THE EVENING STAR.

W. D. WALLACH, Editor and Proprietor.

WASHINGTON CITY:

TUESDAY.....MAY 2, 1865.

EXCURSION TRIP.

Chief Justice Chase and a small party of ladies and gentlemen left here Monday night in a special boat on an excursion trip to the seaboard cities, including Galveston, if found accessible, and thence to New Orleans, and up the Mississippi as far as Baton Rouge.

W. P. Mellen, General Superintendent and Inspector of the Treasury Department, and several agents of the Department, took passage on the same vessel with instructions, it is said, to see that the President's proclamation removing restrictions upon commercial intercourse with certain States be fully and promptly carried out.

GONE TO SPRINGFIELD.

Capt. Robert Lincoln left yesterday for Springfield, Illinois. Upon arriving at Baltimore he was met at the depot by President Garrett and Superintendent Smith, of the road, and entertained until his departure west.

MONUMENT TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.—The objects set forth by the Lincoln National Monument Association in their call published elsewhere, will heartily commend themselves to loyal hearts everywhere, and appeal with especial force to the people of this city and District who feel a warmth of personal veneration for the memory of the lamented deceased that will incite them to the heartiest co-operation in any movement for the erection here—at this fittest point—of a monument suitably commemorative of his noble life and character.

We trust that the press of the country generally will give encouraging notice to the deserving work initiated by the Lincoln National Monument Association.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

FROM NEW ORLEANS.

Rebel Secretary Mallory gives Himself up—Particulars of the Raid of the Rebel Ram Webb.

NEW ORLEANS, April 24.—On the 20th inst., Secretary Mallory, of the Confederate Navy Department, delivered himself to Capt. Gibson, U. S. N., at Pensacola.

The rebel ram Webb, Capt. Reed, of Tacony notoriety, commanding, passed there this p. m. When midway she lowered the stars and stripes and hoisted the rebel flag. She was fired on, one 128-pounder ball passing through her bow.

The gunboats started in pursuit of her, and when twenty-four miles below the city she was fired by her crew, and at about 4.30 blew up.

The crew, consisting of sixty-four men, including eight officers, took to the woods on the left side of the river, but the greater portion afterward surrendered.

Her deck and boilers were protected by cotton. Two hundred and seventeen bales were destroyed by the burning of the Webb.

Reed, while coming down the Mississippi, attached the telegraph wires to his vessel, thus tearing down many miles.

FROM SHERMAN'S ARMY.

Movements of Portions of His Command—General Howard's General Order—Effects of the Rebels Given Up at Greensboro, N. C.

RALEIGH, April 28.—The Army of the Tennessee and the Army of Georgia take their departure from here in a day or two for Richmond. The Army of Ohio, General Schofield commanding, consisting of the 10th and 23d corps, will remain and be distributed as garrison forces throughout the State.

Holden, the editor of the Raleigh Standard, who has been suggested as governor, has taken decided ground against the restoration to power of Governor Vance and the existing Legislature. He favors the adoption of the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery, and recognizes the Constitution of the United States paramount to any State constitution.

General Johnston's army are to deliver up their effects to the United States authorities to-morrow, at Greensborough, seventy-five miles west of here.

General Howard's Order.

The following order has been issued by General Howard:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF TENNESSEE, *Raleigh*, April 27, 1863—*To Citizens Along the Routes of March*: It is requested that you remain at your homes as much as possible while the columns are passing by.

Hostilities having ceased, promiscuous foraging is prohibited. The necessary supplies, in addition to what army transports will bring, will be produced from the country by purchase. Qurtermasters and commissaries will be instructed to pay cash or furnish proper vouchers.

Citizens will do well, and officers commanding guards, patrols, &c., in every possible way to apprehend and bring to punishment any thief or marauder who may separate himself from his column. Every sort of precaution should be made by our officers to render the march orderly, and it is hoped that the great terror that prevails during active operations will now cease.

It being difficult to transport sufficient rations for an extended march, our officers have been requested to discourage refugees from following the army.

The ability to travel freely in any direction now exists, and precludes the former necessity of refugees accompanying or following us.

Respectfully, O. O. HOWARD, Major General.

THE BOOTH EXCITEMENT.

Arrest of a Supposed Accomplice.

SHEFFIELD, MASS., May 1.—The town is under considerable excitement from the arrest of a person connected with a traveling exhibition, and supposed to be an accomplice of Booth, and who appears to answer the advertisement exactly. He has a prominent chin, a full moustache, and a large scar under the left ear. Detectives from towns on the line have been secreted in the village part of the day, awaiting his appearance in the evening. His identity is not yet fully determined.

FROM NORFOLK, VA.

Rebel Officers and Privates Returning to their Homes.

NEW YORK, May 1.—The steamer Illinois has arrived from Norfolk with the 4th regiment Ohio volunteers, *en route* to St. Louis.

