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FALSABLE DELUSIONS.

The Yankees are deplorably slow in learning to appreciate the Southern character. They have never ceased fully to understand the stubborn and indomitable resistance with which their efforts at our subjugation have been met. They have been all along defeating themselves into the belief that the war would end in sixty or ninety days. They have already ventured the declaration twice or thrice, and although time has invariably demonstrated the fallacy of their prediction, they are undiscouraged, and repeat it again. A temporary triumph throws them into irrestrainable transports, and two or three consecutive successes render them ludicrous with rapture. When Fort Henry surrendered, Commodore Foote assured the National Government that Tennessee was once more in the Union; when Fort Donelson was given up, we might have supposed from the way in which the Yankees rejoiced, that the revolution was at an end. The Federals spoke as if further resistance was out of the question, and several of them positively affirmed that before the first of May the South would be wholly brought into subjection, and peace would be restored.

In all this the Yankees displayed their prevailing ignorance of Southern temper and principles. They imagined that we would become despirited and prepared by disaster; that our generals would drop from our grasp; that our troops would gradually come out, find that we should throw down our swords and disperse. Events have proved how hopeless was this error. The effect of calamity, instead of crushing, was to arouse; instead of prostrating us as with a thunderbolt, it shocked us like an active fife and energy. We started from hapless slumbers, and leaped at a single bound into the arena of strife. We almost needed them reverses to admonish us by their sharp contagion of our criminal lukewarmness. The consequence has been that from one extremity of the South to the other the clarion voice of patriotism has been heard, and that every where the arms have gathered at its sound, and are ready to encounter the foe. The victory of the Federalists have placed a new and formidable Confederate army in the West, and have weakened the whole South to the distinct perception of the danger she braved, and of the means by which alone they can be averted. The Yankees have rejoiced and exulted over their partial victory, and their armies have now discovered that instead of being permitted to take gradual possession of the Mississippi valley, they are confronted at every point by a host of heroic spirits determined to dispute every inch their progress, and if human valor can avail, to drive them back.

The Yankees, however, are incorrigible. Their sanguine, boastful and unreflecting character leads them, perhaps almost unconsciously, to magnify the slightest apparent advantages into the proportions of a magnificent triumph. Just look at their conduct since the occupation of Manassas by the Confederate forces. This was a movement dictated by considerations of high military expediency, and challenging the approbation of the Confederate Government. But the Federals have incontinently gone crazy over it. They speak of it in precisely the terms they might have used, if after a bloody engagement, they had routed and chased us from Manassas. The *Herald*, in the exuberance of its pack, falls into ecstacies, avers that the rebellion is doomed, Virginia without daring to risk a great and decisive battle, and speaks as flippantly of the march of a Federal army into Richmond, as if it had no obstacle to contend with more serious than torn-up railroads and burnt bridges. The authorities of New York ordered a salute of one hundred guns to be fired in honor of the grand achievement, and the journals of that city coolly inform us that it is virtually the end of the rebellion in Virginia, and the restoration of that State to the Union. Says one of them: "With the chase in pursuit of the retreating rebel army which will probably follow, we may now reasonably count upon the final escape of the vengeful Government of JEFF. DAVIS by the 1st of May, and the reopening of the Potomac to commerce, and its great commercial staples to the markets of the world." And the worst of the matter is that not only do the leading Federal prints talk in this vainglorious and extravagant style, but they have an essentially self-pasted and most gullible public who are ready to believe their enormous fabrications.

Fortunately for the South, if the Yankees do not know us, we know them, and thoroughly too. We accept their bolddenism and bravado at its real value. We are aware it is a flimsy contage with little of exciting ore about it, consequently it does not impress us with the profound sense of its virtues. We have heard so much of this monstrous spirit of arrogance, and have seen it shrink practically into such woefully diminished proportions, that we have long ago ceased to feel a single thrill of terror at either its threats or flourishes. The first of May is not very far off, and we shall then, with the blessing of Providence, be in a condition to compel our enemies to take a fresh start, and make a new calculation as to the time required for "the final collapse of the vagrant government of JEFF. DAVIS."

"RESERVE MEDICAL CORPS OF NEW ORLEANS."—This is the title of an organization just established by a number of prominent medical gentlemen of our city. The members associate themselves here as associates for the purpose of aiding in the treatment of sick and wounded soldiers, under the direction of the Surgeon-General of the State of Louisiana. In particular objects are: 1st, attendance at the General Hospital; 2d, attendance at the Field Infirmaries; and 3d, attendance on the wounded during their removal from the Field Infirmaries to the General Hospital. Some twenty physicians have already signed the by-laws. Dr. Jones is President of the association. A printed statement relative to the admirable and useful object of organization accompanies with the subjoined remark which will undoubtedly command the hearty concurrence of the entire medical profession:

"In view of our present circumstances, the objects proposed by this Association appear so powerfully to the patriotism and benevolence of the profession as to make unnecessary anything further than their simple announcement to prompt responses with dominant heroism the numbers of the Association, so as to restore to our soldiers kind and skillful attention, wherever their sins of need shall come."

