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A dispatch in the New York News from Washington says:—"Articles having recently appeared in the Government organ favorable to reorganizing the seceded States as legally being still within the Union, it is now said that the Cabinet are in favor of reducing the theory to practice. These articles were written by a Republican in high official position."

The New York News says:—"The publication of army movements in some of the Republican papers of the North has created displeasure at the War department. It is hinted that some of the offenders may find winter quarters at Fort Lafayette if more discrimination is not used in this matter. Several of the offending newspapers have been filed at the War Department to await the action of the authorities."

Intelligence from New Orleans states that the expedition of Gen. Herron has been heard from. It is said, "he has cleared the country between Red River and Port Hudson of guerrillas who have been firing on the transports, and driven Gen. Green west of the Atchafalaya with considerable loss. Among the prisoners captured was a gentleman from the Confederate Government with important papers."

A dispatch from Little Rock, dated the 21st, says that "Gen. Cabell had been attacked in a strongly fortified position by Col. Cloud, with a vastly inferior force, and routed with considerable loss. Following up this victory, Col. Cloud, on the 9th, attacked a Confederate camp of one thousand men at Dardouelle, capturing all the camp equipage and putting the enemy to flight."

The latest advices from Gen. Rosecrans, dated on Sunday afternoon, state that the Confederates had made no attack since the 21st instant, and Gen. Rosecrans is not now in any fear of being attacked.

Major Gen. Hooker, it is reported, left Washington yesterday to enter upon active service. It is understood that Gen. Butterfield continues as his Chief of Staff.

The Troy (New York) Times chronicles the death of quite an eccentric personage, Abel Brownell, in that city, Sunday last. During a long life he has never eaten an oyster and never touched a clam. Although he sold liquor he never drank anything stronger than sweet cider. He never visited a show.

Several hundred Confederates entered Winchester, Tenn., on Thursday, and captured some army supplies.

It is stated, that out of two millions of dollars of postal currency that have been cancelled and burned, not two hundred were counterfeit. The imitations are said to be poor, and easily detected.

A dispatch from Vicksburg on the 21st says Gen. Grant is improving, and will be able to leave his bed in a few days. A good deal of Government cotton is arriving at Vicksburg.

The steamer Spaulding arrived at Fortress Monroe yesterday from Charleston Bar on Friday evening. She has nothing important. Gen. Gilmore is still engaged erecting siege guns. The boisterous weather has interfered with active naval operations.

A dispatch from Cairo states that Col. Truett Polk, former U. S. Senator from Missouri, with his wife and second daughter, were captured at Bolivar Landing, Arkansas, on the 18th instant, and delivered to Gen. Buford, commanding at Helena.

The Washington Star says:—"Quartermaster General Meigs arrived at Rosecrans' headquarters on Saturday, and upon invitation examined his position, and declares that it cannot be taken short of a regular siege, which Bragg does not seem to be attempting."

The Canadian Minister of Finance announces that he is six millions short this year—a sum of money equal to two-thirds of the net revenue of the province. To make it up he will have to borrow money in England.

A young man has just been convicted in London of "libel by post." Having had some difficulty with an agent, he revenged himself by sending letters with addresses of which the following is a specimen: "To James Pugh, bill-stealer and forger, Rifle-cottage, Knight's-bill, Lower Norwood." The joke cost him six months imprisonment.

The New York World says:—"The dry goods trade is quiet, and the jobbers are careful to buy only for immediate wants. The importers are firm in their prices, being satisfied that the rates for gold and exchange are more likely to advance than to decline."

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says:—"Judge Underwood has been sent by the Treasury Department to Norfolk for the purpose of making investigations as to the alleged conversion of property of disloyal persons to the use and benefit of officials. It is said that much gain has been made by this species of operations at several points, and at New Orleans particularly."

Blondin almost killed himself in Seville, Spain, recently. While on his rope during an exhibition in that city, with fireworks on his head, he found himself burning and in trying to relieve himself he slipped and fell, but luckily caught one foot on the rope, and with the utmost grace saved his brains from being dashed out.

The losses in officers of Rosecrans's army, so far as they have come to hand, amount to one brigadier general, six colonels, two majors, five captains and eight lieutenants killed and Brig. Gen. J. C. Starkweather, Brig. General John H. King and 268 other officers wounded.

The famous Madeline Smith, who was tried for poisoning her lover at Glasgow, some years ago, has been comfortably married.

Rumors report that General Steele is falling back on Helena, Ark. No cause is assigned for the movement. He had left a garrison at Little Rock.

SLAVES TAKEN FROM KENT COUNTY, MD.—The Chestertown, Md. News of Saturday says:—"A steamboat from Baltimore arrived off Eastern Neck Island, in the lower part of this county on Sunday last, for the purpose of carrying away a load of slaves for enlistment in the army. It seems that the negroes had previous notice of the coming of the boat and flocked to the shore in such crowds that many had to be left behind. The number carried off is estimated at from 150 to 200, including nearly every able bodied slave in Eastern Neck.—Those remaining repaired to the wharf at Gray's Inn creek, on Monday morning, for the purpose of taking passage to Baltimore on the steamer Chester, but the captain refused to take them, and assisted by the citizens, prevented them from going aboard."

In announcing the intended departure of the ship Mary Caroline Stevens, from Baltimore, Nov. 1st, the agents of the society offer a free passage to emigrants to Liberia, and free farms and full citizenship after they get there, besides guaranteeing them comfortable subsistence for the first six months.

The Washington Chronicle of this morning says:—"Edward Shandley and Joseph Scott, detectives, formerly in the employ of Captain Scheetz, were taken before General Slough's court-martial yesterday morning, but no evidence was taken in consequence of the absence of important witnesses. They are charged with taking \$1,500 from Mr. M. O. Markam, of Atlanta, Georgia."

Memphis papers give an account of the burning of the steamer Champion, that took place on Tuesday, the 22d inst. She was from New Orleans bound for St. Louis. On arriving at that place she was seized to transport stores and troops. She had discharged the freight she brought up, and was taking Government freight. A large quantity had already been stored, and steam was up to drop still further down stream. She also had about 130 cattle aboard. She was one of the largest and most commodious packets in the trade, and was worth about \$60,000. The cattle and army stores she was freighted with were worth about as much more.

It is estimated that the mineral wealth of Nevada territory will be sufficient to pay a debt of \$20,000,000,000, to give every returning soldier a musket of silver, and to furnish all the iron-clads with a plating of silver thicker than their present covering of iron. (!)

The Washington correspondent of the New York Times says:—"Gen. Slocum, commanding the Twelfth army corps, has tendered his resignation to the President."

Several deserters from the Army of the Potomac were executed on Friday last.

Two married men of Lowell, have run away, to parts unknown, with other than their own lawfully wedded wives.

A slice of lemon in your tea, ladies, in the evening, will prevent the beverage from producing wakefulness.

Sleeping-pews in churches—after the sleeping-cars on railroads—is the latest innovation.