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KEEPING UP THE FORCE OF OUR ARMY.

A subject of vital importance, to which the prompt and earnest attention of the Convention should be paid, is that of guarding against the diminution of North Carolina's Force in the field, by the expiration of the term of service of her twelve months volunteers.

Again, the fact of our preparing to keep up our forces in their present, if not greater numbers, until an honorable peace is secured, will fall heavily upon the Yankee heart, and add vastly to the numbers of those who already wish peace, because they have daily evidence that the subjugation of the South is becoming more and more an absurdity.

ELECTION OF SENATORS.

It will be seen that Messrs. R. M. T. Hunter and Wm. Ballard Preston have been elected by the Virginia Legislature to the Senate of the Confederate Congress.

JONATHAN WONT FEED SAMBO.

The following is an extract from a letter from a highly respectable and intelligent gentleman in Savannah to his friend in this city.

YANKEE EXULTATION.

The Yankees are crowing with a forty cock power over their aim victory over our forces at Somerset. Swaney Bennett opines that it will secure an extinguishment of the "Rebellion" by May.

THE COTTON SUPPLY IN EUROPE—HOW LONG IT WILL LAST.

Commenting on the news brought by the Arabia, the New York Herald says:

The foreign news received yesterday by the Arabia had a favorable influence upon the cotton market. Holders asked one cent per pound advance over previous quotations, while sales were quite limited.

From the above it will be perceived that on the 27th of December last, there remained on hand in Europe, (says the Lynchburg Virginian of the 25th), scarcely more than one-half the supply of American cotton that was held at the corresponding period of the year preceding.

The "Calcutta Englishman," which may be received as good authority upon the subject, intimates that the low estimate placed upon the value of Indian cotton, as evinced in the difference existing in the market between the price of it and American cotton, will not induce an increase in the cultivation.

The clearing, leveling and preparing the land would scarcely be done under \$110 an acre, and the subsequent weeding and hoeing, with out which the plant would not thrive in a newly turned soil, would further increase the cultivator's outlay by at least another pound sterling.

This statement, put forth by an organ of the British Government in India, and designed, doubtless, to have an effect upon the Home Government and people, indicates pretty clearly that they cannot rely upon India for a supply of that indispensable article which now controls the commerce of the world.

THE BURNSIDE FLEET.

The movements of the Burnside Fleet are as mysterious as those of the Flying Dutchman. It is reported as here to-day and gone to-morrow. On Monday we had two reports in Raleigh. In the morning it was reported that 150 vessels were in Pamlico Sound, and 25 lying off the bar; and in the afternoon, another report said that there were no vessels in the Sound, but 26 were outside.

MAJOR H. A. GILLIAM.

The many friends of this gentleman will rejoice to learn that he arrived in a flag of truce steamer in Norfolk on Saturday, after a sojourn of some months, in duress vile, with the Yankees.

GOOD NEWS FROM ABROAD.

Our readers will see by the news brought by the last steamer from England that the probabilities of our speedy recognition as a Sovereign Nation are very strong indeed.

JOE SEGAR.

The Yankee House of Representatives has decided that the redoubtable Joe Segar is not entitled to a seat in that body.

WAKE RANGERS.

We learn that this Company organized on Saturday last by electing the following officers:

- R. S. Tucker, Captain. T. J. Utley, 1st Lieut. G. J. Allison, 2nd Lieut. W. W. Clements, 2nd Lieut.

We learn that this Corps will take a few more good, reliable men, &c.

THE STONE BLOCKADE.

The Boston Courier, one of the most respectable as well as able journals in New England, and a paper which never has joined the hue and cry of the Northern demons against the South, has the following very sharp article on the stone blockade:

"The criticism which the plan of choking up the harbor of Charleston is subjected by the London Economist, with which we prore other foreign journals coincide, deserves much more than transient consideration.

"We hold with Scipio, not with Cato. But even the purpose of the cruel old Roman was nothing to this. A hostile or rebellious city, destroyed by ordinary means, may be rebuilt, and be to other generations, if not more, the seat of comfort, property and happiness.

IMPORTANT MILITARY CHANGE.