Paroled rebel officers and privates are daily arriving at Norfolk, taking the oath of allegiance, and returning to their homes.

Land in the vicinity of Portsmouth is in an advanced state of tillage.

The Rebel Ram Albemarle.

FORTRESS MONROE, April 30.—The rebel ram Albemarle, which was sunk at Plymouth, North Carolina, a few months since, by Lieutenant Cushing, has been raised by some Northern contractors, and reached the navy-yard at Gosport a few days ago, via the Albemarle canal. The cost of raising her was about $20,000. Her machinery is in excellent order, and the hull appears to have sustained but very little damage from the explosion of the torpedo. It is designed to put her in seagoing order at the navy-yard, when she will probably be sent to New York, and be completely fitted out as a first-class iron-clad.

Treatment of Secessionists in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, April 29, 1865.—Edward Ingersoll, who was roughly handled by the populace on Friday, for expressing Secession sentiments, has left the city for the West.

A prominent Secessionist, who lives at Chestnut Hill, near this city, has been notified by his neighbors to leave the vicinity.

BANK OF THE METROPOLIS,
WASHINGTON, May 1, 1865.

Correspondents and depositors are hereby notified, that on and after this date the business of this Bank will be conducted under the name and title of

THE NATIONAL METROPOLITAN BANK OF WASHINGTON.

The balances of accounts with this Bank will be transferred this day. Drafts and Checks should be drawn accordingly.

Stockholders are also informed that a dividend of three and-a-half per cent. has been this day declared out of the earnings of the last four months, and that the same will be paid on and after MONDAY next, the 8th instant.

my2-1w MOSES KELLY, Cashier.

THE CREDITORS OF PAIRO & NOURSE who have not abandoned their claims, are requested to meet at No 466 12th street, north of F TUESDAY EVENING, May 2d, 1865, at 7½ o'clock. my 1-2t*

OFFICIAL.

ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States of America.

To all whom it may concern:

Satisfactory evidence having been exhibited to me that H. CLAUSENIUS, has been appointed Consul for the Duchy of Saxe Altenburg, at Chicago, I do hereby recognize him as such, and declare him free to exercise and enjoy such functions, powers, and privileges, as are allowed to Consuls by the law of nations, or by the laws of the United States.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand at the City of Washington, the 21st day of April, A. D. 1865, and of the Independence of the United States of America the 89th.

[L. S.]

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President:
W. HUNTER, Acting Secretary of State.

ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States of America.

To all whom it may concern.

Satisfactory evidence having been exhibited to me that MORITZ VON BAUMBACH has been appointed Consul of the Dukedom of Saxe Altenburg, at Milwaukie, Wisconsin, I do hereby recognize him as such, and declare him free to exercise and enjoy such functions, powers, and privileges, as are allowed to Consuls by the law of nations, or by the laws of the United States.

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By the President:
W. HUNTER, Acting Secretary of State.

War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, May 1, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 79.

For Reducing the Number of General, Field and Staff Officers.

It is ordered by the President that resignations of General, Field and Staff Officers will be received until the fifteenth of this month, at which date the Adjutant General is directed to commence mustering honorably out of service all General, Field and Staff Officers who are unemployed, or whose service is no longer needed.

By order of the President of the United States

W. A. NICHOLS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

MONUMENT TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.

In order to give definite shape to the desire so generally expressed that a suitable Monument should be erected in the City of Washington to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, the City Councils of Washington have taken action, resulting in the formation of an Association to be called the LINCOLN NATIONAL MONUMENT ASSOCIATION, with the following officers:

President—RICHARD WALLACH, Mayor.
Secretary—CROSBY S. NOYKS.
Treasurer—GEORGE W. RIGGS.

The Directors will be announced hereafter.

It is proposed to raise for the purpose the sum of at least $100,000 by subscriptions, to be limited in amount from one dollar to ten per individual contributor.

Such is the general solicitude to contribute for such a purpose that it is not doubted that the amount requisite can be promptly raised and the monument erected within the year 1865.

Duly authorized collectors will be designated for this District, and persons throughout the country disposed to contribute can send their contributions to GEORGE W. RIGGS, Esq., Treasurer of the Association.

As it may be difficult to send individual receipts for the contributions received, they will be acknowledged from time to time through the public press.

It is earnestly hoped that every newspaper throughout the country will call attention to the object of this Association, and give it such editorial encouragement as shall secure a general recognition.

It is the desire of the Association to raise a monument that shall be properly commemorative of the sublime life and character of the lamented deceased—one that shall be creditable alike to the city and nation.

With such ends in view, it is not doubted that this appeal will meet a prompt and universal response. my2 1m

MASONIC.—The semi annual communication of the GRAND LODGE OF F. AND A. M. of the District of Columbia, will be held at MASONIC HALL, corner of D and 9th streets, on TUESDAY, the 2d of May at 7 o'clock P. M. Punctual attendance is requested.

