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MONDAY, MAY 11, 1863.

THE NEWS.

The rumors that reached us last evening from Philadelphia, of the probable capture of Richmond by Gen. Keyes, caused manifestations of the liveliest excitement in Chicago. Large numbers were disposed to believe it, from a knowledge of the situation on the Nansemond, and at Suffolk.

Our doubts will soon be settled. The report, also, which comes from the same source, that Hooker had again recrossed the Rappahannock, prepared to give Lee another trial, has an air of truth about it, and we are disposed to believe the report. If this be true, it greatly strengthens the theory which places Richmond in our possession. Events thicken, and we may have lively and satisfactory times at once, although a general *bluencss* pervaded during Thursday and Friday.

We publish from the Richmond papers, liberal extracts from their accounts of the sweeping gallopade of Stoneman's cavalry. It seems to have performed its work admirably. The raid created a great panic in Richmond, and if Stoneman had but known the situation of affairs in that city, he would have doubtless galloped in, gobbled up Jeff. Davis and his co-conspirators, and safely delivered them to the order of General Dix at Fortress Monroe. We hope the thing has been done notwithstanding.

The painful rumor comes that several well known correspondents of leading journals are among the missing on the tug recently destroyed and sunk while attempting to run the rebel batteries at Vicksburg. Among their names, given elsewhere, appears the name of our own correspondent, Mr. A. H. Bodman. We are happy to know that this is an error, as far as Mr. Bodman is concerned. Our last letter from him, a few days before the disaster, was dated "Ninety miles below Vicksburg." He is now with the advance column of Gen. Grant. We shall hope that others of these gentlemen named have been equally exempt, and that nothing worse has befallen any of them than to be captured by the enemy. Only a few days will be required to settle happily, as we trust, the suspense of their anxious friends.

The information received early Saturday of a great victory by Grant at Port Gibson, Mississippi, is fully confirmed by an official despatch from that gentleman. He also sends another dispatch, that Grierson is doing a big business in the interior of Mississippi.

The reported disaster, from rebel sources, to Col. Straight and his gallant little army we hope may prove untrue. It he penetrated as far as Rome, Ga., as stated by the rebels, he must have been at least 60 miles directly in the rear of Bragg's army.

Indian troubles seem to be renewed in Minnesota. The Sioux are said to have been engaged in more murders, of the most revolting character. They should be treated as they certainly deserve. It is pretty surely established that any mercy or kindness shown to Indians, is certainly to be repaid by cruelty to whites, without regard to sex or condition.

THE CANAL CONVENTION.

The arrangements for the great national Canal Convention to be held in this city on the 2d of June next, are progressing finely. From various sources the committee are satisfied it will be the largest assembly ever convened at the West. It is intended to be a mass meeting of all the friends of the enterprise. The invitations sent by the committee are merely intended to call the attention of prominent civilians, literary, military, and business men, jurists and other leading citizens to the subject, and it possible to secure their presence and influence. But, if by accident any one is omitted, don't let him stay away on that account, for he will be most welcome. Of course delegates from cities, towns, Boards of Trade and other public bodies are desirable, as securing more unity and efficiency of action. The importance of providing for the protection of the vast commerce of the lakes cannot be over-estimated and should secure the influence and if possible the presence of every leading citizen in the loyal States.

The War in North Carolina.

FORTRESS MONROE, May 8.—The steamer Wyoming arrived from Port Royal, but brings no news.

Last Wednesday Gen. Foster sent all the rebel families, forty in number, out of Newbern. The rebels refused to receive our flag of truce, and the families were left beyond our lines, and between ours and the rebel pickets, at a place called Core Creek. News from Newbern, N. C., of the 5th, says:

A report came inside the lines yesterday that the North Carolina banks refused to pay their assessment to the Confederate Government, in which determination they are sustained by Gov. Vance, who reiterates his threat to recall the rebel North Carolina troops.

On the 5th inst. Lieut. Col. Lewis, of the 3d New York cavalry, made a reconnoissance with a battalion of his regiment, from Newport to Petry's Mills, where Capt. Wharton's rebel company was stationed. Col. Lewis surprised the rebel camp and captured 30 horse, 14 prisoners, the company arms and equipments, without any loss on our side. Two rebels were killed.

The commanding General of this department having been officially apprised that Gen. Wield is coming hither to raise another brigade, informs the Secretary of War that he will not only give Gen. Wield all the assistance in his power, but will enter into the work cheerfully, believing the black troops will fight.

A large number of secessionist residents of Newbern were sent outside our lines this morning. The order for the expulsion of these people will be rigidly enforced throughout the Department. The rebel Gen. Garnett's brigade, attached to Gen. Hill's command, who remains in this vicinity, has gone to Virginia.

