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The War Between Denmark and Germany Commenced!

The telegraph brings us intelligence of the opening of hostilities between Denmark and the German Powers. As public interest will now be turned to Europe for the progress and characteristics of the struggle just commenced, we do not think we can better employ our space to-day than in giving to our readers the following intelligent account of the means which Denmark possesses for self-defence. The reader who is interested in this Schleswig Holstein difficulty, which may yet embroil all Europe in a sanguinary war, should cut out the article and preserve it for future reference.

HOW DENMARK WILL DEFEND HERSELF.

The strategic position of Denmark is one of her most remarkable features. The country stands so isolated that it is almost inaccessible. Almost all of it is in danger from the land side, the direction from which the troops of the Federal Execution must come. The promontory of Denmark consists of Jutland, Schleswig and Holstein—the latter being separated from Hanover by the Elbe. Entering, therefore, approach between Hamburg and Lubeck, as they have no fleet sufficient to make a coast demonstration. The Danish army, with the exception of two brigades, is concentrated in Schleswig, where their position is almost impregnable. Schleswig is separated from Holstein, while the south ward, by the River Eider and the canal of that name. By this passage a vessel may pass from the North Sea, which washes the western shore of Denmark, to the Baltic Sea, which washes its eastern shores. The western corner of this line is guarded by the fortress of Frederickstadt, which occupies the angle formed by the Eider flowing from the southeast and the Treene flowing from the northeast. The eastern flank of the Schleswig boundary line, which is some few miles north of Kiel, is protected by the fortress of The Danes call "hold-Reading," is fortified place, but gave it up, at the fortifications were on the Holstein side of the Eider.

As the Danes have the sea on either side, where the cutting Jutland into the south, is almost divide it, it is necessary for them to guard only their front, and to keep their rear communications open to Copenhagen and the Islands on which that city is built. At the city of Rendsburg, on the river Schley, they make their stand. To the east their gunboats protect the line. Southwest and twenty-five miles distant is Frederickstadt. Half way between these points is Hollingstedt, and from Frederickstadt to Hollingstedt the Danes have dams and sluices from the river Treene by which they can flood the whole country. Between Hollingstedt and Schleswig is the Danewerk; a portion of which is also west of Schleswig. Here too are artificial means of inundation. The country is low, wet and marshy, and its greatest depth in the winter season is frost, which would close up any of the water defences, and bridge over the marshes and low lands with ice. It is by a long and and drawings done that a correct idea of the Danish natural and artificial defences can be given; but a verbal sketch of the wonderful line of defence known as the "Danewerk" cannot fail to be interesting.

The Danewerk, or great fortification of Schleswig—signifying, literally, "the work" par excellence "of the Danes," consists of an enormous series of earth-banks, stretching across the long narrow peninsula of Schleswig, Holstein and Jutland. This peninsula is three hundred miles long, and in some portions is one hundred miles in width. The extensive fastness itself is situated within a few miles of the Southern boundary of the Duchy of Schleswig, and stretches close up to the capital, from which the Duchy derives its name. Schleswig is situated on the margin of the River Schley, which is long arm of the Baltic, and is in some parts half a mile in width, while in others it is only a hundred paces broad. In the immediate vicinity of the capital the river forms a deep pool or lake, and this circumstance has been taken advantage of in the construction of the artificial defences of the country.

