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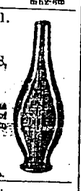

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THE NEWS from the West to-day is highly important. The success of our forces in Arkansas, crowned by the occupation of Little Rock by General Steele "on the 10th of September, without fighting or any loss of consequence," is an announcement which we regard as the precursor of the final overthrow of the rebel power in that State and in the whole trans-Mississippi region. The dispatches from Memphis, and other indications, lead us to believe that we shall have exciting news from Rosecrans and Burnside very shortly.

Soldiers' Right to Vote.

In the Digest of Election Laws with which, we believe, each Election Board is furnished, on pages 155–6, Sec. 22, is the following:

"No body of troops in the army of the United States, or of this Commonwealth, shall be present either armed or unarmed, during the time of such election: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent any officer or soldier from exercising the right of suffrage in the election district to which he may belong, if otherwise qualified according to law."

We perceive the foregoing section of the Election Laws, except the *Proviso*, published in several Democratic papers. It is undoubtedly thus garbled for the purpose of producing the false impression, that soldiers have no right to vote even if present on the day of election, in the districts to which they respectively belong. It is a very shallow device to deprive them of their right of suffrage.

Mr. Toombs' Letter.

The recent letter of Mr. Toombs, on the rebel currency, is strongly denounced in the Virginia papers. The Lynchburg *Republican* says:

"Toombs says we should issue no more paper money. Very true, and Mr. Memminger would no doubt be rejoiced to stop his money mill. But what is to supply its place? How are the expenses of the government to be defrayed except by paper issues? It can't be done, and the result of all Mr. Toombs' argument is simply to give improper information to the enemy and weaken our cause abroad. It is a great pity that he and some other men will not learn the important fact that it is not always judicious to publish everything we know. Truth is sometimes more injurious than falsehood, and is always so when professed friends give improper information to our enemies. Mr. Toombs tells us nothing we did not know before, and proposes no practical remedy for the evils of which he complains. He is, therefore, one of the class of grumblers who by doing our cause much harm and no good."

Recruiting in Kansas.

The Leavenworth *Times*, of the 11th inst, says:

"Never, perhaps, since Kansas began to raise troops for the war, have recruits flocked so rapidly to the standard as they do now under Colonel Jennison. Hardly more than two weeks have elapsed since the Colonel commenced operations, and there are now not less than eight hundred men, or eleven companies, mustered and waiting muster throughout the State. The first battalion, under Captain Toler, now numbers three companies, and the others are rapidly filling up. Captain Toler says it is just as easy to raise five companies as three. There, with the Johnson county companies, those here, in Doniphan county, at Fort Scott and in Douglas, Franklin, Wabaunsee, &c., will nearly, if not quite, bring the regiment up to the maximum of twelve companies. Captain Rose recruited seventy-eight men at Fort Scott in five days."

An Answer on the Spot.

It is an unusual spectacle to see an American negro in a Congress of *savans*, but the event has happened in the British Association. An Englishman named Crawford having taken occasion, in the course of an elaborate paper on "The Commixture of Races," to revile the negro character, found an unexpected and formidable antagonist in the person of Mr. Craft, a black man, formerly a slave in the South, who was granted permission to reply. Mr. Craft proceeded to state that his grandfather and grandmother were both of pure negro blood, and that he was himself qualified by descent to speak understandingly of the character of the black race, regarding them as capable of a large intellectual development, and not at all the degraded animals that Mr. Crawford had represented. All black men were not equally gifted, he admitted; but he added that during his residence in England he had found that "all Englishmen were not Shakespeares." This palpable hit seems to have been relished by Mr. Craft's distinguished hearers, for cries of "hear" and cheers greeted his effort. The reply to Mr. Crawford was so instant and satisfactory that he made no reply.

Inhuman Threat of Beauregard.

In referring to a late flag of truce from the rebel commander at Charleston, a correspondent writes:

Bully Beauregard took the opportunity of sending a threatening message to Admiral Dahlgren that he would place the prisoners on the parapet of Sumter if the navy made it an object of fire. Admiral Dahlgren replied with as much dignity as the nature of the case would justify, that if he [Beauregard] should resort to such a heathenish mode of procedure, then he might look at the same hour for rebel prisoners tied to the outer surface of the monitors' turrets. It is thought the answer of the Admiral will do much toward bringing the bobtailed Beauregard to a sense of the common rules of civilized warfare.

THE IRONSIDES IN BATTLE.—A correspondent writes from Charleston harbor:

It is conceded that the Ironsides is the most valuable iron-clad vessel of which the navy can boast. It did more actual service in the last engagement than all the monitors put together; for how often has it poured whole broadsides into the rebel works causing the gunners to abandon their pieces and seek safety behind sand-hills. From the commencement to the close of the attack the Ironsides was struck 150 times, and yet she was all ready on Wednesday morning to again pitch into Moultrie with as much vim as she did the day previous.

FIRST FRUITS OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.—The N. Y. *Tribune*, of Thursday, has the following:

The President's Proclamation takes all the starch out of the scoundrel formed in the Ninth Congressional District (upper part of New York city) to render the Draft inoperative. Money was raised and men were appointed to push the conscripts beyond the reach of the Government by the use of the writ of habeas corpus—but the labor is lost and the fund is a stalking fund.

Parrott Guns.

