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ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE COUNTRY. Advertisements for the WEEKLY HERALD must be handed in before ten o'clock every Wednesday evening.

THE SITUATION.

Our latest direct intelligence from the battle field on the Rappahannock is up to Sunday afternoon at six o'clock, at which time things looked favorable for General Hooker.

We refer our readers to the thrilling descriptions of the battles of Saturday and Sunday, given by our special correspondents on the field.

The reconnaissance in large force made by the army of General Peck on Sunday from Suffolk, under Generals Getty and Harlan and Colonels Stevens and Dutton, for the purpose of ascertaining the position of the enemy on the south side of the Nansemond, and learning whether General Longstreet had withdrawn to aid General Lee, resulted in a very serious and sharp encounter with the rebels, in which our troops did valiant service.

The Baptist Sunday School Union were to have celebrated their May anniversary yesterday at the Cooper Institute, but in consequence of the inclemency of the weather the affair was postponed until Tuesday next.

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The reconnaissance of General Palmer from Newbern to Kinston, North Carolina, in which he drove the rebels from their intrenchments at the bayonet's point, is given in detail in our columns to-day, The Massachusetts and Pennsylvania infantry regiments, and the New York cavalry, distinguished themselves splendidly on this occasion.

We have some important news from Port Royal by the arrival of the United States steamer New England last evening from Hilton Head. The captain reports that the Ironsides was to cross the bar at Charleston on the 2d instant, and the Monitor on the 4th.

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IMPORTANT FROM THE SOUTHWEST.

Renewed Attack of Gen. Sherman on the Defences of Vicksburg.

Strong Force of Troops and Gunboats Up the Yazoo.

Heavy Force of Gen. Grant's Army Landed Above Grand Gulf.

Bombardment of the Grand Gulf Batteries by the Fleet.

UNION RAID IN MISSISSIPPI.

Great Destruction of Railroad Bridges and Other Property.

Chicago, May 5, 1863.

A despatch from Cairo says the steamer Lady Franklin arrived from Vicksburg on Thursday night last. She reports that on that morning General Sherman, with a fleet of transports, accompanied by gunboats, passed up the Yazoo and made an attack on the rebel batteries.

In the afternoon several more transports followed, with troops on board. It was reported that General Sherman landed precisely in the same place to-day when he made the former attack.

Cannonading and musketry were distinctly heard at Young's Point, on Thursday, till long after midnight. A gentleman who left New Carthage on Wednesday last stated that a very heavy force of General Grant's army has been landed on the Mississippi side of the river, eight miles above Grand Gulf, and that our gunboats had been shelling the latter place for several days.

The Jackson Appeal of the 5th of April says of General Sherman's federal raid that, besides tearing up the railroad, he has destroyed two bridges, each one hundred and fifty feet long, seven culverts, burned twenty-eight freight cars, blown up two locomotives and burned the railroad depot and two commissary buildings at Newton. He also destroyed five miles of the telegraph line and captured two trains.

Rebel Accounts. THE ENGAGEMENT AT GRAND GULF, MISS. JACKSON, APRIL 29, 1863.

To General S. Cooper: Six gunboats, averaging ten guns each, opened a terrific fire upon our batteries at Grand Gulf, at seven o'clock, A. M., and continued without intermission for six hours and a half, when they withdrew. Several boats were apparently damaged, one disabled, and now lying on the Louisiana shore below.

Our loss in killed killed, including Colonel Wade, General Bowen's chief of artillery, twelve or fifteen were wounded. Reports are now being made, expecting a renewal of the attack to-morrow. Transports loaded with troops are in sight, but inactive.

J. C. FRANKSTON, Lieut. Gen. Commanding. [From the Richmond Examiner, May 1.] FROM MISSISSIPPI—MOVEMENTS OF THE ARMY. JACKSON, APRIL 29, 1863.

Despatches from Grand Gulf today represent all night in this direction, and along the entire front, from Memphis to Lafayette. The Memphis, Ryals (?) and four other gunboats have passed Grand Gulf. One gunboat is below that position, and is firing both ways. The firing is heavy, and is heard here distinctly.

