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#### THE BATTLES IN SPOTSYLVANIA-OPINIONS OF THE BRITISH PRESS.

We subjoin a few extracts from the British Press relative to the battles in Spotsylvania and the prospects of the campaign :

## From the London Times, May 28.

If Grant possess strength enough to continue to attack as he has attacked, it is clear that in the end he will arrive, in some plight or other, before the defences of Richmond, and, if he can still Stanton : "I propose to fight it out on this line, conduct that we may take him at his word. If, ates have been able to make use of theirs. however, his cool, resolute and skilful adversary, should be strong enough to continue up to the walls of the capital, the tactics which he has hitherto employed, and if he can make Grant pay days of bittle and carnage, without a surrender the barbarous, half armed Britons. on either side. We have heard what Grant has cart but truthful despatches, to the unconquerable heroism of his adversary. It is the rudest and the result of a contest of endurance, but the ad- despises our progress in subjugating a territory we believe Richmond to be now WHAT THE WHIGS AND GOVERNMENT MEN THINE OF THE YANEEE TRIUMPHS. From the London Post, Cabinet Organ, May 28th. If the North really consider the battle in Virginia a victory, it can, only be because they have been so accustomed to be disgracefully beaten in that quarter by Gen. Lee that they look upon any thing short of utter and disastrous defeat as a triumph. - Upon the same principle, it is to be presumed that should Grant be ultimately driven back and routed, they will not take it much to heart, having become so habituated to failure that they regard it as the normal and natural order of things. Anything short of repulse and the narrowest possible escape from complete destruction for the Grand Army of the Potomac in its " on to Richmond " exploits, would indeed be an agreeable surprise for the Fedefals-almost as great a surprise as the unexpected capture of Richmond would be for the South. It would be a novelty in its way, perfectly original and unique. The latost telegrams from the North, which we print to-day, tend to show that if the Federals succeed in fighting a drawn battle, which, for them, is virtually equivalent to a defeat, they may think themselves tortunate. Both the flank and the direct attempts to reach Richmond hove thus far signally failed. The pretended retreat by General Lee and the "parsnit " by Grant, previously asserted by the Federals, are now expressly contradicted by them. \* \* It is a great mistake to estimate the merits of a cause by the ability and perseverance. with which it is conducted. The Thug will track his unconscious victim for days and weeks, or even months, through coid and hunger, and a thousand difficulties to strangle him at last-not for gain, not for the smallest fraction of any tangible good to be got for himself by it, but simply to fulfil what he considers his duty to the sanguinary divinity he worships. So in the Northern armies, there is, no doubt, besides mercenaries, many s grim fanatic, laboring under the delusion that he is fighting " the battles of the Lord," in a crusade against slavery-many a political enthusiast, who is ready with the best and most disinterested intentions, to effor up six millions of Southerners on the bloody shrine of "the Union as it was." But oftor all, the truth is, that the North do not fight so well as the South

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#### OPINION IN LIVERPOOL. From the Liverpool Mercury, May 27.

\* \* .\* General Grant will have to follow them, dragging all his supplies over broken roads and through swoolen streams. All the circumstances of these desperate battles give one a high Confederato armies; but all the generalship appears to be on the side of the Confederates. Gen. Lee seems to have the power of compelling Gen. Grant to fight him in the positions most favorable maintain the same rate of expenditure, will some for a defensive and most unfavorable for an inday enter the city. He himself writes Secretary vading army. It is doubtful whether the Federals have been able to use their splendid artillery if it takes all summer," and he has shown by his in any of the recent battles, while the Confeder-

### THE COST OF SUBJUGATION.

The Chicago Times says, " England who sheers at ourslow progress, has been particularly unfortunate at the current rate for every mile of ground, it in respect to the duration of her own wars, civil may be a question whether the resources or endu and foreign. The very first attempt at " subjugarance of the Federals themselves will prove as in- tion" recorded in her history is that inaugurated exhaustible as the obstinacy of their General. At by Cladius against Britain ; and yet, the warlike present we can only see that this dreadful game Romans, led by such chiefs as Anins, Vespasian, has been played by both parties through twelve and Agricola, required forty years to subjugate

The war commenced by England, under Ed. been doing, and he himself does full justice, in his ward III, against France, in 1340, lasted with scarcely any intermission, for more than a hundred vears, and was just concluded the year before the most savage issue of war-who can stand the most | War of the Roses, which lasted nearly a half cenkilling ? It is more than ever difficult to predict tury longer. In 1702, this same State which vantages of ground, position and intelligence, are half as large as the whole of Europe, undertook to with the Confederates, and Washington has more subjugate the small province of France, and finalthan once been in greater danger of capture than ly failed at Utrecht, after a war of cleven years. In 1755 the same State undertook to subjugate France once more, and after laboring a few years with France, included Spain, the American colonies and the Datch, concluded he efforts in 1783. without having "subjugated anything, not even the weakly colonists of America. Ten years after, England tried with france again, and at length, owing to the French having no Joan of Are, and the opportune arrival of the Prussians under Blucher she secured peace, but not subjugation, n 1815, at Waterloo.

