

THE GUERRILLAS IN MISSOURI.

Reported Defeat of State Troops Near Lexington—Arrival of Gen. Lane with Reinforcements, &c.

ST. LOUIS, Tuesday, Aug. 19.

Hon. JOHN S. PHELPS, Military Governor, and Wm. F. SWITZER, Secretary of State of Arkansas, left yesterday for Helena, Ark.

Cols. McNEILL and GUITAN have been promoted to Brigadier-Generals of the enrolled militia, for the recent battles with the guerrillas.

The city was full of vague rumors yesterday that a fight had occurred on Friday last, near Lexington, between about 800 National troops and the guerrillas of QUANTRELL, HAYES and HUGHES, in which the Nationals were defeated; but no official advices have yet been received.

Passengers by the Pacific Railroad, however, bring reports that a fight did occur on Friday at Lone Jack, Jackson County, about twenty miles southwest of Lexington, between parts of Cols. PHILLIPS and CRITCHFIELD'S Regiments of State troops, 800 strong, and about 3,000 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.

LEXINGTON, Mo., Monday, Aug. 18.

Brig.-Gen. LANE has reached here with reinforcements, rendering the safety of the place certain. The gunboat *Werner* is also here, which can do valuable service in case of attack. Some of QUANTRELL'S guerrilla orders have been found near here. They ask all persons wishing to escape being drafted into the National army to join his camps, where they will find arms and ammunition to operate against the National troops at every possible point. They also state that every man liable to be drafted into the United States army who is found going to any National 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, any one known to have paid money to the National Government to exempt him from military duty, is liable to have his chattels and property taken for the use of the Southern army. These orders emanated from the commanding officers, recognized as regular soldiers by the rebel Secretary of War.