

Special Dispatch to the Missouri Democrat.

BROOKFIELD, Mo., July 11.

The Salt river bridge and depot buildings at Monroe and Hunnewell were burned yesterday. Two trains of cars are reported seized and burned at Monroe. The telegraph wires have been cut.

A body of United States troops were this A. M., reported to be occupying the brick college building at Monroe, and surrounded by a large body of cavalry, under command of Thomas A. Harris. A flag of truce was sent out by Mr. Stratham and disregarded.

Harris planted cannon to destroy the building and inmates.

Eight hundred troops of the Iowa Second and Third Regiments, reached Monroe from the West.

Much solicitude is felt for those at Monroe, who are a part of the Iowa Third Regiment, Illinois Sixteenth, and company A, Hannibal Home Guard. The number is unknown.

The track clear, and trains running from Macon City to St. Joseph.

LATER—8 P. M.

Mr. H. Hale, roadmaster, now at Shelbina, confirms the report of an engagement at Monroe. The rebels number 2,000 with two or three pieces of cannon.

Our men are fighting like devils, and at great odds. The United States troops to the number