

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Friday, April 14, 1865.

A CABINET MEETING.

A statement that a very exciting Cabinet meeting was held to-day has gained general credence, but we are trustworthily informed that while the conviving of the Rebel Virginia Legislature was freely canvassed, and decided differences of opinion expressed as to the propriety and policy of permitting such a convocation, there was nothing decided upon, or anything like angry discussion indulged in.

JOHNSTON'S FORCE.

Gen. Lee confessed to Gen. Grant that Johnston's entire force would not number more than 10,000.

GEN. BUTLER.

Gen. Butler called upon Mr. Welles to express his gratification at the vindication the Federal uniform had received at the Secretary's hands in the dismissal of the Copperhead Engineer who raved so furiously upon seeing negroes wearing soldier's clothes.

PROCESSION OF WORKINGMEN.

A procession of some 1,500 operatives at the Washington Arsenal are out to-night with music, transparencies, rockets, &c. They paid their respects to the President, Gen. Grant, and Secretaries Stanton and Welles.

ON TO RICHMOND.

The War Department continues to refuse passes to Richmond to all applicants. Reporters and journalists—the most earnest and devoted Unionists of the country—all share the same fate. *The Richmond Whig*, however, comes up daily with its long list of Northern arrivals, Copperheads and well-known Secessionists constituting its principal array. The fact does not increase loyal amiability.

RAISING BLOCKADE-RUNNERS.

The Navy Department issues proposals to-day, for raising on Government account the sunken blockade-runners along our coast.

GEN. GRANT GONE NORTH.

Gen. Grant and lady left this evening for Burlington, N. J., where his children are at school.

SECRETARY SEWARD.

Mr. Seward is in constant communication with the President, and is supposed to have shaped the Executive Policy in regard to recent political movements in Virginia, as well as the President's plan of reconstruction.

SECRETARY STANTON.

Secretary Stanton is strongly adverse to permitting the Rebel Legislature of Virginia to assemble at Richmond under the auspices of the Government.

LEE'S SURRENDER.

Lee surrendered less than 8,000 fighting men to Grant. Less than 5,000 muskets were surrendered. It is the opinion of many patriots here that the morale of our success only should be celebrated, and that with exceeding modesty. Grant had 123,000 men under his command.

GEN. GORDON'S ADMINISTRATION.

Gen. Gordon, who was appointed to convict Gen. Butler of maladministration in the Department of Virginia and North Carolina, among other things cut off the supplies of the Catholic Orphan Asylum in Norfolk. The lady superior of this starved charity came here to-day and appealed to the President to order food to be given to the children under her charge.

AN EXTRA SESSION.

Positively there is no present purpose to call an extra session of Congress. Schuyler Colfax, who is here, will go home to-morrow to complete his arrangements for his journey across the Plains.

A RETROSPECT.

Four years ago to-night Gen. Butler rose from the trial of an unfinished cause in Boston that he might instantly hurry out a Brigade of Massachusetts soldiers to march to the rescue of this imperiled capital. He has this evening written his resignation. The cause left unfinished is still before the Boston Courts, and Gen. Butler returns thither to complete his argument next week.

NEWS EXPECTED.

The Government is in hourly expectation of important news from Gen. Sherman. Gen. Lee has not yet passed to Johnston's army, but it is expected that that he will communicate with Johnston, and advise a surrender upon the terms granted the Army of Northern Virginia.