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NEW ORLEANS:
SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 15.

On our second page will be found sheriff's and auction sales, bank notices and various miscellaneous advertisements.

FAIR OF THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.—The Fair of the Ladies Aid Society connected with Calvary Church will open on Tuesday evening April 18th, at 7 o'clock, at Masonic Hall. All those who have promised or are willing to contribute either flowers, fancy articles or refreshments to this fair are requested to send them to the Hall, on Tuesday, morning before 12 o'clock.

THE VARIETIES THEATRE.—To-night will be the last of the regular season at this theatre, when Mr. Joseph Barrett, a talented and popular member of the company, will take a benefit. By the way, we do not observe that Mr. Campbell, one of the most instructed and correct, and for some time the most hard-working and useful on the Varieties boards, has had any benefit. If benefits were distributed according to merit, this omission could hardly occur.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Two entertainments are offered here to-day—the one at noon especially for ladies and children, and family parties.

Next week will open with the Haulon Brothers.

The officers of the W. R. Arthur have obliged us by polite attentions.

The U. S. mail steamship Geo Cromwell, E E Vaill commanding, will leave her wharf this morning at 8 o'clock, for New York, with a full freight, the U. S. mails and the following passengers:

Mrs A C Rogiers, 6 children and servants, Mrs Raymond and 2 children, Mrs Capt Jas Johns, Mrs Bailey and 3 children, Miss Irving, Mrs Forbes, Mrs Wm H Wright, Mrs Maurer and child, Captain Dana and lady.

The steamship Evening Star, L C Winpenny commanding, will sail this morning at 8 o'clock for New York direct, with a full freight and the following passengers:

Mrs Gould, Mrs Saltgs and child, Dr Fogg and family, S Levy and family, Mrs H Hirshfield, sister and 2 children, C Ogey, Mrs H Lindner, J M Farmate and wife, Capt Jas W Lee, Capt G A Schneider, E Delcampe, A Deschamps, S M Beerth, Jr, Jas O Orrick, H C Merrand, E Wetzel, Jr, Mrs Ayo and lady, Mrs Goodacre, Mrs S A Trawick, Miss Fanny Trawick, Mrs Hilborn, Miss Hilborn, Mrs Morgan and 2 children, Miss Morgan, E T Burnside, A Schwartz, Chas Long, Rob. ert L Florence, Wm Fairlee, Jas Marshall, wife, nurse and child, Pablo Sais, Sam Simpson, and 50 in the steerage.

From Havana.

We are obliged to Mr Augustus F Campbell for a copy of the Havana *Diario de la Marina* of the 4th instant.

We find in this number no news from Mexico, but we observe that advices had been previously received from Vera Cruz to the 23d, and from Mexico to the 12th of March.

We learn from the *Diario* that the Confederate steamer Clerk Captain Maffit, whose departure from Havana has already been announced, had been cleared from the Custom-house for Belize, Honduras.

MATANZAS SUGAR MARKET.

The Havana *Diario* of the 1th has the following quotations from Matanzas:

Sugar—Cascarucho, Nos. 8 to 9, 5¾ to 6¾ reals per arroba; Quebrado, Nos. 12 to 14, 6¾ to 7¾; Mascabado, low to regular 5¼ to 5¾; ditto, good to superior, 5¾ to 6

Additional by the Steamer W.

By the arrival of the steamer W. R. Arthur we have Cairo issues to the evening of the 10th, and under the same auspices we have New York newspaper dates to the 7th, from which we cross we append a few selections:

The Pursuit of Gen. Lee's Army by Gen. Grant.

LATEST ACCOUNTS PRIOR TO THE SURRENDER.

New York, April 10.—The *Herald's* correspondent recounts the pursuit:

The 24th corps reached near Hatch's and White's station on the South-side railroad on the morning of the 5th, with Gens. Grant and Ord.

The 5th corps and cavalry pushed on to Jetterville, on the Danville railroad on same road without any fighting until the night of the 5th.

