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By the President of the United States. A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, There appears in the public prints what purports to be a proclamation figures following, to wit:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH, / HILTON HEAD, S. C., May 9, 1862 GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 11.-The three

States of Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina, comprising the Military Department of the South, having deliberately declared themselves no longer under the protection of the United States of America, and having taken up arms against the said United States, it became a military necessity to deelare them under martial law. This was accordingly done on the 25th day of April, 1862. Slavery and martial law in a free country are altogether incompatible. The erals Johnston and Beauregard did not persons in these three States-Georgia. held as slaves, are therefore declared for, and newspaper reports had greatly exag-DAVID HUNTER. ever free.

Major-General Commanding Official .- Eo. W. Suirn, Acting Asst. Adjutant-General.

And, whereas, the same is producing some excitement and misunderstanding.

Therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, proclaim and declare that the Government of the United States had no knowledge or belief of an intention on the part of Gen. Hunter to issue such a proclamation, nor has it yet any authentis information that the document is genuine; and, further, that neither Gen. Huster, nor any other commander, or person, has been anthorized by the Government of the United States to make proclamation declaring the slaves of any State free, and that the supposed proclamation now in question, whether genuine or false, is altogether void, so far as respects such declaration.

I further make known that whether it be computent for me, as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, to declare the slaves of any State or States free, and whether at any time, or in any case, it shall have become a necessity indispensable to the maintenance of the Government to exereise such supposed power, are questions which, under my responsibility, I reserve to myself, and which I cannot feel justified in leaving to the decision of commanders in the field. These are totally different questions from those of police regulations in armies and campa-

On the 6th day of March last, by a special message, I recommended to Congress the adoption of a joint resolution, to be substantially as follows:

" Resideed, That the United States ought to co-operate with any State which may adopt a gradual abolishment of Slavery, compensate for the inconveniences, public in which you might have won the battle if system." The resolution in the language above an authentic, definite, and solemu proposal of the nation to The States and people most immediately interested in the subject matter. To the people of these States I now carnestly appeal. 1 do not argue, 1 beseech you to make the arguments for yourselves. You cannot, if you would, be blind to the signs of the time. I beg of you a calm and enlarged consideration of them, ranging, if it may be, far above perroual and partisan politics. This proposal makes common cause for a it contemplates would come gently as the dews of heaven, not rending or wrecking anything. Will you not embrace it? So God it is now your high privilege to do May the fast future not have to lament that you have neglected it.



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RENEL DEVELOPMENTS AS TO THE BULL one in addition be nearly covered with the RUN AFFAIR - A correspondent of the N. embroidery done by the women of the Y. Post, at Yorktown fell in, among the Vorges. This invention also sets its face rebel officers captured in the pursuit, with against the sewing machine, as nearly every of Major Gen Hunter, in the words and Capt. W. G. Conner, of Natchez, Miss., part of it must be handwork. It was pur-(Jeff Davis Legion of Cavalry,) in whom posely so designed to prevent an immense he recognized an old class-mate at Yale, number of seamstresses being suddenly and whose hospitality he had enjoyed in thrown out of work by the increased desubsequent years. In the conversation mand for machine sewing, which is not yet which ensued is the following interesting canable of effecting hem-stitch or embroidexposition of certain hitherto unexplained ery. The Empress's new petticont is thus circumstances connected with the battle of calculated to be at the same time a very exclusive institution, and one that will give Bull Run, or Manassas: Correspondent-Why was the official re- as much employment to the poor needle-

port of the battle of Manasans so long women as the new streets and boule-vards withheld from the public by your generals? do to the blouses. Capt. Conner-Principally because Gen-

consider it expedient to disclose the strength Florida, and South Carolina-heretofore of our force at that battle. Your official gerated the strength of our army at that battle. It was not the policy of our comforce, as our army of the Potomae was designed as an army of menace merely, and not of attack. The design of our President was not to attack Washington, but to be obliged to hold a large army in the vi-cinity to protect the city, thus obliging you the official report of it at an early day would have given your troops more encouragement than ours.

Corres-Why did Mr. Davis reject the policy of Gen. Beauregard in regard to the attempt to take possession of Washington? Conner-Because we could not have held the capital, so long as you had the

rate Maryland. Corres-What regiment of our srmy

fought the most gallantly at Manussas?

far the most gallantly. This is the opinion of all of our officers. Corres-What errors do your officers

think we committed at this battle that caused us to lose the day?

fatal to you. You made a great military

Details of Eastern News.

