

MORNING EDITION.

Strikers are organizing east and west of St. Louis. Killed in Baltimore aggregate twenty-five. The Major and several soldiers of the Sixth were badly beaten on their way to the army; the Fifth regiment was stoned by women and men; it had to charge with fixed bayonets to get into the Camden depot; Company C had twenty-five soldiers more or less injured; the excitement around the depot was terrible, and the people in the vicinity closed up their houses. The Fifth, by order of the Governor, remains at Camden depot; the Sixth is gathering at the armory. Pittsburg strikers compel the crews of arriving trains to abandon them. No signs of a strike in Kentucky. The Fifth Maryland made its march without firing a gun. At Cumberland the rioters number 1,500, and control matters; the rioters surrounded the jail where some of their companions were imprisoned, and they were released. All quiet at Pittsburg; no trains are allowed to leave; they all guard duty last night; 1,800 troops are heavily expected. Troops at Fortress Monroe and at Norfolk are ordered to Washington and Baltimore. Gov. Carroll, of Md., has called for troops, and the President has ordered them in readiness. The cavalry and volunteers defeated by the Indians. Strike extended. There is to be a general meeting of railroad men to be held in New York next week. 2,000 Turks captured at Nisopolis. A third pontoon over the Danube. Russians defeated near Wladan after ten hours' engagement; they retreated, leaving their dead and wounded. Two companies of artillery have left Fortress Monroe for Baltimore and two for Washington. Each company numbers 200. Trouble apprehended at Piedmont. Two U. S. companies have gone to Cumberland. A fight at Pittsburg; seven killed, including one soldier. New York markets: Money easy at 1 1/2 per cent; gold 105 1/2; cotton firm at 15 1/2 @ 17 1/2 cents; flour dull; wheat 2 1/2 @ 2 3/4; corn active; western mixed ungraded 57 @ 58; spirits turpentine steady at 41 1/2; resin steady at \$1 80 @ 1 85 for strained.

Latest By Mail.

Invitation to the President to Visit Richmond. [Richmond Dispatch.] In accordance with a resolution of the City Council, and a resolution of the permanent Postal Committee, the acting Mayor of the city and General T. M. Logan, chairman of the Postal Committee, have respectively extended the following invitation to the President to visit this city and Old Point. A committee, consisting of R. C. Gray, president of the Tobacco Exchange, Col. Thomas Carter, railroad commissioner, and Gen. Logan, leave here to-night to present the invitation in person to the President. RICHMOND, July 13, 1877. E. B. Hayes, President United States: The Council by a joint resolution have invited you to visit the city of Richmond, and as the acting Mayor becomes my agreeable duty to communicate the invitation, Your trip to Old Point will afford a favorable opportunity to make the visit. I can assure you that the people of Richmond will extend to you a hearty welcome, and will avail themselves of the occasion to pay their respects to you as the Chief Magistrate of the country, and to express their gratification at the patriotic and important manner in which you have discharged his high duties. I hope you may find it convenient to accept the invitation. I am, with much respect, Your obedient servant, JOHN A. MERRIDITH. Another letter was addressed to him by the permanent Postal Committee of Richmond, inviting the President and Cabinet cordially to attend the Southern Postal Convention, to meet at Old Point Comfort on July 25th. Two gentlemen, Colonel Thomas H. Carter and B. C. Gray, Esq., were appointed to deliver the invitation in person. Shooting at Creedmoor. New York, July 18. The weather was remarkably fine for the second day's competition for places on the American National Rifle Team at Creedmoor. Twenty-six contestants appeared, and 800, 900 and 1,000 yard ranges were shot over. The following are the scores: YARDS. 800 900 1,000 Total. J. Allen, Jr. 67 71 62 200. Thomas Lamb, Jr. 73 67 60 200. A. V. Allen, Jr. 66 72 59 197. C. E. Canfield, Jr. 72 64 60 196. C. E. Bivensburgh 68 63 62 193. Wm. T. S. Dakin 66 65 61 192. W. C. Coleman 65 61 65 191. R. D. Hodgman 69 64 58 191. There were sixteen other contestants, whose scores ranged 189, 187, 187, 184, 181, 180, 175, 175, 173, 173, 173, 172, 171, 169, 154. A Virginia Baron. In a late London letter Mr. D. Conway says if Dr. Fairfax, of Virginia, eleventh baron of an ancient house, were to go to England "and take the House of Lords which is his due, I believe the fash made over

him would become a chapter in the history of England. It is understood that he declines to come on republican grounds, in which case President Hayes should look out for him when next in want of a foreign minister; but all Americans are not so stern in their political virtue."