The Danewerk itself forms but one of the three distinct ramparts which constitute the entire fortification, although the name is used as the general title for the whole series of earth works around Schleswig. It is a structure of great antiquity, and is believed to be even originally been an enormous dyke, erected by the early settlers of the country to protect their lands against the inundations of the sea. It the year 737 the earth-wall of the Danewerk was rebuilt by Queen Thyre, for which act the people called her "Danabod," signifying the pride of the Danes. At that period the wall extended eight English miles in length, and reached from the Schley to the Selker Lake, adjoining the river which washes the banks of the capital, to the little stream of the Treene, near the village of Hollingstedt, toward the western side of the peninsula, while at regular intervals strong fortresses were erected along its entire length, and a ditch ten feet wide and ten feet in depth, was dug from one end to the other on the outer side of it. In the history of the famous Danewerk, as of nearly every other ancient work. As it at present exists, it is a far different structure from the rude fortified bank and ditch that it was in the olden time. The work, as it now stands, consists of three distinct and separate earth walls, which are works of tremendous extent, and defences which able and experienced engineers have pronounced to be almost impregnable. The ramparts consist essentially of enormous earth mounds or dykes, arranged like the mouth of a funnel, so as to drive away any invading army into the narrowest channel, where the greatest strength of the batteries, &c., would be almost impossible for any bodies of troops to force a passage. The first rampart is so arranged as to drive any approaching troops towards the great lake fortified by the river Schley, which is there so broad and so well protected by forts that it is considered utterly impossible for an army to avoid at that point. On the opposite shore is the great Margrethen wall, which was constructed after years of labor, while immediately below the bay on which Schleswig is built, the two great Selker lakes extend, on the opposite sides of which is the great "hand stretch fortification," which is an immense structure.

Another of the tripartite elements of the Danewerk consists in the long, straight WOOD, and MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, &c. Prince Elector's Ditch, which stretches in a straight line from the very edge of the Selker Lake to the diagonal line of Valdemar's Wall or the Danewerk proper. The dimensions of these three different ramparts are as follows:

1. The Kur-garben is upwards of four miles in length, from ten feet to twelve feet in width, and from twelve feet to sixteen feet in height.

2. The Oster-wolden, or East Rampart, is two miles in length, six feet high, and sixteen feet broad, and is lined with a ditch ten feet deep.

3. The Danewerk proper, including the "Ovokse Rampart," is fourteen miles in length, in some parts from thirty feet to thirty-six feet in height, while its breadth on the top ranges from sixteen feet to twenty feet. It is protected by thirteen distinct forts, and at Dastorf, where the roads leading from the south bend to a point, the forts are guarded by a line of twenty-hundred pounds cannon, and all the works surrounded by palisades.

The great strength of the Danewerk lies in the flooding apparatus, that is connected with it, by which it is said as few as three days' rainy weather, or snow-thaw of the land, in front of the earth-walls can be immediately submerged, and an invading army driven to find a passage along the Schley, which position of the enemy, whether the troops are landed from the Selker Lake, or from the Treene. An armament is said to be already on hand to open upon the enemy.

This floating appendage of gigantic size, is similar to the Monitors, and is built in front of the Selker Lake at the south end of the Danewerk. When the land forces of the enemy have been driven to find a passage along the Schley, this floating battery is to open upon the enemy.

Mormonism.

It would seem that the lately reported schism among the Mormons is making headway. We find the following in the Cincinnati *Gazette* of Friday:

The copyright of a book was taken out the other day, in the United States District Court, having the following title: "A Book of Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints, carefully selected from the Revelations of God, as given to the order of their date." It is, perhaps, known to most readers, that there is a formidable schism among these "Latter Day Saints," the communists declaring against polygamy, and contenting themselves with one wife, at least one at a time. An organization based on this idea has been in process of completion in this city for some time past, under the leadership of Joseph Smith, jr., and Israel L. Rogers, who, in conjunction with others, have purchased the book above referred to. They say that they have missionaries operating in Brigham Young's dominions, who are very successful in making converts. Their present rendezvous is in the vicinity of Chicago, but they have purchased 20,000 acres of land in Missouri, where they intend to settle, when the war is over, and build up a city for the habitation of the faithful.

Presents for Jeff. Davis. Captured in a Blockade Runner.

