

NEWS OF THE WAR.

From the West.

NASHVILLE, Nov. 3.—The special correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune, from Washington, of the 28th ult., says Gen. Scott will voluntarily retire from his rank and duties within ten days, solely on account of his physical infirmities. Under the act of Congress, he will continue to draw his full pay.

President Davis, when Secretary of war, overhauled a long standing account of Gen. Scott which brought the latter largely in debt to the Government, but Cameron has recently recast the accounts, and makes it appear that Scott has never overdrawn.

Writing on the 26th ult., the same authority says that Fremont has been ordered to surrender his authority to the next in command, and Gen. Hunter has sent Gen. Curtis to St. Louis to deliver the order to Fremont, unless actually in the presence of the rebel army or pursuing them for battle.

Senators Chandler, Wade, Trumbull, and Wilkinson, at Washington, have been representing to the Administration the popular clamor of their constituents, who demand that McClellan or some one else shall immediately whip the rebels on the south side of the Potomac, in a pitched battle, near Bull Run, if possible.

From Western Virginia.

RICHMOND, November 5.—A passenger from Jackson River Mountains, states that a paroled soldier just from the Federal camps, states that the army of Rozencrans does not exceed eight thousand effective men, and that much sickness prevails among the Federal Army.

Gen. Floyd was at Cotton Hill, and a daily engagement was expected with Rozencrans who was only a few miles off.

A great flood is reported in the Kannawha River. The Salt Works were overflowed, and Charleston was submerged.

The News from Richmond.

RICHMOND, November 4.—It is here currently reported, that considerable commotion exists in Washington, and in the Free States from the rumored resignations of Generals Scott and McClellan, and Secretaries Seward and Cameron, and of other prominent Federal officials. A general Kilkenny cat fight seems impending throughout Lincolnland.

A special despatch to the Richmond Dispatch, dated Manassas to-day, announces that "reliable" information from Washington says there are but fifteen regiments of infantry, one light battery of 6 guns, and 1,000 servants, on board the Lincoln fleet.

The Yankees have fallen back to their entrenchments.

Southern merchants in Alexandria are forced to close their stores. There are said to be no more than 80,000 men in and around Washington.

A gentleman just arrived from Manassas, says that the Baltimore Sun, of Saturday, reports the resignation of Seward, Blair, Cameron, Scott, and McClellan. The probable difficulty grew out of the attempt to force McClellan to attack the Confederate forces.—*Charleston Mercury.*

From Wilmington.

WILMINGTON, Nov. 4.—Reliable information from Goldsboro' headquarters, report that the Federal steamer Union went ashore 15 miles from Fort Macon, on Saturday night. She had passed South of Fryingpan Shoals, and was driven back by the gale. She was loaded with horses, gun powder, &c. Very little of value was saved. Seventy-three prisoners were taken.

A small Federal steamer was seen off Smithville, bearing a white flag, on Saturday, but could not be found on Sunday.—*Charleston Mercury.*

From Norfolk.

NORFOLK, November 4.—Captain Milligan arrived this morning from the North Carolina coast in charge of the cargo of coffee that went ashore, and was bought for the army. He reports the gale as terrific in the sound and along the coast. Rockets, blue lights, guns and other signals of distress were made on Saturday night impregnate. It is supposed that two men have failed it may be said to *Mercury.*

The Camden Confederate.

J. T. HERSHMAN, Editor.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1861.

Please Take Notice,

That THE CONFEDERATE is to be conducted strictly on the cash principle; and all those who are not disposed to comply with our terms, will be kind enough to return it, with their name on the margin. Our terms are HALF-YEARLY PAYABLE INVARIABLY IN ADVANCE. We would like to indulge our friends in the town and district, as has been customary in times gone by, but the cash system seems to be the order of the day—and with ourself it is an imperative necessity. Every paper we issue, costs us in HARD MONEY the full price of the subscription, with a prospect of a higher figure by the time we make our next order. So we hope our patrons will give this notice an immediate favorable consideration—and make no delay.

The paper will be sent to all the citizens of the town—either to their residences or through the postoffice, and those who do not wish it will send it back, as above mentioned, that we may know whose name to place upon our book.

The publication of THE CONFEDERATE is in no way connected with the Journal—and the business of the same to be conducted separate and distinct from that paper.

Fighting at Beaufort.

