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It is astonishing that the Secretaries will keep men in the Departments in confidential positions, whose loyalty is not only suspected, but there is reason to believe them warmly in favor of rebellion. There are men in the Departments who served under JEFF. DAVIS, COBB, FLOYD, THOMPSON and other rebel chiefs—men who were Breckinridge Democrats, and who ought not to be trusted in a time of peril like this. We are astonished at Mr. SMITH's, but we are more astonished at Mr. CHASE's conduct in this matter. We hope Mr. STANTON will rid the War Office of the scoundrels. Read the following from the last *Daily Globe*. Is it not enough to make one's blood boil with indignation:

TREASON IN HIGH PLACES.

If the war for the Union fails, its failure will probably be caused more by treason than by force of arms. There is every reason to believe that the success of the rebellion hitherto has been secured almost wholly by treasonable communications from trusted men in our own ranks or employed in the management of military affairs. Many such communications are known to have been made, and many more are suspected to have been made, ever since the beginning of the war. Again and again have the rebels boasted of their previous knowledge of all the movements of our armies; and many facts have proved their boasts true. We have just learned a most astounding circumstance, which may well make every patriot's heart sink in dismay, and almost in despair. An officer of high character has informed us that to his certain knowledge on the day when the Pensacola ran the gauntlet of the rebel batteries, and before the usual hour for communicating the countersign of the day to our pickets opposite one of those batteries, the rebel pickets boastfully shouted the correct countersign across the river, and added: The Pensacola is coming down to-night!" What does this fact prove? *It proves that the countersigns which are sent from the War Department to our camps are made known to the rebels by traitors in confidential positions in or near that Department, and that other information in reference to contemplated movements of our naval forces is likewise communicated to the enemy!* What is to be the end of all this? Can there not be some purification of the departments, so as to save the country from the destruction that must otherwise result from such fearful treachery? The depressing fact is known that preference for the Southern rebellion, or base corruption, has [illegible] of Government to carry on, unsuspected, correspondence with the rebels to an extent unknown and undiscoverable. Shall no effort be made to unmask these vile traitors? If discovered, shall we "swear them and let them go," or shall we rather hang them to the first lamp post? If ever a crime deserved summary and extreme punishment, surely such a base betrayal of confidence as is shown by such acts should be most promptly and severely visited with the law's heaviest penalties. Whether prompted by love of the rebellion, or by bribes offered by the enemy, or by a mercenary wish to prolong the war, and profit by plundering the Government and the poor soldiers, such treason—aggravated a thousand fold by the confidence reposed in the traitors—merits everlasting shame and contempt, and should receive such punishment—torture even—as will make the boldest forever shrink from following the base example.

The Confirmation of Army Officers.

A Washington dispatch to the New York *Herald* says that the Committee on Nominations in the Senate has had about one hundred and fifty nominations of Brigadier Generals referred to it, and they have agreed to report fifty as worthy of confirmation. Messrs. NEGLEY and Ex-Senator COOPER, of this State, are favorably reported on. Among the Brigadier Generals not yet reported to the Senate, but to whose confirmation objections have been raised, causing in some instances sharp debate, are Messrs. Shields, Meagher, Frank Patterson, Stoneman, Barry, Sickles, McKinstry, Gorman and C. F. Smith. There is little doubt that Gen. Shields will be unanimously reported back to the Senate by the Committee, in which event he will be confirmed and urged for the command of a division. It is also believed that the allegations against General Stoneman, Chief of Cavalry, and General Barry, Chief of Artillery of the army of the Potomac, will be removed, and that they will be favorably reported upon. There are many regrets expressed that Gen. Stone was confirmed at the July session, as, in consequence of his record subsequently made, and now in evidence before the Committee on the Conduct of the War, he would not be confirmed.

TWO PENNSYLVANIA OFFICERS IN A SCRAPE.—On Saturday night, about 11 o'clock, Capts. Chapman and McHenry, of Col. Hays' 62d Pennsylvania regiment, returning from Washington to Alexandria in a state of intoxication, naturally fell into a street disturbance, which attracted a crowd. Gen. Montgomery, the Governor of the city, interfered. The two Captains abused him violently, and he ordered their arrest. McHenry pulled out his revolver, and shot at the General twice, but fortunately missed him. The arrest was not made without a scuffle, during which McHenry was bayonetted in the left breast by one of the guard. The wound is not serious. Both officers were handcuffed and confined. There was penitence in the slave-pen, and an apprehension of two painful public examples.