From New Orleans, Mexico and Havana.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The steamer Morning Star, from New Orleans the 30th, and Havana the 4th, has arrived.

Part of Gen. Banks' staff and his private secretary came as passengers—the latter with dispatches to the government.

The gunboat Huntsville was spoken of Moro Castle, having taken several prizes.

News had been received from the French headquarters in Mexico, to the 12th, saying that the French possessed all but a small portion of Puebla.

The United States schooner Annie had overhauled several suspicious vessels, which caused great excitement at Havana. A Spanish steamer was sent to investigate.

From California.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—Arrived, ship Grace Darling, from Liverpool. Spoken March 25th, lat. 36 south, long. 81 west by ship Panther from New York for San Francisco.

There is an increased demand for groceries and metals suitable for the Washoe trade.

Free sales of eastern butter during the week at low rates. Coffee, advanced. Rio 34c.

Country demand for dry goods better. The wool trade receives full attention from shippers and factories. Prices are two and a half cents less than a week ago.

Lake Shore Railroads Consolidated.

CLEVELAND, May 9.—A convention yesterday, of the Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati, Cleveland and Toledo, Cleveland and Erie, Buffalo and State Line railroads, agreed to consolidate their gross earnings, and make a *pro rata* division on the basis of last year's earnings.

Rebel Movement Towards Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, May 9.—It is reported that the rebel cavalry under Morgan and Wheeler are at Lexington, Tenn., moving toward Kentucky.

From Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, May 9.—The court martial in the case of Vallandigham submitted its decision to Gen. Burnside yesterday. It will be given publicity in general orders.

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FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Reported Capture of Richmond by Gen. Keyes.

It is Said that the Federal Flag Now Waves Over the Confederate Capital.

Various Reports from General Hooker's Army.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]
PHILADELPHIA, May 10, 1863.

Last evening's Washington *Star's* last edition contains the following:

"Information has been received at the War Department, stating that arrangements have been made for the return of the wounded of Hooker's army that fell into the hands of the enemy. They are now in a house near Chancellorsville. Medical supplies and attendants have been sent them, and as soon as the river is fordable they will be brought to Hooker's camp, and will then be forwarded to Washington or to their homes.

Gen. Dix telegraphs from Fortress Monroe that on an extra of the Richmond *Dispatch* of the 6th, found on a prisoner, was a pencil note, endorsed by a surgeon in one of the hospitals, to his wife, stating that the rebel loss was 18,000 in the late battles. From officers just arrived from Richmond we learn that on Monday last several members of the Richmond City Guard, which was composed of between 600 and 700 of the oldest citizens, returned to Richmond, reporting that their battalion was taken prisoners by Stoneman's cavalry, about fifteen miles from the city, on Sunday night, while on a reconnoisance to ascertain the cause of the interruption of travel, and released them on parole, Stoneman being then in no condition to encumber himself with prisoners.

The Richmond *Whig* of May 1st has an exultant article on the advance of Hooker across the river, and goes on to say, "The movement, so far as we can judge, appears to be a feint, while the grand attack is to be made on Lee's left flank. The forces lately marched out of Washington to Warrenton will probably join the attacking column.

It has been stated on what is believed to be good authority, that Hooker's army is numerically less than our own. Reinforcements from Washington may make it larger, but that is of little moment. A prospect of a general engagement occasions scarcely any excitement whatever in the Confederate capital. Lee and Jackson are abundantly able to cope with Hooker. If only three brigades of the enemy had crossed, and the river rise behind them, endangering their pontoon bridges, they may be promptly recalled, and the attack postponed for more auspicious weather, but we shall be painfully disappointed if they are permitted to return to the Stafford shore without molestation."

This evening's Washington *Republican*, of the last edition, contains the following: "Those who arrived from head-quarters last night, report the condition of the army to be as excellent as its most anxious friends could wish.

Hooker was in fine spirits and perfectly well satisfied with his recent achievement. All who have arrived here from the are my unite in speaking of Hooker and recent operations in terms of the highest praise. Those who suppose that we have thus far met with reverse on the Rappahannock, will have to learn how sadly they are mistaken.

The President and Halleck, who visited Hooker yesterday, have returned, and the former is said to be agreeably surprised with the situation. Our killed, and wounded, and captured has been largely overstated heretofore. Almost continuous showers that are falling create inconvenience to our army in Virginia, but they will have a good effect in impeding the reconstruction of bridges and railroad tracks which have been destroyed by Stoneman.

The total number of wounded arriving here from Hooker's army up to 3 p. m., of yesterday, was two thousand. To-day several of the street cars are engaged in taking wounded from the steamboat wharf to the Baltimore depot, and from here they are being sent North, many of them to hospitals in and about Baltimore."

