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Official War Bulletins.

Movements of General Grant—Despatches from General Banks—Nothing Official from General Sherman.

WASHINGTON, May 28.

To Major General Dix, New York.

The despatch from General Grant, mentioned in my telegraph this morning (published yesterday) was dated at Jericho Mills, twelve o'clock, May 25.

An official despatch from headquarters, Quarles Ford, at 6 o'clock this morning, has just been received. It details movements in progress since yesterday, of which it is not proper now to say more than that they will manifest their result within twenty-four hours.

Our sick and wounded in Fredericksburg have been transferred to Washington, and the army material and supplies removed to points nearer to the present field of operations.

From the mouth of Red river, May 21, Major General Canby reports that the army from Red river was delayed in crossing the Atchafalaya by the high water and inclement pontoon equipage. The crossing was completed to-day, and the army is now moving across the Mississippi.

Brigadier General A. G. Smith had a spirited engagement with Polignac's rebel division on the 8th inst., defeating it, driving it several miles and capturing three hundred prisoners.

In a report at 10:45 to-day, General Butler says: "Further official reports show that the rebel force at Wilson's wharf was even more completely telegraphed. The enemy retreated during the night, leaving twenty-five of their dead in our hands, and showed a loss of killed and wounded of more than two hundred. From the accounts of every officer the negro troops behaved most splendidly."

Nothing has been heard from General Sherman's command.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

WASHINGTON, May 27, 1864.

To Major General Dix, New York.

A despatch from Major General Banks, dated May 21st, on the Mississippi river, was received to-day.

It details the brilliant achievement of Colonel Bailey in constructing a dam across the falls of Red river, for the relief of the gunboat fleet, the particulars of which have already been made public.

The army, in moving from Alexandria to the Mississippi, had two engagements with the enemy, one at Mansuns, and one at Yellow Bayou.

General Banks states that the prisoners, gun-wagons, or other material of the army had been captured by the enemy, except that abandoned to him at the unexpected engagement at Sabine Cross on the morning of the 5th of April; that, with the exception of the losses sustained there, the material of the army is complete.

A despatch has been received from General Butler, but no mention is made of any conflict since the defeat of Fitzhugh Lee, at Wilson's wharf, by the colored brigade of General Willard.

No intelligence has been received since my last telegram, from General Grant or General Sherman.

E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Late Operations of Interest.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., May 27, 1864.

My last despatch was written a considerable force of the enemy was disputing our passage of the North Anna. Gen. Law's division of Engineers' corps was posted in strong earthworks between Long Creek and the river, and they seemed disposed to hold Taylor's bridge at all hazards; and they poured a storm of shot and shell from their batteries when Gen. Birney's division, on the morning of the 25th, crossed the river, and they abandoned the bridge and retreated to the north.

The assault, which was made under the immediate direction of General Birney, is considered a very brilliant affair, and General Law's division of Engineers' corps, in the assault, expressing his thanks and admiration for the masterly manner in which he handled his command; for, in spite of the terrific fire concentrated against him, he maneuvered his troops with such consummate skill, that his losses are very small. The 3d and 5th Michigan, 8th and 14th New York, the 9th Pennsylvania, and the 17th Maine, suffered more severely in the assault than any other regiments in the division. They stood bravely to the work, tired and weary as they were with a long march on an exceedingly sultry day, facing the storm of bullets hurled against them with unflinching bravery.

The rebels, when driven from their redoubt and rifle-pits, retreated across the river, many of them swimming, the bridge being too much crowded to admit of their crossing with such celerity as they desired. The assault on Taylor's bridge, spanning the North Anna, was made on the 25th of May, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The bridge was carried after a short skirmish, and the rebels driven from their *dejeu post* on the opposite bank. The 4th Maine held the bridge until the 26th of May, when it was recaptured by the Excelsior brigade, which was relieved in turn by the 20th Indiana and a portion of the 4th New York.

A clever movement in the evening the enemy made to break from his works, and endeavor to retake the bridge from us; but after a spirited skirmish of about twenty minutes' duration, he was driven back.

The enemy made another attack, with a much larger force, and drove our men from the bridge and held it for some time, and made several attempts to burn it. The 7th New York, under the command of General Gordon, coming up, the rebels were forced to retire; the fires they had kindled were extinguished, and we occupied the bridge without further trouble until morning.

At seven o'clock on the morning of the 26th, General Birney crossed the North Anna at the bridge with his division, followed by General Gibbon and his division, and soon after the 2d corps was in line of battle about a quarter of a mile from the river in a tolerably good position. One part of General Hancock's line in within our hundred yards of the rebel entrenchments, and the riflemen on the other side are carrying on the Irishman's motto since a wake, "If you see a head hit it."

Skirmishing was kept up all day yesterday, but no real engagement took place.

The 5th, 6th and 9th corps are across the North Anna also. They crossed near Jericho Mills, a mile or two to the right of Taylor's bridge.

Considerable skirmishing took place along our whole line yesterday, in which portions of all the different corps participated.

JENKINS, Va., May 25—Noon.—In my full despatches of seven o'clock this morning, after relating the events of the march from Spotsylvania to this place, and the engagements and strategic movements that enabled us to force the crossings of the North Anna, it was stated that the enemy had probably withdrawn across the South Anna. The advance of the 5th and 6th corps had found him in considerable force. Whether it is the entire army of Lee, or only a corps left to retard our advance, and gain time for the main army, or other reasons, I am not sure, but the message of the main army and its trains, has not yet been learned.

Constant skirmishing has been carried on during the forenoon, accompanied with cannonading of irregular intervals.

The obstinacy of the struggle in Hancock's front late last evening argues the rebel force to be weak. But few troops were discovered, and the position occupied by them was not a favorable one.

Our entire army was across the North Anna at daylight, and maneuvering to gain a position and uncover the enemy, which has occasioned the enemy had probably withdrawn across the South Anna.

I reiterate my full belief, that no temporary

THE WAR IN GEORGIA.

General Sherman again on the Advance—Altoona Flanked—Johnston Thought to have Reinforced Lee and Beauregard.

CHICAGO, May 27.—The General Sherman's movements in Georgia, since the capture of Atlanta, have been the subject of much speculation. It is now generally believed that Johnston's position at Altoona, on the Etowah river, the position at Dalton, in mountain fastness, and is considered stronger than any other position. Johnston's position at Dalton, and is considered stronger than any other position. Johnston's position at Dalton, and is considered stronger than any other position.

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