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SUBSCRIPTIONS BY THE WEEK.

The carriers of the Bee are authorized to receive subscriptions to our paper at the rate of 15 cents a week, payable to all agents to the carriers themselves.

WHAT IS IN STORE FOR THEM.

The most earnest observer can scarcely fail to have noticed the progressive tendency in the North towards an oligarchical and consolidated form of Government. Such may possibly not have been the intention of the rulers at the commencement of the war, but it has been the unavoidable consequence of the dimensial spirit, despotism, usurpations of authority which have marked the conduct of the Federal Government. It is of the very essence of power continually to seek a wider and a more tenacious grasp. Every innovation upon the limitations of law and the restraints of the Constitution which is suffered to pass unresisted, strengthens the power of the usurper, and facilitates a new act of tyranny. Thus, when Mr. LINCOLN first sanctioned the suspension at will, by a military officer, of the act of *habeas corpus*, and the people of the United States in their blind wrath against the South approved, instead of condemning that most dangerous infringement of public freedom, their folly proved a direct encouragement to the Executive to commit fresh outrages upon justice, humanity and right. The annihilation of the prerogative of being confronted with their accusers at once placed multitudes of innocent men at the absolute mercy of the tyrant. Hence the indiscriminate war upon all who ventured to breathe a whisper against the infallibility of LINCOLN himself. Hence the infamous crusade against the peace journals; and the ruin and imprisonment of their conductors. Hence the arrest of all who were amenable even to the suspicion of harboring friendly sentiments to the South, and the detention and imprisonment of Federal naval and military officers for daring to resign their commissions. Hence the war upon women and children, upon badges, and photographs, and toys. Hence, too, a hundred other equally disgraceful acts—not one of which provokes a syllable of expostulation or censure from a press utterly enslaved and spiritless.

To talk of State rights amongst a people who tamely endure or openly applaud the concentration of absolute and irresponsible power in the hands of one man, is to utter paradoxes. When men willingly debase themselves to the level of serfs, and cry Hosanna to the miscreants who are daily sticking from them every precious privilege of freemen, they have sunk to a depth of degradation sufficient for any experiment whatever on their manhood. It would be difficult to conceive of any measure—how unprincipled and despotic soever—which Mr. LINCOLN might prescribe, that would elicit condemnation, much less awaken resistance. He has got his subjects just at such a point of abject submission that his will is henceforth law to them.

Let the war terminate when it may, we shall be prepared to witness fundamental changes in the organic structure of the Federal Government. Four months ago the subject was mooted in an influential Northern sheet with a bold mien that was only less astounding than the apathy with which it was received. About the end of last May, when Mr. LINCOLN had just begun the series of illegitimate usurpations of which he has been guilty, the New York *Courier and Enquirer*—since merged in the *World*—deliberately proposed the obliteration of State lines, and the consolidation of every separate Confederacy into one huge national power. We shall extract a passage or two from the article, which was accidentally preserved, and handed to us by a friend:

"The war may soon pass away—we may have a quick and final battle-end, and the North proceed to reconstruct actually as well as in the form of action, unity and power that these events have given, ensures—combined—condensed—concentrated in any one party.

"It is the characteristic of the history of our times, that it proves to years the labor which was the burthen to other ages; and consolidation in the sudden reaction into one founding army of all the life-blood of the North—may soon create us with dismay, the question—Why all these State lines? Why all the needless, cumbersome, intricate machinery of different governors to make laws and to secure judgment? We can afford now to let the old colonial geography of the unlimited power of States within the nation that has been the source of all our trouble. Nor will the removal of State power, and the creation of a unionality, be a task so formidable as it has been done even in the instance of England and Scotland, educated as both by centuries of warfare.

"The conflict of jurisdiction over the border is settled; and the control of England is virtually one—with one arm of defence—one word of command for many and easy—one flag—from the Orinoco to Lake Erie.

"Let us tell the Doctrine of State rights is not an issue of our time. It must yield to the strongest possession of power—as we are now drawing and uniting the Union of other Massachusetts and New York—Vermont and Pennsylvania must in fact be in the Union. They are rooms in the same house, and in quite the same front door. Every consonance is wrested with the conflict of destiny. We would let these legislatures—all three—sovereignties. We are one, and to move as one.

