

"I know of no mode in which a loyal citizen man so well demonstrate his devotion to his country as by sustaining the Flag, the Constitution and the Union, under all circumstances, and under every Administration, REGARDLESS OF PARTY POLITICS, AGAINST ALL ASSAILANTS, AT HOME AND ABROAD."-STEPHEN A. Douglas.

### THE WAR.

The Press of Monday says :- The series of affairs which have just taken place on the line of the Massaponax river seem to indicate that neither Burnside nor Lee is prepared to make it a field for the test of their grand military conclusions. The former is evidently manœuvring to keep the enemy in his present position for a few days, and the latter is not willing to hazard the fate of his wicked cause upon the result of a single field. The great risk that Burnside had to take was in crossing the Rappahannock; that movement successfully accomplished, he can afford to give battle of the heaviest description beyond. There need be no fear of a demonstration in his rear, for his position is entirely tenable in a military point of view. He has a river behind him, and the enemy in front, with whom he can cope in superior force and material. This river is not fordable at present below a line run-Sigel has possession of the fords above. Gen. Slocum, with an excellent corps d'armee, is moving south by the roads east of the Bull Run ridge of moun- of the Monitor faction, as they make tains. Gen. Jackson cannot be spared | no attempt at reply. from Lee's army to move up the Shenandoah valley again; and it must be confessed that General Halleck is master of the position in Virginia. It was necessary for General Burnside to discover, if possible, the exact position ment across the river, and to watch the feints of the enemy in his endeavors to conceal his designs. As the rebels left under General Franklin, flanking expire in 1863. the enemy gradually. Skirmishing between our troops and the rebels in lies it is said he was repulsed, although was more successful, driving the enedistance of a mile or more. He has troubles cease? the advantage in having seized the hills and ravines below and southeast no doubt, be able to force the enemy to fall back across the Massaponax, especially if Sumner should nenew the attack in front. Every effort is being made to keep our forces concentrated, to guard well the flanks of our great army, and to strengthen weak points. umns at once against the enemy. To do this successfully, he must be guided alone by the circumstances af the case and his own experience in the accomplishment of his designs or schemes .-simultaneous action upon a given point,

near Fredericksburg on Saturday, and assumes inestimable value. the fighting of that day was terrific. that the spirit of our troops was un- ter names. daunted. We await with painful anxiety the issue of the contest, but full of hope that, in spite of a desperate re- following list of deaths in Company D, sistance, Burnside, Franklin, Hooker 49th Regt., Penna. Vols., which have and Sumner will soon lead their men occurred since the publication of a victoriously into Richmond. General similar list, some time since: Banks has landed in North Carolina and already marched into Virginia .-tersburg and Richmond from the South. This gives still greater assur-

Two Democrats, whose names appear upon the Democratic County Committee, have informed us that the action of the Committee in the appointment of State Delegates was news to them. They had not received any netice of the meeting of the Committee, and did not intend to be bound by its action. They will not agree that the usages of the party shall be set aside to gratify the Monitor faction. At the proper time their townships will be represented in a County Convention to elect delegates. As the State Convention will not be held until June next, April Court will be the proper time to hold the Convention. By that time the Democratic voters will have all the candidates for nomination in the field, and delegates can be elected and instructed to support the choice of the Democracy of the county.

Somebody to be Hurt .- The Harris burg Patriot & Union gives Democratic Senators and Representatives notice that they must come to Harrisburg prepared to suffer death in case of a refusal to support the caucus nominee for United States Senator. There may be trouble in the election of a Senator as all the Democratic candidates we have heard named for that office have been guilty of opposing regular party nominations. If such Democrats are presented for an election, it might be possible that better Democrats than they might refuse to vote for them. even with the Patriot & Union's "summary punishment" staring them in the face.

