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The Aspect of Affairs in Georgia—Sherman's Movements—Our Preparations to Resist Him.

Judging from the newspaper accounts that reach us, the people of Georgia seem to be fully alive to the magnitude of the trial which has been thrust upon them. In Macon and Augusta the whole arms-bearing population is under arms. The bar rooms all closed, and everything has been put upon a strict military footing.

THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.

Governor Brown has issued the following proclamation:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Milledgeville, November 19, 1864.

The whole people understand how imminent is the danger that threatens the State. Our cities are being burned, our fields laid waste, and our wives and children mercilessly driven from their homes by a powerful enemy. We must strike like men for freedom or we must submit to subjugation.

Death is to be preferred to loss of liberty.—All must rally to the field for the present emergency or the State is overrun.

I, therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the statute of this State, hereby order a levy en masse of the whole free white male population, residing or domiciled in this State, between sixteen (16) and fifty five years of age, except such as are physically unable to bear arms, which physical defect must be plain and indisputable, or they must be sent to the camp for examination, and except those engaged in the Legislative or Judicial Departments of the Government, which are by the recent act of the Legislature declared exempt from compulsory service.

All others are absolutely required, and members of the Legislature and Judges are invited to report immediately to Major General G. W. Smith, at Macon, or wherever else in Georgia his camp may be, for forty (40) days' service under arms, unless the emergency is sooner passed.

All railroad companies in this State will transport all persons applying for transportation to the front, and in case any one refuses, its President, Superintendent, Agents and employees will be immediately sent to the front.

All Aides-de-Camp and other State officers are required to be active and vigilant in the execution of the orders contained in this proclamation, and all Confederate officers are respectfully invited to aid State officers in their vicinity in sending forward all persons hereby ordered to the front.

The enemy has penetrated almost to the centre of your State. If every Georgian able to bear arms would rally around him, he could never escape.

(Signed) JOSEPH E. BROWN,
Governor.

LATEST ACCOUNTS FROM THE ENEMY.

The Savannah Republican of Tuesday has the following:

There was a battle fought Sunday afternoon between Griswoldville and Macon, but with what result has not been ascertained. The firing was distinctly heard at Gordon—both cannon and small arms—and there is reason to believe the raiders were driven back by our militia, who are supposed to have been the parties to the contest.

Yesterday afternoon the enemy took possession of Gordon, just after a train of troops had left there. They were doubtless the same party of cavalry that appeared at Griswoldville the day before.

From circumstances we infer that Milledgeville has been abandoned by our troops and

also by the citizens. Probably by this time the public buildings are all in ashes, though nothing certain is known.

The enemy are also advancing on the line of the Georgia Railroad. At last accounts they were at Buckhead, seven miles this side of Madison. They were burning and destroying as they progressed. We think it probable that the entire space between the Georgia and Central roads is overrun by these marauding bands of cavalry, and that an immense amount of property has been destroyed.

Of the preparation to meet the invaders, it does not become the Press to speak. We have seen enough, however, to convince us that if Governor Brown can get out the militia under his recent proclamation, we shall not only be able to defeat Sherman, but to capture or destroy his entire army by the time he gets half way to the coast. The Government at Richmond is moving with great energy and effect, and we have no doubt of our success, always providing the people of Georgia do their duty by rallying to the defence of their homes.

Since writing the above, we have received the despatch announcing the arrival of Sherman's advance guard in the vicinity of Union Point, on the Georgia Railroad, seventy-five miles above Augusta. This is pretty fair progress, and it seems our authorities were not mistaken in regarding the movement against Macon as a feint.

We gather the following paragraphs from the Augusta papers of Tuesday:

The enemy's track the Central Railroad at Griswoldville on Sunday at about two o'clock, capturing a freight train and burning the charcoal works at that place, and destroying other property.

It is reported that an engagement occurred at that place between the Yankee forces and Wheeler's cavalry, and that the former was driven back. The number of forces engaged or losses sustained is not yet reported. It is stated that the main body of Sherman's army is concentrated at or near Clinton, in Jones county.

Sherman's march down the Macon and Western Railroad was a feint. His infantry did not come south of Griffin, but from thence crossed the Ocmulgee east of Indian Springs, and from thence is supposed to be marching to join the column moving down the Georgia Railroad. It is thought that both columns will form a junction near Sparta. Where their march will be from that place remains to be seen. It has been suggested that Brunswick is the point Sherman is aiming to reach. A few days will determine.

