

The Springfield Riots

Order having been restored in Springfield, Ill., the troops (one regiment excepted) were withdrawn on the 21st. The special grand jury has held long daily sessions, and at the end of last week fifty indictments had been found. Of the twenty persons indicted, two or three were leaders of the lynching mobs and thirteen are negroes who robbed and nearly killed William H. Bowe, the county treasurer's chief clerk. The prosecution is vigorously supported by the merchants and professional men of the city. Hundreds of negroes have been sheltered in the arsenal. Governor Deneen invites all who have fled to return, and also asks frightened negro residents of neighboring villages to come to Springfield, saying they will be protected there and supplied with food.—In Norfolk, Va., eight white citizens have been fined \$100 each and sent to jail for sixty days for attacking the jail in Portsmouth on the 14th, when a mob attempted to take out and lynch two negroes, one of whom had assaulted an aged white woman. Several other men who participated in the attack have been punished by smaller fines and shorter terms in jail.—At Huntington, N. Y. (on Long Island), a mob battered down the door of the jail, a few days ago, intending to lynch a negro named Washington, who had committed an assault upon a white woman and also had attempted to kill her young child. They were driven away by armed deputies, and the negro was then secretly taken to a jail in another town. He had been convicted twice on account of similar assaults, and for one of these offenses had served a term of two years in the penitentiary.