THE Monitor denounces the writer of the communication in our last pa per, headed "Governor and Supreme Judge," as a renegade Democrat.-When all Democrats as nonest and true as the writer of the communication leave the Democratic party, there will be but little strength left to keep it in existence. What impudence, for Owen, a vile outcast Know Nothing ning south from Dumfries, and Genl. and rebel, to attack the Democracy of men who have grown gray in the Democratic party. The communication must have knocked the wind out

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION .-The Democratic State Executive Committee met at Reading on Thursday evening, Dec. 11th, and on motion a resolution was adopted, fixing Wednesday, the 17th of June next, 1863, as and force of the enemy after his movefor holding the next Democratic State Convention, to nominate a candidate for Governor, and a candidate for Judge fell back, our troops advanced under of the Supreme Court, in place of Hon. General Summer in front, and on the Walter H. Lowrie, whose term will

THE new State of "West Virginia," advancing became general, when a the admission of which to the Union rapid advance was made, and the main has been authorized by Congress, conbody of the enemy was found strongly tains a population, according to the cluding an entire stock of Frames, Caposted on the little ridge of hills on census of 1860: of whites 334,891; free ses, &c. For full particulars, apply or the line of the Massaponax. The first colored, 1,976; slaves, 12,761. What address. Sumner was to is left of Old Virginia had a population storm the position and force the rebels in 1860 as follows: whites, 712,520; into the creek. In two or three sal- free colored, 56,066; slaves, 478,104.

JUST AS WE EXPECTED .- We see by it is not clear that he was operating the last Monitor that Owen, Caldwell's his entire grand division. He was af- dog pup, did get into rough hands. terward ordered to hold the battle- He says he was met in the street by a field for the present. Genl. Franklin farmer, who seized him by the neck and seriously threatened other personmy before him at all points for the al injury. Poor Owen, when shall his

THREE Indian regiments are already of the city of Fredericksburg, and will, in the service of the Government under General Blunt. Several more are to be added, and all of them formed into a brigade.

Риотодвари Pictures are now taken so neatly, and are so cheap, as to leave no excuse for a neglect to gratify a relation or friend by leaving one's porthat genius in our commander in chief trait in their hands. But photographs, which will launch all of his heavy col- singly or alone, will soon tarnish, warp, and lose their natural beauty.-Hence, the necessity of a Photograph Album, which is the crowning feature of the whole. It constitutes a "Family Record," for the display and prop-"Success in war," said the Archduke er preservation of the Card Photo-Charles, "is only to be obtained by graphs of the family, or of friends and others, which for beauty of design and sustained with constancy and executed completeness of execution, has never with decision." General Burnside has yet been equalled. They are adapted all the resolution and indomitable to the pocket of the traveler, or the courage of a military hero. From all parlor and centre table of every homo, we can learn we see good reason to be and are so useful as well as so pretty, hopeful that the great battle may that wherever one is introduced, more soon be fought, which will give us de- are sure to follow. They are, indeed, cisive victory and conquer a peace." becoming a household necessity, as the The Bulletin of Monday evening, Album in which a family group are all says :- "A great battle was begun gathered together in this way, soon

Especial attention is called to the We can offer no comments on it until various styles which can be found at further accounts are received, and un- Lewis' Book Store. They are unsurtil we learn of the operations yet to passed for durability and elegance of take place. We only know that the finish, while the prices are such as to Union army has fought bravely and bring them within everybody's reach. suffered severely; that many fine offi- Each Album is furnished with a title cers have been killed or wounded; and | page and a neat index in which to en-

WE have been furnished with the

Privates Calvin Patterson, at Newport News, Va., September 14; Alfred Joining his troops to those at Suffolk, he is probably now marching on Petersburg, and Richmond from the little Process Mouroe, Va., Sep. 17; Daniel Prough, at Georgetown, D. C.; F. H. Price, at Hagerstown, Md. Oct. 17 : Hance Campbell, at Ha South. This gives still greater assurance that the rebel capital will soon be captured."

South. This gives still greater assurance that the rebel capital will soon at home, Dec. 3; William Sowder, at home, November —.

#### SOLDIER'S AID.

Once more we ask for contributions to enable us to meet the wants of those now, perhaps, engaged in mortal strife -some having been already wounded -and some always sick.-We ask for money, clothing, old shirts, old muslin, and the kind of supplies usually furnished by the kind and liberal housekeepers of our town and neighborhood. Committee to collect and receive contributions: Mrs. David Blair, President; Mrs. John Cunningham, Vice President; Mrs. James Lesetor; Mrs. Willoughby.

We acknowledge from Mrs. John Anderson 3 dollars, sent to our society. As soon as supplies sufficient are try, and a full battery attacked in the rearing to warrant it a hox or boxes rear. The Fifty-first Ohio and Thirreceived to warrant it, a box or boxes will be packed and sent to Mrs. Dr. ty-fifth Indiana were taken back by Matthews at double-quick, and in 30 Harris, at the seat of war.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS .- A full stock of presents for the holidays, received at the Eighth Kentucky forming the rear LEWIS' BOOK STORE. Old and young can be accommodated. Large and small Bibles, Hymn Books, Miscellaneneous Books, Photograph and other Albums, a large stock of interesting books for the young folks, Games, Toy Books, a heavy stock of Pocket for presents for the Holidays. .

