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## THE NEWS.

From the Army of the Potomac, we have reports of a brilliant cavalry battle between the forces of Pleasanton and Stuart. At daylight of the 9th, Pleasanton's forces crossed the river in two columns, the right at Beverly's Ford, and the left at Kelly's, six miles below. The fords were taken without loss, and with slight skirmish. A mile from the river, the right, under Buford, fought with the rebel brigade under Jones, and subsequently both columns engaged the whole rebel force of Stuart, driving them back several miles with heavy loss. The grandest charge was made by the 6th Pennsylvania, who dashed on a whole brigade of rebel cavalry, and, taken in flank by another brigade, cut their way out from overpowering numbers. General Gregg, of Pennsylvania, commanded the left column. The rebels were commanded by Fitzhugh Lee, W. F. Lee, Jones, Field, and Robinson, and were under orders for a raid into Maryland, which has been anticipated and checked. Colonel Davis and Lieutenant Colonel Irwin, of New York Cavalry, Captain Davis, of the 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and other gallant officers, were killed. Two hundred prisoners and a stand of colors were captured.

Special correspondence of *The Press* gives us the somewhat assured report that General Pemberton has been put under arrest, and General Stevenson now commands in Vicksburg. We are also told that General Grant will rather besiege Vicksburg for six months than attempt to take it by storm under the circumstances of the last assaults. By Blair's reconnoisance we have some further details. The expedition did not discover the rebels in any dangerous strength or proximity. Instead of 30,000, they were but 5,000. The siege is progressing bravely, and it is rumored that the President is in expectation of very important news. Pemberton, we are informed, would have capitulated some time ago, and, for this disposition, is now under arrest. We have no confirmation of the rumored surrender. A Vicksburg letter states that among the killed during the siege was the wife of General Pemberton.

A letter, which claims authority, states that Admiral Dupont was relieved at his own emphatic request, consequent to disagreement with General Hunter, who was wanting in co-operation. To this deficiency the writer attributes the blunt failure in Charleston harbor, where the fight would have been renewed had Hunter corresponded in a land attack. Hunter's failure, on the other hand, was ascribed, at the time, to his want of a respectable force; and it is asserted that without a large army, co-operation could not be expected of him. With regard to the iron-clads, the admiral believes that they are invaluable against masonry works like Sumpter, but of less avail against earthworks like the Ogeechee battery, or Moultrie, because the latter require a great concentration of guns. The Monitors are the entering point of the wedge, but the wooden ships, with their numerous guns, must follow.

In the court of inquiry to consider the case of Chief Engineer Alban Stimers, against whom charges were preferred by Admiral Dupont, we have interesting testimony. Mr. Fulton, of the Baltimore *American*, testifies that Mr. Stimers informed him that on the morning after the attack on Charleston the chief engineer reported all the monitors in readiness to renew the fight, which the admiral determined not to renew; that the admiral's decision created great chagrin among the officers; and that, but for being wrongly influenced, the admiral would have ordered another attack. Mr. Stimers did not consider the attack on Sumpter an earnest one, but his remarks were private and his exceptions respectful.

The wheat crop in Kansas promises to exceed that of any previous year. Cotton, tobacco, sorghum, and the grapes, the latter growing luxuriantly in many varieties, are all raised in Kansas, will yield paying crops. Of these, cotton is not "King," though still grown to the extent of moderate profit. Kansas is an excellent State for grape culture; the hills along the Kansas river are as well favored to the vine, as those along the Missouri, and in a few years it is expected grapes will be in general cultivation on the river banks.

A committee of the Grand Lodge of New York Free Masons, has decided that no action be called for with regard to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, on the alleged ground that that State has seceded, because, say the committee, "our laws recognize no act of this rebellion as an act of the State of Virginia, and would be as competent to disregard the jurisdiction of a city in its exercise because a mob made the rights of life and property insecure for the time."

Boston harbor is now defended at Fort Warren by about one hundred guns. Fourteen of these are 100-pound Parrotts, in the handling of which the garrison have been drilled. The garrison consists of some seven hundred men, and new recruits are coming in daily. Recently about one hundred mechanics and laborers have been employed in mounting guns and doing other work upon the fortifications.

A loyal sister of Stonewall Jackson is mentioned in current news. She was much depressed by her brother's death, but thought this a fate preferable to being disloyal. General Lee, it has been also told, has a daughter in North Carolina, exiled from her friends on account of her sincere loyalty.

The California Republican State Convention will meet in San Francisco on the 17th of June. The delegates chosen at the Sacramento primary election who were supposed to be in favor of Governor Stanford for next Governor, will vote for Mr. Low, the collector of the port of San Francisco.

The enrolment for the draft has been resisted in Fulton county in a manner similar to that of the cowardly outrages in Berks county. Enrolling officers were compelled to flee for their lives, and their lives. They have also been fired at by parties concealed in the woods.