The second, fifth and ninth were following closely in their rear, and by the night of the 5th they were all up on the Danville road and the 24th up to Burkesville junction.

It appears that Lee ordered that portion of his army cut off by our piercing line on Sunday, to join him at Amelia Court House, fearing to have them attempt to reach Burkesville junction and so on to Danville.

When General Grant reached Halloway C H a staff officer arrived, stating that Sheridan had encountered the enemy in small force at Jetterville and had driven him and made important captures.

Our column had intended to go into camp, but Grant thought Lee's only hope was in forced marches, and therefore ordered the advance to be continued. The men, who had already tramped twenty miles, on being informed of the stirring news from Sheridan, clamored to march all night, and started off with cheers. Whenever Grant was recognized as he rode along the line, the delight of the soldiers was expressed in the most enthusiastic manner. As one division exhausted itself in cheering, another would take it up, and so it went along the whole column. Soon another dispatch was received from Sheridan, and its contents were such as to cause Grant to leave the road and cut across the country to Sheridan's headquarters.

On the night of the 5th the army lay in line of battle, stretching across three or four miles of country, and facing Jetterville. Custer's division of cavalry lay on the right, and Merritt's on the left.

The infantry was formed with the 6th corps on the right, the 5th in the centre, and the 2d on the left.

During the night Lee moved off nearly all of his trains, and it was feared he would elude the column.

Ord was to march in the morning towards Lynchburg, and cut off his retreat to any point south of that.

ORDER FOR SALUTE OF 200 GUNS AT HEADQUARTERS OF EVERY ARMY AND NAVY DEPARTMENT.

War Department,
Washington, April 9, 10 P M.

Ordered that a salute of two hundred guns be fired at the headquarters of every army and navy department, and every arsenal in the United States, and at the Military Academy at West Point, on the day of the receipt of this order, in commemoration of the surrender of General R E. Lee and his army to Lieut. Gen Grant.

(Signed) E. M. STANTON.

THE SURRENDER AT CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati, April 10.—A dispatch to General Hooker, announcing the surrender of Lee's army, was received about 10 o'clock last night. It was spread rapidly throughout the city, and immense crowds soon filled the streets.

Bonfires were lit at every corner, rockets filled the air and cannons were fired from all public places. The demonstration was continued all night.

Gov. Brough has appointed the 11th inst., for general thanksgiving.

Preparations are making for a grand celebration.

SECRETARY SEWARD'S JAW FRACTURED.

[From the N. Y. Herald, April 7.]

Washington, April 6.—Secretary Seward's condition is much improved to-day from what it was last night, and he is now as comfortable as can be expected. In addition to the other injuries mentioned by Secretary Seward, it was discovered to-day that his right jaw had been fractured. He was comparatively easy this afternoon.

ENGLISH TROOPS SENT TO BELIZE, HONDURAS—ALLEGED PURPOSE TO RESIST THE ANNEXATION DESIRES OF MAXIMILIAN.

[Correspondence of New York Herald.]

Belize, Honduras, March 24.—The English troops of war steamer Cordelia, from Jamaica, arrived on the 20th inst. with troops for the garrison here, and it is reported that the whole force at Jamaica is ordered to be in readiness for immediate embarkation. This is doubtless in anticipation of an attempt on the part of Maximilian to enforce his decree absorbing this colony into the empire.

Whether the volume of four thousand Belgian and Mexican troops lately arrived at Merida, for the avowed purpose of capturing Escalar and that portion of Yucatan held by the Mageal Indians, is really intended for that purpose, or for the ulterior one of enforcing Maximilian's decrees in relation to this colony, and driving out the few mahogany cutters mentioned in his proclamation, remains to be seen. This governments are evidently in anticipation of some movement to this end, and are prepared for it. They will not surrender the colony without a fight; and in such an event Maximilian's chances are slim.

THE FRENCH TOBACCO AT RICHMOND.

