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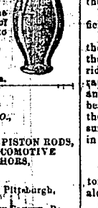

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Deserters who came on board the Benton, yesterday, report that Com. Farragut's fleet left Vicksburg on Saturday last, the destination being Memphis. Should this prove true, this flotilla will have to look to its laurels, else Memphis and Fort Pillow will be taken by others. This should be considered the fair and legitimate work of the Mississippi fleet proper.

ADVANCE OF THE FEDERAL GUNBOATS---ALARM AT VICKSBURG.

We copy from the Memphis *Avalanche* of the 15th, the following, which is more complete in its details than anything we have seen:

The Enemy's Gunboats.---A dispatch from Natchez, on Monday, stated that the enemy's gunboats were thirty miles below that city at sunrise of that day. The fleet consisted of two gunboats and three frigates, including the notorious Brooklyn. The Jackson *Mississippian* communicates the following:

We learn from a friend who resides in Natchez, that on last Tuesday night they were about eighteen or twenty miles below the city---that he sent up four rockets to signal their approach and the number of vessels, whereupon they started back. He also states that they landed at the residence of Mr. Geo. Green, residing on the Louisiana bank of the river. They went to the house, and desired to purchase poultry. He refused to sell, or permit his negroes to sell any. They were very inquisitive as to any batteries being planted on the banks of the river; said at every point they had seen the flames ascending from the burning cotton, and for more than ten miles had ploughed through masses of cotton in the seed, which the planters had thrown into the river to prevent its falling into their hands.

They inquired of Mr. Green whether this was done by military authority. He replied that it was the *voluntary act* of the citizens who had offered it, and now proposed to offer the last cent of property on the altar of freedom. He further informed them that he had then two hundred and fifty bales which were awaiting the application of the torch; that heretofore he had planted five hundred or six hundred acres in cotton, but this year all his grounds were planted in corn.

With this information they left, but stopping at an adjoining plantation they robbed the negroes of all their poultry.

We rejoice in these proofs of the self-sacrificing devotion of our people.

We further learn that they are informed of the preparations which are being made for their reception at Vicksburg. Impotent, nay ridiculous as they may esteem it, we would rather see every man at our guns butchered, and the last vestige of the hospitable and beautiful city of Vicksburg obliterated from the face of the earth, than witness ignominious surrender. Anything is preferable to dishonor in this struggle.

BURNING COTTON.

The *Mississippian* of Monday learns that the torch is being applied readily to the cotton along the valley of the Mississippi, and adds:

If there was any avidence wanting to make the establishment of our independence absolutely certain, this would furnish it that could be asked to convince the most skeptical. It is a flaming proof of the sincerity of our professions, and a clinching argument of the certainty of our success. It shows a proud, a glorious sentiment. Let it be persevered in to the last. Let the cotton burn until the flickering flames show that the last lock has been consumed, before the enemy is permitted to get a pound.

The Collector at New Orleans.

Mr. Cuthbert Bullitt, named for Collector of the port of New Orleans, is a native of Kentucky, but for twenty years has been a resident and merchant in New Orleans. He is a brother of Alexander Bullitt, of the New Orleans *Picayune*, and married a daughter of Manuel White, being himself a partner in the firm of Manuel White & Co.

He has been from the first note of the rebellion, loyal and true to the Union. He kept the old flag flying upon his house long after secession was rampant in the city, and until he was compelled to allow it taken down. Determined still to signalize his sentiments as a loyal son of Kentucky, he caused the arms of Kentucky, with their significant motto, "*United we stand, divided we fall*," to be displayed conspicuously upon the walls of his residence.

Regard for his personal safety compelled him at length to leave the city, and for his Union principles he became a refugee. He will return to New Orleans clothed with authority from the government, to which his fidelity has thus been proved, and will be welcomed by not a few there, who while treason held the sway, were obliged to be silent when the utterance of their sentiments jeopardied their property and lives.

The More Speedy Transportation of Mails.

The House passed a bill on Thursday, providing that all companies, corporations, or persons having locomotives or cars, for the transportation of merchandise or passengers, for hire on any post route in the United States, shall be required, upon demand of the Post Office Department, to receive and transport the mails; and postal agents, upon the cars, are to deliver such mails along the line to their destination, for a compensation not contrants upon terms to be made between the Postmaster General and the carrier, and in case of their failure to agree, the Court of Claims shall settle it. In the event of a failure to agree, it shall not prevent the transportation of the mails, for the Postmaster General may take and use the roads, for which compensation shall be made, and any one obstructing such use shall be fined not exceeding five thousand dollars, and be imprisoned not exceeding one year.

