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RETALIATION.

The remarks we made yesterday on the rules of war, suggested by the Sherman-Hampton controversy, do not seem to agree with the opinions entertained in Richmond. Unfortunately it is but seldom that sensible ideas do find a response in the rebel capital. The insurgent leaders have given themselves up to the single idea and purpose of destroying the country. On that topic they have gone mad. It is a sad realization of the old heathen maxim: Whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad.

We showed conclusively, yesterday, as Sherman had previously shown to Wade Hampton, that foraging was a legitimate war right; that Sherman's army differed in every essential from a band of guerrillas; that it was prosecuting perfectly proper and regular warfare; and that therefore his soldiers were entitled, when captured, to the same privileges and treatment which the custom of all civilized nations accords to prisoners of war. If those soldiers commit excesses that is a matter for General Sherman to punish and not for the commander of the enemy's force to take in his own hands.

Hampton claims the right of judging the con-

duct of Sherman's soldiers, and of punishing them too. Some days ago he caught a party of them simply foraging and immediately hung them to a convenient tree, affixing an ignominious placard to their bodies. General Sherman, on learning of tide, jent a communication to the rebel, telling in that such treatment of prisoners would not be permission but that for every soldier so hung he should hang a rebel from the prisoners then in Lis hands, very significantly adding that he could stand the mode of warfare as long as the rabels could. Hampton replies by threatening to have two Federal soldiers for every rebel hung by Sherman. Now what a picture is here presented of the humanity and christianity of this great American people in this nineteenth century. The Hichmond congress thanked Hampton for his threat, and the Richmond press applaud him to the skies. It has been from the commencement of the war a study on the part of the rebels to make a virtue of their fiendishness. So long ago as the first Bull Run battle the bodies of our fallen soldiers were mutilated and trinkets made from their bones. This to "fire the southern heart." A systematic course of starvation has been extended to all our prisoners in their hands, thirty per cent of whom never return to us; forty per cent of the balance come back more dead than alive and totally unfit for any further service; while the remaining thirty per cent are so broken down as to require long and careful hospital treatment to restore them to usefulness. The massacre at Fort B'illow is still vividly fresh in the memories of all the teople. The horrible fame of the Libby prison stallichmond is world wide. It was the rebels at Charleston who, to stop a bombardment of that city which had been threatened for over a year, put our defenceless prisoners in localities where the shells fell the thickest and compelled them to remain there. The rebels have the sole credit of maintaining guerrilla warfare, and tiring into un-

But why prolong the catalogue of fiendish enormities which these people, seemingly passessed of satanic inspiration, have perpetrated. With such a catclogue fresh in mind how absurd, how hypocritical such talk as that in which Wade Hampton indulges.

armed transports and railroad trains, murdering

alike defenceless men, women and children.

But the rebels want retaliation. Sherman's bull is goring their ox. How virtuously they can They have talked thus virtuously since the war commenced. They have deceived their own people and many good people in Europe. But these people are now getting their eyes opened .-Loud talk and mere assertion no longer convinces hem. The studied deceit that has been practiced so long only makes the public more credulous

Hampton threatens retaliation. The rebel congress wants retaliation. The Richmond press blatantly echoes cry, retaliation. Well, let us

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have retaliation. The national army has suffered indignities, outrages, cruelties, fiendishness enough Let a stop be put to it. If retaliation will stop all this let retaliation be the war erg. The rebels have already made living corpses of such of our men as they have left in their hands, and to such death would be a relief from the tortures they now endure. We have a large preponderance of prisoners, all in good condition. Retaliation will not sit so easy ou them. We shall seen have a good many more prisoners. Doubtless before the campaign ends we shall have Hampton, and Bragg, and Johnston, and Beauregard with their armies. We shall also have Lee with the army of Northern Virginia. And unless they ren very quickly we shall have Jeff Davis, his cabined, the rebel congress, the Richmond editors and the rest of the insurgent crew. It is a very good time to commence retaliation; and as these mad people want it so badly, by all means let them have that line of policy.

GOLD.