The *Chronicle*, of this morning, says: We have the best means of knowing that Gen. Hooker will soon demonstrate both his capacity and his patriotism, and lead the army to victory, thorough and complete.

LATER.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]
PHILADELPHIA, May 10, 1863—9 P. M.

Saturday evening's last edition of the Washington *Star* contained the following:

We apprehend that those who imagine that the events of the past week upon the Rappahannock have materially damaged the efficiency of Gen. Hooker's army will ere long find themselves much mistaken. It will not be very long before the rebels will find that what they now claim as a victory, has damaged them vastly more than it damaged the Union army of the Potomac, from what will follow in this spring campaign in that quarter."

Stoneman on his return from his late brilliant cavalry raid re-crossed the Rappahannock at Kelly's Ford, and has rejoined Gen. Hooker at Falmouth. The distances traversed and the amount of work accomplished by the different columns of Stoneman's cavalry on their late mission establishes the fact as quite beyond the most daring and successful achievements of the rebel cavalry during the war.

It also contains the following letter, dated New York, May 9th: "We have just had an interview with the chief engineer of a Federal steamer, who was captured with his vessel by rebels, on the North Carolina coast some months since, and who was released from Libby prison, Richmond, on Tuesday last. He confirms in every respect the reports already received as to the panic occasioned in Richmond on Sunday and Monday last by the advance of Stoneman and his cavalry. The whole city, he said, was intensely excited, and people momentarily expected the advancing force to enter and occupy it, which they admitted could easily have been done. Some of our cavalry, who were captured on Friday, and taken to the Libby prison, reported that they had passed entirely through the entrenchments on the north side of the city, finding them empty, with neither a gun or soldier offering resistance. Two of these captured cavalry were captured within the city limits. The defences in other parts of the city were manned by old men and boys, upon whom no sort of dependance was placed by the inhabitants.

The officers of the prison told our informant, as he was leaving on Tuesday, that among the passengers on the train of cars captured by some of Stoneman's command, was Mr. Memminger, rebel Secretary of Treasury, who not being known was paroled with the other passengers. The prison officers frankly admitted that the raid was the most gallant exploit of the war. That they had been fairly beaten at their own game, and that besides, our cavalrymen had behaved themselves in a gentlemanly fashion.

Our informant, while on his way to City Point on Tuesday, saw a part of Longstreet's forces in retreat, with Federals in pursuit. He believes that some of Longstreet's troops are still in the Nansemond region, though rebel officers declared positively that his entire command had gone to help Lee.

As to the condition of affairs in the rebel capital, he confirms all that has been said by prisoners previously released. In the community at large, there is great suffering for want of the necessaries of life, while in Libby Prison scanty rations were served out for over two weeks before he was released. All the meat served to the men was putrid, and could not be eaten. The prisoners, upon protesting to the commissary officer, were informed that it was the best he had, that the rebels themselves had to eat it, and prisoners must expect nothing else. In the hospital attached to the prison, however, every effort was made to furnish wholesome food, and the sick were treated with all the kindness it was possible to bestow.

He says that the particulars of the Richmond bread riot, already published, do not average the magnitude of that affair, of part of which he was a witness from the windows of his hospital. Our informant states that the guard at the Libby Prison frequently expressed themselves sick of the war and generally disheartened, and some openly expressed the hope, after it was known that Hooker had engaged Lee's army, that the Yankees would finish the thing up this time, so that they might get to their homes in peace, and this was the feeling among all the soldiers with whom he conversed, not only in Richmond, but also at Salisbury, N. C., where, prior to his removal to Richmond, he was confined for some three months. At Salisbury he was a witness of the women's riot, of which we have already had some report, before proceeding to their attack on the storehouses where the heavy contractors had lodged their flour and other supplies. The women visited the city prison where two companies, one of North Carolinians, were stationed, and asked the Commandant, Capt. Waters, to furnish them a guard to protect them in their operations against the speculators. The Captain informed them that this was impossible, and advised them to apply to the Mayor. This they did not see fit to do, but proceeded along to their work, but while the commandant of the prison declined formally to furnish a guard, nearly all the North Carolina soldiers in the garrison, were that afternoon granted furloughs, as though prepared to help them in an emergency.

LATEST.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]
PHILADELPHIA, May 10—11 P. M.

The Sunday *Transcript* of this morning says:

The afternoon papers of yesterday reported, by telegraph from Fortress Monroe, the capture of Richmond. Gen. Keyes is said to have commanded the attack. For some reason or other the authenticity of the report could not be ascertained from headquarters, notwithstanding the fact that every means was employed to secure the truth. The intelligence, however, we are inclined to credit. In the first place, we know that a forward movement was contemplated by way of the Peninsula as soon as Stoneman could be heard from. He reported at the White House on or before the 6th of May.