Naval Battle on the Mississippi-Rebel Flect annihilated - Memphis Surrenders very meekly-Fighting at Charleston-Battles in Virginia on Banks' Line-Bill passed_Sec.

The Rebel Fleet Annihilated.

Cairo, June Sth .- The packet Platte Memphis. Our flotilla, consisting of five gunboats and eight rams, left Fort Wright

Going with the Ginls .- The entrance at two o'clock on Thursday morning. They into society may be said to take place in- met no obstruction and auchored two miles mediately after boyhood has passed away, above Memphis at eight o'clock the same their beards are presentable. It is a great the enemy's fleet discovered lying near the themselves promptly met at every point. city. During the night their fleet moved they returned to their old position. manders to disclose the true strength of our trial either at a tender or tough age. For down the river. At daylight they were an overgrown boy to go to a door, know- seen coming up in line of battle. Our gunand knock or ring, with an absolute cer- and followed by the rams, moved towards upon him, is a severe test of courage. To Federal gunboat Cairo, which immediately go before these girls, and make a tour of replied with a broadside. The engagement of attack at the South or West, or pre- the room without stepping on their toes, then became general. The Federal ram venting you from reinforcing those points and sit down and dispose of his hands with. Monarch struck the rebel boat Beauregard to Vicksburg. amid-ships, cutting her nearly in two, and Again, the battle was so nearly won that ont putting them into his pockets, is an causing her to fill and sink. The rebel achievement of which few boys can boast. ram Little Rebel made a dash at the Mon- Richmond papers with an account of the If a boy can go so far as to measure off arch. The latter, however, succeeded in ten yards of tape with one of the girls, and getting out of the way of the blow intended chance to spend a pleasant evening, but cessary to run her ashore, whence she sent let him not flatter himself that all the trials a shot which struck the rebel boat Gen. safety of the city, consequent upon the Conof the evening are over. There comes, at Lovell, rendering her unmanageable. Im- federate loss and the exhaustion of their policy of Gen. Beauregard and other of last, the breaking up. The dear girls don mediately after, the Lovell was run down men. From the article we judge the rebpolicy of Gen. Beauregard and other of last, the breaking up. The dear girls don by the Federal ram Queen of the West.- els have been ent off from retreat from the our leaders to capture that city and libe- their hoods and put on their shawls, and A broadside from the Benton took effect in island by the Federal gunboats. If this look so savey and mischievous, so unimpres- the sides of the Jeff Thompson, setting her supposition proves true, the city must soon sible and independent, as if they didn't on fire. She burned to the water's edge. [all wish anybody to go home with them. Then The remainder of the rebel fleet returned Griffin's and Rickett's batteries fought by comes the pinch; goes to the prettiest girl down the river, pursued by our boats. The Charleston 16th say: A severe battle took

Conner-1f you had fought the battle to his arm, and they walk home, feeling as slightly disabled during the engagement, Col. Elliott, who commanded the Feder- defeated, their loss is believed to be 400 in-Thursday and Friday, you would have won awkward as two godings. As soon as she al rams, was struck in the breast by a splin- cloding 30 prisoners. Ours is estimated at The delay at Blackburn's Ford was is within her door, he struts home, and re- ter and stanned but soon recovered. This from 50 to 100. The attack was soon to tatal to you. You made a great multary ally thinks he has been and gone and done was the only casualty on our side. Our be renewed, Beauregard. You fought the battle by it. Sleep comes to him with dreams of arms were manued by sharpshooters who Beauregard. You fought the battle by it. Sleep comes to him with dreams of regimnats, while we fought it by brigades and divisions. There were many times be-morning and finds the door of life open to wounded and missing is heavy, but is not fore 1 o'clock in the afternoon of that day him, and the pigs squealing for breakfast. yet ascertained. After the return of our boats from the We used to hear Fourth of July orapursuit Com. Davis sent a note to the May Hookers advance with shell, but with no or of Memphis demanding the surrender of serious damage. Gen. Hooker answered Rodman principle. The same establishthe city. The Mayor replied that the force from of our powerful batteries throwing of circumstances placed the city in his (Da- heavy shell which were seen to burst among vis) hands. A boat was immediately sent the rebels. ashore and the national flag raised over the severely contested hattle on your side - than justified the wildest boast ever attered Post Office. No demonstration was made, hoat Jacob Bell on Saturday proceeded up It was even reported that it would not be James river to reconnoitre and ran aground The contrast between the spirit of the necessary to declare martial law. Five rebel Confederacy and the spirit of the U.S. steamers lying at the wharf were captured. Charleston Invested-Rebel Accounts.

