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Reading Matter from Yesterday's Evening Gazette.

Confidence and Courage.

The *Western Christian Advocate* (Cincinnati), of last week, publishes the following extract from a private letter of General Grant:

"There has been no time since the beginning of the war when I felt a doubt about ultimate success. I now feel as certain that Richmond will fall before the end of the campaign as I did that Vicksburg would. I never doubted success at either place. I believe the enemy feel the same as I do, that they must finally succumb."

While the General-in-chief of the army feels thus confident of success, why should any of us feel less so? And yet come among us seem to have lost their confidence in the ability of a powerful Government, backed by a great, free people, and having resources at its command that are next to inexhaustible, to maintain itself in this contest with armed and rebellious treason. We have never seen the day, the hour or the incident, to justify uncertainty or doubt, or even the shadow of a doubt, as to the successful result of the struggle. The very fact that the *right* is clearly on our side, and that *wrong* is on the side of the slaveholding rebels, is of itself sufficient to inspire strength and reasoning minds with faith in our final success, and to keep that faith strong, notwithstanding the reverses that may accidentally overtake our armies in the field occasionally. Such unfavorable events, political or military, that from time to time combine to cloud the sky of our hopes and wishes. We will appreciate that WAR is grim, and that war of the most marvelous and extraordinary character, is of course not an uninterrupted triumph, should attend all our movements, battles and efforts. It is unreasonable to expect this, and those only who fix no unreasonable as to expect it are ever likely to cast down and disheartened by unavoidable delays in the work of progress.

The soldiers and officers at the "front" are more confident and hopeful of success than our people at home, whose judgment is too often clouded by political mist, partisanism and the timidity of selfishness, to be favorable to a clear judgment or a hopeful prospect. General Grant, who understands better than any other man what we have to contend with and how formidable an enemy we have to subdue is the most confident of all men as to the result. His faith that Richmond will be ours, is more firm now than when he opened this terrible campaign; and he sees far beyond Richmond—he sees the military power of the rebellion crumbling and destroyed, and the authority of the Government re-established over the insurgent States, and the citizens and men whom he leads, see as he does—they are confident, firm in faith, full of hope, and fight on with stout hearts and ready arms, and will fight on to the end, which they believe cannot be very far off.

Why, then, should any of us who are grumbling because of delays, and fearful of every thing, lose courage or faith of the result? Even if all does not go smoothly on every side, and everything does not go every where as we should wish, why despond? Is it our nation, our country, a free and mighty Republic, that we are fighting for, and is any hardship, any sacrifice any labor too great for us to endure, suffer or undertake to accomplish its salvation, rather than be forced to submit to the humiliation, shame and ruin that would be ours in the final case of failure? Surely the heart that faints in this struggle must be a coward-heart, lacking all pride, courage and manly spirit.

Our cause is just, and it is the cause of American freedom, manhood and nationality—and, until it shall be successful and firmly established, let us never be ashamed nor heart or become faint in hoping, laboring, enduring and fighting on. We must have the courage and valor of the Spartan, and the faith of the Christian never doubting, never dreaming of defeat, until the last hope is dead, and then struggle and prate and the nation honorably saved shall be proclaimed to the world. This is the spirit loyal America must be animated by—into the spirit that will make us invincible.—*Chicago Tribune.*

Deserters from the Enemy—What they say about the War.

Special Correspondence of N. Y. Tribune.

IN FRONT OF PETERSBURG, VA.,
Thursday, Aug. 11, 1864.

I have just returned from the Point of Rocks in camp two deserters, just over, one a very intelligent young man, to merly from Wisconsin, who was drafted in the first commencement of the rebellion, and, as an early day, was allowed to volunteer and select his own company and regiment, or not volunteer, and have a company and regiment selected for him. He says that many of the native troops frankly think that the Yankees will yet get tired out and give up the contest, and that if they (the rebels) could hold out until our next Presidential election, that will surely be end of the war, that is, unless Old Abe is elected, which panic-breeds for them; "that they do not like him a bit," and that "it would not do for him to fall into their hands," &c. The rebel troops that this young man has been with now have "meat" to them regularly, per day, one-third of a pound of bacon, one pound of meat or flour, and an occasional ration of vegetables. Tea, sugar and coffee they do not see. Commissary are died in good, substantial suits of coarse grey cloth and stout grey flannel overshirts, and are plenty. The Wisconsin man has just heard of one, and expects to find several brothers in the Union army, he not having before heard from any one of them since the war commenced. His reasons for their papers estimated the rebel loss on the portion of the fighting up of Hancock at about twenty-five hundred.