It is one of the phenomenon of the times that notwithstanding the draft just commenced in the north for three hundred thousand men; notwithstanding the increased taxes imposed by the last congress, and the new loan of six hundred millions of dollars just authorized; notwithstanding that Richmond is yet neither captured nor evacuated, the confidence of the people in the stability of the government and its power to put down the rebellion rather increases day by day. Within the week preceding the 16th inst., gold fell in New York from 200 to 1681, closing on the evening of the latter date with a downward tendency. It will doubtless very soon reach 150, which is the real value we have all along set upon it, and which it will probably be actually worth until specie payments are resumed. Those who are hoarding the precious metal will not again get as good a price for it as it will command to-day. There is no index of popular sentiment so sensitive and infallible as the gold market.

AN INTERDICTION ON TRADE. WITH THE REBELS

The publication to-day of the order of General Grant, suspending treasury permits for trade in Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia, and declaring all contracts made under such permits void, will cause general consternation among cotton and tobacco speculators, who have made calculations of reaping large fortunes from their operations under way and in contemplation. The object of this order is to cut off all chance of supplies being furnished to the rebel forces during the present campaign. The issuance of this order is attributable to the disclosures made upon the infamous tobacco and bacon speculation at Fredericksburg.

THE RESULT OF REBEL CRUELTY. The startling fact has been derived from rebel official sources by a correspondent with the Army of the James that during the past two years sixty four thousand national soldiers have died in rebel prisons Of these thirty thousand were buried at Andersonville, Ga.; twelve thousand at Danville, Va , and ten thousand at Richmond.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

WASHINGTON, March 15, 1865. MEDALS OF HONOR PRESENTED TO SAILORS.

To-day five sailors, who were among the fif teen who, under Lieutenant Cushing, blew upthe rebel ram Albemarle, when eleven were captured, two drowned and two escaped, were presented with medals of honor, prepared by the Navy Department. Each medal was accom panied by a letter from the Secretary, saying it was awarded for gallant and meritorious conduct. The names of the recipients are :- Henry Wilkes, R. H. King, Bernard Hawley, William Smith and Richard Hamilton.

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION TO DESERTERS. The Provost Marshal General has issued a circular in conformity with the recent proclamation of the President, pardoning deserters on certain conditions, instructing all officers and employees of his bureau to give prompt attention to the receiving and forwarding of such deserters as may present themselves in accordance with its provisions. The Secretary of War has directed that no reward be paid for the arrest of deserters who may be arrested subse quent to the receipt of this order by the District Provost Marshal.

RUMORED ARRIVAL OF REBEL PEACE COLMISSION-

ERS AT CITY POINT. There are rumors in town of the arrival of peace commissioners from Richmond at City Point, en route for Washington. These reports have led to a good deal of talk and all kinds of suppositions; but they have not as yet been ascertained to be true. The probability is that they grew out of the successful operations of our military forces in closing in on the lines around Richmond.

GENERAL HOOKER DESIRES SERVICE IN THE FIELD. A strong effort has been made to have General Hooker assigned to an active command. It is understood that he has been applied for, and will soon be sent into the field.

THE NEW CONSUL GENERAL TO HAYTL Prof. H. E. Peck, of the Oberlin College, Chio, has been appointed commissioner and consul general to the republic of Hayti, vice B. F. Whidden, resigned. The salary is seven thousand five hundred dollars per annum.

THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH IMPROVING. The health of Mr. Lincoln is so greatly improved that he was able to-day to give audience to a host of visitors, including the members of

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his Cabinet, and to accompany Mrs. Lincoln to the German spera this evening.

The Occupation of Winnsbore. The editor of the Winnsboro News furnishes the following incidents of the occupation of The main army was preceded by a body of

