



ALTOONA, PA.

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Another Invasion.

We have our fears of another invasion of Maryland and Pennsylvania, notwithstanding the reports that different corps and divisions of Lee's army are being sent South to reinforce Beauregard at Charleston, and Bragg and Johnson in front of Roanoke and Burnside. The rebel army now moves in the centre of a circle, while the Union army moves around the outside, consequently the former can throw troops from one point to another much more rapidly than the latter, and although corps and divisions may have been sent South from Lee's army, they could easily be recalled in time to make a raid North just previous to the election in this State; and if another invasion is attempted, it will be at that time.

Knowing the result of two attempts to invade the North, it would, without due consideration, appear like consummate folly, and a courting of destruction, for the Rebel leaders to undertake a third trip of the kind. Whether the third invasion ever be attempted, it is now strongly talked of and urged by the Richmond papers, and, if we are not much mistaken, this State will be thrown into an excitement, greater than that of June last, ere the October election, unless something be done, and that speedily, to divert the rebels in another direction. An editorial in a recent issue of the Richmond Inquirer details the programme, and lets us into the secret.

We know there are persons, even in this community, who will hoot at this. There were those whose facilities for being posted on the general news were as good as ours, who hooted at us when we gave credence to the report that Lee's army was on its way to Pennsylvania, in June last; and when we had the most positive evidence that Stewart's cavalry were in Chambersburg, they asserted with great gusto that there was not an armed rebel in the State, and characterized the excitement of those in authority as a "great scare," gotten up by Gov. Curtin for political effect. We always knew that politics blippen, but this proved it to be more blinding than we had imagined. The sequel opened their eyes. They cannot deny that there was a terrific battle fought at Gettysburg, on the 21 and 22 of July, and that Gettysburg is in Pennsylvania. We will allow our readers to imagine for themselves what would be the situation of Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and, with the assistance of the rioters, even New York city, had Lee been successful at Gettysburg. Undoubtedly the New York riot would have been more extensive, and the riots attempted in other places resulted more disastrously. The "scare" did not come soon enough, and the destruction of one of the finest valleys in Pennsylvania, just at harvest time, was the consequence.

Those who give credence to the reported invasion, present the fact that the power of the rebellion is fast waning, and the only hope the Rebels have is centered in Lee's army. When Charleston falls, as it undoubtedly will, and Roanoke and Burnside have driven the Rebels army out of East Tennessee, the situation of Lee will become critical, because of his supplies being cut off to a great extent, and his connection with the Southwest severed. Beauregard and Bragg will then be relieved of watching the point now held by them, and will be thrown to Lee, thus giving him a large army to sustain and a powerful army with which to make a forward movement. This army cannot be subsisted in the small portion of the Confederacy which will be left to it, and it will, of necessity, be compelled to make an effort to reach the fertile valleys and well filled barns and storehouses of Maryland and Pennsylvania. The inducements and necessities are twofold greater at this time than ever they have been heretofore, and, as we have before stated, the attempt to reach the tempting bait will be made, unless something be done to counteract it. Lee knows that Meade's army is being filled up by the conscription, and he will make the move before the new men can be made effective, if he moves at all. We are not alarmists. We have presented nothing but what is plausible, and all we desire is that people rightly view the matter and be

prepared to act promptly and in time. We do not want to be found napping when the Rebel fox calls again to feast upon what he left in the valley in June last, nor do we want to find persons throwing impediments in the way of those who would save the State from the ravages of an invading army. We have no doubt that, should Gov. Curtin take time by the forelock, and at once commence preparations to successfully prevent a repetition of the scenes enacted in the Cumberland Valley, in June last, the movement would be characterized as political and unnecessary, by those who care more for party than for country. Such were the charges last fall, and again in June last, and such would be the charges of politicians again, even though the devastation of the State should be the result. We hope we may be mistaken in the foreshadowed intentions of the Rebels, but at the same time we hope Gov. Curtin will not be overawed by any clamor which may be raised by his political opponents to deter him from doing his duty in the way of protecting the State from invasion.

FROM SOUTH AMERICA.—From Saturday's dailies we learn that a number of prominent Mexicans, as well as representatives of the South American Republics, have invited President Juarez to form a continental alliance for the purpose of resisting foreign encroachments, and it is understood that the United States will be invited to send delegates to co-operate. Should a coalition of this kind be formed, Napoleon would find himself in a tight place. The United States could have nothing to lose by entering into such an arrangement, and it might be the means of preventing the covetous Emperor of the French from attempting further liberties on this continent.

MAINE ELECTION.—The returns from the election held in Maine on Monday last indicate the election of the Union ticket by largely increased majorities over that of last year.

PEN AND SCISSORS.

A Western paper having run short of copy has taken to publishing a revised and corrected edition of the Gospel of St. Luke. Eighty national banks, with an aggregate capital of \$10,340,000 have already been authorized to commence operations. Returning—the "shakes" along the Juniata. We have heard of more fever and ague this fall than for three or four years past. By the occupancy of Cumming's Point Gen. Gilmore's Parrot guns are now one mile nearer to Charleston than when he threw the Greek fire there. Ohio does not escape the draft, as has been reported. Recruiting having failed to fill up the quota of the State, a draft for 12,000 men has been ordered, to commence in Cincinnati to-day. A Western editor was lately shot in an affray. Luckily the ball came again a bill of puppets in his pocket. Gameword couldn't get through that. The President has received the resignation of General Burnside, but refuses to accept it, and requests him to remain in command in East Tennessee, which he has liberated rebel control. A FOLLY VETTER.—It is reported that a well-known General in the Army of the Potomac had made arrangements to give a grand ball and feast at his headquarters, when a stop was put to the affair by an order from the Commanding General, in which it was stated that the only balls recognized in that army were cannon balls.

