



THE NEWS.

Deserters from the rebel army represent the condition of affairs in the rebel ranks to be of the most desperate character—drunkenness, assassination, gambling and insubordination being the order of affairs in the entire rebel forces. It is asserted that a number of regiments from South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, whose term of service will shortly expire, have declared their determination to return home, having become disgusted with the hypocrisy of their leaders, the helplessness of their cause, and the bad treatment they receive at the hands of those who deceived them into this rebellion.

The new Virginia Government.—The Legislature at Wheeling is getting along very harmoniously. On Tuesday last, John S. Carlisle, of Harrison, was unanimously elected U. S. Senator for the long term, in place of Hunter, and W. T. Willey, of Monongalia, for the short term, in place of Mason. In addition to these, elections for various State officers took place on the same day. The new Government is now under full headway, and its recognition is gradually extending over all Western Virginia.

It is asserted on good authority that Gen. Scott will be in Virginia, and present at the thrashing about to be administered to the rebels at Manassas Junction. His body-guard is now being selected.

Mr. Vallandigham, a Disunion member of Congress from Ohio on Sunday visited the encampment of troops at Washington from his own State. He there saw an effigy of himself hanging, and was personally assaulted by the members of one of the regiments, who pelted him with stones, and even turned against their own officers who attempted to suppress the disturbance.

Regiments are daily moving into Virginia from Washington and by way of Hagerstown. We shall not be surprised to hear of a heavy battle in that direction before our next issue.

Gen. Scott has issued the following order.—Henceforth the telegraph will convey no despatches concerning the operations of the Army, not permitted by the Commanding General. This order is perfectly right. It will prevent the circulation of many false army reports.

Capt. Tom Taylor, (a connection of Old Zack's) was handsomely "run through" at Washington, on Monday evening last. At the head of twenty-two mounted Disunion troops he made his appearance in the vicinity of the Disunion lines over the river with a white flag, with, as he said, an important communication from Jeff Davis to President Lincoln. A party of U. S. soldiers took charge of him, and ordered his troops to move back, and they did in "double quick time." Taylor was then taken to the President, from there to Gen. Scott—and then returned to Gen. McDowell's camp, where he was kept under guard until morning, and then escorted back to the line and set loose to find his way back to Beaugard as best he could, without having accomplished his purpose, as the contents of the letter was of so little importance in the tenor as to lead to the irretrievable conclusion that the real purpose of sending the flag of truce was but to get an opportunity to communicate surreptitiously with Uncle Sam's spies in the city at this, to his cause, critical time. But Mr. Taylor was taken care of; he had no opportunity to receive important information for Beauregard from his friends.

A letter to the Baltimore American from Martinsburg, dated Saturday, states that Patterson's entire army was encamped in and around Martinsburg, awaiting reinforcements, and that no forward movement had taken place. Gen. Johnson had been reinforced by 9,000 men from Manassas, and had taken a stand for a fight at Bunker Hill, seven miles distant, with 16,000 troops.

The House of Representatives on Tuesday passed a bill providing for the payment of the militia and volunteers called into service of the United States by the proclamation of the President of the 18th of April 1861. The bill provides that they shall be paid from the time they were called into service until the 30th of June. The unanimity with which the House passed this bill argues well for the spirit now animating its members. The volunteers are suffering for the want of money, and the passage of this necessary measure of relief will gladden many a camp fire, and assuage many of the necessary trials of the soldier's life.

Capt. Thomas who headed the pirates on the occasion of the capture of the steamer St. Nicholas, from Baltimore, some two weeks ago, has, together with several of his men, been taken, and are now in close quarters at Fort McHenry. When Capt. Thomas went on board the St. Nicholas, he was disguised as a French lady—when he was on board the steamer Mary Washington, stowed away in a large bureau drawer. He, no doubt, was returning to Baltimore, to watch for an opportunity to come to the French lady over some other steamer. His game is played out.

The Weapons of this War.

The editor of Willcox's (New York) Spirit of the Times is a soldier, now in Washington. In a letter to that paper he thus remarks on the weapons with which the battles are likely to be won: "Some importance has been attributed to the fact that the Southern men, as a general thing, are better marksmen than the soldiers of the North, and that they will constantly possess a great advantage through such superiority in the hour of battle. But while I do not believe this is the case to any great extent, I would not even if it were so, give much consideration to the fact: for in battle but few special shots are made, and the coming struggle is not destined to be a contest of mere marksmanship or evolution.

