

HOW A MAN FEELS IN BATTLE.

There can be nothing more puzzling than the analysis of one's feelings on a battle-field. You cannot describe them satisfactorily to yourself or others. To march steadily up to the mouths of a hundred cannon while they pour out fire and smoke and shot and shell in a storm that mows the men like grass, is horrible beyond description—appalling. It is absurd to say a man can do it without fear. During Hancock's charge at Fredericksburg, for a long distance, the slope was swept by such a hurricane of death that we thought every step would be our last, and I am willing to say, for one, that I was pretty badly scared. Whatever may be said about "getting used to it," old soldiers secretly dread a battle equally with new ones. But the most difficult thing to stand up under is the suspense while waiting, as we waited at Fredericksburg, drawn up in line of battle on the edge of a field watching the columns file past us and disappear in a cloud of smoke, where horses and men and colors go down in confusion, where all sounds are lost in the screaming of shells, the cracking of musketry, the thunder of artillery, and knowing that our own turn comes next, expecting each moment the word "forward." It brings a strange kind of relief when "forward" comes. You move mechanically with the rest. Once fairly in for it your sensibilities are strangely blunted; you care comparatively nothing about the sights that shocked you at first: men torn to pieces by cannon shot become a matter of course. At such a time comes a latent sustenance from within us, or above us, which no man anticipates who has not been in such a place before, and which most men pass through life without knowing anything about it. What is it?—Where does it come from?—[Cor. Springfield Gazette.]

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

FROM THE LEFT WING OF THE ARMY,
Friday, February 20, 1863.

William Brown, of the 3d New York Independent Battery, was shot on Wednesday, near Liverpool Point, while attempting to desert to the Maryland shore, a sergeant in the Oneida Independent Cavalry performing the act.—Such instances of speedy retribution exert a wholesome influence upon intending deserters. From the commencement of the war, the leniency exhibited by our military authorities has placed desertion at a premium, and there is scarcely a village or town through the country which does not contain one or more deserters from the Union armies. In some cases nearly entire regiments have managed to "disappear." Gen. Hooker, it is encouraging to know, comprehends the magnitude of this evil, and one of his first acts on being promoted to the supreme command was to inaugurate rigorous measures for its prevention. Guards, "Police" have been organized and stationed and at so many points as to render escape almost impossible. Detectives have also been sent North to bring back such as have ignominiously deserted their comrades in arms.—Two hundred and fifty arrived in one batch a few days since.—[Baltimore American.]

The N. Y. Tribune says:—It is understood that as soon as the conscription bill shall have passed the House, there will be a call made for six or eight hundred thousand men. It is expected that the soldiers whose term of service is about expiring will offer themselves as substitutes for unwilling conscripts.

On Friday of last week, Alexander Harris, esq. a member of the Lancaster bar, was arrested at York, Pa., by the military authorities, and placed in charge of Captain McGowan, of the Patapsco Guards, until Saturday afternoon, when he was released on a writ of habeas corpus.

The sudden death of an estimable young lady in London, from her dress taking fire, has brought out a severe denunciation of the prevalent crinoline fashion.

The Frankfort, Ky., correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette says, in reference to the recent dispersal of the Democratic Convention at that place, that Col. Gilbert is sustained by the loyal people, and that the Legislature, instead of censuring, will thank him. A Secession lawyer tried to get one of the Judges to empanel a Grand Jury to investigate the matter; but the Judge refused, saying that even if the Jury were in session he would not suffer an investigation, as the courts had no right to interfere with the military authorities."

It is now stated, on good authority, that General Butler has been reassigned to the Department of the Gulf, which is made to embrace Alabama as well as Louisiana. General Banks will go to Texas.

On Saturday night one of the mortar schooners stationed near Alexandria captured the schooner Mail, which was about leaving with a cargo of contraband goods for the South, and the following persons:—E. H. Garnsey, a sutler; Smith Raynor, captain; J. B. Chandler, H. R. Soper, John W. Calder, A. K. P. Trask, John Wall, jr., G. W. Whitney, M. G. Trask, W. S. Harriman, T. S. Carcey, and Peter Lewis and Geo. Hill, colored crew. They were brought up yesterday, and last evening were sent to the Old Capitol.

The President has nominated Dr. N. C. Towle, of Washington, to the office of Register of deeds for the county of Washington, D. C., recently created.

The English operatives sent out in the steamship Canada remained at Halifax, employment being found for them there.

General Hooker was in Washington on Monday in consultation with the President and Secretary of War.

The crew of the gunboat Isaac P. Smith, captured in Stono River, S. C., on the 30th of January last, numbering 95 men, have arrived in Washington. After being captured they were taken to Charleston, where they were put in a prison and kept for a week, and from thence they were sent to Libbey Prison, Richmond, where they were kept until Friday last, when they were paroled, and sent off by a flag of truce boat. When the gunboat was captured there were nine killed and seventeen wounded.

James C. McGuire & Co. sold a farm of 87 acres, situated at the crossing of the railroad and turnpike, about half a mile beyond Bladensburg, for \$11,100.

Joseph Nichols, 1st Lieutenant 19th Maine volunteers, has been tried by court-martial at Falmouth, and convicted of conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline, in having tendered his resignation when in front of the enemy, on the ground that he regarded the President's emancipation proclamation as inexpedient and unconstitutional, and in consequence could not conscientiously serve under it. He was sentenced to be dismissed with his pay and allowances. The sentence was disapproved by Major Gens. Couch and Sumner as too lenient, and the latter earnestly recommends that this officer shall be "dishonorably dismissed the service, with the loss of all pay and allowances." By direction of the President, the above recommendation is approved, and will be immediately carried into effect.

Both the Virginia Senators voted against the bill authorizing the suspension of habeas corpus, &c.

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