(From the New York Herald, 7th.)

From all that we can learn of the tobacco of the French Government, some time ago stored away at Richmond, it may be set down as a tobacco purchase which has ended in a big smoke.

New York Markets of the 10th.

(From the Cairo War Eagle, April 10, 8 P. M.)

New York, April 10—Cotton is quiet.

Flour dull and unsettled, and 5@10 lower; $7 90@8 05 for extra State; $8 00@8 65 for round hoop Ohio.

Pork dull and heavy. $26 50@26 62½ for half new mess, $21 50 for 1858-9, do $21 62 50 for prime.

Lard dull at 13¾@13.

Whisky decidedly firmer at $2 15@2 21 for Western.

Petroleum quiet, 31@35 for crude, 52@53 for refined bond, 72@73 for free.

Stocks better, money 6@ gold opened at 11, rose to 11¾ and closed at 11. U. S. 6's registered 107 coupons 1[illegible], 20 coupons 10[illegible] new issue do. 107¾, 10 20 coupons 97¾.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

False Alarm.—About a quarter past ten o'clock a fire called out Firm Engine No. 5 and the Pelican Hook and Ladder apparatus. The alarm was caused by the smoke resulting from the burning of a tar barrel in the rear of premises No. 105 St Charles street. The fire was quenched by covering the barrel with sand.

Good Friday.—The State of the thermometer yesterday, with the dreary drizzling attempts at raining, gave a somber aspect, the churches were filled with the devout population of the city, assisting at the solemn services to the memory of the day celebrated.

The Courts were closed, the police tribunals being only an excepting for the clearing of the docket. Before Recorder Vennard a complaint of Mr. Saunels against Mrs. Kelleher, Mrs. Hennough, Mrs. Reilly and Isabella Edward, charged them with being a profane and obscene nuisance to his family, they residing next door to him, at No. 103 Robin street. They were required to give bonds to keep the peace, and pay a fine of $5 or to go to prison for 6 months.

Vagrants and lewd cases were either fined or sent down for 30 days

Folly.—Alexander Hero drew attention by the display of a small Confederate flag. Officer Hessel arrested him. Wm Johnson is charged with having then attempted to bribe the officer to let Hero go. Both cases will come up to the Provost Court to-day.

The Late Union Victories.—A salute was fired yesterday at noon in honor of the late successes of the Union armies.

Inquest.—Lucien Dufour, a colored carpenter, 70 years of age, drowned himself Thursday night, in a well on the premises No. 52 Urselines street, near Peleur, when in a fit of insanity.

Abraham Rollins, a colored blacksmith, from Woodruff's plantation, in the Parish of St Bernard, died on the way to the city hospital on the steamer Governor Morton. Deceased was 50 years of age. Death was caused from brain disease from a ruptured blood vessel in the lung, which was ruptured by the falling of the branch of a tree chopped by deceased.

Verdicts in both cases accord ng to the above statements.

Charge of Judge Abell, of the 1st Recorder Court, to the Grand Jury.—The charge of Judge Abell to the Grand Jury this day, spoke as follows of their duties:

The antiquity of such a body is entitle me to comment in favor of its importance and utility. For many hundred years it has been regarded as an august body and a powerful auxiliary to the civil law in forwarding to the tribunals of justice criminals and violators of law and order.

Secluded from the public, your deliberations may be conducted in perfect confidence, as you are bound by your oaths to keep them secret from all, except the law officers, the Attorney General, and District Attorney, a violation of which will be attended with mischief and impair the dignity and object of a Grand Jury. Public policy requires that proceedings commenced before the Grand Jury, which fail for want of sufficient evidence, absence of witnesses, &c., should never be mentioned outside of the jury room.

The power and duties of a Grand Jury are so numerous that it will consume too much of your time to mention them in detail.