General Pelley will start on the Indian expedition on the 15th. His forces are at Camp Pope, near St. Paul, Minnesota. Owing to delays, it is doubted that the Indian war will close this season.

The Sixth Kentucky district has nominated General Green Clay Smith, under unconditional Union resolutions, to succeed Mr. Menzies in Congress.

Governor Gurley and Secretary McCormick are in Washington arranging for departure to authority in Arizona. A military force will go with them, in about two months.

There is prospect of a large peach crop in New Jersey. The backward spring delayed budding, and perhaps, prevented blight.

It is denied that the command of the troops in the department of Gen. Dix has been transferred to Gen. Hooker.

From every direction the most favorable reports reach us of the condition of the crops in the West.

The Legislature of Illinois has appropriated one hundred thousand dollars for the relief of sick and wounded soldiers from that State.

The United States of Colombia have adopted harmoniously a new Constitution, and Gen. Mosquera has been elected President.

A mass State Convention of Illinois is to be held on the 17th, to consider "the alarming usurpations of the Lincoln Administration."

Hon. Francis P. Blair, from Maryland, father of Postmaster General Montgomery Blair, is now in Harrisburg, the guest of Hon. Simon Cameron.

The report that Gen. Stoneman has resigned his command of the Cavalry Corps, and Gen. Pleasanton is to succeed him, is discredited.

Southern papers estimate the losses sustained in late Southwestern raids at fifteen million dollars.

Dr. Jno. A. Kennicott, a widely-known scientific horticulturist, died on Friday, in Chicago.

Major General Benjamin F. Butler will be brought out by the war Democrats for Governor of Massachusetts next fall.

Scrip for 240,000 acres, for agricultural colleges, has been issued to Michigan.

Extra General William Smith has been elected Governor of rebel Virginia.

Three thousand rebel prisoners, from Vicksburg, have arrived at Indianapolis.

All was quiet at Murfreesboro.

### The Siege of Port Hudson.

The prospect of success at Port Hudson seems to us to be very encouraging. Here we have another Vicksburg, though on a smaller scale. The position is not of vital importance to the enemy in a strategic sense, while Vicksburg remains in their possession; the defences are not so formidable; and the garrison is scarcely half so large. According to the best authenticated accounts we have seen, it embraces from eight to ten thousand men, under the control of a General Gardiner, who, whatever may be the order of his genius, has certainly not made for himself an exalted reputation in this war. In the matter of supplies he cannot be better off than Pemberton. We doubt whether the solitary railroad line which is represented in the newspaper maps as a kind of thorn in the side of Port Hudson, extends inland from the city farther than to the town of Clinton. But even if it should be completed to a more important point, it can be of little avail to the enemy at present, for the city is completely isolated from all hope of aid by the disposition of our forces, as is the case at Vicksburg. With their entrenchments, the ten thousand troops under General Gardiner are virtually equal to a force of thirty thousand not thus protected. Leaving aside their reported reinforcement by Kirby Smith as wholly impossible, they constitute no despicable foe. Gen. Banks, according to telegrams in some of the Mobile papers several weeks ago, had a force estimated to be nearly thirty thousand men; but we know that since the struggle at Port Hudson he has been reinforced from New Orleans, and, what is most important, maintains communication with Grant by the Louisiana shore. The prospect, therefore, seems to be that if reinforced sufficiently, he will gain as complete a victory as we depend upon winning at Vicksburg. But we cannot afford to lose sight for one moment of the fact, that General Banks is exposed to the same danger as that which menaces General Grant—and that is an attack in the rear by Johnston; for it is quite possible that the latter, finding himself too weak to cope with General Grant, may hasten to the relief of Port Hudson. This is the only possible danger we can see threatening either of our armies on the Mississippi; and it is only possible upon the supposition that Johnston's corps should be promptly reinforced, for unless it has received considerable accessions since the second of this month, it can easily be kept in check, and Vicksburg and Port Hudson assuredly must fall before the end of the present month.

### Mr. Ingersoll on "Force."

Perhaps the most unpleasant subject we find ourselves called upon to discuss, is the probability of force being employed against the Administration. We only contemplate the possibility of such a conflict with a shudder; for violence, at all times a terrible thing, in this case would be peculiarly dreadful. Those who summon up the mob are not the men who lead it; those who suffer are the betrayed and deceived—the men of whom Mr. J. Glancy Jones spoke when before our commissioner last week. "The people of Berks county," said Mr. Jones, "are fearful that the right of suffrage will be taken away from them." "Can that be really so?" rejoined Mr. District Attorney Coffey. "Yes, sir," said Mr. Jones, "that is what they are afraid of." "Then," was Mr. Coffey's response, "they must be misled by very bad men who know better." If trouble took place in Berks, the "bad men who know better" would be unharmed—their duped followers would pay the penalty. We know what this penalty must necessarily be; for in any contest between a mob and the authorities that sustain the law the former must suffer, and justly, for their triumph would be anarchy. We can easily imagine how desperate and bad men who have forfeited the confidence of the people, and have no future beyond whatever may come out of anarchy and revolution; who aim to ruin the Rome they have failed to rule, may seek to stimulate crime by propagating doctrines like those now prevailing, according to Mr. Jones, among the people of the county of Berks. We know that the people, with an instinctive love of peace and loyalty, need only know that such schemes exist to be prepared to meet them. For that reason we have followed and exposed every attempt that we noticed to bewilder and deceive the people, and cause the overthrow of the peace. The last attempt is from the pen of Mr. Charles Ingersoll, and is contained in a letter written to the chairman of a Democratic meeting recently held in Newark, New Jersey. These are the words of the writer, printed with his own emphasis: "We must hold our elections as hitherto we have held them. No *physical force* must bar the way of the citizen to the ballot-box. Should that be essayed, force must be met with force."

