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The Movement on Richmond—Cause of its Failure.

The Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati *Gazette* gives the following account of the failure of General Butler's late movement on Richmond:

It was proposed to slip in at the back door of Richmond, while the rebels guarded the front door.

The idea of gaining great advantages by taking Richmond has always been a folly; it is not a strategic point, not valuable as a base of operations or as a point in a practicable line of advance: the sole importance of taking it would lie in the release of our prisoners, the destruction of the iron works, and the dispersion or possible capture of the rebel authorities. This much could as be well accomplished by strategem as by fighting; and this much it was proposed to do.

Gen. Butler's plans embraced a co-operative movement of the army of the Potomac, which should keep Lee too busy to attend to Richmond; and three divisions of his own force, one instructed to proceed at once to the destruction of the Tredegar Iron Works; another to release the twelve to eighteen thousand prisoners confined in Libby Prison and on Belle Islandy and the third to guard the avenues of escape, and seize as many of the rebel officials as possible.

He visited Washington, and laid these plans before the President. The President approved in the main, but referred him to Gen. Hallock. "I don't care anything about your plans; if you move on Richmond, you do it on your own responsibility," was the substance of that officer's reply. Gen. Butler decided, if they would give him the troops, to take responsibility, and returned to Fortress Monroe.

He had his spies sent through Richmond, and had familiarized himself with the defenses, avenues of approach, and numbers to be overcome. It was reported that our prisoners were likely to be speedily removed to safer points in the Confederacy, and whatever was to be done, was, therefore, required to be done speedily.

Statements of the crew and requests for the needed troops were sent to Washington; and on the understanding received that the troops would be furnished, the arrangements for the movement were all complete. With five or six thousand cavalry, (for, of course, the quick work of the dash into the rebel capital must be done by cavalry,) he would have been satisfied. After waiting and waiting till the last possible moment, he received a beggarly three of four hundred!

There is the real secret of the brilliant failure. Gen. Butler determined to go ahead and make the effort anyway; but his original plans had not depended on absolute surprise of the rebel garrison in Richmond for their success. There were forty thousand spare troops about Washington. With five thousand more cavalry the leader of the expedition would have been prepared to force past the opposition at Bottom's bridge, fight his way into the town, and liberate the prisoners at least; whether the remainder of the programme had or had not been defeated by the unlucky disclosure.

I would not say that Gen. Hallock, or whoever else controlled the failure to furnish the needed troops, was unwilling that, under existing circumstances, military and political, an officer like Gen. Butler should have the honor of so brilliant an achievement as he was on the very verge of accomplishing. That such a thing can even be thought of by the many who can see no other good reason for the course pursued, is the best possible commentary on the President's policy in the retention of Gen. Hallock.

Neglect and Mismanagement in East Tennessee.

A letter from Knoxville to the New York *Tribune* says:

Ten thousand bushels of wheat, at least, have been collected in the New Market Valley in the neighborhood of Mossy Creek and New Market, which was left to fall into the hands of Longstreet. Several of the farmers had a two years' crop in their barns, and all of them were extremely anxious to dispose of it to the Union army. They applied to several officers, and offered to sell their wheat, and even to make a present of it to the Union forces rather than have it fall into rebel hands. For instance, Mr. ——— had four hundred bushels; Mr. ——— had four hundred; Mr. ——— about four hundred; Mr. ——— two hundred—in proportion. They labored hard, and almost every one in the same proportion. General Sturgis at one time agreed to send his wagons for some of this wheat, but circumstances probably prevented him from doing so. Every wagon was all the time returning from these full granaries to Strawberry Plains, and for four days or more the cars ran to Mossy Creek before we felt back. There were, however, within our foraging lines plenty of the best flouring mills, of which there are two at the mouth of Buffalo Creek, four on Mossy Creek, one at Mill Spring, Mr. Hayworth's, before the last named, and many others. These mills the rebels say they intend to burn as soon as they have ground up all the wheat.

During the presence of our forces in this region, our army was very short of bread, and some officers (Col. Riley for one) stated to me that for six days they had only eight ounces of breadstuff issued to them by the Commissary.

Gold and Coal Products.

