

The Humored Raid Yesterday

In another column we found some account of a rumored Yankee raid on Richmond, and a statement also that our militia force had been a strong, and, if properly organized, would be an important addition to the forces around the city, should its aid ever be needed.

It is indeed, high time that every man in our community who is capable of military duty should be prepared for service. The force which now threatens the city is not able to fight its way to it through the troops that can be opposed to it. But we know not how soon, or to what extent they may be reinforced, or how soon the reinforcements may arrive.

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THE PEACE SENTIMENT IN THE NORTH.

We have never been disposed to overrate the importance of the Peace party in the North or West. Our reasons for this have been often given to bear recapitulation. But we are equally well satisfied that it is the policy of the South to encourage disaffection to the Black Republican Government, in whatever shape it shows itself, or from whatever motive. Admitting it to be true that Northern Democrats oppose the war from party motives, and Northwestern Democrats from no considerations of commercial interest, then we may let us, as far as we can, abstain from showing ridicule upon that opposition, and encourage as far as we can everything that will divide the North and set the people against a financial Government which is doing them far more injury than it can do us.

Our people have become so accustomed to alarm, even to actual danger, that they have grown callous, and refuse to be roused by the good standing intelligence. We are happy to see that they manifested yesterday a disposition to shake off this lethargy, but they still require all the stimulus that can be furnished by news and example. They had as well know now as hereafter, when it is too late, that a man will be withdrawn from Gen. Lee's army before his allotted task, and that the Yankees can do with our army as they please.

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YANKEE RAIDING.

The corner-talkers and the reporters had a busy time yesterday afternoon. As usual, a raid on Richmond was the cause. It was rumored on the streets, and the rumor repeated in public by a high State official, that the Yankees had landed at the White House, on the Pamunkey river, 20,000 strong, and also at Lower Brandon, on James river, 7,000 strong. Our people have become so accustomed to raid rumors that they have little excitement is caused by them.

Yesterday morning, at 9 o'clock, the same vessels were still there and had not yet been forced by any other. There had been a Yankee raid at the White House up to 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the York river train left for Richmond. So much for the twenty thousand at the White House.

Of the landing at Lower Brandon, situated 90 miles from Richmond, on James river, we have fewer and less reliable particulars. It was alleged to Dewrey's Bluff yesterday that the enemy's gunboats had appeared and were landing troops there. The number is put at 7,000 by rumor, and is probably about as correct as the estimate of the 20,000 at the White House. This landing is probably a thieving raid to carry off the negroes from Upper Brandon, there being a considerable number there.

From the fact that the Federals are about to rebuild the wharf at West Point it may be inferred, and reasonably, that they intend to make that a base of operations for a joint, if not a real attack, on this city, with the hope of diverting a portion of Lee's army from its march Northward.

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OPERATIONS OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST EAST TENNESSEE.

The Yankee raid upon Knoxville and the East Tennessee and Virginia and East Tennessee and Georgia railroads in the prosecution of Burnside's active operations against this portion of the Confederacy. A letter in the New York Herald, a few days since, descanted on the immense importance of these coming movements. Burnside is described as in the saddle at the head of his army, and his headquarters were on the 4th inst. temporarily located at Highgate Bridge, on the Kentucky river, a little over 100 miles from Cumberland Gap. The strategical results of the invasion of East Tennessee, the writer thinks, will be to paralyze the effort to reinforce Johnston at Vicksburg, threaten the flank of Gen. Bragg, and secure one of the most important lines of interior communication of the rebels.

The department is commanded by Major-General R. B. Meade, and embraces 12,000 troops, organized into 100 regiments, or about 15,000 troops. At Knoxville, where Major-General W. G. F. Foy is in command, is stationed Col. J. G. Kibler's brigade, comprising the 5th and 7th Florida regiments, together with the 5th Virginia, Col. Trigg, the 9th Georgia artillery battery, and the 12th battalion Tennessee cavalry.

At Chattanooga, the 10th battalion Tennessee and a detachment of the Sixty-fourth North Carolina. At Jonesboro, a detachment of the Sixty-third Tennessee. At the base of Pine Mountain, opposite Big Creek Gap, a detachment of the Fifth Tennessee cavalry.

At Cumberland Gap, Gen. Gracy is in command of the brigade, and also of the 6th Tennessee Cavalry. The Sixty-third Tennessee is among the regiments there stationed. A regiment of cavalry, under Col. Hart, was sent to guard the main line of the railroad, and is now supposed to be in the vicinity of Barbourville.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

Hunting Chari.—The morning session of Judge Lyons' Court was continued yesterday in the trial of Frederick G. Gardner, charged with stealing of Joseph H. H. Gardner's sheep. Gardner was employed in H. H. Gardner's sheep pen, and was charged with stealing a change of sheep on the 15th inst. Gardner was indicted on the 15th inst. Gardner was indicted on the 15th inst.

The Mayor had several subjects before him yesterday, only one of whom, however, was charged with a grave offense, and he very readily proved his innocence. The one who was charged was Wm. B. Conch, charged with stealing a silver watch, valued at \$30, from Edward Allen. The evidence showed that Conch had stolen the watch, and he was discharged. Allen has his watch, and will take it to him for \$30, the value of the watch. When the watch was found, it was found in Conch's possession, and he was discharged.

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