The Excitement at Washington. [Special telegram to the Dispatch.] WASHINGTON, July 20.—Midnight. There is intense excitement in this city to-night on account of the alarming reports from Baltimore. There is no doubt that the Marine Corps will be ordered to that city before morning. The War Department authorities are on the alert in order to answer calls for Federal assistance to suppress mob violence, and the President is being advised of the progress of events.

Texas Invaded. [Special Dispatch to Journal of Commerce.] NEW YORK, July 20. A special from San Antonio says there is no doubt that another party of Indian raiders are in Texas. They have been seen in the hills north of Fort Clark, but cannot be attacked or pursued until they abandon the impenetrable cedar brakes. General Ord has given due notice to his troops and citizens to be on the lookout.

Russia's Plans. A letter from Paris says: It is known beyond doubt that there are two parties at the Czar's headquarters. The one headed by Prince Gortschakoff desires matters not to be pushed to extremes, but that after a substantial success, Russia should be satisfied with imposing, under European guaranty, conditions virtually freeing Christians from Turkish rule, such as Turkey previously rejected. The other party, headed by General Ignatoff and Prince Tcherkasski, urge a definite settlement of the Eastern question to be dictated in Constantinople. The conditions already determined upon by this party on the cession of Kars, Batoum and a part of Bis Arabia; the Dardanelles to be either opened or closed to every Power indiscriminately; Turkey to be prohibited from possessing a fleet, and Bulgaria, Roumilitia, Servia, Roumania, Cosmia and Herzegovina to be independent. Those who know exactly the state of things say the supreme hour for an attempt at mediation has arrived, and that when once Ruzschuk is in Russian hands it will be too late to influence the Czar in a pacific sense.

Spirits Turpentine. Rocky Mount base ballists beat the Tarboro Independents. Next. Mr. W. F. Cook, of Charlotte, had his watch stolen from his Agricultural Works. Mr. C. J. Austin, of Edgecombe, lost two hundred pounds of bacon by thieves last week. The Southerner is urging the reforming of the old Rocky Mount Light Infantry, but with a new name. Two negro boys, John Norfleet and Jo Lewis, got into a fight near Tarboro. Result, Jo stabbed in the shoulder. Jonathan R. Kirkpatrick left for Texas after getting heavily in debt in Charlotte. A requisition was made for him, and lo! the wanderer returned, his wrists doubtless adorned with bracelets. Mr. John Huske, of Fayetteville, delivered the Ivy oration on the occasion of his being graduated at Trinity College, Hartford, and the papers of that city speak in very high terms of the effort. Savannah News: There are seventy-six persons in Buncombe county, N. C., over eighty years old. Two are ninety-nine, one is one hundred, and one one hundred and eleven. Considerable Buncombe about that. In one of the hottest offices in Oxford it has been found that the temperature for July, year after year, averages 81, and August 77 degrees. December is the coldest month. April and October each average 67 degrees. A correspondent of the Salem Press, giving an account of the District Conference held at Kanesville, says Bishop Kavanaugh is a powerful preacher and deceives his looks, and Bro. Best, traveling agent for the Observer, spoiled the singing with his immensely loud voice. There now. The Orphan Asylum is now full. The Orphan's Friend says: "It is true that our contributions have been very light, and our prosperous people seem forgetful of the orphans. But the farmers in Grandville and part of Person have supplied us with bread, and we have bought but little. Oxford Orphan's Friend: The "Treston Normal School," at Wilmington, supported by Mrs. Hemmenway, of Boston, and conducted by Miss Bradley, has been in continuous operation for several years, and has imparted new life, hope and aspirations to a large number of girls and boys. Oxford Orphan's Friend: Gen. Key has opened postoffices at some very small places, so small that you can hardly see them when you stand in the centre, and has locked the doors of the postoffices in several growing and prosperous villages. We are sorry especially on account of Palmyra and Roxobel. Charlotte Observer: The fruit crop, as far as anything can be learned of it, in Mecklenburg and surrounding counties, has never been surpassed. The peach crop is exceptionally good. It is rumored that Auditor Gordon, of the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad, has tendered his resignation. The report, however, lacks confirmation. Fayetteville Gazette: An observant farmer tells us that the common blue-jay is the most pernicious and destructive enemy of all the birds which the agriculturist has to contend with. We have good reason for knowing that this noble State charity (the Orphan Asylum) is greatly in need of help, and that any assistance which our people can give will be most gratefully received by that zealous and unwearied philanthropist, Supt. Mills.

