

The Standard.

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THE LATEST NEWS.

NEWBERN.—The general impression appears to be that the enemy landed 22,000 troops, and that we had only a little over 5,000; this fact added to the defective character of the entrenchments, rendered it almost impossible to make an effective resistance.

It is reported that Maj. Gen. French has been appointed to the command. We hope he is the right man in the right place.

ARKANSAS.—We are sorry that the rumor so generally credited and which caused much joy among our people, that Gen. Van Dorn and Price had whipped the Yankees, taken 15,000 prisoners and 30,000 stand of arms, is not confirmed.

TENNESSEE.—We have nothing from the command of Gen. A. S. Johnston except that he had advanced to Huntsville, Ala. Nashville is said to be occupied by 8,000 Yankee troops.

WEST TENNESSEE.—The enemy is in force at Cumberland Gap and its vicinity. An early battle is expected. Knoxville is supposed to be the point at which he is aiming.

VIRGINIA.—General Jackson had evacuated Winchester, and fallen back to Cedar Creek, 16 miles from Winchester. The enemy occupied the town.

SOUTH.—The enemy have possession of Fernandina and Jacksonville, Florida. No advance had been made upon Savannah.

The papers announce the gratifying intelligence that two vessels have recently arrived with arms for the Confederacy. It is said that 40,000 stand have been received.

A collision occurred on the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad above Goldsboro', on Sunday last. The cars were much smashed, but no one killed.

PUBLIC MEETINGS IN RALEIGH.—A very large number of the citizens of Raleigh assembled in the Court House on Monday evening last, to consider whether they should apply to President Davis to declare martial law in Raleigh and for ten miles around.

Gen. Beauregard.—It is possible that Gens. Lee and the two Johnstons, Joseph and Albert Sydney, are the equals of Beauregard in some respects, yet, so far, it is evident that none of them are so much dreaded by the Yankees, and none of them have taken that strong hold upon the feelings and affections of the people that he has.

President Davis.—The Mississippi, an influential paper in Mississippi, considers that the "great contest for freedom in which the Confederate States are now engaged is to be decided in the valley of the Mississippi."

The West now has Beauregard, whose name is a tower of strength. Mr. Davis perhaps has more hold upon Mississippians. But who is to manage the helm of State, if Mr. Davis takes the field?

CAPT. R. C. DEVAL.—Our sympathies were much excited on reading his last private note to us from his high souled and gallant officer. For months he has been sorely afflicted, and has been using every effort for his restoration.

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The Fall of Newbern.—Our readers will expect from a full and reliable account of this unfortunate disaster to our beloved State, but after the most careful effort to obtain particulars which can be relied on, we find that much yet remains unknown.

As early as Tuesday afternoon, the 11th instant, it is said ten or twelve vessels of the enemy were reported in the river fifteen miles below Newbern.

On Wednesday evening or Thursday morning it is reported that the Yankees ascended Slocumb's Creek, burnt Dr. Masters' fine mill, and destroyed the railroad at Croatan and the military preparations which had been made.

The breastworks, where it was intended to give the enemy battle, extended from Fort Thompson westward some two or three miles across the railroad, to an impassable swamp.

One of the most unaccountable things in the whole matter, is the failure on the part of the Commanding General to notify the defenceless inhabitants of Newbern to leave on Tuesday evening when the Yankee vessels first appeared.

The Yankees did not attempt to pass a fort until they found our forces had been routed. About midday, or perhaps as late as one o'clock, they came up without hindrance.

Col. Sinclair it is said, determined to make a stand this side of Newbern, but the general current of the military forces pressed on out of harm's way, and did not stop until they reached Kinston, 30 miles above Newbern, on Neuse river.

The disaster is a most sad one. We have looked for it, with the certainty of an already demonstrated truth, and shall always expect such results just so long as the government places the defence of this State in the hands of political gamblers or military supernaturals or nincompoops, who cannot or will not do their duty.

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Gen. Hill—Wilmington Journal.—The Wilmington Journal of the 10th, not being able to answer our observations in relation to the removal of Gen. Hill from his command in the North, charges us with being influenced by malice and personal animosity towards us, we suppose, Gov. Clark and Judge Biggs.

We now say to the Journal that we take back nothing that we have said on the subject. We know that Gen. Hill was removed, and Gen. Branch appointed in his place, on representations from the "highest authority" in this State.

We again assure the Journal that we have no wish to prolong this controversy, but the course of that paper has rendered it necessary that we should give more fully "the truth of history" in relation to the removal of Gen. Hill.

We tell the Journal that we are thoroughly posted, and that we know what we state to be true. If Gen. Hill had remained at Roanoke Island, Burnside would have been repulsed and the island successfully defended.

We very much fear that Wilmington will be attacked next week for months past, have we warned the two governments of the probable designs of the enemy, and appealed to them to make such arrangements for defence as would protect our coast.

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DRUNKEN OFFICERS.—If a common soldier is found drunk, he is sent to the guard house and severely punished; but officers may drink to excess, and may be seen time and again under the influence of ardent spirits, and yet no steps are taken to remove these officers from their commands, or even to censure them.

COUS BROTHER.—Take one pint of corn and boil it until it is soft, add to it a pint of molasses and one gallon of water; shake them well together and set it by the fire, and in twenty-four hours the beer will be excellent.

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