"bummers," as they call themselves, who rode into town helter skelter, and proceeded to ransack public and private property. A few hours afterwards, the Twentieth corps, under General Geary, made its appearance, stationed guards in and around the town, and re-established order. The Seventeenth, General Blair, followed and passed through, bands in full blast colors flying and men cheering. Persons standing on the sidewalks were unmolested, and no personal insult was offered. This was on Tuesday. The other corps of the federal army occupied por-tions to the right and left of Winnsboro. The burning of stores and the business portion of the town took place on Tuesday and Wednesday. Between eight and ten stores were burned the first day, and on the second the torch was applied to several private dwelling houses on Main street, probably ten or eleven in number The latter were occupied. The mansions of W. R. Robertson, Esq., — Gaillard, Hen. W. R. Boylston, Colonel Jas. R. Aikin, Colonel Aug. Aigin, Dr. Wm. Aikin, J. Aikin, Mrs. James Rion, Mr. J. B. McCants and some others were not destroyed. The pillaging was done princi pally before the arrival of the main army, and was not authorized or permitted. As an instance of this, one soldier stole a half baked loaf from the oven of our friend, the editor; but while making off with his pastry, the man was met by a general who compelled him to return his plunder to the kitches, which he did. Spoons, money, provisions and private clothing were all, to use an expressive but inelegant phrase, incontinently "gobbled up" by the "bummers," and personal property disposed of in that hasty manner which betokened practiced adroitness at the business. One of these gentry had the bad taste to take a new winter bonnet from a lady and fill it with dried apples—the sacrilegious villian. May they swell on his corulean stomach. We congratulate our neighbor Britton, that they merely "looked in" on him and his newspaper establishment without disturbing a single case or pi-ing a form.

COMMERCIAL.

We have already printed the ruling rates of gold in New York on the 15th, when it closed at 1751/4. We received yesterday the details of the previous day's (the 14th) market, which we append:

CLOSING PRICES AT GALLAGHER'S N W YORK EVEN-ING STOCK EXCHANGE. NEW YORK, March 14, 9.55 P. M. Gold 1811/8 Canton Co......33 Cumberland Coal 6934

New York Central...... 10614 Erie. 63½ Hudson 103¾ Reading...... 1073/2 Illiadis Central...... 112 Cleveland and Pittsburg. 701/2 Chicago and Northwestern...... 324 Chicago and Northwestern Preferred 601/2 Chicago and Rock Island...... 931/4 Pitsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago................. 88

after the call at 1751/2. NEW YORK, March 17. Gold, which was steady yesterday morning, gave way again late in the afternoon, and closed down Hicks, 6th Conn. Vols., at the Provest Marshal's town at 169. Stocks were firm in the morning, but closed weak. Governments sold heavy. At the

evening board gold closed at 16734. TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS THEATRE.

Fourth Night of the Engagement of MR. & MRS. HARRY WATKINS

Thursday Evening, March 23d, 1865, will be presented the thrilling legendary drama of

KATHLEEN MAVOURNEEN.

Kathleen Mavourneen, Mrs. H. Watkins. Terence O'Moore, Mr. H. Watkins.

To conclude with the laughable Farce of

WHO SPEAKS FIRST.

To-morrow, Friday, benefit of

MRS. HARRY WATKINS.

Admission. - Dress Circle, \$1 00; Parquette, 50. cents; Centre Gallery, \$1 60. Doors open at 7. Curtain rise at 71/2 o'clock.

VAN SICKLE,

Tobacconist, No. 12. Market Street. FTER three raids on his Store, has a small A quantity of Tobacco left.

STORAGE! STORAGE!!

STORAGE for light articles, not contraband, may be obtained at usual rates at CASSIDEY & VAN AMRINGE'S

STRAYED.

SMALL Colored Boy, about 4 years of age .-Any information of his whereabouts will be thankfully received by the subscriber, or the mother of the boy. [21 1t] BENJ. MOTTE.

FOUND MARE AND COLT, which the owner can have A by proving property and paying charges. CHARLES H. HUSSEL.

TO RENT.

VALUABLE RICE PLANTATION, on the A Cape Fear River, about six miles above Wil-mington, with a good Threshing Machine and Corn Mill. Attached to the Rice Plantation is a Corn Farm, containing about sixty-five or seventy acres of land, enclosed by an excellent fence. On the premise is a comfortable Dwelling House, with six rooms, and all other necessary buildings.

Payment will be received in a portion of the products.

D. B. BAKER.

D. B. BAKER. March 18th, 1865.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

HEAD Q'AS DISTRICT OF WHIMINGTON,] Wilmington, N. C., Murch 21st, 1865. Notice is hereby given, that all Joiners' and Carcenters', and Mechanics' Tools not now actually used by the Government, must be turned in immediately to Capt. Blackman, Assistant Quartermaster, just

above the Custom House. All Axes above the number absolutely necessary for household purposes, must also be turned in. Good Mechanics who bring Tools, will find imme-

diate employment. Receipte will be given for prop-Rewards will be paid for information as to where

Tools can be found.