W. MORRIS SMITH,
ap 29-3t Grand Secretary.

GRAND FAIR
At GONZAGA HALL.

A Fair, on a scale of magnificence never before equalled in Washington City, is now being held for the benefit of St. Aloysius Church, at GONZAGA HALL, F street, between 9th and 10th, open every day and evening during this and the coming week. The grand hall, elegantly decorated—being draped with the flags of all nations, and filled with costly and useful articles of art and skill, in endless profusion and variety—alone richly deserves a visit from every person in the city.

Supper every evening. ap25-dtf

EXCELSIOR BUILDING ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of this Association held on the 6th instant, it was ordered that the books for subscription be reopened until further notice, persons taking stock paying 25 cents premium on each share for the following month.

ap 8-eolm JNO. M. HANSON Sec.

TO THE ARMY AND NAVY.—An elegant OPERA CLOAK is to be voted for in the same manner as the swords at the Sanitary Fair in New York. The candidates are the wives of the lions of the army and navy, Mrs. Gen Grant and Mrs. Com. Porter. The army and navy are respectfully invited to come forward and give their votes. The list will be found at Tables Nos. 1 and 6, under the direction of Mrs. George Finegan, at Gonzaga Hall, F street, near 10th. ap 29-tf

IMPORTANT TO CABINET MAKERS, BUILDERS AND OTHERS.

Large lot of Walnut and Cherry, thicknesses from ½ to 4 inches.

200,000 feet clear Pine Lumber of all thicknesses, from three to five years old, together with a large assortment of Building Lumber.

For sale at yard, No. 37 Water street, Georgetown, D. C., a superior lot of 8-4 and 16-4 Ash.

my 2-tf F. WHEATLEY.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.

The copartnership heretofore existing between Z. Tobriner and John M. Eissler, doing business under the name and firm of TOBRINER & EISSLER, is this day, 1st of May, dissolved by mutual consent.

All persons having claims against them are requested to present them for payment, and all persons indebted to them are requested to settle the same. Either of the members of the late firm is authorized to sign in liquidation.

Z. TOBRINER,
J. M. EISSLER.

P. S.—Z. TOBRINER will continue the business at the old stand. my 2-3t*

IMPORTANT TO BUILDERS AND OTHERS.

200,000 feet clear seasoned WHITE PINE LUMBER, all thicknesses, from three to five years old, and in prime order, with a large stock embracing every variety of Lumber. Office and Yard, No. 37 Water street, Georgetown, D. C.

my 1-1m [Int.] FRANCIS WHEATLEY.

NOTICE.—The Plumbing and Gas Fitting Business heretofore conducted under the name of J. Scheifly & Co., is this day mutually dissolved.

Mr. Scheifly is authorized to settle all accounts due by and to the old firm, or in his absence Mr. L. R. Humpton, at the old place of business, 267 Pennsylvania avenue, corner of 11th street.

JACOB SCHEIFLY,
C. H. SKIRVING, } Executors.
JNO. T. GIVEN,

Washington, May 1, 1865.

Mr. SCHEIFLY will continue the business, and asks the continuance of his former patrons. ml 3t*

SPLENDID STOCK OF

SUMMER DRESS GOODS.

We shall open to-day and to-morrow a choice stock—

BLACK AND COLORED SILKS,
BLACK AND COLORED GRENADINES,
BLACK AND COLORED BERNANIS,
BLACK AND COLORED CHALLEYS,
FOULARD SILK, in new designs,
Elegant ORGANDY ROBES,
Printed JACONETS and ORGANDYS,
Printed PERCALES and CAMBRICS,
MOZAMBIQUES in rich plaids.

MOURNING DRESS GOODS

of LUPIN'S celebrated make in great variety of fabrics.

JOS. J. MAY & CO.,
308 Pennsylvania avenue,
my 1-2t bet. 9th and 10th sts.

ICE PITCHERS AND WATER-COOLERS.

We have just received a large supply of the above goods, to which we invite the attention of purchasers in want of a good article.

WEBB & BEVERIDGE,
ap 29 1w* 504 Odd Fellows' Hall, 7th st.

LOST AND FOUND.

$10 REWARD.—Strayed or stolen away, on the 23d of April, a large red COW, with a hole in each horn; expecting her to calve when she went away. The above reward will be given if brought to Mrs. GARNER, corner of 10th and G sts., on the Island, No. 617. my 2 3t*

LOST—On Monday morning, May 1st on Pennsylvania avenue, between 3d and 14th streets, a GOLD BRACELET, with a GOLD CHAIN attached, marked on the inside "Nellie, Dec. 25th, 1864." A reward will be paid on its delivery at this office. my2-tf

STRAYED OR STOLEN—On Monday, the 1st inst., a BAY HORSE, with a white streak on his forehead. Any person giving information or returning the same to 534 Maryland avenue, shall be suitably rewarded by the proprietor

MRS. SARAH LARR.

