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WAR NEWS.

On the 7th inst., a skirmish occurred on Gen. Pope's column, about ten miles from Madison Court House, Va., between a battalion of the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry and a body of Confederates, resulting, it is stated, in the latter being driven across the Rapidan river. Gen. Pope and staff have arrived at Culpeper Court House. General Jackson is reported to be at Liberty Mills, on the Rapidan river.

Gen. Banks' column was attacked by the Confederates under Gen. Ewell, in force, after crossing the Rapidan on Friday. The contest was undecided, but seems to have been suspended with a probability that it would be resumed. The loss is said to have been heavy on both sides. Generals Prince, Auger and Geary are reported as among the Federal wounded.

From Tennessee we have news to the effect that Col. Wynkoop, of the Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, defeated the Confederates under Col. Forrest, near Sparta, and then withdrew to McMinnville, where an attack from a large body of Confederates was expected.

It is stated, on the authority of a Petersburg (Va.) paper, that the celebrated Confederate iron-clad steamer *Arkansas* was blown up 240 miles below Vicksburg, to prevent her falling into the hands of the Federal fleet. Whilst descending the Mississippi, to co-operate in an attack at Baton Rouge, her machinery became deranged, and during the attempt which was made to adjust it she was attacked by several Federal gunboats. After a gallant resistance she was blown up. Her officers and men reached the shore in safety.

The steambot *Ceres*, arrived at New Orleans from above, was fired into from the shore, eight shots striking her, by one of which Captain Brooks, of the 7th Vermont regiment, was killed.

The Associated Press despatch from Washington says:—The recent orders to prevent the evasion of military duty are designed to operate on two classes of persons, viz: Those who contemplate leaving the United States for the purpose of evading their military duty, and those who leave their own State or place of residence and go into States for the same purpose. The object is to compel every citizen of the United States subject to military duty to bear his share in supporting the Government. Instruction have been prepared and will be issued on Monday to Military Commandants, Marshals and Police Officers, respecting the mode of executing the orders so as to interfere as little as possible with individual pursuits and business, and limit the operation of the order to cases of evasion.

THE QUESTION OF INTERVENTION.

The London Herald's correspondent says that an article in the *Constitutionnel*, advocating the recognition of the South, has created a great sensation, and adds: "It is looked upon as confirming the report that Lord Palmerston, having declined to join France in tendering mediation between the belligerents, the step has been taken jointly between France and Russia. It is even stated that a note to that effect has by this time been presented at Washington." The same writer is informed that "ere long the recognition of the Confederate States by France and Russia will be simultaneously announced."

The Paris correspondent of the *New York World* writes: "Since my last letter, there has been a change of programme with regard to the Mexican expedition. Thirty thousand men are to be sent off immediately, and the greatest activity is displayed in hastening them to their destination. General Forey, the commander of the troops, has had several conferences with the Emperor at Vicay. The amount of this force gives rise to the supposition that something more is intended than a mere reparation of wrongs, or even than the occupation of the capital of Mexico and the dictation of terms to the Mexicans. An armed intervention in our affairs is said to be the ultimate object of the Emperor."

A plan is on foot in New York, which is supported by several wealthy merchants of that city and others, to get up a drafting insurance company, after the style of similar institutions in Europe. They propose for a certain sum, to become responsible for persons liable to a draft, and in case of their being drafted the insurance company to find a substitute. They have drawn up and filed their charter, and expect to commence operations soon.

A dispatch from New York says that the State's quota under the first order for 300,000 volunteers, is full except 1,200 men, easily to be completed by Tuesday, when the regiments will commence to march.

The stampede into Canada of persons liable to military duty, which has been going on briskly for several days, was effectually stopped to-day by a rigid enforcement of the order of the Secretary of War.

George C. Hersey, of Hingham, was hung on Friday in the rotunda of the Dedham, Mass., county jail. He was convicted of poisoning Betsey Francis Tirrell, a young lady of good family, in Weymouth, about a year since. He was engaged to be married to his victim; a *post mortem* examination showed that she was *envenomed*. A sister of Mrs. Tirrell, with whom Hersey was intimate, had also died suddenly and mysteriously, as had Hersey's wife. He signed a confession this morning, acknowledging the crime for which he suffered, but denying that he poisoned his wife or the other sister. His age was twenty-nine years.

Brig. Gen. L. F. Ross, commanding at B. L. Tenn., has issued a general order requiring the owners of slaves living within ten miles of that place to send in three-fourths of their male slaves between 16 and 45 years of age, to be employed upon the fortifications. Gen. Ross is from Illinois, and a Democrat.

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DR. R. W. GILMORE,

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Every person wearing spectacles should give him a call, and test his ability in restoring sight.
P. S.—NEAR-SIGHTEDNESS relieved.
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NOTICE.—FOR ALEXANDRIA AND WASHINGTON, D. C.—The steamer *PLANTER* will leave Baltimore, from her wharf, lower end of Frederick street dock, every Friday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, for the above named places, commencing FRIDAY, July 18, 1862.

Returning, will leave Washington every Tuesday morning, at 6 o'clock, and Alexandria at 12 o'clock, Janney's wharf, calling at all the usual landings on the Maryland side of the Potomac for passengers and freight. For further information, apply on board.

Freight received up to 2 o'clock on the day of departure. All way freight must be prepaid. Passage to Potomac, 5c. Meals extra.
July 21—m GEO. W. WELLS, Master.