The Philadelphia *American* institutes the following comparison between the products of Pennsylvania and California:

If California exceeds Pennsylvania in golden products, Pennsylvania certainly surpasses its rival as markedly in the product of coal. The value of the California gold crop was $41,659,077 in 1861; $47,471,378 in 1862, and $50,297,549 in 1863. The amount of coal produced in this State during the same periods, cannot be exactly given, since the returns of that which has an outlet at Pittsburgh are incomplete and deficient. The reported anthracite product of 1862 was, however, 7,540,025 tons, and that of 1863, 9,430,135 tons. In the same years the semi and bituminous product was 1,359,716 and 2,166,983 tons. This gives a total of 11,587,120 tons in 1863, or an excess of 2,584,499 tons over 1862. Calculating the value at $3 per ton, the worth of Pennsylvania's mining for 1862—in one portion of the State only—is $34,761,360. Calculating the value at $5 per ton, the result is $57,935,600. That is to say, the coal crops of Pennsylvania in 1863 was more worth than the gold crop of California in 1863, by $7,638,251. Perhaps the unrecorded exports of coal from Pittsburgh may serve to offset the unknown amounts of gold smuggled from and retained in California, without publication.

A Savage Growl at the Richmond Rulers.

The Columbia (S. C.) *South Carolinian*, of the 4th inst., has the following:

Fifty thousand pairs of shoes, 200,000 pairs of socks, and piles of blankets, are awaiting to-day, in the city of Augusta, a Government purchaser. Our brave soldiers are suffering from cold, and frozen feet have been lopped off by the surgeon's knife. These facts are known in Richmond, and yet the heartless policy of the administrative officers there is such that humanity and necessity are seemingly of but secondary consideration. "To willful men the injuries that they themselves procure must be their own schoolmasters." Justice is often slow to be matured. The right is sometimes overborne by wrong, and weakened by the avarice of power; but at last the destroying bolt bursts forth.

"The voiceless hera d of its own approach."

REMARKABLE HOLD ON LIFE.—Maj. George N. Lewis, of the 12th Regiment, is in town, stopping at the U. S. Hotel. His remarkable wound promises to heal and his life will be saved. Not one man in ten thousand would survive such a wound. It was a canister shot, weighing about four ounces, and made a hole clear through him, shattering his collar-bone and shoulder-blade, and splintering his spine. It did not displace the vertebræ, which would probably have ended his life suddenly, but it has left a hole through him, and it is said that even now a stick can be passed through it.—*Hartford Times.*

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11, 1864.

It is pretty certain that another great naval expedition is in progress. A pretty good sized fleet has already sailed during the week for a warmer latitude, and more of the same sort will follow speedily. Naval officers are disappearing from the streets rapidly; soldiers are leaving the North Star behind; the navy yard and government establishments in the vicinity are all activity day and night; the pavements resound at unseasonable hours with the tread of armed men, and the dull rumbling of heavy artillery; in fact everything indicates, not only a more "rigorous prosecution of the war," but some secret special service, destined greatly to assist in breaking the back of the rebellion. Each gossiper has his private idea of the destination of this expedition, but all agree in the hope that more good solid benefits will follow this, than has attended our other great naval achievements.

The action of Congress on Wednesday last, in relation to the ejectment of a colored man from a street railroad car in Washington, will, it is hoped, set our city railroad companies to thinking. It is pretty certain that our reading, thinking people, have been opening their eyes to this outrage of turning the cold shoulder to the colored man, by these rich corporations, and this great rebuke uttered by the supreme law-making power will tend to strengthen the growing opinion and furnish a healthy precedent. Our Legislature has taken into consideration the course of certain of the city companies, who, since the riots, have refused to allow colored people in their cars, through the fear of invoking the hatred of that class of people who fomented these riots, and unless the lobby pressure is unusually strong, these associations will wake up some fine morning minus a charter.

The Cora Hatch-McKinley case has been withdrawn from the Court by the plaintiff. This is as decent people hoped. Enterprising weekly newspapers, always on the alert for prurient details, which they place under the head-line of "Sunday Reading," have lost a mine of gold by this proceeding. Meanwhile Cora has advanced the admission fee to her lectures, from ten to twenty-five cents. She has crowded houses.

Mr. George Christy, the renowned Ethiopian performer, and for a long time proprietor of the Christy's Minstrel Hall, appeared last evening upon his boards of an establishment of questionable respectability. He was formerly a wealthy man, and for reasons best known to himself, has been compelled to anticipate a situation in a Concert Hall. His appearance there was the occasion of much pity and commiseration among his many former friends.

