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I think if the whole story were told, it would prove that many of these missing slaves were sent further South long ago—probably more than half of them—to keep them out of harm's way.

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"PRESIDENT" JEFF. DAVIS has sent a telegraphic dispatch to his Commander of the trans-Mississippi department, ordering him to demand the surrender of the Missouri General McNeil, who shot ten rebel bushwhackers at Palmyra, and in case of refusal, to execute ten United States officers in retaliation. "If this path is once entered upon," remarks a contemporary, "the consequences cannot be foreseen."

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The Army before Fredericksburg.

It is deeply to be regretted that all the fine dry weather of October and the early part of November was trifled away in inactivity, and that now when the army is advancing it has to contend with the rain, snow, and mud of the opening winter. But it is in a good position, and we trust will soon be ready to move onward in spite of natural obstacles. A correspondent says:

ACQUIA CREEK, Nov. 23, 1862.

Five days have nearly elapsed since the advent of the advance of the Army of the Potomac in the vicinity of Falmouth. There was a general expectation in Sumner's grand division, which led the movement from Warrenton to the Rappahannock, that an effort to occupy Fredericksburg would be made as soon as the river was reached. But as yet no portion of the army has been thrown across, and officers who left Falmouth this morning state that at the time of their departure there was no sign of any intention to attempt a crossing to-day. The army continues to rest in the position it has occupied since Wednesday—that is, on a line extending from Stafford Court House to the left bank of the Rappahannock, Franklin's grand division being at the former and Sumner's at the latter locality, with Hooker's between the two.

To the distant observer, the motionlessness of the army during the latter part of the week, after the rapidity of its movements in the former, may appear puzzling. But to one that has an opportunity of viewing the circumstances of the situation on the spot, it is easily comprehensible. The uncontrollable powers that—alas!—have so often thwarted the well-laid plans of our Generals, the elements, have again been at work with their disturbing, defeating, frustrating influence. The unwelcome rain that was falling upon the track of the army from Tuesday until yesterday afternoon, put a stop to active operations. To this cause, and its several effects in the form of all but impracticable roads, high streams, difficult transportation of supplies, etc., etc., and not to any want of disposition to push forward on the part of Gen. Burnside, the present idleness of the army must be ascribed.

Gen. Sumner's grand Division had about reached its present resting place before the rain commenced. Hooker's and Franklin's divisions, however, marched in the rain, and experienced today from muddy roads. It is probable that, had the left and center been able to move as expeditiously as the right, Fredericksburg would be in our possession before this. But, as it was, the crossing of Sumner's command alone, immediately upon its arrival on the left bank, in the face of a rapidly rising stream, with an enemy of unknown strength in front, and no support behind, was hardly advisable. By the time Hooker and Franklin had come within supporting distance, the supplies of provisions and forage had become exhausted, and the since prevailing impossibility of bringing up adequate quantities, owing to the wretched condition of the roads, has rendered "lying still" an unavoidable necessity.

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Yesterday, quite a number of "contrabands" came into camp with their bundles on their shoulders, having left their masters and mistresses further inland. It is singular how quickly these individuals learn where the army is. If they love slavery so well as the pro-slavery doughfaces in the North would have us believe, why do they fly from it whenever, in any part of the country, the opportunity occurs?

Which reminds me to say that in the neighborhood of Fredericksburg are the elegant residences of a number of wealthy Secessionists, a great part of whose riches consisted in negroes. A lady at one of these houses told me that out of eighty slaves she had but two left, an old man and woman, too old to run away, whom she must support while they live. Another, more explicit, says that she had 130 slaves, and that only one man—a "likely" fellow—remains, and that he is engaged stealing and selling all she has on the place. She says she has frequently told him he meant to leave her after he had sold to the Yankees all the valuables he can get hold of, whereupon the fellow protests vigorously that he will never, never leave her! She says she knows better.

I think if the whole story were told, it would prove that many of these missing slaves were sent further South long ago—probably more than half of them—to keep them out of harm's way.