As the people will naturally suppose that these are the words of a man distinguished for enterprise and valor, justice to Mr. Ingersoll requires that we should state that he is a plain and unassuming lawyer, who finds it pleasant to spend in the pursuit of politics the hours that successful practitioners give to their profession. He bears an honored name, but unto this time has thought it proper to refrain from the exercise of powers that gave honor to his ancestors. So that, while men may reasonably expect that the descendant of men distinguished for eloquence, scholarship, and genius should show to the world the possession of such powers, Mr. Ingersoll, with dignified modesty, has abandoned all such hope, and confines his writings and speeches to a style peculiarly his own, and his ambition to the presidency of a small club of restless and busy men, many of whom are distinguished professors of what is known as the "manly art," and have great knowledge of dogs and horses. The particular style adopted by Mr. Ingersoll, in giving his thoughts to the world, we find it difficult to express, although a faint idea of our meaning may be gained when we say that his only rival is the Honorable Richard Vaux, director of Girard College. Its quaintness arises from an indiscriminate use of nouns and pronouns, and a liberal construction of the sentences. In the case of Mr. Vaux it becomes fervid and poetic, sparkling with allusions to The Eagle and The Stars, which no American can view without pride. Mr. Ingersoll, however, disdains these tricks, and confines himself to complaint and invective, reminding us, in his happiest moments of Mrs. Nickleby's opinions upon marriage, society, and the shoemakers in France. Many of these allusions show that quiet independence of view for which, when stamps Mr. Ingersoll as an original mind. Thus, we find him denouncing Mr. Lincoln as "a tyrant and a nightmare;" and in the letter now before us, he tells us that "the States are a litter to which the Union gave birth." The beauty of this allusion will be appreciated when we say that the word litter is generally applied to pigs, and that Mr. Ingersoll's metaphor suggests a commendable knowledge of these useful and domestic animals.

When such a person speaks of force being met with force, it is only necessary to ask what manner of man he is, and what manner of men believe in him. We have no idea that our townsman will make himself conspicuous in any position where the municipal peace is in danger, or that he contemplates any opposition more violent than a speech which nobody will read, or a pamphlet which requires a courageous bookseller to print. Mr. Ingersoll is a peaceable man, but we cannot say as much of those who follow him: "they are misled by bad men, who know better." It therefore remains for us to say that when Mr. Ingersoll speaks of such a thing as the physical force of the Administration barring the way to the ballot-box, he states what it is not possible for him to believe; he supposes a falsehood, and makes it the basis of a threat. We despise his threat as heartily as we despise the insidious calumny on which it is based, and the character of the demagogue who can bring himself to utter it.

### The French in Mexico.

News of the fall of Puebla has been received, *via* San Francisco. This is not quite so roundabout as hearing of an *émeute* in Paris, *via* Rio Janeiro, but still it is circuitous, though not impossible, seeing that the communication between Mexico and California is locally near. The news is that the French took Puebla, on May 17th, the garrison being worn out by want of food and defenceless from want of ammunition. Gen. Ortega, foiled in his expectation of obtaining relief from Gen. Comonfort, did as much mischief to the defences of the city as was possible in a short time and then surrendered himself with his brave comrades as prisoners of war:—we cannot call them his comrades in arms, seeing that he had destroyed every musket and pistol in Puebla before he had surrendered. Notwithstanding this success, France has not yet conquered Mexico. In twenty months, the French invaders have advanced only from Vera Cruz, where they landed, to Puebla, half way between the coast and the capital. They have "a hard road to travel," ere their banner flouts the air in the ancient metropolis of Montezuma. Let it be conceded to the Mexicans, also, that ever since this war began, they have fought like gallant soldiers and true patriots. Their defence, so far, has been daring, chivalrous, and patriotic. If we rightly estimate the character of Napoleon, he will avail himself of this dearly-bought and long-striven-for victory, to make terms with the Mexicans, and thereby take back his army of invasion in something bearing the semblance of a triumph.

