

## THE WAR IN ILLINOIS.

### The Copperhead Outbreak at Charleston— Strength and Doings of the Insurgents— Rapid Arrival of Troops to Put Down the Rebels.

MATTOON, Ill., Wednesday, March 30.

On the receipt of the news of the riot at Charleston, Ill., two hundred and fifty men of the Fifty-fourth Illinois Regiment, rendezvousing here, went to Charleston.

The rioters having left Charleston before our troops arrived there, pursuit was made, and about thirty prisoners were taken and brought to this place.

The Copperheads in this and the adjoining counties commenced mustering their forces, with the avowed purpose of rescuing the prisoners.

Reports from different sources say that the rioters are from 1,000 to 1,500 strong, and will attack this place to-night. Every precaution is being taken to give them a warm reception.

It is believed that, with the united efforts of the citizens and soldiers still here, the place can be held against the rioters until the arrival of reinforcements.

LATER—11 A. M.—The insurgents are said to be threatening both Charleston and Mattoon. A reconnoissance last night found them fortified twelve miles from Charleston.

Col. TRUE, in command of the post here, has authentic information that they are in force at Copoun's mill, 10 miles south, and at a place 8 miles west of Mattoon.

Col. OAKES, Provost-Marshal-General, has arrived.

The Forty-first Illinois Regiment has been ordered here from Camp Yates, and 500 men have been ordered from Indianapolis.

Gen. HENTZELMAN is expected here to-night.

Sheriff O'HAIR has been joined at his rendezvous by the Sheriff of Edgar County, with a band of desperadoes.

A spy sent out by the insurgents was captured this afternoon. He confesses that there are large bands at the two places above mentioned, but refuses to give further information.

The telegraph wires east and south of here have been cut.

Scouts returned at 11½, report a force of rebels, 1,500 strong, three miles east of Mattoon.

LATEST.

MATTOON, ILL., Thursday, March 31.

Everything seems to have resumed its usual quiet, and the rebels are believed to have dispersed.

The Forty-seventh Indiana Regiment has left; the Forty-first Illinois Volunteers remain until the return of Col. OAKES from Charleston, Ill.