Milledgeville is supposed to be in the hands of the enemy. It had been entirely evacuated by our forces. Everything of value had been brought off. Everybody about Macon is in the trenches. The members of the Legislature, passing through, were arrested and efforts made to put them in the ranks, but all efforts failed, and they managed to get off. The track of the enemy is illuminated by burning homesteads.

OUR MOVEMENTS.

Gen. Beauregard was in Macon on Monday and will be in Augusta to-day. Gen. Johnston is also in Augusta. Gov. Brown and Gen. Dick Taylor are at Macon. The following paragraphs in regard to our preparations to resist the foe are from the Augusta Chronicle:

A large body of troops are on their way from the West. Some of them, we are told, will arrive at Augusta in a few days.

The Governor of South Carolina has ordered all the reserves in the State to rendezvous at Hamburg, in order to repel any attack that may be made on that side of the river, or to assist the forces on the Augusta side in case of necessity. A large force had arrived at Augusta Monday night, and some eight or ten thousand more it is expected will be on the spot soon.

Orders were received here Monday night to prepare rations for some twenty thousand regular troops which are on their way to Augusta.

Augusta, a few days since the great commercial centre of the Confederacy, now has the appearance of a vast military camp. The stores are being closed, and their owners are shouldering their muskets. Our streets are enlivened with the sound of instrumental and martial music, and the tramp of soldiery. Everything betokens a united and determined purpose of resistance.—Chronicle & Sentinel.

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SATURDAY MORNING NOV. 26.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE.—Rev. J. F. ROGERS will preach at the Baptist Church to-morrow (Sunday) morning at 10 1-2 o'clock.

We are compelled to put our paper to press this morning again without any telegraphic news. We can not account for it. Hope by Monday to be able to give our readers something of a cheering nature from Georgia, at last.

REPORTED FIGHT IN TENNESSEE.—The Alabama papers contain a report, brought by passenger, that Hood had met THOMAS on the Nashville and Decatur Railroad. After two days' hard fighting, the Yankees were routed. The rumor is considered doubtful.

A thick pamphlet has just been published in Yorktown, to prove that Presidents HARRISON and TAYLOR were assassinated by poison in the interest of the South, and that the mysterious National Hotel epidemic, in 1857, was the result of a similar attempt on the life of Mr. BUCHANAN.

REINFORCEMENTS FROM AN UNEXPECTED QUARTER.—Geo. BRAGG has left Wilmington with reinforcements for Augusta. These we are told number about ten thousand. These, in addition to those who started for Augusta from another section on Saturday, will make quite a formidable array.

MYSTERIOUS.—The whereabouts of the main body of the Yankee army is involved in mystery and there is not a military man in this city that can definitely locate them, in our opinion. We should not be like the lawyer, waiting for "something to turn up," but should "turn up something" ourselves.—Chronicle and Sentinel.

The Macon "Confederate" is gratified to learn, from the very best authority, that the Indian nations located West of Arkansas, are now true and devoted to our cause, and that they are almost entirely free from Yankee invasion or molestation. The Creeks, Cherokees, Choctaws and Seminoles are all in cordial alliance with the South and give our cause a hearty support.

WHAT THE RICHMOND AUTHORITIES THINK.—GOOD NEWS FROM GEORGIA.—RICHMOND, Nov. 24.—The Evening Whip has the following postscript:

Just before going to press we learn that the War Department has received information from Georgia of a highly encouraging character. We refrain from making a more definite statement of the facts as they reached us, we wanted in assuring our readers that the official advices from Georgia are as favorable as we could expect.

FROM THE GEORGIA ROAD.—Trains ran up as far as Greensboro yesterday. Passengers could impart no information concerning the whereabouts of the enemy.

One hundred and forty-six Yankee prisoners were brought down last from Athens. They were "gobbled up" by Graham's regiment, Texas Rangers, and squads of other commands.

There was a rumor in town last night that the main body of Sherman was progressing towards the Atlantic river. Another rumor stated that a body of the Federals was within sixteen miles of Sparta. We cannot vouch for the truth of either of these rumors.—We merely give them as reported to us.