By order of Brig. Gen. HAWLEY. E. LEWIS MOORE, Capt. and A, A. G.

ABANDONED LANDS AND PLAN. TATIONS.

There appears to exist a most urgent demand for immediate action in relation to the abandoned Plantations and Lands in this vicinity. Until some authorized Agent, appointed under the recent act of Congress relating to abandoned lands, appears for the purpose of assuming control, it seems an urgent military necessity that they should be occupied as far as possible, and put in process of cultivation .-After full consultation with the military authorities, the plan of leasing to active and reliable persons, white and colored, will for the present be adopted. Leases will be given to such parties for such an amount of land as they can give assurance of their ability to cultivate; also for l'urpentice and Tar privileges. It will be required of all parties so leasing that every reasonable effort will be made to give immediate employment not only to freedmen and their families residing and remaining on said lands, but Ito white and colored refugees who have recently come within the federal lines. For the purpose of giving relief as far as possible to those in actual need, it is understood that the Commanding General has determined to take possession, as far as may seem necessary, of the present crops of rice and other articles of food on said abandoned lands.

For the purpose of expediting this matter it is hoped that truly loyal parties will bring and send in reliable statements of abandoned lands, their situation, extent and locality.

The Local Treasury Agent for Wilmington, ULYS-SAS H. RITCH, Esq., will receive and act upon applications for leasing the lands in question. His office, for the present, will be at the Court House .-In a few days he will probably more to a room in the City Hall building. Every effort will be made by him to co-operate with the military authorities in promoting the objects alluded to.

D. HEATON, Sup. Sp'l Ag't Tr. Dep't. Wilmington, N. C., March 20th, 1865.

TO CITIZENS.

As a necessary sanitary measure all grounds, particularly back yards, where matter detremental to health is collected, will be cleansed at once. All persons occupying premises are hereby directed to cause them to be cleansed without delay. The offal and subbish which cannot be safely trurned may be drawn without the immediate city limits. For this purpose, if necessary, all carts, wagons or drays may be temporarily impressed, and these not having them can obtain them by applying to Lieut. S. S. By order of

JOSEPH C. ABBOTT. Brevet Brig. Gen., Commanding Post. Wilmington, March 20th 1865.

HEADQ'RS DIST. OF WILMINGTON.) Wilmington, N. C., March 16th, 1865.

SPEC:AL ORDERS,) No. 13. EXTRACT.

1V. Mr. Thomas H. Howey, at the eld stand of Hedrick & Ryan, Market Street, Wilmington, is authori sed to open an Intelligence Office.

Persons wishing employment, a house or farm, servants or mechanics, and tho e wishing to hire, will make application to him.

By order of Brig. Gen. J. R. HAWLEY:

E. LEWIS MOORE, Capt. & A. A. Gen'l.

A CARD. New York, 505 Broadway,

March 1st, 1865.

To my former friends and patrons of Wilmington, N. C., and surrounding Country:

Having located myself in this City, 1 am prepared to offer at our house, (Sc. H & Bald. win,) next building below "St. Nicholas."

Gents' Shirts, Drawers, Collars, Cravats, Ties, &c., &c., a full assortment of Furnishing Goods.

Ladies' Linen Under Garments of all kinds, beantifully made, accurately cut and of the best material-Linen, Cotton, Silk and Flannel. Also a complete assortment for Misses and Boys.

One hundred Girls work on the premises, and all garments made under the immediate supervision of the proprietors. Mrs. Wintle's Card appears in another column to which the attention of Ladies is Respectfully,

2-4 w-is.

O. S. BALDWIN.

NOTICE.

T HAVE OPENED A STORE on Princess, be tween Water and Front Streets, for repairing Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, and all kinds of Glass, China, Gold and Silver Ware. Custom solicited. ROBERT W. PATTEN.

March 17th, 1865.

March 1.

WANTED G MACHINE Wheel and Treadle.

ROBERT W. PATTERS March 1