The following spicy and characteristic poetical THE MERCURY ... epistle, from the versatile pen of "Asa Hartz," was recently received by flag of truce, by Judge Robert Oald, Commissioner for the exchange of prisozers, and is sent us, to be preserved in "glorious page BEAUTIFULLLY ILLUSTRATED, respect for the bravery both of the Federal and diurnal." "Asa" has been a prisoner of war for BEAUTIFULLUY ILLUSTRATED. nearly a year, and no wonder he is getting tired do to let such a "trump" "go sp the spont ?"

#### BLOCE 1, ROOM 12. JOHNSON'S ISLAND, OHIO. April 26, 1864

# DEAR UNCLE BEN.

fear your head Has gone a thirking I am dead That ics and snow and doctors' arts. Had stopp'd the breath of "Asa Hattz! I write this in poetic lingo To let you know I LIVE, by jingo And ask if you can bring about Some certain means to get me out ? Hav'nt you got a Fed'ral " Maje' Now resting in some Dixie care. Who longs to see his loving marm. Or visit once again his firm ; Or gaze upon his " garden sass, Or see once more his bright eyed lass ? Hav'nt you one of these, I say, Whom you would like swap away. For me, a man of rim-of "parts"-Swap him. in short, for "Asa Hartz " I've been here, now, a'mist a year. And sigh for liberty, so dear! I've tried by every means I knew To bid this Isless fond adieu ; Dug holes, scaled walls, passed through the gate, With yankee cap upon my pate, And when I went out on the ice And thought I'd got away so nice I met a blue coat in my route, Who quickly made me face about March'd me, with diabolic grin. Back to the gate and turned me in! I've swallowed every rumor, strange, That had a word about exchange: Grew fat with joy, and lean with sorrow. Was "up" to day and "down" to-morrow! Implored, with earnestness of soul, To be released upon parole! Wrote Ben F B. a spicy letter, And told h m he could not do better Than let me out for thirty days. I read his answer with amaze ! He said that "things" were mix'd up, now, In such a way, he knew not now, The favor that I asked about, Could well be granted. Had no doubt, That " Things' would soon be arranged. That all of us would be exchanged. That ended it. I wrote to Prentice, Who several times had kindly lent his Purse and name to those whom chance, And " pomp and glorious circumstance," Had sent to rusticate awhile, Within the "prison on Jahnson's Isle" Well, George D. wrote to Gen. Terry, Cemmand int here-a good man, very-And told him if he'd let me out, For thirty days, or thereabout, He'd take me down into Kentucky-See that I didn't cut my lucky ; Would go my bail in any sum That, when they wanted me-I'd come! Gen. Terry wrote him back, That he must walk the beaten track ! "I really thought," said he, "you know it, That Somton and he alone, can do it !" Thus ended that plan .- I've no doubt, That I'm amost "gone up the spout,' Unless you can devise some means, To give me change of air and scenes, By special sway.

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#### GRANT MUST GO FORWARD. From the London Telegraph, May 27.

As long, indeed, as Grant moves onwards, so long will New York believe him. But suppose he calls a hah-suppose his crippled forces are held for more than a few days in ckeck before some other rifle pits and breastworks stronger than those of Spotsylvania? To measure the probable. reaction, we must remember that an almost blood-

All of these wars in England have been long, enormously expensive, and in but a very few cases decisive.

So of all other memorable wars in history. The first and second Messenian wars lasted respectively nineteen years, both ending in the subjugation of the Nessenians by the Lacedœmonians-one of the many cases in which a people once "subjugated" require the treatment to be afterwards repeated. The celebrated Peloponesian war, primarily waged between the aristocracy of Sparta and the ambitions democracy of Athens, has a duration of ten years.

The invasion of the comparatively small States of Greece, by the collossal armies of Persia, under Darius and Xerxes, for the purpose of 'sabjugation," was waged for years, and finally terminated at Platae hy the overwhelming defeat of the invader.

The first and second Panic war, carried on between the Romans and Carthagenians, lasted respecitvely for twenty-two and sixty-four years, for once ending in the complete "subjugation" of one of this beligerents. Mohammed's religious wars lasted nine years. The final Morrish invasion of Spain from the capture of Zahara down to the surrender of the keys of the Alhambra at Grenada by Abdallah, ran through a period of ten years, and resulted in the subjugators being subjugated. France, by turns, now singly, then as a coalition, fought England, Bavaria, Prussia, Russia, and the semi-barbarians of Northern Africa, for a period of twenty-two years extending from 1893 to 1815, and yet was at no time overiun or "subjugated."