COUNTERFEIT GREENBACKS .-- Among the numerous counterfeits affoat, are photographic five dollar Treasury notes. They are well calculated to deceive, and would not be detected at a casual glance by one man out of five hundred. Compared closely with the genuine bills, they are found to be about the sixteenth of an inch longer, and the paper harsher and stiffer .-The signatures show more plainly on the back of the bills than in the good money, and the shading of the engraving is heavier and darker. Other defects would probably be disclosed on a very critical examination. It is likely these counterfeits have obtained a wide circulation, and it will become necessary for the people to be a little more careful in handling " greenbacks" than they have heretofore been.

THE MAMMOTH UNION PHOof the largest and best Photographic ets driven in, but no one was killed. Cars in the United States now stationty, Pa., for sale very low, as change of interesting.

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In the Buett Court of Inquiry Genl. fitted up in handsome style, with every convenience for Ambrotyping, Phocameras and every other necessity, in- quiry. C. S. ROSHON,

Huntingdon, Pa. N. B .- Instruction will be given to the purchaser, free of charge, if desired, in all branches of the Art.

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DROWNED .-- On Friday last, a little daughter of Jacob Hawn, now in the, army, but whose family live in the lock house about two miles below this place, fell into the lock, and was drowned, before assistance reached her. This will be sad news to the father, now in the ranks of the Union army, fighting for the honor of the old flag. May He "who doeth all things well," whisper comfort and consolution to the afflicted parents .- Jour-

nal, December 10. FOUND.—We learn that the body of el sympathizers in the city. Uriah Hoffman, who was missed after the battle of Antietam, Md., has been found. The remains were in a state of decay among some bushes near the Mitchell succeeds him. battle-field, but were identified by a his father. We give this as a rumor, has been assigned to the command of which has been circulated through

NEW TELEGRAPH OFFICE.-A new telegraph office has been opened at Mt. Union. That place has long been in want of one of these indispensable machines, and the company has, no doubt, the thanks of the citizens.

Amongst the wounded at Fredericksburg, we notice the name of Lieut. Colonel George Dare of this county. He was wounded in the leg.

VARIETY ENVELOPES .-- Coleman & make a very handsome present for all ope can get any article of jewelry he pi.

No report of Bragg's force has reach No report of Bragg's force has reach picture. or she may select from specimens. Call and see for yourself. Price 50 cts.

Fine Cigars and Tobacco for sale at Lewis' Book Store.

Diaries for 1863, are for sale at W. Tiewis' Book Store.

# **WAR NEWS**

Virginia. A SPIRITED FIGHT NEAR LA-VERGNE, TENN.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 10.-Col. Stanley Matthews, commanding a brigade in Vancouver's Division, had a sharp fight yesterday, five miles north of Lavergne, while foraging. He commanded the Fifty-First Ohio and Thirtyfifth Indiana regiments, and the 21st Kentucky Infantry, with one gun of Swallow's Seventh Indiana battery, Wm. Orbison; Mrs. David McMurtrie; escorting fifty forage wagons. Ten of his distracted family. In several in-Mrs. Wm. McMurtrie; Mrs. Armstrong men and a Sergeant of the Twenty-stances the last cow or horse of poor first Kentucky were left for guard at Dobbyn's Ferry, and the wagons were filled, when Wheeler's rebel cavalry brigade, the Twelfth Tennessee infan

Half an hour later the enemy attacked us again in our rear, and, after hard fighting, were again repulsed, and the rigado returned to camp without losing a wagon. Lieut. Col. Balfe, of the Thirty-fifth Indiana, had the bone of the left arm badly shattered. Adjt. Books, Purses, Porte-monnaies and B. R. Muller of the same regiment was Wallets, Jewelry and fine pocket Cut- killed. Lieut. Jesse McDauiel, of the Eighth Kentucky, is supposed to have lery, Shawl Pins, Violins, Guitars, Ac- been killed; also two privates. Becordeons and fifes, fine Toy Paints, bides, we had twenty-nine wounded men, nine missing. Five wounded and one dead were left behind from great variety of other articles suitable inability to carry them off. They inability to carry them off. They were conveyed to Dr. Charleston's res-

minutes the enemy was repulsed .-

The wagons were retired rapidly to

dence near the field. The rebel loss was severe, but the number was not ascertained. We got

General Rosecrans and other Generals assert that the affair reflected great credit on Colonel Matthews. troops behaved splendidly. Matthews was thrown from his horse in the action, and badly bruised. His left arm s useless at present.

