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THE CONTRABAND ON THE LEVEE.

The possibility of an attempt to capture this city by New Orleans must undoubtedly appear to the enemy and stimulate the zeal of our military authorities, and such must have been in part the deference as far as human intelligence and bravery may prove available in this result. It is tolerably certain that whenever the Yankees make up their minds to assault us, they will do so simultaneously at several points. While their mortar fleet and gunboats are bombarding Forts Jackson and St. Philip, and their overthrow also striking to pass the forts and reach the city unmolested, an effort will no doubt be made by the Federal troops in the Second Interior their way through the Bayous and Chief Mouteaux; or perhaps to land forces at various points along the lake shore. It is evident that a system of defences must underrun along distant spots, and must provide for the protection of every available point.

We have implicit confidence in Gen. Lovell, and desire not that his military skill and energy may be in any way embarrassed or paralyzed in completing a thorough defence of our city, and we have good reason to believe that such precautionary measures have been adopted as to render next to impossible the successful hypothesis suggested by a correspondent, of one or more steamers running past our forts unseen, in the night, or city, and landing an army. We do not, therefore, propose to indulge in conjectures respecting the particular places of debarkation selected, and which are necessarily only known to detail to the Commander-in-Chief and his immediate assistants; but we would simply suggest certain essential preliminary measures to be attended to by the private of citizens of each command, and lastly on the necessity of completing the war equipment of every regiment and company intended for the protection of New Orleans. For example it is not time for the various artillery corps to preserve their supply of cartridges, balls and other munitions of war, for which they have long since applied? Is it not for better to provide them at once with all they require, so that they may be in readiness to repair at an hour's notice to any point where they may be ordered? Much prevailing and dangerous delay would be obviated by a timely provision of this nature. It may be well, too, to recommend a frequent inspection of arms, half to examine the exact state of their ammunition over the various and peculiar companies.

There are other precautions which the military authorities will, we hope, not overlook. The Levee, for instance, at the streets and roads along which our industry and ordinary means have to repair to the first-steamers, or other-wise, those of our citizens are in no wretched a condition—especially in the rear of the city—that artillery would be in danger of being stalled in the mud. 2d. The means of transportation by way of the railroads leading to the Lakes; 3d, the modes of shelling the and speedy supplies of ammunition, balls and other varieties of 4th, abundant rations for such troops as may be dispatched from the city to the forts-finally, we do not see why the Levee should not be lined with guns, and why the Levee should not be lined with guns, and why the Levee should not be lined with guns, and