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We are happy, therefore, to have it to say that there has been no battle on the Potomac up to the date of our dispatch, and that we are promised early intelligence in case a battle takes place. We advise all concerned, therefore, to reject the unauthenticated rumors on the street. The first reliable intelligence of any important movement or battle will come through the press, communicated by the Government agent. Until that arrives do not let steeet rumors create any undue anxiety.

Garrett Davis' Confiscation Bill.

Hon. GARRETT DAVIS, of Kentucky, on Thursday, introduced a bill in the Senate for the confiscation of rebel property, which is intended to be pressed as a substitute for the pending bill reported by the Committee, and called Trumbull's bill. It provides for the confiscation of the property of every citizen engaged in levying war against the United States, or in adhering to its enemies, including real, personal or mixed, corporeal or incorporeal property, and every right whatever, legal or equitable, in possession, reversion or remainder, or in action during the natural life of the owners, for the benefit of the loyal citizens of the United States who may have suffered losses by the rebellion. Such property is vested in those who have suffered pecuniarily from the existing war, and in legal representatives in the military and naval services. It also provides that loyal representatives of deceased persons entitled to the benefit of this act shall be adjudged to have sustained damages to the amount of five thousand dollars. A suit may be brought against any person having any property in his possession subject to confiscation. The act is to take effect in thirty days from its passage, and suits must be brought within five years after the destruction of the rebellion.

If Mr. DAVIS had desired to introduce a hell upon earth, into Kentucky, and other slave States, he could not have hit upon a more ingenious mode. The object is to transfer the property of secessionists to Union men, including slaves and lands, during the lifetime of the secession owner. Just think of the feuds and endless quarrels, and the intense hatred which this will engender all through the South. Tophet would be a comfortable place to live in, in comparison to it. The whole object of the plan is to preserve slavery, and to enable the so-called Union men to wreak their vengeance upon their secession neighbors. It is impracticable in its operations, and if it is adopted will lead to interminable lawsuits for ages to come.

Mr. TAUMBULL's bill provides for the confiscation of rebel property, and the sale of it by the Government, the proceeds to go into the public treasury. The slaves of rebels confiscated, to be free. If there is any peculiar cases of hardship among Union men, which calls for Government aid, a commission can be appointed to investigate and award damages. Where a whole people have suffered, there is little reason to single out individual cases. There are thousands of cases of peculiar hardships, arising out of the war, in the loyal free States, where the sacrifices have been quite as great, and the Union feeling quite as honest, as in the border States. It will be absolutely impossible for the Government to relieve every case of loss and hardship. The country will have quite enough to do to pay its debts, without undertaking to satisfy the demands for damages of the border State Unionists. These very men, whose demands Mr. DAVIS wishes to satisfy, cling with a death-grasp to the accursed institution of slavery, which has inflicted such intolerable losses and burdens upon the country. We have no fear of Mr. DAVIS' bill passing, but it is an evidence of the spirit of these border Union men, who have obtained such an undue influence in the councils of the Government.

The Situation in Tennessee.

Our dispatches show that our Western armies move with celerity and vigor. If the report is correct that Gen. BUELL has surrounded the enemy at or near Murfreesboro, it exhibits great vigor on his part.

Murfreesboro is about thirty miles from Nashville, in a south-east direction, on a Railroad.

We have no advices of the number of rebel troops at Murfreesboro. The latest rumors we have had, indicated that the rebels intended to make their last battle field in the south-west, near Memphis. It is said that Floyd and Pillow are at Memphis, with Polk, Commodore Hollins and others, and it is understood that Price and McCulloch are to concentrate their forces at that point, swelling the rebel army to 75,000 men. Another account estimates the number of men the Confederates will concentrate at that point, much greater. Gen. Buell's celerity of movement may spoil all these calculations.

SKETCH OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS.—Fayetteville, Arkansas, where General Curtis last defeated Price, is a post village and capital of Washington county. It is one hundred and ninety-six miles north-west of Little Rock, and one thousand one hundred and eighty-five miles from Washington. It is situated on the north-west side of White river, and contained, previous to the vandalism of the rebels, the usual county buildings, a United States Land Office, two churches, several stores, and about seven hundred inhabitants.

JOEL W. WHITE, late American Consul at Lyons, and formerly of Norwich, Connecticut, died at New York on Wednesday of last week.

The Rebellion Crumbling in North Carolina.

