

# THE CIVIL WAR.

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## BURNING OF BRIDGES.

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## CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT.

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## TROOPS TO PASS AROUND THE CITY.

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## Five Hundred Thousand Dollars Appropriated for the Defence of the City.

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## MILITARY MOVEMENTS.

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## Seizure of Government Munitions of War.

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### DOINGS OF FRIDAY NIGHT.

The city during Friday night was a scene of wild excitement, equal almost to that which prevailed during the day previous. Shortly after 1 o'clock information was conveyed to the military headquarters that a large body of Northern troops were approaching to the city by way of the Northern Central Railway, and that the Philadelphia Railroad was also conveying the Seventh Regiment, of New York, and other troops, to the number of seventeen hundred, en route to Washington. The fact was announced by telegraph to the several stations, and it was immediately resolved to destroy the bridges nearest the city, on both roads, to prevent the passage of the trains.

Truck Company No. 1 was summoned to the Mayor's office, and despatched with combustibles to the bridge at Canton, which was in flames before the arrival of the regular Philadelphia trains. Another party was sent in omnibuses to the bridges beyond Cockeysville, on the Northern Central Railway, and they were also in flames before daylight.

The work of destruction at this point was accomplished by a detachment of the Baltimore City Guard, acting under command of Capt. John G. Johannes.

We learn that two large covered bridges on the Northern Central Railway, between Cockeysville and Ashland, were destroyed this morning by fire. There was scarcely a timber left, and all travel on the road is consequently suspended. A detachment of the City Guard, numbering 35 men, under command of Lieut. E. R. Dorsey, was ordered to destroy these bridges, and proceeded thither for that purpose at a late hour of Saturday night in three omnibuses, but ascertained, upon reaching Cockeysville, that their object had been anticipated by a party of the country people of that vicinity. The military detail returned to the city about 4 o'clock Sunday morning.