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DAILY POST.

Firing a Mortar.

Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.

The firing of a mortar is the very poetry of a battle. A bag of powder weighing from eighteen to twenty pounds is dropped into the bore of the huge monster. The derrick drops the shell in; the angle is calculated; a long cord is attached to the primer; the gunner steps out upon the platform, and the balance of the crew upon the shore. The Captain gives the word, the gunner gives his cord a sudden jerk, a crash like a thousand thunders follows, a tongue of flame leaps from the mouth of the mortar, and a column of smoke rolls up in beautiful fleecy spirals, developing into rings of exquisite proportions. One can see the shell as it leaves the mortar flying through the air, apparently no larger than a marble. The next you see of the shell, a beautiful cloud of smoke burst into sight, caused by the explosion. Imagine ten of these monsters thundering at once, the air filled with smoke clouds, the gunboats belching out destruction and completely hidden from sight in whirls of smoke; the shell screaming through the air with an unearthly sound, and the distant guns of the enemy sending their solid shot and shell above and around us, dashing the water up in glistening columns and jets of spray, and you have the sublime poetry of war.

From the Charleston Mercury.

The Rebels without a Flag.

There is no mistaking, the very general dissatisfaction existing with the "Stars and Bars," adopted to the early stage of this revolution by the Provisional Congress, as the Confederate ensign. A cognate variation of the United States flag, similar in idea, patterns and color, squinting strongly at "reorganization," and undistinguishable at a distance by sea or by land, it is suited neither to the taste for national independence; the sectional feelings, nor the practical uses of the Southern standard.—Congress itself, stimulated, we presume, by the action of the army of the Potomac, at its last session took the matter again in hand. The Committee sat and reported a flag, which has been erroneously published as *adopted* by Congress—red field and blue union, decked with four white stars, intended to imitate the four corners of a St. Andrew's Cross. We are informed that this flag was not adopted, or any other: but that the body having shown a preference for another ensign, transferred the subject over to the new Congress now in session. Our readers may have noticed among the Committees of the new House of Representatives, one "on the Flag and Seal." The matter is therefore open for determination.

Four different flags have been proposed. The first is that for which the Provisional Congress indicated a preference, without adopting it. Although handsomer than the "Stars and Bars," and unlike any other standard, it has a look of singularity of design which we do not fancy.

The second is the Battle Flag of the army of the Potomac, adopted by Gens. Beauregard and Johnston, to avoid mistakes of troops in future. Though rich and handsomer, it is objectionable to some religious denominations—the Israelites if not the Roman Catholics—in a country in which Church and State are separated. It, therefore, is not likely to be chosen.

The third is unique and handsome. The division is similar to that of the old Knight Templars flag, but the colors and centre are different.

The sun, with a ray for each State, dispenses with the borrowed stars, which are emblematic of latitude of our country, source of our agricultural wealth, and also of the warmth and geniality of Southern character.

The fourth and last is a flag of peculiar dignity and simplicity.

The *Mercury* here gives a fearful and wonderful cut of a flag, consisting of two right-angled triangles and an immense *black bar sinister* and thus comments:

It is altogether unlike the ensign of any other nation and *especially unlike that of Yankee nation.* Those that imagine that a flag should be symbolical, will find in this one—white and black—an obvious significance. *Such a standard would typify our faith in the "peculiar institution," and be an enduring mark of our resolve to retain that institution while we exist an independent people.* For maritime uses this proposed flag, although it discards the everlasting Yankee stars and the worn-out combinations of "red, white and blue," would be distinguishable at a great distance as any other that could be devised.

Pea Ridge.

Ben McCulloch.

McCulloch was killed in the brush on a slight elevation on the opposite side of the field by Peter Pelican, a private in Company B, Thirty-sixth Illinois. The attack in which the ubiquitous Ben was taken off was led by Captain Miller. McCullouch wore a dress of black velvet, patent leather high-top boots, and he had on a light colored broad-brimmed Texan hat. He was on a light-colored bay horse. Pelican went up and took a good watch, which is now in possession of Colonel Greusel.

A German Astray.

A Dutchman rode directly into the enemy's works with a caisson. The rebel major asked him where he was going, and the man answered, "Dish for Sigel."—The major smiled, and directed the man where to go, which was not probably to any point beyond the rebel lines.

'Freedom" in the South Promoted by Hanging.

Here is a refreshing bit of editorial writing from the Newbern *Progress* of March 8th, published a few days before Burnside captured the place.

