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LAST NIGHT'S REPORT.

Particulars of the Evacuation of Petersburg.

Communication offering the Surrender.

\$1,000,000 worth of Property Destroyed.

Good Behavior of our Soldiers.

Joy of the Citizens at the Departure of the Confederates.

The Latest from Richmond.

The Evacuation Announced in Church on Sunday Last.

REBEL GUN BOATS BLOWN UP.

The Enemy's Total Loss in the Petersburg Battles 40,000.

Sheridan Pressing Lee Close.

He hopes to Capture his whole Army.

FIVE HUNDRED CANNON TAKEN.

Our Forces occupy Burksville.

Steamer Captured by Rebels.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Late News from Panama.

A REVOLUTION TAKEN PLACE.

The Government Quietly Overturned.

EVACUATION OF RICHMOND.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, April 5.—8 p. m.

To Major General Dix, New York:

The following telegram gives all the details received by this Department, in relation to military operations at Richmond, not heretofore published.

[Signed] R. M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

ALLEN'S LANDING, VA., April 5.—11:00 A. M.

Hon. E. M. Stanton:

Little is known at City Point. There are but few officers left, and they are overwhelmed with work. Lee telegraphed Davis at 3:30 on Sunday that he was driven back and must evacuate. This was followed by a series of reports that the Virginia line had been broken and the rebels were in the hands of the city. The bridges across the river were destroyed. The bridges across the river were destroyed. The bridges across the river were destroyed.

Many of the families remain; Mrs. Lee remains.

At Petersburg the public stores were burned and a few houses caught fire, but not much damage was done to the city. The bridges there were also destroyed. I will report in full from Richmond.

I cannot get a clear idea of our loss. The only General killed is Winthrop. Potter is dangerously wounded in the groin.

General Grant has commanded the army in person since the beginning of operations.

[Signed] C. A. DANA, Assistant Secretary of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, April 5.—11 p. m.

To Major General Dix:

General Grant telegraphs to this Department, from Nottaway Court House, as follows:

Last night General Sheridan was on the Danville Railroad, south of Amelia Court House, and sent word to General Meade, who was following with the 2d and 6th corps, by what is known as the River Road, that if the troops could be got up in time he had hopes of capturing or dispersing the whole of Lee's army. I am moving with the left wing, commanded by General Ord, by the Cox or direct Burkeville road.

We will be tonight, at or near Parkville. I have had no communication with Sheridan or Meade to-day, but hope to hear very soon that they have come up with, and captured or broken up the balance of the army of Northern Virginia. In every direction we hear of men of that army going home, generally with their arms. Sheridan reports Lee at Amelia Court House to-day.

[Signed] E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, April 5.—12 p. m.

To Major General Dix:

The following details, representing the capture of Richmond and its occupation by the Union forces, have been telegraphed to the Department from this city.

E. M. STANTON, Secy of War.

General Weitzel learned at 3 o'clock in the morning of Monday, that Richmond was being evacuated. At daylight he moved forward, first taking care that his men had breakfast, in the expectation that he might have a fight. He met no opposition, and on entering the city, was greeted with a hearty welcome from the mass of the people.

The Mayor went out to meet him to surrender the city, but missed him on the road. General Weitzel finds much suffering among the people. The rich as well as the poor are destitute of food. He is about to issue supplies to all who take the

oath. The inhabitants now number about 20,000, half of them of African descent. It is not true that Jeff. Davis has fled from the city. He is in his home where I am now writing. He left Richmond at 7 p. m., on the Danville railroad. All the members of Congress escaped. Hunter has gone home, Carson Smith went with the army, Judge Campbell remains here.

Gen. Weitzel took here 1000 prisoners besides the wounded. These number 5000 in nine hospitals. I captured cannon to the number of at least 500 pieces. Five thousand muskets have been found in one lot.

Thirty locomotives and 300 cars were found here. The Petersburg railroad was totally destroyed, the Danville road partially so; that connecting with Petersburg can easily be re-rail. All the rebel vessels are destroyed except an unfinished ram, which has her machinery in her. The Tredegar works are unharmed, and the machinery is here to-day under General Weitzel's orders.

Libby prison and Castle Thunder have also escaped fire, and are filled with rebel prisoners of war.

Most of the editors have fled, especially John M. Hunter. The *Wing* appeared yesterday as a Union paper, with the name of the former proprietor at its head. The theatre open to-night. Gen. Weitzel describes the reception of the President yesterday as enthusiastic in the extreme.

[Signed] C. A. DANA, Assistant Secretary of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, April 5.

To Major General Dix:

A telegram just received from Richmond states that General Weitzel captured in Richmond 1,000 well prisoners and 5,000 wounded. He found 500 pieces of artillery and 5,000 stand of arms.

The President went to Richmond yesterday and returned to City Point to-day.

