

Look Upwards and Forward! After the deep depression of the last two weeks or more, our people begin to look things fully and squarely in the face.

We have neither the right to despair, nor the need to depend, nor can we afford to depend. To us indeed, doubts would be traitors.

No doubt errors have been committed. No doubt too much liquor has been killed. No doubt the right man has not always been in the right place.

We have had fasting, humiliation and prayer. That was all right and proper. But we must also work and strive, as well as fast and pray.

We feel confident that the water approaches to Wilmington, Newbern, Washington and other of our ports can fully be guarded against any class of vessels to which they are accessible.

Our harbors, then, can be defended against naval attacks. This bugbear removed, why not also against land attacks? We think they can be.

The moral effect of a stubborn, determined, successful repulse of the enemy at any one point against which he might aim a blow by means of a combined naval and military expedition, would be immense.

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Almost as soon as the alarm was raised the house was in a light blaze, and by a quarter to four, when we reached there, only the frame was standing.

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benefit of actual necessities at a time like this. We do not know the amount of his loss, but it is of those articles which is hardest to replace, and yet which must be replaced.

We would not have heard the precise loss in real estate, but it could hardly exceed one thousand dollars, if it comes up to that.

A CORRESPONDENT who does not give his name, although it is an universal rule that nothing shall be published without a responsible name, urges the building of gun-boats here and the casting of cannon and manufacture of small arms.

Some communications intended for today's paper are unavoidably omitted, being crowded out, as also some editorial notices. They will appear to-morrow.

THE BATTLE AT FORT DONELSON—GEN. PILLOW'S REPORT.

EDITORS APPEAL.—There is so much anxiety felt by the country, so much misapprehension in the public mind as to the results of the battles fought at Fort Donelson, and so much excitement among the friends and relatives of those surrendered, that I deem it proper to lay before the public my official report of the several conflicts.

The news about the Nashville is evidently mistaken so far as the date of such arrival is concerned. All the reports here, and evidently correct reports, place her arrival on Friday morning.

We have heard before that General Braxton Bragg had been ordered to Tennessee. The Asheville N. C. News of the 27th ult., says distinctly and unreservedly that this distinguished military chieftain has been assigned to the command of the department of East Tennessee, with his headquarters at Knoxville.

It will be seen that President Davis is striking at things in Richmond with a high hand. Perhaps it is necessary that he should do so.

We do not say that Mr. Pritchard's arrangements are perfect, but we do think that he claims no more than is due to him, when he asserts that at all times he has done his very best.

Only those who understand the difficulties attending the collection and transmission of news in the present disturbed state of the country, with the theatres of interest constantly changing, and with the lines of communication constantly liable to be interrupted, can appreciate the difficulties under which Mr. Pritchard labors.

Mr. Pritchard is not the Agent of any Associated Press. He had been acting as a leading Southern Agent of the "Associated Press," which had its headquarters in New York.

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wrote to some prominent party, and perhaps bring about a worse evil than that which it aims to remove. Now we don't think that Col. Shaw displays all the military knowledge or energy of Napoleon or Wellington, but for all that he is not amenable to one-tenth of the censure with which he is visited.

The frequent change of commanders, the want of a permanent responsible head, and a continuous system, seem to have been most in fault. Nobody appears to have stayed long enough to do any good.

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would neither surrender the command nor myself a prisoner. I directed Col. Forrest to cut his way out, and these circumstances Gen. Buckner accepted the command, and sent a flag of truce to the enemy for an armistice of six hours to negotiate for terms of capitulation.

Before closing my report of the operations of the army at Donelson, I must in justice to the officers and forces under my immediate command, and to the brave fighting men, make certain allusions to the officers and men I have mentioned.

In the absence of official reports of brigades and regiments, I am compelled to state the names of the officers and men, of whom I have mentioned, in this report. I may not be able to do justice to the different corps. I will say however that the forces under my immediate command were themselves most gallantly throughout the long and bloody conflict.

I speak with special commendation of the following officers: Col. James M. Hays, Major General, who commanded the right wing, and Capt. James M. Hays, who commanded the left wing.

Being mostly with these two brigades, I can speak from personal knowledge of their gallant bearing. I must also acknowledge my obligations to Brig. General Johnston, who assisted me in command of the forces with which I attacked the enemy, and who bore himself gallantly throughout the conflict, but having received no official reports from him I cannot give detailed operations of his command.

At a council of the general officers, called by Gen. Floyd, it was unanimously determined to give the enemy battle next day at daylight, so as to cut open a route of exit for our troops to the interior of the country, and thus save our army.

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