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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE WAR.

—We print on the first page a map of the region around Harper's Ferry—the immediate theater of military operations. There are two mountain ridges, not in the map; the first running about five miles west of Frederick and crossing the Potomac at Point of Rocks; the other ridge is parallel, a few miles west, crossing at Harper's Ferry.

—Saturday night brought another batch of rumors, the more important of which were of a fight somewhere near Hagerstown—the occupation of Frederick City by Gen. McClellan, the capture of our forces at Martinsburg—none of which are confirmed at this writing (p. m. Sunday.) We had, among other things, a circumstantial account of the Rebel capture and occupation of Hagerstown, which represented the soldiers as behaving very handsomely indeed.

—On Sunday afternoon we had further rumors about a great battle near Chambersburg, founded upon the fact that cannon firing had been heard all day.—Baltimore sent us word that the rumor of an attack on the Northern Capital Railroad was untrue. Cannonading was heard all day on Saturday, near Harper's Ferry. Gen. Burnside pressed through Frederick on Saturday morning, and was most joyfully welcomed; Gen. McClellan immediately followed when there was the most unbounded enthusiasm.

—Our advance guard, on entering Frederick on Friday night, had a brush with some of Stuart's cavalry, several on each side being killed and wounded. Gen. Franklin had captured a Rebel provision train of 100 wagons and about 150 prisoners. The Rebel forces are represented as being about 125,000. It is said that they expected a general rising in their favor—they were greatly disappointed. Jackson, Longstreet and Hill had been at Frederick. Jackson took the road toward Harper's Ferry; a part of the Rebel force moved toward Hagerstown. They left 450 of their sick and wounded at Frederick.—Further information reached us at 10 1/2 last night. The messenger of the Associated Press from Frederick reports movements up to Sunday morning. Before the Rebels left Frederick they destroyed the Union newspaper office. The artillery fighting on Friday was with the Rebel rear guard. On Sunday it was considered certain that all danger of a Rebel invasion of Pennsylvania was over. On Saturday the 8th Illinois cavalry made a brilliant charge upon two Rebel regiments; they took 40 prisoners, having only three men wounded. Later in the day a squad of the 2d Indiana charged a Rebel regiment, but did not come out so well; they lost 30 killed and wounded. Our cavalry pushed the enemy's rear guard so closely that they were obliged to burn half a mile of their wagon train. A man who left Harper's Ferry on Saturday, reports that Longstreet was repulsed there on that morning. This battle was thought to be renewed on Sunday morning, as rapid and heavy firing was heard in that direction. It was expected that our main columns would come up with the enemy before night on Sunday.—From Harpersburg we learn that the Rebel pickets below Chambersburg have retired into Maryland; our cavalry had gone within three miles of Hagerstown without seeing the enemy in force.—Two men who were taken prisoners by Stonewall Jackson near Williamsport, and soon after released, have reached Baltimore. They say that his division crossed on Friday. So Stonewall is once more in Virginia.

—Saturday was a day of rumors, and Sunday was of the same pattern. From Baltimore we had information that the railroad communication was interrupted, and the telegraph wires were cut between Harper's Ferry and Cumberland on Friday by the Rebels. Our folks had captured a few Rebel soldiers near Williamsport. It was discovered that Gen. Lee and Jackson had crossed the Potomac River near Martinsburg. Gen. Longstreet, it was thought, would cross further up the river. The whole Rebel force was retreating across the Potomac. Harpersburg telegraphed that this story of retreat was not believed, and urged the pushing on of troops, the Governor himself contradicting a rumor that had got about to the effect that no more men were wanted.—Late on Saturday afternoon an article which appeared in the *The Baltimore American* was sent over the wires. It said that at Harper's Ferry Colonel Dixon H. Miles had repulsed an attack by General Loring with great slaughter. The account was that Loring had crossed the Potomac at Williamsport simultaneously with the crossing of Jackson and Lee at Leesburg. Instead of marching towards Hagerstown, he had taken the river road by the canal in the direction of Harper's Ferry. A short distance above Harper's Ferry he attempted to ford the river with a large body of cavalry and infantry. The report was that when the river was covered with troops, Col. Miles opened upon them with his batteries from Camp Hill and from the trestled work of the railroad with grape and canister, causing the river actually to run with blood, when the attempt was abandoned. They had also previously made an attempt to storm the batteries on Maryland Heights, and were repulsed by masked batteries, scattering them and strewing the field with dead.

