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WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, Oct. 17, 1864.

Major General Dix, New York:

Advices from General Sherman to the evening of October 16, indicate that Hood, after having struck the railroad in the neighborhood of Dalton and Resaca, has fallen back before Sherman without fighting, abandoning his great movement on our line of communications. He has torn up some fifteen miles of the road from Resaca north, but the injury will be repaired without difficulty.

The interruption will cause no inconvenience to Sherman's army, as his stores of supplies, south of the break as well as north of it, are ample.

Hood has retreated towards the southwest. His rear left Dalton in haste at 6 o'clock on Sunday morning.

Gen. Sheridan reports that the rebel army lately under Early, but now apparently under Longstreet, having appeared in the vicinity of Strasburg, his forces moved to attack them on Saturday.

Crook, who had the advance, found the rebels drawn up in four lines of battle, but upon his charging them with his accustomed impetuosity they broke and withdrew in considerable disorder without giving the opportunity for any serious conflict.

Sheridan reports them as continuing their retreat in haste far up the valley.

Colonel Gansevoort, commanding the 13th New York cavalry, has succeeded in surprising a camp of the outlaw and freebooter, Moseby, in the Blue Ridge mountains, capturing his artillery, consisting of four pieces, with munitions complete.

C. A. DANA,
Acting Secretary of War.

Gen. Lee's Official Report.

HQ'RS. ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA,
October 13, 1864.

Hon. J. A. Seddon, Secretary of War:

At 7 o'clock this morning the enemy endeavored to advance between the Darbytown and Charles City roads, but was repulsed in every attempt. The most strenuous effort was made about 4 P. M., after which he withdrew, leaving many dead. Our loss very slight.

General Breckinridge reports that a force of the enemy came to Greenville on the 12th, and was defeated by General Vaughn. Some prisoners, two stands of colors, many horses and arms were captured. The enemy lost many killed and wounded. Our loss slight.

R. E. LEE, General Commanding.

Complaints still continue about the price of potatoes. The crop everywhere is most abundant—unusually so. Prices low at the North.

The citizens arrested in this place on Sunday, returned on the railroad cars from Rector-town last night, and were sent off again to-day.

The French Orleans princes are now traveling in Turkey, and "seeing the world generally."

From Gen. Hood's Army.

AUGUSTA, GA., October 10.—The correspondent of the Montgomery Mail with Gen Hood's army, says the occupation of Rome was effected without a fight, and the dash into Marietta was bloodless. When Sherman learned that Hood had moved northward he crossed the river with two corps and formed a line of observation at Vining's station. On the 4th the two armies held this position to each other without firing a gun. On the 5th Sherman withdrew, retiring to Atlanta. The Confederate army then set to work and effectually destroyed the railroad from Big Shanty to Osteenauld. All the bridges from Marietta to Dalton were destroyed. The Confederates have strongly fortified Keneshaw mountain.—Jackson holds Rome and Wheeler has possession of Resaca.

Maryland.

BALTIMORE, October 17.—The returns are all in, and the home vote foots up 12,820 against; 11,246 for the new constitution, showing a deficiency on the home vote of 1,574.

The soldiers' vote thus far received is 2,463, making a majority for the new constitution of 889 votes, which will be increased, it is thought, not less than 500 more.

It is said, that additional arrests of citizens, to be placed on the Railroad cars, are to be made. Several citizens living on the line of the Railroad, in the adjacent counties, were arrested and sent up yesterday, with those from this place. Among them were Robert E. Peyton, J. W. Foster, L. D. Means, J. A. Cochran, J. Houdershal and J. W. Fliinn.—Several Confederates recently captured as prisoners of war, are in prison here, to be used for the same purpose. It is recommended in a communication in the "Virginia State Journal" that arrests of females, in this place, should be made for the same purpose.

The New York Commercial, though a Republican journal, does not—we infer from the following,—desire to see a political demagogue on the U. S. Supreme Court Bench:—"If Mr. Lincoln does not desire utterly to damn his political record; if he is enulous to be held in some respect by the people of the United States; if he is at all anxious to avoid being held up to execration by the historians of our country, he will not make the position of Chief Justice of the United States a matter of political bargain and sale, but appoint one who, free and uncontaminated from partisan views, stands before the community as an upright man and a profound jurist."

Four cannon, belonging to Moseby's Horse Artillery, were captured by a detachment of Federal troops, near Rector-town, last week.—Several of the artillery men were also captured—among them Morgan and Americus Davis, one of them lately a clerk in an Apothecary's store in this place. Americus was sent to the Old Capitol and Morgan is to be used on the railroad trains.

The Washington Chronicle contains an article on Jefferson Davis, in which it says:—"We desire to do justice to this remarkable man; and in doing so, we may find the secret of his recent remorseful confessions. If there ever was a public character who seemed to be careful to preserve the reputation of a gentleman, it was Jefferson Davis. He was an honest Senator and an incorruptible Cabinet minister, scorning alike the political parasite and the selfish jobber. Nobody, friend or foe, doubted his personal integrity. He had, it is true, the hauteur of the educated slaveholder; but he could be as gentle as a woman; and he had the manliness to do justice to an enemy, and to retract an offensive allusion if convinced that he was wrong." The Washington Union in copying this, says: "We might have hesitated to pen such an article for fear of the consequences. But extracting from such a ruling authority, our motives will be easily understood. We have no intention of joining in a eulogy of Jeff. Davis; we wish but to rescue a contemporary journalist from the imputation of constantly and unconsciously misrepresenting political opponents, and of misstating facts in political history."

The St. Mary's county, Md., Gazette states; that during the latter part of the past week, a party of men entered the storehouse of Messrs. Medley & Love, near the head of St. Clement's Bay, in that county, and robbed it of merchandise to the value of about four hundred dollars. The party numbered about a dozen men, who represented themselves as members of Moseby's command. They were dressed in Confederate uniform, and made their appearance at the storehouse at an early hour in the night. They are said to have recrossed the Potomac with their booty.

The Liverpool (England) Mercury contains a letter from Mr. J. P. Ashton, agent of the contractors for the iron work of the bridge crossing the Mersey, at Runcorn, Lancashire, giving an account of the discovery of a human body in a most excellent state of preservation, which must have lain in the rest of death for 1,400 years. The body was that of a Roman citizen, attired in the style used by the wealthy Romans during their stay in England.

A Washington dispatch, dated yesterday, says: "The men raised in the quartermaster's department of Alexandria are progressing with the work assigned them, viz: Felling the trees on each side of the track of the Orange and Alexandria and the Manassas Gap railroads. They are now beyond Manassas. Yesterday they sent in under guard five guerrillas captured by them."

A large amount of business, in the way of procuring passes, &c., must be done at the U. S. Provost Marshal's office in this place, judging from the number of persons collected every day around the office waiting their turns.