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From the Augusta Constitution, 10th.

Sherman's Retreat Through Georgia.

Our gloomy days are gradually assuming the cheerful hue, as the real situation begins to be thoroughly understood. As we write (9 o'clock P.M.) it is fully believed that General Sherman, finding his way north entirely closed and a bold and defiant armament arrayed against him, has determined upon making a bold retreat to the rear, where no army of consequence could impede his movement.

In our judgment it is the Anabasis of Sherman. It is plain his only object can be the making of a certain and secure base. He must move fast and obtain his object speedily, or he is lost; unless the whole State of Georgia are cowards and pitifuls. In a state of war we must all expect to escape unscathed. Where the enemy marches he will leave his road of destruction.

Sherman has at once from his base—Georgia must set that he makes no other.

Forrest having destroyed his stores at Johnsonville, and cut his communication north, this movement has been forced upon him; and if our local and reserve force can hold him in check, impede his progress, burn and destroy in advance of his columns, long ere he reaches his objective point (the last he looks to), his ammunition will be exhausted, his horses starved, and his army an easy prey to fresh and veteran troops.

Sherman has many weary miles to march in obtaining his object. It is absurdity to talk about his making a winter campaign with no communication with his Government. How long will the ammunition he carries last? His retreating, sap-risteering! He will destroy as he goes, but that makes it none the less so.

The government is the mole in Anabasis, and like the Greek of old, he has only one object at least, and that is, to reach the sea; and as Xerxes's way and long suffering took him, sent up short after short "Thalatta! Thalatta!" so Sherman will gladly say "The sea! The sea!

The Atlanta Intelligencer, of Monday, says: We learn from a reliable source that Governor Brown's residence in Canton, Cherokee county, embracing his commandant dwelling house, kitchen, outhouses, &c., together with his office building, were all burnt to the ground by the vandals a few days ago. The officer in command of the vandals who were sent to execute the work they so rashly and successfully performed, allowed the family who were living on the premises at the time, only fifteen minutes to remove their furniture from the house and all that was not removed within that time was devoured by the flames. The same party burst the Court-House, Jail, Academy, both the Hotels, and about two thirds of the best dwelling and business houses in Canton. A force of some three or four thousand of the vandals were within a mile or two of the town, while some scurvy of the band were sent into the town under an officer with orders to burn the house of Governor Brown, the public buildings, and the houses of all who have been prominent Southern men.

It is now evident that Sherman has inaugurated a winter campaign and that Georgia is the field which he designs to desolate. A terrible crisis is therefore upon us. Every man in the State able to bear arms should rally to the rescue. In the hands of the military authorities, however, the defence of the State is left. We have no suggestion to make. What we have long looked for, is come at last. We have no censure now to pass upon any one, while we would urge upon every man in the State, the necessity of doing what patriotism and duty require of him.

From Gen. Beauregard.

CORINTH, Miss., Nov. 18.

To the People of Georgia:

Arixe, for the defense of your native soil! Rely around your patriotic Governor and gallant soldiers! Obstruct and delay all roads in Sherman's front, flanks and rear, and his army will soon starve in your midst. Be confident and resolute. Trust in an overruling Providence, and success will crown your efforts. I hasten to join you in the defense of your homes and firesides.

G. T. BEAUREGARD.

An Appeal From Georgia Congressmen.

RICHMOND, Nov. 19.

To the people of Georgia:

We have had a special conference with President Davis and the Secretary of War, and are able to assure you that they have done and are still doing all that can be done to meet the emergency that presses upon you.

Let every man fly to arms! Remove your negroes, horses, cattle, and provisions away from the path of Sherman's army, and burn what you cannot carry away.

Burn all bridges and block the roads in his route.

Assail the invader, in front, flank and rear, by night and day.

Let him have no rest.

(Signed)—Julian Hardinge, W. E. Smith, Mars Blandford, John T. Showmake, John H. Nichols, J. M. Smith, G. N. Lester, and H. P. Bell.—From the Chronicle of Tuesday Morning.

From the Chronicle of Sunday.

Reinforcements Arriving—Glorious News.

