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NEW YORK, May 30 .- The Times' Washington correspondent speculates as follows: WASHINGTON, May 29 .- The Government is becoming embarrassed with the question as to 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 exceeds 100. The rebels are capturing Union men, thinking when they have a sufficient number they will be able to secure the release of the rebels captured at Alexandria. If the Government vote 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 the laws of pations. The Cabinet have discussed this points several times without coming to any conclusion. The government is certain 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 bave literally eaten up everything to be obtained at Fairfax Court House, and were driven back from fear of starvation. They take whatever they can find from the families of friends and foes, and pay liberally in the scrip of Virginia.

The determination of Judge Taney to report to the President the result of his effort to break down the federal government, is a discreet way of getting out of the trouble.

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