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Yickburg and Charleston.

Though "fighting Joe Hooker" has now command of the Yankee forces on the Rappahannock, and though he is pledged to an early advance on the separate battle, yet the scene of interest has changed, and Vicksburg, on the Mississippi, and Charleston, in South Carolina, have become the points of special interest. There is no doubt that one of the most important battles of the war will be fought, in a short time, at Vicksburg. The enemy have a large land force, and have also a great many gun boats, which will take part in the battle. The struggle on the part of the enemy will be a desperate one, for if they fail again at Vicksburg, it will be impossible for them to control the Mississippi of the Northwestern States. They will then despair of securing, by force of arms, a channel of trade down the Mississippi, and will seek to secure that boon by peaceable means. They will cut loose from the Eastern States, and make the best terms they can with the Confederate States. The North West, which they cannot force a communication through the Mississippi, they will cease their war upon the South, and will turn their arms, if necessary, upon the remaining part of the United States, which brought upon them all the evils which they are now suffering. They now have no market for their products, and the taxes imposed upon them are burdensome in the highest degree. If we succeed, as we hope and believe we will, in the great struggle at Vicksburg, it will tend, more than any victory we have yet gained, to hasten the blissful period of peace. On the contrary, if we fail there, it will tend to protract the war, for it will inspire the people of the North Western States with the hope of having a free channel of trade down the Mississippi with the preservation of the Union, and the revolution now imminent in that part of the United States will be averted. We hope that we will have concentrated at Vicksburg a sufficient force to ensure a brilliant victory when the struggle takes place. Notwithstanding the signs which seem to indicate an early battle at Charleston, we suspect that the enemy intend to strike at some other place, probably Savannah. We think we are prepared to meet them successfully at Charleston, and confidently expect a victory there should they make the attack. We know they feel anxious to effect the capture of that city, because it was there that we gave them the first blow. If they capture it, they will find but a pile of ruins, for no more Southern cities will be surrendered. The fate of New Orleans has taught the other cities of the South a lesson by which they will not fail to profit. They will be shelled and burnt, they will not surrender. They will follow the noble and heroic examples set them by Vicksburg and Fredericksburg, and will suffer the fate of martyrs in a holy cause, rather than surrender to a worse than vandal foe. The enemy may destroy our cities and towns, may lay waste and devastate our country, but the South will never be vanquished.

The Yankees and Negroes. The Yankee Congress has passed a bill for arming 150,000 negroes. They have reached the "lowest depth" of humiliation degradation and political iniquity. They have confessed that they cannot conquer the South without the aid of 150,000 armed negroes. There is no man in the South who will not rejoice at this action of the Lincoln Congress. It furnishes the most conclusive evidence that they have despaired of conquering the South, and at the same time unmasks their professed philanthropy for the negro. The negroes will now see that instead of the Yankees fighting for them, as they professed to be, they are about to make the poor negroes fight for the Yankees. The negroes heretofore have led good homes and have fled to the Yankees for protection. They will now see that the Yankees furnish them such protection as the wolf gives to the lamb. No more negroes will go to the Yankees, but all that can get a way will return to the homes of their masters. This bill will break the back of the patience of the people in the North, and will ensure a revolution there which will crush the abolitionists to atoms, or suspend them dangling between heaven and earth. It will demoralize the whole Yankee army, and will hasten the triumph of the South. The Yankees are struck with judicial blindness, and every thing they do to injure us redounds to our advantage. There never was a more palpable illustration of the Roman maxim—"whom the Gods wish to destroy, they first make mad."

New Jersey Peace Resolutions. The Peace Resolutions came up in the New Jersey Legislature on the 23d ult. Mr. Holman, of Bergen, moved that they be referred to a special committee. Mr. Chandler, of Morris, moved an indefinite postponement. After a debate of some length, both motions were withdrawn, and the resolutions referred to the Committee on Peace Resolutions. A telegraphic despatch from General Sherman to the Secretary of War, received last Saturday night, says that Major C. M. Watkins, in command of the expedition against the enemy at Salisbury, reports that he captured a large quantity of property worth a million dollars, and one hundred and nine men. The war was at its height when the matter to Lord Lyons, containing

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