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FROM WASHINGTON.

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE GAZETTE.]

Hospitals—City Railroad—Adjournment of Congress—Rumor of the death of Jackson—Speech of Hon. Ben. Wood—New Orleans Mails—Jackson's Reinforcement in the Valley of the Shenandoah—Pursuit of Beauregard Abandoned—Exchange of Prisoners, &c.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Workmen are busily engaged in getting the different churches into the proper trim as hospitals for the sick and wounded soldiers. Judging from the vast preparations being made, the government must be in expectation of having the great bulk of the disabled soldiers sent to this place.

The 4th Presbyterian Church, Rev. John C. Smith pastor, is now being changed into a hospital as speedily as possible. Workmen were engaged all last night in making the necessary preparations.

The work of laying the city railroad is going on rapidly, already has the track been laid from the Capitol gate to near 4½ street, and the ground is being broken to-day in front of the Metropolitan (late Brown's) Hotel. It is expected that by the 4th of July—the cars will be running from the Capitol to the President's House.

The adjournment of Congress still continues a matter of speculation. The House is ready to adjourn at the end of the present month; but it is doubtful if the Senate will agree.—The radicals are opposed to an early adjournment, preferring to remain here and conduct war operations. According to the Constitution, the President, in case of a disagreement, has the power to adjourn Congress. It has been hinted that he will do so, should the session be unnecessarily prolonged.

The rumor of the death of Jackson prevailed here day before yesterday, but no reliance was placed upon it. It circulated quite freely in the different Departments.

The National Intelligencer of this morning contained a lengthy editorial on "slavery in the Territories."

The late speech of Hon. Ben. Wood, of New York, which has been the cause of a committee of investigation into his loyalty, is in great demand, nearly everybody being anxious to peruse the document. Mr. Wood, it is said, fears nothing from the results of the investigation.

A mail now reaches this city from New Orleans.

It is rumored, and generally believed here, that "Stonewall" Jackson has received a large reinforcement.

A large addition to the Federal forces is being urgently demanded by many of the Northern newspapers.

Rev. W. H. Channing is to preach in the Senate Chamber, while his Church is used for hospital purposes.

The New York Express of yesterday afternoon says that Gen. Pope has given up the pursuit of Beauregard, and that a new policy is to be adopted. It is supposed that a defensive line will be made across from Corinth to Memphis, and the aggressive abandoned at least for the present.

The Express says "It will be easy for Halleck's troops to take the place of the reserves around Washington, Fredericksburg, Manassas, Harper's Ferry and Williamsburg, whilst these reserves are quickly forwarded to McClellan and Hunter, as both Generals can hold their own until reinforced.

A strong committee from New York are in the city pressing the passage of the Bankrupt law.

It is thought that an arrangement for a general exchange of prisoners will be made shortly, and it is said that a correspondence to that end is now progressing.

LOCAL.—"Cracker Hall," on the road to Mount Vernon, near Spring Bank, was burned down a few days ago:—most of the negroes on the Mount Vernon estate have returned, but they are generally idle, and consider themselves free:—we have now—to-day and to-morrow—the long days of summer:—fences were broken down and raids made upon gardens in the suburbs, yesterday, by vagabond boys, worse than ever.

The Philadelphia Inquirer says the streets there are constantly paraded by men in uniform, who are either on leave or nominally sick, or are making use of any pretext to avoid their duty. The same remark holds good as to New York neighborhood.

A surgeon writing from McClellan's army, speaking of operations upon the field at the time of the battle of Fair Oaks, says he removed limbs and cut out bullets without using chloroform, the patients being so excited by the noise of artillery and musketry as not to mind the pain.

Dr. Hays, the surgeon summarily dismissed from the service, by Secretary Stanton, publishes a card in his own defence, from which it would appear that he volunteered to bring the wounded from Front Royal, where he was ordered to leave them; that he telegraphed the Surgeon General that the train was coming, and sought vainly for hours to find him; and that he did not go to bed till 4 o'clock in the morning, at which hour citizens were providing for the comfort of the soldiers in his charge.

Tuesday last was the day fixed for taking a vote of the people of Illinois on the adoption of the revised constitution. Thus far we have the vote in only two towns, viz: Chicago and Springfield, the former giving a majority of 993 and the latter of 300 votes in its favor.

Considerable emigration to the North Western territories of the U. S. continues.

All property captured by the U. S. Army, or seized by any Provost Marshal, or taken up astray, or taken from soldiers marching in the enemy's country, is required to be turned over to the chiefs of the staff of the departments to which such property would appertain, on duty with the troops, to be accounted for by them as captured property, and used for the public service unless claimed by the commanding officer to be returned.

Capt. Hopkins, of the 31st Massachusetts who came passenger on the Ocean Queen states (says the Express) that there is but little sincere Union sentiment in New Orleans. Those who are for the Union since the taking of the city by Gen. Butler, are those who were always in favor of the Union, but even these persons are ready to go over at anytime in case the Confederates should ever prove the strongest side.

The Winchester correspondent of the Philadelphia Press says:—"From all the information I have been able to gather from both sides, I deduce the following: Jackson, with from fifty to sixty thousand men, and over one hundred pieces of artillery, is at Port Republic, waiting for Gen. Fremont. Gen. Shields is at Luray, while Gen. Fremont has fallen back to Mount Jackson.

There is said to be a regiment in Blenker's division in which there are soldiers of forty-one different nationalities!

There was a heavy frost in Northern New York, on Sunday night last.

Hon. Pierre Soule was taken to Fort Lafayette, from New York, yesterday afternoon.

The Boston Journal asserts that the Government has endorsed all the acts of Gen. Butler since he took possession of New Orleans.

The great rage among the ladies of Paris just at present is *decalcomanie*! Well, decalcomanie is the art of decorating "*Soi-meme*"—the advertisements state—porcelain, wood, paper, and candles so that they appear to have been finely painted, and the porcelain made to resemble the finest Sevres-ware, and all at a comparatively small expense.

Six Confederate prisoners of war, recently sentenced to be executed at New Orleans, for a violation of their parole, have been reprieved by Gen. Butler.

The Paris correspondent of the New York Herald tells a good story of Horace Greeley, who, when arrested some six or seven years ago in Paris, was offered by a friend, who deals extensively with America, to become his bail for any amount. "No, no," said Horace, "I will go to prison. The thing will add ten thousand to the circulation of the Tribune."

F. G. Swaine & Co. have opened a grocery store, on Fairfax street, opposite the Market, at Laphen's old stand, where the best of groceries and liquors can be had. From samples sent us, and tried, we can especially recommend the latter. We would advise the public to give the new firm a trial.