We hear so much from day to day, particularly in the dispatches from Charleston, about Parrott guns, that the following brief account of them by a correspondent of the New York *Times*, may be interesting to our readers:

When you hear of shells falling in Charleston, with *destructive effect at the distance of five miles from Gillmore's batteries*, you are startled and begin to realise that a new element has appeared on the stage, or, at least, a new mode of action. You are probably under the impression that those shells were thrown from 300-pounders. This is not so. They were thrown from 200-pounders, whose shell is really about 150 pounds weight. I may say, however, that the *distance* at which the 100-pound and 200-pound shell may be thrown is about the same with that of the 300-pounder. The difference is in the momentum, or *crushing* effect, which must be the greatest in the 300-pounder. I may say further, that *there is not an iron vessel in the British or French navies whose plating can resist the shot of our large Parrott guns at a moderate distance.* Hence, if you have enough of these guns—whether on Monitors or land batteries—you may bid defiance to all the navy of Great Britain or France.

The Parrott gun is manufactured, as you are aware, at the West Point foundry, where at this time nearly a thousand men and an immense quantity of material are employed, in turning out these cannon for the use of the Government; and I believe are unable to furnish as many as required. The West Point Foundry was originally established by a Company, and till very recently was managed by Governeur Kemble. Mr. Parrott has, however, been connected with the establishment many years, and exercised his ingenuity as well as industry in improving the machinery, and is now the manager of this great concern. Robert Parrott is from New Hampshire, graduating at West Point in 1824, very high in his class. In 1836 he was Captain of Ordnance, but resigned to become Superintendent of the Iron and Cannon Foundry at Cold Springs—now called the West Point Foundry. There he has since remained. He belongs to that class of quiet, working men, who accomplish most of what is done in the world, and of whom the world knows little, because they don't blow their own trumpets. Let us go to the foundry.

There are now made at this foundry *seven classes* of guns, viz: 10 pound, 20 pound, 30-pound, 60 pound, 100-pound, 200-pound, 300-pound. The 60 pound has not yet been made, but is ordered. The 100-pound can be made at the rate of *one per day*; and the 200-pounder two per week, and the smaller ones much more frequently. You don't see, from this, that an immense amount of heavy artillery is made there in a year. Indeed, it is almost inconceivable what a prodigious amount of the materials of war are now manufactured in this country. At this moment the large yards of this establishment contain numbers of these cannon of all sizes, as well as shell for their use which are manufactured at the rate of about 10,000 per week.

In order to give some idea of the *range* of these guns, I add the following brief table of the diameter, elevation and range of some of these guns—disregarding the charge:

Calibre	Diameter of Bore.	Elevation.	Range.
10-Pounder,	2.9 inches.	1°	600 yards.
10-Pounder,	2.9 inches.	20°	3,000 yards.
10-Pounder,	3.67 inches.	1°	600 yards.
20-Pounder,	3.67 inches.	15°	4,400 yards.
20-Pounder,	4.2 inches.	2½°	1,500 yards.
30-Pounder,	4.2 inches.	20°	4,700 yards.
100-Pounder,	6.2 inches.	2½°	1,450 yards.
100-Pounder,	6.2 inches.	20°	6,820 yards.
100 Pounder,	6.2 inches.	35°	9,450 yards.

The last distance, it will be observed, is within a fraction of five miles, and is attained with a 16 pound charge of powder, with an 80-pound bolt or shot, at an elevation of 35°. The 200 pounder is an 8-inch bore, and the 300-pounder a 10-inch bore. A little more powder, in a 200-pounder, would obviously reach a distance of over five miles, which is the result attained at Charleston.

I ought now to notice some of the peculiarities of the Parrott gun. It is obvious that if we give a big ball and heavy charges, the ordinary gun will not be strong enough. Here was a difficulty, hence the resort to *hooping* or banding cannon. This idea is not original in this day. On the contrary, we hear of it hundreds of years ago. But the mode and *kind* of hooping adopted by Mr. Parrott is peculiar. It was found, by experiment, that the reactive force of a heavy charge on a heavy ball, when exploded, was wholly within two feet of the breech end of the bore. Mr. Parrott took this fact, and adapted to the piece his *reinforcement* of that part. This consists in welding on this two feet of the cannon *a coil of wrought iron*. I shall not go into the manufacture of this reinforcement, but merely say that heavy bars of iron are heated and rolled into *coils*, where interior space is the diameter of the cannon, then beaten till it is compacted together, then heated and put on the cannon, till this wrought iron coil becomes a compact piece with the breech end of the cannon. Such a piece cannot be burst by any ordinary charge, and I may here say the 300-pounder at Charleston was *not* injured by the charge of the cannon, but by the bursting of the *shell in the gun* by some defect of the fuse.

The next thing that is peculiar is the manner of *fitting the shell to the rifled bore* of the piece; for, you will observe, that if a heavy, conical shell, as there are, fired through a rifled bore without protection, it comes in collision with the rifling, and it must injure it, if not destroy it. To avoid this, Mr. Parrott has fitted at the breech end of the shell a composition band, slightly raised and softer than the iron. So soon as this is put in motion, this softer metal *is grooved by the rifling of the cannon without injuring it*. Thus it maintains the exactness of the fit of the ball, and protects the interior of the piece.

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An English official report for 1862 states that up to March 1st, there had been issued for service eleven hundred and ninety Armstrong guns, of which four hundred and five were 100-pounders. Seven hundred and forty-five more were in store. Since that time the demonstration of the power of mailed ships has caused more activity in the construction of improved ordnance, and experiments in larger sizes. Several 9-inch rifled guns, rated as 300-pounders, have been successfully tested with charges of powder one-sixth the weight of the projectile. A 600-pounder and a 1,000 pounder are in construction. These will show that the plan of constructing wrought iron guns is capable of being expanded to any size; but for the effective general service, it is likely that the 100-pounder will be large enough. It was this size of Parrott's that did the business in breaching Sumter. Up to this caliber the Armstrong guns are breech-loading. Armstrong claims that this construction is just as practicable in the larger guns, and that in them its advantages are even greater.

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