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From the Charleston Courier.

The First Year of the War.

The military operations of the war, during the first year of its existence, from the commission of the overt act by Major Anderson, December 20, 1860:

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December 20.—The South Carolina State Convention passed the Ordinance of Secession.

December 21.—Brilliant victory of Fort Moultrie by Major Anderson, United States army. He splices his guns, burns the gun carriages, and retires to Port Sumter, which he occupies.

December 27.—Capture of Fort Pulaski and Castle Pinckney by the South Carolina troops. Capt. Coates' gun renders the reverse cutter Aiken.

January 3.—Capture of Fort Pulaski by the Savannah troops.

January 2.—The Arsenal at Mount Vernon, Alabama, with 20,000 stand of arms, seized by the Alabama troops.

January 4.—Fort Morgan, in Mobile bay, taken by the Alabama troops.

January 7.—Virginia Legislature met—Alabama Convention met—Mississippi Convention met.

January 8.—The steam ship Star of the West, fired into and driven ashore by the Southern batteries Morris Island, failed in its attempt to reinforce Fort Sumter.

January 10.—Forts Jackson, St. Philip and Pike, near New Orleans, captured by the Louisiana troops.

January 11.—Alabama Convention passed the Ordinance of Secession.

January 13.—Capture of the Pensacola Navy Yard, and Forts Barrancas and McRee, by the troops from Florida, Alabama and Louisiana. Maj. Chase shortly afterwards takes the command and the name of Fort Pickens commences.

January 15.—Surrender of the Baton Rouge Arsenal to the Louisiana troops.

January 16.—Georgia State Convention met.

January 17.—Virginia Legislature passed resolutions inviting a peace conference.

January 19.—Georgia Convention passed the Ordinance of Secession.

January 20.—The Louisiana State Convention met.

January 25.—The Louisiana Convention passed the Ordinance of Secession.

January 31.—The New Orleans Mint and Custom House taken.

February 1.—The Texas Convention passed the Ordinance of Secession.

February 2.—Seizure of the Little Rock Arsenal by the Arkansas troops.

February 4.—Surrender of the Revenue Cutter Cass to the authorities of Alabama.

February 4.—Confederate Congress met at Montgomery.

Peace Convention met in Washington City. Virginia election for members of a State Convention was held.

February 16.—General Twiggs transfers the public property to the State authorities. Col. White, U. S. A., surrenders San Antonio to Col. Ben McCulloch and his Rangers.

February 18.—Inauguration of President Davis at Montgomery, Ala.

March 1.—The Revenue Cutter Dudge seized by the Texas authorities.

March 3.—Gen. Beauregard assumes command of the troops besieging Fort Sumter.

March 11.—Fort Brown, in Texas, surrendered by Capt. Hill to the Texas Commissioners.

April 12.—Battle of Fort Sumter. Brilliant victory gained by General Beauregard and the South Carolina troops. After thirty-four hours bombardment the Fort surrendered to the Confederate States.

April 14.—Eremination of Fort Sumter by Major Anderson and his command.

April 15.—Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, issues a proclamation for 75,000 volunteers to put down the "Southern rebellion."

April 15.—Col. Revere, U. S. A., surrenders Fort Bliss, near El Paso, to Col. J. W. McGrath, the Texas commissioners.

April 15.—Seizure of the North Carolina Forts and the Fayetteville Arsenal by the State troops.

April 17.—General Fremont issues a proclamation in secret session passed the Ordinance of Secession.

April 18.—Capture of the steam ship Star of the West by Col. Van Dorn, U. S. A.

April 19.—The Baltimore massacre. The citizens of Baltimore attack with missiles the Northern mercenaries passing through their city, en route for the South. The Massachusetts regiment fires on the people, and many are killed. The mercenaries are also shot. Great excitement follows, and the Maryland troops proceed to burn the railroad bridges and wreck the tracks.

April 20.—Capture of the Federal army at Indiana, Texas, by Col. Van Dorn, Confederate States army. The Federal officers released on parole.

April 20.—Attempted destruction of the Norfolk Navy Yard by the Federal authorities. The works set on fire, and several war ships sentinels and sunk. The Federal troops retreated to Fortress Monroe. The Navy Yard subsequently occupied by the Virginians.

April 20.—Harper's Ferry evacuated by the Federal army.

April 23.—Fort Smith, Arkansas, captured by the Arkansas troops under Col. Solon Borland.

May 6.—The Alabama Convention passes the Ordinance of Secession.

May 6.—The blockade of Virginia commenced.

May 10.—Baltimore occupied by a large body of Federal troops under Gen. E. F. Butler.