"No doubt, the federals intend an early attack on this place and had made arrangements with some infamous, low bred, contemptible scoundrel hereabouts, to burn the bridges so as to cut off the possibility of retreat in case such a measure should become necessary. *Let our authorities take warning, and let them fully realize that we are in the midst of a bloody and fiendish war—such a war as never before disagreed humanity—while in our midst there are traitors of the blackest die and most dangerous type.*

"Let the guards of both bridges across the Trent be at once made efficient if they are not already so, and let them have public orders to shoot any and every boatman who attempts to pass either bridge after dark. *Nothing but rigid measures will do in times like these and the sooner a few traitors are hung or shot in each community where they exist the better it will be for the cause of freedom in the South."*

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First Edition.

LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

BEAUFORT EVACUATED.

FORT MACON BLOWN UP.

THE NASHVILLE BURNT BY THE REBELS.

FORTRESS MONROE, March 24.—The steamer Chancellor Livingston arrived from Hatteras last night.

Immediately after the occupation of Newbern, North Carolina, General Burnside started an expedition to Beaufort, but the place was evacuated before our troops approached. Fort Macon was blown up by the rebels, and the steamer Nashville burned.

On the day that General Burnside occupied Newbern, sixteen thousand rebel troops were on the road between Goldsboro and Newbern.

The steamer Suwanee sailed for Hatteras yesterday with mails and passengers.

The steamer Illinois returned to New York this morning.

The steamer Vanderbilt arrived to-day. The new gunboat Chocura arrived from Boston last night.

The Above Fully Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Col. Segar, the representative elect from the Accomac District, of Virginia, arrived in this city this morning. He confirms the intelligence from Fortress Monroe of the destruction of the privateer Nashville and Fort Macon, by the rebels.

The D'Epenieul Zouaves, about four hundred in number, were paid off to-day. The greater portion of them will return home.

FORTRESS MONROE, March 23.—On the day that General Burnside occupied Newburn, sixteen thousand rebel troops were on the road between Goldsborough and Newburn.

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Yancey's Capture Contradicted.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The *Herald's* correspondent at Key West, explains the manner in which the rumor of Yancey's capture originated, and satisfactorily disposes of [illegible] from the false impression [illegible] conveyed by letters from [illegible]. A close scrutiny of the crew of the [illegible] Mallory failed to detect the presence of Yancey, and it now appears [illegible] the day before the Mallory [illegible] the schooner Break of Day, for [illegible].

Death of Rebel Capt. Buchanan.

[illegible], March 24.—This evening [illegible] we are informed [illegible] Buchanan [illegible] positive information [illegible] his death at Norfolk, after suffering [illegible] which he was wounded in the late Naval engagement in Hampton Roads.

British Troops Arrived.

ST. JOHNS, N. B., March 24.—The steamer Adelaide, from Plymouth, via Bermuda, on the 20th, arrived here this morning with thirty-three officers and seventeen hundred and fifty troops.

Statements of the Deserters from the Rebel Army.

BALTIMORE, March 24.—Among the passengers who arrived here by the Old Point boat to-day are four deserters from the rebel army, viz: Van Beck Townsend, Josiah Morris, William Wilson and Mark Fenton Barton, all citizens of the Eastern States, who were made prisoners by the rebels last May, at Cedar Keys, Florida, where they had gone in the schooner Stag, to load with timber. Their vessel was confiscated by the rebels, and loaded with cotton, but she was subsequently burnt to escape the pursuit of a United States cruiser. Compelled by necessity they enlisted in the Second Florida Regiment last July. The regiment being ordered to Richmond, they arrived there the day after the battle of Bull Run, where they had been ever since. Finally on Saturday last they succeeded in escaping in a small canoe and reaching Fortress Monroe. They state that Magruder's force around Yorktown, is composed of about a dozen regiments, camprising not over six thousand effective men, but at Great Bethel and other points through the Peninsula he has not less than fifteen thousand men. Some heavy guns have beem mounted near Yorktown. There was also fortifications three miles below at Wyoming Creek. During the last few weeks the force has been engaged in bluiding casemates, but they are not of a very formidable character.

Latest from England.

BOSTON, March 24.—The steamship America, from Liverpool, via Halifax, arrived at this port this morning. The Associated Press Newspaper bag was sent on to New York in the morning trains, and will be due in Philadelphia to-night.

Arrival of the Pea Ridge Prisoners.

ST. LOUIS, March 24.—The train from Rolla last night brought in three hundred privates and forty-eight commissioned officers, being the first arrival of prisoners taken by Curtis' forces at the battle of Pea Ridge.

Who are the Rebel Generals from Tennessee?