The horse is blind. 1t*

$20 REWARD WILL BE PAID FOR THE return of a lady's GOLD HUNTING-CASE WATCH, engine turned detached lever, with a gold lady's roller chatelaine with a gold dollar attached, which was stolen from my house on Saturday last.

JOHN DAVIDSON, 59 Water st.,
my 2 3t* Georgetown.

$5 REWARD—Lost, on Friday last, a black and tan SLUT, small white spot on her breast, answers to the name of Fan. The above reward will be paid by returning her to EDWARD LILLY'S Tent Factory, corner 4½ street and Pa. ave. my 1-2t*

$5 WILL BE PAID ON THE DELIVERY OF my large dark brown stray COW; has nice crumpled horns split ears, shortish tail, and a bunch on her side near the udder. A. GALE,
Gale's Hotel, 127 G st., Washington, D. C.
my 1-1w*

STRAYED from the subscriber, on the 15th of April, a red COW, white under belly, sharp horns, mark on one ear, has a bell on, which has two screw tops for a clapper. A liberal reward will be paid any one who will give information that will lead to her recovery.

Mrs. T. A. BRADDOCK.
my1 3t* No. 126 Pa. av., bet. 19th and 20th sts.

GIRL LOST.—On Friday evening, Eudora Johnson, colored, aged 12 years, strayed from her home, near the Virginia avenue Bridge, (Island,) and has not been heard of since. She was dressed in a striped Virginia cloth dress, short sleeves, soldiers cap and bare-footed. Any information leading to her recovery will be thankfully received. RALPH THOMAS,
my 1-2t* below Va. av., bridge.

$1,000 REWARD.—Lost, last night, at the fire in the alley between M and N and 7th and 8th streets, between FOUR and FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. As the money was not the property of the advertiser, he is more anxious to secure it, and therefore offers the above large reward. HENRY S. BARNES,
M street, between 7th and 8th,
ap 29-1w or Butcher's Stall Center Market.

LOST OR STOLEN—
BALL TICKETS
TO MARINI'S MAY BALL,

To take place at Temperance Hall, on the evening of the 9th of May, 1865. Tickets from number 225 to 235 inclusive, price $3 per ticket; and, also, tickets numbered from 37 to 42 inclusive, at $2 per ticket.

The public are requested not to purchase any of the above tickets.

A liberal reward will be paid on the return to me of the above tickets, as they will not be recognized or received on the night of the ball.

L. G. MARINI,
ap 29 3t Temperance Hall.

BOARDING.

TWO GENTLEMEN, or a gentleman and his wife, can obtain BOARD at 331 20th st. Also, two table boarders can be accommodated. Terms moderate. my 2-6t*

BOARD BY THE DAY, WEEK, OR MONTH, for families or single persons. Location pleasant; house airy, with spacious grounds, gas, hot and cold bath. Terms moderate. Apply S. W. corner 21st and H sts., near Pa. ave. m 2 3t*

ROOMS AND TABLE BOARD—J. TAVENS takes this method of informing her old customers and the public generally, that she has removed from No. 1 Franklin Place, on I st., to No 252 F street, between 13th and 14th, where she is prepared to accommodate gentlemen with good table board. my2-3t*

TWO GENTLEMEN CAN BE ACCOMMODated with pleasant room and board, at 363 K street, between 12th and 13th. A few Table Boarders can be accommodated. my 1-2t*

FOR RENT—Pleasant FURNISHED ROOMS, with board, at No. 52 Missouri avenue, betw. 3d and 4½ sts. Location pleasant. ap 25-6t*

FOUR OR FIVE GENTLEMEN CAN BE WELL accommodated with BOARD and LODGING on K street, south corner of 25th. mar 29

PERSONAL.

SPECIAL NOTICE—MATRIMONIAL—WANTED—A HUSBAND, "right away", a decent, honest, sober, good looking man. No green horn need apply. Address P. O., MAUD BLACKSTONE. 1t*

DR. PHILLIPS has removed to Pennsylvania avenue, near 14th st., over Messrs. Kidwell's Drug Store. ap 5 3mif*

NEW MUSIC!

JUST PUBLISHED AND FOR SALE AT
JOHN F. ELLIS',
306 Pennsylvania avenue, between 9th and 10th streets, Washington, D. C.