Wall street is easily fluttered. The intimation that our armies have suffered the slightest check, or achieved the slightest success, is sufficient to cause the greatest alarm, or the greatest delight. Gamblers in gold have made fortunes by simply exhibiting bogus news, written on a telegraphic blank. This dodge at length became ineffectual for the purpose for which it was designed. One would suppose that men had as much intelligence as a horse, which, you remember, according to the fable, was not to be caught a second time with chaff. Wall street men evidently form an exception. A day or two since the bulls and bears were called upon to participate in an excitement which they had not at all anticipated. An "extra *Herald*" was issued from some job printing office at the demand of some shrewd fellow, announcing news, the effect of which was to produce a serious decline in Gold and Stocks generally. The *sol disant* "extra" was discovered to be humbug, after somebody had feathered his own nest well.

Yesterday afternoon there appeared before the recruiting officer of one of the down-town stations, two men who were anxious to enlist in the army. One was accepted but the other was found branded with the D, having deserted from the British service in Canada some time ago in a cowardly and cliptinctly at William-ntic, a distance of 27 miles.

According to the report recently made by the Postmaster General, some of the postmasters get less than $2 per week for their services.

Salazar, the astronomer, had a passion for eating spiders. An American lady, now in Paris, was once in the habit of taking them as medicine.

Dollar Bills purporting to be issued by the Hartford (Conn.) Exchange Bank are in circulation. There is no such bank.

Ten millions of dollars, in one and two year five per cent. legal tenders, have been sent to pay the Army of the Cumberland.

There is a "forty of tents" at Bridgeport, Ala., containing twenty thousand troops, under command of Gen. Geary.

About one thousand tons of coal have been donated for the families of soldiers by the operatives of Schuylkill county, Pa.

It is estimated that the cost per man of the army is nearly if not quite twelve hundred dollars per annum.

A writer in the London *Field* says there is not a toad, frog, snake or reptile of any kind in New Foundland.

The New Hampshire powder works turn out two hundred barrels of gunpowder monthly.

The increase of the gold product since the war is said to be nearly forty millions of dollars.

The Public Printer says the printing and binding for the last year has cost $1,500,000.

The orders for a general movement of our troops went out a fortnight ago.

The rebels have given up the manufacture of tannop at Atlanta, Ga.

The Fourth Massachusetts Battery have re-enlisted.

Michigan has passed the soldiers' voting bill.

General Grant Advances.

The campaign has begun in the South-west, and, though from the brief and general accounts of the military movements, the plan cannot certainly be determined, it is evident that all our forces are co-operating against the main body of the enemy. Gen. Sherman has entered Jackson, Mississippi; Gen. Logan has marched from Huntsville, Alabama, to act in conjunction with him, a phrase which does not necessarily mean a union of the two armies; a cavalry expedition simultaneously crossed the country southwardly from Corinth; and the entire army at Chattanooga, under command of Grant, is moving upon Dalton. It is reported that the rebels are receiving reinforcements, and everything indicates that the great struggle for the mastery of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi is begun. That a decisive battle will be soon fought, is simply conjectural; that a decisive campaign is already beginning is certain. That the rebels have thus far been defeated and driven back in the skirmishes in Mississippi, means the concentration of their forces.

However brilliant may be the preliminary successes of the detached Federal forces, they will have but an indirect influence on the result of the great battle to come. But it is this great battle for which the country is ready; for this our veteran regiments have re-enlisted; for this the Government has used every energy in preparation; and for this General Grant goes to the front. The news from the West is full of interest and encouragement. Gen. Grant advances, and we have no fear that he will retreat.—*Phila. Press.*

Destruction of Blockade Runners.

The Navy Department has news of the destruction of four blockade runners, viz: 1. The Nutfield, an iron paddle-wheel steamer of about 400 tons, a fine new and powerful boat. She sailed from London in December last, with pork, biscuit, &c. 2. The Dee, a double-screw iron steamer, built especially for the Southern trade at London. She was a new vessel of the draft of ten feet, and said to be very fast, 18 or twenty miles an hour. 3. The Fanny and Jenny, the old prize Scotia, captured in October, 1862, condemned and sold to outside parties, not being deemed fit for naval service. Her name was changed to the Gen. Banks, and she was taken to Halifax, and sailed from there in July, 1863, to engage in blockade running under the name of the Fanny and Jenny. 4. The Emily, a new screw steamer, built in London last fall, owned by Bigbee, a fine boat of 500 tons.

