

News of the Week.

THE WAR.

No general or important army movement or battle has occurred during the last week. Public attention has been centered on Farragut's movement against Mobile and Sheridan's operations in the Shenandoah Valley.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

We are not informed as to whether this army is making a new mine or connecting some other scheme to destroy the enemy's works. Since the late unsuccessful assault no important movement has taken place.

A Terrible Explosion.

Occurred just off City Point, caused by the blowing up of the ordnance boat of the army of the Potomac. By this unfortunate occurrence, several vessels lying in the river were either shattered or sunk.

The First Intimation.

Of the accident to those in the vicinity (at least to those who were fortunate to escape more serious injury), was a stunning concussion, which caused most of them to fall instantly to the ground, accompanied with a sound which some compare to the discharge of a cannon close to each ear.

How it Appeared.

Those who witnessed it from a distance describe it as a spectacle of fearful magnificence. A dense volume of smoke suddenly overpread the locality, with a shapeless cloud, from which leaps high into the air a colossal tower of flame with overhanging sides.

The Wreck.

The immense Government store-house, several hundred feet in length, extending close alongside the wharf, is completely smashed up, with the exception of a small portion at the lower end. A section of the wharf one hundred and fifty feet in length is wrecked from their places.

Official Gazette.

The following, in reference to the explosion is from Secretary Stanton's official Gazette: Washington, Aug. 11, 10 P. M.—To Major-General Dix, New York.—A despatch from Grant, just received, reports the casualties by the explosion at City Point, on the 9th inst.

A movement up the James.

On the afternoon of the 13th, a body of our troops embarked on transports at City Point, and moved up the river during the night; and, under cover of the fire of gun-boats, had effected a landing near Dutch Gap.

GENERAL SHERMAN'S ARMY.

There is nothing new from Sherman. What we have is mere details of events that transpired some time ago.

An Artillery Duel.

On the thirtieth there was an artillery duel between the enemy on the right and the 20th Corps. From occasional firing during the night it opened into volleys at daylight, with sharp musketry, which produced the impression that a serious engagement was progressing on that portion of the line.

In anticipation of an attempt to reestablish their picket line during the night, two regiments were placed in an ambush, so as to give them a warm reception if they should appear. As there was no unusual demonstration during the night, it is probable they did not make the attempt to recover their lost ground.

Official Report of the Attack of July 22d. Major-General Sherman, in transmitting the following official report of Gen. Logan to Gen. Halleck, says:

"Although the number of dead Rebels seems excessive, he is disposed to give full credit to the report: that our loss was only 3,521 killed, wounded and missing; the enemy's dead alone on the field nearly equaled that number, viz: 3,220."

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE, BEFORE ATLANTA, Ga., July 24, 1864.

General: I have the honor to report the following general summary of the result of the attack of the enemy on this army on the 22d inst: Total loss in killed, wounded and missing, 3,521, and 10 pieces of artillery. We have buried and delivered to the enemy, under a flag of truce sent in by them, in front of the 3d Division of the 17th Corps, 1,000 of their killed. The number of their dead in front of the 2d Division of the same Corps, including those on the ground not now occupied by our troops, Gen. Blair reports, will swell the number of their dead on his front to 2,000.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant, JOHN A. LOGAN, To Major-Gen. W. T. Sherman, Major-General, Commanding Military Division of the Mississippi.

Gen. Stoneman's Raid.

Last week we mentioned the fact that Gen. Stoneman had started from the main body of Sherman's army on an expedition towards Macon, Ga. We give the following particulars, furnished by the correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial. His letter is dated August 3d.

About ten days ago, the cavalry belonging to this army, marching in three columns, under command of Gen. Stoneman, Garrard, and Ed. McCook, left here intending to form a junction at a point, as nearly as I can ascertain, about twenty miles south of Atlanta, and on the Macon Railroad.

Late accounts of the capture of General Stoneman and failure, of both expeditions have already been published in our columns.

FARRAGUT'S ATTACK ON THE REBEL FLEET IN MOBILE BAY.

On the 5th inst., Admiral Farragut with a fleet of eighteen war ships passed the rebel forts at the entrance of Mobile Bay, and succeeded in destroying all the enemy's fleet, except one ship, and capturing Fort Gaines, Fort Powell being blown up.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Aug. 10, 1864.—10.30 p. m. To Major-General Dix, New York: The following report of the success of our operations at Mobile, extracted from the Richmond Enquirer of this morning, has just been received by this Department from Major-General Butler.

