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THE SITUATION.

We confess to have spent many anxious hours for the last few days in perusing the various publications, both Yankee and Confederate, with a sincere desire to arrive at some reasonable conclusion as to our situation.

The telegraphic dispatches giving an account of the capitulation of Burnside, we are disposed to credit, from the fact, (besides others we could mention) the Federal papers all regard Burnside's position as most perilous and acknowledge that he is entirely surrounded. Nothing, save Gen. Longstreet's regard for the citizens of Knoxville or their position, can possibly save them from capture. In regard to the former, we are informed, that all non-combatants have left the place, and as to the latter, Longstreet will give it a full test before despairing of its reduction.

As we said in a former article, Grant will remain at Chattanooga, if Bragg will let him, but if Bragg and his cavalry officers have half the dash and spirit that the people and army possess, the long wagon trains and railroad connections will be but as straws in the hands of a giant, soon broken to atoms and rendered useless to supply the enemy with food and forage. President Davis and Gen. Johnston too, must be confident of their position, or why such large number of troops in other portions of the Confederacy still idle, yet anxious to subserve the interests of their country, and meet the foe in mortal combat?

The movement of Meade's forces in Virginia we regard more as a feint than as real, to keep Lee from sending reinforcements to Bragg, although the Yankee telegraph has advised us that Abraham 1st, has given it out that the passing two weeks are more pregnant with important events than any period of this rebellion. Suffice it to say we are willing to trust the management of Meade to General Lee, fully confiding and believing the hero of so many battles and of Arlington is not to be deceived and deluded.

The expedition of General Banks to the Rio Grande seems to give the Federals great glee, but we can but regard it as rather a marauding expedition that will soon get into trouble with French or other foreign nations, and end as all other Texas expeditions have ended, in disaster and defeat. Magruder with his horse marines, the first thing Banks knows, will capture or cut off all his supplies and force him ignominiously (as he has done some three times before) to return to New Orleans, and relieve his chagrine and mortification by issuing some high sounding order and magnificent programmes, of what he is going to do in future.

In our front, all things indicate rest for some time to come. The robbing of an occasional hog pen, hen roost or corn crib, may occur near the enemy's lines, but an extended raid we have no idea the enemy have the means to make, and are perfectly willing to play quits for the present.

VICTORIA AND LEOPOLD.—A rumor has originated in Belgium that the Queen of England is disposed to marry a second time, and the London press is very indignant. At the same time, while they pronounce it a "fool and dangerous calumny," they also state that fears about King Leopold's visit to England the present month. The advice of this "crafty diplomatist," as they style him, is said never to have been given to or taken by the Queen without "injury to her welfare and honor."

Attention is called to the new advertisements.

For the Citizen.

Mr. Norton.—There is now in this community a universal complaint of the nightly depredations committed by midnight prowlers upon hog-pens, pig pens and sheep folds of the citizens of our town and vicinity. These pilferings have been almost universally attributed to the troops stationed in our midst, but there is not the slightest shadow of a doubt, that the negroes of our town, who in violation of the laws of the land, have been permitted by their owners to hire their own time, and who being well aware that these depredations will be imputed to the soldiers, are the truly guilty parties in numerous instances. These negroes, emboldened by their success, and encouraged by the fact, that no attempt has been made to ferret out the guilty parties, have on several occasions broken open stables, securely locked and fastened, and killed almost under the noses of their owners, fine and valuable hogs. It is a notorious fact, that there are at the present in our town, several eating houses kept by free negroes, and as there is at present no market and but little meat or poultry offered for sale by the planters, it must be apparent to every one that these woolly-headed proprietors of these eating establishments, must have recourse to some means to furnish their tables, which it is said grow beneath the weight of good fat mutton, beef, pork and poultry. If the Lord Mayor, of this Celestial City, will not bestir himself and see that these violators of the law are brought to justice, let the citizens take the matter into their own hands. Let the proprietors of these eating establishments be brought before a Justice of the Peace, (of whom we have at least one fearless and independent enough to discharge his duty,) and let the extreme penalty of the law be imposed upon them.

If this will not remedy the evil complained of, let every house-holder arm himself with his double barreled shot gun, patrol his premises nightly, and let every suspicious person, white or black, who may be found there upon after night-fall, be treated to a load of cold lead.

It needs but a little vigilance upon the part of each house-holder, to nip this evil in the bud, for if these nightly thievings are much longer tolerated, these midnight visitors of pig styes and hen roosts encouraged and emboldened by their success, will extend their rambles to our dwelling houses, and robbery and murder be added to their catalogue of crimes.

