

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.

To Maj. Gen. Dix. The following dispatch has been received from Gen. Sheridan:

Cedar Creek, Oct. 21—P. M. To Lieut. Gen. U. S. Grant. I pursued the enemy nearly to Mount Jackson which point he reached during the night of the 19th and the 20th without an organized retreat of his army.

Gen. Stevenson received the arrival at Martinsburg of 1500 wounded and 1200 prisoners. Gen. Custar arrived this afternoon at Washington with 10 battle flags displayed from the railroad engines.

The Herald's Martinsburg correspondent of the 22d says our losses the 19th are in the vicinity of 3000 killed and wounded and missing. We have captured, including the wounded, 7000 prisoners and 50 guns.

Another correspondent says that in the retreat of the rebels, made a dash through the woods at Woodstock the column halted for rest, and soon returned toward Strasburg, picking up many prisoners by the way.

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A message has just been received from Gen. Pleasanton stating that he is pressing Price with 2000 men. He had fought them on the field yesterday, and they were in dependence and is pushing them sharply. Price is heading for Kansas and may cross the state in his retreat. Our rear had a sharp skirmish with the rebels at the Big Blue this evening, capturing 14 rebels and killing one.

General battle has been fought and a victory won. Price's whole army is retreating rapidly south. Our cavalry are in hot pursuit, although with Pleasanton's force numbering only 1500. The rebels may strike for Fort Scott, but will be too closely followed to do much damage. Gen. Pleasanton closed yesterday's battle by capturing a large number of prisoners and three pieces of artillery. This morning our line was formed five miles south of Kansas City at the Westport road.

The batteries constructed by Gen. Butler on the James River near Chesapeake Bluff off of the rebel transports in the vicinity and drove all but one steamer ironclad, half a mile further up the river.

The iron works went up also. Our wooden gaboon was seriously and one iron cladem was considerably injured. Our casualties were one man badly wounded.

Richmond papers of the 22d acknowledge the defeat of Early by Sheridan and Early in his official dispatch also acknowledges a defeat. The Inquirer says all the Union camp equipment taken in the morning was recaptured in the afternoon by the enemy. By night it says the rebel army was in Newmarket, worn out by fatigue and greatly perked up at the result.

The knowledge only 1000 killed and wounded and a small number of prisoners captured. An order has been issued by the Richmond war office, conscripting one fifth of the employees in the ordinance and bureau yards securing 4000 to the military force. The order is considered a breath of life and gives great satisfaction.

The Herald's Chattanooga correspondent of the 18th, says Gen. Sherman is not pushing Hood, but is managing, if possible, to keep him up in the valley and starve him to death. Hood has woefully failed in finding or capturing supplies. He is trying his best to stop a fight. He attempted to make back through Snake Creek Gap, but finding that blocked up he abandoned the attempt.

The Aquia Chronicle says Gen. Sherman, who holds Atlanta, has contracted his lines considerably, so much so as to leave part of the city out in the cold. A rebel column in the vicinity, made a dash through this part without suffering any damage.

The following are the principal captures made by Dix's little brigade, 22 guns, 27 army wagons, 30 ambulances, 143 mules, 117 horses, 2 stands of colors, and a guidon. We followed the rebels to Fisher's Hill, drove them from there, capturing another wagon train, and then followed them to the river. Early next morning pursuit was resumed by Powell's cavalry. He captured 14 pieces of artillery in the woods. At Woodstock the column halted for rest, and soon returned toward Strasburg, picking up many prisoners by the way.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 26. The Herald's correspondent with Sheridan, writing on the 20th, says the army is resting in the vicinity of Centerville, made a dash through the woods at Woodstock the column halted for rest, and soon returned toward Strasburg, picking up many prisoners by the way.

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