THE TWELVE MONTHS REBEL SOLDIERS.—All the intelligence which the Government receives is to the effect that the rebels will have great difficulty in inducing their twelve months soldiers to remain in the service after their periods of enlistment expire. On the 1st of February the march homeward is likely to begin, unless circumstances unforeseen at Manassas prevent.

The Secretary of War.

Mr. STANTON, the present Secretary of War, entered upon his duties yesterday. It is said, that among his first acts was the removal of the rails in the Halls, which barred access to the Secretary's rooms, to all modest and gentlemanly men. That was a good movement, and bespeaks a disposition to meet and dispose of all business which may come before him, without subjecting the caller to the humiliation of being snubbed by a burly subordinate at the bar.

Great expectations are entertained of the new Secretary. Mr. FORNEY, in his "Occasional" letter, says:

Rest assured he will make some new points in the management of the campaign, and may startle some of the old proprietors who were so horrified because Gen. Cameron refused to recommend that the war should be conducted on the rosewater plan, and that the liberated slaves should be clothed and fed, and not permitted to fight against their old oppressors.

The relations between the retiring Secretary and Mr. Stanton are of the most cordial character. Mr. Stanton has been the legal adviser and confidential friend of Secretary Cameron from the organization of the Administration. They breakfasted together, with a number of friends, at General Cameron's residence, yesterday morning. During all of Saturday, General Cameron remained at the Department, but refused to transact any business save that which was necessary to Government operations.

It is now said that Mr. CAMERON's anti-slavery views had nothing to do with his removal, and that Mr. STANTON's on that question are very similar to his predecessor's, and not at all disagreeable to the President. The well informed correspondent of the *Chicago Tribune* says:

Yet the best authorities I can find concur in saying that Mr. Stanton agrees precisely with Mr. Cameron as to the slavery question and the vigorous prosecution of the war. Both Mr. Chase and Mr. Sumner are satisfied with the appointment on this score. So great a reaction as the selection of a known pro-slavery man for the vacancy, would probably prove fatal to the Administration and the country. The Senate would not confirm such an appointment, and I am sure Mr. Chase would not sanction it by remaining in office after it was made.

The New York *Times* has entirely changed its views with regard to the causes of General CAMERON's removal. It now says:

A vigorous effort has been made to create the impression that Mr. Cameron has been removed on account of his Anti-Slavery sentiments—and that a man of opposite and hostile views has taken his place. At the outset we fell into the same belief, but we are satisfied it is wholly incorrect. Mr. Stanton is certainly not an Abolitionist—but we have abundant evidence of the fact that his devotion to the Union far outweighs his regard for Slavery, and that he stands ready and resolved to take any steps that may preserve the Union.

From Mr. STANTON's well known antecedents and character, it is morally certain that if slavery stands in the way of his crushing out the rebellion, he will not hesitate to crush slavery and the rebellion together. He has no love for it, no prejudice in its favor to overcome. He does not stand in awe of it, or of slave masters, and he is ready to take the consequences of any act which the necessities of the case may require in marching direct to his purpose of subduing the rebellion.

Gen. Lane's Staff.

The following is the list of Gen. Lane's staff. They are appointed as staff officers to Gen. McClellan, and detailed to Major Gen. Hunter, to be by him detailed to Gen. Lane; this arrangement being rendered necessary in the case of a brigadier general who has a major general's command:

1. Wm. H. Merritt, Iowa, Colonel. Behaved with great gallantry, as commander of Iowa Regiment, at Springfield.
2. Judson Kilpatrick, New York, Lieutenant Colonel. Graduate of West Point, and distinguished for gallant conduct at Great Bethel, since detached from the army to serve as lieutenant colonel of the Harris Cavalry.
3. John Ritchey, Kansas, Major. Commanded regiment in Kansas Brigade at Morristown and Drywood,—known as the man who shot Arms, United States Marshal of Kansas.
4. V. Antwerp, Iowa, Major. A graduate of West Point.
5. F. J. Weed, Kansas, Major. Served in Kansas brigade.
6. C. Vaughan, Kansas, Major. Behaved with great gallantry under General Lane.
7. J. R. McClure, Kansas, Captain. Commanded, and lost a foot, at Springfield.
8. William Kyle, Illinois, Captain.
9. William A. Phillips, Kansas, Captain. Well known as the Kansas *Tribune* correspondent.
10. A. P. Russell, Kansas, Captain. Had a command at Springfield.
11. Wm. O. Donnell, Kansas, Captain. Connected with Lane through all the Kansas troubles.
12. Jas. M. Rice, Illinois, First Lieutenant.
13. Wm. R. Dole, D. C., First Lieutenant. Son of Commissioner of Indian Affairs.
14. James Christian, Kansas, First Lieutenant. A leading Douglas Democrat.
15. J. M. Winchell, Kansas, First Lieutenant. A prominent candidate for the United States Senate when Lane and Pomeroy were elected; and correspondent of the New York *Times*.
16. A. J. Mead, Kansas, First Lieutenant. A member of the first Free State Council of Kansas.
17. J. B. Carter, Pennsylvania, First Lieutenant. In the Kansas Brigade.
18. A. L. Reed, Kansas, First Lieutenant. A man of mark in the Kansas troubles.
19. Fred. A. Brown, New York, Second Lieutenant. In service in Kansas brigade.
20. Volney Hickok, Illinois, Second Lieutenant. Known as the author of several poetical effusions of merit.
21. W. W. Roberts, Kansas, Second Lieutenant. Formerly from Oberlin, Ohio.