"We need the guidance of one law making power, declaring principles, and regulating us by wise rules to all hope. The memorable sentence in the Federal Constitution, which secures the inviolability of contracts, is type of the rule. For all under legislation districts can easily be framed as in any city or county as at Albany. The North never before knew its strength. It indeed uses the end of this appeal to arms. It has the brain, the arm, the gold, and recognizes the rule of 'Our Father who art in Heaven.' This makes of us at once a nation."

From this it may be seen that as early as in May last the paniers to the Administration explored the public pulse, and felt whether it would bear responsive to the startling proposition to change the form of government. So far as our information extends, there was not a protest offered to the scheme. Indeed we have scarcely a doubt that this will be the upshot of the present contempt and infraction of all laws and statutes and constitutional provisions. When the war terminates, LINCOLN and his abettors will have a huge army to dispose of. It must be used to confirm their power, or it will spread anarchy and revolution throughout the land. The tyranny of one man, all things considered, is preferable to the hideous sway of an unruly and impassioned rabble. The people having parted with their liberties, will rather have one master than a hundred thousand. Perhaps the states composing the Union may still be permitted to retain their names and the shadow of their pristine individuality, but they will be like the withered flower, whose form is still preserved, while its beauty and fragrance are gone forever.

A VALUABLE CHART.—Messrs. Holtz & Co., No. 61 Exchange Place, have now received and are prepared to sell a hydrographical and topographical map of parts of the States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, carefully and accurately compiled from the U. S. Coast Survey—the topography from the plates on file in the General Land Office. This is certainly one of the most valuable and useful charts we have ever seen.

DEATH OF AN EDITOR.—We regret to learn the death of M. Prudent D'Arbly, editor and proprietor of the Avoyelles *Democrat*. He died on the 10th instant, after a very short illness.

We learn, says the Richmond *Examiner*, that the cartridge factory in this city, under the superintendence of Lieutenant J. W. Smith; is manufacturing cartridges at the rate of 200,000 per day. The factory employs 400 women and 200 men.

CHARLESTON, October 11.—The first case under the sequestration law was tried to-day. The jury returned a verdict against Joseph S. Tarry, of New York, as the case referred to.

SEQUESTERED ESTATES.—Since the 30th of September last, active proceedings have been instituted in the U. S. District Court of the Eastern District of Virginia, (Judge Halyburton) for the sequestration of specified estates held by alien enemies, touching in the aggregate to upwards of $500,000.

GEN. WISE.—By the last accounts from Richmond the health of this distinguished citizen exhibited no improvement whatever.

Thirteen sold to be not less than half a million of dollars' worth of oysters, the property of alien enemies, in the waters of Virginia.

The New York *Sun* was sold a few days ago for $35,000. Less than two years since it was sold for $150,000, and the net profits of the concern were $50,000. Newspaper business is not good at the North at present.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF ANOTHER TEXAN COLONEL.—Day before yesterday, just after parade, private Scott D. Smith, of the Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Regiment, shot Col. not Samuel D. Kaiper—not Kaiper, Chas. D. Kaiper, with a revolver. Col Kaiper was shot badly through the shoulder and right knee, and his ball went through the right hand. Mr. Gu Hughes got off the worst after parade, at Bellevue, Hall House, Alexandria, Virginia, that Smith was the murderer of Major Lewis, of the same regiment, and he has exhibited bad blood by Colonel K. Smith is under guard. Kaiper was formerly Colonel of the Texas Rangers.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[TRANSMITTED, TO THE NEW ORLEANS BEE.]

Engagement on the Potomac.

Richmond, October 15—The Federal fleet off Evansport withdrew after an encampment of several hours. The War Department has not yet received any particulars of the affair.

[NIGHT DISPATCHES.]

Engagement at Evansport Continued.

Richmond, October 16—The Fredericksburg papers of this date say that the reported engagement at Evansport was a mistake. One steamer attacked the batteries at Aquia Creek. The result thus far is unknown. The dispatch of the War Department was from the telegraphic operator at Fredericksburg.

Charleston, October 15.—The ship Thos. Watson, from Liverpool for Charleston, took a cargo of salt, in attempting to run the blockade, got aground at Folly Island. She was captured by the blockaders. Her crew escaped.

