

## IMPORTANT FROM THE POTOMAC.

## Additional Particulars of the Rebel Raid into Pennsylvania.

## The Report of the Escape of the Enemy Across the River Confirmed.

## The Ineffectual Efforts to Resist Their Passage.

## Miscarriage of McClellan's Plan to Cut Off the Rebels' Retreat.

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FAILURE?

By the Editor.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 13, 1862.

The escape of the rebels across the Potomac is fully confirmed.

After they were driven from Nolan's Ford they divided and crossed the river in small bodies at different points.

Two farmers, taken prisoners by them at Monroeville, were paroled at the river and arrived here to-day.

The farmers report that General Stuart and General "Wade" Hampton were both with the expedition.

The cavalry force was a detachment from Virginia and South Carolina regiments. They sailed not only from the Maryland coast, but swept the parts of Pennsylvania through which they passed of every horse work.

Clark's newspaper expressman was captured, but escaped after the rebels crossed the river.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 13—P. M.

The formation of the rebel cavalry raid did not result in their capture, or any considerable portion of them, as had been hoped.

The cavalry force under General Pleasanton, which had been through this city at daylight on Sunday morning, reached the vicinity of Potomac a short time before the main body of the rebels. Both men and horses had a very hard journey, the men having been in the saddle and on the road almost constantly from the time the fact of the rebels having crossed the river became known, consequently neither of them were in condition to render as efficient service as they otherwise might.

The rebels soon made their appearance, and posted one gun on a hill, so placed as to cover their passage. Our battery was placed in position, and an attempt made to silence this gun. The firing was kept up at intervals for about three hours, without, as far as is known, doing any damage to either side.

It is said that an attempt was made to fire upon the cavalry while they were crossing the river, which might easily have been done, neither was there any attempt made to charge upon them by our cavalry and repulse them. This can only be accounted for upon the supposition that the horses were too much exhausted to warrant such an attempt. Upon any other hypothesis the conduct of our cavalry would seem to have been most disgraceful to themselves and the service.

Persons who were present and saw the affair, state that the rebel gun was supported only by about twenty cavalry men.

The crossing occupied some three or four hours, and from first to last met with no serious opposition.

The rebels went on their way with their plunder, no doubt surprised as well as rejoicing at having escaped easily. There was, in fact, nothing which could be called even a skirmish, and but for the artillery practice obtained our troops might as well have been at Harper's Ferry.

Anecdotes and statements connected with the raid are numerous. Captain A. F. Schley, of the Fifth Maryland regiment, who was at Camp Liberty on a tour of duty, was aroused by the entrance of the troops into the town, and on going out and seeing soldiers dressed in United States uniform overcoats, took them for our own soldiers, and invited the officers to dismount and enter his house for refreshments, informing them of his name and rank. He was ordered to fall in as a prisoner, and taken away with them, and has since been heard from at Woodboro, where they entered and robbed three stores of their contents. They also stated about twenty of the citizens of the place, mostly young men, whom they took away with them. These had not returned at least accounts. General Stuart and several other officers of the army arrived at Urbana until morning to rest and refresh themselves. They with one company took this route, the main body passing via Hyattsville.

At least twenty Pennsylvanians have been here to-day, having come with the expectation that the rebels would be captured here or enroute, and that they would only have to identify their horses and return home rejoicing. Of this number six not only had their horses stolen, but were carried off as prisoners. They were taken to Potomac and kept in the rear under guard during the campaign, until finally the guard was ordered away and they were released to the Potomac and returned to their homes.

On Sunday morning, the rebels were seen to travel rapidly in the direction of the Potomac, and were reported, as a partial compensation for their losses and sufferings, that Colonel Allen would allow them to take the seven horses captured yesterday, but that "he could not see it." One horse was identified and reclaimed by the owner.

All is quiet here and along the lines of the army to-day. Much mortification is felt at the successful escape of the rebels from the net that were spread for them.

A despatch just received says that the rebels are at Cashtown, Adams county, and may attempt to pass by the main road south; perhaps by the Shippenburg road, or maybe by the Greenock road.

Colonel McClure telegraphed to Governor Curtin the following from Chambersburg:

We have thousands of rumors; but they are entirely ungrounded.