June 25 .- The Worlds dispatch says important rumors have been circulating to day, to the effect that Secretary Stanton | the Philadelphia Press, was recently visited is about to relinquish the charge of the by two ladies, and a conversation in regard War Department; Gen. Banks will take to the war was had. In the course of the the place vacated. Washington, June 23d .- The Tax Bill

passed the House to day-the Senate unan- must not suppose that this victory will end imously-the House by only 17 majority. June 25 .- The Pacific Railroad Bill passed the House to-day by 104 to 31 and tempt to go South as the warm weather now only awaits the signature of the Presi-

from McClellan's army dated June 23d - gle, and have long been preparing for it; Nothing of importance has transpired in they can never be conquered." In reply any quarter.

June 25th .- A dispatch from McClel-Valley arrived this morning direct from lan's headquarters says; "From move the Southern people had been allowed to ments of the enemy last night, and from information received from contrabands, an controlled the Government; but notwithengagement was expected this morning .-The troops were all under arms at daylight, would be conquered and made to return to and everything in readiness, but after slight the support of the Constitution. yet a multitude take the initiative before evening. A reconnoisance was made and demonstration by the rebels who found

New York, June 23d.-Gen. Butler was seronaded at the St. Charles Hotel, ing well that there are a dozen girls inside, boats, in the meantime, weighed anchor, New Orleans, on the 14th inst, and made a speech, in which he declared his feelings dent was not to attack Washington, but to and knock or ring, with an absolute cer-so continually threaten it that you would tainty that in two minutes all eyes will be long range by a rebel boat fell near the he was resolved, as a matter of daty to carry out the laws of the United States under all circumstances. The speech was well re- year, the United States supplied upwards ceived. The rebel Gen. Lovell has gone

FORTRESS MONROE, June 23d .- The steamer from City Point, last night, brought fight at Charleston on the 16th. The account says the battle lasted all day with ten yards of tape with one of the girls, and cut it short at each end, he may stand a taking away ber wheel, and making it ne-taking away ber wheel, and making away ber wheel, and making away ber wheel, and away ber wheel, away be the next day, and expressed fears for the

Dispatches to the Augusta papers from comes the pinch; goes to the prettiest girl in the room, and his tongue elinging to the boats, which had been abandoned by their miles from the city. Five regiments of roof of his mouth, and crooking out his el- crews. Capt. Montgomery, the robel flag Federals attacked the batteries at Secesbow, stammers out the words, "Shall I officer, and most of the officers and menes- sionville. The Confederates numbering see you home?" She touches her fingers caped. The Federal ram Lancaster was 150 repulsed the enemy with great slaughter. The enemy fought bravely but were

The Richmond Dispatch says, it can be across the Potomac.

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nor Ex-President Buchanan, it is stated by the Washington correspondent of conversation the battle of Fort Donelson

was alluded to, when he said: "Ladies, you the war: there will be much severe fighting yet, and should our Northern soldiers atapproaches, they will be swept off like The Tax Bill and the Pacific Railroad dent. Advices are received by the War sheep. Ladies, you know that the South-Department dated Corinth, June 22d, and ern people have long anticipated this strugone of the ladies very pertinently told the ex-President that during his administration

do as they pleased with the powers that standing this, it was their opinion that they

Der The dependence of Great Britain on the United States, for food, can be best shown by a few statistical facts. During the year 1861 the enormous quantity of 14,322,399 quarters of wheat-actually 8,020,543,440,lbs, as the British quarter contains 8 bushels, or 480 lbs.-and 6,243,-897 cwt. of meal and flour, were imported into the United Kingdom. During that of 24 millions of quarters of wheat, and llions of cwt. of meal and flour .--The whole cost of these importations was about \$100,000,000 for wheat, and \$30,-000,000 for meal and flour. The share of the United States in these wast sums was at least \$50,000,000. The authenticity of cently published in England.