The Richmond Dispatch has reliable authority for making the following statement: General Beauregard, the distinguished officer of the Army of the Potomac, takes command of the Army at Columbus, Ky., and General Gustavus W. Smith succeeds him in the position he has so long and acceptably occupied.

WESTERN VIRGINIA.—The following resolution has been adopted by the Provisional Congress and will be communicated to the Governor of Virginia:

"Resolved, That Congress hereby approves of the resolutions passed by the Legislature of Virginia, expressing her determination to vindicate the integrity of her ancient boundary, and pledges all the resources of the Confederacy to uphold her determination.

A fire occurred in Memphis, Tenn., on the 22nd inst., on the Southside of Court Square, destroying three houses valued at \$10,000.

Messrs. R. M. T. Hunter and Wm. Ballard Preston, have been elected by the Legislature of Virginia Senators from that State to the Confederate Congress. Mr. Hunter being now Secretary of State of the Confederate Government, his election to the Senate will occasion a vacancy in the Cabinet.

A private letter from Charleston states that the Federal succeeded in sinking five of their stone-laden vessels in the channel of that harbor on the 22nd inst.

The Savannah Republican says that the statement that the Federal vessels had gone up Broad river is incorrect.

The Washington Congress has refused to admit Joseph Segar, of Old Point Comfort, Va., to a seat in that body. Served the traitor right.

John Hughes, from Virginia, aged about forty years, who had been in trade, was found dead on Monday night, the 13th inst., in a grog shop in Salisbury, N. C.

IMPORTANT FROM RICHMOND.

The War correspondent of the Savannah Republican, whose statements and opinions hitherto have always proved just and well founded, writing from Richmond, on the 20th inst., gives us the following interesting information:

I should have written you before this, but for the reason that I desired first to procure reliable information in regard to a matter of great public concern. I am glad to have it in my power now to say, that that day is beginning to break in the east.

It is also said, and I think truly, that an intimation was given to our Government some weeks ago, to the effect that the British and French Governments, were favorably inclined towards the Confederate States, and that they were disposed to recognize our independence at an early day.

There is reason also to believe that simultaneous with the acknowledgment of our independence, the blockade will be declared, by the same Powers, to be ineffectual and illegal, and as such, not binding or worthy to be observed.

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THE LATE GEN. FELIX K. ZOLLICOFFER.

The intelligence of the death of this noble and gallant man will be received everywhere in the South with regret. Though not a soldier by profession, he had many qualities that admirably fitted him to command.

"We manage to keep from freezing by having chimneys to our tents. Our fires are not always good, because it is rather inconvenient and troublesome to get our wood. Sometimes we have it hauled to us, but for the most part it is gathered up from the little fuel in being a soldier any way.

"There's a good deal of interest being manifested in our camp [Chatham Rifles,] as to the exact time when our twelve months shall end. The officers of the company were commissioned on the 15th of April, 1861. The muster rolls were made out, and every soldier was put down as enlisted at that time, by the direction of Capt. Love, the mustering officer.

"I have written enough. We are, as I've said, near Yorktown at this time. They say we'll remain here as long as we are during the winter, but we don't know any thing more about it than we do. I wouldn't be surprised if we didn't strike our tents to-day and pitch them before nightfall behind the magnificent entrenchments at Curtis' Point.

IMPORTANT FROM KENTUCKY.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 17.—The Louisville correspondent of the Journal of this city says the Confederates are driving cattle into the ponds and watering places on the route of the advance of United States army, and killing them, so as to render the water unfit for drinking.

AN IMPORTANT ENTERPRIZE OF THE RAILROAD COMPANIES.

We are gratified to learn that a well considered movement is on foot for a general meeting of railroad officers in Richmond, on the 15th of Feb. next, to devise measures for the maintenance of railroad from and such other matters as may become necessary, and for the purpose of promoting communication throughout the South.

"The late 'Little Giant' married a Miss Martin, of N. C. They had children. How many, I don't know. It's not important. It may be, say, it may be—that our Camp was named after little Steve, because his Ma came from North Carolina, and little Steve, poor fellow, is at the North now, and can't get away.

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ALTERED MUSKETS.

Considerable prejudice existed against muskets altered to percussion, and this prejudice is, no doubt, well founded in many respects. The balls so altered have been found to be dangerous, and comparatively inert.

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