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THE VICKSBURG BATTERIES.

The famous batteries, which made Vicksburg so long the Gibraltar of the Mississippi, have been the objects of much curious inspection during even the brief time that we have been in possession of the city.

The formidable character of these works and the special interest which attaches to them in connection with the history of the war on the Mississippi, render more than a passing notice necessary in speaking of them, and to that end I devoted a few hours in a visit to them.

The batteries above the city were the most important in the defense of the city and river, and in fact, were the main reliance for that purpose, from the unpregnable nature of their position, as well as the command which they had of the stream for many miles above.

The Mississippi at this point is deflected from its general course, at a very sharp angle, to the northeast, and then bending round again as sharply to the southwest, flows past Vicksburg. The country between this bend is a long, narrow strip, covered with brush and timber, and fringed with a flat edge of sand. The timber on the upper end of this cape-like projection was cut away, leaving nothing but a waste of stubble, brush and sand between the batteries and the opposite channel, so that a vessel, to reach Vicksburg from the river, had to pass in range not only in the further channel, but rears in the nearer one, subjecting itself to a continuous fire during the time required to run several miles.

Leaving the city by Washington street—the main and business thoroughfare—the road gradually rises to the bluffs, and in the successive elevations of from twenty to fifty feet on the ground between this road and the river are the guns stationed. The works are constructed after the manner of forts, each gun is enclosed by itself, at distance of an eighth and a quarter of a mile. Each has its own independent parapet, earthwork, terreplein and magazine. All, however, are connected by a covered way, so that, if they do not present the consolidated appearance of a regular fort, the whole series may be regarded as but one extended fort, in which the stretches of ground between the guns serve as curtains.

The first gun outside of the city, and the lowermost one in the range, is not one of much importance or great calibre. It was useful in keeping up the chain. The next is the famous "Whispering Dick," as well known in the history of the siege. My remarks on it, however, form its obituary notice; as its days of execution are over. It burst just before the surrender, and a rebel officer informs us fired the last shot which it ever fired.

Like the desperate criminal, when about to fall into the hands of justice, it committed suicide.

Battery Tennessee is the designation of the next gun in the series, and, though not so large as many others, its commanding position rendered it by far the most terrible engine of death in the whole line. It is situated on a point in the heart of this knoll, in an excavation planked and loaded, is the gun. It is of English manufacture, considerably resembling our Parrott gun, and throws a sixty-pound conical shot. It is mounted on a ship carriage, with circular traverses, and is connected by a trench with the magazine, which is mound-like in shape and heavily sodded.

The remaining guns about the city are stationed in like eligible positions, and a description of them is unnecessary, as it would but repeat of what has been said of the others.

MR. VALLANDIGHAM IN CANADA.—Soon after Mr. Vallandigham's presence in Montreal became known, a dinner was offered him at the club. He declined it on account of having to leave town by the first train, but the director of the road offering him a special train instead, he finally accepted the dinner, which was partaken of by a goodly company. Mr. Walker, of London, well known in the Hudson Bay Company negotiations, presiding. A correspondent says:

Mr. Vallandigham confused his remarks to general principles of liberty, law, magna charta, habeas corpus, without any personal applications to his own case, and dwelt upon how much the framers of our Constitution were guided by the British barons, of Runnymede—my Lord Coke—the extorters of the right of petition from King Charles, the persevering energy that drew out that British writ of liberty, the habeas corpus, &c. His remarks were admirable, and did honor to the American name. The people were urgent that the demonstration should be public, but Mr. V. would not consent to it. All Canada would have turned out, if there had been time, to testify through him to magna charta and habeas corpus. At 11 p. m. he went off in an extra train which Mr. Bridges had provided for him. Our Montreal gentlemen were delighted with Mr. Vallandigham's understanding of, and comprehension of, the great struggles we had in England to preserve British liberty—which had cost our fathers two revolutions, one of blood and one of peace, in which he had dethroned a king and taken a queen (William and Mary). One of the speakers—Mr. R. said, in compliment, the pleasure of meeting Mr. Vallandigham would fully repay his voyage across the Atlantic.

A BLACK MAN NOT A WHITE MAN'S MILITARY EQUIVALENT.—A circular has been issued by Col. J. V. Bonford, Provost Marshal General of Pennsylvania, which says: "Any man who is an equivalent for the person drafted, under existing laws, is not a military equivalent for a white man." We do not know where Bonford gets his authority for so deciding. The enrollment law certainly makes no such distinction between black and white, for both are liable to enrollment and to be drafted. Bonford will be poked into by the radical Abolitionists for this decision. They have been asserting the equality of the negro to the white man, but here is a provost-marshal who will not allow a black man to be the "military equivalent" even of the white man, or in other words will not take his place as a soldier, though there is not a single law in the law to warrant such a decision. Bonford probably takes for his law the State Constitution, which does not recognize a negro to be a citizen, and our State militia law, which says the militia shall be composed of able-bodied white citizens. Conspicuous, however, are not the militia, and Bonford is not acting under State laws and State authority.—Philadelphia Ledger.

It is stated that out of several hundred men drafted in Providence, R. I., only one man thus far has been mustered in. All the rest paid the \$300 commutation.

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