13 The Richmond Examiner of the 22d alt, denounces the rebel Secretary of war for deceiving the Southern people by asserting that a great victory was gained over the National forces in the two days fight at Pittsburg Landing. The editor states that "all the evidence collected on the subject goes to show that the Confederates were badly defeated;" and, as an evidence of the fact, he quotes Beauregard's own letter to General Grant, the day after the battle, asking the latter, who was in posession of the field, for permission to bury his (Beauregard's) dead.

MONSTER GUN .- The Ordnance Bureau of the Navy Department entered into a contract lately with Knap, of Fort Pitt Iron Works, Pittsburg, for a monster cannon, with a caliber of twenty inches, throwing a ball weighing one thousand pounds. With a sufficient charge of powder of superior quality, it is thought that a range of nearly eight miles can be obtained for this terrible projectile. The gan is to be of the Dahlgren pattern, and constructed on the ment has an order for fifty Dahlgren guns of fifteen inches bore. LILUT. WORDEN .--- We are glad to learn from the New York Post that the injuries of this gallant officer, though very severe, are not likely to deprive his country of his future services. He will emerge, it is told, from his present sufferings in better general health than he has enjoyed for some time. The Post adds that the subscription in his honor, which has been set on foot in that city, is everywhere well received, and will doubtless be completed.



States to be affixed.

19th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and of the independence of the United States the eighty-sixth.

By the President,

ABRAHAM LANCOLN. WM. H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

For The Philadelphia Press truly says, sounds with the brilliancy of our victories, cult things to treat of. But the Jupon and the military critics of other countries Eugenic, that is a subject of serious discompleteness and rapidity of our successes. It so. Nevertheless, as it is destined to field after battlefield, and State after State Some skirmishing and artillery firing confast, to the terror of those who gonded him to wrath, the spectacle is as strange as it is sublime and terrible.

Before our bombardment of the forts beof the British and French men-of-war lying its wearer dances to the light skirts of some in the river, expressed a desire to visit the other lady coming in contact with the stiff the tree of liberty shall have a rope suspen-Commodore Farragut readily granttions. ed their request. When they returned, they assured him that it was of no use for wooden vessels. The brave old tar replied: "I was sent here to make the attempt --You may be right, but I came here to take New Orleans-to pass the forts-and I shall try it on!"

- Some of the Southern papers charge Beauregard with being blameable for the defeat of the Rebels at Shiloh, and rather

recently, after an illness of some two weeks. | a lady's pocket handkerchief, and the outer sentiment of the people.

and private, produced by such change of you had vigorously attacked our centre,

since the centre of our line of battle had tors proclaiming in florid language what become very weak by reason of the con- the people of the United States were capatinual reinforcements Gen. Johnston was ble of doing. But our people, within the both branches of Congress, and now stands obliged to send to the left, which was so last few months, have, in the rapidity and fiercely pressed by your right. It was a greatness of their achievements, far more Your soldiers fought gullantly, but they in their behalf. were not well commanded.

Corres-Why did you not follow up our rotreat?

Conner-We had no idea of the com pleteness of our victory at the time, and besides, we were in no condition to follow up the retreat.

common object, casting no reproaches upon | mass EUGENIE's PETHCOAR,-The Empress any. It acts not the Pharisce. The change Eugenie has just adopted a new style of Petticoat which is the despair of nearly all States. the women of moderate fortune who are The Atlanta (Ga.) Confederacy quotes much good has not been done by one effort ambitious of bearing on their persons the the concession of a Surgeon in the Confederin all past time, as in the Providence of latest novelty that is to be found at the army that they "are whipped on all celebrated modistes of Paris. Her Impe- to the counter, then, and pay your indebtrial Majesty is not ambitious to popularize edness. the agreenens of the toilette. She detests Some of the rebel leaders are so revenge- Island. It is rumored that one hundred