Forrest is reported with 3,000 cavalry in the rear of Clarksville. Kirby Smith's corps is at Lebanon. The enemy is active in front. No disturbince to day.

#### Additional from Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 9 .- A reconnoissance was made on the roads to Murfreesboro', Nolinsville and Frank-lin to-day. General Wallace's brigade of General Sill's division moved forward several miles, but found no ene-

About noon General Sheridan's division was attacked by a rebel force FOGRAPH-CAR FOR SALE .- One of cavalry and artillery, and his pick-The enemy are thought to be mov

ing forward in force.

The situation is growing decidedly

the present proprietor to locate. It is McCook's testingony is being taken.

Standard in in bandana stale with area. One member of the Court remarked to-day that they were just getting into the merits of the case, and that it tographing, &c., full size visiting Card | will require six menths to hear all the Photographing, with 1, 1 and 4.4 size testimony regarding the subject of in-

There are said to be fifteen thousand Tennesseeans in the Union army. Over two thousand bales of cotton, valued at six hundred and fifty thousand dollars are bere await

ment. Governor Johnson has issued a proclamation, providing for an election of representatives for the Ninth and Tenth Congressional Districts of Tennessee. He says it is believed, on information received, that a large majority of the voters in these districts have ance to the Constitution and laws .--The judges of election, in addition to the oath prescribed by the Tennessee code, will be required to swear that they will permit no disloyal person to sidered an elector qualified to vote.

The Union, in an editorial, says this movement originated with the people of the aforementioned districts. are the most western and the largest slaveholding and cotton growing districts of the State. The election will be held on the 29th

of December. Certain prominent reb els have been urging such elections here; but since the Governor's clause of the proclamation disqualifying them the movement has become unpopular with them.

Governor Johnson is about to issue a proclamation assessing the wealthy rebels of Nashville to the amount of sixty thousand dollars for the support of the indigent during the winter .-The list contains all the prominent reb-All is quiet in front to-day.

General Negley, at his own request, has been relieved from the command of the city. He takes the field. Gen.

General Johnson, captured in Aug. letter which was in his pocket from at Gallatin, having been exchanged,

## THE WAR IN MISSISSIPPI.

CAIRO, Dec. 8.—Memphis papers have news from Oxford up to Thurs

day morning.
At that time, Jackson's Confederate cavalry, with some infantry and a battery, were having a skirmish with the Federal advance, just outside the town. The main body of rebels had passed through twelve hours before. Pemberton's army is represented as being very much demoralized, the greater part of it being ignorant of their destination and of the necessity of falling back. It is said to have been Co's Union Variety Packages are forty thousand strong, with a large for sale at Lewis' Book Store. They number of sick and disabled. This, undoubtedly, is just about the number The jewelry is of a better qual- against which General Grant is leadity than can be secured in any other package or in any other way for the all the force that the Confederates same money. The buyer of an envel- can bring to the defence of Mississip-

> ed Pemberton, nor is it likely that it will.

It is now almost certain that Jackson and Vicksburg will be abandoned sippi is not open by Christmas, it will the at Prairie Grove, have be because a conflict of authority and crossed the Arkansas river.

## a rivalry between commanding officers

Affairs in Tennessee, Mississippi and

Guerillas continue to enforce the conscript law in West Tennessee. On last Friday they were near White's Station, and every man under forty was carried off. Many have fled to Memphis for protection, but the great mass had to go with the conscripting

party.
I saw a gentleman this morning direct from Bloomfield, Missouri. Ŭ II e says outlaws have it all their own way, and mentions particulars of several cases where men have been shot at their own firesides or in their beds: and one or two instances in which the father has been shot before the eyes widow women have been taken Neither age nor sex escapes. Four hundred and eight prisoners arrived from Louisville last night.

# ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE.

Louisville, Dec. 10.-No passenger trains left here for Nashville this

morning.

The Journal says that in the late Hartsville affair 1900 of the United States forces were captured, and that the number of paroled troops at Hartsville was 2300. Colonel Stewart was

among the prisoners.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 10—The Nashville train arrived here a few minutes behind time.