The steamers Iberville and Gen. Quitman came in collision on Saturday evening, at 8½ o'clock, about twenty miles above this city. The Iberville, from Bayou Sara, was bound down, and the Quitman bound up. The Quitman struck the Iberville on the starboard side, near the wheel-house, cutting down to the water's edge. The Quitman, although much damaged, immediately rounded to the assistance of the Iberville, and with the aid of the Laurel Hill, (which was sent for) brought her down to this city yesterday. The Iberville has gone into dock for repairs, and the Quitman, after temporary repairs, left last evening for her port of destination. No lives lost.

LIGHT, LIGHT.—Mr. Artemon ROH, No. 6 Camp street, has received supplies of the Carbohydrate Illuminating oil, gasoline coal oil, cotton seed oil, camphene, &c., together with lamps, wicks, &c. See advertisement in our columns.

A LIGHT BATTERY FOR THE WAR.—It will be perceived by the announcement under this head that Captain Semmes, lately retired in command in the Washington Regiment of Artillery, proposes to receive applications from young men to form a light artillery company. A full battery of six pieces is on hand, and no delay therefore can take place. Under the late order of Gov. Moore, volunteer troops in camp or otherwise, are privileged to be transferred from infantry to artillery. Every possible advantage is then secured to them for effecting with this truly brilliant gun of the service.

The steamer B. L. Hodge, arrived here yesterday morning from Grand Bayou, brought down the Bayou Guards, eighty men, and the Pelican Rifles, one hundred and fifty strong, and left Camp C. M. Pargoud. Also, to the mouth of Red river, the right wing of the Second and Regiment of Texas Volunteers. The steamer Gen. J. L. Hodges brought down the Bayou Guards, eighty men, and the Pelican Rifles, one hundred and fifty strong, and left wing, nine hundred and fifty strong, and were shipped on board the steamer Magnolia bound for the mouth of Arkansas.

It is estimated that the enemy fired 3000 shot and shell at the batteries on Island 10 and vicinity during the first four days of the bombardment, and wasted 60,000 pounds of powder, with iron in proportion, *in killing one and wounding two of our men!* Is'nt Old Abe *wounding two of our men!* Is'nt Old Abe paying for his whistle? How long will it take paying for his whistle? How long will it take him to compensate the South at this rate?

BY TELEGRAPH.

[TRANSMITTED TO THE NEW ORLEANS BEE.]

From Richmond.

Congressional.

RICHMOND, March 30.—Congress and the House of Representatives passed a resolution appointing a special committee of thirteen to prepare a bill carrying out the system of economy and retrenchment recommended by the President, also to develop the general resources of the Confederacy.

Seven traitors were brought to the city Saturday from Matthews county, Va.

The President published martial law extending over Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Alleghany, Monroe, Mercer, Raleigh, Fayette, Nicholas and Randolph counties, Va. Death is to execute the law.

TELEGRAPHIC.

CHARLESTON, March 30.—On the 31st five of the Yankee gunboats which engaged Fort Walker, S. C., and landed 1200 Yankees, who marched through the town playing Yankee Doodle, hoisted their flag on the court-house, and departed next morning and are undoubtedly now in the ship yard. The people of the town preserved a sullen and unrelenting silence. The Yankees then left, saying they were disappointed at not finding Union men. Their officers said they were waiting for 50,000 reinforcements, when they would march direct against Raleigh.

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The Yankees left in a flag of truce to bury their dead. It was granted, on condition they would surrender the negroes they had stolen, when they gave up seven.

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From Island No. 10.

We have a private letter from Island 10, dated the 25th, from which we make the following extracts:

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LATER.—The Grampus has just headed from the opposite side of the river, and brings word that the enemy's gunboats passed Watkinson, N. C., and landed 150 Yankees, who marched through the town playing Yankee Doodle, hoisted their flag on the court-house, and departed next morning and are undoubtedly now in the ship yard. The people of the town preserved a sullen and unrelenting silence. The Yankees then left, saying they were disappointed at not finding Union men. Their officers said they were waiting for 50,000 reinforcements, when they would march direct against Raleigh.

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When the Yankees took Newbern, having Beaufort, N. C., closely blockaded, and being in the rear of that place, they supposed they would have no trouble in taking it. Not so. The Confederate "boys" (the hated rebel) shouted Medolin, which they knew was at Beaufort under the guns of Fort Macon. They will be disappointed, and render her many an unfriendly visit. The knowledge of the blockading vessels. The enemy do not know where she now is; but before many days she will show that a few brave Yankee schoolmasters have been beamed up to their account by the Yankees on the other side.

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The escape of the British iron-clad steamer Sir Edmund Head, which ran the blockade an unmentionable port some days ago, must prove more valuable than at first sight. The actual number of men that could be found in the field to oppose the advance of the foe in Virginia, is, at the most, 27,000 stand of arms for infantry, and enough pistols and swords to arm 12,000 cavalry. These were landed up to this hour, and the largest of clothing and supplies of the best brought in almost incredible. No time was lost in discharging her precious cargo, and large quantities of the arms are by this time in the hands of our soldiers in the Mississippi Valley.

THE VIRGINIA AFTER HER RECENT BATTLE.—From an interesting letter from Lieut. A. Bates, of the Middy, dated Hampton Roads, March 9, we extract the following:

It have been to see the Virginia since the memorable fight. She must have received the fire of over one hundred guns during the two days' fight, and some of the heaviest kind. I counted two and took one prisoner. Only nine escaped. The negro pilot who brought in the barges was captured and hung.

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