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SAVANNAH, CHARLESTON, AND WASHINGTON.

Map of the Atlantic Coast, Showing the Scenes of Operations of the Armies of Generals Sherman, Foster, and Butler, and the Squadrons of Admirals Porter and Dahlgren.



THE PURSUIT OF HOOD.

His Army Floundering in the Bogs of Tennessee.

REPORTED CAPTURE OF PONTOONS.

Demoralized Condition of the Rebel Cavalry.

THEY ABANDON MOST OF THEIR WAGON TRAIN.

THE PURSUIT VIGOROUSLY PRESSED.

NEAR COLUMBIA, December 25.—The infantry, artillery, and cavalry fairly divide the honors of a great victory.

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The cavalry here acted so gloriously during any engagement in this section.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Safe Return of the Expedition to Plymouth.

SUCCESSFUL SKIRMISHING WITH THE ENEMY.

Reported Repulse of the Union Gunboats at Poplar Point, Roanoke River.

NAVAL ATTACK ON FORT BRANCH.

AN EXPEDITION FROM PLYMOUTH.

NEWBERN, December 16.—An expedition under the command of Colonel Franklin, left Plymouth on the 9th inst., under orders from Brigadier-General Palmer, commanding the district of North Carolina.

SMITHS AT GARDNER'S BRIDGE.

The first point reached was Gardner's bridge, on the Roanoke river, beyond Jamestown.

BY THE RAPID MOVEMENTS OF CAPTAIN DUNBAR.

He had advanced the Rebels were frustrated in their design of destroying this bridge.

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FALL OF SAVANNAH.

History of our Operations.

THE PRELIMINARY MOVEMENTS.

Demand for a Surrender of the City.

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PORTSMOUTH, December 26.—The steamer California, Captain Groff, arrived at a late hour last evening from Fort Pulaski, bringing important despatches from General Sherman, and glorious intelligence confirmatory of the capture of Savannah on the 21st.

ON THE 20th General Sherman having nearly completed the investment of the city, and captured Fort Lee, and several other of the minor outposts in the immediate vicinity of the principal entrenchments surrounding the town, and planting his sharp batteries in such close proximity to the rebel lines as to command effectively every position held by the forces under the command of Hardee, sent a summons by flag of truce to the effect that if the place was not in a certain time surrendered, a bombardment and assault would at once commence.

AT THIS SUMMONS the rebel General sent back a reply that as his communications were yet open and his men fully supplied with subsistence and stores of every kind, they are enabled to withstand a long siege, and are determined to hold the city to the very last moment, and defend the citizens and property which had been placed under his protection until his forces were overpowered and he compelled to surrender.

EVERY PREPARATION had been made by General Sherman to assault the Rebel position next day, but when the morning of the 21st dawned, it was ascertained that the enemy had evacuated their entrenchments.

THEY WERE IN THE VICINITY OF THE ADVANCED, to the possession of which, and shortly afterwards General Sherman entered the city at the head of his body guard, and received from the hands of a deputation of its citizens the surrender of the place.

IT APPEARS THAT Hardee, on the night of the 20th, seeing the impossibility of holding the city, and fearing that the only means of escape left open across the Savannah was likely to be cut off at any moment, determined to avail himself of the route for his retreat.

HIS TROOPS IMMEDIATELY set to work to partially destroy the navy yard and all the Government property, and at twilight, under the protection of two iron-clad rams, succeeded in crossing the Savannah river, over a causeway, to the north side, intending to push forward to Charleston.

32,000 Bales of cotton were stored in the city, which the Rebels, in their haste, neglected to destroy.

TWO IRON-CLAD RAMS were sunk, and all the Government property and stores which they could not carry off with them, they burned or threw into the river.—Four steamers and a small gunboat were captured, together with the cotton, and a large amount of Rebel munitions of war, form a part of the spoils of the victorious army.

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FROM THE SOUTH.

The Georgia Exempts.

LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT BROWN, OF GEORGIA. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, MOBILE, GEORGIA, December 18.—Hon. Walter H. Page, of Virginia.—Sir—In what purpose to be published synopsis of a recent discussion in the House of Representatives, in Congress, you are reported to have stated that the number of persons exempt from conscription by me in this State, including the militia in State service, amounts to about fifty thousand.

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EUROPE.

General of Mr. Dayton—The French Press on the Character of the Deceased.

PARIS, December 6.—The last and duties to the remains of the late American Minister to France was performed this afternoon in the American Chapel of the Rue de Berry. The reading of the opening service was shared by the Rev. Dr. Sunderland, pastor of the church, the Rev. Dr. Cleveland of New Haven, Conn., and the Rev. Mr. Lamson, of the American Episcopal Church in the Rue Bayard.

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SHERIDAN.

Successful Reconnoissance by the Third Cavalry Division—The Rebels were driven back to the Valley—The Rebels Repulsed with Heavy Loss—The Rebel Force Still in the Valley—On Monday, the 19th instant, the 3d Cavalry Division, General Custer, started on a reconnoissance up the valley, and returned to camp last evening, having successfully accomplished the object of the movement.

On Tuesday morning the march was continued on the pike. At Eldersburg three companies of Rebel cavalry were driven away by the scouts under Major Young, capturing a great part of the party. On Tuesday afternoon the march was continued on both sides of the road, near Lay's Spring, nine miles south of Newmarket, the 1st and 2d Brigades, General Chapman, in the rear. The usual precautions were taken to guard against surprise, and nothing transpired during the night but the capture of a few stragglers.

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