

The arrest of Sidney Deming, formerly agent of the Associated Press, was caused by an order from the War Department, on account of facts which developed themselves, not very flattering to the parties connected therewith. His position as agent of the Associated press, while with General McClellan, was used to procure large contracts for hay and oats. He was warned against going down to the army since his dismissal by the Associated Press and the developments in the contract frauds at Baltimore, and on his appearing in the army under false pretenses, he was arrested and sent home.

The Military Reform bill, now before Congress, provides that all officers who are not reinstated in their commands and sent into active service within twenty days after the passage of the bill shall no longer receive pay. It also repeals the act restricting the number of Major and Brigadier Generals in the army.

Gen. Rosecrans has issued orders forbidding the issue of passes to civilians to travel south of Louisville, and the fact is taken as indicative of an intention on his part to renew active operations at an early day. Large reinforcements are continually arriving at Louisville and being dispatched South.

The New York Tribune of Friday last contains a confession of faith of that journal, upon the "May or Mediation" policy. Mr. Greeley says that unless "the Federal government can crush the rebellion within the next four months, he is in favor of accepting the mediation of foreign powers to end the struggle."

The extensive cracker bakery of Goodwin & Co., in New York, was destroyed on Tuesday night. Loss \$60,000. Insured.

Yesterday morning a lot of 150 convalescents from Philadelphia, in charge of a guard of ten men arrived at the Soldiers Rest, and at once showed their antipathy to the colored people by assaulting the contrabands employed about the quarters to keep the place in order and make fires, two or three of whom were badly beaten. In a short time, however, the guard on duty there restored quiet, by arresting eight or ten of the ringleaders, who are now confined in the guardhouse.

A dispatch from Nashville states that a camp of Confederates at Middletown, fifteen miles west of Murfreesboro', was surprised and captured on the 2d inst. The colonel commanding and all the officers were made prisoners.

Advices from Key West are to the 29th ult., and give particulars of the capture of the British steamer Pearl and the Confederate steamer Virginia, the latter on the coast of Mexico, with a cargo of wines, coffee, &c.—Some thirty prizes are now in the harbor awaiting adjudication. The ship Sparkling Sea has proved a total wreck, only twelve out of the eighty horses belonging to the 25th New York Battery having been saved.

The steamer Arabia sailed yesterday for Liverpool with \$286,000 in specie. The European steamers will hereafter make the passage money payable in gold, or its equivalent in currency.

Much indignation is expressed at the scheme of the New York speculators, to secure a charter from Congress, for a line between New York and Washington. The project was got up in Wall street, and it is said George Law is at the head of it.

The following appeal was telegraphed by Governor Curtin to Gen. Mitchell, commanding at Nashville, to be communicated to the Anderson Cavalry. "I ask you, for the honor of the State, to relieve the distress of your friends, and for all your hopes in the future, to return to your duty as soldiers. You will be organized as originally designed in the order to increase the troop to a regiment, and will be detailed for special duty near the General. Gen. Rosecrans has written me to this effect, and will designate the officers who will be commissioned."

Gens. Rickets, Crawford and Meredith have been appointed a board to investigate the claims to be restored of such officers as have been summarily dismissed from the service by order of the President. It seems that many of them allege that the President's action in their respective cases was based on erroneous representations.

Mr. Peter H. Watson was yesterday confirmed by the Senate as Assistant Secretary of War, and has entered upon his duties.

Wendell Phillips made a speech at Henry Ward Beecher's Church, Brooklyn, on Tuesday evening, in which he spoke in the most contemptuous terms of President Lincoln, and charged that that functionary is of opinion his emancipation proclamation has done more harm than good.

A portion of Gen. Foster's expedition was passed off Cape Fear on the 31st ult. Its destination is supposed to be Port Royal.

In answer to a resolution of inquiry the Secretary of the Treasury states that no revenue was received from the importation of paper since March 1861, none having been imported, and expresses the opinion that a reduction of the duty on the article would largely increase the revenue.

TWINKLEY TWINKLE.—A war correspondent of a New Orleans paper, writes thus from Jackson, Tennessee:

An officer of my acquaintance, who is indubitably fond of "fritters," just dropped into a dwelling at Jackson a day or two since, where this delicacy was smoking hot upon the table, and very politely asked to share the meal with the landlady. She graciously complied, and asked him to be seated.

"Will you take the 'twinkley twinkle,' or on the 'dab?'" My friend was entirely ignorant of the meaning of these terms, but at a venture chose the former. He was soon enlightened. The ancient female dipped her not over clean fingers into a tumbler of molasses standing beside her, and allowing the drippings to fall on the delicacy, presented it to him as "twinkley twinkle." "On the dab," was a spoonful of treacle upon the centre of the "fritter."

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jan 26—1m **W. M. DODGE.**

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