### Getting in the Wedge.

If only three able and bold liberals have succeeded in the recent general election in France, the cause of Progress must benefit thereby. Even such a man as Thiers, master of debate, skilled in parliamentary practice, by turns impressive or satirical, and with the prestige of a long-established reputation as a publicist,—even one such man can seriously annoy the Government majority in the Corps Législatif. As yet, freedom of speech is permitted in that assembly, and Thiers is precisely the person to use it, within such bounds that he cannot be silenced with a cry of "Order." It is not surprising that M. de Persigny issued a manifesto against the candidature of this able man. If he has been elected, and is allowed to take his seat, this is the wedge which the Opposition have long been looking for. Once introduced, it may gradually be driven in farther, so as perhaps to rend the oak itself.

### The Celebration of the Fourth of July.

The extensive scale upon which preparations are being made for the celebration of the coming Fourth of July give promise that it will exceed in proportions and splendor any demonstration of the kind that has ever taken place in this or any other city of the Union. We earnestly hope that it will indeed prove, in every respect, a grand affair. We know that it will be grand in the external characteristics—in the crowds of people that are assembled—in the flags that are waved—in the speeches that are made—in the illuminations—in the fireworks—in the processions of the military and firemen. Altogether, these will undoubtedly make an imposing and magnificent spectacle—a spectacle those who witness will remember to the latest day of their lives, and always with pride and satisfaction.

But it is in the temper of the people, in the disposition they manifest to forget all minor considerations, and lay aside the trammels of trade and the cares of business for a single day, for the purpose of uniting in the day's observance, that we hope to find the grandest expression of their faith in the Government, and of their devotion to the flag of the Union. We desire that this may be a unanimous demonstration, that it shall be an enthusiastic demonstration, and that in unanimity and enthusiasm it may as far surpass any mere political gathering ever held on the same sacred ground, as patriotism surpasses partisanship. It is a duty incumbent upon every loyal man who can attend, whatever may be his party predilections, to be present, to help swell the gathering, and gain inspiration from the grandeur of the scene.

It is with regret that we see several of our city papers speaking of the celebration as, in some degree, partisan in character. If it be partisanship to commemorate the anniversary of our national independence, by assembling within the shadow of Independence Hall to reaffirm our fealty to the Government, in this the most perilous hour of its existence, then we have greatly mistaken the meaning of the word, and shall nevermore use it to speak reproachfully of those whose only ambition is that the legitimate Government may be overthrown, and the cause of rebellion triumph. It is our earnest hope, and confident expectation, that the observance of the day may *not* be partisan; for whatever differences of sentiment may exist among us upon other questions of public interest, there should at least be a union of all men on a national occasion of this kind, which is to testify their devotion to the principles of American Independence.

We have, indeed, but little cause to fear that such may not be the case. True, the firemen, usually so prompt to respond to duty's call, would seem to be indisposed to unite cordially in the ceremonies of the day. For the sake of the reputation of our Fire Department, the fact is to be regretted. Out of ninety companies within the city limits, but twenty-four, or a little over one-fourth, have expressed a determination to participate. Another meeting of delegates from the various companies remains to be held, however, and it is possible that the subject will receive more attention. We have eleven thousand firemen in this city, and there should be at least that number in line on the evening of the Fourth of July. The Fire Department should be able to get up a display which alone would be worthy the occasion, and it must not suffer its fair fame to degenerate. But whatever share it may take in the observance of the day, we feel assured that that observance will not be unworthy of the occasion nor of our city.

## LETTER FROM "OCCASIONAL."

Washington, D. C., June 10.

The good cause is undoubtedly marching on. The victories of the Union army, like all the other advances of civilization, having conquered barbarism, can never be wholly baffled or finally turned back. Nothing that has resulted from this war, however, has been more deserving of sincere rejoicing, and more certain to produce healthy and lasting consequences, than the successful solution of the great question whether American negroes, slave and free, can be adapted to warlike purposes. Against those who predicted failure, and consequently against the prediction of false and treasonable prophets, the increasing doubts of timid statesmen, the assaults of malignant partisans, and, more than all, the hatreds of caste among the illiterate followers of bad party leaders—over all these obstacles the truth has triumphed, and we now stand in the midst of the abundant evidences that, at the very period when we were needing more troops to fight the battles of freedom, from the strongholds of slavery battalions of black men are coming, eager, willing, and able to give their lives to their country. I was assured by a gentleman high in position yesterday, that, in a very short period, more than three hundred thousand colored men will be in arms under the old flag. A white soldier cannot be sent into the fields of the far South under a cost much less than one thousand dollars, while a black soldier, being found in the South, can be instantly and inexpensively enlisted. All our late accounts from that quarter show that the black man displays a valor, endurance, and devotion which render him an indispensable auxiliary. It is impossible to over estimate the benefits of this organic change in military operations, and in the public mind. Those who have been arraying themselves in opposition to the enrolment of the colored people, North and South, would do well to ponder upon these benefits before resolving to remain in the wrong. Every black man drafted in the free States saves a white man, and reduces the number from which our new levies are to be taken. In the field he acts a still more important part, relieving the white man from the privations and risks of the march and the fight, and to that extent assisting every white community in the free States. The great paucity of labor in nearly every department of enterprise is felt and deplored every hour—felt as well by the employer as by the consumer, and has finally become a question of such magnitude as to force the Government to take measures to invite emigration to fill up the vacuum. When the black regiments under General Hunter and General Banks do the work which otherwise must be done by whites, we shall soon realize how monstrous and suicidal are the efforts that have been made to prevent the Government from taking advantage of this most important element. Let us have no more of the bitterness and turbulence which have disgraced humanity in the attacks upon colored men. The Secessionists here, in the face of the record made by the negro soldiers in the far South, occasionally insult and maltreat the men of the colored regiments now being formed in Washington; but, from what I can learn, the Government is determined to bring all such disturbers of the peace to condign punishment. The same example should be set elsewhere, when the same class forgets the instincts of decency and propriety and raises its hands against those who go forth to fight for the Republic, and to save from the sufferings and perils of war thousands who have not yet learned to appreciate disinterested heroism.

