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ELLIOTT DAVIS.

December 24th, 1863.

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WHEREAS, By satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, in the County of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania has been duly organized under and according to the requirements of the Act of Congress, entitled "an Act to provide a National Currency, secured by a pledge of United States Stocks, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved February 25th, 1863, and has complied with all the provisions of said Act required to be complied with before commencing the business of Banking.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Hugh McCulloch, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that the said FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, is authorized to commence the business of Banking under the Act aforesaid.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office, this 5th day of August 1863.

(SS) HUGH McCULLOCH,
Comptroller of the Currency.

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N. B.—A hack runs daily to Loretto from Cresson. sep11

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Correspondence of the Cincinnati Commercial.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 29, 1863.

It was my good fortune to day to make the acquaintance of a highly intelligent gentleman, who, since the commencement of the war, has been in the constant service of the government as a spy. Previous to the rebellion he was engaged in a business that compelled him to travel largely throughout the South, and consequently his previous acquaintance with localities and people enabled him to obtain information of the utmost importance to the Government, and form clear and correct opinions as to the sentiments of the people and the internal condition of the confederacy. He has just returned from a four months' tour through the States of Alabama, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, and Virginia, and has shown me highly complimentary letters from Generals in this army for the valuable information furnished. For prudential reasons his name is withheld, as well as particulars of rebel movements and intentions in the future. Much of his information is merely confirmatory of statements already made through the medium of returned prisoners; but, roaming at will through rebel camps, conversing with officers high in command, obtaining the confidence of old friends, he had rare opportunities for obtaining reliable information. His description of his frequent arrests and narrow escapes is graphic and almost improbable; but, having seen his papers, with the seal of the rebel Secretary of War, into whose confidence, by his good address and polished manners, he ingratiated himself, I place implicit confidence in his statements.

Departure for Dixie.

At the request of the General commanding the Department, my informant left Nashville on the 3d of August on the trip from which he has just returned. Leaving our lines he boldly entered the Confederacy, but his superior wardrobe and intelligence bearing were suspicious, and arriving at Valherso Springs he was arrested as a spy. Fortunately he met an old friend in the person of a rebel surgeon, through whose instrumentality he was released and set at liberty. Starting directly for Gen. Bragg's army, he reached it in due time, and remained with it until after the battle of Chickamauga, with the exception of occasional trips to neighboring cities and towns, where he managed to avoid suspicion. At the battle of Chickamauga he was present and learned the intentions of the commanding officers, as well as the exact strength of the enemy's forces.

The Army of General Bragg.

The condition of the soldiery is represented as being indeed deplorable. Placed, as they are, on quarter rations, of the most common and filthy description, with no prospects of better fare in the future, much dissatisfaction exists, and it is only by promises of food and clothing that they are kept from utter disorganization. With a regularly organized system of espionage in every regiment, severe discipline, and fears of the terrible vengeance that will be visited out to them, there is little hope for escape in the event of desertion, and the common soldier is only kept in the ranks by the power of the bayonet. At the present depreciated rates of rebel currency, the soldier's pay is but fifty cents per month in gold. This is a subject of loud and constant complaint from the men, whose families are suffering for the absolute necessaries of life. Notwithstanding the vigilance of spies and officers,

Desertions.

are very frequent. While riding through northern Alabama and portions of Georgia, deserters, in squads of from twenty-five to one hundred, were met almost daily in the woods, seeking safety from the rebel cavalry, who were met on every public and side road, in search of stragglers and deserters, and conscripting all citizens who came in their way. In many places he found regularly organized bands of deserters, stragglers and runaway negroes, intrenched on the hills and mountains, prepared to resist attempts at their capture. They inhabit caves in some instances, and, where no better means of shelter is at hand, like the natives of the forest, they make burrows in hill-sides, where they lie in wait for small squads of cavalry, to rush upon them and bushwhack them. These fugitives subsist wholly on what they can pillage from neighboring planters. Deserters are shot by the dozen almost daily in Bragg's army.

The Signal of Alarm.

On the approach of rebel cavalry or conscripting officers, who, by the way, are always accompanied by a military escort, the fugitives give the signal of alarm by blowing a tin horn. As its notes roll along the valleys a general rush is made to the forest rendezvous, from which they not unfrequently sally forth and attack the cavalry and conscript officers, who are sure to get the worst of it, as the pursuit of the fugitives over fences and through woods is impossible. My informant states several instances which came under his own eye, of rebel cavalry being attacked and put to flight by these fugitives. During three days' journey in a portion of Alabama he heard the deserters' signal almost hourly, and daily learned of more or less being killed on both sides. Vengeance seems to be the chief object of their temporary abode in the hills and woods. The darkey, it is said, is largely represented in their rendezvoused habitations, and when a fight takes place freely assists. Not unfrequently they issue forth and give the confederates battle in regular skirmish. They are the terror of conscript agents everywhere.

Jeff. Davis' proclamation, issued about the 10th of August, offering a free pardon to deserters, did not have the effect contemplated, except in very rare instances; and so great was the disaffection that in many cases the cavalry sent out to capture the fugitives and swell their ranks. When opportunities offered, detachments would make their way to the federal lines from their forest hiding-places.

The Disaffection of the people—Antagonistic Parties.

My informant represents the reports of the disaffection of the people of Georgia, Alabama, and other states where he has sojourned, as in the main correct; but they are very careful in giving expression to their real sentiments, owing to the severe punishment that it is sure to draw down upon them. To a foreigner like him they are more free, and breathe forth strong anathemas against the men who have taken the lead in the rebellion. The President is uneasily distrusted, and he comes in for violent denunciations from all parties—covert Unionists and rabid fire-eaters. All are anxious for peace—the poor for peace by a return to the old Union, the rich for a peace that will give them independence and not disturb slavery.

