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From Gen. Sigel's Army.

FAIRFAX COURT HOUSE, Nov. 27.—Early yesterday morning, Capt. Koenig, of General Schitz's staff, with eight men, left Centreville to scout on the Warrenton pike. When within one mile of Buckland, one company of Confederate cavalry was met, and for fifteen or twenty minutes the firing was quite lively.—The Confederate force engaged consisted of at least thirty men, and these Captain Koenig thinks he could have managed had he not discovered some sixty more mounted men within supporting distance. Discretion being the better part of valor, the captain fell back, but he was not harassed on his retreat. The Confederate loss in the skirmish was one lieutenant killed, one private killed, and three privates taken prisoners. The Federal loss was one man wounded and taken prisoner. The Confederate lieutenant and his horse were killed almost at the same instant, and both fell dead together in the road. A horse, rode by one of the 1st Virginia cavalrymen, became unmanageable during the skirmish, and dashed through the Confederate line, and ran far to the rear.—The man retained his presence of mind, and, though fired at several times, escaped unharmed; and by making a circuit through the woods succeeded in rejoining his command at Centreville late last night. This is the only skirmish that has enlivened the monotony of camp life for a week.

It is but a few weeks ago that Miss Buckner, Mrs. Turner, (her mother,) and Buck Bailey arrived here with the most unexceptionable passes. An investigation of their effects, it will be remembered, disclosed a quantity of quinine and other contraband property. Today the husband of Mrs. Turner came up from Alexandria with a pass, but it was not current here. He has been detained, and is booked for the Old Capitol prison. Yesterday the assistant marshal arrested a citizen who had in his possession about a thousand dollars worth of government property which he had purchased from soldiers at a nominal price. He, too, will be sent to Washington under guard. Not a day passes but some important arrests are made by the officers attached to this department.

One of the scouts attached to these headquarters was at Sudley Mills a few nights ago, and narrowly escaped capture. He was in the house of a professed friend late in the evening, getting something to eat, when a party rode up. He mounted his horse and dashed off amid a volley of bullets. Soon after his return, the man at whose house he was stopping came in and made complaint that the scout had shot his son, and he was placed under guard until the matter could be investigated. The result was the exculpation of the scout, and the incarceration of the citizen.

It is stated by several prominent men from Minnesota that, if the U. S. Government under any pretense whatever, neglects to execute the condemned Indians in that State, that it is feared the people themselves will dispose of them in their own way.

From Fredericksburg.

AQUA CREEK, VA., Nov. 27.—The wife and two daughters of Dr. Gillespie, a surgeon in the U. S. Army, who remained at Fredericksburg when it was evacuated by General Burnside last summer, were sent across the river yesterday by a flag of truce, and proceeded to Washington in the Nellie Baker this afternoon. They state that the whole of General Lee's army is certainly concentrating in the vicinity of Fredericksburg, and that they are determined to dispute the passage of the river, and contest the advance by that route step by step. Bloody work must ensue whenever the army moves forward, which it shortly must, and a long train of pontoons has arrived, just five days behind time. If what leading Generals tell me is true, and I doubt them not, the mistake of this campaign, thus far, has been in not having the pontoon train on the ground last week (Tuesday,) the day General Sumner's advance reached Falmouth. It could then have been thrown over the river at the most feasible point, and encountered the fire of but a section of the Confederate artillery. Now the shot and shell of a hundred guns will, perhaps, blaze away upon it as it is being thrown across the river.

The error should not be set down against General Burnside. He was promised it should be here upon the arrival of Gen. Sumner.

After the pontoon train, came that magnificent reserve artillery, composed of sixty pieces of heaviest field calibre, which we heard so much about on the Peninsula, but which did so little execution.—*N. Y. Times.*

FROM NEWBERN, N. C.—NEWBERN, Nov. 21.—On Tuesday, some four thousand Confederates, under Gen. Martin, attempted to drive in the Federal pickets and take that city. They advanced on the Trent road from Pollocksville, and succeeded in driving, after a brisk skirmish, the pickets a short distance. Some 800 of them then marched through the woods seven miles to capture two companies of the 27th Massachusetts and one company of the 24th Massachusetts, stationed at Batchelder's creek, on the railroad. The Confederates met with a hot reception, and were defeated in their attempt, falling back in disorder, and retreating at a double quick. Col. John Kurts, provost marshal, then in command of the post, was prepared at all points. Desertions from the Confederate army are said to be numerous. Fifteen came in on the 16th.

A FUNNY CASE.—An amusing case was heard before U. S. Hoyle, at Chicago, on Saturday, growing out of a strange similarity of names; Brown vs. Brown. The plaintiff, one James Brown, complained of the defendant, another James Brown, that he had taken a letter out of the post office, which was the property of the plaintiff, Jas. Brown, and in no way belonged to the defendant, James Brown. Defendant set up that the letter was from Buffalo, that he expected a letter from there, that the letter was from Mary Brown, who was his wife, and he had a right to take the letter and open it under this state of facts.

From Suffolk, Va.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

CAMP SUFFOLK, Nov. 26.—Our future movements, from this point, the knowing ones say, and those high in position also, depend greatly upon the grand army moves under the military skilfulness of Gen. Burnside.

The Confederates can't repossess themselves of this important military station. Prudence won't allow the publication why they can't. It is enough to know they will pass through a terrible ordeal if they should now attempt it.

Well informed officers expect no such rashness from them, and now being made secure, we look for our next onward movement. Shall it be Petersburg, Weldon, or Richmond, or the destruction of the grand railway connections between those cities at some intermediate and perhaps isolated spot; Gen. Beck has the immediate trust of the forces hereabouts. The Confederates have given us some exercise lately around, near the Blackwater, a very narrow, deep stream.

A RAID IN FREDRICK COUNTY MARYLAND.—From gentlemen of undoubted veracity I learn that a detachment of White's guerillas on Tuesday night last visited the town of Urbana, in the lower part of Frederick county, and seized the postmaster there (Mr Thomas Smith) and his clerk, (Francis Harris Jr.,) with the intention of conveying them as prisoners, to Virginia. Mr. Smith succeeded in making his escape, but young Harris in attempting to follow him, received a shot which took effect in the region of the heart, and it is thought that he can live but a few days.—*Balt. Sun.*

CONTRABAND OF WAR.—The following articles are not allowed to be shipped to Southern ports:—Cannon, mortars, firearms, pistols, bombs, grenades, firelocks, flints, matches, powder, saltpetre, balls, bullets, pikes, swords, sulphur, helmet or boarding caps, sword-belts, saddles, bridles, carriage-box materials, percussion and other caps, clothing for uniforms, resin, sail cloth, hemp cordage, masts, ship timber, tar, pitch, ardent spirits, cotton cards, military persons in the service of the enemy, and other articles of like character with those specially enumerated.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

The Galveston News says that Sam Houston made a secession speech recently.

Holly Springs has been abandoned by the inhabitants. A small Confederate force is there. The Federals occupy Hudsonville, seven miles north.

The Georgia Legislature has appropriated half a million of dollars to obstruct all navigable streams.

Petroleum oil, which rose so rapidly from twenty-five cents a gallon to a dollar ten, has taken the back track again, and is down, as reported to sixty cents. The rise was merely speculative, and somebody will make or lose a fortune by the sudden fluctuation.