All is quiet along the road. There is no news of importance from

south of Nashville. A passenger train will leave for Nashville to morrow as usual. Travel was only temporarily suspended in consequence of the rolling stock being

wanted for the transportation of troops. NASHVILLE, Dec. 10.—P. M.—[Special Despatch to the Press.]—The rebels, under Gens. Joe Johnston, Bragg, Cheatham, Forrest and Morgan, have advanced, and appeared in our front in great force this morning, driving in our pickets at every point. A battle is momentarily expected near Hartsville. Reinforcements are being hurried forward, and every point will be strengthened. The recent rebel victory at Hartsville has greatly embold-ened the rebels. In view of this, Gen. Negley takes the field to morrow in

Gen. Mitchell will command the post of Nashville, and is rapidly organizing the new troops under the orders of General Rosecrans, to form a reserve force to move at any moment.

The citizens are much excited over the many rumors that are being circulated on the streets, but the greatest confidence is expressed in our Generals and troops, as it is now generally understood that the troops who sui rendered at Hartsville were perfectly new and became panic-stricken when they found themselves surrounded by the rebel cavalry.

No train came through from Gallatin and Bowling Green to night, and it is feared that the rebels have posses sion of some part of the road.

Forrest has reached Clarksville, and holds that place with a considerable

## THE WAR IN MISSISSIPPI.

CAIRO, Dec. 10 .- Reports from Gen. Grant's army indicate that our forces are brought to a stand by the muddi ness of the roads about ten miles be yond Grenada.

It is evident from the tenor of Governmental despatches that Gen. Pemberton, being wholly unable to cope with Grant in battle, has marched in of 143 retreat towards Alabama, with a view site the city. forces in Tennessee.

General Grant cannot now follow

him in that division. In this case Rosecrans should be reinforced.

Gen. Hovey's movement upon Grenada was splendidly executed, but unlittle annual is sent free to any Super- given evidence of loyalty and allegi- fortunately the enemy had retreated to the northeast, and Hovev could not cut off his retreat. It is rumored here that the Mississippi is almost clear of rebels in force, and that Vicksburg can be easily taken.

The rebels are acting as if, uncertain of any success, they would leave the Southwest to its inevitable fate, and consolidate their forces for future operations in the Gulf, or Cotton States The campaign so brilliantly begun by General Grant has failed of giving great results at present. If Rosecrans s successful, however, all will be well. Porter and McClernand are awaiting developments, or orders, it is hard to divine which.—Press.

#### More About the Battle near Fayetteville, Arkansas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 .- The followng despatch has been received at the Headquarters of the Army: Sr. Louis, Dec. 11.—Major General Halleck, General-in-Chief.—Further details are received from Generals Blunt and Herron from the battle-ground of

Prairie Grove, near Fayettville, Ar-Our loss in killed and wounded is now estimated at a thousand, and that of the enemy at over two thousand. The rebels left many of their dead

Extensive hospitals will be improvised in Fayettville.

Persons who have returned from the battle field report that the enemy was 28,000 strong. Their artillery was much crippled.

We took four caissons filled with ammunition, a large number of small General Blunt moved forward to-day

on Cane Hill, Gen. Herron remaining at Prairie Grove, burying the dead and providing for the wounded. The enemy muffled their wheels and moved off in the night, continuing

their retreat to Van Buren, and probably crossing the Arkansas river. Colonel McFarland, of the Nineteenth Iowa is killed. Captain Black. of the Thirtyseventh Illinois, Major Thomas, of the Twentieth Iowa, and a large number of subaltern officers are

wounded. It was a hard fought battle and a complete victory. S. R. Curtis, (Signed.) Major General.

Further Particulars. Sr. Louis, Dec. 11.—General Blunt son and Vicksburg will be abandoned telegraphs to General Cartis that the without a struggle, and if the Missis-rebels, with whom he fought the battle at Prairie Grove, have probably

the field and most of his dead uncared for. One hundred of their wounded died since the battle, and a large number of the remaining wounded have

received mortal injuries. Their total loss is estimated by Gon. Blunt at not less than 2,000. Our loss was 200 killed and 500 wounded.— Most of the latter will recover.

General Herron puts the loss of the enemy at from 500 to 700 killed and 2,500 wounded, and estimates our loss

nigher than General Blunt. Colonel Black, of the Thirtyseventh Illinois, was killed, and Major Thompson, Twentieth Iowa, wounded.