Occasional.

Death of Jacob Forney, Esq.—We are pained to announce the sad fact that Jacob Forney, a resident of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and a brother of Mr. D. C. Forney, of the *Chronicle*, was accidentally killed on Saturday last under circumstances of the most distressing character. Mr. Forney has for some years past been an engineer on the Pennsylvania Central railroad, and was considered one of the most capable and trustworthy employees of that great corporation. It appears that on the day above mentioned, when the train under his charge was near Coatesville, Chester county, deceased was in the act of looking back at his train from the window, when his head struck a telegraph pole, with such force as to crush it in a shocking manner, killing him instantly. His remains were removed to Lancaster, and were followed to the grave by a large concourse of friends and relatives. Deceased was about twenty-six years of age, and leaves a wife and child to mourn his untimely loss. He was well known throughout the State of Pennsylvania, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of an extended circle of acquaintances.—*Washington Chronicle.*

A Cairo letter says that General McClernand has been put under arrest for disobedience of orders, and General Washburne has been ordered to Vicksburg to take command of his division.

## THE SIEGE OF VICKSBURG.

**The Situation to June 1st—The National sharpshooters—The Great Rebel Gun—Blair's Reconnoissance—Pemberton under Arrest and Stevenson in Command of the Rebels.**

(Special Despatch to The Press.)

Cairo, June 3.—We have news from Haines' Bluff to date of June 1st.

Though the enemy is strongly fortified, and though as yet we have failed in assault, we have the town entirely surrounded. Sherman commands the right wing, McPherson the centre, and McClernand the left.

The rebels dare not use any of their siege guns on this line of breastworks, from fear of our sharpshooters. The latter are entrenched within from forty to seventy yards of the rebel forts, along the whole circuit of the rebel defences. They have made ingenious shelters along the ravines and in the banks, and as soon as a rebel gunner makes his appearance he is picked off.

The rebels have not fired a shot in this direction for several days. They have a gun, however, which domineers the river, and is a pestilent bother to us. They call him "Whistling Dick." No gunboat has any business where this terrible gun can get a shot at it. It shoots a ball 2½ feet long, steel pointed, weighing 250 pounds, can tear through our best iron-clads, and is thought to be the best gun of the war.

Lately we got word that Gen. Jo. Johnston was coming with 30,000 troops to reinforce Stevenson at Vicksburg. Gen. Grant sent Gen. Frank Blair with seven brigades, to go forth and reconnoitre. We went out between the Yazoo and Big Black to Benton, and before we got to the small town of McCarricksburg we met the enemy.

Our cavalry made a spirited skirmish, when the artillery and infantry came up. The 11th and 13th Iowa were deployed as skirmishers, and dashed into the thick woods. Captain McMahus, 2d Missouri battery, pushed to the front and opened his howitzers on them. We had a running fight of three miles, and at last our fleet-footed foe disappeared beyond discovery. We camped for the night, and in the morning started back to Vicksburg.

Instead of 30,000, we learned that the rebel force was from three to five thousand. Over the roughest kind of country we marched about one hundred miles in six days. The water was scarce and poor.

It will be some time before Vicksburg is taken; but it will be taken. When the rebels do surrender, they will surrender wholly and unconditionally. Pemberton would have capitulated long ago, but he is now under arrest, and Stevenson is in command. The works have been stormed with great bravery and determination, but we have only met with repulse. General Grant will besiege Vicksburg six months before he will again attempt to storm the works under the same circumstances. Men's lives, he says, are worth more than ammunition.

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## WASHINGTON.

**Special Despatches to "The Press."**

Washington, June 10, 1863.

**The Invalid Corps.**

Much importance is attached by military men to the proposed organization of an Invalid Corps, and many inquiries have been made from this and parts of the country concerning it. In order to facilitate the organization, and to supply the required information, the assistant provost marshal generals, as general superintendents in the various States, will soon be furnished with all the necessary instructions and blanks.

