

flag. She appeared to be very low in the water, and her sides, bow and stern were covered with sloping iron plates extending two feet below the water line, and meeting above like the roof of a house.

The Roanoke flag ship having been disabled by the breaking of her shaft some time since was taken in tow by the tug-boats Dragon and Young America.

The 10th New York regiment was briefly addressed by Col. Bender and all testified the greatest delight at the prospect of an action.

After being under orders for some time the garrison was dismissed until they should be wanted.

The rebel boats steadily pursued their way to Newport News, and the Merrimac soon turned the point and was lost to view from the fort.

The first shot was fired from the frigate Cumberland at a little past 2 o'clock. The Sewell's Point battery then opened upon the Merrimac which was passing, and the Sawyer gun at the Rip Raps replied with a few shots at Sewell's Point.

The Merrimac was seen to rise above Newport News Point, indicating that the battery there, as well as the Cumberland and Congress, was engaged.

The details of action could not be ascertained from the Fort, but a telegraphic dispatch was received announcing that the Cumberland and Merrimac were in close quarters.

The Merrimac unfortunately got aground on the way up, and could offer but little assistance.

Shortly before three o'clock the Jamestown and Yorktown arrived from up James river. The latter was disabled early in the afternoon by the Cumberland, and put in shore for repairs.

The Merrimac turned her attention to the Congress, and in less than an hour afterwards a white flag was hoisted on board the latter.

The Confederate gunboat immediately went along side her, the officers and marines being taken prisoners, the seamen were allowed to escape to shore.

The United States frigate St. Lawrence arrived here during the afternoon, and without dropping anchor proceeded up the river. She followed the example of the Minnesota, but like the others, she shot fell short.

At sundown the Roanoke, St. Lawrence and Mystic all returned.

After 3 o'clock, the Merrimac continued to throw shells into the camp at Newport News, while the Jamestown and other confederate gunboats commenced firing upon the Merrimac.

The latter replied as vigorously as possible, and the conflict was continued without any apparent effect until dark.

During the evening the Monitor arrived very opportunely, and at once proceeded up the river, although not prepared for action, to take her part.

Reinforcements of men and ammunition were sent to Newport News early in the afternoon. But little serious damage was done there, and no one was killed.

This morning the conflict was renewed, until the presence of the Monitor was known to the Merrimac. The latter was engaged with the Minnesota, and but for the fortunate arrival of the Monitor, the Minnesota might have been lost.

The two iron-clad vessels engaged each other for two or three hours, at long and at short range. No perceptible effect was produced upon either.

The Congress succeeded finally in forcing a large hole in the port side of the Merrimac, and with the whole confederate fleet, she then retired to Norfolk.

This morning the gunboat Zouave was also seriously damaged and was obliged to return. The principal loss of life was on board the Cumberland, where it is thought as many as one hundred and fifty must have been killed or drowned.

The Monitor has come up to the expectations that we entertained of her, and has proved herself impregnable to the heaviest shot at close quarters.

The city papers are filled with a variety of war news, much of which however is in a crude state. Enough is certain to say that the rebels are falling back, having evacuated Columbus in Kentucky, the Potomac river batteries, and Manassas, and that our troops are advancing on all sides.

Whether the retreat of the rebels is owing to the movements of our troops, to disaffection among themselves, or for the purpose of concentrating the whole band of traitors into one army, cannot yet be determined.

Blows ought to be struck fast and thick, and no time given them to erect murderous batteries, concentrate army stores, or build fortifications.

We have stirring news from New Madrid, Missouri. Gen. Pope's forces have reached that place, and commenced an attack on the rebel strongholds.

The rebels are in large force there, and have several gunboats helping them, but as Com. Foote's fleet has gone down to the scene of operation, it is probable that they will not be allowed to do much damage to our forces.

Reports from Memphis state that the people of that city are greatly alarmed, although they expect that Forts Randolph and Pillow will be able to protect the city from the attacks of the Federal troops.

The Legislature, after several ineffectual attempts to organize, had scattered and gone in various directions. Gov. Harris is said to be greatly excited, in consequence of the failure of his efforts to enlist more men for the rebel cause.

Columbus, Ky., has been occupied by the United States troops. So ends all the boasted impregnability of the rebel works. Com. Foote telegraphs to the Navy Department that he captured there a large number of guns and cartridges, ammunition and stores, shot and shell, the chain cable stretching across the river, and a large number of torpedoes.

Official Despatch from Gen. Halleck. St. Louis, March 10.—The following is an official despatch to Major General McClellan, Washington:

The army of the southwest, under General Curtis, after three days hard fighting near Sugar Creek, Arkansas, has gained a most glorious victory over the combined forces of Van Dorn, McCulloch, Price, and McIntosh.

