

**AFFAIRS IN SAVANNAH.**—Some of our up-country exchanges represent Savannah as in a terrible condition and all business suspended. Neither of these are so, as our visitors can testify. A gentleman for the interior told us a few days ago that the lack of excitement astounded him, and he believed we were a doomed people on account of our indifference. That, again, was a mistake. Everybody feels an interest, and we are quietly, but effectively, preparing for the enemy. When he arrives, we will show to the world the true extent of our preparation.

It is true there were some manifestations on the receipt of the news from Port Royal, that were unbecoming a brave and dignified people, who intend to defend their homes at every hazard and to the last extremity; but these, we are pleased to know, were confined to a few, and even they have pretty well got over the panic. They find it is no time for excitement and fear; that the enemy are at our doors, and shall need all the coolness and courage that we can command. Nobody ever did well in a passion or under undue excitement of any sort. We should all know what we are about, and with deliberation and dignity, go to work in the discharge of that high duty which the country now calls us to perform—the defence of our liberties, our families and our homes.

Let every man feel the responsibility that is upon him, and be both a patriot and a hero. And finally, whatever we may do, let it be done "decently and in order." The truly brave neither bluster nor quail in the hour of danger.

**THE ENEMY.**—Many rumors were afloat in the city yesterday, but up to the point of going to press with our country edition we could hear nothing definite. It is not yet confirmed that the enemy have landed at any point except Fort Walker, though the impression is general that they have taken possession of Beaufort. It is also said that many of their vessels have put to sea. A force was sent down yesterday to reconnoiter the island and watch their movements, and possibly we may be able to give some definite information to-morrow.

**THE NEGRO THIEVES AT WORK.**—After taking possession of Fort Walker, the Lincoln fleet sent out a detachment who plundered General Grayson's plantation of every negro on it, amounting to a considerable number. There are others on Hilton Head and the neighboring islands who preferred to remain, and these, we presume, will share the same fate.

**A TRAITOR.**—A Mr. Chapman, a planter residing near Beaufort, we hear from good authority, after the battle of Port Royal, deserted his State and went over to the Lincoln fleet. He doubtless loved his land and negroes better than he did his country.

**A SUGGESTION.**—As a portion of our citizens may be unarmed in case of an attack, we would suggest, as a mode of supplying the deficiency, that our blacksmiths be put to work on pikes. We like the John Brown pattern, and would have one within the reach of every able bodied citizen. A regiment with these weapons and following after infantry, might do terrible execution by a charge after the enemy's fire shall have been drawn. They never snap or flash in the pan!

**FEDERAL VESSELS GOING SOUTH.**—Extract from a letter dated

DENT'S BATTERY,

St. Simon's Island, Nov. 9, 1861.

Yesterday, at about high water, one of Old Abe's fleet came in sight. We fully expected a fight, but she gave us the go by. Since then three have passed, each running very near the bar. What does it mean? They have not stopped at Fernandina, as this morning is so clear we could see them if they had. We think they are destined for some point farther south, to repair injuries sustained in the late engagement.

**SAPPERS AND MINERS.**—A detachment of the Gray Sappers and Miners, from Atlanta, numbering about 40 men, arrived here on Friday night. They constitute mechanics of every description, and are to be engaged in throwing fortifications around the city. They are under command of Capt. Grady and Lieut. Grussell.

**INTERESTING TO BAGGING AND ROPE MERCHANTS.**—Extract from a letter of a house in the interior, to a friend in this city:

"Bagging is so scarce and high, that cotton is covered frequently with any kind of stuff that will pass as in good order. We have now in store cotton packed from corn sacks, &c., and held together by rope, cowhide, and expect some in bound with hickory stripes, to say nothing of iron ties."

**ANOTHER SAVANNAH GUN.**—Another new ten inch mortar, cast at the foundry of Mr. A. N. Miller, was tested on Saturday afternoon, and gave entire satisfaction. At an elevation of about 30 degrees, a solid ball was thrown four miles.