Gen. Lane left Sunday afternoon for Chicago, preparatory to taking the field. He is accompanied, as will be seen by the above, by staff officers remarkable for their high standing and distinguished military skill. All arms of the service are represented, and all will, doubtless, acquit themselves in their new positions in a manner honorable to the cause and themselves.

Before Gen. Lane left, he, in conjunction with his colleague, Senator Pomeroy, induced the Government to mount and equip, as cavalry, the remainder of the gallant Kansas regiment which fought with such unparalleled bravery at Springfield, as a mark of appreciation of its valor. The request was warmly seconded by Gen. McClellan. It will be remembered that this regiment lost, in killed and wounded, 270 out of 600 men—the remainder marching off the field under orders, after clearing it of the enemy, to the sound of martial music.

The Election of Mr. Wade.

Hon. John A. Gurley, representing the Second Ohio district in Congress, has written the following letter to the Ohio *State Journal* in favor of the re-election of Hon. B. F. Wade, to the United States Senate:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15, 1862.

Editor of the Ohio State Journal:

SIR: In your paper of the 13th inst. I notice a list of candidates for the United States Senate, in which my name appears. I write to say that I am not a candidate for the Senate, but earnestly desire the re-election of the Hon. B. F. Wade, the value of whose public services can hardly be overestimated, especially in the present crisis of the country. His defeat I should regard as a public calamity.

With great respect, yours,

JOHN A. GURLEY.

The Battle of the Gunboats--Rebels Defeated.

The following official report of the Gunboat engagement, on the Mississippi, near Columbus, has been received at the Navy Department.

UNITED STATES GUNBOAT ESSEX,
Wm. D. Porter, Com'g, Ft. Jefferson, Jan. 13, 1862.

Flag-Officer A. H. FOOTE—*Sir*: On the morning of the 11th Gen. McClernand sent on board this vessel and informed me that the enemy were moving up the river from Columbus with several vessels, towing up a battery. I immediately signalled Lieut. Com. Paulding of the St. Louis, to get under way and prepare for action. A very thick fog coming on we were compelled to steam slowly down the river; but about 10 o'clock, or a little after, it rose, and showed us a large steamer at the head of Lucase's Bend. We heard her whistle the moment we were seen by them. Shortly after whistling she was joined by another large and a small steamer. We pursued our course steadily down the river, and when within long range the large steamer fired a heavy shell-gun, which struck the sand-bar between us, and ricochetted within about 200 yards of this vessel, and bursted. We at this time did not return the fire, but continued our course down in order to near the vessel.

By this time the large steamer was joined by her consorts, and they opened a brisk fire upon us. I now hailed Lieut. Commanding Paulding, and directed him to try one of his rifle cannon. He instantly fired and sent his shot completely over the enemy. I then opened from my bow-guns, and the action became brisk on both sides for about twenty minutes, the enemy firing by broadsides. At the end of this time the enemy hauled off, and stood down the river, rounding to occasionally and giving us broadsides. This running fight continued until he reached the shelter of the batteries on the Iron Banks above Columbus. We continued the action, and drove him behind his batteries in a crippled condition. We could distinctly see our shells explode on his decks. The action lasted over an hour, and terminated, as I think, in a complete defeat of the enemy's boats, superior in size and number of guns to the Essex and St. Louis.

On the 12th Gen. McClernand requested me to make a reconnoissance toward the Iron Banks. I did so, and offered the enemy battle by firing a round shot at their battery, but they did not respond, nor did I see anything of their boats. I have since been informed, through the General, that the boats of the enemy were completely disabled, and the panic became so great at the Iron Banks that the gunners deserted their guns. The fire of the St. Louis was precise, and the shot told well. The officers and men of this vessel behaved with firmness, Mr. Riley, the first Master, carrying out all my orders strictly, while the officers of the gun divisions, Messrs. Loving and Ferry, paid particular attention to the pointing of their respective guns. Mr. Britton, my Aid, paid all attention to my orders, and conveyed them correctly and with alacrity; in fact, all the officers and men on board behaved like veterans.