President Lincoln's Grand Funeral March: embellished with a correct likeness of the departed President. Price 40 cents.
Rest, Noble Chieftain—a very feeling song on the death of President Lincoln. Price 30 cents.
When Sherman Marched Down to the Sea. Price 40 cents.
Tramp, Tramp, Tramp—The Prisoner's Hope. Price 30 cents.
They Sleep in the South. Price 35 cents.
Good Night, my own Dearest Child. Price 35 cents.
Beautiful Dreamer. Price 35 cents.
I've Brought Thee an Ivy Leaf. Price 35 cents.
Beautiful Day. Price 40 cents.
Sleep Well, Thou Sweet Angel. Price 35 cents.
Soldier's Loved Ones. Price 35 cents.
By Old Oak Orchard's Stream. Price 35 cents.
Ever my Spirit Awakens to Thee. Price 35 cents.
Your Mission. Price 30 cents.
Maggy's Secrets—Instrumental—pretty. Price 60 cents.
Sleep Well, Thou Sweet Angel—Instrumental and pretty, by Oesten. Price 40 cents.
Gallant Fifth Cavalry Schottisch. Price 40 cents.
Generals Grant, Meade, Sherman, Halleck, Sheridan, and others, Marches; each with excellent likeness of each on title page.

Music sent by mail upon receipt of the price. All new music received as soon as issued.

JOHN F. ELLIS,
306 Pennsylvania avenue,
near 10th st., Washington, D. C.

Sole Agency for CHICKERING & SONS' FAMOUS PIANOS. S. D. & W. H. SMITH'S AMERICAN ORGANS, and dealer in all MUSICAL MERCHANDISE. ap 29 3t

UNITED STATES HOTEL.

PRICE REDUCED.

In consequence of the fall in the prices of provisions, &c., the proprietors have reduced the price of Board to $3 per day. A few more permanent boarders taken at reduced rates. Rooms can be had with or without board. ap 26 6t*

COAL! COAL!! COAL!!!

SAWED AND SPLIT WOOD.

Red Ash Coal, Egg, Stove and Nut size. White Ash Coal, Egg, Stove and Nut size.

Also, Oak, Pine and Hickory Wood, cord length, or sawed and split any length or size.

The above will be sold low for cash.

W. H. MARLOW.

Office and Yard corner of 7th street and Canal. ap 28 6t*

ICE. ICE. ICE.

We have completed our arrangements for the delivery of the pure

BOSTON FRESH POND ICE.

We sell no other. We have one price for the season. We deliver promptly. We require our drivers to give exact weight. We never fail to supply in the heat of summer. We ask a liberal patronage and assure you a constant supply.

T. T. FOWLER & CO.,
ap28-tf Tenth street Wharf.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO LADIES.

N. DEMONGEOT,
Importer of Human Hair and Perfumery,

proposes to sell at twenty-five per cent. below the price—

PERFUMERY, from the best houses of the world.
LUBIN'S,
PINAUD'S,
MAUGENET'S,
PIVERT'S,
DEMARSON'S,
BULLY'S,
SOCIETE HYGIENIQUE, &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c.,
Gold and Silver POWDER, for the Hair.

Fine French and English Brush Ware, Combs, Pearl and Coral Combs, Shell and Fancy Combs, Imperatrice and Fancy Pins, in Potata, Coral, Jet, Ivory and Gold; Bow, Waterfalls, Butter files, new style; Curls, Bands, Wigs, invisible; and in one word, all the best Hair work can be found, and made to order on short notice.

DEMONGEOT,
Corner of D and 10th streets,
ap 17-2w* near the avenue.

STEINWAY & SONS PIANOS.

We have just received one very fine upright PIANO, oversprung. Also, several new scale SQUARE PIANOS. The superiority of these instruments over all others is established. We invite the public to call and examine, at our warerooms, corner of 11th street and Penn. avenue. W. G. METZEROTT,
Sole Agent of Steinway's Pianos, and Mason & Hamlin's Cabinet Organs. ap 26

HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES.—We have in store a full stock of CROCKERY, CHINA, GLASSWARE, CUTLERY and PLATED WARE, suitable for the above establishments, at as low prices as the same class of goods can be purchased in Northern cities.

WEBB & BEVERIDGE,
ap 22-6t*if 504 (Odd Fellows' Hall) 7th street.

486 PAPERHANGINGS. 486
486 WINDOW SHADES. 486
486 OVAL PICTURE FRAMES. 486
486 PICTURE CORD AND TASSELS. 486
486 PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS, &c. 486

At MARKRITER'S, No 486 7th st.,
8 doors above Odd Fellows' Hall.
Terms cash. feb 28-3m*

SECOND EDITION.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

WASHINGTON, May 2, 1865.

Jay Cooke & Co. furnish the following quotations of Government securities:

	Buying.	Selling.
U. S. 6's Coupon 1881	110	111
U. S 5-20's	105	106
U. S. 10-40's	96½	97½
One Year Certificates	99	99½

NEW YORK—FIRST BOARD.