The first duty of the Grand Inquest is to inquire, as far as possible, into the commission of all offenses against the penal statutes of the State, and for this purpose you are armed by law with ample powers to carry out your investigations. You are entitled by law to the aid and counsel of the Attorney General and District Attorney, which will no doubt be extended cheerfully at all times when required, in laying before you indictments, and imparting such legal aid and advice as will assist you in your deliberations. The duty of these officers, in your own, in the discovery of crime, and to see that they are properly brought before the court for trial. In all indictments laid before you it is your duty, without fear or favor, to inquire into all the facts and circumstances, and if you are satisfied that the facts warrant the finding of the crime charged against any one, you should return "a true bill." But caution should be observed against frivolous charges or vexatious prosecutions. In such cases it is your duty to find "not a true bill."

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"Why don't you ask your sweetheart to marry you?"

"I have asked her."

"What did she say?"

"Oh, I've the refusal of her."

Some time ago they started a female seminary in Utah. It flourished well—but just in the height of its prosperity the principal eloped with the whole school!

Supplemental Draft—First District of New Orleans.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1865.

The First District draft was resumed at 10 o'clock this morning, 150 names being taken from the wheel. Below is a correct list:

2601 John Brown, cor of Felicity and St. Charles, laborer.
2602 Mike Corcoran, Erato, watchman
2603 Timothy Golden, Q M D, laborer.
2604 John Langharne, Gaiennie and Franklin, Revenue officer.
2605 Herman F Klump, 380 Camp st., Consul to Kingdom of Wurtemberg.
2606 John P Robertson, Jackson Depot, clerk.
2607 Wm Ford, Morphy's Hotel, blacksmith
2608 Philip B McCaniff, Jackson Railroad, Supt
2609 Irad Buonventure, cor of Perdido and Baronne cotton-house.
2610 Wm Ryan, 50 Baronne, carrier.
2611 John C Harrison, Felicity, near Nayades, clerk.
2612 Washington J Emery, 400 Bacchus, clerk
2613 John Donnelly, 38 Thomas and Erato, laborer.
2614 Wm Kennerlow, 19 Palmyra, cook
2615 Harrison Work, 30 Tinalin, laborer.
2616 John Dixon, 52 Gravier, cooper.
2617 Peter Crowley, Pocantico, near Richard, sledgehoistman.
2618 Robt H Kennard, corner Circus and Johnson, laborer.
2619 Charles F O Brien, 7 Constance, laborer.
2620 Albert T Southard, 111 St Charles, painter
2621 Edward Herbain, 80 Rampart, broker
2622 Matthew Conway, 187 Erato, clerk
2623 Edward Kinley, Tchoupitoulas, between Julia and St Joseph, laborer
2624 Barton Hill, Common, bet. Baronne and Carondelet, actor
2625 James Casey, 241 New Levee, laborer.
2626 Hugh Mullen, 207 Camp, painter
2627 Frank Rollitz, 125 Girod boarding
2628 Sam A Johns, 116 Annunciation, stock keeper
2629 W Dearing, 158 Magazine, printer.
2630 Ellerie H Train, 48 Common, clerk.
2631 Negus S Street, 71 Tchoupitoulas, clerk
2632 John Hanley, 70 Howard, boarder.
2633 John W Weeks, 252 New Levee shoemaker
2634 Samuel R Armitage, 60 Girod, trader.
2635 Barney T Smith, 25 Robertson, Bonhoure keeper.
2636 Wm Schroeder, Carondelet Avenue, between Gravier and Common, wood chopper.
2637 Frederick Gast, 335 Magazine, laborer.
2638 Richard Goodrich, 47 Bell, laborer.
2639 Henry Wimberly, 111 St. Paul street, boarding.
2640 Hiram Bailey, Waverly House.
2641 Thomas G Sellers, corner of Fair ground and Gayoso, merchant
2642 John Weimer, corner of Fair ground and Levee, grocer.
2643 Ebenezer Schneider, 182 Poydras, cook.
2644 Edward Fleming, 11 Erato, 3rd Dryader, shoemaker.
2645 Albert Cottell, 6 Howard, between Perdido and Gravier, cook.
2646 H A Webster, 153 Perdido, clerk
2647 Isaac Lehmann, 141 Gravier, teamster.
2648 Z and M Bernard, 2 Bienville.
2649 Robert Bailey, 230 Julia, hostler.
2650 Thomas Jones, Lafayette and New Levee, waiter.
2651 Henry C Edwards, 5 Carondelet, lodge.
2652 James Wallace, 75 Magazine, mercantile
2653 John M Rowling, City Hall, merchant.
2654 Martin Armgruster, 140 Calliope, journeyman.
2655 Alvin A Howard, Murphy's Hotel, operator.
2656 W Adams, Refugee House, laborer.
2657 W Rogers, 102 Howard, carver.
2658 Samuel Levy, 30, Carondelet, tobacconist.
2659 Lambert Sutton, Julia and Tchoupitoulas, sailor.
2660 Samuel Edwards, 200 Magnolia, wagon boatman
2661 Wm Hammersley, 60 St Charles, instructor.
2662 Herman T Schilling, 157 Rampart, barkeeper.
2663 L Frey, 58 Camp street, grocer.
2664 Jas H Henry, 115 Gravier, miller.
2665 Harvey A Harding, 97 Carondelet pain-twistguiches. You are entitled by law to the aid and counsel of the Attorney General and District Attorney, which will no doubt be extended cheerfully at all times when required, in laying before you indictments, and imparting such legal aid and advice as will assist you in your deliberations. The duty of these officers, in your own, in the discovery of crime, and to see that they are properly brought before the court for trial. In all indictments laid before you it is your duty, without fear or favor, to inquire into all the facts and circumstances, and if you are satisfied that the facts warrant the finding of the crime charged against any one, you should return "a true bill." But caution should be observed against frivolous charges or vexatious prosecutions. In such cases it is your duty to find "not a true bill."