"PRESIDENT" JEFF. DAVIS has sent a telegraphic dispatch to his Commander of the trans-Mississippi department, ordering him to demand the surrender of the Missouri General McNeil, who shot ten rebel bushwhackers at Palmyra, and in case of refusal, to execute ten United States officers in retaliation. "If this path is once entered upon," remarks a contemporary, "the consequences cannot be foreseen."

THE rates of the Chicago *Tribune*, Journal and Times have been advanced from fifteen to twenty cents per week. The other papers of the city have raised their prices in a proportionate degree.

Important from Nashville--Despondency of Leading Rebels--Whereabouts of Gen. Bragg--The Enemy 20,000 Strong at Murfreesboro.

NASHVILLE, Nov. 23, 1862.—I have Bragg's letter acknowledging the receipt of women and children from Nashville by flag of truce, which fixes his presence with his army. I also have a letter from Gen. Preston to his wife, dated in camp, Nov. 12, between Chattanooga and Murfreesboro, stating he was going to Murfreesboro with Bragg, Hardee and Buckner that evening. The letter is pathetic and gloomy, though expressing a gleam of hope that the rebel horizon is becoming clearer, and that peace is approaching. Preston says: "I am waiting with anxiety with my brigade under Buckner for the development of the winter campaign—my heart sunk in leaving Kentucky. If the prescription becomes intolerable, seek shelter in Canada. You cannot cross the lines. Look for peace in some happier land until this cruel war is ended. While the enemy even gives you imperfect protection it is your duty to abstain from every act or speech that could insult them. My own prayer to God is that Kentucky may not be torn further in this conflict."

The letter is somewhat desultory, and I select the following items. The writer commands Mississippi and Alabama regiments moving from Knoxville to his camp. He lost 120 men by a railway accident. Robert Wooley is with him and in a bad humor. James B. Clay bitterly denounces Bragg for disappointing the expectations which he inspired. Clay has no command. Preston says, "Clay is discontented, disappointed and angry as in Kentucky. She has become an open shame, I fear, to our enemies; a scorn and derision even to Yankees, to whom she was betrayed." It is reported the enemy have determined to stand on their side of the Tennessee. The military authorities have no confidence in the promise. The Nashville women evince deep anxiety for immediate permits to see their friends at Murfreesboro before they go South. This is an indication.

It is said that the rebel force at Murfreesboro has increased to 20,000, and that they have sent large bodies of cavalry abroad to obstruct the Cumberland river and interrupt railway communications. Our latest scouts say Bragg's staff is at Tullahoma, but he is not there nor at Murfreesboro.

Lieut. Col. Hepburn, of the 92d Iowa cavalry, Judge Advocate on Gen. Rousseau's staff, is relieved on his own request and designated as Inspector of Cavalry. Major Ralston Skinner is assigned to duty as Judge Advocate.

Our scouting parties captured about 200 prisoners last week, and large foraging parties were successful. Morgan and Forest have captured about 150 of our men, including 15 from the 5th Kentucky cavalry, since the 9th inst., mostly stragglers.—*Special to New York Tribune.*

Brigadier General Patterson.

The Philadelphia *Inquirer* gives the following version of the manner in which the late Brigadier General Frank Patterson met his end:

It was the habit of Gen. Patterson to place a revolver under his pillow, on retiring for the night, in his tent. This was done on Friday night last. About daylight, on Sunday morning, he awoke, and, for some purpose, displaced the revolver from under the pillow on which he slept, with his right hand, and while changing it to the left, probably with the intention of hanging the weapon up near his couch, it exploded. The barrel at the moment pointed toward the person of the reclining man, and the whole of the contents were received in his left breast, passing, it is believed, through the heart and causing instant death.

The Washington *Republican*, however, speaks of the unhappy affair as a case of suicide. It says:

He shot himself with a pistol through the heart, about 10 o'clock on Friday morning, while laboring, it is supposed, under temporary aberration of the mind, he having been very low-spirited and despondent for the past two weeks. It will be remembered that his brigade, at the advance to Warrenton, was ordered to Stuart's station, where the enemy appeared—and, as seemed to be supposed, in force—when he fell back with his command, for which he was censured by Gen. Sickles. This preyed on his mind, and is the only manner in which the lamentable affair can be accounted for. He was a brave and popular officer, much beloved by his command. His brigade is at present under the command of Brigadier General Revere, late Colonel of the 7th New Jersey volunteers.