True Bravery.

Among the many instances of heroism displayed during the recent terrific fighting in front of Petersburg, we refer to that of Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton, of the 39th Illinois, in command of the regiment, which was in the thickest of the fight, at the point of the angle, on the 30th ult. We refer to that where a young officer, with a sword in one hand, and the shell and shot which were falling from the contending vessels and the rebel forts, pulled to and fro in small boats in search of the hapless officers and men of the destroyed Monitor Tecumseh. An eye-witness says: "It was a beautiful and appalling sight to witness this boat rowing around on its sacred mission to rescue our drowning men, with its brawny arms keeping to the breeze, and the missiles of death and destruction striking and ricochetting all around it. But the gallant officer fearlessly kept on his way, and succeeded in rescuing the pilot, one of the officers, and three men, belonging to the Tecumseh. During the progress of the war we have had repeatedly called upon to chronicle acts of bravery on land and water, but there have been few which have merited as much praise as the one we now allude to. The mean of the assign has not yet been made public, but official recognition cannot long be delayed, nor the plaudits of an appreciative country withheld from such a gallant patriot and heroic officer.—*Pat. Union.*

The Reading *Intelligencer* says: In the days of good jokes on Gen. Hunter and staff, which although it comprehended some time ago, has never appeared in print. When the General-in-Chief was moving from Fairfax to Cumberland, Clarksburg, it was decided by the military authorities to "try a joke" upon the army of the Potomac. The guns were brought out, and when the whistle of the locomotive announced the approach of the train, the guns were fired upon the train, supposing that Lincoln was being fired upon by the rebels. The alarm which was felt for a time was soon turned into merriment, when the facts were made known.

Mr. Stanton, with the appearance of Mr. Eldridge, of Tennessee, in the 34th District of Illinois, against Mr. W. J. Allen, in the contest for Congress, comes an invasion of Galatia and THRACE, assisted by seven hundred Confederates. There may be a suspension—the two arrivals—one from the other, but it looks like Mr. Eldridge was trying to fulfill his prophecy that "the Union can't be saved."

Recruiting in Rebel States—Letter from General Sherman.

The following letter from General Sherman gives his views on the subject of recruiting in the rebel States and the necessity of a draft:

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, IN THE FIELD, NEAR ATLANTA, Ga., July 30, 1864.

John A. Spooner, Esq., Agent for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Nashville, Tenn.:

SIR: Yours from Chattanooga, July 26, is received, notifying me of your appointment by your State as Lieutenant-Colonel and Provost-Marshal of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, under the act of Congress approved July 4, 1864, to recruit volunteers to be credited to the States respectively.

On applying to General Webster, at Nashville, he will grant you a pass through our lines to these states, and, as I have had considerable experience in these states, would suggest recruiting depots to be established at Macon and Columbus, Miss., Selma, Montgomery and Mobile, Alabama, and Columbus, Milledgeville and Savannah, Georgia.

I do not see that the law restricts you to black recruits, but you are at liberty to collect white recruits also. It is waste of time and money to open rendezvous in Northwest Georgia, for I assure you I have not seen an able bodied man, black or white, there, fit for a soldier, who was not in this army or the one opposed to it.

You speak of the impression, going abroad that I am opposed to the organization of colored regiments.

My opinions are usually very positive, and there is no reason why you should not know them.

Though entertaining profound reverence for our Congress, I do doubt their wisdom in the present of this law:

1st. Because civilian agents about an army are a nuisance.

2d. The duty of citizens to fight for their country is too sacred an one to be podded off, by hiring the refuse of other States.

3d. It is unjust to the brave soldiers and volunteers who are fighting, as those who compose this army do, to place them on a par with the class of recruits you are after.

4th. The negro is in a transition state, and is not the equal of the white man.

5th. He is liberated from his bondage by act of war; and all promise in the future existed to sell his assistance in labor and fighting for a price to the proper agents of the states.

6th. This bidding and bunting for recruits, white and black, has delayed the return home of our armies at the times when such relations would have enabled us to make our successes permanent.