To approach Concord the rebels must cross at London, ten miles west from here, on the pike, and we have news from there hourly.

Concord is at the head of Path valley, and to enter it the rebels must go by Monroeville and London, or Cross Creek Mountain at London and Parrottsburg; and they could not move without our having information of it.

The report is entirely without foundation, and has resulted from the exaggeration of the numbers of the rebel cavalry at Potomac on Friday night.

About sixty rebel cavalry are just reported by one of our officers to be in the neighborhood of Fayetteville, six miles east, on the pike. They seem to have been scattered, and are evidently retreating.

We are simply prepared for them, and every one opposing will be fired at, as Colonel Grant is here with two troops of cavalry and artillery.

The following is a special despatch to the Philadelphia Inquirer:

Governor Curtin has just received information, dated Potomac, that a rebel force of thirty thousand men made their appearance within eight miles of Concord, Franklin county, last night, at twelve o'clock, and carried off fifteen hundred horses.

The farmers of Franklin county are moving all their stock to Potomac. The rebels are supposed to be making for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 13, 1862.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has received a despatch from an irresponsible source, concerning the appearance of a "reliable gentleman," information of the same nature as that contained in the Inquirer's special despatch; but they have received no confirmation of the intelligence from any official on the road, and place no confidence in it.

The foregoing report of another rebel invasion is probably a fraud.

CHAMBERSBURG, Oct. 13, 1862.

A messenger has just arrived at my camp, at Stevensburg, with the information that the rebel cavalry were at Cashtown, at the foot of South Mountain, in Adams county, this morning, in considerable force. They have been driven back from the Potomac, and are trying to escape.

Every effort is being made to cut them off here and at Monroeville; but they have a mass named Logan, from Franklin county, with them, and as he is a superior gaiter they may escape.

All our citizens have arms, and will join the troops in cutting the rebels off.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13, 1862.

Information received up to one o'clock this afternoon shows that the firing yesterday on the Upper Potomac between the forces of Gen. Pleasanton and Gen. Stuart was without any material result.

A rumor has been current to-night that a large force

## of rebels had crossed into Maryland and had defeated There is not a word of truth in the report.

It is said that the failure to arrest the escape of J. E. B. Stuart and his rebel cavalry in their dash through Pennsylvania to Maryland, is attributed to the division commander at Potomac, to whom instructions had been sent by General McClellan, stating that Stuart would probably retreat upon the line which he subsequently pursued, and suggested a disposition of the forces which would inevitably have cut off his passage across the Potomac.

A strict investigation is now being conducted in reference to this matter, with the view of fixing the guilt and assigning punishment where it is merited.

From the fact which has already made public, it is evident that General McClellan took proper measures to prevent the return of Stuart to Virginia, and the fault must be with the subordinate officers who failed to obey his orders or appreciate his suggestions.

The march of Stuart's cavalry from Chambersburg to the foot of the Potomac, near the mouth of the Monocacy creek, has no parallel for rapidity. Hon. General McClellan's statement, that they would be intercepted, did not come to pass, although General Pleasanton, after nearly as rapid a march, was in two hours behind them.

There seems to have been some inertia of the troops that were sent to Frederick to oppose the southward course of Stuart. Burgh's postal mail states that the force sent to Frederick to oppose the southward course of Stuart, was a detachment of the Potomac by the route taken by the rebels is rising ninety miles, which was travelled in thirty-six hours.

The following are some of the most remarkable cases of rapid marches on military records—Roman infantry marched frequently a distance of twenty miles in five hours, each soldier carrying from fifty to eighty pounds of baggage. Caesar's legions marched four hundred and fifty leagues in three days. In 1800 Mackdonald marched forty miles in a single day, crossing rivers and climbing mountains. Claval, after most extraordinary efforts at the battle of Salamis, retreated forty miles in twelve hours. In 1814 Napoleon marched his army, for the purpose of reaching Paris, seventy-five miles in thirty-six hours. General Crawford, in Spain, marched three thousand men sixty-two miles in twenty-six hours. In 1803 Wellington's cavalry in India marched sixty miles in thirty-two hours. Before the battle of Turukuchak, in India, the English cavalry, under Lord Lake, are said to have marched seventy miles in twenty-four hours.

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