

From Charleston.
Correspondence of the Carolina Spartan.
The Army of South Carolina.

The following extract from a letter gives us a specimen of Camp-life, as it is. It is from a young man raised in this town and formerly an employee in this office.

CAMP OREGO, SULLIVAN'S ISLAND, CHARLESTON, JANUARY 12, 1861.
This reaches you, judging from the present aspect of affairs, some decisive action will be had by the "contending forces."

Since I wrote you, we (the Richard Rifles) have had a hard time of it. The night preceding the day upon which the forces stationed at Morris Island fired into the steamer, "Star of the West."

The firing into the steamer created no little excitement, and everybody thought that the "appointed time" had arrived, because everybody was fully impressed with the belief that Fort Sumter would open fire upon Fort Moultrie.

CHARLESTON, S. C., JAN 10, 5 P. M.
MAJ. W. H. THOMAS.—The excitement here still runs high. A despatch was received this morning from Norfolk, Virginia, in which it is said that the U. S. Steamer Brooklyn has sailed with sealed orders, fully equipped for battle.

From the Washington news of this morning it appears that the excitement in Congress is still on the increase. President Buchanan admits that Maj. Anderson needed no reinforcements, but at the same time he does not deny being fully cognizant of the fact of the departure of the Star of the West for Fort Sumter.

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DEAR SIR: I have been very much gratified on account of the lucky escape of the Star of the West. It is now understood that the Brooklyn and other vessels of the navy will join the Star of the West at Norfolk and come together directly to Charleston. But there is one fact worthy of acceptance—the people of Charleston are not to be terrified by war rumors of war.

DEAR SIR: Matters are still in an unsettled condition in regard to what will be the action of the Federal Government towards South Carolina and the other seceding States. The first reliable news from Florida was received this morning. Her Ordinance of Secession was passed at midnight last night, by a vote of sixty-two to seven.

Neither the Brooklyn nor Harriet Lane have yet made their appearance off Charleston Harbor. It is now said that the former will open her fire upon our fortifications, while the latter will escort the Star of the West to Fort Sumter.

A dispatch just received from Montgomery states that Alabama has passed her Ordinance of Secession this evening. Three loud, hearty cheers for Alabama!

CHARLESTON, JAN 13—5 o'clock p. m.
MAJ. THOMAS: I write you this evening to let you know that quiet, at least for the present, prevails in the city. The steamer Brooklyn appeared yesterday morning near the bar, but after sounding for some time she steered her course Northward, and was seen in the evening about forty miles off this fort, off Cape Roman, by the Nashville, direct from New York.

The general tone of Northern sentiment has undergone a virtual change within the last twenty-four hours in relation to the action of the Gulf States. The New York Herald of the 11th, is replete with suggestions of moderation and compromise.

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By dispatches from Montgomery of the 11th instant, it may be seen that the preamble, ordinance and resolutions were adopted by yeas 61 to nays 39. After the adoption of the ordinance the Hall was opened to visitors, when a splendid gift was presented by the ladies of Alabama, conveyed to the President's stand.

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FROM THE CITY OF CHARLESTON.
THE MILITARY &c.
The Ordinance of Secession was signed by the members of the Mississippi Convention on the 11th instant, at 10 o'clock.

TALLAHASSEE, JANUARY 11.—Florida seceded yesterday, at twenty minutes past 12 o'clock. Vote—62 to 7.

MONTEVIDEO, JANUARY 11.—The Ordinance of Secession passed at thirty minutes after 2 o'clock to-day. Cannon are firing, bells ringing, and the whole city is in a blaze of enthusiasm.

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 11.—It is rumored that at a dinner party last evening, an altercation took place between Gen. Scott and Mr. Toombs; the latter expressed the wish that those who ordered the Star of the West to Charleston, had been on board, if she sunk.

ST. LOUIS, JANUARY 9.—A resolution was unanimously adopted in the Senate yesterday, instructing the Committee on Federal Relations to report a bill calling a State Convention.

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CO-RESPONDENCE.
MAJ. ANDERSON TO GOVERNOR PICKENS.
To His Excellency the Governor of South Carolina.

SIR: Two of your batteries fired this morning on an unarmed vessel, bearing the flag of my Government. As I have not been notified of the arrival of the vessel, I have the honor to express the hope that the vessel was placed in the way of the flag and that the capture and return of the vessel Lieut. T. Talbot, U. S. Army, who has been directed to make the journey.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant.
Major of the 1st Artillery United States Army.
Fort Sumter, January 9, 1861.

THE GOVERNOR'S REPLY.
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
EXECUTIVE OFFICE, HAYNES BUILDING, CHARLESTON, 10th JANUARY, 1861.

SIR: Your letter has been received in it you make certain statements which very plainly show that you have not been fully informed by your Government of the precise relations which exist between the State of South Carolina and the Government of the United States.

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Ordinance of Secession.
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Clerk's Election.
Our readers will find in another column the official returns of the election for Clerk, with the exception of one or two precincts which have not yet been returned.

Lady's Book.
We have received the February Number of this popular Magazine, and find it replete with all that is useful, ornamental, and instructive.

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Our individual opinions are crowded out from week to week by the super-abundance of news with which we are called upon to fill our columns. The engrossment for the current news is, we take it, a good omen. We like to see them manifesting an interest in what is going on in the political world; and when once posted and properly informed, we have no fear but they will be "all right."