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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Justice has just received a splendid vindication in England, in the case of the military ruffian Col. Baker, indicted by the Grand Jury for misbehavior in committing three or four weeks since, an assault upon the person of a young lady in the railway carriage. In one of the south eastern counties.

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