Our loss is estimated at 1,000 killed and wounded. That of the enemy is still greater. Guns, flags, provisions, &c., have been captured in large quantities.

Our Cavalry are in pursuit of the flying enemy. H. W. HALLECK, Major General Commanding.

Occupation of Leesburg. The recent movements on the Upper Potomac have culminated in the capture of Leesburg, by our forces under the command of Colonel Geary.

On Saturday, our forces entered the town with colors flying and bayonets fixed, and immediately took possession of Forts Johnston, Beauregard and Evans, besides capturing a number of prisoners and a quantity of army stores.

While our troops were approaching the town, the rebels could be discerned through a glass in full retreat.

FROM COM. DUPONT'S FLEET. BALTIMORE, March 10. The United States steamer Alabama, Capt. Lawler, arrived here this morning, direct from Fernandina, Florida, bringing Capt. Davis, late flag officer of the South Atlantic squadron, as bearer of despatches from Com. Dupont to the Navy Department, announcing the capture of Fernandina and Brunswick, by the fleet under his command.

We are indebted to Capt. Davis for an outline of the operations of the fleet since it left Port Royal.

About the first of March, on what was announced as an important expedition, the place of destination having been held back at the request of the Government, the first point of coast approached was Brunswick, Georgia.

The enemy abandoning their works, and fleeing at the approach of the gunboats, it was taken possession of and the gunboats left in charge. This gives the Government the control of the whole coast of Georgia, from South Carolina to Florida.

Brunswick being disposed of, the fleet moved twenty miles further, to Cumberland Sound, the entrance to the harbor of Fernandina, Florida. The fleet entered Cumberland Sound in the following order: The Mohican, flag ship, of Com. Dupont; the Ottawa, the Seminole, the Pawnee, the Flag, the Bienville, the Alabama, the James Adger, the Florida, the Seneca, the Huron, and the Pembina.

They were followed by the small armed steamers, Isaac Smith, Pottowski and Penguin.

When the expedition came in sight of Fort Clinch, the rebels were discerned making a hasty flight, and fired two or three random shots from the barbets guns of the Fort. The shells of the fleet caused a hasty evacuation, and Fort Clinch was immediately taken possession of, and the flag of the Union raised on the old staff, which has been so long disgraced by the traitors colors.

This is the first of the old southern forts of the Union that has been recovered since the proclamation of the President, declaring that they must all be restored to the Union.

TERIBLE NAVAL BATTLE. Loss of two Frigates. FORTRESS MONROE, March 9. The long expected rebel steamer Merrimac has at last made her appearance, and yesterday afternoon, with the assistance of two gunboats, which came out with her from Norfolk, and the Jamestown and Yorktown, which came down from the James river, made an attack upon Newport News and the naval vessels stationed at that place.

The Merrimac was first seen from the ramparts of Fortress Monroe, on her way to Newport News, at about a quarter before one o'clock.

The rebel gunboats followed her. They all carried the Confederate flag at the stern. The gunboats had a French flag at their mast head, and the Merrimac had a flag at her bow, which was described by some as a commodore's blue flag, and by others as a black

Table with 2 columns: Pennsylvania Railroad, Through Express, Mail, Local Freight, Express Freight, Coal Trains.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

We have had some pleasant weather since our last, and but for the white mantle of snow still covering the mountains below us, from base to top, would say that spring has fairly opened.

A sword, duly labeled, was presented to Captain Eisenbe on Saturday evening last by the Slemmer Guards. Lieut. Hoover made the presentation address.

Mr. Aaron Riden's team ran away on the Reedsville pike, between the two bridges, on Saturday last, killing one and injuring another horse, breaking the wagon, and scattering a considerable quantity of wheat.

THE LOGANS.—A recent major of four companies of the 40th under Major Matthews, among which was company A, is thus described in the Harrisburg Telegraph:

The night was very dark, and rain began to fall before they left the camp. After marching through mud shoe-mouth deep, and in many places to their knees, they arrived, about an hour before daylight, on the Potomac, at a point called "Sir John's Run," six miles from their present camp.

The men after they halted, suffered severely from the cold, as no fires were permitted to be made until the day had dawned. After several hours' rest, they crossed in a flat to the Virginia side.

Here they found two companies of the Sixty-second Ohio regiment encamped, guarding a bridge, which had been lately erected in place of one burned by the rebels on the 31st of January last.

Information had been received that several companies were on their march, via Bath, to destroy the present structure so lately built, and to prevent their approach the detachment was so suddenly called out.

They arrived in Bath, about two and a half miles back of the river, and there learned that several companies, which had been encamped beyond there on the Winchester road, pulled up stakes and made a hasty retreat on their approach.