DUNCAN LIGHT INFANTRY.—At an election held for officers of this company last evening, by Col. Stith, the following gentlemen were elected: P. Grandpré, Captain; J. F. Elliott, First Lieutenant; N. Holmes, Second Lieutenant; John Hatcher, Second Lieutenant Jr.

The Santa Rosa Affair.

Decidedly the best account of the Santa Rosa fight that we have seen is the following, communicated to the Montgomery *Advertiser* by Dr. Manly, who was present during the attack. We copy most of the Doctor's narrative:

The men had to wade and some of them to swim to reach the boats; some of their ammunition, &c., got wet. Paraded on the island, they were divided into two squads, one proceeding directly across to the southern battery beyond Billy Wilson's camp, and the other marched down the northern beach, opposite each other. They killed the sentries as they went, some six in number, spiked the guns, set fire to the cabins in which the Zouaves were encamped, and shot them as they ran out. All the Zouaves ran incontinently for Fort Pickens. They raced, looked back or stopped to fire at our boys, but shot as they ran. They had thrown up some banks, but none of them stood to the guns. Our men took over a goodly quantity of rattail shot with which they scarcely spiked all the guns except two. They burned all the houses and stores, except the hospital.

The only formidable resistance was from some United States regulars, sent out from Fort Pickens to redeem the ground which the cowardly Zouaves had abandoned. The regulars, however, finding our force larger than expected, became panic-stricken, and retreated from the island, in obedience to the signal from the Navy Yard. They then advanced and fired deliberately from the bank, behind up in the boats, and did them more damage than they received during the fight on the island. It was at this time that General Anderson was wounded in the arm. Two or three guns were also fired at them when crossing from Fort Pickens, without effect.

Our men supplied themselves well with small arms that they took from the enemy. They also killed one negro and captured another. Seventeen prisoners were seen that they brought back; how many, if any more, is not known. One account said the notorious Colonel Billy Wilson had made a straight run from his marquee to the fort. Another account from one of the captured prisoners stated that he had not slept at camp that night as usual, having remained at Fort Pickens. All statements from our men who participated agree that they killed between two and three hundred of the Yankees. Our loss in killed and missing is forty and thirty-five wounded, five of whom died yesterday. Most of our loss in the skirmish is attributed to cross firing, when our men were shooting at the Zouaves, from opposite sides, and to their not being able to distinguish the guns of their comrades in the darkness of the night, and shooting one another.

Lieutenant Sayre, when seen last, was on the beach in a wounded condition. His friends, who had him in charge, carried him two or three miles, and were finally compelled to leave him to save themselves. He had requested them to do so previously, but they clung to him to the last moment, and then put a coat under his head for a pillow. He was shot in the thigh, and was much exhausted from bleeding. He fought gallantly as long as he could. It is supposed he was taken prisoner in his helpless condition by the Yankees. Capt. Nolin, of the Georgia companies, was killed, whose death was greatly regretted. Notwithstanding the unfortunate accidents referred to, occasioning the death of so many of our brave soldiers, the object of the expedition was completely accomplished, and the result was highly satisfactory and inspiring to the officers and men of our army. The only object contemplated was the driving off of fifty Wilson camp, and not the taking of Fort Pickens.

This was done completely. No artillery taken over—only small arms, pick axes, firebrands and fires. A company, composed of the remainder of the Fifth Georgia Regiment, had started over to reinforce our men, when the signals were fired by Gen Bragg for the body on the island to return. It was about 5 o'clock in the morning, they had been entirely successful, and being in danger of being surrounded by the fleet and she forts in Fort Pickens, it was thought prudent for the troops to recross the bay. Major Volger, one of the "distinguished" Yankee prisoners taken, told our officers that Col Brown, the commander at Fort Pickens, would open his batteries on them by sunrise the last night, but up to nine o'clock, when the train left, no demonstration had been made. Our wounded were being well cared for by the ladies of Pensacola.

Later from Pensacola—Fort Pickens Reinforced—The Loss in the Late Affair.

The Pensacola correspondent of the Mobile *Advertiser*, in his letter of October 10, writes:

Colonel Brown will allow any comforts or necessaries to be sent over to our wounded and prisoners in his hands. Our men in Pickens all speak well of their treatment by the enemy. Our dead have been brought over for burial.