From the Nashville Patriot, March 15.

It is announced that the Confederate Government has appointed Samuel B. Maxwell and Hamilton P. Bell, of Tennessee, Brigadier-Generals. Who the deuce are they? From what military stream were they fished up?

The Rebels do not Like the Surrender of Nashville.

From the Republican Banner, March 15.

A correspondent of the Atlanta, (Ga.) *Confederacy*, writing from Chattanooga, abuses Mayor Cheatham roundly for the part he performed in the surrender of Nashville. Mayor Cheatham was urged to surrender the city by leading citizens of Nashville, and in what he did he was actuated by a sincere desire of the people. Had the correspondent of the *Confederacy* been here, he would most probably have sanctioned everything Mayor Cheatham did in the premises.

From the Nashville Patriot.

Pensacola Evacuated.

A gentleman who came in T[illegible] ning from the South, reports [illegible] ted in an Atlanta, (Ga.) pape[r] [Pensa]cola had been evacuated.

MY CAPTURE AND ESCAPE!

AN INCIDENT OF THE WAR.

[Concluded.]

"Come on boys; we have them now!" I dashed into the house, and just at that moment down went one of the rebels, leveled to the floor by a chair in the hands of Jenny. Again the chair whirled in the air, adn came down on the head of the Corporal The rebels were frightened and fled from the house; but seeing I was alone, returned to the combat. Davis was still bound, and could afford no assistance. The fight was unequal, and I was overpowered and taken prisoner. Davis and myself were marched off to the enemy's camp, while Jenny and her mother were left alone in the house.

For two days I was a prisoner in the enemy's camp, near Fairfax Court House. What had become of Davis I knew not, and what would become of me I cared not, now that I had lost the brave girl I had learned to love. The day had passed gloomily away, and night was come again. I was seated in a sort of brush tent, with a guard pacing up and down in front of it, paying more attention to me than I thought was absolutely necessary. While lost in happy thoughts of home and Jenny, I heard a rustling noise beside me, and a dellicate hand was laid on my arm.

"Follow me, quickly, and I will save you," she whispered in my ear, and placed her hand over my mouth.

She then withdrew, and I, snake like, crawled out of the tent after her. Cautiously we moved along until we came to the guard.

"Who goes there?" came quickly, and down we dropped upon our faces.

The guard passed on, and we crawled forward, stopping to listen. The guard was returning, and we lay still until he had again passed, and we then pushed forward more rapidly.

"We are now beyond the camp, but we have the pickets to pass yet. My father is waiting for us just yonder," said she, turning a little to the left.

"You are a brave girl," I ventured to say, and there is no knowing what else I might have said, but she placed her finger on my mouth, with a gentle "Hush!"

Secreted in the bushes was her father, who firmly grasped my hand as we joined him. Jenny then placed a musket in my hands, and I could see by the dim light that her father was provided with one, and she carried one, though, I must confess, rather awkwardly. I was all curiosity and anxious to know how she, the little frail creature, could accomplish so much.

"I am afraid we'll have to fight the pickets," said her father; "but it's life or death, and if we can scare them we are safe."

In perfect silence we approached the locality of the picket guard, and thought we had eluded their vigilance, when a quick and frightened challenge burst upon us. This was followed almost instantly by a flash, and a bullet whizzed close to my head.

"Charge on them, boys," shouted Davis, as he fired, and I quickly sent a bullet in the direction of the rebel picket. I saw Jenny's musket come to her shoulder, and as it was discharged she reeled and would have fallen to the ground, but I caught her, and in a moment she recovered from the shock.

We heard the enemy's pickets retreating in alarm, and making the most of their confusion we dashed toward the Federal lines, some half a mile distant.

I had made my escape, but not through my own strategem or skill, but by the constant work at energy of a young and brave girl, whose patriotic heart would not forsake her honored and beloved government, and whose determination rescued her father from the hand of the oppressor.

The muskets she provided us with were secreted in her father's house. She had loaded them, and at night eluded the vigilance of the enemy's guard, and deposited them where she delivered them to us. She bid us a touching farewell, and in company with her mother, proceeded to the State of Massachusetts.

Her father enlisted in the Federal army, and now, side by side, we are fighting to deliver his home from the hand of the oppressor, while I look forward with pleasure to the day when I shall be awarded the hand of Miss Jenny, as a reward for my efforts to save her father.

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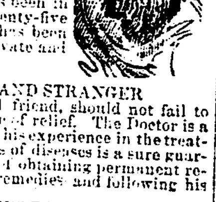

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