Reported Death of Gen. Price.---Francis Munson, Esq., who went to Pittsburgh Landing a short time ago to present a stand of colors to the Fifty-first Illinois Infantry, Colonel Cumming, returned on Tuesday morning to Chicago. He reports to the *Journal*, of that city, that there is no doubt that the rebel General Sterling Price, of Missouri, was killed, as rumored a day or two ago. He fell into an ambuscade of the Fifty-first Illinois, who fired upon him, and he fell, pierced by forty balls. He was brought into the Federal camp, and identified by parties who knew him.

Rebel Treachery on the James River --Assassination of an Unarmed Crew.

Another bad affair has occurred on the James river, resulting in the loss of a whole boat's crew and several officers of the gunboat Wachusetts. It appears that on Saturday last, when the fleet, consisting of the Wachusetts, Captain Smith, the Monitor, the Galena, the Port Royal, and Arostook, anchored off City Point, the people came down with flags of truce and suspended white flags at every prominent point. Captain Smith accordingly landed and found the inhabitants of the little town to consist largely of women and children, who made the most earnest protestations of opposition to the war, and that they were suffering for many of the necessaries of life. In fact, the desire for peace among them was so great that many of them professed Union sentiments, and Capt. Smith returned to the vessel highly pleased with the people, and deeply commiserating their condition. Arrangements were made to receive from them vegetables, and some assistance was given to the most destitute.

On Monday morning an application was sent to the Wachusetts to allow a physician to come on shore to visit a woman said to be dangerously ill. Believing the application to be a genuine appeal that humanity required should be promptly attended to, Captain Smith gave permission for the surgeon of the ship to go on shore on a visit of mercy. The Wachusetts laid some distance below City Point at the time, and the Surgeon, accompanied by the Chief Engineer, the Signal Officer and one of the Master's mates and twelve men---the latter unarmed and the officers carrying only their swords---proceeded up to the village of the town. The party landed without any interruption and proceeded to the town, leaving six of the unarmed sailors in the boat.

The men left in the boat heard nothing more of the party that landed, but in about a half hour a sharp fire was opened upon them from a party of rebels in the woods. At the fire two of the six fell dead, when the balance, being unarmed, cried out for "quarter." The answer of their inhuman assailants was, "We'll quarter you, you ——," when a second volley was fired, and three more fell into the bottom of the boat wounded. The only remaining man immediately rushed the boat off with his dead and wounded comrades, and taking to the water with the painter of the boat in his mouth, swam out of range of the weapons of the cowardly assassins. He then took the oars, and waiving it over his head, a boat from the Wachusett immediately started to his assistance and towed the boat back to the ship. It presented a most terrible sight, the dead and the dying lying together. Side of the wounded soon after died, and the other two were brought to Old Point this morning on the steamer Baltimore.

The balance of the party who landed, including the Surgeon, Chief Engineer Baker, and the Signal officer, with six of the crew, and one petty officer, whose name I could not learn, were all surrounded on reaching the town and taken prisoners by an armed guerrilla band. A letter was received from them announcing the fact, as well as that they were about being sent as prisoners to Raleigh.

The Galena immediately moved up towards the settlement and opened her ports preparatory to shelling and destroying the place. This, of course, caused great consternation, and the women ran down towards the water, bearing white flags and screaming for mercy, protesting that they knew nothing of any rebel bands being in the vicinity, and denouncing the perpetrators of the outrage for their inhuman conduct. They also gave information of a large rebel force having returned to a point within three miles of City Point, a party from which they declared had been the perpetrators. When the Baltimore started the shelling of the town had not commenced, but negotiations were going on between the people and Captain Smith by the way of investigating the matter.

It is evidently the impression of the people in this vicinity that a Federal force is about being landed at City Point to march on Petersburg, and they are all abandoning their homes on the south side of the creek that leads to Petersburg. On Sunday, as far as the eye could reach, boat loads of fugitives could be seen crossing, consisting of men, women and children, in great numbers.---*Correspondence Baltimore American.*

From the Tennessee Army.

CAMP SHILOH, May 19, 1862.

To-day a line of intrenchments reaching from right to left along the entire front, extends from Gen. Sherman's division to Gen. Pope's. The intrenchments are very finely built, particularly those in Gen. Pope's division, which have received the commendation of Gen. Halleck, as have also all of General Pope's movements so far. In fact,