The baggage of Major Vogdes, our big prisoner, was sent over this evening, and as he has good accommodations assigned him, he can now make himself as comfortable as circumstances admit.

Our Mobile artillery boys, who went over with only their side arms, came back with four knapsacks, cartridges and other souvenirs of the fray.

A dispatch to the *Advertiser*, dated Pensacola, October 11, 10 P. M., says:

It is stated that Fort Pickens is being largely reinforced to-night from the vessels which arrived to-day.

One loss in the Santa Rosa expedition is, so far as now known, twenty-one killed, thirty-eight wounded, and twenty-two taken prisoners.

The prisoners were put on board the ships who were detailed to guard the hospital of the enemy, which was done immediately on their being driven from the field by our forces.

We have eighteen Lincolnite prisoners.

The Greenbrier Battle.

The Richmond papers contain Gen. Jackson's official and detailed report of the Greenbrier fight. It was a complete repulse of an enemy which outnumbered him two to one. Our loss was 8 officers wounded, 6 privates killed, 23 wounded, 13 missing—total, 50. We have no room for the entire document, but subjoin a single passage which sums up the whole:

This engagement lasted from seven in the morning to half past two o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the enemy, who had come with artillery to bombard and demoralize us, with infantry to storm our camp, with cavalry to rout and destroy us, and with *four days'* confidence in his universality, to prosecute a rapid march either towards Staunton or towards Huntersville, was in precipitous retreat back to the Great Mountain fastness. And it is gratifying to the country to know, and to state, that, while his first insolent advances were received with defiant cheers, ranging from one end to the other of our line, he was permitted to take his departure under the steeple repose of our guns, firing upon him so long as he continued within their range. The relative weakness of our force, and the entire absence of cavalry, prevented our pursuing him, and thereby realizing the legitimate fruits of our triumph. His loss in killed and wounded is estimated at from two hundred and fifty to three hundred, among them an officer of superior rank. Our own, I am happy to say, was very inconsiderable, not exceeding fifty in all. This most gratifying result is to be attributed, in a great degree, to the remarkable coolness of regimental and company officers, who never stinted their fire at which to lose their presence of mind—never allowed their men unnecessarily to expose themselves, and profited by every advantage of ground and position to shelter them from danger.

Skirmishes in Monroe and Stoddard.

The Knoxville *Register* has information that there was a sharp skirmish on the 7th instant, between a detachment of Col Beauchee's cavalry, who were separating from an expedition to Williamsburg, Kentucky, and a party of Lincolnites. The skirmish occurred near Benton, the enemy being in ambuscade on the side of the mountain, on one side of the road, and across the river on the other side, when they opened fire on our cavalry. Four of the Lincolnites were killed, and one taken prisoner. Col. Beauchee himself was at the head of the detachment. The Lincolnites were completely routed; but owing to the steepness of the hill, the nature of the mountain, it was impossible to pursue them.

COLUMBUS, October 14.—Capt. Montgomery, belonging to Col Tapper's command, had a skirmish with the enemy at Bloomfield, Stoddard county, several days since. They were routed to be regulars. Capt. M have very fine barrelled rifle and sabre that he captured. The enemy numbered about sixty; the Confederate force thirty-five. The enemy fled, leaving four dead on the field, who seemed, from his uniform, to be a sergeant. Some of the rest were held on their horses by their comrades while retreating.

A dispatch from Jefferson City of the 8th says: Col Montgomery's regiment Gov. Gamble's body guard, and Col Boyd's men, completed to-day the organization of their forces, with three companies, and started for Bloomfield, Stoddard county, to-day, to capture Jeff. Thompson, who is reported to be there with a force of 1,500 men.

Letters from Lincolnshire.

By way of Memphis we get later intelligence from various parts of Lincolnism:

In and for the last week 13,000 troops from Ohio and Indiana passed through Louisville on their way to McDougall's Hill. The command of the Federal troops in Kentucky is divided between Anderson (dirk) and Sherman. At Louisville (50 Fahrenheit) had six companies of artillery, and the artillery force was to be increased to one hundred guns.

At Indianapolis a camp of instruction had been instituted. A large number of men were there being schooled in the art of war, and our informant saw 39 rifled cannon at that place.

