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

December 20.—Sudden evacuation of Fort Moultrie by Major Anderson, United States Army. He spikes the guns, burns the gun carriages, and retreats to Fort Sumter, which he occupies.

January 7.—Capture of Fort Moultrie and Castle Pinckney by the South Carolina troops. Capt. Coste surrenders the revenue cutter Aiken.

January 7.—General Patterson crosses the Potomac with the Federal army near Williamsport.

January 7.—Seizure of the Baltimore Police Commissioners by order of General Banks. They are confined in Fort McHenry, and afterwards removed to Fort Lafayette, (New York).

January 7.—Blockade of Galveston (Texas) commenced. General Patterson's army and the Southern advance under Colonel Jackson. After a sharp fight the Confederates retired.

January 7.—Skirmish near New Port News. Lieutenant Colonel Drenx, of the Louisiana Cadets, killed by the enemy.

January 7.—Battle of Carthage, in Southwestern Missouri, between the Missourians under Governor Jackson, and the Federal army under General Selig. The Federalists badly defeated. Col. Gratz Brown, killed. Selig retreats to Sarcoxie.

January 7.—Engagement at Aquia Creek between the Confederate batteries and an United States steamer.

January 7.—Engagement near New Orleans. A United States steamer driven off by the batteries on Ship Island.

January 7.—Brush at Hatteras Inlet, N. C., between the Confederate and a U. S. steamer.

January 7.—Battle of Rich Mountain, in Western Virginia. Defeat of Col. Pegram by the Federalists under Gen. He Clellan. Retreat of Gen. Garnett.

January 7.—Battle of St. George, in Western Virginia. The Confederates routed and five hundred captured by General McClellan. General Garnett killed.

January 7.—Battle of Scary Creek, on the Kanawha, between the Confederates, under Col. Patton, and 8000 Federalists, under Col. Low. The Federalists defeated, and three of their Colonels taken prisoners.

January 7.—Battle of Bull Run. The Federal army attack Confederate, and after several hours fighting are driven back to Centerville, with heavy loss. Major Harrison, Virginia Volunteers, killed.

January 7.—Battle of Manassas. Decisive defeat of the Federal army, under Gen. McDowell, by the Confederates under Generals Johnston and Beauregard.

January 7.—Retreat of General Wise in Western Virginia. He reaches Gauley Bridge, near Lewisburg, and is assisted by the Confederate General Magruder, commencing his march down the York Peninsula.

January 7.—Engagement of Galveston between the Confederate Battery and a Federal steamer. The latter throws several shells into the city.

January 7.—Occupation of the Eastern shore of Virginia, by the Federal troops under General Lockwood.

January 7.—Skirmish near Ferry Church between the Virginia Cavalry, under Lieutenant Mason, and a body of the Federal Cavalry. The enemy routed with a loss of 7 killed and 10 captured. Our loss 1 killed and 2 captured.

January 7.—Bombardment near Peninsula.—Fort Pickens opens fire on General Bragg's Batteries. Bragg responds and a cannonade of two days follows, in which the Federal batteries are almost entirely destroyed.

January 7.—Warrenton partially burned by the shells from Fort Pickens. Finally Col. Brown, finding his efforts futile, ceases his fire. In his official report he gave his loss at 1 killed and 6 wounded. Several were killed on the spot. Bragg's loss, one man killed by the enemy's shells, and 2 captured.

January 7.—Cavalry fight near Vienna (Potomac) between the enemy and Colonel Ransom's North Carolina Cavalry. Many of the enemy killed, and 2 captured.

January 7.—Skirmish at Annapolis, Potomac. Col. G. W. Fields, Sixth Regiment Virginia Cavalry, kills four and captures fifteen of the enemy. Fields' loss, one killed and one captured.

January 7.—Battle of Dranesville, near the Potomac. Gen. Stuart has an engagement with a superior body of the enemy, and after a hard fight is forced to retreat, with a loss of over 200 in killed, wounded and missing. The enemy's loss even greater.

January 7.—Battle of the Alleghany, in Western Virginia. The Confederate Army, 1300 strong, under Col. Edward Johnson, was attacked by 5000 Federal troops. The latter was gallantly repulsed after seven hours fighting.

January 7.—Gen. T. J. Jackson destroys dam No. 8 on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, thus cutting off Canal communication between Washington and the West.

January 7.—Battle of Woodsville, in Kentucky. A large body of the enemy attack General Hindman, who had 1000 infantry and 40 pieces of artillery, but were defeated with a loss of 75 killed and wounded. The Confederates lost the gallant Lieutenant Terry, and a body of 100 men.

