

News of the Week.

THE WAR.

The past week witnessed the last of the late rebel invasion of Maryland. Now that the public mind has recovered from the terror and excitement which the visit of the raiders occasioned, calm observation has shown that the opinion expressed in our last issue of the comparatively small amount of damage done by the enemy, was correct.

"It must be confessed that our invasion, just at this moment looks like one of the most paltry affairs of the war. Washington was not taken. Baltimore was not taken. Not a bridge of the road between Washington and Baltimore was burned. The road itself was unbroken. What has been done then?"

The Examiner takes the same view of the raid that we did last week. The rebels evidently had something else in view besides the capture of some cattle and horses, and the frightening of a few farmers, and not succeeding in accomplishing their object, their raid may be said to have been a failure.

GENERAL SHERMAN'S ARMY.

The campaign in Tennessee and Georgia has shown W. T. Sherman to be one of the best Generals the war has produced. He is not only a fighting General, but also a master of real strategy. He knows how to lead his veterans against the strong works of the enemy, and in the successful execution of a flank movement he has few equals.

At this writing reports are prevalent of the capture of Atlanta, but there is no official confirmation. Sherman has cut most of the railroads leading from Atlanta to other parts of the Confederacy, and, indeed, the most important lines of communication have ceased to be of any service to the rebels.

While the country will rejoice over the victories of Sherman in front of Atlanta, there will be a universal sorrow felt through the loyal States over the death of Gen. James B. McPherson. This gallant officer was killed in one of the recent engagements.

They landed on the other side, cheer upon cheer would ring through the air, that made us all feel that success was sure. As fast as they got over, the men would form and charge up the hill, and in less than an hour three brigades had crossed and held the ridge above the river.

Difficulties of Crossing.

Two of the attempts made by us—that on the right and the one in the centre—have been unsuccessful though unattended with loss of life, because so cautiously made. The attempt to cross on the right was made first. The entire army of the Tennessee was massed near the river, above Old Sweet-water's factory, about five miles below the railroad bridge, and on the 6th the pontoon train attached to that army was sent down within a short distance of the river, and a cannonade was opened on the opposite bank, to ascertain if it were practicable to cross at that point.

On the evening of the 6th the train was withdrawn to a position a few miles in the rear of this ford, where it remained over the 7th, and arrived here in the afternoon of the 8th, in time for the 23d Corps to cross that evening, as has been heretofore narrated. Fortunately, our superiority in numbers enabled us to leave large bodies of men at the points where we had previously attempted to cross, who made such demonstrations there as induced the Rebels to believe that we still intended to cross, while we sent others still further up the river, who reached above the Rebel line and crossed without opposition.

The Approach to Atlanta.

The correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette, under the date of Atlanta, Ga., July 22d, gives full and highly interesting details of the movements of Sherman's army since crossing the Chattahoochee river. On the morning of the 18th the whole line advanced, McPherson taking position on the extreme left, Schofield the left centre, Howard the centre, Hooker the right centre, and Palmer the extreme right.

Battle Near Atlanta.

The enemy, holding the largest part of the city, assaulted our works on Friday, the 23d, with great fury, evidently expecting to drive our forces out of the city. The Fifteenth Corps, commanded by Frank Blair, seemed to be the special object of the rebel wrath, as the enemy massed against it an overwhelming force. The "Fifteenth" received the shock gallantly, and held its own until General Dodge, with the Sixteenth Corps came up, when the rebels were driven back with great slaughter.

General McPherson.

Major-General James B. McPherson, United States Volunteers, and Brigadier-General of the Regular Army of the United States, was born in Sandusky, Ohio, during the month of November, 1829, and was consequently in his thirty-sixth year of his age when he was killed. He entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, a cadet from Ohio during the year 1849, and even from his first examination gained a high position in that institute.

Pherson had risen to the rank of Colonel in the regular army, since then his career is well known to the whole country. Before his death he had been promoted to a Brigadier-General in the regular army, and he was also Major-General of volunteers.

Battle of Tupelo.

The battle of Tupelo, Mississippi, was a very severe one. It was fought on the 13th instant. The enemy was totally defeated and terribly punished by our cavalry and negro troops, who bore the brunt of the battle, and fought with remarkable steadiness and valor. Another engagement succeeded this at night, and the rebels were disastrously repulsed, as they assaulted us behind temporary entrenchments. On the 15th another battle occurred. Gen. Forrest led three desperate charges in person upon our lines, every one of which was repulsed, and the enemy was driven back with great slaughter.