This corps, though a novelty in our service, promises beneficial results both to invalid soldiers and the Government. The term of enlistment is to be for three years, unless sooner discharged. The corps will be required to perform all duties within the limit of their physical capacity, but for the convenience of service they will be selected for three grades of duty. Those who are most efficient and able-bodied, and capable of using the musket and performing guard duty, light marches, etc., will be assigned to companies of the first battalion. Those of the next degree of physical efficiency, including all who have lost a hand or an arm, to the companies of the second battalion. Those who are least effective, as having lost a foot or a leg, to companies of the third battalion. These two classes are to be armed with swords.

In all cases where the physical infirmities of officers or enlisted men come within the provisions which do not disqualify enlisted men for service in the corps they will be recommended for transfer or enlistment therein, and no one will be admitted whose previous record does not show he is meritorious and deserving, and that he has complied with the provisions authorizing an invalid corps.

While the Government is most anxious to provide for and employ, to the best of their abilities, those faithful soldiers who, from wounds or the hardships of war, are unable to perform active military duty in the field, yet it can, upon no account, permit men, undeserving, or totally disabled, to re-enter its service. Those faithful soldiers whose physical infirmities are too great to admit of their being of any use in the Invalid Corps, will, nevertheless, receive the pensions and bounties provided by law. It is further announced that no officer or enlisted man will be entitled to promotion, premium, or bounty for enlistment, re-enlistment, or service in the Invalid Corps. They will receive all other pay and allowances now authorized by law for the United States infantry, excepting the increased pay for re-enlistment. Claims for pensions or bounties which may be due for previous service will not be invalidated by enlistment in the Invalid Corps. But no pensions can be drawn or accrue to the benefit of any man during his service in the corps.

It is thought that there are twenty or thirty thousand soldiers now performing such duties as could be discharged by men coming within the provisions of the act creating the Invalid Corps. Besides, it is believed in many over one hundred and fifty thousand soldiers who have been discharged for disabilities; many, however, of the slightest character. The provisions of the law extend to marines.

Colonel R. H. Rush is in charge of the bureau appropriated to business pertaining to the Invalid Corps, under the general direction of Colonel Fry, Provost Marshal General.

In addition to the advantages to the invalid in being drafted, in every respect, on an equality with all other soldiers, he can feel that he is still in the discharge of duty to the extent of his physical capacity; and can be usefully employed—as a guard, nurse, etc.—with a feeling of pride and satisfaction that he is rendering an equivalent for the pay and allowance he receives from the Government, in the maintenance of which he became an invalid.

**Pardon.**

The President to-day pardoned James Baird, who was convicted at the April term of the District Court of the United States for the District of Delaware, for attempting to rob the mail by assaulting the person having charge thereof, and sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary of the said State. Also, Wm. W. Bain, convicted at the October term of the District Court of the United States for the District of Minnesota, for counterfeiting coin, and sentenced to an imprisonment in the State penitentiary for the period of five years.

**Naval Orders.**

Captain Thomas T. Craven has been ordered to relieve Commander Turner of the command of the iron-clad steamer New Ironsides, and Commander F. A. M. Craven has been ordered to command the Passaic.

**The Indian War in Utah Assisted by Mormons.**

Washington, June 10.—Colonel Evans, of the 2d California Regiment, in a despatch dated Camp Douglas, Great Salt Lake City, June 8th, while officially communicating the splendid victory obtained over the Indians repeats the statement that the Mormons stood around the street corners, in the town of Pleasant Grove, and on the tops of their houses and haystacks, complacently looking on, and appreciatively smiling at the prospect of six "Gentiles" (soldiers) being murdered by seventy-five or a hundred Indians. He adds, "Further comment is unnecessary, further than to say that Lieutenant Honeyman believes and thinks he has *prima facie* evidence of the fact upon which to found his belief, that the savages were informed by the Mormons of his presence in the town with only five men, and, as they supposed, a wagon-load of prisoners, bound for Fort Bridger, and that it was an arrangement between some of the Mormons and the Indians to murder his little party, take the property, and divide the spoils."

## DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Newbern, N. C., June 7.—The following is from the Raleigh (N. C.) *State Journal:* "We fear that the same conflict between the State authorities and Confederate Government, witnessed in this State at the session of the last Legislature, is renewed. The Governor has assumed the position of avowed advocate of the supremacy of the State judges, and and has in advance decided all cases against the claims of the Confederate Government. We have observed with regret the recent order by the Governor, by which he commands the officers of the State to resist by force the arrest of any person claimed as a conscript, who has been discharged by the decision of a State judge. We look with alarm upon these unsettled and conflicting claims. The only honest course for a State in this Confederacy is to give her all to the contest, or quit the field at once. There can be no divided service compatible either with honor or safety."

General Foster has received instructions from Washington to place in confinement all rebel officers that he may capture.