The confiscation of property for the use of the army is a cause for increasing discontent. That of the poor is indiscriminately taken from Unionists and secessionists, while that of the rich and influential is respected, except in cases where the government cannot do without it. The poorer class of secessionists witness the pillage of their homes, while their wealthy neighbors are allowed to retain their worldly goods, and the result is that they lose all faith in the government and its cause, and pray for the old flag. This partisan, oppressive policy has inaugurated two parties—the wealthy, who so long as their property remains undisturbed, are for war, with a hope that independence may be achieved and slavery saved to them, and the poor, who see in a continuation of the war the grim visages of starvation and death at their doors.

What the Rank and File Think of their Cause.

Walking through rebel camps, conversing with officers and men at their bivouac fires, my informant was impressed and surprised to find the embers of Unionism still smouldering in the bosoms of the rank and file. Nearly all would willingly lay down their arms and accept the best terms of peace attainable, believing that all hope, now that the original seceded territory is so narrowed down, has vanished of independence for the South. The same feeling is held by the officers to a great extent, but as they are determined to "die game," and keep up the drooping spirits of their subordinates by gross misrepresentations and expressions of continued faith in their failing cause.

How the Rebels Subsist their Troops.

To such a state of desperation has the South been brought that for many weeks previous to the battle of Chickamauga the army was fed on quarter rations. The soldiers are represented to be so starved that they care not which party wins, so long as they can get something to eat and a battle to them is a God-send, for, on the eve of one they are better fed, to encourage them to fight, while the hope of driving the enemy back and obtaining some of Uncle Sam's "manna" is a strong incentive to induce the soldier to deeds of desperation. When detachments are dispatched, however, on special duty, away from the regular army, they are never furnished with a ration, but must depend upon their ingenuity to subsist. They always succeed by indiscriminate pillage of the peoble en route.

The Soldiers' Families—No Correspondence Permitted.

The opportunities of my informant, for observing the condition of the families of the soldiers were ample. Wherever he went he found the most intense suffering prevailing among them. Thousands and thousands actually starve to death, or drag out a miserable existence upon the paltry pittance derived from the Government for the manufacture of army clothing; at which but about one dollar per day in confederate money can be realized. Bread riots are frequent, yet the newspapers do not mention them lest the intelligence reach their soldiery. They are not confined to one or two places, but are universally in every city and town throughout the South where the poor starving families can be collected together. My informant was present and witnessed many of these riots, which he describes as extremely harrowing to the feelings of the humane. To such an extreme are the families of soldiers driven that the women in towns and cities, as a last resort take to a life of prostitution. So general is this that the name of a "war widow" has become synonymous with a life of debauchery. All this is so carefully kept from the brave and suffering men in the field that they know nothing of it. The time has long since passed when they were permitted to receive letters from home, lest in them they would receive news that would wring their hearts and prompt them to desert. In a few instances, and but seldom are the soldiers permitted to write; but never to receive letters, unless the contents are first perused by others.

The Negroes and White Fugitives.

As the Federal army advances all the wealthy cotton growers and negro breeders retreat within the rebel lines, taking with them their families and negroes—a practice that calls forth strong denunciation from the interior inhabitants, who curse them as d—d refugees, who have quartered themselves and their negroes upon them to devour the food which they require for themselves and families. A southern refugee with his negroes is as coldly received as the Yankees, and he is given to understand that he is an interloper, who is no better than a vagrant. As an illustration of this my informant was in Macon, Georgia, where

The Condition of the Slaves

is represented as wretched in the extreme. They are never used as soldiers, and it would not be safe to trust guns in their hands, but they are employed as teamsters and upon the construction of fortifications. Their owners, in nearly all cases, are unable to feed and clothe them, and the sable fellows are driven to the most direst necessities for clothing and food. Stealing is the most natural resort in this extremity. They generally pretend to be in favor of the South and the cause of their masters, but on the advance of the Union armies they make their way to our lines, where they are certain to receive more humane treatment. The men are not a saleable article from the fact that they nearly all run away; but females are more reliable, and bring double the price received for a male. They are nearly all idle, as but few will work them on plantations and keep them in food and clothing. Hence they fall back a burden upon their masters, who in many cases own no other than slave property. In many cases negroes are offered free to planters for their keep, but rarely will they be taken.

The Siege of Charleston.

Throughout South Carolina the people seemed to be impressed with the idea that the federals could take Charleston whenever they wanted it, but not without large loss. They believe that it is not our intention to capture it untill after other victories have been achieved, that its siege is merely kept up to employ the rebel troops, and prevent the concentration of their forces in Virginia and the Southwest. The citizens had nearly all left the city, and none were permitted egress or ingress.

The Next Crop—Fears of Starvation.

Throughout the whole territory traveled by him no cotton is planted, and the prospect for a crop of cereals is very small indeed, as the territory now held by the confederacy is quite limited and unadapted to the growth of cereals. There is not sufficient in the country to subsist the people until the next crop is harvested, and starvation stares them in the face. No provisions arrive from Europe, but clothing and ammunition arrive upon every blockade runner. The people are much opposed to the blockade running, as it is calculated to depreciate the currency, on account of the high rates of exchange. While in the South he frequently learned cases in which the soldiers were so reduced for food they killed and ate cats. Federal prisoners at Belle Isle have been driven to such extremities of hunger as to kill and ate the dogs.

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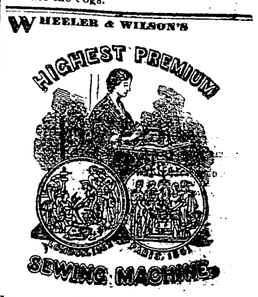

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