my hand and caused the seal of the United everything that is common, and lately ful in disposition and so torthous in move begged of her tirewomen to invent some-Done at the City of Washington this thing in the shape of a petticoat that could not be worn by every bourgeoise. That that one of her son child of the snake. marvellous garment has been at last brought out. It does not altogether supersede criu- rank of Commander-in-Chief, ever won oline, but greatly circumscribes it, and its more glory than Gen. Wm. T. Sherman peculiar virtue is that, get it up in the won in the battle of Shiloh. Gen. S. takes cheapest manner, it must be as dear as seven or eight ordinary petticoats, and canthat, for the last six months, one vast se- not possibly be washed and smoothed for ries of triumphs have been accumulating, less than as many frances. Petticoats are a ion is a failure." one upon the other, until the world re- very sacred subject, and in any case diffi-

quictude to so many women, is particular-A slumbering giant has indeed been rous-init that terrible bore—crinoline—to try are conquered by the armies of the Union. The officers in the rebel forts swear beed; and as his blows are dealt thick and and make public its peculiarities is a task that should be attempted. Beneath a ball fore high heaven that they will never surrendress it produces an effect so charming as der, and then they----surrender. to call forth a torrent of the most flattering adjectives of which French is capable. It certainly forms a graceful contrast when the

enemy, of course to examine his prepara- steel bars of the cage she carries about her. ded from every branch. This wonderful petticoat is said in most instances to be made of Cambrie muslin, so derived from this war except in the humiliahim to attempt the capture of New Orleans that washer-women cannot stiffen it too in that direction; it could not be done with much. Its circumference is six yards at the widest point, and it is covered by nine of all inthfloances of still greater circumference. The lowest of these flounces is by all accounts a found their " rights" at Shiloh. mere frill; the second, a few inches longer and considerably wider, completely covers the first; the third does the same to the -- It is reported that President Lincoln

second, and so on till one great flounce falls has said that he would raise a fresh army completely over the other eight, each one of a million of men rather than submit to have raised the river, which carried away

Government challenges the civilized world's attention. The war is on the one part a war of Christians, on the other a war of worse than barbarians.

Every day of the continuance of this war CHINOLANE CHICLEVENTED - THE EM- reveals fresh proofs of the harbarity, the repacity, the feroeity of the rebels, and fresh evidences of the tremendous power, vast resources, and mighty energies of the United

sides" and "hell is to pay." Walk down

Eve was untrue to A dam in the garden and that one of her sons or daughters was the

No military officer in a battle below the the gunboats. An advance is imminent." his rank proudly among the world's heroes. As true a dying speech as ever was ut-

tered was that of Geo. W. Johnson, Provisional Governer of Kentucky-"the rebell-

Beauregard is a falsifier upon principle. He thinks that to tell the truth, as it would be submission to the law of God, would lower his proud character as a rebel.

Fort after fort, city after city, battle-

The Germans are called phlegmatic, but certainly there is fire among them. Where there is so much smoke, there must be some

It may sometimes become necessary that

What single advantage have the rebels

The rebels must think they have plenty of arms. They threw away 10,000 at Cor-

It is believed that at least 15,000 rebels - Louisville Journal.

of which, to arrive at the standard of Im- any foreible foreign intervention. If he the bridges over the south branch of the -Perry Davis, the inventor of the cele-brated " Pain Killer," died in Providence perial elegance, must be hem-stitched like did say so he only anticipated the universal Shennudoab, which materially interferes

The following despatches are from Southera papers: Charleston (S. C.) June 3d .- The

Federal gunboats are moving up within range of our batteries. The greatest exeitement prevails, as the gunboats are in sight. Every confidence is expressed in Gen. Gist's ability to drive off the invaders?

" Charleston, (S. C.) June 4th - The enemy landed this morning, 2,000 strong, at James Island, opposite the city. A battle took place and the enemy were repulsed.

more of the Yankees were captured.

Battle near Harrisonburg, Va.

Chicago, June 13th .- The following was ust received from headquarters, June 8th, had time to choose their position. Their troops were formed en masse, and consisted may be renewed at any moment."

The Battle in Shenandoah Valley.

' Jackson's army attacked Shields' advance on Monday morning, June 9th, near Port

but the rebels were in such overwhelming numbers that our advance retired in good said to have been very severe. The loss is heavy on both sides. A private letter says Shields destroyed a large amount of rebel supplies at Milford. The recent rains

Yesterday the rebels opened fire upon

Fortress Monroe, June 23d .- The gunou a sandbar. The rebels soon learned this and brought a battery of field pieces down to the bank and opened upon her. She succeeded in driving them off, but not until she was considerable injured.

