

"The War Against Secession - Probable Negro Stampede,"

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

YESTERDAY NOON DISPATCHES

THE WAR AGAINST SECESSION.

More Guessing about the Campaign.

ARE REBELS PRISONERS OF WAR?

Probable Negro Stampede.

The Western Virginia Movement.

GRAND MISSISSIPPI ARMY.

FREMONT TO COMMAND IT.

REBELS SHORT OF GRUB.

The Vexed Question of Rebel Prisoners.
NEW YORK, May 30.—The Times' Washington Correspondent speculates as follows:
WASHINGTON, May 29.—Government is be-

coming embarrassed with the question of how the prisoners captured in the conflict now going on, shall be disposed of. Scouts are daily picking up men proved to be Disunionists. Already those taken exceed one hundred. The rebels are capturing Union men, thinking that when they have a sufficient number, they will be able to secure the release of the thirty six rebels captured at Alexandria.

If the Government rate these men as rebels taken in arms against the Government, they should be hung. If the system of exchanges be adopted, there is in the act a recognition of the rebels as belligerents, according to all laws of nations. The Cabinet have discussed this point several times without coming to any result.

Rebels and Provisions scarce at Fairfax.

The Government has ascertained there are no rebels at Fairfax Court-House.

There were troops at that point, but they have fallen back on the main body at Manassas Gap. They have literally eaten up everything to be obtained at Fairfax C. H., and were driven back by fear of starvation.

The Rebels poor Paymasters.

The rebels take whatever they can find from the families of friends and foes, and pay liberally, but in the scrip of Virginia.

The determination of Judge Taney to report to the President the result of his endeavors to break down the Federal Government, is a discreet way of getting out of the trouble.

A Negro Stampede Apprehended.

It appears by advices from Fortress Monroe that there is likely to be a stampede of negroes throughout Virginia.

Slave Stampedes on the Southern Borderlands

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