A citizen of New Jersey, whose brother commands a regiment in this department, has arrived here from Monterey, Mexico, with a petition signed by all the American citizens residing in that place, protesting against the appointment of Mr. Kinney, our consul at that point, who is charged with having voted in Texas for secession, and who, with his business partner, Mr. Lyon, is furnishing the rebels, via Matamoros, with immense amounts of supplies. Our consul at Vera Cruz, a Southern man, is also represented as giving the enemy all his sympathies.

General Wilde's enterprise of raising an African brigade is daily becoming more popular with all classes in this department. His troops make a fine appearance, and challenge the admiration of all who have witnessed their rapid advance in discipline and efficiency. This brigade has been organized and conducted on the principle of strict temperance. A few black regiments from the North are very much desired as the nucleus for this organization, which promises to be entirely successful.

Mrs. Major General Foster is at present quite ill. This accomplished lady has endeared herself to all in this department by her kind attention to the sick and wounded soldiers, and by her many Christian virtues.

## ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

### A BRILLIANT CAVALRY BATTLE.

THE RAPPAHANNOCK CROSSED AND ENTRENCHMENTS CARRIED.

**GENERAL STUART DEFEATED.**

Washington, June 10.—The fight between Gen. Pleasanton's cavalry and Stuart's force, yesterday, was a very brilliant affair. Our men crossed the Rappahannock and made the attack, driving the rebels from their entrenchments, with a large number killed and wounded. We took a large number of prisoners; but the number is unknown.

From an officer who participated in the fight, it is ascertained that, yesterday morning, two brigades of General Pleasanton's cavalry, under command of General Buford, made an important reconnoissance toward Culpeper, and had one of the most obstinate cavalry fights that have occurred during the war.

The force was composed of General Buford's brigade and another cavalry brigade under the command of Colonel B. T. Davis, supported by two batteries of artillery and two regiments of infantry as a reserve. At half past 12 o'clock on Monday night, the cavalry bivouacked near Beverly Ford, on the Rappahannock river. At 3 o'clock the next morning, the men were called, the horses fed and saddled, and, at 4 o'clock, they crossed the ford. Beyond the ford was a semi-circular bend of woods with a range of rifle-pits near the edge of the timber, and a line of pickets guarded the ford and the southern bank of the river. The 8th New York Cavalry crossed first, and drove the pickets back to the rifle-pits. The cavalry then charged directly through the rifle-pits, and, after desperate combat, cleared the woods, the enemy falling back upon their artillery, and maintaining their position until 12 o'clock, when our artillery came up, and they were driven back six miles, in the direction of Culpeper Court House, when our forces recrossed the river in good order.

Nearly all the fighting was done by the cavalry, and it was of the bloodiest character, mostly hand to hand with sabre and pistol. In the woods the heavy timber was not very dense, so that horses could advance through it, but the undergrowth was thick, and when a trooper dropped he was effectually concealed. Our own loss was considerable, and the slaughter of the rebels was fearful. The proximate numbers of the casualties on both sides are not yet reported.

Among the casualties are: Col. B. F. Davis, of the 8th New York Cavalry, killed; Capt. Benj. F. Foote, of the 6th New York Cavalry, killed; Lieut. Cutler, of the 6th New York Cavalry, killed; Lieut. Reaves, of the 8th New York Cavalry, mortally wounded; Lieut. Vane, of the 8th New York Cavalry, severely wounded; Capt. Canfield, of the Regular Cavalry, killed.

By this sudden and brilliant dash of our cavalry into the enemy's lines, their plans have been frustrated, and the intended raid of Stuart's cavalry prevented.

In this way our men made more than a dozen charges into the midst of the rebel ranks, relying almost entirely upon the sabre, which they used with terrible effect. The enemy, on the other hand, repeatedly charged, but relied, for the most part, on their revolvers.

Both sides were repeatedly driven back in the course of the battle, though we succeeded in driving the rebels (Fitzhugh Lee's and Wade Hampton's divisions of cavalry, with their artillery, all commanded by Major General J. E. B. Stuart) back to a point about six miles southeast of where their pickets were first encountered. General Pleasanton then found the enemy so heavily reinforced with infantry and artillery as to make it prudent to return to this side of the river. The recrossing commenced at about four o'clock P. M., General Pleasanton bringing off about two hundred prisoners, his own wounded, and the bodies of those of his officers who had been killed in the engagement.

The 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry which was in the advance under Buford, lost heavily, including six officers killed, wounded, or missing.

Of the 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry, Captain Davis was killed by a shell; Major Robert Morris is missing, Lieut. Lennig is missing, Lieut. R. Ellis received a shot through the leg, and Capt. Leiper was cut with a sabre. The 8th New York Regiment had the advance under Gregg and the command of Col. Davis, who was killed on the field. After slightly wavering, they acquitted themselves with much gallantry.

Among the casualties of that regiment were Capt. Foote, 2d, and Lieut. Cutler, Co. A, killed; and Lieut. Reevy, Co. C, and Lieut. Epler, Co. I, mortally wounded.