A private despatch received here at 9 o'clock last night, by one of our citizens, says that at least seven Lincoln vessels passed all our batteries at Bay Point, and sailed for Beaufort. Some hard fighting was also reported.

The news contained in the above paragraph we received at an early hour this morning, from a reliable gentleman of our town.

Yankee Prisoners.

The usual quiet of our town was somewhat disturbed on last Tuesday, from a rumor to the effect that we were to be blessed with the presence of some fifty of LINCOLN'S demons incarnate. Since which time we have learned, from a reliable source, that the plague has not yet come, and that our atmosphere may not be contaminated, for awhile, at least.

Convalescent.

It will be gratifying to the many friends of our esteemed fellow-townsmen, Lieut. W. L. DEPASS, to know that he has quite recovered from a severe wound in the head, received in the ever-to-be-remembered battle of Manassas, fought on the 21st of July last. Although not really himself, as yet, he may be found at his office during business hours—from the fact alone that we have no attorney or magistrates, with one exception, to act—our other counselors having all gone on the same mission as himself.

Corrections.

In our notice of thanks to the donors of many articles received for the comfort of the Volunteers, our heading should have been, "Thanks on behalf of the Camden Volunteers."

The name, in the same article, of "Mrs. JAMES HARRISON," should have read "Mr."

Court.

The Bar and Jurors for Kershaw Fall Term assembled on last Monday morning at the Court House, but owing to some misunderstanding, as to whether the Jurors had been summoned, the Judge did not make his appearance. The Dockets for next Spring Term will be very large, having the business of three sessions to transact.

We understand the Judge will be here this evening.

VERY TRUE.—A business man of our town was heard to remark the other day, that a business which was not worth advertising was hardly worth following. True, every word. And we may add, that he who is not shrewd enough to see and appreciate the benefits to be derived from advertising, will hardly accumulate a fortune at anything.

The Merchants of Columbus, Ga., publish a protest against the issuing of Shipplasters, and refuse to receive them.

Dickens' "Great Expectations" has passed to a fourth edition in England.

BY LAST NIGHT'S MAIL.

From the Charleston Courier.

THE BATTLE COMMENCED AND ENEMY DRIVEN BACK—EXCITEMENT IN BEAUFORT.

BEAUFORT, S. C., November 5, 1861.

Yesterday morning, the steamer Edisto from Savannah, arrived here and brought intelligence of there being twenty-eight vessels of war off the bar. The steamer Cecile from Savannah arrived afterwards, bringing intelligence of there being some additional, in all thirty-two vessels of war.

Brigadier-General Drayton and suit left immediately for the scene of action, and you may imagine the excitement of the people—the steamer Cecile crammed full with freight, baggage and passengers for Charleston, men, women, children, and servants.

This morning at ten minutes past seven o'clock the first gun was fired from the enemy, or by our forces, I could not learn which. This continued at intervals for about an hour or so, then came some rousers which shook the houses and rattled the cups and tin pans, and continued very briskly for some minutes, until about forty-five minutes past nine. Since then no more firing has been heard.

The Gen. Clinch has returned, after landing stores for the troops at Hilton Head and Bay Point, and reports that two large ships followed Commodore Tatnall's little fleet in, throwing shell and shot at them during the chase. The Yankee ships continued the chase and were over the bar.

When abreast of our batteries, we opened on them, raking one fellow fore and aft, and disabling the other. They quickly retreated, following the old adage, "discretion was the better part of valor." I presume they have not again tried it, which accounts for no more firing being heard. They may probably try it to-night at high water.

A negro came up from Bay Point and says that the little steamers, under Com. Tatnall, fired well, and that the big steamers got the devil from "Masters battery."

FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.—Heavy guns heard occasionally. Some more negroes from Bay Point report Mr. William Elliot and Mr. Murdoch slightly wounded from shells bursting over the fort.

Where are DeSaussure's and Edward's Regiments and Martin's Cavalry? They ought to be here.

HALF-PAST EIGHT, P. M.—Heavy firing still going on. No news from any of the posts since 5 p. m.

Close of the Special Session.

COLUMBIA, November 6.—The General Assembly adjourned this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, after choosing the Presidential Electors, and authorizing and requesting the Banks to make a loan of \$300,000, if necessary, subject to a draft of the Governor.

The Presidential Electors.