2d—We have intelligence from Col. Johnson, of the 16th Penn. regiment, to the effect that the troops at Fortress Monroe were ordered to break camp on the morning of the sixth of May, and were provided with rations for a long march. *This news has also been received by Col. Johnson's family, residing in this city.*

3d—We have a letter from Fortress Monroe to this effect:

FORTRESS MONROE, May 6th.

An advance is imminent. Several thousand troops from Suffolk reached here yesterday and to-day They are on transports, and will proceed up York river to the White House. The gunboats cleared the way to the Pamunky river. Gen. Stoneman reports Richmond barren almost of troops.

Besides all this, unless the War Department and the generalissimo at headquarters be made the sure means of taking Richmond, and the time for doing it, have not been ignored. We quote the following in this connection from the *Bulletin* of yesterday:

"We learn from the editors of the Philadelphia *Inquirer* that one of their correspondents, who has returned from Washington, informs them that Hooker recrossed the Rappahannock in force yesterday, the men carrying eight days' rations with them. We also learn from another source that is vouched for as reliable, that Gen. Keyes has taken Richmond, having advanced upon it by way of Yorktown, and that the Federal flag now floats over the rebel capital. If this intelligence is true it proves that Hooker's falling back was a ruse, and that the real advance upon Richmond was to be made while Lee's army was on the Rappahannock.

If Stoneman has cut off the communication of Lee, as is reported, it will be a work of time for the latter to reach the Rebel capital. In the mean time Hooker is upon his heels. We have confirmation from a perfectly reliable source that Hooker has recrossed the Rappahannock.

Gold has been falling rapidly to-day, and this fact probably has resulted from the important movements reported above. We have no quotations of the precious metal since the reception of this important news. The telegraph is silent concerning the intelligence which is already startling Third and Chestnut streets, and exciting great enthusiasm.

The New York evening papers, the *Post* and *Express*, credit these reports, the *Post* observing that a dispatch to this effect has reached that city to-day. The Philadelphia *Dispatch*, of this morning, contains the following:

WASHINGTON, May 9—12 p. m.—On Friday morning last, Gen. Hooker re-crossed the Rappahannock with two *corps d'armee*. After reconnoitering the old position held by him at Chancellorsville, he found that the enemy had fallen back, leaving hundreds of his wounded behind and his dead unburied.

It does not credit the reports in circulation to the effect that Richmond has been captured by Gen. Keyes. It publishes a letter from a special correspondent, as follows:

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Yesterday afternoon a flag of truce was sent across the Rappahannock by Gen. Lee, with a letter to Gen. Hooker, in which it was stated that Lee's army was deficient in supplies, and their communication cut off, so that it was difficult to reinforce their commissary, rendering it necessary that Gen. Hooker should send over supplies for his wounded soldiers in the hands of the Confederates.

Medical and hospital supplies were sent over in response to this communication, which indicates plainly the great success of Gen. Stoneman's cavalry expedition.

An inspection of the ground upon which the late battle was fought shows the desperation of the rebels and their immense loss. Large numbers of their dead and wounded are upon the field in the wilderness, where the fire took place from shells from our batteries. A very large number of charred remains have been found. The suffering of the poor wretches must have been terrible.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The N. Y. *Times'* correspondent who accompanied Stoneman's raid, gives reliable particulars thereof. It appears his whole force crossed the 29th of April, at Kelly's Ford. Gen. Averill moved to the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, met two rebel regiments, who after a skirmish retreated towards Gordonsville. Only two of our men were wounded.

Gen. Buford crossed the Rapidan at Morton's Ford, Thursday, causing 1,600 infantry to retreat by Raccoon Ford, when Gen. Gregg soon afterwards crossed, and some minor captures were made.

On Friday our forces got close on the heels of a rebel force at Orange Springs, who to escape abandoned their wagons, provisions, &c. A rebel Lieutenant of Jackson's Staff, was here captured. On the 2d of May, Louisa Court House was occupied without opposition by Col. Kilpatrick, and a few rebel soldiers captured. The track of the railroad towards Gordonsville was destroyed for ten miles, two trains of cars burned, and the telegraph lines destroyed.

During the night a detachment of the 1st Maine cavalry, was attacked by rebels and two killed.

The enemy disappeared on the advance of a brigade. In the afternoon the command moved to Thompson's Four Corners. One party destroyed a portion of the road between Gordonsville and Charlotteville; another of four hundred men, under Col. Wyndham, proceeded to Columbia, on the James river, and destroyed five locks of the canal, boats, and five bridges, and a large quantity of commissary stores. The attempt to destroy the aquaduct was unsuccessful. Several hundred horses were taken. A party under Capt. Drumond of the 5th cavalry reached the river between Columbia and Richmond, destroyed the locks and levees, and set fire to the bridge across the James river.

