

AFFAIRS IN MISSOURI

LEXINGTON, Mo., Aug. 18.—Brig. Gen. Lane has reached here with reinforcements, rendering the safety of the place certain. The gunboat Wesner is also here, which can do valuable service in case of attack.

Some of Quantrell's general orders have been found near here. They ask all persons wishing to escape being drafted into the Federal army to join his company, where they will find arms and ammunition to operate against the Federal forces at every possible point. They also state that every man liable to be drafted into the United States Army, who is found going into a Federal military post, or any person who is known to have reported to any military post the whereabouts of Southern men, shall be shot wherever found. Also, that any one known to have paid money to the Federal government to exempt him from military duty, is liable to have his chattel property taken for the use of the Southern Confederacy.

St. Louis, Aug. 19.—The city was full of vague rumors yesterday, that a fight occurred on Friday last near Lexington, between 800 Federal troops, and guerrillas under Quantrell, Hayes and Huger, in which the Federals were defeated, but no official advices have yet been received. Passengers by the Pacific Railroad, however, bring the report that a fight did occur on Friday, at Lone Jack, Jackson county, about 20 miles southwest of Lexington, between a party of Col's Philips' and Crittenden's regiment of State troops, 800 strong, and about 300 rebels under Quantrell and other guerrilla chiefs, resulting in the defeat of the State forces, with a loss of 200 killed and wounded, and two pieces of artillery. Official accounts are expected to-day.