We hope, that the soldiers who may be on guard during the night, will in order to clear their skirts, of the unjust and unkind suspicions which has in many instances been attached to them, endeavor as far as they can consistently with other duties, to detect and bring to punishment the guilty parties, and we feel assured that our energetic and worthy Provost Marshal, will render the citizens all the aid he can, to break up this regular and wholesale system of plundering and thieving.

HARVEY.

For The Citizen.

A TRAVESTY.

TO "WAVERLY."

Why must we meet so oft, anxiously, to part again?
Pain would I linger for you always.
But hopes like these are delusive and vain,
I have drunk deep cups of sorrow for many days.

Your words should sever us, dear Wave, forever!
And force me no longer with you to stay,
But can I forget thee for an hour? No never,
But am compelled to think of thee so seldom you are away.

Shall hope perch its brightness in my heart?
Shall peace ever smile on me again?
No! you seem so determined from me never to depart,
My heart is filled with bitterness and pain.

Farewell, great bore, since I am thus doomed,
May heaven protect and guide your flight,
Not till my soul departs and I'm entombed,
Shall fade the memory of the boring I received that night.

When you are away, in distant lands,
And midnight darkness turns to day,
To Hesperis I command thee, in whose hands
You will find felicity, I pray.

With another to look to for sympathy and love,
With another fond heart on which to recline,
I'll ask her, who will be as happy as the angels
that fell from above,
To cherish and comfort with poker and tongs,
that foolish pate of thine.

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CANTON, Nov. 28th, 1863.

A duel was fought on Monday evening between Col. William E. Peters, late of the Senate of Virginia, and Major John B. Harvie, with rifles, at sixty paces. One shot was exchanged without effect, friends interposed and the affair was settled.

SWIMMING.—The London ladies are taught swimming at the Marylebone baths, which are much resorted to. Some of the most active nymphs can swim half a mile without fatigue.

LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

THURSDAY'S DISPATCHES.

BRISTOL, Dec. 1.—Nothing further from Knoxville. Rumors are current of another raid through Greenbrier. The thermometer 24 above zero.

RICHMOND, Nov. 1.—The following dispatch was received to-day:

"ORANGE C. H., Nov. 1.—The enemy opened their batteries on our lines yesterday, and some skirmishing took place, but no attack.

(Signed,) R. E. LEE, General."

Passengers by the Fredericksburg train this evening report all quiet above. No firing heard in the direction of Mountain Run.

A party of ladies and gentlemen went down the river to-day, on the steamer Shultz, to visit French steamer Grenada.

Members of Congress are arriving daily. On dit, resolution (?) to be introduced in session produces sensation in the country.

It is understood that Secretary Manning approves the scheme of financial relief proposed by the convention of bankers at Augusta, and will probably be introduced to the attention of Congress.

The Virginia Legislature meets on next Monday.

ORANGE C. H., Dec. 1.—Our artillery opened on enemy's lines yesterday morning with spirit and they replied promptly. The duel was kept up during the day with occasional infantry skirmishing.

The enemy have thrown up breast works and moved little on right last night. But little shelling or skirmishing to-day. One hundred and twenty-seven prisoners sent forward exclusive of those captured by Mosby and Rasser. Capt. Raines of Lynchburg killed yesterday. Our loss slight.

The shelling at Charleston continues, sixteen shells thrown into the city. Several buildings struck and one woman wounded. Quite a lively duel kept up between Gregg and batteries on James Island.

The Richmond papers of the 2nd inst., mention report that Bragg has been relieved at his own request. Hardee was tendered his place but declined the responsibility and Johnston assigned to the command. This is however not official. Nothing further of interest.

DALTON, Dec. 2.—Gen. Bragg has been relieved of the command of the army of Tennessee, by his own request, and Gen. Hardee takes command for the present. The enemy has been forced back beyond Chickamauga. Grant, Thomas and Hooker were present at the battle of Ringgold, where Gen. Cleburn inflicted a terrible loss on them. It is now estimated that their loss was more than 2000. Finding Bragg's army not routed, nor demoralized, they retreated to Chickamauga, and utterly destroyed Ringgold, and railroad. Nothing from Longstreet.