A letter from Key West gives the following in reference to the cargo of the steamer Cumberland:

The cargo of the Cumberland is a well assorted one, and very valuable. Among other articles on board were one hundred barrels of gunpowder, and a large number of Enfield rifles. She has also in her hold a very large quantity of fine gray rebel uniform cloth, and bales upon bales of superior navy blue, besides an immense number of ready-made rebel uniforms, boots and shoes—in short everything necessary for the outfit of three thousand rebel forces. I have it, on good authority, that the cargo cost seventy thousand pounds in gold, in England; that the ship was sold there for fifty thousand pounds, and that ten thousand pounds more were expended on her in Havana.

"Another pleasant little piece of intelligence is that a most elegant and costly set of parlor furniture in purple damask intended for an "illustrious" and "honored President," has been found on board the Cumberland. It was intended as a present to Jeff. Davis, from his admirers in England. Another fact, intended for ex-Senator Mallory, the rebel Secretary of War, was also found on board."

NEWS ITEMS.

The present cold term seems to have been as widespread as that of January. We hear of severe weather in Massachusetts and Missouri Michigan and East Tennessee. On Monday night and Tuesday morning the mercury fell to 51° below zero, and after bringing at ten degrees above zero on Tuesday morning. At Dayton, on the same day, it ranged from zero to six degrees above, and at Cincinnati full four below. At Indianapolis on Tuesday, at sunrise and sunset, it was five degrees below zero. At Chicago, on Tuesday, the thermometer indicated seven degrees below. At Hillsboro', Ohio, on Tuesday, it was four degrees below. On the lake shores, and on the Atlantic Coast, the cold was accompanied by a heavy wind.

The Postoffice Department of Canada, having, for the sake of uniformity, assented to the modify the postal arrangement between the United States and Canada, of 1851, so as to establish a uniform postage for letters of seven cents the single rate between Canada and all parts of the United States, it is ordered by Postmaster General Blair that in future the postage upon all letters between Canada and any part of the United States shall be ten cents the single rate for half an ounce and under, prepayment optional, without regard to difference of distance or route of conveyance.

The Nova Scotia Legislature wants a chance at the Chesapeake rats. On a motion to call for all the documents, Mr. Bourinot complimented the Confederates had been unjustly shut out from the privilege of assisting and supporting their rights; that a special messenger was dispatched to Richmond, but had not returned; and in the mean time the Judge had delivered a final decree. The Government replied that all communications from the imperial authorities were strictly confidential, and could not be produced.

Up to two 5th inst., seven persons had registered their names and taken the oath of allegiance in the two parishes of Jefferson and Orleans, Louisiana, than the one-tenth of the aggregate vote of the State in 1860, required by the President's Proclamation. It is expected that twice, this number will be thus qualified to vote in the parts of the State within our lines alone.

It is said that a discovery has been made in France, which will probably revolutionize the paper business. Rice straw paper is manufactured from the wood of the oak, walnut, pine, chestnut, and various vegetables, without any addition of rags. A reduction in price of "from fifty to sixty per cent is promised. Samples were exhibited, and attracted general attention.

The business of embalming the bodies of deceased soldiers is increasing in Washington. The cost has been reduced to ten dollars each subject, and all the Armory Square Hospital, all who die are embalmed, whether their friends request it or not. When the friends are too poor to pay no charge is made.

HARVEY W. DAY, of Mansfield, Mass., has been arraigned at Taunton, to that State, for uttering a fraudulent marriage notice in the Boston Journal and the Taunton Gazette. He pleaded guilty. Sentence has been deferred for one week.

Letters in painting A portrait of Major General Hooker; a sitting, effusive likeness, and painted with all the freedom and vigor that characterizes this artist's works.

Cotton has fallen to 80 cents in New York.

Gen. Banks has issued an order prohibiting the sale of liquor to soldiers in Shreveport.

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EVENING GAZETTE TELEGRAMS.

IMPORTANT FROM EASTERN TENNESSEE.

Longstreet's Force in Full Retreat.

THE SITUATION OF JOHNSON'S ARMY UNCHANGED.

REBEL DISPATCHES FROM CHARLESTON.

Johnson's Island Reported Evacuated by Our Troops.

THE ADVANCE OF GEN. SHERMAN.

