

Stanton Spectator. STANTON, VA. TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1862.

From the Richmond Whig. The name of Appomattox will always be associated with the most desperate, and, all things considered, the most successful of the war. It was not a defeat; it was a drawn battle, at the close of which both parties retired, the enemy to a greater distance than Jackson made the attack in obedience to orders. The blow was struck for a purpose, and that purpose was fully accomplished; it was, therefore, a victory. The marvel is that Johnson's army was able to fight a full, equal force of five to one in a carefully chosen position. His troops had marched forty miles in a day and a half—they had been marching continuously for a week or two before—and when they arrived at the scene of action, part of the small army was far in the rear. Fatigued, worn out, the little band of patriots looked at one another and fairly "the huge enemy" before them. The "Sturges" boys—a gallant band of volunteers, only 800 strong—were thrown out on a flanking, only to feel the enemy, and to look three regiments of the Yankees to drive them back. The 51st Virginia, under command of Col. Patton, and the 2nd North Carolina, under command of Col. Johnson, were the only regiments that were not broken. The 51st Virginia, under command of Col. Patton, and the 2nd North Carolina, under command of Col. Johnson, were the only regiments that were not broken.

The Confederates have three distinct classes of enemies, which the Memphis Appeal describes as follows. We think our home enemies are worse and more detestable than the Yankees are—these are:— 1. The Government and people of the United States are our enemies. But they are open enemies. They meet us upon the field with arms in their hands, and make war upon us. They shoot down our soldiers, burn our houses, destroy our property, and steal our negroes. We know where to find and how to deal with such an enemy. 2. The strong class of slaves are our enemies—the long line of white men and the black man, who go up and down the country, seeking to impart their own depraved and cowardly to all with whom they come in contact. Everything they see wrong, according to their limited judgment. The government is weak and negligent; our officers are lacking in ability; and the army is deficient in courage. If the government has done its duty, this or that thing would have been done. If the officers had been able to gain a victory, they would have had it. If the army had been better, they would have done it. Nothing is done right, according to their theory, and everything goes wrong. The enemy will actually overrun the country; the Confederate government will fall; and we will all go to perdition together. If they only had charge of affairs, they would see us as we really are, and they would do us no harm. 3. The speculators and extortioners constitute the third class of enemies. These characters operate upon the necessities of the country. They are interested in the war, inasmuch as it enables them to make money. Beyond this, they care but little who wins or who loses. They set no fixed price upon what they have to sell. Their price is all they can get. The purchaser may be a poor man, a needy woman, a feeble soldier, or the widow of some brave fellow who has fallen in battle with his feet in the foe. Still, if the extortioner can get a few dollars more for his goods, he takes it; if a thousand dollars, he will take it. As between him and a Liberator, we have infinitely more respect for the latter. The one is an open enemy, and makes you on the field; the other is a secret foe who takes advantage of your necessities, and seeks to undermine the cause by oppressing the people and sapping the foundations of our strength.

No Additional Particulars. We had hoped to be able to give this week more particulars of the fight at Keatonston, and particularly the casualties which occurred in the 6th a company, as most of that Regiment are from this county, but we have not received a line from a single member of that Regiment, and have received no news from them since they were ordered to leave. General Jackson is at Roanoke Hill, on the term generally known as "Slaughter Hill," several miles south of Mt. Vernon. The news at Elizabeth says that the 6th a company, under the command of Capt. Morgan, has been fighting the enemy daily for about a month. Colonel A-hy is said to be the most gallant man in the Confederate army, and has been doing most efficient service. He is a term to the enemy, and one that his troops hold in high respect. Reverse of the Battle of Keatonston. The tide of the battle was turned—the reverse about to be won—victory again purchased upon the standard of the South. At Keatonston, in the Northern part of Mississippi, two hostile armies met. It is supposed, however, that 30,000 men have been confronting each other for several weeks, and a great battle has been almost daily expected. The telegraphic wire has conveyed the gratifying news that a battle was fought on Sunday last, April 8th, which resulted in a brilliant victory to the army of the South. A telegram from Mobile, dated April 8th, says: "A great battle took place at Keatonston, Mississippi. Our soldiers were victorious. Federal with immense bravery and courage, drove the enemy back with great slaughter, and captured eight batteries and many prisoners—the enemy's whole army was engaged. Gen. Grant had his leg wounded." An authentic telegram received this evening says that the Confederates captured the Federal forces.

A Fight Impending at Yorktown. General McClellan on Saturday last commenced "holding his way" at Yorktown. We think it probable that Gen. Magruder will make his "stand in his heels," and will endeavor to try his chances at some other place. In speaking of the skirmishes there on Saturday and Sunday last, the Richmond Whig of yesterday says: "From 10 to 15 miles behind us, there were heavy skirmishes with very considerable damage to us. To the enemy, it is believed to have done some serious damage. On Sunday, the enemy's whole army was engaged. Gen. Grant had his leg wounded." An authentic telegram received this evening says that the Confederates captured the Federal forces.

The Country Calls for Soldiers. The President sent a message to Congress yesterday, calling for some simple and general system of raising troops. The right of the State to demand and the duty of the citizen to render military service is clear, but a proper reserve for home defense and making preparations to render the army effective should be maintained. He concludes thus:— "I therefore recommend the passage of a law authorizing that persons residing within the Confederate States, between the ages of eighteen and thirty years, and actually subject to military duty, shall be held to the military service of the Confederate States; and that suitable and efficient means be adopted for their prompt enrollment and organization, repelling all of the Legislature heretofore enacted which would conflict with the system proposed."

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