Coupons, 110½; 5-20's, 105⅝; 10-40's, 97½; Certificates, 99½; Gold, 140½.

THE REBEL PLOT TO BURN PHILADELPHIA.

The circumstances under which the plot to burn Philadelphia was discovered here are about as follows:

On Friday evening last, Sergeant A. P. McKenny, at the 6th street wharf, discovered two suspicious looking individuals lurking about in the dark, who upon seeing they were watched, made off. Saturday evening, about the same hour, these two men again made their appearance at the wharf, when Sergeant McKenny informed his commanding officer of the fact, who instructed him to watch them closely. The Sergeant seeing the two men in conversation, got close enough to them to hear one of them inquire of the other "Do you thing they will meet to night." The reply was not heard, and the men again started off, but were followed by Sergeant McKenny, who overtook them on a vacant lot on 4½ street, when one of the men seeing they were followed, drew a pistol and fired at the Sergeant, the ball taking effect in his right breast, near the nipple. Fortunately Sergeant McKenny had a package of letters in his pocket, through which the ball passed, and deadened the force of the ball, preventing its making a serious wound.

The Sergeant being alone, concluded to lay still, although not dangerously wounded, and the fellows believing that they had killed him, immediately ran off and made their escape.

Sergeant McKenny, upon regaining his feet, discovered a letter upon the ground which the man who fired the shot had pulled from his pocket with the weapon.

Upon returning to his quarters serg't McK. discovered that the letter was of some importance, and it was accordingly sent to Col. Ingraham.

The letter revealed the fact that there was a deliberately planned plot on foot to burn Philadelphia, in which a large number of conspirators were to take part, and contained a request urging certain parties (supposed to be the two men alluded to above,) to be in Philadelphia on the 30th of April, as the attempt to destroy the city would be made on the 1st day of May, when the final blow would be struck, and the torch not lowered until the city was in ashes and their pockets filled with treasure.

Col. Ingraham, after reading the letter, immediately dispatched officers to the railroad station when it was ascertained that two men answering the description of those who had assailed the sergeant had taken passage on the train which left the depot a few moments before.

The information of the discovery of the plot was then telegraphed to Gen. Cadwalader, at Philadelphia, and early on Sunday evening Capt. Potts, chief of the military detectives and patrols attached to Col. Ingraham's office, was dispatched to Philadelphia with such details of the plot as had come to the knowledge of the authorities here.

To prevent any suspicious character from leaving this city for Philadelphia on Sunday morning, Col. Ingraham and a number of officers proceeded to the railroad station, and quietly took passage in the Philadelphia train. After the train had reached a point some three miles from Washington, it was taken possession of by Col. Ingraham and his party, and a thorough search instituted among the passengers. The officers finding no one upon the train who could not give a satisfactory account of themselves, the train was allowed to proceed, Col. Ingraham and his party returning to this city.

Facts are within the knowledge of the authorities here which go to show that there are some eight hundred conspirators banded together for the purpose of burning Philadelphia and other Northern cities. The affair is now undergoing a thorough investigation.

COURT MARTIAL.

A court-martial was ordered yesterday for the trial of Benj. G. Harris, member of Congress from the first district of Maryland, to be composed of the following officers:—Maj. Gen. Parke, President; Maj. Gen. Humphries, Maj. Gen. Wilcox, Brig. Gen. Rawlins, Brig. Gen. Sharpe, Brig. Gen. Morris, Col. Bowers, of Gen. Grant's staff; Cols. Gamble, Albright, and Maj. Winthrop, Judge Advocate.

Subsequently the Court was changed as follows: Major Gen. Foster, President; Gen. Haskins, substituted for Gen. Morris; and Colonel Babcock, of General Grant's staff, for Colonel Bowers.

The Court met to-day, Present all the members except Gens. Humphries and Rawlings, and after organizing adjourned.

The Court, it is understood, will be continued after the disposal of the Harris case, for the trial of other parties.

BLOWING UP OF A REBEL FLOATING BATTERY.

The Navy Department has received a communication from Commodore W. H. Macomb, dated April 12th, at Plymouth, North Carolina, which says:

"I got news yesterday to the effect that the rebels had sent a floating battery down the Roanoke, and that it was then just above this place. I immediately started from Winton in the Wilderness, and arrived here last night, when I found that Commander Febiger had sent a party up under Lieut. Franklin, of the Iasco, which party had found the battery sunk near Jamesville by one of their own torpedoes. Lieutenant Franklin set fire to all of her that was above water, (about two feet,) and it is supposed she is pretty thoroughly destroyed."

RETRENCHMENT.

To-day, in compliance with a general order issued yesterday by the Navy Department, all the sailors in the Navy Yard and on vessels there whose terms of enlistment expire on or before the 10th day of July are being discharged. There will be quite a number who will leave the service to-day in consequence, as this order applies to the Santiago de Cuba, monitors Saugus, Mahopac, and Montauk, Yankee, Primrose, Jacob Bell, Fuschia, Leslie, Rescue, Baltimore and King Phillip, which are now at the Yard.