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A CONVENTION OF PHILOSOPHERS.—A convention of Unitarian philosophers meets in this city to-day. These divines are the disciples of Theodore Parker, and hold about the same opinions as Satan and Strauss. Their design is to tear down the old forms of religion and erect something new and poetical. Let them put off their convention until we get over the capture of Richmond, and we will give them more attention.—*N. Y. Herald*, 5th.

An intelligent farmer being asked if his beans were well matched, replied, "Yes, they are matched first-rate; one of them is willing to do all the work, and the other is willing he should."

FROM OUR YESTERDAY EVENING EDITION.

MAILS FOR THE NORTH, per steamship Evening Star, will close at the Post Office at 6 o'clock A. M., Saturday 15th.

BY TELEGRAPH,

Two Days Later from the North.

ARRIVAL OF THE W. R. ARTHUR AT BATON ROUGE WITH NORTHERN NEWS OF THE 10TH.

Surrender of Gen. Lee's Army to Gen. Grant on the 9th on Terms of the Latter.

OUVERTURE MADE BY GRANT INVITING A CAPITULATION

PRELIMINARY CORRESPONDENCE

Evacuation of Raleigh by General Johnston His Reported March for the Rear of Lee.

DEFEAT OF FORREST NEAR FLORENCE

Joyful Demonstrations at the North.

GENERAL BANKS NOT YET AT CAIRO—EXPECTED ON THE 11TH

Gold on the 10th in New York $43 at Noon—Cotton not Quotable.

Baton Rouge, April 11, 10 A M.—By the arrival of the W R Arthur we have received New York and Washington dates of the 9th.

Gallatin, N C, April 9th.—Desertion and relapsing are the consequences of the evacuation of Raleigh, and that the enemy were throwing up works on the Fear river at Rocky Mount, 10 miles from here on the Weldon and Wilmington railroad. The enemy is burning the bridges and ties on the railroad, and carrying off the rails. It is thought that Johnston will get the result of Lee. His army is much demoralized.

Baltimore, April 9.—There is great rejoicings here and at other cities over the glorious news.