Gen. Gregg proceeded to the Fredericksburg railroad, destroyed Ashland, the depot buildilng and stock, a train of cars with provisions, and the telegraph. He sent a detachment to burn the railroad bridge over the South Anna, but it was strongly guarded by infantry, and the party fell back. Gen. Gregg returned to Thompson's Corners, but a portion of his command, under Col. Kilpatrick, moved eastward to the Central road, destroyed the bridge on that road over the South Anna, captured and destroyed a train of cars, culverts and rail oad track for miles, and then passed down to the Peninsula.

Another portion of Gregg's command, under Col. Hasbreuck Davis of the 12th Ill. crossed the roads nearer Richmond, destroying railroads, telegraphs, and bridge over Brook river, and railway trains.

Another detachment burned all the broken bridges over the South Anna, to prevent the enemy making a flank movement, and catching Stoneman in a trap. On the 4th, Hampton and W. D. H. Lee, with two brigades, attacked sixty of the 5th cavalry on picket duty near Stirmon hill. Their charge was met by a counter charge, and the rebels were temporarily repulsed, but, rallying, they captured seventeen of our men.

Our force captured thirteen of the enemy. Gen. Buford advanced, and the enemy fled On the night of the 4th Gen. Gregg moved to near Vanceyville, followed next day by Gen. Stoneman with Gen. Buford's command. Several army surgeons were here captured.

On the 6th the retrograde movement commenced, and crossing Racoon Ford, the whole party arrived at Kelly's Ford, on the morning of the 8th. Our whole loss was two killed, and not over fifty wounded and taken prisoners.

Negroes joined the column in flocks, and begged to be taken away. They every where gave us valuable information, acted as guides at several points, and furnished with unstinted hand all the food they had to our service.

NEW YORK, May 10.—The *Herald's* Washington dispatch says our loss in the recent battles is estimated at 11,000, and the rebel loss at 18,000. It is reported that Gen. Lee sent a flag of truce to Gen. Hooker, asking supplies for wounded federal soldiers, stating that his army was deficient therein, and his communication cut off. It is said medical and hospital supplies were sent.

FORTRESS MONROE, May 8.—Maj.-Gen. Dix and staff arrived this afternoon from York River, and informed us that Cols. Kilpatrick and Davis have arrived at Gloucester Point with 700 cavalry, without the loss of a man. The General sent a force to White House last night, and they succeeded in destroying the bridges above that place, and making important captures, including several prisoners.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The *World's* Washington special states:

When the President and Gen. Halleck received the intelligence of Hooker's recrossing the Rappahannock at 10 o'clock on Wednesday, they immediately proceeded to his headquarters at Falmouth, where they spent the night and most of the day, returning here on Thursday afternoon.

The report which found its way into print that 40,000 men from Heintzelman were sent to reinforce Hooker, is untrue; not a single man was sent.

The most reliable estimates of our loss in killed, wounded and prisoners, place it not in excess of 15,000.

Gen. Averill has been relieved of his command, for not keeping open the communication with Stoneman, and not following up the orders for his part of the cavalry expedition. Averill's friends are confident that he did nothing that cannot be fully justified.

The reported loss of a large amount of field artillery in Hooker's retreat is untrue. It is believed that our forces brought away more than they crossed with.

Hooker had nearly recrossed the Rappahannock before he heard that a new in the rebel papers of the success of Stoneman's expedition.

But few of the wounded are arriving here. The cause of the delay is unknown.

The President told a member of the Cabinet, since his return from Falmouth, that he found Hooker's army in much better condition than he anticipated, and believed that the moment the weather cleared off it could again make a forward movement, if it should be so decided.

Among the improbable rumors brought by the boat this afternoon, was one that the enemy had announced shelling Falmouth to-day, and another that Hooker commenced to cross again.

There has been no excitement in Washington to-day.

It is believed, in Washington, that the Conscription act will be immediately enforced, beginning with the State of New York.

The New York *Times'* special says: "Official confirmation has been received of the capture of the Richmond City Battalion, which was sent out to discover the reason for the suspension of intercourse with Lee. They were captured by Stoneman, about fifteen miles from Richmond.

Sixty-five rebel prisoners took the oath of allegiance, and more than a quarter of the prisoners will do the same."

One hundred and twenty of our wounded arrived in Washington on Friday.

The New York *Tribune's* dispatch states: "The wounded are all to be brought to Washington, and are arriving rapidly. Eleven hundred and seventy prisoners, captured at Chancellorsville, have been sent to Fort Delaware. Many of them wish to take the oath of allegiance.

Returned prisoners from Richmond state that Longstreet's force, comprising two divisions, were seen coming from Suffolk to Richmond when our returned prisoners were on the way down James River.

