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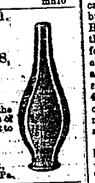

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Vicksburg--Operations on the Mississippi.

Upon this last remaining Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi the rebels are fixing their hopes and concentrating their forces. They have cut away all the timber on the peninsula opposite the city, which obstructed the range of their guns. It was across the neck of this Peninsula that Gen. Williams attempted to cut a canal early last summer, but did not succeed. The rebels have since partially filled it up.

The attack upon Vicksburg will be made simultaneously by land and water. The fleet from below and the gunboat flotilla from above will, it is expected, operate at once while the united forces of Generals Grant, McClernand and Sherman will, at the same time, make the assault on the land side.

Gen. Grant is pushing southward on the line of the Central Mississippi railroad, and is probably by this time at Grenada, which is upwards of 100 miles north of Jackson, the capital of Mississippi, and the latter is about 30 miles eastward from Vicksburg. The force under McClernand will probably be carried down from Cairo and Memphis by river transports. Grant's progress is necessarily slow, as the rebels destroy the railroads and bridges in their rear.

Doubtless the rebels will bring all their available forces to the defense of Vicksburg; but the attack on the part of the Union forces will be so overwhelming as to leave hardly any doubt as to the result. A correspondent of the Cincinnati *Gazette* writes:

It is evident that the rebels are making preparations to resist our advance whenever Admiral Porter shall move upon them with his flotilla. They have a large force at work cutting away the timber on the peninsula opposite the town, so as to give them an unobstructed view of the river up to the point where Gen. Williams attempted digging his canal, when the flotilla lay before Vicksburg last summer, the upper ridge of the Arkansas, the Yazoo, the Iroquois, was all that was visible from the bluffs. The dense forest on the peninsula concealed everything else, and the shots fired at the upper mortar and gunboats were only made at random. The shells from the former were fired at an angle of 45° from behind the timber and in a little recess of the bank where it would have been next to impossible to strike so small an object as a mortar raft.

A clear view of the river is now obtained by the rebel authorities and their batteries able to give us some warm work. They have adopted the same plan that was followed by them at Craighead's point above Fort Pillow, and also at Belmont, opposite Columbus. The only wonder is that they did not do it sooner in front of Vicksburg.

The batteries at the town appear to have been strengthened since the time of our last attempt upon them. Several additional guns have been mounted on the hill directly above the town, where they will command the approach to the levee. The embankments in front of those at the lower end of the city have been thrown up somewhat higher than before, and the embrasures for the guns appear smaller. It is evident that the General Smith is mindful of the repetition. This would argue that the rebels do not entertain the fullest confidence in the invulnerability of Port Hudson, and in the unfordability of the river down the stream.

Many informants think there are not more than three or four regiments of infantry at Vicksburg, in addition to the men necessary for handling the guns. The rebels claim to have twenty or thirty thousand at Vicksburg; and assert, with great vehemence, that they have three hundred thousand men under arms in the Mississippi Valley. They express a confidence in their ability to defeat General Grant's army; and some of the more sanguine express a hope of spending New Year's in Memphis.

A Waif from the Rebels.

The following article from the Charleston *Courier*, a paper which was much less anxious to enter upon the sea of war than its contemporary, the *Mercury*, when the long-sown seeds of the rebellion first began to sprout in that hot-bed of treason, shows the depth of the misery brought upon the Southern States. How great is the contrast between this wail of despair and the confident and defiant tone with which they rushed into this tremendous conflict:

The continuance of this contest involves the train of this calamitous visitation grow more direful with every day. Other hearts than those now aching with anxiety and grief, and the friend who sympathizes with some afflicted one yesterday, to-day weeps bitter tears over his own sorrow. The fren is driven the deeper, and our burdens become more and more heavy. And though more than eighteen months have passed away since the strife was begun, the end seems more distant than it appeared to be a twelve-month since. Hopes after hope has gone out in darkness, and expectations we had fondly cherished have turned out to be miserable delusions. So often have we been disappointed and deceived, that now our faith rejects every promise and turns away from every sign. Our foe is as active and determined and powerful as ever he was, and the agent that was to compel foreign nations to intervene and put an end to this wicked and infamous contest, has not been potent enough to accomplish that end.

We stand alone. Vast hosts are mustering to repeat in stronger forces and with more obstinate courage the attempts that have been made, and strongholds hitherto unattacked will soon have to bear the most furious onslaughts the enemy, with his wonderful resources of ingenuity and material, is capable of making. To frustrate his well-conceived plans, to repel these terrible attacks, we have to depend entirely upon ourselves. The God will do his utmost; military genius and knowledge, the boundless credit of the Government, the best mechanical skill—mind money, muscle—have all combined to insure success.