#### The enemy lost five Colonels. THE WAR IN TENNESSEE.

#### Bold Dash into Franklin by 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry.

Destruction of the Flour Mills, etc. CAPTURE OF A DROVE OF HORSES.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 14.—Gen. Stanley as returned to-day from a dash into Dixie. He left our front yesterday, over. by the Franklin pike, with a strong force of cavalry, and disturbed the rebels early in the day, fighting a considerable cavalry force, and driving them across the roads.

After he had bivouacked, he intended to surprise the town of Franklin: but during the night he was discovered, and finding a surprise impracticable, made a dash at Franklin this morning, and was sharply resisted by the enemy, who fired from the houses. Maj, Wynkoop, commanding the Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, charged brilliantly through the town, and drove

the robels clean out. After destroying the flouring mills, and other property useful to the rebel army, the expedition returned, losing sand and nine thousand rounds of amonly one man. Five rebels, including a licutenant, were killed, 10 wounded, 12 prisoners were taken, and a large drove of secesh horses.

It was discovered that there is no large force of rebels as far west as Franklin. There is a heavy force of rebels near Nollinsville, another near Mumfreesboro', and a considerable force at and on this side of Stewart's Creek.

Morgan is slashing about promiscuously with 5,000 men.

The enemy is awaiting an attack. All is quiet in front. The rebel force does not exceed 70,000 men.

The Mumfreesboro' (rebel) Banner admits the loss at Hartsville, in two rebel regiments, of over 80 men. General Bragg sent 1452 paroled Union prisoners to our lines yesterday, mostly captured at Hartsville.

# POTOMAC.

## Bombardment of Fredericsburg.

The City in Flames .-- Construction of Bridges.—General Franklin's Forces Crossing the River.—The Gunboats Shelling the Enemy.

WASHINGTON, Duc. 11 .- The followng has been received from the Army of the Potomac:

Headquarters Army of the Potomac, Thursday morning, 9 a. m. Everything last night was bustle and activity, as to-day was the time fixed for the crossing of the river.

pieces placed in position oppo-At 5 o'clock this mornof forming a junction with the rebel ing the rebels fired two signal guns while during the latter part of the night rockets were frequently seen

within their lines. At five o'clock the construction of three bridges in front of the city was commenced; when about half completed the enemy opened a murderous fire of infantry from the houses on the

river bank. Up to this time not a shot had been fired from our side. The engineers were driven from the bridges and several killed and wounded. At 6 o'clock General Burnside ordered all the guns to open on the city. The cannonading, which has continued without interrup tion up to the present time is terrible

The city is on fire, and its destruction appears to be certain. The enemy, about 7 o'clock, opened with their heavy guns from their works, but so far have done no serious injury. General Franklin constructed his bridges about three miles below the city, meeting with slight opposition.

His troops are now crossing.

The gunboats are now shelling the enemy about fifteen miles down the river, where they have been concentra-

The concentrated fire of our batteries on the city has had the effect of driving back the enemy's infantry, and the work on the bridges has again been commenced.

## [SECOND DESPATCH.]

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HEADQUARTERS, Thursday, twelve ters of a mile of the Massaponax creek, o'clock, noon.—On the attempt being their left resting on the Rappahanmade to finish the bridges in front of the city, the rebel infantry again openand most of their wounded for us to ed their fire. The artillery in position was again opened on the city, the result being that it was fired in several new places. The enemy have used very little ar-

tillery up to this time, as it would endanger their own men who are holding to add so much to its destruction. the river front. General Burnside has just issued an

order to concentrate every available gun upon the city, under cover of the fire of which it is believed the bridges The killed and wounded so far do

not amount to more than fifty men. Continued Bombardment of the City.

176 Guns Opened Simultaneously with their Thunder.—Daring Bravery of Our Troops.—The River Crossed by a Small Band of Braves.— Capture of One Hundred Rebel Sharpshooters.— Completion of the Bridges .- The Troops Crossing.—Capture of the City.
—The Rebels Driven to their Entrenchments .- Destruction of the Railroad Bridges by the Rebels.—A Battle to be Fought To-day.

Headquarters Army of the Potomac, Dec. 11, Thursday Evening. But little firing took place between

The enemy left all his wounded on | placed in position. They then numbered 176 guns, and at a given signal, all the batteries opened on the city.