# WOULDN'T TAKE THE OATH.

The Greensboro' (Miss.). Motive is informed that sometime since a man took two bales of cot. ton and went into Memphis to buy goods, etc .--He got a pass from the commander of the post. went and bought such articles as he desired Upon coming out; while singing very merily and cutting and besting his team, he was halted. The commander said, " Hello, my friend, there is one thing you failed to do, and that is to take the oath of allegiance." - "The oath of allegiance ; well, hand is here." "Let me read it to you." He reads it in the real Yankce style, very fist. "Read it again," said the old man. He read it again as fast as ever. The old man gave a long breath, put his hands to his cars and said, " Hold Island on stranger, read slow, I can't understand that fast Yaukee reading." The commander read the prisoners to escape was discovered which had again and emphasised every word. When he finished the old man drew another long breath, plank in one of the cook honses in the middle of 1st Auditor, W II S Taylor, of La., 24 Auditor. and said, "Well, sir, I'll boil hell down to a quart one of the barracks, had been removed, and that and drink it before I'll take that oath," and com. a tunnel had been excavated with an outlet, be-

#### Now, uncle Bob, Be patient with met Do hot rob Me of the hope I fondly cherish -Do not leave me here to perish ! I're shuffled, cut the cards, and dealt," Have played my bower, (its loss is felt, More than the filthy lucre,) Please play my hand-save me the euchre ! And when your lastest breath departs, You'll die bewailed by "Asa Hartz !"

P. S.-When you, in answering this, shall write, Address - " Major Geo. McKnight, Pris. of war." Be cautious, very, And add on -" care of Gen. Terry

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less victory was hoped for, and that the same journal, which records the sanguinary struggles, very recently expressed its opinion that the campaign would result "in the rebel evacuation of the city, and Lee's retreatinto North Carolina without a battle, in order to save his army." That dream, at any rate, has been dispelled ; and on the first indication of evil fortune, New York, suddenly recovering from an excitement that is almost madness, will confess that twenty miles of Virginia the Yankees told him be could pass. soil may have been dearly won at the price of two thousand men for every mile.

#### THE FEELING IN MANCHESTER. From the Manchester Examiner, May 28.

\* \* \* A survey of these difficulties will enable us to understand the considerations which Gen. Lee must take into account in determining the factics of the campaign. A retreat to Richmond would simplify the situation, and seem to afford him so many advantages-if that is the word to use where everything looks disadvantageous-that we shall not be surprised to hear of his marching thither at once. He is menaced with an avalanche of disaster, and if he should avert it from crushing him, it will be next to a mirable of energy and skill. In coolness, in fertility of ressources, in promptness of decision, and, above all, in unflinghing resolution, Grant has immeasurably distanced his predecessors. The Federal soldiers have fought as they never fought before on the soil of Virginia, than which, perhaps, no tribute to their prowess could be higher. it is simple truth to say that the Confederates have astonished the world by their heroism. It has been a revelation of Southern character which their antecedents led bat few to anticipate, and which, even from these who most severely condemn the cause for which they have taken up arms, must command all the respect which the highest military qualities can inspire.

#### AN ENGLISH PARK.

The English park is one of those things peculiarly English, which are to be seen nowhere else on earth but in England ; at least we venture to say, that there is nothing at all like it in three out of the four quarters of this our globe; the wide, grassy slopes, the groups of majestic trees, the dim flankings of forest ground, broken with savannas, and crossed by many belt. a path and many a walk, the occasional rivulet or piece of water, the resting place, the alcove, the ruin of the old mansion, where our fathers dwelt, now lapsed into the domain of Time, but carefully guarded from any hands but his, with here and there some slope of the ground, or some turn of the path, bringing us suddenly upon a bright and unexpected prospects of distant landscape far beyond- "all nature, | covered through one of the prisoners, who hapand all art." There is nothing like it on the earth, and few things are half so beautiful; for it is tranquil without being dull, and calm without being cheer- to watchfulness and search, which resulted in the less ; but of all times, when we would enjoy the stillness and the serenity at its highest pitch, go forth into a fine old park by moonlight -English Writer.

The Yankee papers report that last week a " party of Rebels " crossed from the Virginia shore to Blackstone Island, on the Potomac, and destroyed the light house at that point.