May 10.—A body of 5000 Federal volunteers, under Capt. Lyon, United States Army, surrounded the encampment of 800 Missouri State troops, near St. Louis, and obliged them to surrender.

May 10.—The St. Louis massacre. The German volunteers, under Col. Francis P. Blair, Jr., wantonly fired upon the negroes in the streets of St. Louis, killing and wounding a large number.

May 11.—The St. Louis massacre. Repetition of the terrible scene of May 10. The defenseless people again shot down. Thirty-three citizens butchered in cold blood.

May 11.—The blockade of Charleston harbor commenced by the U. S. steamer Niagara.

May 12.—First Attack on the Virginia Batteries at York Point (see York Point), by the U. S. steamer Monocle, aided by the steamer Minnesota. The assailants driven off with loss. No one hurt on the Virginia side.

May 20.—The North Carolina Convention assembled and passed the Ordinance of Secession.

May 24.—Alexandria, Va., occupied by 5000 Federal troops, the Virginians having retreated. Killing of Col. Elihu with the heroic Jacob.

May 24.—Battalion of the 1st Battalion, 1st Virginia Cavalry, under General James W. Johnson, takes Fortress Monroe, taken by the Federals.

May 27.—New Orleans and Mobile blockaded.

May 29.—President Davis arrives in Richmond.

May 29.—Flight at Fairfax Court House between a company of United States cavalry and a Virginia company; the gallant Captain Marr killed; several Federal troops killed, wounded and taken prisoners.

June 4, 5.—Engagement at Aquia Creek between the Virginians and the United States steamers Wabash, Atlanta and Thomas Freeborn. The enemy withdrew, greatly damaged.

June 5.—Battle of the Pig's Point Battery, between the Confederate troops and the U. S. steamer Harry Lane, resulting in the discomfiture of the enemy. The Harry Lane badly holed.

June 10.—Battle of Great Bethel, near New Yorktown, Va. The splendid victory was gained by eleven hundred North Carolinians and Virginians, commanded by Col. J. S. Head and Brigadier General Patterson. The Federal troops, attacking the fortifications at Bethel, were driven back, pursued to Hampton Roads, and driven off with loss. They confess thirty killed and one hundred wounded.

June 12.—Gen. Jackson, of Missouri, issues a proclamation, calling the people of that state to arms. He commands the troops at Jefferson City, burning the bridges on the road to St. Louis and the East.

June 15.—Harper's Ferry evacuated by General Joseph E. Johnson and the Confederate troops.

June 16.—Skirmish at Vienna, Va., between Col. Gregg's South Carolina Regiment and the Fifth Ohio Regiment. The enemy routed, with a loss of several killed.

June 16.—Flight near Leesburg, Va. Federals driven off by Col. H. H. Hunt.

June 17.—Another massacre in the streets of St. Louis. The Federal troops fire a volley into the Recorder's office, while in session, killing many citizens.

June 17.—Battle at Kansas City between 1200 Missourians, under Col. Kelly, and 1300 Federals. The latter defeated.

June 18.—Battle of Bonniville, Mo. The Missourians, under Gov. Jackson and Gen. Price, defeated by a superior force of the enemy, commanded by Gen. Lyon.

June 19.—Serious fight at New Creek, near Romney, Va. Col. Vaughan, with a body of Virginians and Tennesseans, beat off a body of Federals, killing a number. No Confederate killed.

June 24.—Flight in Lancaster county, Va. A force of Federal marauders lands on the shore of the James River and committed depredations. They are driven off and several killed by a company of Virginians.

June 25.—Batts in Milwaukee, (Wisconsin) in consequence of the denunciation of bank money, caused by the Federals.

June 26.—Brilliant affair near Romney, Va. Captain Wright and a party of the Federals, accompanied with a handful of followers, cut up sixty-five or sixty of the enemy; the Ashby's fighting half a dozen Hessians each at the same moment. Captain Dick Ashby mortally wounded.

June 26.—Engagement at Mathias Point, between the Confederate troops and the United States steamer Freeborn. Captain Ward, of the Freeborn, killed. Marshal Karpis, of Baltimore, arrested by order of the Lincoln Government, and incarcerated in Fort McHenry.

June 28.—Skirmish near Alexandria, Sergeant Hanes, of Richmond killed.

June 29.—Extraordinary exploit of Colonel Thomas, of Maryland. Disguised as a French lady, he takes passage on the steamer St. Nicholas, from Baltimore to Washington. During the voyage he throws off his disguise, and in command of the crew, takes possession of the steamer. Coming down the bay he captured three priests and takes the whole fleet into Fredericksburg in triumph.

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