The Surgeon-General reports that Mr. Seward, who was thrown from his carriage this morning, is doing well. His arm was broken and his face much bruised. The case presents no alarming symptoms.

[Signed] E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

FROM COLUMBUS.

[Special Dispatch to the Cleveland Leader.]

COLUMBUS, April 5.

A dispatch from Mr. Wetmore says that 5,000 more paroled prisoners arrived at Annapolis yesterday. There were 215 Olsons among them.

Owing to the absence of one of the Directors of the Penitentiary no election of a Warden was held to-day, as was expected. A choice will be made on the 15th, the time fixed for meeting.

A man named Kelso had both his arms and face blown off by the premature discharge of a cannon this noon, with which a salute was being fired at the arsenal.

The Senate to-day passed the House bill authorizing cities of the first and second class to sprinkle their streets, and levy a tax on the adjacent property to pay the expenses thereof.

The following joint resolution was adopted: That the Governor be authorized to appoint, in such localities in this State as he may deem necessary, persons for the collection of sanitary stores for the hospitals and field, and to pay all necessary expenses out of his contingent fund; but no salary or compensation shall be paid to any person so employed.

In the House, Mr. Kellogg's bill to allow County Commissioners, City Councils and Township Trustees, to levy a tax to refund money borrowed to pay a bounty of \$100 in addition to the amount authorized by law, was passed. Also the Senate bill providing for a new Board of Commissioners to examine military claims, and also Mr. Williamson's bill to authorize guardians of insane widows to compromise their right of dower in certain cases.

At a large meeting of prominent Unionists from all parts of the state, held here this evening, a resolution was adopted requesting the Central Committee to fix up on the 21st of June next as a day upon which to hold a State Convention. It was also requested to make all arrangements necessary to procure an equal and fair representation of Ohio Union soldiers in said Convention.

Associated Press Report.

FROM RICHMOND.

New York, April 5.

The Post's special from Richmond represents that the fire there was very destructive, totally destroying many tobacco warehouses.

Gen. Grant is confident that the spirit of Lee's army was completely broken. If he stops at Lynchburg he will be surrounded by our forces.

ABOUT SHERIDAN.

PHILADELPHIA, April 5.

Sheridan arrived in this city to-day. He left General Sherman on Saturday morning. The army of Sherman was then about moving, according to prearranged plans adopted on his late visit to General Grant, at Fort Monroe. The army was in a magnificent condition, and his number much larger than generally supposed.

SURRENDER OF RICHMOND.

New York, April 5.

The Commercial's special says: The colors of Richmond, headed by General Draper of Massachusetts, were the first to enter Richmond. The city was formally surrendered by the Mayor, Joseph J. Mayo, who was escorted for protection to life and property. All of the principal buildings had been fired by the rebel authorities before leaving. Several banks and the *Enterprise* and *Dispatch* printing offices were burned. General Weitzel took Jeff. Davis to his headquarters. General Shepley was appointed Military Governor.

Governor Pierpont is to transfer the State Government of Virginia to Richmond. General Weitzel at once took measures to press the pursuit of Lee.

CHICAGO, April 5.

The fire last night destroyed a party to the value of \$20,000. Fully insured.

FROM PETERSBURG.

PETERSBURG, April 3.

The army of the Potomac has been in and out of Petersburg this morning, merely making a flying visit.

The rebels commenced evacuating last night at 10 o'clock, and by 3 o'clock this morning were across the river, having burned about a million dollars worth of tobacco, the South Side railroad depot, and the bridge of the Appomattox. Our troops charged the inner line of works at daylight, taking a picket line some five hundred men prisoners.

The troops entering the city behaved most admirably, not more than half a dozen stores being entered by them, and the most of them containing tobacco, liquor, &c.

The protest guard soon arrived and established order. The Mayor of the town met the troops as they entered and handed to the officer commanding the following communication, offering to surrender the city:

General Lee, U. S. Grant, Commanding United States Forces, or Major General Lee, U. S. Forces in front of Petersburg:

GENERAL.—The city of Petersburg having been evacuated by the Confederate troops, we, a Committee authorized by the Common Council of the city, and in a request for the protection of the persons and property of its inhabitants.

We are respectfully,

W. W. THOMAS, Mayor, Com. D. ABRAHAM, Mayor, Com.

Protection was promised on the part of our troops, and the citizens have no cause for complaint, for certainly there is no instance on record where an army after lying so long in front of a place of so much importance, and losing so many men in efforts to capture it, entered a city in less disorder, and doing less damage to private property, than in this case. The citizens did not show themselves during the first part of the day, but after discovering that our soldiers were orderly and well behaved, and willing to do no harm to any one, they began to make their appearance at the doors and windows of their residences, and, later in the day, even many of the old citizens, and a few heavy muskets which they could not transport readily. A large number of men deserted and hid in town until our troops entered, when they made their appearance and were taken into custody.

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