The following extracts are from a letter to the New York *Tribune*, dated at Edenton, N. C., Feb. 12. The writer accompanied Capt. Murry, who visited Edenton, with a squadron of gunboats:

The citizens here are more loyal than at Elizabeth City, where they come to us in delegations without number, claiming the protection of the Stars and Stripes and begging in the most piteous tones for us to land a force and give their property and lives the protection they were entitled to; which reasonable request I trust will soon be complied with. It appears that the city was ordered to be fired by Wise's Legion and that the citizens, or all the property holders, were opposed to such a rash course. It is truly an affecting scene to see with what reverence those oppressed Union people looked upon the Stars and Stripes. I saw a group of men at Elizabeth City, weeping under its ample folds, relating how much they had been deprived of its protection, kissing their hands at the proud emblem as they took their departure, wishing that their eyes might never again be insulted by the sight of the piratical flag of the rebellion. I have been informed by many prominent Union men that just as soon as our forces can assure the people, of this section, of our ability to afford them permanent protection that not only will we see at least two-thirds of the people arraying themselves openly on the side of the Union, but any number will volunteer to fight for the old flag.

When Capt. Murray, with his squadron, arrived here, a Northern man from Philadelphia, by the name of John Robinson, came on board and claimed the protection of the flag of our Union. He was received, and will go home by the first boat. From this gentleman—who is quite intelligent—we have obtained much valuable information. Many Union men, he says, have been obliged to join the rebel army to prevent themselves from starving, while great numbers have been impressed into the service, having no other alternative but to comply or be hung.

Yesterday we were informed by the citizens that a company of Wise's soldiers came within a few miles of Elizabeth City and seized a large gang of slaves, and bound their hands behind and then drove them off, at the point of the bayonet, to a place called Hartford, twelve miles from this place where these slaves are made to work, building a battery by instructions from Gen. Wise. We are also informed by the citizens that the slaves were made to dig and work the guns in the fort at Elizabeth City all through the action, while the gunner sighted guns and fired them off.

The Union citizens there are willing to give their affidavits to this fact. In Newbern, the slaves are to be used for a like purpose; they have, we learn by the citizens, been drilled in this practice for a long time back. This work will be required from these slaves, who also built all the fortifications in and about Newbern.

Among the many valuable documents captured on the rebel flag-ship is the famous Breckinridge letter, which was written to Mr. Cahoon of Elizabeth City, in October, before the Presidential election; in which letter he says he loves the Union, but the South he loves better. This letter, found its way into the North Carolina papers, and created great excitement, and, as soon as it became evident to his friends that he would lose the vote of the State, he authorized the editor of the *Southern* to pronounce it a forgery. It is an autograph letter, and Mr. B. knew it was no forgery.

From papers found on the rebel flag-ship we learn that they are building six gunboats at Norfolk; also that a contract was signed in Charleston the day the city was so nearly burned for building ten gunboats there; the machine shops were all burned, which prevents the boats from being built. We also learn from the same source that everything is to be got in readiness by the rebels to burn Norfolk the moment it becomes evident to them that they cannot hold it. The letter from President Davis to the rebel flag officer goes on and urges "the importance of suppressing the Union sentiment existing among the people on these Sounds without a moment's delay; a growing danger springing up in different localities of the Confederacy, which will soon, if not put down, give us more trouble than the Northern foe."

Our steamers which are cruising in the Sound report seeing the negroes flocking to the shores in great numbers, waving their flags, razors, rifle, revolving knives, swords, guns, &c., &c. A large assortment of the above goods constantly on hand.

Capt. Murry, in command of the squadron, addressed a few words to the negroes, who in multitudes stood upon the wharf with their eyes full of mischief, as if they were only waiting for the word to commence the bloody work.

Capt. Murry told the blacks, in presence of the citizens, that "they must not lift up their hands against their masters; if they did he should come back with his great guns and shoot them all, and that they must all go home and be good boys, that is would have nothing to do with them." This appeared to allay the fears of the citizens to a great extent, and brought forth many expressions of gratitude from the authorities, and if there was any doubt about Edenton being a Union city, there can be none now. Main Intervention is to take place let it be in the heart of Secession, but not here among a people who are evidently loyal and true. The people have been assured that should there be any danger of an insurrection that they should have the prompt assistance of our forces to protect their lives and property should such a threatening event transpire. This unexpected offer has made them grateful in the extreme, and two Union men to where was one before.

The slaveholders in these eastern counties are, we learn, desirous of getting rid of their slaves; they will liberate them if the Government will only take them off from their hands. With all the slaveholders with whom I have conversed, I find that they all recognize Slavery as the real cause of the war, and the only bone of contention between the North and South, and now the Union men who own slaves are anxious to set the example by liberating this troublesome property.

One extensive slaveholder living near Elizabeth City, who owns some 500 slaves, gave them all their freedom, I am informed, some time since, and told them to look out for themselves; all the slaveholders will follow suit all through this section of the country, for this war, say the slaveholders here, has entirely broken up the institution, and made the slaves insubordinate and ugly that they will never be brought back to subjection." It is the only way to pr