

THE BATTLE AT HATTERAS.

This affair, so far as our forces were concerned, was characterized by the same determined resistance and manly courage which has been displayed in every engagement had with the enemy since the war began. God has given our men wonderful nerve and courage in every battle yet fought; nor is the Hatteras affair an exception. The enemy had over 100 guns of large size—64 pounders; and our men had 14 guns, 39 pounders. The enemy was 4,000 strong: we but 6 or 700! The enemy stood off out of the reach of our guns, but within full range of their own heavy pieces. This enabled them to rain down upon our men and forts shot and shell with perfect impunity. Whenever they came in reach, the guns of the Fort peppered them well. And with this great difference in men and guns, our garrisons held out for one day and a half! How heartily we wish that the members of the late Governor's Military Board had been under that terrible hail of shot and shell, passing, with our brave soldiers through that fiery ordeal. The people of North Carolina have no reproaches to offer against our forces at Hatteras, though it may cost them \$50,000,000 in money and thousands of lives to recover the loss sustained there. Nor have they time now, to fix the blame where it should rest. They must bestir themselves to beat back the invaders of our State, reserving for a future occasion a settlement with those by whose neglect this great disaster has befallen us. Forbearance to such offenders is but cruelty to the people, who have to sustain the consequences of their mismanagement, incompetency or neglect. But let no one be discouraged by the loss at Hatteras. Our cause is still a holy one; and all we possess and hope for in this world depends on our ability to beat back the Northern robbers who are endeavoring to subjugate and ruin us. Our success thus far has been brilliant—too good, in fact, for our welfare; for we were in great danger of becoming careless and feeling secure before the danger was over. This loss will teach us that the enemy is wide awake, and ready to strike us at every exposed point. Let us therefore arouse all our remaining energies and press on to the final victory which we firmly believe awaits us and our cause.

SWIFT MESSENGER.

The Fayetteville Observer relates the passage of a bill through both Houses of our Legislature to pay the 1st Regiment one month's dues—they being in *suffering* need of it. A messenger was appointed to carry them the money; but at the end of eight days after, no messenger had arrived at the camp, and no tidings received of him or the money. If its welfare soldiers have friends at home respectful of their necessities.

Salt.—This article of indispensable need will soon be plenty, and of Southern manufacture. We may have to pay high prices for it this Fall and Winter; but in a year from now there is reason to believe it will be very cheap. Manufacturers are being established at several places along the coast.

What is Cost.—The cost of the Federal Government of taking Fort Hatteras is estimated at about one million dollars. The loss of the Harriet Lane alone, could not have been much less than half a million. Can they not procure, pigs and chickens enough on our coast to indemnify them? Some body will be apt to get hurt when they try it.

The Rev. Mr. Grier, formerly of Wilmington, N. C., who returned to Pennsylvania, his native State, on the breaking out of the war, is said to be a chaplain in one of the Northern Regiments.

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