Winans, a member of the House of Delegates from this city, who was sitting with Mr. Bruce on a front seat, courteously inquired if he were Mr. Winans.

At the time of the arrest, Mr. Winans was in the performance of his duty as a member of the House of Delegates. Immediately on the announcement of the arrest of Mr. W., yesterday morning, a number of his friends and the friends of the business interests of Baltimore, notified him in advance of the arrest.

Mr. Winans was released on Thursday, by order of the President, through General Scott, without an examination. He was kindly treated whilst in custody.

Philadelphia, May 11.—The grand oration given to Col. Anderson equalled anything of the kind previously seen in this city. The carriage was drawn by four white horses through the principal streets to the residence of the General.

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Progress of the War.

Those who have expected an immediate general condition of affairs between the forces of the United States and those of the Confederate States, and in consequence have been under a high state of excitement for some days past, seem destined to present disappointment.

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Affairs at Harper's Ferry.

A correspondent of the Boonshoff's Odd Fellow, writes from Harper's Ferry on the 14th inst., says:—This place is now alive with soldiers, there being in all some 6,000 or 7,000, and also about 1,500 on the Maryland heights, which are held from a military necessity.

Several large Columbiads came on yesterday from Richmond. I hear no expression here to indicate that there is any desire or intention to fight outside of Virginia. But all will defend her soil to a man, Union men as well as secessionists.

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THE LATEST.

All is yet quiet at Cairo. The U. S. troops do not expect an immediate attack, but are prepared to meet it should it be made.

Correspondence of The Compiler.

CAMP SCOTT, YORK, Pa. Saturday, May 11.—It was currently reported that we would leave to-day. I suppose it would have taken place, if it had not been for the bad weather, in consequence of which the bridges on the Northern Central road could not be completed.

Special Notices.

By the last steamer, we learn that in the English House of Commons, Lord John Russell stated that a naval force would be sent to the American Coast to protect British vessels, in view of the fact that letters of marque and reprisal were being issued by the Southern Confederacy.

Local Items.

RAILROAD TRAVEL.—Passengers over the Gettysburg Railroad now reach Baltimore, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and all intermediate points, by the morning train. For time see advt.