&c., &c., &c.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

CHATTANOOGA, Feb. 19, 1864.

Intelligence has been received from East Tennessee, which, if true, is of great importance. Adjutant General Thomas and others have recently returned from a trip to Cleveland, and learned from a certain source that Longstreet's entire force was in full retreat.

Union men from Lowisville, where Longstreet's advance was stationed, report that place abandoned by the enemy, who had fallen back entirely across the French Broad river.

If the intelligence is true, it indicates another change of plan on the part of the rebel leaders. The retreat was not the result of a corresponding advance on our part, but it simply meant that the rebels are becoming alarmed at Sherman's progress, and are preparing to concentrate.

So far as can be ascertained the situation of Johnston's army is unchanged. It is still cold here but not so severe as last night.

From the Huntsville *Gazette*, of the fifteenth, I have extracted the following news:

Charleston, Feb. 12.—Our batteries opened all around on Morris Island for about two hours this morning. The practice was splendid and the cannonading sharp. The burning houses in the city, and the flashing of the guns illuminated the whole harbor. The Yankee flag staff at Fort Wagner was cut down. Only four shells have been fired since on the city. No details have yet reached us from Johnson's Island. It is generally reported that we have driven the enemy off the Island, and that everything works well. No casualties.

The latest information from Florida is of an encouraging character.

Charleston, Feb. 13.—The enemy have withdrawn their forces from Johnson's Island, and are reported to have gone off in gunboats. The Yankees on Morris Island are engaged in repairing injuries done to the batteries, caused by our shelling. There has been no further shelling of the city.

Mobile, Feb. 13.—General Adams attacked a federal train near Decatur yesterday evening, destroying forty wagons, killing several mules and two drivers. Infantry coming in force he was unable to bring off his prisoners. His loss is six killed and wounded.

Dalton, Feb. 14.—Gen. John H. Morgan arrived here this afternoon.

The Yankee force which landed at Jacksonville, Fla., some days ago, penetrated as far into the interior as Baldwine, twenty miles from the coast. It is said to be 5000 strong.

There are reports of a fight in Mississippi, near Enterprise, but they have not been confirmed.

The Montgomery *Mail* says that Gens. Forrest and Lee, with their cavalry, have reoccupied Jackson, and are hovering in Gen. Sherman's rear.

Gen. Polk has retired to Meredian. He is much censured for permitting Gen. Sherman to proceed thus far without attacking him.

IMPORTANT FROM EUROPE.

Evacuation of Schleswig and Dannerwerk by the Danes.

THE GERMANS IN PURSUIT.

FOREIGN MARKETS, &c.

HALIFAX, Feb. 20.—The royal mail steamer Africa, from Liverpool on the 6th, has arrived here.

The appeal in the case of the ship Alexandria was heard on Saturday, and the court was to give judgment on Monday.

The steamer Scotia arrived at Queenstown on the 5th. There had been no additional fighting in Schleswig.

A snow storm on the 5th prevented any outdoor, but slight skirmishes between the two armies.

THE LATEST.—The Danes have evacuated Schleswig and the Dannerwerk, and are falling back to Flensburg. The Germans are in pursuit. A dispatch from Hamburg, on the morning of the 6th, says, that no later news had been received from the seat of war. It was believed the Prussians had prevented its transmission, and that severe fighting was going on, as numbers of wounded were being constantly brought into Rendsburg.

A dispatch from Hamburg, dated on the afternoon of the 6th, reports that the town of Schleswig had been evacuated by the Danes, and occupied by the allies. This is said to be authentic. Nothing is known as to the capture of Wirunda.

London, Feb. 18.—Sale of Cotton for the week amounted to 30,000 Bs. The market is irregular and partially 1/8d lower, and closing firmer; the sales today are estimated at 6,000 bales at Friday's rates. Middling Orleans 27 1/2d. Uplands 26 3/4d. Breadstuffs dull. Flour steady. Wheat partially 1d lower, but the quotations are the same as those of Tuesday. Corn flat and