And while these tremendous efforts are being put forth—while our houses are darkened by the shadow of the death angel's wing, and our bosoms wrung with anguish—while we are enduring grievous privations and hardships, and our soldiers are almost naked, we stand alone.

It is true foreign tongues mention our name with respect and admiration. It is true our valor and gallantry have received abundant reward in glowing words of praise and in warm heartfelt wishes for success. Our sympathy and admiration have afforded no substantial assistance, and all unaided we brace our nerves for the dreadful conflict.

THE COTTON POLICY.—There is reason to believe that Gen. Grant's recent order in regard to cotton, providing for its purchase at the lowest rate at the highest rates, for the benefit of the government, foreshadows the policy of the Administration as for the management of the present crop at the Southern ports.—*New York Journal of Commerce*.

AN IRISH SOLDIER TO IRISH SOLDIERS: Brigadier General Meagher, the eloquent Irish patriot, who is now fighting the battles of his adopted country, has issued a general order to his troops, in which he rebukes some of his officers who have tendered their resignations in consequence of the removal of Gen. McClellan, and counsels them upon the duties of the soldier. While withholding his approval of these resignations, the General reminds the Irish soldiers, who principally compose his brigade, that—

"The great error of the Irish people, in their struggle for an independent national existence, has been their passionate and blind adherence to an individual, instead of to a principle or a cause. Thus, for generations their heroic efforts in the right direction have been feverish and spasmodic, when they should have been continuous, equable and consistent."

"The order concludes with these fiery words:

"In conclusion, the Brigadier General proudly declares his conviction that to the overwhelming majority of the officers of the brigade these latter remarks of his cannot, as they do not, have the slightest application. The few sluggards, imbeciles and cowards who once held commissions in it, most happily for its well-being and good name, have been ignominiously sent about their business, and in their disgrace the brigade has been purified, strengthened and exalted."

"For his own part, the Brigadier General will stand by his brigade to the last. So long as Heaven spares his life, he will be true to the brigade that has been true to him, that has been true to its oath, true to the high spirit as well as to the strict letter of the military law, true to the brighter history, the pride and expectations of their noble, soldierly old race—the race of the O'Donnells of Spain, the McMahons of France, the Nugents of Austria, the O'Neils and Sarsfields. While a shred of the flag that symbolizes this race defies the ravages of the battle, and fifty men be left to hold it high and haughty in the face of death, the Brigadier General should it be the will of God, shall be found standing firm and faithful at his post; and this determination, he is confident, animates and fires this moment every true heart in the Irish brigade.

"THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER, Brigadier General Commanding."

Tennessee.

The following letter, only published within a few days, was doubtless the moving cause of the steps we have already announced to have Tennessee represented in the Congress of the United States:

CINCINNATI, Nov. 28.—The Memphis *Bulletin* of the 18th inst. announces the arrival of Col. D. D. Nelson, and says that while in Washington he was favored by Hon. Emerson Etheridge, with a copy of the following letter, given by President Lincoln to Thomas R. Smith, Esq., of Bolivar, in this State:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, Oct. 21, 1862.

Major General Grant, Governor Johnson, and all having Military, Naval and Civil authority under the United States within the State of Tennessee:

The bearer of this, Thomas R. Smith, a citizen of Tennessee, goes to that State, seeking to have such of the people thereof as desire to avoid the unsatisfactory steps before them, and to have peace again upon the old terms under the Constitution of the United States, to manifest such desire by elections of members to the Congress of the United States; particularly, and perhaps a Legislature, State officers, and a United States Senator friendly to their object. I shall be glad for you and each of you to aid him, and all others acting for this object, as much as possible. In all available ways give the people a chance to express their wishes at these elections. Follow law and forms of law as far as convenient; but in all events get the expression of the largest number of the people possible. All who show much action will connect with and affect the proclamation of September 22d. Of course, the men elected should be gentlemen of character, willing to swear support to the constitution as of old, and known to be above reasonable suspicion of duplicity.

Yours, very respectfully, A. LINCOLN.

General Pemberton on Intervention.