Cincinnati, April 10—By order from the War Department 500 guns were fired at noon to-day. The city is lively with excitement and very little business doing.

Baltimore, April 10—To *Star* and *Sun*—A steamer just in from Fortress Monroe the guns flying in honor of the capture of the city of Richmond by the Army of the Potomac. Lee's army is a recent battle with our forces. Particulars will be sent as soon as received.

SECOND DESPATCH.

Baltimore, April 10—The first gun that was fired in celebration of the fact that the last gun had been captured, Alabama. Forrest was first attempting to head off General Wilson's cavalry force marching towards Selma, but was finally beaten and many prisoners taken. Gen Hatch commands at Eastport. Buford, with a small force, is near Corinth. The garrison at Eastport is more than sufficient to take care of him.

New York, 10—Gold opened at 144 and rose to 145¾, closed at 11[illegible] board. Cotton quiet, no quotation.

War Department,
Washington, April 9—3 P. M.

Major Gen. Dix:

The Department has received the official report of the surrender this day of General Lee and his army to Lieut-Gen. Grant on terms proposed by the latter.

E. M. STANTON
Secretary of War.

Headquarters Armies of the United States
April 9—1 P M.

The Hon. E. M. Stanton:

Gen Lee surrendered the army of Northern Virginia this afternoon upon the terms proposed by myself. The accompanying additional correspondence will show the conditions more fully.

U. S. GRANT, Lt. Gen.

April 9—General—I received your note of this morning on the picket line whither I had come to meet you and ascertain definitely what terms were embraced in your proposition of yesterday with reference to the surrender of this army. I now request an interview in accordance with the offer contained in yours of yesterday for that purpose.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,
R E LEE, General

To General Grant.

CAMP U S A, 9 P. M.

Gen. R. E. Lee, Commanding Confederate States Army.

Your note of this date is but this moment—11:50 A. M.—received. In consequence of my having passed from the Richmond and Lynchburg Railroad to the Danville and Lynchburg Railroad, I am, at the writing, about forty miles west of Walter's Church and will push forward on the front for the purpose of meeting you. Nothing short of the terms offered in my letter of yesterday will be entertained.

U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant-General.

Washington, April 9—To Gen. Lee—Anxious to avoid the useless effusion of blood, and the further devastation of the country, I propose to meet you with a view to the surrender of the army of Northern Virginia, or to such other matters as may lead to the restoration of peace. I will meet you at the house now occupied by Mr. McLean, at Appomattox Court House, at any time after you may receive this that you may designate.

U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant-General.

Washington, April 9—To Gen. Lee—Your note of last evening, in reply to mine of same date, asking what conditions I will accept of the surrender of the army of Northern Virginia is received. In reply I would say, that peace being my first desire there is but one condition that I insist on, that the men surrendered shall be disqualified from taking up arms against the Government of the United States until properly exchanged.

I will meet you or designate officers to meet any officers you may name for the same purpose at any point agreeable to you for the purpose of arranging definitely the terms on which the surrender of the army of Northern Virginia will be received. Very respectfully,

U. S GRANT, Lt Gen.

Headquarters Armies of the United States
April 9—1 P M.

GENERAL—I received but a few hours your note in answer to mine yesterday. I did not intend to propose the surrender of the army of Northern Virginia, but to ask the terms of your proposition be made. I do not think the emergency has arisen for a surrender, but on a contingency of peace such as that is the main object of all. I desire to know whether your proposals would lead to that end. I cannot therefore meet you with a view to enter into the army of Northern Virginia, but to ask for such propositions as may affect the Confederate States Army. I am under my command addressed to the undersigned will receive my special attention.

Very respectfully,

R. E. LEE.

Appomattox—Your note of yesterday is received, as I have no authority to treat on the subject upon the meeting proposed for that purpose to-day, could be of no avail. I would refer you to my letter of yesterday to Lieutenant-General Grant.