All the United States troops, except the Prevo Guard, have been ordered from Indiana to the field. As the 2d battalion of the 63d Regt. was returning from Terre Haute, on Saturday last, an attempt was made to hang Hon. Daniel Voorhees, who was on the train. He was rescued by the officers but compelled to leave the train. The report of Adjutant General Abt, of Indiana, has been received at the War Department, and does credit to the loyalty and patriotism of Indiana; 28,000 men were furnished for the war in excess of the quota. The appropriation for draft amounted to \$2,812 still leaving an excess of 1,668. Consequently there will be no draft in that State.

BROWNLOW'S REBEL VENTILATOR.—I propose to publish a weekly and tri-weekly journal, bearing the above title, at Knoxville, in East Tennessee; and the weekly paper, made up from the contents of the tri-weekly, I propose to send out to distant subscribers, for Two Dollars per annum invariably paid in advance. Subscriptions and remittances will be forwarded to me at Cincinnati, from which point I expect to ship my paper and materials. I expect to issue the first number in October, as it was in that month, two years ago, my paper was crushed out by the God-forsaken mob at Knoxville, called the Confederate Association. I will commence with this hell-born and hell-bound rebellion, where the traitors forced me to leave off, and all who wish the paper would do well to begin with the first issue, as I intend that single paper shall be worth the subscription price to any unneutral Union man!

In the role of my editorial conduct, I shall abjure the severity which destroys the independence of the press, and cast from me that factious opposition which gives to party what is due to country. And while the name of my journal indicates, in amicable terms, its politics, I shall, as a faithful sentinel, fudge Whigs, Democrats, Know Nothings, and Republicans, and remember only my Government, and the preservation of the Federal Union—as richly worth all the sacrifices of blood and treasure their preservation may cost—even to the extermination of the present race of men, and the consumption of all the means of the present age!

Publishers inserting this prospectus once, prominently, and sending me the paper to Cincinnati, will be favored with an exchange. Sept. 1, 1863. W. G. BROWNLOW.

FROM CHARLESTON. The Whole of Morris Island Occupied. The correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer, under date of the 7th inst., gives the following account of the capture of Fort Wagner and Battery Gregg, and the consequent occupation of the whole of Morris Island: During the whole of Saturday night our mortars to the 5th parallel continued to shower their shells into our fort, against which the fire of two heavy Parrott rifles was also directed. The range in the night was easily obtained by the aid of a calcium light, which, located in the second parallel, threw upon the beleaguered work an illumination of wonderful brilliancy. The bombardment during the night presented a scene unequalled in interest and grandeur since the siege began. All night our shells were weaving through the air their scintillating fire, following each other in graceful curves like a geyser's marvellous spheres, and exploding in rapid succession within the fort. They were sufficient to deter the garrison from any attempts to repair the damage occasioned during the day, while all relief was cut off by the presence of a strong picket line. On Sunday morning, the Seventh Connecticut, had taken in boats around through Vincent's creek, to the left of Wagner and between that work and Battery Gregg. Lightly on Sunday the fire of all our batteries was resumed. As on the previous day, there was no response from Wagner or Gregg; but the works on James and Sullivan's islands were, if anything, more actively engaged in their efforts to annoy us. On Sunday afternoon, the time was making fine headway. So long as the artillery fire of Wagner continued to play upon their work, they were necessarily perilous and slow; but the fire of our batteries, which was directed at the first day of the bombardment, and yesterday dispersed altogether with the aid of the sap roller.

But, though Wagner was quiet, those in the trenches were not wholly free from danger. They were close to the fort, and the shells, occasionally, fell upon them. At the head of the sap a small American flag was planted, indicating to the New Ironsides and the monitors the point of our advance, behind which they were not to fire; but the missiles of these vessels coming now and then in too close proximity, the engine was moved about fifty yards, and the sappers returned to gradually dig their way up to it. At night they dug through the counter scarp, on the left flank, getting past the guns, and establishing a covered way, to a point from which an assaulting column could have leaped, almost at a single bound, to the parapet, or debouched upon the beach past the fort, and attacked it in the rear, with serious exposure. While our men were working in the trenches yesterday other dangers than those above mentioned threatened them. Though great care was taken to avoid or remove the obstacles which the enemy had planned before the fort, one or two of these machines exploded, and the Engineer Regiment was blown thirty feet into the air, and two of the Fifty-fourth Massachusetts Regiment were seriously if not fatally injured, by accidentally coming in contact with these infernal engines. Meanwhile the heavy shells hurled from all our batteries. Faster than the wind could be counted our missiles went tearing against the parapet and bomb-proof, sending up such clouds of sand and earth as nearly to eclipse our view of the fort. All this sharp points we know as well as they. Every outline had been disturbed. There was no regularity of feature about it. The bomb-proof had been nearly unroofed, and great masses of sand slid down like avalanches, falling at the entrance and shutting out from the trench our own light and venting our own fire. 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