They returned to camp that night, taking a different road home, and crossed the river opposite Hancock, seven or eight miles from Bath.

A correspondent sends us the following relative to a very small matter which recently occurred in the Lutheran church:

Mr. Editor.—The Lewistown Democrat, in a notice of the recent choir leader refusing to play the maledon or suffering another to play because he did not like the preacher who read the hymn, heads his article with a word calculated to convey a false impression abroad.

Webster defines "emulate" to be "a studious emulation or a mob," and as those at a distance, or school children, meeting with this formidable heading, would naturally inquire what the word meant, the impression would remain there.

The truth is, beyond a looking round to see what was the matter, and a general commenting on the conduct of the leader after the services, there was nothing to justify the transaction being called even an ordinary disturbance. The editor either drew largely on his imagination in calling it by that name, or did not know the meaning of the word.

ARCOS. BLAIR COUNTY.—We copy the following items from the Hollidaysburg Register:

On one of the cold nights last week, an aged man in crossing the R. R. bridge near Mr. Bouslogh's, lost his balance, and fell down some twelve feet into the deep water below.

After bounding in the water and ice for some time, he caught hold of one of the piers, where he hung for three hours with his head just above water. A young man returning home about 11 o'clock heard his screams, and rescuing him from his perilous condition, took him to a neighboring house, and had him cared for.

By morning the man was revived sufficiently to proceed on his way to the mountains, thankful for his miraculous deliverance.

Sudden Death.—Mrs. Fouat, wife of Jacob Fouat of Gaysport, while attending the funeral of Miss Amy Rollin, and as the procession was crossing Walnut street, fell on the pavement, and immediately expired.

She was taken into the house of Mr. Jno. Bollinger, where every means to restore consciousness was resorted to, but without effect, the vital spark having fled.

Dwelling House Burned.—During the high wind of last week, the dwelling house of Mr. Wm. Burkhardt, in Allegheny, up, was entirely consumed by fire. The wind had blown the tin fender loose from the roof, and the stove pipe falling against the shingles communicated fire to the roof. The inmates saved but a few articles of household goods; the remainder was entirely consumed, including about a thousand weight of pork. Mr. Burkhardt is absent in the army, and the loss bears heavily upon his family, and they will require the assistance of their friends.

Another Fire.—We have just learned that the Siers House at Blair Furnace was burned last week, with all its contents. It is not known how the fire originated, as the clerk had been careful to extinguish all traces of fire before closing the store at night. This is the second loss sustained by the proprietor of Blair Furnace, within a short time, and leads to the suspicion that there is an incendiary lurking about the neighborhood.

The Jug.—The Jug is a most singular utensil. A pail, tumbler, or pitcher, can be rinsed, and you may satisfy yourself by optical proof, that it is clean; but the Jug has but a hole in the top, the interior is all darkness. No eye penetrates it, no hand moves the surface. You can clean it only by putting in water, shaking it up and pouring it out. If the water comes out clean, you judge you have succeeded in cleaning the jug and vice versa.

Married. In McVestown, on the 6th inst., by Rev. D. D. Clarke, GEORGE G. COUCH to Miss MARIA McVEY.

Died. On the 20th ult., Mrs. JANE WEBB, relict of Martin Webb, aged 57 years, 4 months and 14 days.

In Oliver township, 21st ult., HARRIET LACEY, daughter of Albert and Jane Horning, aged 8 years, 5 months and 3 days.

On the 26th ult., in Granville township, JOS. PENEPACKER, aged 68 years.

At the residence of Judge Wilson, on Saturday last, Miss SALLIE WILSON.

THE MARKETS. LEWISTOWN, March 12, 1862.

Table with 2 columns: Butter, Eggs, Buckwheat Flour, Beeswax, Wool, Dried Cherries, Dried Apples, Beans, Hops, Feathers, Country soap, Potatoes, Shoulder, Ham, Sides, Lard, Tallow.

Table with 2 columns: Wheat, Corn, Rye, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Cloverseed, Timothy, Flaxseed.

Table with 2 columns: Extra Flour, Fine, Superfine, Family, Mill Feed, Chopped Oats, Chopped Rye, Salt.

Table with 2 columns: Philadelphia Market. Flour, extra family, extra 5 44, 5 75, extra family 5 81, 4 12 1/2, and fancy brands 6 25, 6 75, as to quality.

Table with 2 columns: Grain.—White wheat 130, 135, red 122, 123; rye 74; yellow corn 54, 55; oats 38, 39; barley 87, per bu. Cloverseed 4 25, 4 50.

Table with 2 columns: Cattle Market, March 10, 1862.—The receipts of Beef Cattle reached 1,400 head. Sales at \$7, 25 to 100 lbs net, as to quality.

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