

on its way to the Red River country. He is expected to make this his headquarters.

NEW YORK, 21st.—A *Herald's* special says the State Department to-day received from the Secretary of the Treasury the documents in relation to the seizure of arms and ammunition at Pembina by the United States collector. It is stated these arms are for shipment to the Red River country. The government has already declared that no arms, or ammunitions of war of any kind, shall pass over the American territory to the region in rebellion. No action in the case will be taken until the return of the Secretary. The matter will then be looked into and prompt directions given in regard to the dispositions of arms.

LONDON, 22nd.—The *Spectator* of to-day has an article on municipal corruption in New York city. The writer regards the evil as incurable but credits the whole newspaper with having spared no efforts to create a better public sentiment. The "Times" ridicules the Portuguese revolution characterizing the nation as prostrate before an Octavian General, as a grotesque spectacle.

The *Times* urges the intervention in the affairs of Greece by the great powers of Europe.

The *Observer* to-day regards the closing by the United States Government, of the Sault St. Marie canal to the Red River expedition, as an act of studied unfriendliness.

MADRID, 21st.—It is announced to-day that Espartero has reconsidered his resolution, and now consents to accept the crown of Spain. This, however, is not official.

The excitement attending the unsettled state of the Government is meanwhile unabated.

The British fleet left Corunna for Lisbon. The successful military rising at Lisbon has created a profound sensation here, and is accepted as presaging an Iberian union.

The reported acceptance of the Spanish crown by Espartero is confirmed.

LONDON, 21st.—Lord Clarendon announces a further grant in aid of the expedition in search of Livingstone.

TORONTO, 23rd.—A special to the *Telegraph* from Sault Ste. Marie via Collingwood, of the 21st May, says:—Confirmation of the news of the opening of the canal to Canadian vessels, has been officially received here.

Colonel Orley, the American Commandant, came across and warned Col. Boulton with reference to a number of suspicious personages who passed through the canal yesterday on steamboats for Marquette and Duluth. They are confidently surmised to be Fenian officers. In consequence a guard of 40 men was placed on the steamer "Algonms," still laying in the canal, and all guards in encampments have been doubled. There was considerable excitement last night, a Fenian attack being seriously anticipated. The local Volunteer forces were warned to be ready to turn out. During the night a boat rowed under the bow of the "Algonms." The sentry on board challenged the occupants, and receiving no answer fired, with what result is not known, as the boat was rowed quickly away. A scene of unparalleled confusion and excitement prevailed when the shot was heard in the camp, owing to an anticipated attack by the Fenians. It was supposed to be the commencement of a battle or skirmish. The grounds for belief that the Fenians contemplate amassing a force to intercept the expeditionary force are daily being strengthened.

CHICAGO, May 22nd.—There arrived here to-day from Winnipeg an agent of Riel's named Perreau, who, it is believed, has come to consult with General O'Neill on his ar-

rival. This man saw the Chicago Fenians, but as they are opposed to any Red River expedition, which they deem fool-hardy, he has met with but little encouragement. It is supposed Gen. O'Neill is bent upon making an attempt to intercept the British troops while on their way to Red River, and that Perreau has come on behalf of Riel to get O'Neill to hurry up.

Perreau states that the mission of Bishop Tache to Red River was an entire failure, and that Riel never said he would not accept the assistance of the Fenians. It is stated quite freely by the Fenians of this city that Col. M. C. Smith and Lieut. Col. B. F. Walsh, of California, are to meet O'Neill somewhere on the border bringing with them, as the quota of California, one thousand equipped men. O'Neill is to be here next week.

The news from Red River reports that an Indian outbreak there is imminent, and great excitement prevails at Fort Garry from this cause and the arrest of Riel's agents in Canada.

BUFFALO, May 23.—There is a great stir here among the Fenians here this morning. An immediate raid is expected, with the Welland Canal in view.

This afternoon's *Commercial* says:—Attention is called to the significant fact that several officers of the Fenian forces resident in this city are not to be found to-day; and it is argued therefrom, that they have left for the place selected for the grand gathering of the army of invasion, for, notwithstanding the pains taken to convince outsiders that Red River is the point aimed at by the Brotherhood, there is good reason to believe that Canada is really the spot towards which they are going, if anywhere.

If we do not hear something exciting from the Fenians in a few days we shall be disappointed. We are assured that no body of men have left this city as yet.

MAY 23, midnight.—The city is full of Fenians quartered quietly among their friends all over the city. Everything is quiet. There are no indications of further movement of troops to night.