—We have some vague news or reports from Memphis. A Rebel mail had been taken in Arkansas, which contained dispatches from Gen. Hindman giving directions for future movements. A prisoner escaped from Holly Springs reports Villages moving in the direction of Bolivar, with 2,000 men, mostly artillery. Breckinridge was also moving in the same direction, with 5,000 men.

—A dispatch dated Nashville, Thursday night, says that the city was menaced by the Rebels, under Gen. Bragg. Gen. Bell's whole army was hastening to its defense; fortifications were being completed, and a vigorous defense would be made.

—Commander Bankhead has been appointed to the command of the Monitor, Commander Stevens having been ordered to important service at sea.

—Dispatches of Saturday from Cincinnati say that the Rebel army had fallen back beyond Florence—what Florence is not stated. Stragglers captured say

that they had 20,000 men, while others say only 10,000 advanced to this side of Florence under Gen. Heah.

—Kentucky news is mostly rumors and guess-work. There were 150 Rebel cavalry at Frankfort; Bragg was at Tompkinsville; Buckner was at Sparta, Tenn., with 10,000 men, marching toward Kentucky.

—Our special dispatch from Washington states that there are no Rebel troops in force in the Bull-Run region—only a few stragglers and parties of observation here and there. Upon the arrival of our troops at Leesburg they found but a handful of Rebel troops there.

—Great havoc was committed in Philadelphia on Friday in consequence of an overflow of a portion of the city by water. Three children were drowned, and property damaged to the extent of a million of dollars.

—A dispatch from Cincinnati says that Gov. Tod has ordered home the militia sent out for defense of the border. The regular troops in Kentucky were strong enough for any probable event.

—The Cincinnatians had a rumor on Saturday that Charleston, Va., had been left and burned by the Union troops, who were falling back toward the Ohio.

—The bounty fund of the National War Committee is expended, hence no more bounties can be paid until voluntary contributions replenish the treasury.

GENERAL NEWS.

—There was a large gathering of the friends of the Freedmen's Society, at the Church of the Pilgrims, last evening. An address respecting the Freedmen of South Carolina and Florida was delivered by the Rev. Mr. French. Robert Small, the colored hero who piloted the steamer Planter out of Charleston harbor, being introduced, gave an interesting account of that exploit. When he resumed his seat, a colored man and his wife, who had escaped from Charleston in rice barrels, were presented to the audience. A liberal collection was taken up for the benefit of the Freedmen's Society.

—Four men were killed on Saturday near Mankato, Minn., by the Indians. The victims were thrashing wheat, and were within a mile of a company of troops.

—The Hon. John R. Thomson, U. S. Senator from New Jersey died at his residence in Princeton on an early hour on Saturday morning. His official term would have expired on the 4th of March.

—A storeship arrived on Saturday from Key West. There was no news, save that general health had much improved.

STATE OF THE MARKETS.

Stocks were better on Saturday, the average advance being 1/2 per cent. Governments were strong with the exception of 1861 loan, the Registered at 99, and Coupons 97, were 1/2 per cent down. Treasury 7 3/8 were 1/2 per cent better. Demand Notes took quite a start, advancing 1/2 cent, 104 1/2. Gold was down, at 110 1/2. The share market was active. The market at the Second Board was excited and buoyant, but at the close prices were a trifle off. The foreign bill market is quiet at 100 1/2 for leading sterling; France, 4 3/4; 2 1/2. Freight advanced steadily, but with larger offerings closed decidedly firmer for Grain. The business of the Sub-Treasury was: Receipts, \$1,241,302 30; Disbursements, \$361,900; Payments, \$1,175,922 91; Balance, \$75,379 39. The exchanges at the Clearing House were: \$27,004,410 25. The exchanges for the week were \$115,312,345 23, being a daily average of \$25,968,474 23 against \$25,104,417 60 for the week before. The advance in Custom-House Demand Notes has been rapid, and sales have been as high as 110. The 7 1/2 are selling freely at 109 1/2. One-Year Certificates are 94 1/2. In all Government securities there was a strong feeling at the close. The demand for Western and State Flour is fairly active, especially for the medium and better qualities, which have been purchased freely for Baltimore and South America, at an advance of 2 1/2 to 3. \$5 25 for Extra State; \$5 25 to \$5 50 for Family State; \$5 40 to \$5 50 for the low grades of Western Flour; \$5 7 1/2 to \$5 8 1/2 for shipping brands of round-hoop Extra Ohio. (Standard is in light supply, but the demand is not active, and prices are without important change. Southern is in good demand and is very firm. Rye Flour is firm, and in moderate request. Corn Meal is less active, and is quiet and heavy. 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