

J. C. Randall in Vol.23 of the American Historic Review has an article on news publishing in the Civil War. This article shows with ample illustration the exasperated temper in high circles against newspapers in general, and gives the various reason for it.

There of course was the divulging of military secrets. Sec'y Welles was made furious by the revelation to the enemy of all the plans of his carefully prepared and intended secret attack on Wilmington in '64. The New York papers announced that the attack was to be made, announced how large it was to be, when it was to sail and when it was to reach Wilmington. These papers came into the hands of the Confederates as all our papers did, and the secret expedition was properly met when it reached Wilmington.

It was little wonder that under these circumstances Welles should have denounced the newspaper tribe as disloyal pests.

Correspondents of local papers naturally enough