The fire was terrible, but the rebel sharpshooters could not be driven from their hiding place. The shot and shell went crashing through the houses, in many cases setting them on fire, causing a dense smoke, together with the explosion of so vast a quantity of powder, almost hid the city from view. It soon became evident that the bridges could not be built except by a bold

Volunteers were called for to cross in small boats. The order was no sooner given than hundreds of braves stepped forward, but all could not go. About one hundred were selected they were soon on their way, while the artillery threw a perfect storm of iron hail on the opposite bank.

They reached the opposite shore, but not without loss. With fixed bayonets they rushed upon the enemy, killing several, and taking a hundred one prisoners, who were safely landed on this side.

At half-past four two bridges were finished opposite the city, when the troops immediately began to cross

The enemy were soon driven from the city back to their line of works .-The two bridges in front of General Franklin were successfully laid early in the day, but his troops did not cross until the two upper ones were ready. A sufficient force is now on the op-

posite side of the river to resist any attack that is likely to be made. The robels fired but few guns in the norning, and none in the afternoon; although the works were in easy range during the forenoon.

The rebels burnt the railroad bridge

just outside of the city. Between 30 and 40 houses were burnt, mostly in the business part of the city. During the day, between eight thou-

munition was fired by our artillery. Everything is quiet to-night. indications are that a battle will be fought to morrow.

Approved. A. E. BURNSIDE. Occupation of Fredericksburg—The Rebels Driven Out of the City of the Point of the Bayonet—Our Entire Army

Across the Rappahannock. HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE Ротомас, Dec. 12-10 А. М. After occupying the river in front of the city last night, we lost about one hundred men in killed and wounded while driving the rebs. through the city. They fired on our men as they advanced through the streets, while secreted in and behind houses. Not much

mercy was shown to those who were aught. FROM THE ARMY OF THE This morning a dense fog hid everything from view, but is now gradually

passing away. The troops commenced moving across at an early hour, General Sumner's grand division leading the way over in front of the city, to be followed by

Gen. Hooker's grand division. General Franklin's grand division which crosses nearly three miles below the city, is nearly over. At a quarter past-nine-o'clock this

morning the first gun was fired, and the firing lasted about half an hour, the rebels not making a very spirited reply. It is thought the troops will all be over by noon.

Information received during the night and this morning, from descrters and prisoners, shows that the rebels

During the night the pontons were conveyed to the river, and the artillery of 143 pinear placed in resistant process and the rear of the city, the first one being from the first.

The whole army is in rapid motion and well concentrated. The troops are in excellent spirits and anxious to be led upon the enemy's works. The enemy have concentrated their forces, and it is believed will give battle. Much will depend upon the result of to-day, but all feel sanguine

Headquarters Army of the Potomac, Friday Evening, Dec. 12. At ten o'clock this morning the fog began to clear away, but before eleven o'clock the air was again thick, and continued so until two o'clock this afternoon, when the fog entirely disap-

of success.

At quarter past two o'clock, the rebels opened all their guns posted on the first ridge of hills, their main fire being directed upon the city of Fredericksburg, which was filled with our troops. The guns which were posted on the left of the ridge opened on a large body of our troops that had csossed on the two lower bridges and formed in

line of battle, moving obliquely down the river, fronting the Massapanox creek. Although several of the shells ting their forces during the past two exploded over our troops there were no casualties.
General Bayard's cavalry had five

men killed while endeavoring to ascertain the enemy's position. This force crossed on the lower bridge. The troops that crossed below are sleeping on their arms to night, the

nock. The enemy occupy the opposite side of the creek in force. Our guns posted on this side of the river silenced the enemy's artillery, after a fight of half an hour. This ended the firing for the day.

The only damage done by the enemy's shells thrown into the city was Twenty-five of our men were killed last night in the streets of the city, while driving the rebels out.

Nearly every house in Fredericksburg has been damaged more or less by the firing of the past two days .-Several splendid residences have been completely riddled. All the churches have also suffered. The fire of the enemy appeared to be directed on the most prominent edifices.

Several cases of wanton destruction of property (which could have been of no use to the enemy) by our troops oc-curred when they first entered the

In many houses the furniture all remained, showing that their occupants left in haste.

Some of our troops mistook a British flag for the Confederate colors, and tore it from the residence of the British consul. This morning the owner called at headquarters to recover it, and it was returned to him.

The main body of the army is now one and three o'clock, during which time all the available batteries were position to cross at any time. over the river, the balance being in a