THE CITY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. JOHN DAWSON—Older mills. HENNINGBERG—Music for all. D. PIGOTT—Smokers' articles. MUNSON & Co.—Must be sold. N. JACOB—Wine and cider mills. C. G. FROEHR—Furniture for sale. HARRISON & ALLEN—Summer hats. HALL & PEARSALL—Flour and corn. Notice for revision of county tax lists. HAYDEN & GERHARDT—Saddlery, &c. C. D. MYERS & Co.—Family groceries. Call for meeting of retail liquor dealers. G. R. FRENCH & SON—Boots and shoes. WILLIAMS & MURCHISON—For sale low. Notice Queen Fire Insurance Company. TROTT, BRUNER & Co.—Excursion notice. KERCHNER & CALDER BROS.—Spirit casks, corn, hoop iron, molasses, &c.

Local Notes. The days have lost just twenty-five minutes in length up to date. To-day is known in the religious calendar as the Eighth Sunday after Trinity. Don't forget the excursion to the mountains, which leaves here at 6 o'clock to-morrow morning. Another deluge of rain last night. We fear the crops will suffer in some localities if the wet "spell" continues much longer. The Register of Deeds issued five marriage licenses during the past week, of which one was for white and four were for colored couples. Maj. Young was to leave last evening for Onslow county, where he goes in the interest of the New River Canal. He will be absent about ten days. Rising barometer, warmer south-east to southwest winds and partly cloudy weather, with local rains on the coast, are the indications for this section to-day. To correct a misapprehension that has gotten abroad in the community, we would state that the police force will remain as constituted at present. In other words, there will be no reduction yet awhile. We are requested to announce that there will be no services in St. Paul's Episcopal Church to-day. The building is undergoing some repairs, painting, &c., and will probably be ready for services next Sunday. The Mayor has named Alderman Von Glahn, in addition to those already appointed, to represent the city at the Postal Convention. Capt. I. B. Grainger has been appointed to represent the banking interests.

The white woman taken up on the streets Thursday night, who gives her name as Lols Montez, being in a very destitute and pitiful condition, was furnished transportation yesterday, by the county, to her home near Wilson. The telegraphic reports of the Associated Press are an expensive luxury, especially when one paper, as is the case in Wilmington, has to bear the entire burden of expense; but their value and interest are very clearly shown in nearly every issue of the STAR. Our telegraphic columns contain highly exciting news from the war in Maryland and Pennsylvania. Several collisions have occurred between the military and the strikers, and quite a large number of persons, including some women and children, have been killed and wounded. Complimentary. The Raleigh News says: "The Charlotte Grays are visiting Wilmington. They were accorded a splendid reception. The hospitality of Wilmington, especially the citizen-soldiers, cannot be surpassed. North Carolinians may well be proud of our 'City by the Sea.'" Forestalling. We have been requested to suggest to the Board of Aldermen the necessity of a law which shall protect our citizens from extortion, which may be practiced upon them by speculators and middle men who are disposed to speculate upon the necessities of our people by purchasing cart loads of vegetables, &c., offering in our market for sale. The law which formerly existed upon this subject was repealed by the old Board, which renders some action by the present one necessary. The August Regatta. At a meeting of the Regatta Committee of the Carolina Yacht Club, held on yesterday afternoon, it was resolved that the regular regatta for the month of August should be run on the 17th. The race will be called promptly at 1 o'clock P. M., and the time for starting the yachts will be definitely stated hereafter. Contrary to custom, the race will be run from the Club Wharf to Fowler's Point, on Masonboro Sound, and return. All the yachts of the Club are expected to enter, and an interesting time is anticipated. Pilot-boat Race at Smithville. From Robert P. Taylor, at Smithville, we learn that a race took place there yesterday between the Pilot-boats Swift, Nellie Niff and Secret, the latter from Charleston. The course was from the anchorage to and around Battery Island buoy up the river to Horse Shoe buoy and return, the distance being about four miles. The victory was won by the Swift, she having gone over the course in fifty-four minutes, beating the Secret five minutes and the Nellie Niff eight minutes. It is not always that the race is so swift or the battle so strong, but it was the case in this instance.