7th. The law is an experiment which, pending war, is unwise and unsafe, and *has delayed the universal draft which I firmly believe will be* made necessary to overcome the wide spread resistance offered us; *and also leaves the universal draft* will be wise and beneficial; for under the present decree of God it will separate the sheep from the goats, and demonstrate what citizens will fight for their country, and what will only talk.

No one will infer from this that I am not a friend of the negro or will let the white race, I contend that the treason and rebellion of the master, feed the slave, and the armies I have commanded have condemned to safe points many negroes than those of any general in the service, and the people of their money raised by the sweat of their brow, to support the rebellion; while I received from the very beginning of a company, to whom the money was paid, who was to pay it to the soldiers themselves. Every dollar I could was made paymaster, and he swindled each one of them out of $250 to $350. We shall not go into further details, as the facts of most of them have been published and commented on; we will lay them before our readers in full."

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CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Escape of Union Prisoners

Capt. Kelly, of the 20th Pennsylvania cavalry, and Capt. A. F. Duncan, of the 14th Pennsylvania cavalry, captured by the rebels near Martinsburg, about three weeks since, escaped on the night of the 2d inst. by breaking away from the guard. They were fired at, but escaped to the woods unhurt. For three days they dodged about, the rebels being in hot pursuit, but they finally eluded them and got to the mountains. There had been robbed of valuables and money by the rebels; and went three days without food. Finally they came upon the province of Loudon men, where they obtained refreshments, and thence proceeded to Cumberland.

Major Brown and Lieutenant Briggs, of the 12th West Virginia Infantry, who were captured near Bunker Hill on the 21th of September, escaped from the rebels on the night of the 8th inst., near Harrisburg. The rebels had charge of about five hundred enlisted men and about ten officers. During the march the officers were separated from the men. On the night of the 8th the men who had charge of Major Brown, Lieut. Briggs and another officer, fell asleep; and it was determined to effect an escape then and there, as the next day's march would take them to Staunton, after which there would be no hope of escape. The three officers indicated thereupon started alone about three o'clock in the morning, the rest being so weary and foot sore that they were afraid to undertake the trip. They provided themselves with a little bread which had been issued to them the previous evening, and by hard marching they managed to reach the mountain just as the rebel cavalry made its appearance in pursuit. They slept during the day and traveled at night, suffering hitherto of horrors from exposure, suspense and hunger. After being out seven days and seven nights they reached New Creek Station, where they were greeted by their friends. During their seven days and nights they had nothing to eat but a little bread and a few huckleberries which they had gathered in the mountains.

Bounty Swindling in Lancaster County.

Some of the most astounding disclosures have lately been made as to how the quotas under the last draft were filled in some of the districts of Lancaster county. The *Examiner* states that the papers and soldiers have both been outrageously swindled by certain parties professed friendship for them, and volunteering to act through disinterested motives. A certain Stuart A. Wylie is held responsible for frauds perpetrated in the filling of the quotas of Rapho and Conestoga townships. It appears that more than three two townships were filled by two companies of three-years Reserve Corps, at from three to four hundred dollars for each man. Of this amount the recruits were paid by Wylie from $125 to $175, thus robbing the soldiers of one-fifth of the bounty, and swindling the taxpayers of three hundred per cent of what they supposed was going to the soldiers, when, it was going into Wylie's pockets and those of his confederates in the laudable business of robbing the soldiers out of their bounty and the people of their money raised by taxation. Wylie received $25 for his swindling operations, while he received $50 for the enlistment of a company, to whom the money was paid, and who was to pay it to the soldiers themselves. For every volunteer Wylie was made paymaster, and he swindled each one out of from $250 to $350. We shall not go into further details, as the facts of most of them have been published and commented on; we will lay them before our readers in full."

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TELEGRAMS.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

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A CHANGE OF QUARTERMASTERS.

Lt. Col. Elias M. Greene, Chief Quartermaster of the department of Washington, has been relieved from duty here and ordered to Cincinnati to relieve Assistant Quartermaster-General Thos. Swords, who is ordered to report to Quartermaster-General Meigs. Col. Greene's position will be that of General-Supervising Quartermaster of the General, Western and Southwestern military departments.

PROPOSALS FOR CARRYING THE MAILS.

