

A Letter from President Lincoln.

The following letter from President Lincoln has been published:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, May 27.—General J. M. Schofield—DEAR SIR:—Having removed General Curtis and assigned you to the command of the Department of the Missouri, I think it may be of some advantage for me to state why I did it. I did not relieve General Curtis because of my full conviction that he had done wrong by commission or omission. I did it because of a conviction in my mind that the Union men of Missouri, constituting, when united, a vast majority of the whole people, have entered into a pestilent factional quarrel among themselves, Gen. Curtis, perhaps not of choice, being the head of one faction, and Governor Gamble that of the other. After months of labor to reconcile the difficulty, it seemed to grow worse and worse, until I felt it my duty to break it up somehow; and as I could not remove Governor Gamble, I had to remove General Curtis. Now that you are in the position, I wish you to undo nothing merely because General Curtis or Governor Gamble did it; but to exercise your own judgment and do right for the public interest. Let your military measures be strong enough to repel the invaders and keep the peace, and not so strong as to unnecessarily harass and persecute the people. It is a difficult role, and so much greater will be the honor if you perform it well. If both factions, or neither, shall abuse you, you will probably be about right. Beware of being assailed by one and praised by the other. Yours, truly,
A. LINCOLN.

Correspondence with the South.

The following general order was issued yesterday:

HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE DEPARTMENT,
8TH ARMY CORPS,
BALTIMORE, MD., July 1st, 1863.

General Orders No. 41.—During the past six months great numbers of letters have been intercepted on their way to and from persons within the enemy's lines in the States in rebellion.

This clandestine and contraband correspondence must altogether cease. Many of the letters that have thus come into the possession of the military authority are only of a family or personal character, but many more of them contain information as to military or public authority.

Hereafter the writer of any such intercepted letter, living within this department, will be arrested and sent beyond the lines, where the intercourse with his or her correspondent may be in person. The communication of the parties can be conducted without resort to this uncertain medium of secret mails. Many places and persons in this city and elsewhere are known as the depositories of such illicit letters.

Hereafter such facilities for transmission will be taken up in all cases by the immediate arrest and punishment of the parties affording them. By command of

Major-General SCHENCK.
W. H. CHESEBROUGH, A. A. General.

A SINGULAR SPECTACLE IN BATTLE.—At the battle of Stone river, while the men were lying behind a crest waiting, a brace of frantic wild turkeys, so paralyzed with fright that they were incapable of flying, ran between the lines and endeavored to hide among the men. But the frenzy among the turkeys was not so touching as the exquisite fright of the birds and rabbits. When the rear of battle rushed through the cedar thickets, flocks of little birds fluttered and circled above the field in a state of utter bewilderment, and scores of rabbits fled for protection to the men lying down in line on the left, nestling under their coats and creeping under their legs in a state of utter distraction. They hopped over the field like toads, and as perfectly tamed by fright as household pets. Many officers witnessed it, remarking it as one of the most curious spectacles ever seen upon a battle field.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

The steamship China from Liverpool on the 21st inst., has arrived.

Warlike rumors arising out of the Polish question are again prevalent in Paris. Several Russian papers fully anticipate a war with France.

Mr. Slidell has had a very long conference with the Emperor who sent for him and had a private tete a tete with him at breakfast. They did not part until the Council of Ministers assembled. This interview has given strength to the rumor that renewed offers of mediation in American affairs by Napoleon, are likely to be the result of the fall of Puebla.

The steamer Southerner, which attracted suspicion and was searched at Hartlepool, in the belief that she was intended for a Southern cruiser, is loading at Liverpool for Nassau. She is vigilantly watched.

The London Times, in an editorial on the late peace meeting in New York, says it sees in it some reason for thinking that civil war may be touching its close, but at the same time admits that it is a very doubtful question. It thinks Lincoln would not object to peace if he knew how to reach it and that that meeting may pave the way.

The question of rank between the major generals of the army has been decided by the board of officers to which it has been submitted by determining the following order of precedence: Major General McClellan, appointed May 14, 1861, to take rank from same date; Major Gen. Fremont, appointed July 1, to take rank from May 14, 1861; Major General Banks, appointed June 5, to take rank May 16, 1861; Major General Dix, appointed June 14, to take rank May 16, 1861; Major General Butler, appointed May 16, to take rank May 16, 1861. The decision is upon two grounds: First, that an appointment may be ante-dated by the President, as in General Fremont's case, and second, that the order in which the names stood in the list when the appointments were sent into the Senate determines the rank between Generals Banks, Dix, and Butler, without regard to the actual date of appointment by the President.

Six months interest on the public debt of the U. S. become due yesterday, (1st July,) and was promptly met. It amounts to little less than three and a half million dollars, and is payable in gold in the cities of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cincinnati and Washington. This amount of gold precipitated upon the market in one day has had the tendency, we learn, to reduce the price of gold and bring it down to-day from 46½ to 44½. The Treasury Department is able to meet all payments of interest as it becomes due without difficulty.


The Solicitor of the War Department, in a published opinion maintains that the State Courts have no authority over a deserter arrested by a provost marshal of the U. S., and the only return the latter is required to make is that the prisoner is in custody by authority of the United States.

General W. H. F. Lee, recently captured by the Eleventh Pennsylvania cavalry has been removed to the McClellan Hospital, at Hampton.

The mining news from Idaho is extremely favorable. Twelve thousand miners are engaged.

New potatoes are selling in the Baltimore market at 50 cts per peck.

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