

THE DAILY PATRIOT

BISHOP GEN. POLK.—Leonidas Polk, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and Lieutenant General in the Confederate service, was killed in one of Sherman's recent battles in Georgia. He was a native of North Carolina, born at Raleigh, in 1806, and a second cousin of the late President Polk. He graduated at West Point, in 1827, as Brevet 2d Lieutenant of Artillery, but soon after resigned and began the study of theology. He was ordained clergyman in 1831, and in 1838 was made missionary and provisional Bishop over a vast southwestern diocese, including Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, &c. In 1841, on the erection of those states into separate dioceses, Bishop Polk remained in charge of Louisiana.

He had been an active and influential promoter of the secession movement, and at the solicitation of the rebel Government entered the military service in July, 1861, as a major general. He was placed in command of the Mississippi department, with his head quarters fixed at Memphis; in September he was transferred thence to Columbus, Ky., which place he was compelled to evacuate in March, 1862, when he proceeded to join Beauregard at Corinth. He participated in the battle of Shiloh, and has served in Bragg's western campaigns, ranking as lieutenant general and commanding the 2nd army corps. Of late he has been in charge of a flying column for the protection of Mobile. He was the inheritor of a large fortune and the owner of extensive plantations and many slaves. His two professions of soldier and priest accorded illy with each other.