The Postmaster General invites proposals until the first of October, for conveying mails from the United States, by the monthly line of first class American sea going steamships, of not less than 2,000 tons burthen each, and of sufficient number to perform twelve round voyages per annum between a port north of the Potomac river, and Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil, touching at St. Thomas, in West Indies, at Bahia and Pernambuco, in Brazil, for a contract term of ten years, to commence on or before the first of September, 1865, and to date from the day the first steamship of such lines shall leave the United States with mails for Brazil.

Pennsylvania Legislature—Extra Session.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, August 18, 1864.

SENATE—*Morning Session.*—The Senate proceeded to consider the Fifteen Regiment bill after the House bill was read.

Mr. Lowry moved to substitute the bill prepared by the Governor and Gen. Franklin. He saith was willing to take this bill, because the military authorities of the State had prepared it. The Legislature of last year took the militia law from these authorities; they are responsible for the defense of that law. The Legislature had been earnestly abused about this matter. This criticism was extremely unjust in this case. The responsibility must rest upon the Governor.

Mr. Penney held the views of Mr. Lowry in regard to where the responsibility for the passage of the bill of last session rests. But now he proposed that the Senate should examine the subject for itself. As for himself, he intended to do so. He believed that to take one company as a company of honor from each regiment in the State would be a better move, and quicker to raise men for immediate service than that proposed in the bill. The bill did not draw a sufficient distinction between this special and the remaining body of the militia. Unless the distinction properly was made there would be a collision of authority between the officers of the special corps when not in the field and the officers of the other militia. He believed that a smaller force than that proposed, well organized, and backed by a well organized militia, would be sufficient to repel any invasion. He thought that this special corps, if made available, could have its ranks filled with men who are liable to leave conscription nor to duty in the militia.

HOUSE—The reading the journal yesterday occupied fifty minutes.

The bill appropriating one hundred thousand dollars for the relief of the Chambersburg sufferers came up.

Mr. Sharpe, of Franklin, spoke in behalf of the bill. He spoke for more than hour. He was one of the most eloquent appeals I ever listened to in my body. It commanded the most profound sympathy.

Mr. Watres made a speech defending the National and State Administrations, commending the military defense of the border.

A number of propositions relative to the amount to be appropriated was made. One hundred thousand dollars is now the sum in the bill. It seems to prove that two hundred thousand dollars will be the sum fixed upon.

Adjourned until afternoon.

From Martinsburg.

EARLY STRONGLY REINFORCED.

Operations at Mobile.

THE MOVEMENTS AT DEEP BOTTOM.

NEW YORK, August 18.—The *Herald* has the following special from Martinsburg, Va., the 17th: "There is much activity here to-night in consequence of the reported advance of the rebels. Sneddiders have already commenced a northern movement, and come down the valley bringing various reports. We have information of an engagement at Front Royal. It is said rumor on this side that the army have been reinforced by one division of Longstreet's corps and two cavalry divisions.

Prisoners are reported to have stated that the whole of the rebel army is moving. There is much excitement here. The will of the people is not expressed how by persons advised that Early intends leaving the valley permanently, unless driven back and lost coat. Sending him fresh troops is convincing proof of the contrary. The rebels seem to base their very existence in Virginia upon keeping up a force to threaten the Baltimore and Ohio, and keep a large body of troops in that region.

NEW YORK, August 18.—The Richmond papers have the following:

Mobile, August 11.—Heavy firing is reported at Fort Morgan on Tuesday, Wednesday and to-day. The telegraph wires were cut between the city and the fort. Two full days of dog fever for this evening. The bay shores are burned with the debris of Federal vessels. Large quantities of fat, pitch and turpentine have been burned to prevent them from getting up. Troops are daily arriving and a good feeling exists.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Relative to movements in Deep Bottom, the *Times'* special says: Possibly opened with Hobinal prospect of success. Gregg's cavalry rested their right on Charles City road to protect the right wing of our forces, while the left extends to the James river.

The front of our line is only about fourteen miles from Richmond. Long being thus held, cannot prevent the cutting of the canal across Dutch Gap; and if the attempt to mass the forces on either side of the river, will expose points on the opposite side will be in great danger.

Our losses on Sunday are estimated at about four hundred killed, wounded and missing while that of the enemy is somewhat less.

On Monday the fight on Monday was mostly with musketry also we got on the enemy's flank and turned him, but yesterday morning the artillery of both sides was playing rapidly for thirty minutes.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—A special dispatch says: In response to the action of the rebel authorities in sending Union prisoners to Charleston to be placed under fire; six hundred rebel officers are to be despatched at that point in a few days. They will receive similar treatment to that bestowed upon the Union prisoners.

