

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

The Rebel Attempt at an Explosion Friday night—Their Supposed Design—Statements of Deserters.

A letter from the Army of the Potomac, dated Saturday evening, says it is not generally believed that the rebels on Friday, were to blow up a fort in front of the 5th corps, but that their design was to damage a mine, which they suspected was being dug in front of the 18th corps.

Certain it was there was an explosion, whatever may have been the object of it.

Our men were considerably startled, and every one rushed to his post, when a rapid fire commenced from our line in the direction the enemy were supposed to be advancing.

As soon as the smoke cleared away the true state of affairs was discovered, and firing at once ceased.

A stray ball struck Col. Steadman, commanding 2d brigade, 2d division 18th army corps, which soon after resulted in death.

A party of 50 deserters started to come into our lines yesterday morning at an early hour, while the rebels were still in the act of blowing up the mine.

These deserters say the reason why the soldiers do not exchange papers is because they are ordered not to do so, but this would be of no effect if they could afford to buy them, the price being 40 cents apiece, and they have not been paid off for a long time.

THE REBEL INVASION.

Interesting from Hagerstown. From a gentleman who arrived here on Saturday from Hagerstown, where he has been sojourning for two weeks past, we get some interesting particulars of the doings of the rebels in that vicinity.

When some three hundred cavalry entered Hagerstown on Friday week the place was held by a small detachment of Cole's Maryland cavalry and a force of Hunter's infantry.

The rebels took possession of the town, and proceeded to institute a thorough search of the stores. As the merchants had not reported their stock since the former visit of the rebels this season, the Confederates got but little, with the exception of a small quantity of clothing.

The rebels seeing that many of the citizens were frightened and anxious to get away, told them to remain quietly at home and they would not be molested.

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ALL WRONG.—We notice that the New York papers are complaining of the publication by certain Washington papers of contraband news concerning late movements by Grant and Sheridan. We have carefully refrained from making any mention of these movements, but any such painstaking seems quite thrown away in view of the course of some of our city contemporaries.

PETERSBURG. No Change at the Front—A Rebel Attempt at Mining—Signal Failure and Disappointment—Prince George Court House Burned.

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