The Peanut Crop—Conditions in Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina.

A gentleman of this city has taken the trouble to obtain all the information possible in regard to the condition and prospects of the growing crops in Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee, together with other facts of interest to the trade. In reference to the crop in Virginia, it has been ascertained from reliable sources that there has been about twenty-two per cent decrease in the area of land planted in peanuts as compared with 1876. The weather has been much less favorable than in 1876, or than the average for many years. The stands are very poor and choked with grass, owing to continued wet weather. The crop is about twenty-five days later than last year. The labor in number and efficiency is about the same as last year. The use of fertilizers, as compared with 1876, shows a decrease of about forty per cent. The present condition of the crop is stated as very grassy, weakly and backward. The decrease in acreage and use of fertilizers is attributed to the general disgust with the very low prices obtained for last year's crop. The stock in Norfolk, which is the recognized distributing point for Virginia peanuts, is stated at 8,000 bags. Demand strong. Information in regard to the crop in Tennessee is obtained from Messrs. Mellen, Brown & Co., cotton factors and commission merchants, Cincinnati, Ohio. They say that it is too early to speak with any certainty of the coming Tennessee peanut crop, but with the best information they can obtain they are led to believe that the acreage will be 25 to 30 per cent less than last year, and the crop ten or fifteen days later. The condition at present is fair. The stock in Cincinnati is stated as follows: White (light) say 4,000 to 5,000 bags; red (large) say 33,000 to 35,000 bags. Demand good and market steady. From the best information in reference to the crop in our own State, it is safe to say that the average will be from 30 to 35 per cent less than last year; stand very bad; condition at present fair. The stock in Wilmington comprises 12,000 bags. Demand good.

The Liquor Tax. At the request of Alderman Flanner we give the following explanation in reference to the matter of the tax on liquor dealers, as it appeared in the official proceedings in our paper yesterday morning: The Board of Aldermen had fixed the wholesale liquor tax at \$15 and the retail liquor tax at \$10 per month. This assessment the Board of Audit declined to approve, and suggested that the wholesale tax be rated at \$25 and the retail at \$20 per month. The Mayor called a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, Friday afternoon, to adjust this tax, as it was necessary to have the approval of both Boards, Aldermen and Audit. Not agreeing at their meeting, the Board of Aldermen appointed a committee to wait on the Board of Audit, then in session, and urge upon them the necessity of not increasing the taxes, already onerous. After some deliberation the Board of Audit agreed to accept the assessment on retail dealers, provided it be fixed at \$12 50 per month, and that on wholesale dealers at \$20 per month, which proposition the Board of Aldermen acceded to. Reminiscence of Fort Warren. [No. 2.] REMINISCENCE OF FORT WARREN '62—MASON AND SIDDELL—THEIR SURRENDER TO THE ENGLISH GOVERNMENT. Events of thrilling importance followed in such rapid succession during the war, that the incidents of one week were writings of the past and apparently forgotten by the expiration of the ensuing week. Perhaps no event caused a more profound sensation at the time than the seizure of Messrs. Mason and Sidell on the high seas, taken as they were from under the protection of the English flag, against the protest of the United States. Prominent officials of the English States differed in their views as to the course England would take, but the nation at large was enthusiastic. Congress passed a resolution of thanks to Capt. Wilkes; the Secretary of the Navy sent him his congratulatory letter; he was cited, toasted and lauded. Mr. Sidell thought it hardly necessary to unpack a change of clothing for use in Fort Warren, so promptly did he opt for the English Government would act, and from the studied reticence maintained by Mr. Seward, during the time, he must have shared Mr. Sidell's opinion. The crafty statesman at the helm of State doubtless took his answer to England to take place in the English harbor, the usually placid commandant—Col. Dimick—looked fretful and impatient; looking towards the sea we could discern in the distance, a vessel flying the proud flag of Old England; Washington had heard from London, the English Lion had roared, and extended his claw (would the roar have been as loud, or the claw stretched so far as to reach to Boston harbor, had we not been engaged in a little family squabble? 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