The enemy last evening burnt the Union church on the Natchez and Hazlehurst road. Captain Churchill, with 100 men from Col. Wm. Adams' cavalry, has been sent to fight with the enemy some hours. The Yankees have not been successful. They have four pieces of artillery, and are probably making towards Natchez.

The Appeal says that Gen. Smith, commanding at Le Grand, Jackson, Tennessee, Bolivar and Corinth, will advance 20,000 men to Meridian and Mobile, commencing the evacuation of Vicksburg. [From the Richmond Whig, May 1.] JACKSON, APRIL 30, 1863.

Advice from Grand Gulf states that Curtis' command returned towards Corinth yesterday, from Palo Alto. General Lee is known to be below Jackson. A scout from Austin, yesterday, says that the Mississippi is twelve feet above low water mark, and is falling six inches daily. It is impossible for boats to get into Natchez Lake until the river rises. A few transports pass up and down daily. Two gunboats and one transport, towing two barges, passed down on the 25th.

SECOND DISPATCH. JACKSON, APRIL 30, 1863. Six gunboats, with two transports loaded to the guns, passed Grand Gulf last night at nine o'clock. The enemy are on the Louisiana shore below. Col. Wm. Adams has sent the Yazoo cavalry who made the raid near Lafayette, and has driven them towards Brookhaven. The enemy is reported to have at Brookhaven.

A train of troops reached Hazlehurst from Jackson at one o'clock to-day. Colonel Adams is hard on the Yankees' trail. Spring was heard this morning near Union Church. From the best information received here the Yankees are moving towards Natchez. A private despatch to the Mississippi says that the enemy entered Bohak yesterday, burned the depot, tore up the track, and captured several soldiers and an officer. Their course was suddenly changed towards Brookhaven. Our forces are close upon their rear. The enemy engaged on Tuesday at Grand Gulf are making a large body at Hard Times, on the Louisiana shore, five miles above Grand Gulf. [A large portion of the despatch being unintelligible, was not transcribed. A portion, anticipated by the official despatch, published yesterday, is also omitted.] THIRD DISPATCH. JACKSON, MAY 1, 1863.

General Sherman's forces are on the march, and are expected to reach the Mississippi river in a few days. The Yankees report that they have captured Tusculum.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, MAY 5, 1863. ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONSCRIPTION. The appointments for Provost Marshals to enforce the Conscription law have all been made, but for prudential reasons they are not to be announced regularly until the preparations are complete for the enforcement of the law.

THEATRE.

NIBLO'S GARDEN. Miss Estlin's review in "Lush" was a great success. The house was crowded, and the reception of the artists by the audience was extremely flattering. The play will be repeated every night this week.

THE IRISH RELIEF FUND—GRAND PERFORMANCE AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

The representation at the Academy of Music last evening, under the auspices of Mr. Barney Williams, for the benefit of the fund for the relief of the suffering poor of Ireland, was a most successful and highly satisfactory affair.

THE CHEVALIER WIEROFF ON A MISSION TO WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON.—We understand that the Chevalier Wieroff left for Washington yesterday, on a special mission to the President and the Secretary of State, to obtain an appointment for his friend, Mrs. Ann Dickinson, of Philadelphia, as a roving diplomatist, to permeate Europe and win over the English and French Courts to the Union cause.

THE FIRE BELLS AT DAYTON HUNG AND AN ATTEMPT MADE TO RESCUE HIM.

DAYTON, OHIO, MAY 5, 1863. Hon. Clement L. Vallandigham was arrested at his residence, at Dayton, Ohio, this morning, by a detachment of soldiers, who went up from Cincinnati by a special train last night.

POPULAR OUTBREAK AT DAYTON—TELEGRAPH WIRES CUT AND THE JOURNAL OFFICE SET ON FIRE, &c.

DAYTON, OHIO, MAY 5, 1863. A riotous mob has cut all the telegraph wires in Dayton, and set the Journal office on fire. It is feared that the Phillips House will be next. The telegraph office has been closed for fear of being gutted by the rioters.

ARREST OF SECESSIONISTS IN ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, MAY 5, 1863. Fifteen or twenty of the most prominent secessionists of this city were arrested to-day under General Curtis' escort order.