Gen. Banks is at Winchester. Gen. Buell with his command left Corinth for Chatanooga, Mitchell's lines have been extended to within 25 miles of the latter place, and Gen. Buell can go that near by railroad. Gen. Morgan's army from Cumberland Gap is marching toward Knoxville.

HORRIBLE INSTANCE OF THE CRUELTY OF THE REBELS .- A letter from John M. Collins, recently published in the Cincinnati Twenty men are taken prisoners. There Gazette, gives the following accout of some is still heavy firing in the direction of James amonities of Southern life: On the 25th of April, 1861, I was arrested upon the alle-" Prisoners taken say that the enemy gation that I was a correspondent of the have landed 1,700 troops on Battery Is- Tribune, and thrown into a dark and loathland and John Island. They are now in some dungeon, where the accumulated filth rebels. Surely the world cannot charge front of Gen. Gist in lorce, under cover of of years rendered existence for any length of time impossible. This arrest the Memphis Avalanche was exceedingly jubilant over, and had their counsels for summary execution been acted upon, I would not This morning, at half-past eight o'clock, now be writing this letter. While confinthe advance engaged the rebels seven miles ed in that city, I was compelled to witness from that place. The enemy were very the enormities perpetrated in obedience to advantageously posted in timber, having the behests of those who ruled the mob .-One hour in the morning, from six o'clock undoubtedly of Jackson's entire force. The to seven, was allowed me to stand at the battle began with heavy firing at eleven, window grate, and at such time their whipand lasted with great violence until 4 r. M. pings and head-shavings were indulged .-Here I saw, from the 17th of April to the small arm fire being on the left. Bayonets because they refused to take an oath of aland canister shot were freely used by our legiance to the Southern Confederacy. And sick soldiers as they lay in their tents, and men with great effect on the enemy. The loss on both sides is very great. Ours is on the 19th of May last, one of the most mutilated their prisoners and unarmed men We are beautiful and accomplished young ladies encamped on the field of battle. The fight this country can boast of, was stripped to with all the field in maliguity of savages. the waist, thirteen lashes laid upon her back, and the right half of her head shaved,

Washington, June 13th .- Advices re- simply because she purchased a ticket for ceived by the War Department state:- Cairo, and was congratulating herself that she would soon be in a land of freedom.

-Over three hundred white families at The conflict was maintained for some time, Newbern, N. C., are receiving charitable assistance from our army stores. Many of them are impudent and ungrateful and reorder until it met the main body, when the fuse offers of work, while the negroes are

-Now that the Merrimac is destroyed, the Rebel navy is reduced to one steamer, the Nashville, and one tug, the tug of war.

-In one of the Wisconsin regiments at Shiloh, every captain but one was killed. That shows brave fighting.

OMINOUS .- Experiments have been made at West Point with a new projectile made for the Hi-inch Dahlgren guns of the Monitor. At a distance of fifty yards a shot went through a solid plate of wrought iron eight inches thick, and knocked over a pile of pig iron back of it. The plating of the Merrimac is but five inches thick, and such a shot would send her to the bottom.

-President Lincolu said in his Innugural Address, that it would be his policy to "hold, occupy, and possess" the forts of the United States that had been seized by the that he isn't redceming that pledge with prodigious vigor. The rebels inquired sneerngly what he meant by the words; probably they will agree that recent events are very str.king and lucid commentaries.

Der The Richmond Whig, a rebel organ, bitterly assails the rebel administration, charging it with the responsibility of the death of Gen. A. S. Johnston. The fact is, the whole rebel Government is responsible for every drop of blood and every tear that the war causes to be shed-and for every sigh and groan and ery of agony.

nor The rebels displayed the most revolting barbarity in their attack on Sunday morning, when they surprised Gen. Grant's force. They cut the throats of

The imports at New York of foreign dry goods for the month of April are half a million dollars in excess of the imports for April, 1861.

The Louisville Democrat thinks Beauregard's promise to water his horse in the Tennessee river must be a very dry joke to the horse.

Within the last few weeks we have captured two Fort Jacksons, routed a Gen. Jackson, and come very near taking Gov. Jackson.

The population of France on the 1st of January last, was 37,282,225, an increase of 1,342,864 as compared with the consus of 1856,

Republic, Rockingham county, Virginia .---

rebels were driven back. The fighting is willing to carn their daily bread.