On the 20th the expedition reached Lagrange, with a loss (all told) of only five hundred men. Not a single gun or wagon was lost or abandoned during the entire movement. Gen. Garrison says the rebel loss cannot be less than four thousand. Despatches captured from the rebels by Gen. Hatch admit a loss of two thousand four hundred. Among the rebels killed are Gen. Columbus Faulkner, Mowbray Nelson, Forrest, and Colonel Greer. Colonel Wilkins, 5th Minnesota, and Lieutenant McMahon, of the 9th Illinois, are the only Federal officers known to have been killed. Our wounded were arriving at Memphis. The expedition returns solely on account of the exhaustion of supplies. Our troops brought in 2,000 prisoners. The rebel dead were buried by our men on several occasions, Forrest refusing to make a detail temporarily for that duty.

Gen. A. J. Smith's handsome victory over the rebels under Forrest and Stephen Decatur Lee was so near the scene of Forrest's defeat of Sturgis, as to give a sort of dramatic as well as military interest to the campaign in that quarter. Guntown, the locality of Sturgis' disaster, is but thirteen miles from Tupelo, where Smith wiped out the disgrace of that humiliating affair. The geographical position of this hotly contested territory is in the northeastern part of the State of Mississippi, Tupelo being forty-nine miles south of Corinth, the junction of the Mobile and Ohio with the Memphis and Charleston Railroad.

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Preparations for a movement into Alabama, under Gen. Rousseau, have for some time been in progress. Previous to the departure of the column it was, of course, improper to publish anything relating to the subject; but it has now been so long on the march that we are hearing of its work and its whereabouts through rebel newspapers.

Intelligence from San Francisco, recently received, states that the movement of organizing Ladies' Christian Commissions begun in the Eastern cities and States, has extended already to California.

It will thus be seen that Gen. Rousseau is actively at work on the object of his expedition, which was to cut off railroad and telegraphic communication between Atlanta and the southwestern states of Rebeledom. Alabama is not very well furnished with railroads. The Memphis and Charleston road, which crosses the northern part of the state, has been in our possession since 1862. After the capture of that line, the only remaining railroad connection through Alabama is that which General Rousseau has just interrupted. It was not only the main line of communication between Atlanta and Mississippi and the northeastern states of Rebeledom, but it was the only line left for their military service. It was in the contemplation of General Rousseau's expedition to destroy every prominent point on this route from Montgomery to Opelika, a distance of sixty-four miles.

We have no doubt that Gen. Rousseau has accomplished his instructions and done his work effectually. He is an able and energetic officer, and one of the best of the war. He had with him five regiments of Western cavalry, numbering twenty-seven hundred, all veterans, and one thousand of them armed with Spencer's repeating rifle. If he has done what he intended to try to do, Hood's army is cut off from retreat towards Montgomery and Mobile, and the States of Alabama and Mississippi are separated from the rest of the "Confederacy" for a month at the very least. It was over the Montgomery and West Point road that the rebel army at Atlanta received the whole of its supply of beef-cattle from Florida and the lower counties of Mississippi.

GUERRILLAS IN KENTUCKY.

A step toward the redemption of Kentucky has been taken by Gen. Burbridge. That officer has been taught by experience the secrets of guerrilla warfare, the life of which is in the support it receives from the inhabitants of the country in which it is carried on, and in the indulgence heretofore mistakenly and cruelly granted to captured outlaws. Gen. Burbridge now orders that Rebel sympathizers living within five miles of the scene of any guerrilla outrages shall be sequestered for the indemnification of losses by loyal citizens; and that the murder of each Union citizen shall be avenged by the military execution of four guerrilla prisoners. It seems to us that the career of irregular warfare in Kentucky is run.

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We have scarcely any intelligence of importance from the Army of the Potomac. There has been no movement of importance that we have heard of, during the week. Picket firing, and the play of batteries seem to be the only exceptions to the general quiet that prevails.

A NOBLE LETTER.

The following letter from the Hon. John Patton, formerly member of Congress from Pennsylvania, explains itself. Curwensville, where Mr. Patton resides, is a town of about four hundred inhabitants. It has sent to the treasury of the Christian Commission within a year over three thousand dollars.

I received the Annual Report of the Christian Commission for 1863, and in looking over it I felt much to encourage those who have been contributors to do more. I believe there is more done for the soldier's wants, temporal as well as spiritual, by the Christian Commission than by any other agency now at work in proportion to its means.

LADIES' CHRISTIAN COMMISSION IN CALIFORNIA.

Intelligence from San Francisco, recently received, states that the movement of organizing Ladies' Christian Commissions begun in the Eastern cities and States, has extended already to California.

An organization has been effected in San Francisco by some of the leading ladies of that city. The membership fee for ladies is five dollars, and for gentlemen is ten dollars. Over one thousand dollars has already been raised, though the organization has been but recently formed. It is hoped that very soon ten thousand dollars will be realized from this single movement.

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