Your obedient servant, W. D. PORTER, Commander.

Flag Officer Foote, in forwarding this report, says:

CAIRO, Jan. 13, 1862.

SIR: I forward a report from Commander Porter. The rebel gunboat shells all fell short of our boats, while our shell reached and ranged beyond their boats, showing the greater range of our guns, but the escape of the rebels showed the greater speed of their boats.

Your obedient servant, A. H. FOOTE, Flag Officer.

Hon. GIDEON WELLES, Secretary Navy.

Old Pennsylvania Forever!

GOV. CURTIN has made a proposition to the War Department, that the eight regiments of infantry and one of cavalry now in this State, shall embark at Philadelphia for some destination South, where they may have immediate and active service. That after placing in the field over one hundred thousand men, more than any State in the Union, and arming and equipping them in a most perfect and creditable manner, the brave old Keystone should offer to do still more, indeed to furnish —now that she has filled her quota, and all other States exhausted, at least for the present —an entire expedition, is a fact which must reflect the highest honor upon her loyal and patriotic people.

The energy which Gov. CURTIN has personally exhibited from the beginning of the war, in the raising and equipment of regiments, is the subject of universal compliment.

Should the proposed expedition be authorized by the Government, there is no doubt but that it will prove as disastrous to the rebels as any that have been sent against them. When Pennsylvanians strike they make the blow felt. All honor to our gallant and patriotic old Commonwealth!

Reinforcements for Gen. Sherman.

The steamer Oriental, recently arrived at this port from Port Royal, has been fitted up for the conveyance of troops, and a large supply of water has been placed on board. To-day or to-morrow the steamer will depart for Annapolis, where the Forty-seventh Pennsylvania regiment will embark, and thence go to Hilton Head, joining General Sherman's command. The Forty-seventh numbers about one thousand men.

The ship Elwood Walter, which is to convey the First Connecticut battery of artillery to Port Royal, is ready to receive the corps on board. If the unfavorable weather does not prevent, the embarkation will begin to-day. The Elwood Walter will also take some horses belonging to the First Massachusetts Cavalry, which it will be remembered embarked for Port Royal last week.

The steamer Matanzas is loading with shot and shell, and will soon depart for Port Royal. Some ordnance will be put on board, and also a considerable number of recruits for the regiments under Gen. Sherman's command. The Matanzas was despatched from Port Royal to Fortress Monroe for ammunition, which was, however, shipped before her arrival. She takes from this port an assortment of army stores.—*N. Y. Evening Post of Monday.*

The War Department.

WASHINGTON, January 20.—The new Secretary of War asks for the appointment of two more Assistant Secretaries, in order to dispatch the heavy business of the War Department.

A force of twelve clerks was transferred to-day from the Census Office to the War Department.

It is reported that Secretary Chase will soon commence the issue of small Treasury notes, bearing 3.65 per cent. interest under authority of the act passed at the extra session of Congress.

It is understood that the sub-committee on the tax bills have agreed upon a measure which will soon be reported to the Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. Blair's bill providing for the confiscation of rebel property and the emancipation of slaves will be brought up in the House in a day or two.

Estimates of the Rebel Forces--Statements of an Escaped Jerseyman.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20.—John Johnson, a Jerseyman, impressed into the service in New Orleans in April last, escaped from Manassas ten days since, and has arrived here on his way home.

He estimates the force at Manassas at 40,000, at Leesburg 30,000, and at Occoquan at 15,000. He did not hear of the Port Royal victory until he got within the federal lines. The defeat of the rebels at Drainesville had a depressing affect on the rebel army. The loss was conceded at eight hundred, killed, wounded and missing. He says the Louisiana regiment to which he was attached contains a large number of steamboat men anxious to escape to the federal lines.

THE SUTLERS AND THE ALLOTMENT LAW.—The Sutlers on the Potomac have printed and are circulating in the camps a paper, denouncing the allotment law of Congress as a swindle by the Government. It is ruining the Sutlers' profits to have the soldiers save their pay and send it home to their families. This impudent protest of the Sutlers against a humane law of Congress excited universal indignation. Senator Wilson will bring the matter before the Senate, and it is thought that Congress will immediately sweep the Sutlerships from the camp.

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