The Richmond *Dispatch*, of the 7th, states that a rebel surgeon reports their losses at 18,000.

The *Herald's* dispatch states that the War Department has consented that wounded soldiers may go home to be nursed.

A correspondent of the *Herald* states that the 12th New Hampshire went into the fight with 580, and came out with only 150. The Vermont Brigade lost 300.

The *Herald's* special says: The latest rumor is that Gen. Heintzelman is to be placed in command of the Army of the Potomac in place of Hooker.

FROM MURFREESBORO.

Reported Disaster to Colonel Straight.

He is said by Reports to have been Captured at Rome, Ga.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]
MURFREESBORO, May 9, 1863.

We have news from rebel sources to-night, which if true, are of the most important character. It is said Col. Straight, of the 51st Indiana, who went from here some three weeks ago to join Gen. Dodge's expedition up the Tennessee, has been captured with 1,700 men. It is said he advanced as far as Rome, in Ga., destroying railroads, railroad bridges, and much property, but in falling back he was assailed by the enemy in greatly superior forces, and had with them five severe battles. The rebel report of his capture is considered very doubtful here, no confirmatory news from Gen. Hurlbut, having, as yet been received.

The Mobile *Advertiser* of the 2d of May, reports that the Union cavalry cut the connection between Jackson and Meridan, on the 27th ult.

FROM ST. PAUL.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]
ST. PAUL, May 9, 1863.

There are further reports to-day of Indians approaching the frontier settlements. For some time Sioux spies have been lurking about the Winnebago reservation, counseling with those of that tribe disaffected by the proposed removal. They were endeavoring to induce them to join in a war against the whites.

A party of Winnebago braves captured and killed three of the spies last Thursday morning. They cut out their hearts, chopped their bodies into small pieces and distributed them among the tribe, and held a grand war dance. The Winnebagoes have formally declared war against the Sioux and their new location, which will enable them to wage it.

There were ten spies in all. One that was killed, said they were sent from a large war party, who would be at the agency, a few miles above Mankato, in three days, if they did not return.

Troops have been sent, to guard against any attack, but the settlers are much alarmed. A portion of the Winnebagoes have been brought to Mankato, preparatory to removal. They are closely watched, to prevent an outbreak, and will be sent down the river next week. Part of the Sioux on Chayenne River, wanted to make peace, which tends to difficulty among themselves. The peace party returned to Devil's Lake. Indications are that small bands of Indians will harrass the frontier settlements, but no towns will be attacked.

From the South.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The steamer Circassian, from Wilmington, N. C., the 4th, has arrived. She has aboard Com. Forbes, captured off Sabine Pass by the steamer New London, and a lot of rebel prisoners captured from the rebel steamer Chattahoochie.

She reports that the iron-clads off Charleston are all ready for another attack.

The Rebel Gen. Van Dorn Killed

NASHVILLE, May 9.—It is reported that Gen. Van Dorn was instantly killed by Dr Peters, of Maury county, yesterday at the house of the latter.

FROM GRANT'S ARMY.

Handsome Victory at Port Gibson.

A Painful Rumor from Vicksburg.

Late and Encouraging from Gen. Grant.

Official Dispatches from Gen. Grant.

Our Loss 100 Killed and 500 Wounded.

The Enemy's Loss Large, Including 500 Prisoners.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The following has been received at headquarters:

GRAND GULF, May 3, via. MEMPHIS, 7.

Major General Halleck, General-in-Chief:

We landed at Baulingsburg, April 30th, and and moved immediately on Port Gibson. Met the enemy, eleven thousand strong, four miles South of Port Gibson at 2 a. m. on the 1st inst., and engaged him all day, entirely routing him, with the loss of many killed and and about 500 prisoners, besides the wounded. Our loss is about 100 killed and 500 wounded. The enemy retreated towards Vicksburg, destroying the bridges over the two forks of the Bayou Pierre, these were rebuilt and the pursuit continued until the present time. Besides the heavy artillery at this place, four field pieces were captured, and some stores, and the enemy was driven to destroy many more. The country is the most broken and difficult to operate on I ever saw. Our victory has been most complete, and the enemy is thoroughly demoralized.

U. S. GRANT, Maj. Gen. Com.

GRAND GULF, Miss., May 6th, 1863.

To Gen. Halleck:

I learn that Col. Grierson with his cavalry, has been heard of first, about ten days ago in northern Miss. He moved thence and struck the Railroad 80 miles East of Jackson, called Huston's Station. He then moved southwards towards Enterprise, demanded the surrender of the place, and gave an hour's grace, during which, Gen. Loring arrived. He left at once and moved towards Hazelhurst, on the New Orleans and Jackson Railroad, at this point he tore up the track. Then he passed to Bahola, ten miles farther south, on the same road, and thence eastward on the Natchee Road, where he had a fight with Wirth Adams' Cavalry. From this point he moved back to the New Orleans and Jackson Railroad to Brookhaven, ten miles south of Bahama, and when last heard from, he was three miles from Summit, and was supposed to be making his way to Baton Rouge. He had spread excitement throughout the State, destroying railroads, trussleworks and bridges, burning locomotives and railroad stock, taking prisoners and destroying stores of all kinds.