ATLANTA, Dec. 2.—Special dispatch to intelligencer, says the enemy entrenched at Chickamauga. They crossed two divisions over Tennessee river at Cotton Port and one at Kingston.—Wheeler left Knoxville on Tuesday last. Our lines 250 yards from enemy's breast-works. Longstreet in fine spirits, and expects the enemy daily to surrender, and had fortified the hills across the Holston commanding Knoxville. Reported surrender of Burnside believed, though not officially confirmed. The enemy hold Cleveland and are advancing on Charleston.

RICHMOND, Dec. 2.—Special to Sentinel from Orange C. H., says our cavalry made a successful attack on Gregg's division in rear of Meade's army, on the 29th ult., capturing Federal camp with 110 prisoners, and a number of wagons, and killed and wounded many of the enemy.

ORANGE C. H., Dec. 2.—Enemy still making show of force in our front but are believed to be falling back down the Rapidan, for the purpose of recrossing without fight or going to Fredericksburg.

ATLANTA, Dec. 2. Lieut. Martin of Cobb's Legion left Longstreet's command on last Saturday at 12 M. Division under Bushrod Johnson joined Longstreet. A portion of Longstreet's forces north side of Holston river. Knoxville completely surrounded. Prisoners and citizens coming into our lines report the enemy out of bread, some meat left.—The enemy burn houses every night to prevent storming the city.

DALTON, 2.—Special says Bragg relieved by the President at his own request. The band of 4th Florida reg't serenaded him last night, he made a speech (thanking them for compliment and said their connection would cease on the morrow. Complimented his troops and alluded in most feeling manner the bloody field he and his brave men had passed through and took sad farewell.

Gen. Bates was called for and made a most beautiful response, said harmony, concert and Tennessee would be restored by next spring.—Breckinridge and Hardee also serenaded and made appropriate speeches. Force of 15,000 reported to have passed through Cleveland yesterday on way to Trenton. The report from Savannah Republican that Col. Hollingherst deserted false. He is chief of artillery and behaved gallantly at Chickamauga.

Nothing official from Longstreet.

Latest.

General Bragg reports officially the falling back of Grant to Chickamauga, and severe punishment given by Cleburn. Gen. Lee reports officially the retreat of Meade's army across Rapidan. They crossed before our troops reached the river.

WEDNESDAY'S DISPATCHES.

DALTON, Nov. 30.—News was received to-day at headquarters, of the capitulation of Gen. Burnside to Gen. Longstreet.

Gen. Hardee's promptness and heroism saved the right wing, and Gen. Breckinridge made ineffectual efforts to rally his troops, exhibiting his usual intrepidity, and by his calmness saved a portion of his left wing.

RICHMOND, Nov. 30.—Meade's army crossed the Rapidan on Thursday evening and Friday morning, at the lower fords, German and Ellis', and after throwing up entrenchments, moved in the direction of Orange C. H. On Friday forenoon Johnson's division of Ewell's corps, engaged two corps of the enemy, eighteen miles below Orange C. H., and twelve miles above Chancellorville. The fight lasted until night, but did not become general until three p. m., when the enemy were slowly driven back to their entrenchments. Little or no artillery used on either side. Our loss in killed and wounded amount to 400 or 500. During the fight Gen. Johnson's horse was shot under him. It is believed that a general engagement will take place in a few days within the limits of Orange county.

Flag of truce boat arrived at City Point, this morning. The Baltimore American of the 28th, evening edition, says that Gen. Grant telegraphed Halleck, from Chattanooga, Nov. 27th p. m.: "I am just in from the front. Route of the enemy most complete. Hundreds of wagons, caissons and occasionally pieces of artillery every where to be found.

I think Bragg's loss will reach fully sixty pieces of artillery. Large number of prisoners have fallen into our hands, and pursuit will continue to Redelay in the morning, for which place I start in a few hours."

A dispatch from Gen. Thomas, dated 25th, claims to have captured two thousand and prisoners, of whom two hundred were officers of all grades, from Colone's down.

Telegrams to Cincinnati, Nov. 27th represents Burnside perfectly secure in his position, and says that Longstreet has not yet made heavy assault upon Knoxville but seems anxious to secure position for his batteries. A column under Gen. Wilcox is in motion for the relief of Burnside. Gen. Sanders died from wounds he received at Knoxville.

RICHMOND, Nov. 30.—The following was received early this morning: Orange C. H., Nov. 30.—To Gen. Cooper: No movement of importance by either army on yesterday. Enemy is in line on the east side of Mountain Run. This army is in position on the west side.

(Signed,) R. E. LEE.