THE REBEL PLOT TO BURN PHILADELPHIA CITY.

We see that the New York papers affect to treat the report of a rebel plot to destroy the city of Philadelphia as a Philadelphia sensation story. From information within our knowledge we are satisfied that there was strong evidence to show that such a plot really existed, and was to have culminated Sunday night. The active precautionary measures taken probably interfered with the programme of the plotters.

PROMOTED.

Lieut Dougherty, who was in the command of the detachment of the 15th New York cavalry, which captured Booth and Herold, has been promoted to a captaincy by a commission from the Governor of New York.

GRAND REVIEW.

A grand review of Sherman's army and the Army of the Potomac will take place here shortly, the greater portion of the troops of these commands now being on their way to this city.

JOINED HIS REGIMENT.

Sergeant Corbett, who shot Booth, has, in obedience to orders, joined his regiment, the 16th New York cavalry.

THE WHITE HOUSE.

The President's Mansion is to be repainted and refurnished throughout before it will be taken possession of by President Johnson.

ARREST OF A COPPERHEAD MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—Hon. Benjamin G. Harris, the Copperhead member of Congress from Southern Maryland, was arrested on Tuesday last by Major Waite, of Gen. Augur's staff, for treasonable conduct in dissuading paroled rebel soldiers from taking the oath of allegiance, and urging them as soon as exchanged to return to the South and make further fight. The arrest of Harris has no connection whatever with the assassination conspiracy.—*Correspondence of the New York Herald.*

He was brought to this city on Saturday last.

SALES OF SEVEN-THIRTIES.—The sales of 7-30's, by Jay Cooke & Co., amounted to $5,154,100 yesterday.

FROM RICHMOND.

Exodus of the Incorrigible Secesh from that City—The Church Imbroglio.

We are indebted to Capt. Deering, of mail boat Dictator, for the Richmond *Whig* of yesterday, from which we clip the following:

THE EXODUS FROM RICHMOND of persons and families, under the recent order furnishing transportation to such as desire to leave for the interior of the State, still continues. A registry is kept at the post quartermaster's office, in which is entered the name, residence, destination and amount of baggage carried by each family or individual. The transportation is effected by railroad and ambulance trains.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCHES yesterday were open generally, in accordance with the requirements of the order of General Halleck, leaving the clergymen the alternative of officiating themselves or having their places supplied by other ministers of the same denomination who could be found willing to read the prescribed prayer for the President of the United States. The stated rectors filled the pulpits in nearly every instance, and read the prayer for the President and all others in authority, with some slight alteration in the phraseology.

The Ecclesiastical meeting of the Episcopal body is held early in the present month, when it is presumed such alterations will be made in the liturgy as will obviate existing difficulties. Bishop Johns is the presiding Bishop of the Diocese. He is at present in Halifax, or was several days since.

THE M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.—At a meeting, held in the African Church, the colored Methodists, who, by force of circumstances, were obliged to remain with the M. E. Church South, resolved, by the unanimous vote of the male members, to dissolve their connection with that branch of the Methodist Church.

LEGAL MATTERS.—Pending the suspension of the Courts, all cases affecting the pecuniary rights of citizens, and other matters of a local character, such as suits for rent, &c., are submitted to arbitration by the military authorities. Judge Wm. H. Lyons, of the Richmond Hustings Court, has been named as presiding Arbitrator; the principals in each case each to appoint one arbitrator, upon whose decision judgments shall be given. This, we understand, is a temporary arrangement for the adjudication of immediate and pressing cases. A movement is on foot to establish a Board for the disposal of such cases until such time as the civil government of the State shall resume its functions. Parties bringing suits, and the defendants therein, are allowed the privilege of counsel as usual.

SUPPOSED PLOT TO BURN PHILADELPHIA.

Action of the Military and Civil Authorities—Precautionary Measures Continued.

[From the Philadelphia Inquirer, May 2d.]

Last Sunday afternoon the Provost Marshal General, at Washington, telegraphed to Major General Cadwalader, in this city, that the authorities at the National Capitol had received information that a plot existed to burn the city of Philadelphia, and that an attempt to carry it into effect would be made during Sunday night. General Cadwalader was advised in the Provost Marshal's despatch, to adopt such precautionary measures as were necessary to check effectually any such diabolical attempt, and prompt decisive action was taken at once, of so thorough a nature that even if such an attempt were contemplated by parties in the city, its fulfillment would have been simply an impossibility.