U. S. GRANT, Maj.-Gen.-Com'ding.

[Special Despatch to Chicago Tribune.]
SPRINGFIELD, May 9.

The following was received late last night from the Governor:

GRAND GULF, Miss., 3d, via Cairo 8th.
To Hon. Jesse K. Dubois, Springfield, Ill.

We have gained a glorious victory at Port Gibson on the 1st inst. Enemy in full retreat. Our forces in close pursuit. Illinois troops as usual have behaved with the greatest gallantry. Loss on our side 150 Killed and 500 wounded. We have taken 1000 prisoners, and the enemy's loss much greater than ours.

RICHARD YATES.

FLAG SHIP BENTON, GRAND GULF, MISS., May 3, 1863.—*Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy.*—SIR: I have the honor to report that I got under way this morning, with the Lafayette, Carondelet, Mound City and Pittsburg, and proceeded up to the forts at Grand Gulf, for the purpose of attacking them again, if they had not been abandoned. The enemy had left before we got up, blowing up their ammunition, spiking their large guns, and burying or taking away the lighter ones. The armament consisted of thirteen guns in all. The works are of the most extensive kind, and would seem to defy the efforts of a much heavier fleet than the one which silenced them.

The forts were literally torn to pieces by the accuracy of our fire. Col. Wade, the commandant of the batteries, was killed, also his chief of staff. Eleven men were killed that we know of, and our informant says many wounded, and that no one was permitted to go inside the forts after the action, except those belonging there.

We had a great fight for these forts, and it is with great pleasure that I report that the navy holds the door to Vicksburg. Grand Gulf is the strongest place on the Mississippi. Had the enemy succeeded in finishing the fortifications, no fleet could have taken them.

I have been all over the works, and found them as follows: one fort on Point of Rocks, seventy-five feet high, calculated for six or seven guns, mounting two seven-inch rifles, and one eight-inch and one Parrott gun on wheels, carried off. On the left of this work, is a triangular work calculated to mount one heavy gun.

These works are connected with another fort by a covered way and double ride-pits extending one-quarter of a mile, constructed with much labor, and showing great skill on the part of the constructor. The third fort commands the river in all directions. It mounted one splendid Blakely, one hundred pounder, and eight inch, and two thirty pounders. The latter were lying bursted or broken on the ground. The gunboats had so covered up everything with earth that it was impossible to see at first what was there, with the exception of the guns that were dismounted or broken.

Every gun that fell into our hands was in good condition, with a large quantity of ammunition. This is by far the most extensively built works, with the exception of those at Vicksburg, I have yet seen, and I am happy to say that we hold them. I am dismounting the guns and getting on board the ammunition.

Since making the above examination, new forts have been passed nearly finished. They had no guns, but were complete of the kind as regards position, and had heavy field pieces in them.

DAVID D. PORTER, Acting R. A.
Com'd'g Mississippi Squadron.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]
CAIRO, May 10, 1863.

The Belle Memphis has just arrived from Memphis bringing last evening's *Bulletin*. It contains the names of the army correspondents that were on board the tug that was destroyed in attempting to run the batteries at Vicksburg last Sunday night. They are as follows: Junius Brown and A. D. Richardson, N Y. *Tribune*; Mr. Colburn, N. Y. *World*; Mr. McCullough, Cincinnati *Commercial*; Mr. Betty, Cincinnati *Gazette*, and A. H. Bodman of the CHICAGO TRIBUNE.

I think there must be some mistake about Mr. Bodman, as he had a horse and went over to New Carthage by land, when the army moved across about three weeks ago. He may have come back to Milliken's Bend. It seems to be almost certain that all those on board are either lost or prisoners. Some may have escaped by swimming. I had this report Friday, but in consequence of its painful nature, withheld it till we should get something further.

News from Grant's army is cheering. When last heard from a portion of it was within twenty miles of Jackson and marching triumphantly forward. They had drawn rations for a long march, and belief is expressed that they are already in Jackson.

The Big Black River railroad bridge is destroyed.

Gen. Grant has already sent 1,900 prisoners to Milliken's Bend, and they are now on the way to St. Louis. There has been no disturbance on the river for several days. The Mary Forsyth brought up 350 bales of cotton last night—three hundred for St. Louis.

Com. Ellet's fleet is still at Mound City.