The Tribune's special, dated Baltimore, 17, says: We have just arrived from the Shenandoah valley, having left the front early Tuesday morning. We were captured by guerrillas, but made our escape by running the gauntlet during a halt afterwards, with a squad of Union cavalry, of whom three were killed, including D. Curtis, of the 1st U. S. Cavalry. Of the rest, three escaped, and the remainder were either captured, killed or wounded. There were ten in all. Considerable skirmishing had taken place for two days previous to falling back, and both sides had been advanced several times in succession in Strasburg. One of these charges was worthy of mention, but having lost my note book, I can't describe it. Our cavalry had been scouting on the left toward the mouth of Luray valley, and the fords of the Shenandoah, near Port Royal, and one night, near Snicker's Gap, the enemy had taken up a very strong position beyond Strasburg, at Fisher Mountain. On Monday a detachment guarding one of our signal stations, on a mountain near Strasburg, were captured by the enemy. Two hundred men sent up afterward, had not been heard from. At last accounts it was reported that Early had been reinforced by Longstreet, and that he was moving down on the west of North Mountain to flank us at Winchester. Whether this be true or not, the friends of the rebels were informed at Middletown before they retreated, that Longstreet would be at Woodstock on Sunday, and they promised to picture again on Tuesday. Our rear has been infested with guerrillas supposed to be the same as those who captured the trains. A few days ago the burned remains of five of these were seen in Berryville, as we passed through. The mails were carried off, and some prisoners taken.

LATEST FROM THE POTOMAC ARMY.

Severe Skirmishing all This Week.

MORE PRISONERS CAPTURED—THE MAN REPORTED

FORTRESS MONROE, August 17.—Our forces on the north side of James River have had continuous, heavy and severe skirmishing every day this week. We have captured more prisoners than has been reported to the general editors. Our killed and wounded have not yet been reported.

New York Peace Convention.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug 18.—The peace convention which met here to-day promises to be largely attended. Vallandigham, ex-Governor Weller, of California, Fernando Wood and Judge Ordenbeck are present, and are going to speak this afternoon. General Western politicians are here.

A meeting was held last evening. A series of resolutions was agreed upon, which were more moderate than suited the views of some, and it was determined to appoint a full delegation to Chicago as advisory in its character, and not to rank seats in the Convention, but this morning the question is in some doubt, and considerable opposition is being manifested.

The Indian Outbreak.

LEAVENWORTH, Aug. 16.—Reliable news from the scene of the Indian outrages is scarce. They seem to control the country from a point about seventy five miles east of Fort Kearney to the forks of the Platte river, and from the Platte south to Arkansas river.

A number of trains have been captured, and the conductors killed; also a large amount of property destroyed.

Gen. Curtis, at Omaha, is organizing an expedition against them, and portions of the Kansas and Nebraska militia are to motion on the Overland stage route.

Capture by the Pirate Tallahassee.

HALIFAX, Aug. 18.—The pirate Tallahassee arrived here this morning.

PORTLAND, August 18.—A large number of rebounds have been captured off the coast by the pirate Tallahassee. Most of them were sunk and some bonded. The crews were kindly treated. They represent the Tallahassee as being heavily armed.

The following complimentary notice, taken from one of our cotemporaries, we can heartily endorse:

THE DAILY DISPATCH.—Thinking it might be of importance to our readers, as it is sometimes of importance to us, to know just where to get the best and most reliable artistes, and many having occasion to patronize dray stores, of which our city has many respectable ones, we would say to those in the neighborhood of Fourth and Smithfield streets, and also to others not exactly in the neighborhood to ever walk a short distance when in want of anything in the drug line to call at Johnston's, as we are satisfied that there is on hand as pure drugs and chemicals as are disposed of any where; particularly of the most *recherche* and costly description; sugars, in any quantity, of the finest brands, which are offered at retail much below what they would now bring in the east at wholesale. Fine segars, wines and liquors this establishment is celebrated; what are generally termed "patents," or family medicines can be found here in variety, everything of a rare kind being kept in the assortment as may be desired. We have said enough more on the subject than at first intended, but, having looked over the stock ourselves, and being satisfied of Mr. J.'s correct manner of doing business we consider it no more than just to give him, as well as doing our readers a service, to extend the notice.

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