We noticed, a day or two ago, the significant language made use of by the Richmond *Dispatch* in regard to the power of the North and foreign intervention. In a speech delivered by Gen. Pemberton, on taking command of Van Dorn's rebel army of the southwest, is equally significant. It is published in the papers lately received from New Orleans. He begins by telling this soldiers that though a Northern man by birth, he has married, raised children and owned negroes in the South, and will never consent to the social equality of the white and black races. "I am," says he, "no street scavenger, no General Lovell," which delicate compliment may or may not lead to pistols and *rye!* The General then expatiates on foreign intervention thus: "In regard to the question of interference by Europe, we want no interference in our private quarrels. The moment England interferes she finds us a united people, and she will have to meet the armies of the South as well as of the North." The beauty of the declaration was such that it drew forth cheers and cries of "Yes! yes! yes!" from every quarter. It is fortunate that there is one point about which the North, England herself, and lastly a portion (at least) of the rebel soldiery are agreed, namely, that foreign powers must keep "hands off."

Excellent.

The London *Daily News*, of Nov. 15, after cordially approving of Earl Russell's reply to the French circular, proposing mediation in the affairs of this country, remarks:

An acceptance of the French proposition at the present time, perhaps as any time, would embark us in a dark and difficult course, of which no one could predict the issue.

The American case itself is one which the wisest Minister might well desire to be excused from taking in hand, and it is a misconception to suppose that we could recede into the position of spectators after having once put our advice either taken or rejected. We must be permitted, moreover, to consider it an advantage to have once more escaped the danger of an entangling diplomatic association with the Emperor of the French. The experience of the last two years—the Mexican expedition, the French policy in Italy, the sinking foreign ministers, and the necessity of fortifications and a war budget at home—are not to be ignored. *We cannot trust Napoleon III.* We wish to live in peace and friendship with every body; but we are a frank and consistent people, and the less we have to do with "insgrutable" potentates the better.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Cincinnati *Commercial* writing from Louisville, says that recruits by hundreds daily come in from East Tennessee, and without ceremony enter the service. The brigade of East Tennesseans, before it reaches Nashville, will number nearly ten thousand strong, in which will be near two thousand cavalry, well armed and equipped. They will be sufficiently strong to raise the Star Spangled Banner in every county in East Tennessee, and maintain their position against any force the rebels can send against them.

PROFESSOR F. K. NEWMAN has produced a Latin translation of Longfellow's poem, "Hiawatha." The publishers are Messrs. Walton & Maberly.

We understand that over $40,000 were expended for Metal's hair wreath in Tiffany's store, New York, during the month of December last.—*Boston Transcript*.

VOLUNTEERS AND REGULARS.—An old army officer gives the reason why the regulars endure more fatigue than volunteers. When marching, if the regular cuts even his finger he falls into the rear and applies a bandage. The moment he halts for the night, after he eats his rations, his cheek is upon his knapsack and himself in the land of dreams. The volunteer does very differently. If he hurts himself he extemporizes some inadequate sort of dressing, and keeps along. When night comes the chances are ten to one that, instead of taking repose at once, he wearied himself still further by leap-frog with his companions, or by playing "old sledge" for pints of whisky. The regular carries nothing with him that he can help. Not an ounce more will he bear than regulation weight. The volunteer is too apt to leave nothing behind him that he can carry. Every day guerreotype, even adds to the weight of a knapsack in manner that none but those who carry them can adequately understand. In Mexico soldiers threw away money because it chafed their pockets.—*Scientific American*.

THE result of the city election in Portsmouth, N. H., on Tuesday, was a signal triumph of the Republican party. The Democrats nominated their strongest man, Col. John R. Riding, a former Mayor and ex-Congressman, and a man who has most freely criticised the acts of the Administration and the prosecution of the war. The Republicans nominated, at the largest caucus ever held in Portsmouth, Jonathan Dearborn, Esq., Naval officer of the port of Portsmouth, who was elected by a largely increased Republican majority. The City Government is Republican by heavy majorities.

RECEIPTS OF HOGS AT CHICAGO.—The receipts of hogs in Chicago since the 1st of November have been 170,000, against 117,975 head during the entire month of November, 1861. It is safe to estimate the receipts for the next week at 70,000, making 240,000 for the month, and an increase of 122,024 over the same month in 1861, and 176,000 over the corresponding month in 1860. This immense increase is owing to the fact that Chicago is the most central market for the hog-growing section of the West.

THE rebel Jackson is said to have preached a sermon to his troops a week ago. His text was as follows from Joel, chapter 2d, verse 20: "But I will remove far off from you the Northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the sea and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savor shall come up, because he hath done great things."

THE *Mechanics' Magazine* states that "excellent paper is now made in Europe from the leaves of Indian corn. There is one paper-mill in operation in Switzer