We are happy to be able to announce that our authorities have at length awoke, and aroused themselves to the task of driving the foe from the soil of this Commonwealth. Georgia is at last to be defended. A large number of veteran troops have already arrived in our city, and many more are wending their way thither. It was a welcome sight to see the columns of gallant soldiers as they waded their way through the streets.

It is stated that a large cavalry force has left Greenville, S. C., and is moving across the country in the direction of Atlanta—probably with a view of cutting off the Yankee column which is moving down the Georgia railroad in this direction.

We are also told that the wife of a prominent General who is at present in our city, has received a letter from her husband, in which it is stated that Gen. Breckinridge and the troops under him would leave Upper East Tennessee on Saturday, Nov. 12, on their march Southward.

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The SITUATION.—We are glad to note an increased feeling of confidence in the city. The whole available force of the community is under arms and ready, at a moment's notice, for the trenches. The enemy are believed to be east of the city, about 30 miles distant. The direction of their march is uncertain. They are reported to have a wagon train eight miles long.

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The Lever en Massa.—The Universal Rising of the People.

Gen. Sherman is advancing through the least of the Cotton States, and is apparently threatening the Atlantic and Gulf cities from the rear. This audacious and insolent Yankee is attempting a movement, so dangerous to himself as it is insulting and defiant to us. The time has arrived when the people of the South are called to exhibit their true character, and to decide the great question of their fitness for freedom and political independence. If they permit the invader to pass through the interior of the Cotton States, unscrupulous and victorious, to the seaboard, then they are the worthless and degraded inheritors of the liberty and independence won by the soldiers of the revolution. It is in their power now to assist materially the Confederate government, in destroying the Yankee army of this insidious mission and thereby re-open a large portion of the Confederacy to the operation of our civil and military laws. The issue lies with them.

In the wars of, and consequent upon the French Revolution, the invaded States of Europe, in the last resort, ordered the "Lever en Massa," or levy of the whole population, not engaged in military service. It comprised every person, irrespective of age, capable of bearing arms; and in Spain, during the invasion of Napoleon, even the women were a part of it. It was the determined, and religious sentiment of the people, invoked and employed, in the defense of their country, irrespective of organized forces. Its employment was, to harass, and destroy an invading army, by every means in which it could be effected. It turned every implement into a weapon—destroyed provisions and walls—attacked stragglers—repeated couriers—creeted prisoners—opposed obstacles to an advance—destroyed munitions of war; and in due, so harassed the enemy by the uncertainty and seducement of attack, as to produce complete exhaustion, disorganization, and destruction.

The time is come, and the danger is at hand, which demands the *very lives* of the whole of our population capable of being serviceable to the country, and not in active service, or detailed in duties, *absolutely necessary to the immediate exigencies of the army*. Let every citizen capable of bearing arms, irrespective of age, shoulder his gun. Let every exempt, or detailed man be claimed by the State for duty, until the danger is over, or his services are demanded in the army. Stop all impressments for the time being, and impress all impressing Officers, Agents, employees, and persons of like character, for State defense. Close all stores, offices, and particularly gambling and drinking establishments. Let the farmers be required for a while to take from their farms, a certain number of strong, intelligent, and able-bodied negroes, and oppose the line of Sherman's advance with proper obstructions. Let them, with their hands, destroy all Railroads and water tanks; impede all highways and roads, every step of his progress a disaster.

All this can be done and easily done, by patriotic and earnest men. Let the Governor at once, order the levy in mass, and the Legislature will doubtless sanction his action in the premise. Let the Legislature at once authorize this proceeding, and allow him to make use of our slave population in retarding the movements of the enemy, and in preventing the devastation of the State.

Prompt decision, and concert of action, may in a few days prevent years of desolation and sorrow. The crisis of our fate is at hand, and he who now dallies is a dastard.

People of the South, posterity will hold you unworthy of liberty, if you now prove yourselves faithless to the trust.

PETER THE HERMIT.

To Arms.

"Peter the Hermit" stands with watchful eye upon the outer walls, and rings forth such a clarion cry that we give it the first place in our issue of this week.

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During the past summer, our distinguished fellow-citizen, Col. H. G. M. DUNIVANT, was nominated in a Columbia paper as a proper person to fill the Gubernatorial Chair during the ensuing two years. Within a few weeks, he has been again nominated—in the Carolinas. Very soon, he