ROCHESTER, May 23.—Five cars attached to the eastward bound train passed this city this evening filled with men supposed to be Fenians. They came from Buffalo, and declined to state where they were bound. Rumour gives Troy as their place of destination, to go from that point northward.

ACRUX, May 23rd.—Forty-five Fenians left here this evening in two detachments. The first left at 5:20, and the second at 11 o'clock. Though they went east it is said their destination is supposed to be Minnesota. The officers preserved the utmost secrecy as to their destination, and the men professed to be in total ignorance. The arms and equipments of the company were forwarded to some point west some days since.

MONTREAL, May 25.—Gen. Lindsay has issued no orders for a movement of the Volunteer forces, but the respective commanders, especially those on the frontier, are directed to hold their corps in readiness for immediate service.

In view of the threatened invasion the Government have instructed Gen. Lindsay to take active measures for the defence of the frontier. Accordingly about 500 Volunteers, consisting of detachments from various city corps, leave by special train at 5:40, and the rest of the Volunteers parade at five to-morrow morning. The Grand Trunk Battalion, the P.C.O. Rifles and Capt. Gore's Battery of Artillery are also to parade at the same time for active service.

FRELEIGHSBURG, May 25, 2:46 p.m.—The

Fenians crossed the lines to-day. The home guards drove them back. Many Fenians were killed and wounded.

A private telegram states that the Fenians have pillaged Mr. Holbrook's store at Huntington, and have taken possession of a church there and turned it into a barracks.

FRELEIGHSBURG, May 25, 4:15, p.m.—On the 45 line, five miles from Freleighsburg, Wednesday, two o'clock. This is written within sight of the Fenians, and two hundred yards of the boundary line. The Volunteers have had their first skirmish with the Fenians. The latter mustered before noon about three hundred strong, just opposite the line, two miles from Cook Corners, on the road leading from the latter place to Franklin centre and at the old Fenian camping ground. The United States Marshal crossed to the Canadian side and informed Col. Smith that he had no troops to prevent the Fenians crossing. In about half an hour afterwards the Fenians opened fire upon the 60th Battalion of Volunteers, under Colonel Chamberlin, and the independent corps under Captain Westoner. The Volunteers returned the fire with spirit. The Fenians were sheltered by a group of houses on the boundary line, but they left their cover and a company dashed across the line into Canada and the next moment a Volunteer bullet laid a dead Fenian across the road thirty yards across the line.

The skirmishing and firing was continued at irregular intervals for half an hour, when Captain Gascoigne, who, had at the beginning of the firing been despatched to Stanbridge Village for assistance arrived with the Victorias in double team waggons, and followed by Capt. Muir's troop of cavalry. The cavalry dismounted on a hill overlooking the Fenians, and the Victorias defiled and opened a skirmishing fire from among the rocks. The Fenians retired under cover at 2:30, and only an occasional bullet is heard whistling over our heads. Three dead Fenians can be seen but more were killed and several wounded. The volunteers during the lull were mustered and not a man was found to be hurt. The volunteers are in capital spirits, hopeful of the result. As I close this despatch at 3 o'clock from the firing the enemy seem to be moving round our natural fort of rocks to the west upon Pigeon Hill.

ST. ALBANS, May 25.—Gen. Spear, of Fenian notoriety, has just arrived. Gen. O'Neill is in the common gaol at Burlington.

NEW YORK, May 27.—News has just been received that after the arrest of Gen. O'Neill and his incarceration in the Burlington prison, Gen. Samuel P. Spear was appointed commander-in-chief, and proceeded at once to issue his orders in face of the U. S. Marshal Foster.

Gen. Spear will either cross the Canadian border at some point not heretofore attempted, or reinforce Gleason, now in the enemy's country. This statement is by authority.

A despatch from Gen. Gleason, dated at Trout River last evening, says that he would fight before daylight.

A special says that when General Gleason crossed into Canada, near Malone, yesterday, he had with him 2,000 men, and that he has since been largely reinforced. He now occupies a position four miles beyond the lines. He is entrenched strongly, and feels confident of holding his position.

MONTREAL, May 26.—About one o'clock a. m. the Fenians threw some shell into the neighborhood of Col. Smith's camp, but without doing any mischief. When Smith went forward the Fenians retreated, and without much resistance he captured the gun.

From early this morning people have been coming into the Canadian camp with arms, &c., which they picked up on the road over which the Fenians retreated. In this way 200 rifles have been brought in.

HUNTINGDON, May 27.—A skirmish with the Fenians took place early this morning near this place, when the Fenians retired with several wounded, and impressed with the superiority of our Volunteers as marksmen. Not one of our men was touched.

The 69th regiment is here together with several Volunteer corps.