**THE BURNT BRIDGES.**—It turns out—as we learn from a gentleman just from the interior—that the first impression with regard to this affair was erroneous. A number of hands who had been discharged from the State Road by the new Superintendent vented their spite by burning two small bridges over the Chickamauga. The Union men, if there are any in Georgia, which we doubt, had nothing to do with it.

#### Further from the Port Royal Affair.

For the following items connected with the German Artillery Companies, of Charleston, we are indebted to private Schroeder, of Company A:

He states that there were about 10 killed and 25 wounded in the two companies:

Lieut. Mehrtens, Company A, after Lieut. Melcheurs, of Company B, fired off the last loaded columbiad, went to work, loading and fired off a 32 pounder, that his corps should have the credit of giving the enemy the last shot from the Fort.

Private J. Fork, sick and sent to the hospital, is supposed to be taken prisoner.

Private H. Aarken, of Company B, shot in the arm. (We learn that his arm was amputated at the Barracks in this city on Saturday, and that he died shortly after from excessive hemorrhage.)

Private Claus Meyer, shot in the heel and leg; left in a dying condition from loss of blood.

Private Bringwood, Company B, shot in the elbow.

Private F. Ityen, Company B, killed—shot through the breast.

Private A. Hobert, Company A, head shot off.

Private A. Sterling, killed—shot through the stomach.

J. W. Fountain, of Thomas county volunteers, and Amon Thompson, of the 17th Patriots, Georgia Volunteers, reported missing, arrived in this city safe on Friday evening—having landed at Bluffton, and walked to the line of the Charleston and Savannah Railroad, where they were taken on the cars.

Most of the planters on Hilton Head, rather than see their farms fall into the hands of the Hessians, have set fire to their buildings and crops and converted the whole into ashes.

The latest and most reliable accounts say the fleet is still in Port Royal Bay, and giving evidence of an intention to land their men and horses. The South Carolinians are getting ready to give them a warm reception.

The following additional wounded soldiers were brought to the city by the steamer Edisto, Saturday morning last, and were taken to the residence of Mrs. Marshall.

Private Henry Bronder, Company G, Captain Ohandler, 15th Regiment South Carolina Volunteers, fracture of the right leg below the knee by a round ball; the leg was amputated above the knee.

Private Marion Murphy, Company F, Captain Boyd, 15th Regiment South Carolina Volunteers, wounded by a round shot on the hip, very seriously.—*Savannah Republican*, 10th.

#### THE PORT ROYAL AFFAIR—INTERESTING INCIDENTS.

**NEGRO FIDELITY.**—We have heretofore stated that in the retreat from Hilton Head, Capt. Read was compelled to abandon two brass field pieces, and leave the horses grazing on the island. Saturday last, a faithful negro man, the property of Mr. Pope, who resides on the island, captured all the horses of the battery, sixteen in number, placed them in a flat, brought them to Savannah and delivered them to the Captain. We take it for granted he was liberally rewarded, and only regret that we were unable to learn his name, and put it on record.

We also learn that the guns have been recovered, and will be up in a day or two.

**A PRAISEWORTHY ACT.**—Dr. William Elliott, of this city, acted a noble and self-sacrificing part in and after the late battle of Port Royal, and it deserves to be noted. He accompanied the Georgia troops in an unofficial capacity, we learn, to the island, and was present ministering to the wounded throughout the action. At the time a retreat was ordered, he was engaged with four wounded men in the hospital, and had every opportunity to make his escape, but he preferred risking capture and a protracted confinement in Lincoln's dungeons rather than desert the unfortunate. He remained with them several days, and until they were properly cared for, without being molested, and then, through the assistance of a negro, left the island and returned to the city.

**THE FEDERAL LOSS.**—A negro man on Hilton Head, the property of Gen. Drayton, seeing a number of officers approaching a small house on the island, unobserved concealed himself underneath. The officers entered, took seats, and discussed at length the events of the battle, which occurred the day previous. In the course of the conversation, the negro says they reckoned up their killed in the action and fixed it at forty, nearly three times the Confederate loss.

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