COLUMBIA, November 6.—The following is the list of Presidential Electors for South Carolina, elected by the General Assembly:

- Henry C. Young, of Laurens—At large.
- Wm. H. Trescott, of Charleston—At large.
- Robert F. W. Allston—First District.
- John S. Polmer—Second District.
- J. Duncan Allen—Third District.
- John C. Hope—Fourth District.
- T. Edwin Ware—Fifth District.
- Franklin S. Moses—Sixth District.

Latest from the North.

RICHMOND, November 6.—The Petersburg Express has received the New York Times of Monday, 4th inst., and publishes from it the following statement:

President Lincoln has issued an order to the Department of the West, transferring the command from Fremont to Hunter, absolutely and unconditionally. This order is justified by a thorough conviction of Fremont's incompetency and of his profligacy and profligacy in expenditure.

General Beauregard.

The Richmond Dispatch of the 5th inst. says: With a view to allay any excitement in the public mind, we may state that we have information contradicting the report that the distinguished officer named above has resigned his position in the army. We are justified in adding that the feelings entertained by the President towards him are of the kindest nature and that any misunderstanding is in a fair way of satisfactory explanation.

THEY HEARD FROM.—THEY ATTACK HILTON HEAD.—A despatch received at Headquarters yesterday says: The enemy's fleet engaged our batteries for forty-five minutes at ebb tide, and they have gone out of range. Steamer was hit with a ball, and towed off. Another large steamer is aground since yesterday. Thirty-three vessels are now in sight.—*Oregon Mercury.*

The Savannah News of yesterday, speaking of the Yankee fleet, says:

Our latest points from the coast represent the Lincoln fleet, between twenty-five and thirty sail, assembling off Port Royal Inlet. They are busy collecting after the dispersion by the gale. Their point of attack is, we have to believe, Port Royal. It is probably they may make some feints on our island batteries, divert attention from their real point of attack, and we shall not be surprised to hear of a demonstration on our coast. But we are glad to know that they will be well accommodated at any point, and that should they attempt a landing on our coast, they will find a reception for the season. Try what port they may on this coast, they will find South Carolina and Georgia shoulder to shoulder to shoulder to them defiance and give them defeat.

BROWNLOW'S ARREST.—The Richmond Dispatch announces the suspension of Brownlow's Whig. The following has since come under our observation:

"This issue of the Whig must necessarily be the last for some time to come—I am unable to say how long. The Confederate authorities have acted upon my arrest, and I am to be indicted by the Grand Jury of the Confederate Court which commenced its session in Nashville Monday last."

He says he will give by taking the oath of allegiance, by giving bond for his good behavior. But what he will do neither. He says:

"In default both expect to go to jail, and I am ready to stand on one moment's warning. Nobly stand there I am prepared to lie in military confinement, until I waste away base imprisonment, or die from old age, stimulated by a consciousness of innocent guilt, submit to imprisonment for life, die at the end of a rope, before I will make any humiliating concessions to any power on earth!"

HOW TO DO THE REBELS.—The Indianapolis Sentinel says:

The Rev. J. T. Millen is making heavy—very heavy—war speeches just now. Down in Henrico county he spoke the other day, and an inigent and responsible gentleman informs that, among other things, he called upon God Almighty to damn the rebels, and, said he, phemous as we think, although we are a public and a sinner, "If he cannot do them enough, and quickly, let him catch me and the regiment I am about raising!"

THE YANKERMADA.—The Norfolk Day Book of Mondays:

It is understood that the Government has received information, the particulars of which are not given the public, that furnishes ground for the belief that the Yankee fleet were preparing to attack Port Royal in South Carolina. This said to be one of the finest harbors on the Atlantic coast, with but few natural defenses for its defence. It is thought not probable that the enemy may attempt to land toward Charleston.

Sped Notices.

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE, No. 2, A. F. M. A REGUE COMMUNICATION OF THIS Lodge will be at Masonic Hall, TUESDAY EVENING, 12th instant 8 o'clock. Members will give notice to govern themselves according to the Constitution. JAMES JONES, Secretary.

RAILROAD NOTICE.

ON AND AFUNDAY, 30 OF NOVEMBER, the Passenger Train will run as follows: Leave Camden 8 a. m. Arrive at Camden 4:40 p. m. The Passenger Trains on Monday, Wednesday and Friday will arrive at Camden 10:20 a. m., and leave 6 a. m. November 1. JAMES JONES, Agent.