Washington, April 9—To Gen. Lee—Commanding Confederate army—Lieutenant-General Grant

Washington, April 9—To Lee—Headquarters Armies of the United States—Lieutenant-General Grant is with the army of the Potomac, and I am not certain that a letter addressed to him would reach him in time. I have therefore opened your letter addressed to him. I am authorized by the President of the United States to receive propositions for the restoration of peace, the existing war and the preceding correspondence between Lieutenant-General Grant and myself will inform you of the extent of the authority vested in him.

E. M. STANTON.

Baton Rouge, April 11—[illegible]—Word of the Arthur left Cairo on Monday morning. The New York papers of Saturday, the 8th, and Sunday, the 9th, have been received.

The following is a correct list of the vessels cleared yesterday:

The bark of the Richmond papers of Saturday, the 1st, will read with peculiar interest. The following is the Message of President Lincoln, Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, to both Houses of Congress, December 8, 1863:

Fellow-Citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives:

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In this connection I may properly refer to the position of the national finances. The legislation of the last session of Congress, which was largely shaped by the views I had taken the liberty of recommending, has proved to be salutary and effective. It has satisfied the public creditor, and has thus far sustained the public credit. It has furnished all the money that has been required, and has satisfied the people that it has been honestly applied. It has restored to the people of the country a currency which is safe and convenient for all the purposes of life, and has given them entire confidence in its perfect security. It has provided for the payment into the treasury of all moneys required for the support of the army and navy, and for the payment of the public debt. Some of the provisions of the legislation which has produced these results may be modified advantageously to the public service, but no change is deemed necessary in its general principles or proportions. The suggestions of the Secretary of the Treasury will be submitted to you in his forthcoming report. I concur in the opinion that a uniform currency should be provided for the whole country, and that provision should be made for the payment in coin of the interest on the public debt. The proposition to pay the six per cent. interest on the bonds in lawful money, instead of coin, would be a breach of faith, and would reduce the value of the securities fifty per cent. in the market. The public debt is large, but the resources of the country are ample for its payment, and all will cheerfully bear their just proportion of the burden necessary to protect the property, liberty and life which have been preserved by the common sacrifices of the people. The report of the Secretary of War presents in detail the campaigns of the armies during the year, and circumstances connected with the military establishments and the operations of the land forces. The general exhibit is highly satisfactory. The organization of the army has been perfected, and its discipline and instruction have been systematically conducted. The valor and fortitude of officers and men have been conspicuously displayed in battles with the enemy, in long marches, in sieges and in the arduous duties of the camp. The recommendations of the Secretary for the establishment of additional military asylums for the relief of disabled soldiers, for the enlistment of colored persons, and for the payment of bounties to persons who have entered the military service, are commended to your favorable consideration. The Secretary of the Navy presents a report of the operations of his department, which has been conducted with energy and success. The general exhibit is one of progress and efficiency. The suggestions which he makes for the increase of the navy, for the establishment of a navy yard and depot on the Western waters, for the construction of a ship canal around the falls of the Ohio river, and for the establishment of a national foundry and of a national armory for the construction of arms, are recommended to your favorable consideration. The Postmaster General's report presents the condition of the mail service, the financial operations of the department, and its general progress and improvement. The receipts for the year were $11,164,622, and the expenditures were $12,438,253, leaving a balance against the department of $1,273,631. The decrease of the revenue as compared with the preceding year was $1,207,000, and the increase of the expenditures was $1,351,000. The loss of revenue from the territory in rebellion was $1,770,000. The circumstances which have caused this loss have also prevented the payment of $1,214,000 on account of the service of the year. The deficiency of the present year, after deducting the sum withheld on account of the rebellion, is $1,351,000, against $1,170,000 for the year 1863. The Postmaster General has suggested many modifications of the present postal laws, which are worthy of your consideration. The report of the Secretary of the Interior contains valuable information in relation to the public lands, Indian affairs, pensions, patents, the census, and other matters of his department. The quantity of land disposed of during the year was 1,731,789 acres, of which 1,152,443 acres were taken by settlers under the homestead law. The remainder was sold at public sale or located with warrants. The receipts from the sales of lands during the year were $678,007, which is about one-fifth of the receipts from the same source during the year 1860. The sales of the present year were principally in the new States and Territories. The discrepancy between the sales and the location is accounted for by the fact that the latter proceeds rapidly in consequence of the abundant crops, while the former is checked by the want of navigation. The receipts from the sales of lands during the next year will be largely increased by the return of navigation to the Mississippi river. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has furnished a full and satisfactory exhibit of the operations of his bureau during the year. The measures he suggests for the improvement of the service are deserving your consideration. The relations with the various tribes are generally friendly, and have been improved during the year by greater industry among them, and by large additions to the numbers professing Christianity. The Territories of Colorado, Nevada, Dakota, Idaho, Montana and Arizona are in a prosperous condition. Their mineral resources are extensive and valuable. Idaho and Montana are rapidly attracting settlers. The mineral wealth of Nevada is beginning to be developed. Agriculture is the principal occupation in Colorado, Dakota and Arizona. The produce of the former Territory for the present year will be double that of any previous year. The mineral resources of Arizona are comparatively undeveloped. The Territory is secure from danger from the Indian tribes. The Governor of New Mexico reports the Territory in a prosperous condition. The mineral resources are large and valuable. The Territory is secure from danger from the Indian tribes. The Governor of Utah reports the Territory in a prosperous condition. The mineral resources are large and valuable. The Territory is secure from danger from the Indian tribes. The Governor of Utah reports the Territory in a prosperous condition. The mineral resources are large and valuable. The Territory is secure from danger from the Indian tribes.

