

GENERAL NEWS.

A man who was found very ill on Friday night at the corner of Maryland avenue and Eleventh street, in Washington, was conveyed to the police station, and medical attendance immediately given by Dr. Willett, who stated that he was labouring under a severe attack of bilious fever. He died early next morning. His name was not given, but he said that he had been a Confederate soldier, and was captured in Maryland and paroled. He stated also that he was from Westmoreland county Virginia. He was about forty years of age.

It is stated that the contractors who were furnishing the Government with paper for the Government Printing Office, threw up their contracts, and Superintendent Defree, went to Boston and bought in open market a temporary supply; he was unable to make a contract for any length of time at any price.

Edinburgh and London are perhaps the only cities that have commenced distributing their sewerage to the grain and grass lands in their vicinity; and it is now said that wherever this sewerage has been applied the enormous increase in grain and grass has made it a very profitable experiment.

The N. Y. Tribune's army letter yesterday says that we "must not expect any immediate results of a startling nature to follow the exchange of Burnside for McClellan."

The N. Y. World says: "Those who believe in the final success of the Emancipation Proclamation, assume that the Supreme Court will pronounce it constitutional, and that the abolition party will remain in perpetual control of the government. Both of these assumptions are contrary to all probability."

on Saturday night a fire occurred on the farm of Mr. David Stonner, in Spring Garden township, York county, Pa, which consumed his large and valuable barn, together with all its contents, (belonging to Mr. Henry Spenkle, tenant,) consisting of a considerable quantity of wheat, corn and oats, nine head of horned cattle, five horses, four fat hogs, and all the farming utensils.

George W. Simmons, alias Charles Lewis, is the name of the supposed murderer of Jas. Rowan, at Princeton, N. J. He is under arrest. The evidence, though circumstantial, is said to be very strong.

Dispatches from Nashville of yesterday's date contain accounts of five murders. Two of the homicides were of saloon-keepers, who refused to sell liquor to soldiers; two soldiers were killed, cause unknown, and one negro was killed. The city marshal was also assailed and badly beaten.

In the forty three "districts" into which the Poor-law Board has divided the region in which the cotton manufacture of England is chiefly carried on, there are three hundred and fourteen thousand persons usually employed.—Of this number only seventy-five thousand—less than one fourth—are now fully employed; one hundred and sixteen thousand are on half work, and one hundred and twenty-one thousand are wholly unemployed. The distress, already great is daily increasing.

A Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune says: It is reported that a New England Colonel and his Adjutant were captured yesterday while at breakfast with a fair friend, several miles from Warrenton.

There were a great number of bids for the thirteen million loan of seven-thirties which was awarded at Washington yesterday. The bids were mostly from New York, and in the aggregate were for three times the amount of loan asked for. The rate at which the award was made is not stated.

Some two hundred sailors from New York city passed through Indianapolis, Indiana, on the 12th inst., on their way to join the Mississippi river gunboat fleet.

The U. S. steamer Connecticut, on the 30th ult., captured the English schooner Hermosa, while looking for a chance to run the blockade.

A division of the Federal army at Nashville moved from the city on Sunday on the Murfreesboro' road. Col. Morgan's force of Confederates are at Lebanon.

The steamer Hero left the Eastern Branch Washington on Sunday evening, with a portion of the New York 15th (Engineer) Regiment, Colonel McLeod Murphy, and with a number of pontoon boats. The rest of the regiment have since left in other boats. The difficult task of working the rafts of pontoon boats, under a high wind, through the Navy Yard bridge, was witnessed by a large number of spectators. Each boat had its complement of spars, flooring, anchors, pumps, &c., and everything was conducted with systematic regularity.

The report that the prisoners, mostly clerks in the Quartermaster's Department, who were recently arrested for connection with an enormous fraud on the Government, by forage and other contractors, have been released, is not true; on the contrary the number in custody is daily increasing as further developments are made. The names of the accused are withheld for the present.

