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OFFICE—No. 104 King street, over  
Stone's, (formerly French's) Book Store.

Wm. F. Richstein, a bookseller on Pennsylvania avenue, in Washington, was arrested and brought before the Provost Marshal yesterday, charged with using treasonable language. He was sent to the Old Capitol.

It is understood that Commodore Lardner is to supersede Commodore Wilkes in command of the fleet in the West Indies. His rank will be that of Acting Rear Admiral, like that of all the officials who are in command of fleets.

True bills have been found against Craig, the forger, who recently attempted to operate so extensively on Philadelphia and Washington bankers.

The National Canal Convention assembled at Chicago yesterday morning. Mayor C. J. Filley, of St. Louis, was chosen temporary Chairman. Bishop Simpson offered a prayer, after which Dr. Brainard, of Chicago, in behalf of the Board of Trade, delivered an address. No further business was transacted except the appointment of a committee to report a permanent organization.

A boat expedition from the blockading fleet off Mobile, recently destroyed a blockade runner under the guns of Fort Morgan.

The Washington Chronicle says:—"For some months it has been the intention of the authorities to organize the employees of the Quartermaster's Department into companies, and to that end a complete list of muster rolls has been prepared, embracing the entire force of the department presided over by General Rucker, and has been signed by the impromptu soldiers. Yesterday a large number of muskets were received from the Arsenal for the purpose of drill.

It is reported that on Tuesday morning the Confederates were strengthening their picket lines along the Rappahannock. Col. Mosely's cavalry are in the vicinity of Fairfax Court House, hovering along the Federal lines.

Two companies of the negro regiment now being formed in Washington have been mustered into the service. It was thought at the commencement of the work that a brigade would be formed by this time.

The operations against Port Hudson have caused all the troops to be removed from the Teche country, which leaves that section open once more to the occupation of the Confederates.

Gen. Rosecrans has ordered all officers of the Confederate army now held as prisoners, and who may hereafter be captured in battle, to be placed in close confinement and strongly guarded. None will be paroled or exchanged.

Dr. John W. Ramsey was on Monday taken to Baltimore, charged with being a spy. He was arrested at Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and had several passes on his person from Richmond to Gen. Imboden's headquarters, by Staunton.

It has been determined to accept the resignations of U. S. officers in the field desirous of leaving active service and resorting to the plea of disability, so far as to release the officer from field service and transfer him to the Invalid Corps. It is thought that this will check resignations on this questionable plea.

A report has come by way of Matamoras, that Gen. Sam Houston is running as a candidate for Governor on the "Lone Star" ticket. His plan is to re-establish the "Republic of Texas." The report is doubted.

In the case of the Berks County, Pa., arrests, for resisting the draft, uniting with a disloyal society, &c., the Commissioner, after argument, discharged Messrs. Reed, Seidle and Muthart. Philbert and Oxemender, who had attended the meetings, were held in \$1000. Dr. Illig, having acted as secretary, was held in \$1,500 bail, and Haber in \$3000 bail, to answer at court.

N. P. Hallowell, son of Morris L. Hallowell, of Philadelphia, who it was stated had gone to Port Royal S. C., as Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fifty-fourth Massachusetts (colored) Regiment, did not sail with them, having previously received his commission as colonel of the Fifty-fifth Massachusetts Regiment (also colored,) and which is now in camp near Boston, and numbers about six hundred men. Edward Hallowell, a younger brother, who was Major in the Fifty-fourth, has assumed the Lieutenant-Colonelcy of the same, and sailed with the regiment.

The gunboat Cincinnati, sunk at Vicksburg, on the 26th ult., by the Confederate batteries was an iron-clad steamer of 512 tons, and mounting thirteen guns, and was considered one of the best vessels of the Mississippi Squadron.

The difficulty which has existed for some time between Generals Hunter and Foster, will be adjusted in a manner satisfactory to both, by the authorities in Washington.—General Saxton goes back with dispatches for General Hunter. The statement that Gen. H. has been relieved is without foundation.

A man named Hugh Dorian has been arrested in Chicago for pouring boiling water on his wife while she was sleeping in bed, and of subsequently beating and maltreating her in a brutal manner.

The Democratic Peace Convention met at New York yesterday. Fernando Wood was the principal speaker. The resolutions declare that under the Constitution there is no power to coerce the States by military force, and that the war is contrary to the Constitution and should be put an end to. They therefore propose a suspension of hostilities and the call of a convention to "settle the manner of the reconstruction of the contending sections."

The Richmond Enquirer says that the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia is to be divided into three corps d'armee, to be commanded respectively by Generals Longstreet, Ewell and A. P. Hill.

The Washington Republican favors the application to the Secretary of the Treasury, "by the loyal merchants and business men of Alexandria to have the commercial and blockade restrictions upon that port removed." It goes on to say, it is claimed, that "disloyal merchants of Washington are permitted to carry on an unrestricted trade, while loyal merchants of Alexandria cannot legally import an article without a long and dilatory process through both the War and Treasury Departments for a special permit."

Some of the Northern papers have recently quoted what they said was a remark of Mr. Seward to Lord Lyons in relation to the arrests by order of the Executive government of the U. S., to this effect:—"My Lord, I can touch a bell on my right hand, and order the arrest of a citizen of Ohio; I can touch the bell again and order the imprisonment of a citizen of New York, and no power on earth, except that of the President can release them. Can the Queen of England do as much?"—The inquiry has been started in the same sources, where did Mr. S. say or write this?—and the Cincinnati Gazette answers:—"Our contemporary, by referring to Lord Lyons' dispatch to Earl Russell, detailing a conversation with Mr. Seward, dated November 14, 1861, published in the Parliamentary Blue Book, and copied into the New York Times of March 1, 1862, will find the extract above alluded to."

The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer says: "Our Democratic 'City Government' seems to be anxious to provoke a collision with the Federal (military) authority and if they keep on, it is just possible they may be gratified. Thus, the Board of councilmen have adopted a resolution, directing the Street Commissioner to cause the Park Barracks to be razed and removed from the public grounds forthwith, for the reason 'that those barracks have ceased to be used for the purposes they were originally intended for, and are at present devoted to the unlawful incarceration of citizens by the Provost Guard.' The Street Commissioner is specially charged with the duty of carrying the order into effect. The Board of Aldermen have yet to concur in the resolution, and as that body are all of the same way of thinking with the Councilmen, an affirmative vote is looked for at their meeting on Thursday night. Some are of opinion, however, that even in that case the Street Commissioner, Mr. Cornel, albeit a Democrat also, will think twice before he proceeds to oust the troops from the Barracks. It would be an eminently perilous experiment."

At the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society in London on the 22d ult., it was stated that Lord Brougham had declined to take the chair, on the ground that such a course was inconsistent with the neutrality which every one ought to observe in the contest now going on in America.

A letter from Lieutenant James Entwisle, acting adjutant of the Sixth New York regiment ("Billy" Wilson's Zouaves,) dated at New Orleans on the 23d ult., announces that that regiment was to leave New Orleans on the 25th of May on its return to New York. The regiment has been in service two years, and is to return, with six hundred men.