On the return to this side of the river the enemy skirmished frequently with our rear-guard, doing us no damage to speak of. Our loss has not been definitely ascertained. The proportion of horses killed on both sides in this engagement is considered almost unexampled. The field from where Buford and Gregg became first engaged throughout the whole distance of five miles over which the enemy were driven before getting back to their reinforcements, was strewn with dead and wounded rebels. We had two batteries of artillery engaged and the enemy the same. The credit is given to our artillery for its bravery and efficiency.

A train arrived here to-day bringing 170 wounded officers and men from the engagement of yesterday. The following are the wounded officers who have thus far arrived:

Adjutant G. S. Taylor, 3d Indiana Cavalry, wounded right leg.

Lieutenant F. W. Dickinson, 5th U. S. Cavalry, side of head.

Lieutenant Gustavus Urban, 5th U. S. Cavalry, left thigh.

Captain A. Clark, 8th Illinois, left hand.

Major W. B. Martin, 9th N. Y., right shoulder.

Captain D. G. Smith, 8th Illinois, thigh.

Lieutenant McK. Leaser, 2d U. S., right side.

Lieutenant E. R. Wells, 2d U. S., abdomen.

Surgeon Isaac Walburn, 17th Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant D. P. Smith, 4th Pennsylvania, left knee.

Lieutenant R. Lennox, 2d U. S. Cavalry, through the neck.

Lieutenant P. Quirk, 2d U. S. Cavalry, left leg.

Capt. G. A. Forsyth, 6th Illinois, right thigh.

Major J. L. Beveridge, 8th Illinois.

Lieutenant John W. Houston, 124th New York, right thigh.

Lieutenant Wm. Phillips, 6th New York, left leg amputated.

Lieutenant J. E. Reeves, 8th New York, through the throat.

Lieutenant B. C. Egner, 8th New York, in leg and stomach.

The bodies of Colonel Davis, of the 8th New York Cavalry; Captain Canfield, of the 2d United States Cavalry, and Captain Foote, of the 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry, as well as that of Private Supple, of the 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry, reached the city this morning, and will be forwarded to their friends.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE ENGAGEMENT.

New York, June 10.—The *Times* of this city has received the following special correspondence:

Beverly's Ford, June 9.

General Pleasanton, at daylight this morning, crossed the Rappahannock in two columns, his right at Beverly's Ford and his left at Kelly's Ford, six miles below. The fords were captured without loss. Beverly's Ford was taken by a spirited dash of the 8th Illinois Cavalry, and the 8th Illinois and 8th New York Infantry, and we were on the south side of the stream before the enemy were aware of our movement. General Gregg took Kelly's Ford after a slight skirmish, but with no loss of life.

The right column, under command of Buford, had proceeded only a mile from the river when it came upon General Jones' whole rebel brigade, who had just shaken themselves out of a sleep in time to receive us. A fight commenced which continued from 5 o'clock A. M. to 3 o'clock P. M., by which time the entire force of General Stuart, consisting, according to Federal estimate, of four brigades of cavalry and sixteen pieces of artillery, had been engaged and driven back three miles on the right and five miles on the left, with heavy loss.

Our forces formed a junction near Brandy Station at 2 o'clock. The fighting of both columns, under Buford and Gregg, was very gallant, not a single instance of rabbling or cowardice occurring.

The grandest charge was made by the 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry, supported by the 6th Regiment of Regulars, when they dashed on a whole brigade of the enemy, and were taken in flank by another brigade. Though thoroughly overpowered, they gallantly cut their way out.

Two of Gen. Gregg's brigades, under Col. Wyndham and Col. Kilpatrick, had hot work all the morning, but drove the enemy from the river to Brandy Station. The rebels were numerically superior to us, including our small supporting force of infantry. Notwithstanding this, we drove them back handsomely, and captured 200 prisoners and a stand of colors.

The enemy had five large brigades, under command of Gens. Fitzhugh Lee, W. F. H. Lee, Jones, Field, and Robinson, with 16 pieces of artillery, under Maj. Beckham. They had been reviewed the previous day by Gen. Lee, and were under orders to leave on their grand raid into Maryland and Pennsylvania to-morrow (Wednesday) morning.

Important papers were captured in the camp of Jones' brigade, showing the strength of the whole force and its intentions. The fight was discontinued about three o'clock, the rebels falling back upon their strong infantry supports, which came up by rail from Culpeper, and supposed to be a part of Longstreet's force, which, from the letters taken, we learn was in that vicinity on Saturday.

Our forces returned almost unmolested to this side of the river during the afternoon, the enemy declining to make any serious attempt to regain their lost ground.

We lose several valuable officers. The following is a partial list:

KILLED.

Colonel B. F. Davis, 8th New York.
Lieutenant Colonel Irvin, 10th New York.
Captain Davis, 6th Pennsylvania.
Captain Foote, 8th New York.
Captain Canfield, 