The number of Federals at different places along the Ohio is thus given by our informant; At Henderson, 2000; at Paducah, 11,000; at Cairo, 4500; at Bird's Point, 15,000. On Friday last fifteen Clipperdens arrived at Cairo. The report published lately that three of Lincoln's boats had landed troops at Lucas's Bend is confirmed, but our informant states they were after forage.

The *St. Louis Evening Democrat* of the 16th has some interesting intelligence.

A special dispatch to the *Democrat* states that three Federal scouts had been captured by the Confederates on the 9th, and that heavy cannonading was heard in the direction of Tipton the same day. The only considerable body of Confederates the Federals knew of near Tipton was 2000 cavalry, from Price's force, which had been "laying in wait" for the jayhawkers several days—from all which we imagine that Gen. Pillo is ere this in possession of the capital of Missouri.

The papers are prohibited from publishing news of Fremont's movements.

Considerable "indignation" has been manifested in military circles at Jeffersonville on account of the "false alarm" of an attack on Hermann. The Confederates, says the special, are about abandoning Price county.

FROM WASHINGTON:

Dispatches from the Federal city, dated the 9th, say that Lewisville, as well as other places taken, will be retained by the Federals. Munroe's Hill, to the right of Falls Church, and commanding that village and Bernard's Hill, is one of the Federals. Barrett's Hill is held by the Confederates.

On the 9th Gen. McClellan and staff made reconnoissance of the new positions taken by his troops.

On the 8th the Federals advanced eight miles beyond Falls Church on the Leesburg turnpike, killed three pickets and took one prisoner, belonging to Stewart's Cavalry.

No official returns have been received, yet it is the impression that the "People's ticket" has a majority in the Philadelphia camps.

A special dispatch to the New York *Tribune* dated the 9th, says it has reason to believe Federal vessels are at the head of the passes of the Mississippi river. There were—that's certain.

The New York *Times* has a sock and ball dispatch announcing a fight between 3000 rebels and the forts and fleet at Hatteras, and the defeat of the rebels; with a loss of 700. The *Post* says there is not a word of truth in it. Of course not.

The Bank of Washington refuses to take this Treasury notes, and Lincoln's minions want Congress to close the National institution. A Union newspaper has been established at Alexandria. Gen. Harney was expected in Washington on the 14th.

FROM WESTERN VIRGINIA.

Elk Water, (Va.) October 10.—Gen Reynolds has made two reconnoissances in force within the last few days against Gen Lee, and has driven him from Big Spring, the former residence of his main force.

Part of his force is at Elk mountain and Cheat Bridge, respectively 30 and 40 miles from here; part of it under Gen. Lee is said to have joined Gen Floyd.

GEN. ROSECRANTZ'S COLUMN.

Cincinnati, October 10.—The *Commercial's* Kanawha advices say Gen Rosecrantz is at Mountain Cove, a strong position, twenty-five miles beyond Gauley. He had advanced ten miles farther, to Little Sewell, but the enemy were too well entrenched and too strong at Big Sewell, five miles farther on, to be attacked, and Rosencrans fell back, as an invitation to the enemy to come out and have a fair fight.

There was no expectation of an attempt by the enemy to force his position.

The weather in the Gauley region is terribly bad; rain falls almost incessantly.

Gen. Rosecrantz's troops are well clothed, having plenty of overcoats and blankets.

The fight at Chapmansville was a sharp and bloody affair. Five of Penn's Zouaves were killed.

The Pensacola letter-writer of the Mobile *News* gives the following interesting correspondence between Col. Brown, commanding Fort Pickens, and Gen. Bragg. It was written after the fight on Santa Rosa:

Col. Brown to Gen. Bragg.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA, } Fort Pickens, October 9th, 1861.

Sir—I observe this morning, for the first time, a yellow flag, hoisted over a large building in the rear of your line of batteries. I also understand that officers' wives and children are in the adjoining buildings. I do not make war on the sick women, or children.

The buildings will inevitably be exposed to my fire, should there be a bombardment, and they are, besides, subject under this flag to be used as a protection to any of your troops that may be sheltered behind or before them.

I make you this notice, that the sick, the women and the children may be removed, so that if fired on, the responsibility may rest where it belongs.

