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THE WAR NEWS.

On the south side of the James continues quiet. The enemy has been engaged for several days in shelling our left and center, but has inflicted no damage. On Thursday night a feeble attack was made upon our right, where a portion of Col. Quinn's Virginia brigade was posted. Some demonstration was manifested by the enemy to renew the assault on Friday, and heavy skirmishing took place, which was soon abandoned by the Yankees. Nothing of interest occurred on Saturday or yesterday. It is reported that Butler has received reinforcements of negro troops, but we are not prepared to vouch for the truth of the statement. One thing is certain—he is determined to very narrow straits, and the more undisciplined negro troops he has to manage in his present quarters will but add to his embarrassments. Notwithstanding the existing state of quiet on the Southside, the interest which for two weeks has concentrated upon that point has by no means abated, nor is it believed that the excitement of the campaign there are over. The gallant Beauregard is silently, but skillfully, making his preparations to give the enemy a hot reception whenever he shall see proper to leave the protection of his fortifications; and whenever that time may come, we entertain no doubt of the result.

FROM GENERAL LEE'S ARMY.

All eyes are now turned towards the heroic army of General Lee, which lies in a position to intercept the enemy's approach to Blomington. It was the general impression that a battle would be fought yesterday, but the quiet of the day was unbroken. About 9 o'clock in the afternoon, a cavalryman rode up to Aiken's Station and stated that a hot fight was going on about two miles and a half down the road. Persons at Aiken's Station in vain for the sound of the guns, but nothing could be heard. Presently another person came in, who said he was just from the front, and that every thing was perfectly quiet. This led some to divide the object of the day to a question.

A severe cavalry fight occurred on Saturday, at Aiken's Station, in Hanover county, a few miles to the right of the Central Railroad. A force of our cavalry, consisting of regiments of Hunter's and Wickham's brigades, the 5th and 6th regiments of Sotter's South Carolina brigade, and the 9th Georgia battalion, all under the command of General Wade Hampton, was sent out to reconnoiter the enemy's position. They came upon a large force of Yankee cavalry in the above-mentioned locality, and without hesitation made an attack. In this they were successful, driving the enemy back towards the river; but at this juncture the enemy's infantry supports, composed of a full company, and poured a raking fire into our ranks, and stood as long as they could, and then fell back, with a loss of over a hundred wounded and a few killed. The fight lasted several hours, and is represented to have been one of the severest cavalry engagements that has occurred during the war. We took some prisoners, and lost some. It is reported that our wounded were left on the field, but as the enemy showed no disposition to follow up his advantages, they were all afterwards recovered.

The train last evening brought down between 9 and 10 o'clock our wounded in this fight. The same train brought 25 Yankee prisoners, who were captured near Hanover Junction. They represent that they were on point at the time; were left in that exposed situation by their comrades when Grant's army crossed the North Anna, and soon found themselves surrounded by "rebel" soldiers.

The larger portion of the Yankee army is this side of the Pamunkey, the main force apparently making for the Peninsula, by way of Potomac creek. On this, however, there is no certainty. Barnard's corps is reported to be within three or four miles of Hanover Court House—between that place and the Pamunkey.

About 11 o'clock on Saturday morning one regiment of Lomax's cavalry bridged a stream with the enemy's cavalry near Hanover C. H., with no important result. It is supposed that this force of the enemy was sent out to cover some movement in their rear.

The Yankees are plundering the inhabitants on the line of their route, taking negroes, horses, and articles of subsistence.

Information was received last night that the enemy, in heavy force, was advancing on Hanover Court House. Grant's whole army, with the exception of Warren's corps, has crossed the Pamunkey at Hanover Town, and his line-of-battle extends from that point to a position some distance in front of Aiken's station—which is a point on the Central railroad, nine miles from Blomington. Our troops are in the best of spirits, with a morale unbroken, and a discipline unimpaired.

FROM FREDERICKSBURG.

Persons who left Spotsylvania county on Friday last, bringing interesting intelligence from the Fredericksburg. They learned that the rebels had stated that the whole of the army of the north was under marching orders. The town was only held by cavalry, who were moving everything away as rapidly as possible. The railroad bridge across the Rappahannock had not been rebuilt. It is reported that the people have been treated tolerably well, but the whole country in the vicinity has been rendered a desert. The Yankees have inflicted a good deal of damage upon the railroad. The persons who brought this information came by way of Beaver Dam, and report that no enemy had been nearer that point on the Central Railroad for several days than Revie's, which is eight miles from Beaver Dam, in the direction of Hanover Junction.

FROM THE NORTH.

A gentleman who has seen a Northern paper of the 25th instant, says that gold was quoted in New York on the 24th at 150. This is an advance of 2 1/2 in one day. There is no other news of interest.

ADDITIONAL FROM THE NORTH.

We are indebted to the editors of the Richmond Dispatch for the copy of the Richmond Dispatch which we have received from the 15th to the 24th inst. We give a summary of such news as they contain:

On the 15th of the month it was ascertained that Grant had withdrawn his army under cover of darkness last night to the north bank of the North Anna, and was moving down the east side of that river in the direction of West Point. As intimated in a former letter, Gen. Lee's line extended along the range of hills on the south side of the North Anna, except at the point where they crossed that stream to protect his position against any attempt that might be made against either wing of his army. This disposition of his forces left Grant more or less exposed to the greater part of his own army on the south bank. The latter had accordingly been ordered to move forward, and to cross the river, and behind which his troops were in a state of disorder, and at least had to check until they could regain the north bank. These words he has now abandoned, whether because he found the Confederate position too strong to encourage any hope he might indulge in being able to carry it by storm, or because they had accomplished the object of their construction in doing so, he does not say. He has, however, re-established his base at West Point, and put his army in motion for the lower Pamunkey. It is intimated that he has received intelligence that the Federal army in the vicinity of the river, which he did not attack on our late position, which was stronger and better in every respect than that at the Wilderness or Spotsylvania C. H.

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