Chronicle & Sentinel.

GEORGIA LEGISLATURE.—There was a general stampede of the members from Milledgeville on Friday and most of them are now at home or wandering about, studying out the problem how they shall get there. It is a great pity, says the Savannah "Republican," that so large and able-bodied a set of men when so near the front in time of public danger did not conclude to stay there and help prove their State, instead of running off to their homes. They would have made a fine battalion, and having just passed a resolution authorizing the Governor to call on every able-bodied man in the State, from 15 to 55, into service forty days, it would have been far more graceful for them to have remained and formed a nucleus for the new force.

In addition to the above Act, we learn that all the appropriation bills were passed before the adjournment.

Reinforcements are constantly arriving in our city. The air resounds with the shriek of the engine whistle day and night. The soldier appears to be in excellent spirits, and to enjoy the prospect of a fight ahead. The gloom which overspread our city a short time since has disappeared entirely. Everything wears a cheerful aspect.—Chronicle & Sentinel of Thursday.

The War News.

FROM GRANT'S ARMY.—The Northern papers have nothing of a positive character from the armies on the James river. General Grant was at Fortress Monroe on the 14th, but where bound for does not appear. There is some indication of a large fleet collecting and rendezvousing at Fortress Monroe. This may account for Grant's presence there. The despatch announcing his arrival there says "the double turreted iron-clad Monadnock arrived here (Fortress Monroe) this morning, and an interesting exercise with the small boats belonging to the naval vessels in the harbour took place this afternoon." Again, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy was there—all these circumstances going to show, in our opinion, that there is something under foot, and that Grant is probably called there to advise and consult preparatory to a large fleet being sent up the river to co-operate with him in a grand assault on Richmond.

FROM THE VALLEY.—There is very little news from the Valley. Sheridan's army is reported to be encamped at Kearstown, four miles south of Winchester. The Northern papers tell of a sharp cavalry skirmish. A despatch dated the 12th, says:

A cavalry skirmish took place yesterday afternoon between our cavalry, under Custer and Merritt, and the rebel cavalry. Acting under orders previously issued, our cavalry commenced firing back very rapidly when the rebels first advanced. Continuing to advance, the rebels came suddenly upon our reserve, when they were received with several heavy volleys and hastily retreated.

The object of this reconnaissance on the part of the rebels was doubtless to feel our strength and ascertain our position on the new line taken up by our troops on the 9th instant.

A despatch from Martinsburg, dated the 13th, says:

Important news is just in from Gen. Sheridan, up to midnight. The strategic possession by our cavalry on Friday, caused the enemy's cavalry, under Lomax, to advance against our lines on Saturday morning. A considerable fighting ensued, during which the enemy were repulsed with great loss. Gen. Sheridan then ordered Colonel Powell to pursue them in their flight; this he did with the greatest vigor and success.

He drove them through and beyond the Royal, and captured two guns, one hundred and fifty prisoners, several wagons and a large number of horses. Our losses are said to have been considerable, as the fighting was extremely warm for a short time. No infantry was engaged, but Generals Sheridan and Terry were both at the front in person, with the cavalry, and made very short work of the fighting.

The escort which came in with despatch from General Sheridan last night was fired on by guerrillas when just beyond Bunker Hill, but they fled when the fire was returned by the cavalry.

FROM HOOD'S ARMY.—Intelligence received from a highly responsible source states that Hood's army is in fine spirits and several times as strong as when they left Georgia. They are in excellent condition, with abundance of supplies, under marching order with Nashville almost in sight.

FIRE.—Last night, five car loads of coal were totally destroyed by fire, on the S. Carolina Railroad, near Hamburg.—Augusta Constitutionalist, 23d.

Sweet Potatoes.

50 BUSHELS SWEET POTATOES, AT 10 Dollars per bushel.
4 bushels fine Rice Peas, for table use.
Apply to S. A. BENJAMIN
November 18.

Negroes to Hire.

SPINNERS AND FIELD HANDS APPLY TO B. P. COLLIER
November 25

Bonds Lost.

A FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR CERTIFICATE Bond was stolen from the house of the undersigned on the evening of the 7th inst., in the District, near the Camden road, on the waters of S. Creek. I forewarn any person from trading in said Bond.
JEREMIAH BETHAN
Nov 14—51.