

The Press

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13, 1861. EXTRACT FROM THE LAST SPEECH OF STEPHEN A. DOUGLASS.

Our latest intelligence is of the most gratifying character. The tide of war is setting in in our favor. Our arms are being crowned with victory, and the heights before us to feel the power of the rebel Government they have vainly assumed.

Our telegraphic despatches furnish all the details of the operations of our great expedition which was up to this time the most successful of the capture of the rebel forts at Hilton Head, Port Royal, and after a severe struggle, which the enemy suffered a heavy loss, are too well authenticated to need further comment.

Now that we have gained possession of Beaufort, we are undoubtedly retaining it, for we control the surrounding rivers and rivers with our gunboats, and we are in a position to strike a safe rendezvous in that secured, where a force can be gathered that will threaten both Charleston and Savannah.

When the large reinforcements, which are understood to be on their way, join the original expedition, not only will those cities be at our mercy, but New Orleans and Mobile will also be endangered.

When the glorious victory of General Nelson (a name that may hereafter be as renowned in America as in English history) over the rebels in Eastern Kentucky. The rout of the enemy was complete, a large number of the rebels, and 1,000 prisoners, including the general, General Williams, were captured.

Further details of the late massacre of a portion of the Union troops stationed at Guyandotte, Virginia, and the fact that they were committed to a human and despicable act of treachery and cruelty. The rebel population who betrayed them, and the rebel soldiers who killed men in cold blood, deserve to be further demonstrated.

Northern Creditors in Virginia. We published some days ago, an abstract of the opinion of the provost judge at Alexandria, J. B. FENNER, who has established the fact that the owners of the property of the late John C. Calhoun, of New York, and MORRIS L. HALLOWELL & Co., of Philadelphia, against WALKER & BROTHERS, and WALKER & CO., of Alexandria.

LETTER FROM "OCASIONAL." WASHINGTON, November 12, 1861.

Forbearance, patience, confidence. These were the words of the "Occasional" in his short speech to the Committee of the Philadelphia City Councils, representing equally his own theory of the campaign, and his own solution of the duty of the citizen.

As the population, extent, and power of our country surpass the drawing power of its origin, it is not surprising that it should be the theatre of thought, not wholly foreign to this occasion, but the temptation to enter the wide field must be strong.

There are two great questions which are before us. The first is, whether we are to be a nation of freemen, or a nation of slaves. The second is, whether we are to be a nation of laws, or a nation of men.

It is impossible to discommodate from an occasion of this kind, and to speak of the future, the most momentous of the present. The most momentous of the present is the question of the future.

On the 24th of March, 1789, when the Government was organized, our laws, our liberties, and our rights were secured to us by the representatives of the people.

J. A. TEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

IMPORTANT FROM WASHINGTON. RECONNOISSANCE BY GEN. HEINTZELMAN TO OCCOQUAN CREEK. CAPT. TODD OF THE LINCOLN CAVALRY, IN AN AMBUSH.

THEY CUT THEIR WAY THROUGH. THREE KILLED AND ONE WOUNDED—CAPT. TODD A PRISONER. GRATIFYING OFFICIAL ADVICES FROM EUROPE.

IMPORTANT MILITARY CHANGES IN THE WESTERN DEPARTMENT. Clothing to be Sent South to Federal Prisoners. Affairs on the Lower Potomac.

ADVANCE OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND FEDERAL TROOPS FROM ALEXANDRIA. FROM GEN. BANKS' COLUMN. NEWS FROM THE REBEL ARMY IN VIRGINIA.

THE MASSACRE AT GUYANDOTTE. FURTHER PARTICULARS OF THE TREACHERY OF THE INHABITANTS. THE LATE BATTLE IN EASTERN KENTUCKY.

Two Rebel Generals Taken Prisoners. THE LOVALISTS OF TENNESSEE. THE BRIDGE OVER THE CUMBERLAND RIVER BURNED.

BUCKNER'S RETREAT CUT OFF! AFFAIRS IN MISSOURI. Special Despatches to "The Press."

Important Washington, November 12, 1861. Heintzelman. Six regiments of infantry, two batteries and three companies of cavalry, under command of Gen. Heintzelman, made a reconnaissance to-day at the mouth of the Potomac river.

Public Amusements. The popular romantic play of "The House on the Bridge of Notre Dame," the management of the Arch-street Theatre will add to the excitement of the evening.

From Down the Potomac. A report is received that the position of Gen. Saxton's brigade had crossed over into Virginia, and captured the rebel battery at Mathias Point.

Two More Pennsylvania Regiments Comed. The High-duty Cavalry Regiment, Colonel POWERS, and the First Pennsylvania Regiment, are expected to arrive here during the week.

Proposals for Army Cloths. A Quartermaster General Mason has invited proposals to be received by the United States Quartermaster at Philadelphia, until noon of the 10th inst.

Funeral of a Colonel. The Eighteenth New York Regiment followed the body of their late Colonel JACKSON to the railway on Monday morning.

Resignations of Pennsylvanians in the Army.

The following resignations of Pennsylvanians have been officially announced. Capt. Oscar J. L. BROWN, First Lieutenant John McArthur, Thirty-first Reserves; Capt. James Myers, Seventh Reserves; Capt. L. S. Cantwell, Eight Reserves; Surgeon J. M. Henderson, Thirty-second Reserves.

Advances in the South to be Maintained. The indications are that the Administration will act with promptness in maintaining whatever success the expedition may have recently achieved in the neighborhood of Beaufort.

Accounts continue to be received here from Government officers and others at the North of the clothing of manufacturers and capitalists in the Administration in this connection.

Gen. Wood has been instructed to communicate with the rebel soldiers on Sunday night, and to invite them to their homes on various pretexts. The invitation was accepted by all who were of that mind, and while they were being entertained, at about 5 o'clock at night, the rebel cavalry dashed into the town.

When Col. Ziegler arrived and ascertained the particulars of this sudden outbreak, he ordered the destruction of the town. The buildings were immediately fired, and the whole town reduced to a mass of ruins.

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