

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS OF THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

From the Charleston Mercury. The Death of Captain S. O. Artillery, and commander of Fort Sumter, was the eldest son of John C. Mitchell, aged 27 years, an Irishman by birth, and of distinguished lineage. After a varied and eventful youth, he was educated at Columbia College, N. Y., and was at the time of the secession of S. Carolina chief engineer on a railroad in Alabama.

He immediately threw up his position, and with his accustomed ardor, came to Charleston and cast his destiny with us in the coming struggle for liberty. As second lieutenant, he fought the guns of the Summer Battery in Fort Mifflin during the first bombardment of Fort Sumter, and distinguished himself by his own valor.

In the defeat of the iron-clad battery, April 7, '63, Captain Mitchell commanded a Barbettes Battery at Fort Sumter. On the 10th July he was in command of the artillery at the South end of Morris Island, and made a desperate resistance to the overwhelming force brought against him.

In Battery Wagner, on the next morning, he again distinguished himself in repelling the assault of the 11th Maine. Captain Mitchell was then transferred to the command of the Artillery and the new batteries being erected on James Island; and for weeks during the siege of Battery Wagner, maintained a fire day and night against the advancing works of the enemy.

After the evacuation of the island, he was ordered to the field in Virginia. Capt. Mitchell was in command of the command Fort Sumter. His admirable administration of that command, has shown that no one could have been chosen more fitted for the post.

Capt. Mitchell was a man of brilliant abilities and shining qualities of a highly cultivated mind and strong character. With the cultivation of his mind, he combined a firmness of purpose and consistency that were rare in our country. He was prompt and decided in action, his mind in the most trying emergencies preserving its calmness and judgment.

His daring courage amounted at times almost to a recklessness in his conduct, and he was not without a certain amount of egotism. His energy was untiring and sleepless, and the smallest details were not below his personal scrutiny and attention.

His time of our deliverance will come, and Sumter will rise from its ashes, a monument to the heroes who have fallen in its defence. And the name of John C. Mitchell will forever stand conspicuously bright on that honored roll.

Case of Gen. Lee's Inaction.—History of the Rebel Plans. The Philadelphia correspondent of the New York World, writing on the 12th, gives the following "information" to that paper. His speculations about the Confederate force in Maryland are amusing.

As to the case of the inaction of the rebel raid in Maryland, he writes: "The rebel force in Maryland has been under the command of Gen. Lee, and the Administration, suppressed first by the surprise of the rebels, and then by the more and more obvious evidence that all that movement consisted in a mere display of force, and the humiliation consequent thereon."

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There was a heavy rain storm, with high wind, last night. The Philadelphia Inquirer of the 22d, says that Canby is proceeding against the enemy about Mobile, with a formidable force, and that the campaign on the James river is about to start with a fresh impetus.

FROM ATLANTA.—THE YANKEES SHELLING THE CITY.—A FEW NON-COMBATANTS KILLED.—GEN. HOOD'S ADDRESS TO THE ARMY. ATLANTA, July 26th, 1864. The enemy made an attempt last night to break our lines, but were repulsed by Cheatham, after a conflict of one hour.

During the day quiet prevailed around the city, the only demonstrations being occasional picketing firing. At midday the Yankees opened with shell against upon the city, shelling for one hour with some vigor. No notice of their intention to shell the city was given to enable the women and children to move to places of safety.

His barbarous violation of the usages of civilized warfare only enabled him to murder a few non-combatants. Most of the shells came from twenty-pounder parrot guns on the line of the Western and Atlantic Railroad, with occasional missiles from another gun east of the city.

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white of an egg, mixed with cold water, for every 100 pounds of sugar, after which the temperature is to be raised to boiling, and the syrup should be allowed to remain at that heat for half an hour. Then skim and filter, to remove the coagulated albumen, and the impurities it has extracted from the sugar.

It must not be forgotten that sugar making is an art, and that excellence in it is only attained by close observation and long experience. What was necessary for the extraction of sugar from the beet root, from which France annually produces 120,000,000 pounds of sugar, is doubtless required for the sorgho, viz: a thorough study of the various processes, and the selection of the sugar specially adapted to it.

A very large proportion of our people will doubtless be satisfied with the production of a good syrup, which they may obtain by following the process described as above, until the juice attains the required density. By omitting the lime water, an agreeable but slightly acidulous syrup is formed of a lighter color, but it is not liable to crystallize upon the presence of acid matter.

A cheap and good vinegar can be made from the syrup. To eight gallons of rain water, add three quarts of syrup; turn the mixture into a clean, tight cask, shake it well every day, and in a few days it will be fit for use. It will keep for a long time, and is a valuable article for domestic use.

The friends of Johnston complain that Forrest and Lee have not been sent to cut Sherman's line of communication; to do so for Johnston what he had done for Lee, and to take care of and save his army. Wheeler's large and splendid cavalry force would long since have cut those lines of communication had they been ordered to do so.

But General Johnston's one of the greatest military geniuses of our country, his intellectual vision and great foresight seen all the dangers, all the chances of failure, all the difficulties ahead, and who will never go toward so long as there is a single obstacle in his way, or a single chance of failure.

His wisdom and great accomplishment as a scientific soldier paralyze his critics. He is ever standing with his folded arms, as during the siege of Vicksburg, or retreating, as from Manassas, Yorktown and Dalton. He will never risk a battle until every possible advantage exists on his side; every possible disadvantage is guarded against; and he is ever ready to apprehensive men are rare in public life, for wholly wanting confidence in themselves, they seldom win the confidence of others.

In private life, they are more common; and hence we find that bold, daring, enterprising men, of mean capacity and little learning, much more successful in business than the meditative, the learned, and the well-to-do.

In fact, however Lee and Forrest have all the while been fighting Johnston's battles, and saving his army from annihilation. But for their splendid achievements in defeating and driving back, with terrible loss, the greatest military genius of our country, the result would have been a different one.

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