"MOBILE, Aug. 8.—Friday night Lieut. Colonel Williams, commanding Fort Powell, evacuated, and blew up the fort yesterday, and to-day the enemy are shelling Fort Gaines. The people of Mobile are all ready for the fray. Great confidence prevails. The people are satisfied with the conduct of Lieut. Buchanan, Manry, and Burnett, of the Navy."

SECOND DISPATCH.

"MOBILE, Aug. 8.—It is painfully humiliating to announce the shameful surrender of Fort Gaines, at 9 o'clock this morning, by Col. Charles Anderson, of the 21st Alabama Regiment. This powerful work was provisioned for six months, and with a garrison of six hundred men. He communicated with the enemy's fleet by flag of truce, without the sanction of Gen. Page. Gen. Page inquired by signal what his purpose was but received no answer. His attention was attracted by signal guns. Page repeatedly telegraphed: 'Hold on to your fort.' The same night visited Fort Gaines, and found Anderson on board the Yankee fleet arranging the terms of capitulation.

The steamer Creole from New Orleans brings the first accounts of the engagement as furnished by Union witnesses of the fight. From the numerous statements we condense the following: Passing the Forts. About eight o'clock on the morning of the 6th the attack commenced the iron-clads Tecumseh, Manhattan, Winnebago, and Chickasaw leading, closely followed by the wooden vessels Hartford, Monongahela, Tennessee, Metacomb, Onega, Itasca, &c., eighteen in all, lashed two and two, in the

same manner as when the Fort Hudson batteries were passed. The Brooklyn was the first following the Monitors and the Hartford (flagship) second. The Richmond, Lackawanna, Ossipee, Monongahela, Onega, Galena, Port Royal, Metacomb, Octorara, Seminole and Itasca followed.

The remainder of the account we give in the words of Admiral Farragut's official report: Fort Morgan opened on us at ten minutes past seven, and soon after this the action became lively. As we steamed up the main channel there was some difficulty ahead

The Hartford had passed the forts before eight o'clock, and finding myself weak to the rebel gunboats, I ordered the Metacomb to cast off and go in pursuit of them, one of which, the Selma, she succeeded in capturing. All the vessels had passed the forts by half-past eight o'clock, but the rebel ram Tennessee was still, apparently uninjured, in our rear.

Signs were at once made to all the fleet to turn again, and attack the ram, not only with guns but with orders to run her down at full speed. The Monongahela was the first that struck her; though she may have injured her badly, yet she did not succeed in disabling her. The Lackawanna also struck her, but ineffectually, and the flagship gave her a severe shock with her bow, and, as she passed, poured her whole port broadside into her—solid 9-inch shot and 13 pounds of powder—at a distance of not more than twelve feet.

Having many of my men wounded, and the Surgeon of the Tennessee being very desirous to have Admiral Buchanan removed to a hospital, I sent a flag of truce to the commanding officer of Fort Morgan, Brigadier-General Richard L. Page, to say that if he would allow the wounded of the fleet, as well as their own, to be taken to Pensacola, where they could be better cared for than here, I would send out one of our vessels, provided she would be permitted to return, bringing back nothing that she did not take out.

The list of casualties on our part, as far as ascertained, are as follows: Killed: Flagship Hartford, 9; Brooklyn, 4; Onega, 7; Monongahela, 2; Ossipee, 1; Galena, 1; Richmond, 2. In all, 27.

On the 12th, after being about one hundred and seventy men. On the Selma were taken about ninety officers and men. Of the officers I have only heard the names of two, viz., Commanding Peter H. Murphy and Lieutenant Executive Officer J. H. Comstock, who was killed.

THE MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION.

Since Gen. Sheridan took command of this department formerly commanded by Hunter, the rebels have been compelled to forego their raiding and look about for a safe retreat to the main body of their army. Sheridan is still after them, and, if he can come up with them, will no doubt, compel them to fight. Gen. Grant has been up in the valley, no doubt directing affairs, which may in some sense account for the favorable change of the military aspect in that quarter.

Gen. Averill's Victory. Gen. Averill attacked the combined forces of McCausland, Johnson, Gilmore, and McNeil on the morning of the 7th, and after a spirited fight completely routed their entire command, capturing all of their artillery, four pieces, a vast quantity of small-arms, 400 horses and equipments, and 420 prisoners, including 6 field and 32 company officers. McCausland, with his broken and demoralized command, has fled to the mountains. Our loss was comparatively small—7 killed and 21 wounded.

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