Gen. Rosecrans' Gallantry.

W. D. B., of the Cincinnati *Commercial*, is Assistant Provost Marshal General at General Rosecrans' headquarters, and has charge of the female department. Occasionally a refractory female breaks away from Capt. B., and insists on seeing the General. One of these yesterday rushed up to Gen. Rosecrans, intruding herself between Gen. R. and Gen. Hamilton, saying—

"Is this Gen. Rosecrans?"

"Yes, madam."

"Well, General, can't I have a pass?"

"Madam," (with a low bow,) "it is not my business to give you a pass; it is my duty to refuse it."

Another lady approached on another occasion, and began with a pitiful story in regard to her "poor, dear, sick uncle."

"I conclude with you, madame," said the General, in that quiet way of his. "It is unfortunate that uncles will sometimes get seriously indisposed. I, too, have a dear, afflicted uncle."

"Then, you can sympathize with me," she said.

"Yes, madam, I do, and when my Uncle Sam gets over his present serious indisposition I will give you a pass."

It would of course be an anti-climax which would ruin the story to relate what the lady did.

In a conversation between Lieut. General Scott and Major General Banks, a few days ago, in this city, (according to a dispatch we find in the Boston *Journal*) the veteran told Gen. Banks that he had snatched his military career with great interest, and complimented him in earnest terms on what he had accomplished. "You will not," Gen. Scott said, "expect me to ask your destination, nor is it necessary, for I see that you have already informed your friends that you are going South. THERE WAS NEVER KNOWN, General," General Scott further said, "AN INFINITIES CAUSE MORE LONG FOR A SOUTHERN CLIMATE, BUT I CANNOT FIND IT NEARER THAN CUBA, AND I WILL NOT LIVE UNDER A FOREIGN FLAG." Gen. Banks replied: "We hope in a short time, General, that you may have a tranquil residence in any part of the South that you may desire to visit."

GOVERNOR PICKENS, of South Carolina, has issued a proclamation in reference to the military defence of that State, in which he says that he trusts every man will be prepared forthwith to guard and protect the helpless and innocent from the consequences which their brutal masters have determined to inaugurate on or before the 1st of January. He urges all the males between the ages of 16 and 55 to enroll themselves, and orders that all persons, whether commissioned officers of the United States or not, who shall be caught attempting to produce disturbance among the slaves shall be handed over to the State authorities to be dealt with as felons.

THE pro-slavery men in New York city are getting up a memorial to the President, calling upon him to postpone all other movements to the great object of crushing General Lee's army! This means that they tremble at the advance of the Union armies into the cotton States, where effective blows can be struck at the rebellion. The country understand what this cry from certain new quarters of, "On to Richmond" means. No cover, says the old Spanish proverb, is large enough to cover itself.

THE Fredericksburg *Herald* of Friday states that the Potomac is full of transports, and that Gen. Burnside's probable intention is, to embark his army at Aquia Creek, and hasten Richmond by the way of York or James river. The Richmond papers of Saturday credit this intelligence of the Fredericksburg *Herald*, and adopt its views. These speculations of the rebels will pass for what they are worth.

An Alarming Statement.

A statistical correspondent of the Savannah *Republican* puts forth a series of startling calculations, going to show that the Southern army and the Southern people are alike in peril of starvation. Here are his figures:

"If the government wants whisky, are there no means by which its real agents may be distinguished from the multitude of sub-agents who, like a swarm of insects, pollute everything they touch, and if let alone will bring mildew and a moral blight in every section of the State by the encouragement of distilleries. Why not confine the establishment of distilleries at localities in which the production of grain is sufficiently great to justify it?

"If, sir, this thing is not stopped by the proper authorities *