State Thoughts Suggested by the Fall of Richmond.

The recovery of Gen Lee's position resulting in the fall of Richmond seems to embarrass many of the Northern journals as regards any definite peace policy. The *Tribune* says the question is not how to treat with Jeff Davis, but how to treat with Lee. The *Herald* says that the men surrendered shall be disqualified from taking up arms against the Government of the United States until properly exchanged.

I will meet you or designate officers to meet any officers you may name for the same purpose at any point agreeable to you for the purpose of arranging definitely the terms on which the surrender of the army of Northern Virginia will be received. Very respectfully,

U. S GRANT, Lt Gen.

Headquarters Armies of the United States
April 9—1 P M.

GENERAL—I received but a few hours your note in answer to mine yesterday. I did not intend to propose the surrender of the army of Northern Virginia, but to ask the terms of your proposition be made. I do not think the emergency has arisen for a surrender, but on a contingency of peace such as that is the main object of all. I desire to know whether your proposals would lead to that end. I cannot therefore meet you with a view to enter into the army of Northern Virginia, but to ask for such propositions as may affect the Confederate States Army. I am under my command addressed to the undersigned will receive my special attention.

Very respectfully,

R. E. LEE.

Appomattox—Your note of yesterday is received, as I have no authority to treat on the subject upon the meeting proposed for that purpose to-day, could be of no avail. I would refer you to my letter of yesterday to Lieutenant-General Grant.

Washington, April 9—To Gen. Lee—Commanding Confederate army—Lieutenant-General Grant

Washington, April 9—To Lee—Headquarters Armies of the United States—Lieutenant-General Grant is with the army of the Potomac, and I am not certain that a letter addressed to him would reach him in time. I have therefore opened your letter addressed to him. I am authorized by the President of the United States to receive propositions for the restoration of peace, the existing war and the preceding correspondence between Lieutenant-General Grant and myself will inform you of the extent of the authority vested in him.

E. M. STANTON.

Baton Rouge, April 11—[illegible]—Word of the Arthur left Cairo on Monday morning. The New York papers of Saturday, the 8th, and Sunday, the 9th, have been received.

The following is a correct list of the vessels cleared yesterday:

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