President Making in Washington.

A Washington letter says:

President-making is rather at a standstill, since we are informed that our "pretty pawns" not having realized favorable results therefrom. The pronunciamentos of Mr. Sim Draper are not to obtained; Trowbridge's promised popular biography of the Secretary of the Treasury does not make its appearance; the Tentonic champions of the Pathfinder guarantee their larger in silence; neither do we hear of the civil qualifications of Gen. McClellan, whose reports are sent forth in silence. Indeed, "all is quiet along the Potomac" in the Presidential camps, except it be whispers from the friends of the President that the Indiana State Convention, which is to assemble on the 22d, will come out flat-footed for "Old Abe," and adopt his declaration when asked to dismiss a cabinet officer, that "taint best to stop horses while fording a creek where the water's high."

Cavalry Ordered to Gen. Butler's Department.

A New York paper of Monday says that the Third New York cavalry, veteran volunteers, commanded by Col. S. H. Mix, a splendid regiment, 1,200 strong, is ordered to Newbern to join Butler, the exigencies of the service requiring its presence there. It is a pity that this fine regiment had not received the order to return to Gen. Butler a little sooner. With its help who can tell but the late expedition to Richmond, instead of a failure, would have proved a glorious success?

RETURNING TO THE WAR.—Regiments are daily departing from the city on their return to the war. While the regiment which has just arrived is marching up the street, another regiment, whose furlough is out, is marching down the street on its way back to the war. The furlough was for thirty days, and during that time the veterans have enjoyed themselves visiting their friends in city and country. A good many "figure as missing" when the regiments are mustered for inspection at the rendezvous, but, as a general rule, they nearly all report for duty before the time arrives for leaving the city. All the regiments go back much stronger (in the article of new recruits) than they came.—*Louisville Journal.*

MRS. S. C. HALL is about to commence a periodical for girls, with the assistance of writers and artists who have already won favor with the young. Boys have many caterers for their amusement and instruction. Ladies also have their magazines and newspapers, but the field of special labor for the benefit of girls is still invitingly open.

"MANHATTAN" writes to the London *Herald*: "W. J. Florence has played the Ticket-of-Leave-Man at the Winter Garden for 79 nights, and has cleared $40,000. It is generally understood that he intends to send the clever author of it, Mr. Tom Taylor, one-fourth of the earnings—a bill for $2,000 sterling.

THE Ways and Means Committee of the House has prepared a resolution which may be termed a gold smelter. It authorizes Secretary Chase to sell the surplus gold on hand at any time and in such a way as he may choose. It is said he could now spare twelve millions for a bear operation.

MILITARY NOTICES.

13TH REGIMENT,
U. S. INFANTRY.
All volunteers enlisting in this Regiment will receive a Bounty of
Four Hundred Dollars,
From Government, until the first day of March, 1864; also the highest local bounty offered by any Ward, Borough, Township or County.
Recruiting Office, No. 81 FIFTH, above Smithfield street, Pittsburgh.
DALLAS G. IRISH,
Capt. 13th Infantry, Recruiting Officer.

$602 TO VETERANS!
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Authorized U. S. Recruiting Agency, No. 55 FEDERAL STREET, Allegheny City, in the rear of the Provost Marshal's Office.
From $150 to $300 LOCAL BOUNTY paid in CASH. Recruits can select their regiment.
T. H. BAYNE, Recruiting Agent.

COL. DALE'S BATTALION, 116TH P. V.—The following named persons are authorized to recruit the Company each for the Battalion now being raised by me to be attached to the 116th Pennsylvania Volunteers:
Capt. DAVID W. MCGRAW, Headquarters at Provost Marshal's Office, Allegheny City.
Capt. SAMUEL TAGGART, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Capt. SAMUEL W. CAMPBELL, Indiana, Pa.
RICHARD G. DALE.

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED,
To fill up the Pennsylvania Regiments of this famous Corps. Highest bounty paid.
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WANTED—A good, energetic MAN, to take charge of a route for the EVENING GAZETTE, the present Carrier having enlisted. Apply immediately, at THIS OFFICE.

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