January 7.—Battle of Bardonia, near the Potomac. The Confederates routed the Federalists, and captured 1000 prisoners; 100 horses, 1000 mules and 1000 wagons.

January 7.—Battle of Opthotholo, in the Indian Territory, 75 miles Northwest of Fort Gibson, between Col. James A. McIntosh with four regiments and the Indian Col. James M. Smith with 2000 men. The latter was routed with a loss of 1000 men.

January 7.—Battle of the Indian Roads of the Confederate steamer Seabird, under Capt. Lynch, who attacks the Federal steamer Express, having the schooner shored in tow, and after a fierce fight, in which the Federal Batteries at the Rip Raps take a part, succeeds in driving the Seabird to the bottom, and capturing the schooner, taking her into Norfolk.

January 7.—Battle of Sacramento, near Green River, in Kentucky, between a detachment of Col. Forrest's Cavalry and the enemy, who were routed after a light fight. Federal loss, 10 killed, 20 wounded, 15 prisoners.

January 7.—The following table exhibits an approximation to the losses of both parties by the several engagements during the year. The Confederate losses are compiled from the official reports of the commanding officers, (when such reports are published.) Of course, we can only guess at the losses of the enemy. The Northern papers seldom publish the official reports of the Federal Generals, and the latter have generally proved themselves to be most monstrous liars when they are published. For instance, Picaeune states his loss at Bethel at about thirty, when it is a notorious fact that one small squad of Magruder's men alone buried thirty-two Federal bodies after the battle. In estimating the Federal losses, we have adopted the opinions of the Confederate officers commanding, who are sensible men, and upon whose statements reliance may be placed.

FEDERAL SUCCESSES.

Dates. BATTLES. Confederate Killed. Confederate Wounded. Confederate Captured. Federal Killed. Federal Wounded. Federal Captured.

June 3. Philipp. 7 20 60 06 16... 1000

June 18. Seonville. 2 20 60 06 16... 1000

July 12. Rich Mountain. 18 00 600 00 10... 1000

July 28. Hatteras. 13 00 600 00 10... 1000

Oct. 1. Fredericksburg. 00 00 00 00 00... 1000

Nov. 1. Fort Royal. 12 00 60 00 10... 1000

Dec. 3. Dranesville. 43 143 8 140 100... 1000

Total. 138 378 1240 80 307... 1000

CONFEDERATE SUCCESSES.

Dates. BATTLES. Confederate Killed. Confederate Wounded. Confederate Captured. Federal Killed. Federal Wounded. Federal Captured.

Feb. 16. San Antonio. 00 00 00 00 00... 1000

April 17. Fort Brown. 00 00 00 00 00... 1000

April 18. Fort Mifflin. 00 00 00 00 00... 1000

April 20. Indianola. 00 00 00 00 00... 1000

May 21. Fairfax Court House. 1 2 4 0 0 0... 1000

June 1. Aquia Creek. 00 00 00 00 00... 1000

June 5. Pig Point. 00 00 00 00 00... 1000

June 10. Great Bethel. 1 7 0 100 2500 00... 1000

June 18. Vienna. 00 00 00 00 00... 1000

June 18. Kawsa City. 10 20 00 00 100 150... 1000

June 19. New Creek. 00 00 00 00 00... 1000

June 26. Romney. 00 00 00 00 00... 1000

June 27. Mathias Point. 00 1 00 0 10 00... 1000

July 2. Haynesville. 12 00 00 00 00 53... 1000

July 5. Carthage. 10 20 00 00 00 100... 1000

July 12. Aquia Creek. 13 13 3 200 200 20... 1000

July 21. Manassas. 393 1200 50 1000 1500 1000... 1000

July 25. Middle. 00 00 00 10 20 00... 1000

July 28. Fort Staunton. 250 800 30 1000 1200 200... 1000

Aug. 10. Springfield. 00 00 00 00 00 00... 1000

Aug. 15. Mathias Point. 00 00 00 00 00 00... 1000

Aug. 26. Hawk's Nest. 1 00 00 00 00 00... 1000

Aug. 27. Bailey's Cross Roads. 00 00 00 00 00 00... 1000

Aug. 27. Cross Lanes. 3 00 00 00 00 00... 1000

Sept. 11. Spotsylvania. 00 00 00 00 00 00... 1000

Sept. 11. Lewisville. 00 00 00 00 00 00... 1000

Sept. 11. Toney's Creek. 00 00 00 00 00 00... 1000

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