

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 Thomas 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 publicly announced. A plan of organization has been prepared. Each regiment of 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 75, 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 is embodied in a regiment, by the Captain, and afterwards by the Colonel on recommendation of the Captain.

The general organization provides for three divisions of from three to five 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. Brune 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 as a candidate for Congress at the approaching election.

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

The requisition for troops from Maryland is being completed. The requisition of the President, made on the 15th of April, has issued his proclamation calling upon the citizens of Maryland to volunteer their services to the general government.

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Progress of the War.

Those who have expected an immediate general condition of affairs between the United States and those of the Confederate States, and in consequence have been in a high state of excitement for some days past, seem destined to present disappointment. It would not do to say positively that a collision will not occur, for when so many troops are brought in close proximity to each other, under the lead of many instances, of unprovoked aggression, it does not, however, appear to be the purpose of either of the contending parties to engage at present in aggressive operations.

We are aware that a large force is being concentrated at Washington, and that numbers of considerable bodies of troops are marching Northward from the South and South West, but it is not probable that the former is a precautionary measure, demanded by the great importance of defending the national Capital, and the latter may have been prompted by the desire to protect the cities of Virginia against approaching invasion from the North, and not to form a barrier on the frontier of the Confederate States.

It is not our purpose to imitate the examples of some of our contemporaries, by pointing out to the Government what should be the character of its military operations—where and how a campaign should be commenced and conducted—or what tactics should be observed in the disposal of the troops in the field. These subjects are not for the private citizen to discuss, and we find our duties sufficiently arduous and responsible, when confined to legitimate topics of discussion.

General Butler Promoted.—Gen. Cadwalader, appointed to the command of the Department of Annapolis, May 10th.—Brigadier General Butler has been promoted to Major General, and ordered to report at Washington. He will be appointed to the command of the Department of Annapolis.

One of the Harpers Ferry.—The Ashburton (Ohio) Sentinel of last week gives the following account of the capture of the Harpers Ferry. It is a small town, and was captured by the Federal troops.

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Affairs at Harper's Ferry.

A correspondent of the Boonshower'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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Local Items.

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

The Ladies have been engaged for several days in making very handsome flannel shirts for our volunteers at York.

Mr. Tyler, for many years prothonotary of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, has resigned his office.

Mr. Cameron, son of the Secretary of War, has been appointed paymaster in the army.

The Harrisburg papers have a rumor that the United States army, lately destroyed at Harper's Ferry, is to be established in that city.

The Charleston Courier copies the Evening Post's story of the killed at Fort Moultrie, and says: "Very pleasantly argued—but false."

A cargo of 300 tons of ice has been shipped to Boston to the Massachusetts volunteers at Fort Monroe.

The War Department has purchased the steamship Atlantic for \$350,000, to be used as a transport.

An attempt was made on Sunday to blow up the track on the Northern Central Railroad, about 15 miles from Baltimore, but was detected before much injury was done.

The Nashville (Tenn.) Banner of last Wednesday learns that a vessel arrived at New Orleans from Europe on the 6th inst, with 25,000 stand of arms for the Confederate States.

The Cincinnati Enquirer pronounces the reported negro insurrection in Owen county, Kentucky, without the slightest foundation in truth.

The Pennsylvania Legislature checked under the table the resolution recently introduced by Mr. Ball of Erie, proposing to confiscate the property of Senator James M. Mason's family in this State, on account of his adherence to the disunion cause.

About 1,000 persons have left Baltimore and joined the Virginia troops at Harper's Ferry.

The Baltimore steam cannon has been captured by the Massachusetts troops, at the Relay. It was taken to Harper's Ferry.

The route from Philadelphia to Baltimore is re-opened, as well as the Northern Central.

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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.

George A. McCall, of Chester county, has been appointed a Major General by Gov. Curtin. There is no interruption to travel on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

The reported removal of the remains of Washington is authoritatively denied by the superintendent of Mount Vernon.

Mr. Winans was released, by order of the Government, on his parole of honor, "that he will do no act, openly or covertly, hostile to the Government of the United States."

Rumor continues to indicate Fort Monroe as likely soon to be the scene of important military movements.

There is a report that there are between 10,000 and 12,000 troops at Harper's Ferry.

The United States government has now ordered charter no less than sixty-four steamboats, tugs, engaged in transporting troops, supplies and munitions of war. These vessels are paid for at the rate of from \$100 to \$500 each per day.

It was stated that before Saturday night, according to the calculation of the War Department, 300,000 men would be concentrated at Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis.

It is stated that Lieutenant-General Scott has assigned Major-General Wood to the command of the United States forces South, and that he is soon to be ordered to Fort Monroe.

Gov. Thomas A. Ziegler of the North Carolina, has been elected Colonel of the sixteenth regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers.

The War Department is in receipt of fifty to one hundred applications daily for official positions in the army.

Gen. Keim has taken command of the Camp at York.

Another Camp, of New York troops, has been formed at Harrisburg.

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