Mrs. Stephen A. Douglas is Vice President of the Ladies' National League at Washington, whose purpose is to consume no foreign fabrics during the

made by the Confederate prisoners ou Johnston's torney General. Bufus II Rhodes, of Miss., Commi

On Sunday last, at half after 9, A. M., a plot of nearly been carried into effect. It seems that a Lewis Cruger, of S. C., Cemptroller. B Baber, of Fie

bedticking from beds, tared so as to be waterproof, a revolver, a dark lantern made out of an old fruit. lifespreservers, made by lightly corked canteens. four to each life preserver, fastened to a canvas and Surgery. Paymaster J DeBriet, Chief of Clothing.

tempt to escape was to be made; or the number who were concerned in it. The scheme was dispened to be in the hospital, and who hinted that something of the kind was going ou. This led discovery of the plot. We understand that the discovery caused great excitement. The roll of prisopers was called, and it was found that none Collector. were missing. The excitoment continued during W. R. Richardson is City Talasurer. the day, and many visited the spot and examined Town Constables-J. J. Bette, Chief-N. V. Denton, the day, and many visited the spot and examined

the hole. It is rumored that the prisoners were so enraged at one who had revealed their plot, that there was an attempt made to hang him within the barracks. but in vain.

Of course prompt measures were taken to frustrate the designs of the conspirators,

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Treasury Department-0, fi Meraminger, of & C., retury of the Treasury. Robert Tyler, Register.

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> and Provisions. Postoffice Department-John H Lengan, of Toxas, Post been systematically conducted and nearly com-pleted, though it is not known as yet exactly what the intentions of the plotters were when the at-

CITY OF BALEIGH. Mayor -Wm. H. Harrison .. CONNERS 107278 Western Word-W. H. Lucker, Alex Creesh and P. Overby.

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Assistant.

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NIGHT WATCH.

Captain-C. H. Horton. Watchman-E. A. Johnson, Wm. Beevers, Wm. C. Parker, M. C. Luter, C. A. Driver and Wm. Overby. The last Wednesday night of each month is fixed for the regular meetings of the Board. the time

The First Battalion (Heavy Artillery) is commanded by Ma The First Battalion (Heavy Arthery) is commanded by an Alexand r Mackae; The First Battalion Sharp Shooters I Capt R E Wilson; The Second Battalion (Infantry) by Maj Jame. J Iredell, 536 Regiment; The Third Battalion (Lig Artillery) by Maj John W Moore; The Therd Battalion by W L Young; The Twelfth Battalion by Capt J O Cherry; The Thirteenth Battalion (Light Artillery) by Lieut Col Joseph Content Fourteenth Battalion (Light Artillery) by Lieut Col J Thirteenth Battalion (Light Artillery) by Lieut Col Joseph Starr; The Fourteenth Battalion (Govalry) by Lieut Col J Henry; The Fifteenth Battalion (Cavalry) by Lieut Col J Wynu; Tre Sixteenth Battalion (Cavalry) by Maj Jemes McRae; Thomas' Legion consists of a Regiment and a Batta-lion and is commanded by Col Wm H Thomas. The lat and 3rd Regiments are in Stewart's Brigade, John-son's Division, Ewell's Corps The 2d, 4th, 14th and 30th are in Ramseur's Brigade, Rodes Division, Ewell's Corps.

The 5th, 12th, 20th and 23d are in Johnston's Bright, Not Division, Ewe I's Corps. The 5th, 21st, 54th and 17th and let Battalion Sharp Sho ers are in Hoke's Br gade, Whiting's Division, Beaureast Corps. The 43d Regiment is temporarily with this Bright. The 7th, 18th, 28th, 33d and 37th are in / ane's Bright, W cox's Division, Hill's Corps. The 8th, 37st, 51st and 51st are in Clingman's Bright, Pa

The Sth. Sist. Sist and Sist Corps. ctt's Division, Beanregard's Corps. The Sth. 19th, 59th and 68d are in Gordon's Brigade, 5 ton's Division Stewart's Corps. The lith, 26th, 14th, 47th and 58d are in Kirkland's S Beth's Division, Hill's Corps. The 13th, 15th, 27d, 84th and 38th are in Scale's 1 Wilcon's Division, Hill's Corps. The 15th, 27th, 46th and 48th are in Cooke's Bright Division.

Division, Hill's Coups. The 17th, 49d, 50th and 66th are in Martin's Drietde. Wi ing's Division, Beaureward's Corps. The Sith, 25th, Sith, 49th and 66th are in Ransom's Brig-

Pickett's Division, Beauregard's Corps. The 29th is in Ecton's Brigade, French's Division, Polis's

The 35d, 42d, 45th, 53d and 2d Battalion are in Daniel's Brigade, Rodes' Division, Ewell's Corps. The 36th and 40th are in Herbert's Brigade Whiting's Divi-

The 39th is in McNair's Brigade, French's Division, Polk's

Corps. The 55th is in Davis' Brigade, Heth's Division, Hill's Corp. The 58th and 60th are in Reynold's Brigade, Stevenson's L

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