MATTERS IN KENTUCKY.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]
CAMP OF GILBERT'S BRIGADE,
NEAR MT. VERNON,
VIA MT. VERNON, KY., May 10.

Col. Gilbert assumed command in person of the 44th Ohio for a reconnoissance east and south of London. That serious business is imminent may be inferred from the fact that he ordered forward the balance of the mounted men of the regiment. News will be received to-morrow.

Parties of rebels, numbering from 60 to 300, have been infesting the southeastern counties for several weeks, and Gilbert is determined to sweep them out. The brigade is encamped on a fine ground near Mount Vernon, and will compare favorably in drill and discipline with the very best of the 9th army corps. Their chief trouble just now is scarcity of forage and subsistence—the Quartermasters and Commissaries of the division having succeeded in tangling everything up already.

The division officers would seem to have been selected with a special view to their incapacity. The supply trains of the brigade were withdrawn when they were expected to draw commissariat stores thirty or forty miles. Unless management of such matters betters, serious inconvenience will occur.

Order No. 38 is doing its work in the mountains. Citizens are becoming less backward in changing their rebel neighborhoods, and the military promptly arrests. Some twenty have been sent from here.

The 44th is nearly remounted, and would be quite, were it not for a few broken down horses furnished them. The new band of the 44th, composed of sixteen instruments, plays very well, and nightly attract admiring crowds of natives of all ages, sexes and colors.

The 104th, under command of Major Street, has improved wonderfully. Col. Reilly is still on the court-martial at Somerset.

FROM MADISON.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]
MADISON, Wis., May 9, 1863.

Bids for erecting the north wing of the Capitol, and alying the foundation for the remainder of the building, were opened to-day. Jas. Liversey of Madison, was the lowest bidder, $50,850. There were seven other bids, the highest being only $200 below the amount appropriated, $53,000. Most of the bids were below $53,000. It was, though it had been feared there would be no bid, without the appropriation.

The Secretary of the Wisconsin Soldiers' Aid Society, sends the Governor the names of eighty Wisconsin soldiers, mainly of the 22d regiment, sick, in the Annapolis hospital.

Col. Dile, of the 30th regiment, in camp is seriously ill.

FROM ST. LOUIS.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]
ST. LOUIS, May 9, 1863.

The scarred veterans of the 37th Illinois Volunteers, Lieut. Col. Black, arrived here to-day, and are encamped on their former Camp Jackson grounds. They were received with cheers on the street.

Gen. Hovey, of Illinois is in town, and expresses the most sanguine belief in Grant's ability to force the rebels out of their entrenchments at Vicksburg. Grant expects to cut off the railroad communication between Jackson and Vicksburg very soon. Information has been received of the parole of the sixteen men belonging to Co. E, of the 3d Iowa cavalry, captured by Marmaduke, near White Water Bridge, during the recent retreat, Capt. Spencer has been carried to Little Rock.

It is now positively declared by parties claiming to understand the intentions of the Government, that all the secesh lately arrested here, save two, will certainly be sent through the lines into Dixie. A large number of secesh females, wives and dependants of Confederate officers, have been arrested and imprisoned, among them the wife of Gen. Frost. These arrests cause considerable excitement here.

FROM SPRINGFIELD.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 9, 1863.

John Amburn and G. W. Sampson, living near Athens, in Mernard County, were arrested for treason by order of Gen. Ammen, and brought to this city last night, and lodged in jail. They have been arrested on affidavit, charged with being secessionists. It is claimed by Sampson's friends, however, that he is a loyal man, and has been arrested on the affidavit of secessionists.

Lieut.-Col. W. J. Wyatt, Capt. Joel M. Fanning, G. W. Fanning and Horace E. May, of the 101st Illinois, have resigned. Major J. T. Newman has been promoted to the position of Lieutenant-Colonel. Capt. Lesage, of the Meredosia Company, was chosen Major, and Lieut. C. A. Catlin has been chosen Captain of the Company lately commanded by Capt. May.

Col. Thos. Henderson has resigned the command of the 112th Illinois regiment, now in Kentucky. Lieut. Col. Bond takes his place.

One of the rebel General Price's officers is said to have reviewed a number of K. G. C.'s in Clark county, a few days since.

An immense Union meeting was held at Edwardsville, Madison county, yesterday. It was addressed by Judge Trumbull, Hon. John Baker, Dr. Rutherford and a Captain of the 71st Ohio Volunteers. It numbered 8,000 people, and was the largest meeting ever held in the county, being much more numerous than that at which Tom Corwin spoke, two years ago.

Gen. Hovey says that Vicksburg must be captured in less than eight days. The affair at Port Gibson is more important than appears on the surface. The Union army has now got in the rear of Vicksburg, and the enemy must come out and fight.

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