During Sunday evening we were called on by Chief Ruggles and Chief Engineer Lyle, who brought a request from Mayor Henry not to publish anything in relation to the supposed plot, as such publicity might tend to defeat the ends of justice, and create unnecessary alarm among the timid or nervous portion of the community. Entirely coinciding in opinion with the Mayor we refrained from making any mention of the affair in yesterday's edition; but as information in relation to the supposed plot was published in the New York papers, yesterday, and freely circulated in this city, the veil is of course removed, and we append the following particulars regarding the grand scare. We may premise by saying that no uneasiness is experienced by those who are high in authority in this city regarding the plot, and that no attempt to burn any portion of the city was made.

The authorities, however, are going on the principle that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," for such measures have been adopted throughout the city as would lead to the instantaneous detection of any act of incendiarism.

Gen. Cadwalader, immediately on the receipt of the despatch from Washington, made proper disposition of the military under his command at once. All the public buildings, including arsenals, hospitals, large manufactories, machine shops, magazines, &c., were placed under strict guard, and remain so now. Bodies of military were stationed in such a manner as to be of instant use at any point, and several localities were doubly guarded.

Chief Ruggles had his entire police force on the *qui vive*, and every suspicious looking character was closely watched, and a sharp eye kept on many places of public resort.

Chief Engineer Lyle notified the entire fire department to be ready for instant service, and the various fire apparatus throughout the city were harnessed up ready for work.

All the hotels of the city were warned to use extra caution, and the different floors of the principal ones were patrolled so closely during the entire night that not a guest could leave his room without his movements being made the subject of strict scrutiny.

The night, however, passed without any attempt at incendiarism, and but two occurrences took place having any connection with the affair, and they are as follows:

One of the officers on duty at 9th and Chestnut streets had his attention attracted, about half-past 9 o'clock on Sunday evening, to the movements of an individual who appeared to be watching the upper windows of the Continental Hotel with some interest. The party in question moved backwards and forwards on 9th street, and after glancing up at several of the windows of the hotel, moved off up 9th street at a brisk pace. He was followed and seen to turn into Market street, and was taken into custody at the corner of 10th and Market.

He appeared somewhat confused, and made two or three conflicting statements, first stating that he belonged to Maryland, but it afterwards appeared he was a resident of this State. On being asked if he knew where the Continental Hotel was he said yes, but stated he had not been near there since the middle of the afternoon. He was taken to the Central Station and subjected to a rigid examination, but it appearing that he could not have had any complicity with the supposed plot, he was discharged from custody.

Yesterday morning the sentries on duty around the knapsack department of the United States Arsenal on Gray's Ferry Road, noticed a suspicious looking character prowling around that portion of the establishment. He was hailed by two of the sentinels but declined to give any answer. He was again hailed, and a movement made towards him, when he started off on a run. Two shots were then fired at him, which, owing to the darkness of the night, failed to take effect. This alarmed others on duty at the Arsenal, and pursuit was at once made. He was just seen to enter a brick yard in the immediate neighborhood, and two shots were fired at the party in pursuit from the direction he had taken. These shots are thought to have come from a revolver in the hands of the fugitive, which were fired for the purpose of intimidating pursuit. Being favored by the darkness, the fellow made good his escape.

Whether his object in being in the vicinity of the Arsenal was to attempt to burn that building, or whether he had some burglarious designs on surrounding dwellings, is of course not known.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

Further Decline in Rebel Stocks—American Securities Buoyant.

SANDY HOOK, May 1.—The steamship Scotia from Liverpool via Queenstown, on the 23d, has passed this point.

The steamship Asia has arrived out.

The belief is gaining strength in England that all is over with the South.

Federal securities and cotton are buoyant and very active in anticipation of peace.

U. S. 5-20's, 66¼a66¾; Illinois Central Railroad, 69¼a70¼; Erie Railroad, 46¼a47.

Consols closed at 90¼a90¾.

Very Latest by Telegraph to Queenstown.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday evening, April 22.—Cotton sales to-day, 25,000 bales, including ten thousand to speculators and exporters.

The market was buoyant with an advance of 1d. and in some cases more for American.

Breadstuffs and provisions quiet and steady

FROM ST. LOUIS.

Further Particulars of the Sultana Disaster.

ST. LOUIS, May 1.—Hon. John Covode, of the War Committee, furnishes the following information relative to the Sultana disaster:

No troops of States east of Ohio were lost. The Eastern troops will be sent to Annapolis.

He says the boat was overloaded, her registered capacity being 376 passengers.

Other good boats were at Vicksburg at the same time, but the authorities would not let them start, prisoners think there is criminality in the matter.

About 2,000 paroled prisoners were at Vicksburg when the Sultana left. Three thousand were left at Andersonville in consequence of the railroad being destroyed between Andersonville and Jackson. They go to Annapolis by way of the sea.

The agent of the Sultana writes that near 1,700 persons were lost.

Thomas J. Thorpe, the guerrilla, was hung to