

MOVEMENT OF THE ENEMY FROM THE PENINSULA.

Early yesterday morning intelligence reached the city that the enemy, in consequence of the supposed intention of another advance upon Richmond, as a matter of consequence considerable excitement resulted, and rumors were abundant and conflicting.

It was reported that the demonstration was made by Beutler, with the earnest determination of rescuing the Yankee prisoners in Richmond, whilst others properly reported that it was a feint to divert attention from other, and, at present, more important points.

During the day we endeavored to ascertain something reliable in regard to this new movement, and the result of our efforts, as obtained from the most reliable sources of information, disclosed the following facts:

On Saturday night, about 9 o'clock, our pickets below Bottom's Bridge discovered that the enemy were advancing in some force, both cavalry and infantry. The pickets were ordered before until the bridge was reached, when a stand was made, and the advance of the enemy halted.

In the meantime supporting force had been sent down to the bridge, and preparations were made of once made to dispute its passage by the enemy. At daylight yesterday morning the anticipated attempt to cross the bridge was made, but easily repulsed, when they were driven a few hundred yards. Here they seemed a line of battle, and it was readily supposed that they intended to make another attempt to cross the Chickahominy, but finding our men resolute in their purpose of maintaining their ground, after remaining in line of battle for an hour or two, the Yankees withdrew, whether to give up the struggle altogether, or to wait further reinforcements, is not known.

The announcement of the approach of the enemy induced the requisite preparation upon the part of the authorities here to insure them a proper reception, and hundreds of our citizens girded on their armor to go out and resist the advance of the invaders.

Whilst attention was directed to this quarter, reports obtained currency that the enemy were making a movement on the Rapidan river, and that they had crossed that river in considerable force. This report, though not altogether without foundation, was greatly exaggerated as to the magnitude of the movement. We learn that the enemy did not attempt to cross the Rapidan in force, but without making any formidable demonstration withdrew before night to the bank of the river.

Last night matters in the city had settled down to their usual quiet.

THE LATE AFFAIR IN HARDY COUNTY.—FURTHER PARTICULARS OF THE CAPTURE OF THE YANKEE WAGON TRAIN.

We have already noticed the capture of a Yankee wagon train by Gen. Rosser's command. The capture was effected on Saturday work at Williamsport, Hardy county, and in the struggle between Petersburg and Harrisonburg. A soldier who participated in the affair states that our forces captured one hundred and ten wagons, containing 2000 barrels of flour, 1000 barrels of corn, 1000 barrels of sugar, molasses, pickled pork, fat, corn, and oats. Sixty-five of the wagons, heavily loaded with the articles herein mentioned, were safely brought off.

At the time he attacked the train it was guarded by about 800 infantry, who made a gallant show of resistance, but were soon broken to the mountains. In the fight we lost three killed and eight wounded. Of the killed, one belonged to the 11th Va. cavalry, and two to the 12th. Lieut. Howell of the 7th Va. cavalry, lost an arm.

The following official dispatch with reference to the affair was received at the War Department on Saturday:

ONANKE C. H., Feb. 6, 1864. To Gen. S. M. P. Gen. Rosser captured a train of fifty-three wagons, loaded with flour, sugar, molasses, pickled pork, fat, corn, and oats. Also, three hundred and twenty prisoners.

The guard of 800 infantry escaped to the west. There were twenty-five killed and wounded.

Information of the advance upon Petersburg having been received, the garrison of that city was ordered to the west, and on the 21st instant Gen. Rosser destroyed the bridge over Patterson's Creek and north bank of the Potomac and canal, and captured 1000 prisoners, 2000 barrels of flour, 1000 barrels of corn, 1000 barrels of sugar, molasses, pickled pork, fat, corn, and oats.

Gen. Rosser has shown great energy and skill, and his command deserves great credit. R. E. LEE.

CONFEDERATE STATES CONGRESS. The Senate was opened on Saturday with the Rev. Mr. Brown of the Presbyterian Church in the chair.

Mr. Mill of Ga., offered joint resolutions of thanks, tendering the thanks of Congress to the troops of the Provisional Army from the State of Georgia, who have re-embarked for home.

These bills to establish a military Court in the State of Alabama, reported without amendment to the Judiciary Committee, was considered and passed.

Mr. Johnson, of Mo., from the Committee on Claims, reported a bill for the relief of James A. Avery, which was ordered to be read.

Joint resolution of thanks to McClellan's battery was concurred in.

A bill in relation to the claim of Zedekiah McClellan and Francis M. Ewing, for compensation for blowing up the gunboat Cassin on the Yazoo river, on the 12th Dec., was considered and concurred in.

The bill to authorize the issue of currency for the interest of the citizens, in the form of "Greenbacks," was considered and passed.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill for the auditing and payment of claims against the Confederate States. The bill was lost—aye 5, no 23.

The Senate then resolved itself into secret session.

The House met at 11 o'clock, and was presided over by Rev. Dr. Duncan. A resolution was adopted inviting Major-General Wilcox to seat in the Hall of the House.

The Chief laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a statement from the Commissioner of Taxes, furnishing statistics of the Tax in the cities of Richmond, Norfolk, and August on the 1st of Dec. The amount collected in these cities that month will fall short of \$70,000, of which the Treasury has paid \$20,000.

The House then took up Senate bill to provide for the organization of a general staff for the Army, but, on motion of Mr. Johnson, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

A report from the Committee on Military Affairs, to provide compensation to

PARTICULARS OF THE FIGHT AT KINSTON.

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