War began with a spear for its weapons; after a variety of changes, through several centuries. It yielded in refinement, and under Napoleon III, on the fields of Magenta and Solferino, came back to the spear again. On those bloody and bitterly contested fields the alert Zouaves and the athletic Chasseurs d' Afrique refused to accept the ration of powder and ball when served out to the troops, just previous to battle; nay, when the charge was given, refused even to discharge the loads which were already in their weapons, but rushing forward through the fire, they engaged the Austrians hand to hand, and bayoneted them in the ranks. This is unquestionably the true resource of superior physical condition.

On this plan the coming war between the North and South will surely be contested, and in part evidence thereof I will merely point to the fact that the Government has already taken away the little costly but deadly loading toys which the munificence of New York put in the hands of Col. Ellisworth's regiment, and served out to them the spear, in the shape of a sabre on the end of a bladed musket and bayonet. Heaven help those under the edge of whose bayonets these "pet lambs" shall succeed in getting. There will be some strange fighting, in which possibly even, butting and wrestling and throttling may form a part; but after a short turmoil the results will be a heap of slain and a flying remnant of those who will probably render his verdict of the struggle in the exclamation that those fellows are not gentlemen! The sabre bayonet is also to be distributed through the entire army, and I feel certain from what I have gathered through military men, that the actual embrace of battle, man to man, is what the Northern captains of this war intend mostly to rely upon."

Georgia Lulworth to the Secession Cause.—An exchange says: "Judge Wayne of Georgia, has not resigned his seat on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States, as did Judge Campbell of Alabama. Why is this, unless there was less pressure of public opinion in Savannah than in Mobile? The number of resignations in the army and navy, from Georgia, has probably been less in proportion than in any other seceded State. There never yet was any formal ratification in Georgia of the Constitution of the Confederate States, and one of the latest issues of the Augusta Chronicle, coming by way of Louisville, declares that it can never receive the popular sanction without amendment. We have it, too, on telegraphic authority, that the authorities have prohibited the conveyance of arms from the State, even for the use of their few troops in the Confederate army. Combining all the evidence, positive and negative, it is difficult to resist the conviction that the Empire State of the South is the least earnest State in the Confederacy; that it will do little work under the Davis yoke, and when circumstances favor, will perhaps throw it off altogether."

PRAYER IN THE ARMY.—On that Sabbath morning on which the battle of Lake Champlain was fought, when Commodore Downie of the British squadron was slain, the meeting of the Americans as they lay in the Bay of Plattsburg, he sent a man to the mast head to see what they were doing on Commodore Downie's ship, the flag-ship of the little American squadron. "Ho! ho!" said Downie, "what are they doing on that ship?" "Sir," answered the look-out, "they are gathered about the masts, and they seem to be at prayer." "Ah!," said Commodore Downie, "that looks well for them, but bad for us." It was bad for the British Commanders, for the very first shot from the American ship was a chain-shot, which cut poor Downie in two, and killed him in a moment. Although it was a simple bullet, it was a simple bullet, and a man of prayer, but brave as a lion in the hour of battle. He died as he lived—a simple hearted earnest Christian.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE.

July 10, 1861.

Old Friend Lewis—Dear Sir—I am a plain, old-fashioned, unpolished old farmer, a sage Democrat, and have been a subscriber to your paper for thirteen years. I have been promising myself to write you a letter, in my plain, old-fashioned way, for a long time, and have just found time, amid the hurry and bustle of harvest-time, to carry my promise into execution. Perhaps I will be very plain in some of my remarks, as I am a plain man, and say what I do say, in a plain off-hand way, and should I be sharp, and cut deep, attribute it to the weakness and ignorance of an old man who has lived for three score years and ten without the advantage of a refined and cultivated mind.

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A Visit to Broad Top.

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Our Army Correspondence.

CAMP MASON & DIXON, July 3, 1861.

DEAR EDITOR—I have come to you, informing you of the health and contentment of our boys. We are situated in Cumberland Valley, five miles from Cumberland, in sight of Mason & Dixon's line. Our camp at present is in an upright account of not getting enough to eat. Our provisions have been out very short for the last few days, and we do not get as much to eat as our appetites crave, but I trust they will be soon advanced. We have no idea of staying here very long as it is not a good place to get provisions and there being no drill ground. As for the health of our camp, it is very good; there are but few cases of sickness in our Regiment. We have the greatest part of our uniforms now, and begin to look and feel like soldiers. We are proud of our blue coat and shining buttons here, than we would be with a broadcloth suit at home. I have just arrived from the country after getting as much warm bread and butter as we are expecting word to bring with us. I can assure you this was good. The people around here are very generous; they will give a soldier's last bite, and we are getting plenty of it. We are eager to get out with them in Cumberland, and I tell you we are just as earnest about it as they are. We are expecting word to cross the line every day, and then to call United States soldiers.

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