I am, very respectfully, your ob't serv't,
HARVY BROWN,
(Signed) Colonel Commanding.

Brigadier General BRAXTON BRAGG, commanding troops near Pensacola.

Gen. Bragg to Col. Brown.

HEADQUARTERS TROOPS C. S. } Near Pensacola, Fla., October 10, 1861.

Sir—I received, late last evening, your communication of the 9th inst. with profound astonishment. The building on which you had for the first time observed a yellow flag has been well known to you and to all your command, as well as the United States Navy, as the military hospital of this station, and now used for that purpose.

Dealing with one who had been an old brother soldier of high reputation, I had hoped that our intercourse and conduct in the hostile attitude in which we are placed would be marked by all the courtesies and amenities of civilized warfare. Is it necessary, from your communication, that you claim the right to violate the hospital flag *because it may be abused*. Absit this principle and we revert to a state of barbarism. The sick, the women and children, and prisoners must become objects of vengeance. The white flag must be abolished: "Beauty and Booty," "Rape and Rapine," must follow in the track of victorious commanders. I do not impute your intention to make these the objects of war.

Your hospital flag has been and shall be respected. In spite of Tuesday night, the sick, the hospitals, with its inmates, will not be permitted for one hour, and, as far as I can learn, my orders to scrupulously respect both were rigidly enforced.

The hospital, and the two adjacent buildings, occupied by medical officers, will continue to be used for legitimate purposes. Nothing has been, or will be done, to attract your fire. If, under the Lord knows what circumstances, you should open fire on the sick, the women and the children, which would only be in accordance with the acts of some of your brother commanders, of little experience in the custom of war, I shall take care that the full extent of shame known, that it may receive, as it will deserve, the execration of the civilized world.

I have the honor to be,
your obedient servant,
BRAXTON BRAGG,
Major General Commanding.

Col. Harvey Brown, Commanding U. S. forces in the State of Florida, Fort Pickens.

Our Army in Western Virginia.

The Lynchburg *Virginian* of the 11th inst. has the following letter:

SEWELL MOUNTAIN, }
Lee's Encampment, Oct. 2, 1861. }

Yesterday evening we arrived here, after five days weary and toilsome march from Dublin Depot. We now encamp on the spot lately left by the enemy. From a high hill, where our cannon are planted, the enemy's encampment is plain to view. I visited the battle ground yesterday, and viewed the encampment of both armies: and from all the information that I can collect, the enemy has about 15,000 men, (though it is reported they have more) and 36 pieces of cannon, strongly fortified on top of Big Sewell mountain. Our army has 17,000 or 18,000 men, and 28 pieces of cannon, and is well fortified on the same height, which is less than two miles of the enemy's camp, on the eastern side of Big Sewell mountain. If they would attack us, we could whip them without, perhaps, the loss of a man; but if we have them to attack, the thing will be different. Of the former we have no hope or prospect; but Gen. Lee says that he will wait only one or two days longer for them to attack, and if they do not, he will. If the enemy remain, the battle will be over before next Monday. I will write you more when the battle is over, if any thing occurs to change the plan of action.

Philip Lafon, Dallon Guards.

THE RIGHT IN ROMNEY, VA.

The Winchester *Virginian* of the 8th inst. says:

We attended last week to the entrance of Lincoln's thieves into Romney—the second or third time. We learn that on this occasion there were about fifteen hundred. They left New creek, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, on Monday morning, and entered Romney on Wednesday morning about eight o'clock. The Lincolnites had no time in breaking into the offices of the *South Branch Intelligencer* and *Romney Argus*, and destroying the entire contents. What they could not demolish, they carried off in a wagon with them. They had also a Press establishment (the *Intelligencer*) was on a previous occasion entered, and an attack made to destroy it; and he had but recently succeeded, after tedious labor, in getting it again into working order. This time, the press, type, paper, &c., were either taken off or scattered wholly useless.