General Hitchcock has been appointed Commissioner for the exchange of prisoners. Col. Ludlow declined the appointment of Commissioner, as it would have interfered with his duties on Gen. Dix's Staff, but as Assistant Commissioner will assist General Hitchcock at Fortress Monroe.

Col. Ludlow, yesterday completed the exchange of all the officers and men captured by the Confederates at Munfordsville, Ky., and also of all the officers and men of the N. Y. regiments who were captured at Harper's Ferry, comprising five regiments of infantry, one detachment of cavalry and two batteries. All these are now at Camp Douglas, Chicago, and will soon be ordered to Washington. The Munfordsville prisoners are in camp at Indianapolis, Indiana, and are ready to take the field. The aggregate of officers and men yesterday declared exchanged by Colonel Ludlow will amount to about eight thousand.

Mr. Hamlin, President of the National Freedman's Relief Association, of Washington, D. C., died in that city on Friday evening last. For several months he has devoted much time to the work of the association, over which he was President, and his recent labors at Fortress Monroe brought on illness, which resulted in his death. He was a cousin of the Vice President, and during the last year had been a clerk in the Treasury Department.

Rev. Bishop Simpson contemplates a permanent residence in Washington. The pastors of the respective Methodist churches have held a meeting to promote the object and extend a cordial invitation to the bishop and his family.

Governor Pierpoint, of Virginia, returns to Wheeling to-day, via Philadelphia. He leaves Col. Whaley, representative in Congress from one of the Western Virginia districts, to superintend the transportation of the paroled prisoners, sick and convalescent Union Virginia soldiers, to their homes.

The Philadelphia North American, a leading Abolition-Republican organ, calls a national convention, to meet at Pittsburg, to dissolve the "Republican" party, and organize a new "War Party."

There is a wide discrepancy in the remark of Lord Brougham as given yesterday and to-day in the telegraphic summary. While yesterday it was reported that "Lord Brougham, in a letter, expresses his hopes that the American government will refrain from making a servile insurrection," to-day it is stated that he "hopes that the English government will not interfere in the case of a servile insurrection in the Southern States."

The house of Mr. Jas. Marr, in Washington, was entered on Sunday night by some adroit thieves, and nineteen hundred dollars were stolen from a bureau drawer up stairs. Fifteen hundred dollars were in gold, two hundred in silver, and two hundred in Treasury notes.

Twenty-eight men engaged by parties in Maryland as substitutes, at \$200 apiece, were taken from Washington, yesterday morning.—They were in charge of a substitute broker, who said he would make about \$500 out of the operation.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad, have issued an order for the enforcement of new regulations at the depot in Washington. No one will be allowed to enter the gate leading to the cars except those having tickets. No passenger will hereafter be allowed to cumber his seat with baggage, valises or carpet-sacks. Passengers, too, will be classified and conducted to certain cars, so as to prevent the promiscuous assemblages which have so often made travelling unpleasant. Twice a week cars specially for the sick will be run.

Rev. Dr. Dabney, Professor in the Union Theological Seminary, is in the Southern army, acting as an aid to General Stonewall Jackson.

A town meeting was held in Wethersfield, (Conn.) on Tuesday, at which the business of a draft was considered. The meeting came to an extraordinary conclusion, and voted: first, that they would have no draft; secondly, directing the selectmen to pay no attention to any orders for a draft if the Governor issues them; and, thirdly, paying the fine imposed by law upon selectmen for refusing to draft when ordered.

By an invention of Capt Ericsson four men succeeded in working a gun weighing twenty tons, in a steam vessel's turret. So simple and complete was this piece of machinery that one man could handle the gun with ease. It takes twenty-five men to work an Armstrong gun.

The sharpshooters now recruiting in New York—twelve companies in all—have been assigned to the command of Major Gen. Banks, and will form a portion of the expedition he is now organizing in New York, for special service on the southern coast.

Col. Charles Howard, formerly Baltimore Police Commissioner, was temporarily released from Fort Warren, and arrived home in time to see his daughter Elizabeth die, Friday evening, after a brief illness.