The enemy's stay in Romney was about two hours, which time was differently employed in different quarters of Vandalism. A report being started that the rebels were coming, (which proved true) the thieves departed in double quick time. They did not wait to see the amount of booty to be brought against them. They retreated in the most cowardly manner. Col. McDonald's cavalry pursued them, and kept up a running fire on them for several miles, killing eight or ten, and wounding about forty. On their march to Romney they were waylaid about four miles from town by a small force of militia, who killed and wounded a number, and put the whole party to flight. In their hasty retreat across the stream four were drowned. Five were taken prisoners, four of whom have been sent to Richmond. Only one man on our side was wounded—Mr. Tilden, clerk of Hardy county, who received a ball in the arm. A few companies of militia, under Col. Monroe, whose borrow and conduct we have heard spoken of in the highest terms, first got after and ran the Vandals out of Romney, making several of them bite the dust. This expedition loss them not less than seventy-five men, killed and wounded.

The same paper speaks of the depredations committed by Lincoln's thieves in London, Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan and Hampshire. They steal negroes, horses, poultry and valuables of all kinds, and destroy the property they are unable to carry off.

ESCAPE/RENT AT CAPE HENRY BEACH.—The *Norfolk Day-Book* of the 11th says:

Information was brought to the city yesterday morning that a large United States transport ship had run ashore on Cape Henry beach.

The commanding officer at this post immediately proceeded to the beach. Rifle guns were mounted in a little while, and operations began—the result of which we have not as yet learned, but will, doubtless, before we go to press.

The *Day-Book* then states that the Monticello came up, and that shot and shell were exchanged between her and the battery, without effect on either side. Another account is as follows:

A gentleman who was at the Old Pleasure House on Cape Henry beach, informs us that the transport ship was right abreast of the place he was, about two miles out. She was riding at anchor in a rough sea-way, unable to move from her position for want of help, if even ashore. He witnessed the shot from our batteries on shore, and is confident that she was struck twice by them; besides, he saw several shell burst right over her decks. He was in a much better position to see the effect of our firing than persons at our own batteries. The Monticello was cruising out towards Cape Henry, when our batteries first opened on the ship, and thinks she was struck more than by the shot fired by the report of our guns, as the wind bore off the sound. She immediately moved up into a convenient position, and opened fire upon our batteries, firing seven shots.

After this (three, 5 o'clock) she bore towards Old Point. The transport fired no gun during the time. One shell from the Monticello burned within about one hundred yards of the transport's stern. Information was standing. Monday hurt on our side.

Here, then, we have another instance in which heavy siege guns mounted on carryalls would be of immense service to the Federal cause. The capture of this vessel, which one or two of those heavy thirty two pounders of rifled cannon would have effected, would have amply repaid the expenditure of a hundred times over. How long will we others to old notions?

EAST TENNESSEE.—The Memphis *Appeal* of Tuesday says:

General Wm. H. Carroll arrived from East Tennessee on day before yesterday, where he has been for the last month, on a visit to many of his sheepers for active service. He brought with him five full companies, which he left in camp at Germantown, and informs us that seven more companies will come on in the course of this week.

From him we are pleased to learn that the so called Unionists, though preserving their old party prejudices to a great extent, have effected generally accommodated all radical differences, and that Parson Brownlow, of the Knoxville Whig, even whispers of raising a regiment for the war. We have it indeed from a reliable source that the Parson has recently written a letter to a gentleman of this city, inviting his co-operation in this patriotic labor, remarking, with characteristic quaintness, that his friend could do the drinking and cursing for the Confederacy, while he (Brownlow) would do the "fighting and praying." The combination will be a good one, we think, and we earnestly hope the Parson may "make the connection."

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The Case of Ellis Before the Mayor.—Charles Ellis was before the Mayor yesterday morning, charged by Benjamin S. Harrison with being an Abolitionist, an alien enemy, and in the common habit of using seditious and treasonable language. Messrs Randell Hunt, L. Madison Bruce and Randell appeared as his counsel and the prosecution by Messrs. Mitchell and Dufour. The latter stated that he came at the request of and to represent, the District Attorney. Fifteen witnesses had been summoned for the prosecution, and forty-four for the defence. After three hours had been consumed in the examination of the State witnesses, the case was postponed till Tuesday next. The following is a summary of the evidence taken:

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Witness—I decline to answer.

Mr. Day—Have you not stated that you were sworn both in and out of this office?

Witness—I may have said so.

Mr. Day—Are you or were you ever a member of the Knights of the Golden Circle?

Witness—I decline to answer that