

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1863.

WAR NEWS!

FROM HOOKER'S ARMY. A BRILLIANT CAVALRY BATTLE ON THE RAPPAHANNOCK.

Stuart's Rebel Cavalry Defeated.

From the Army of the Potomac, we have accounts of a brilliant cavalry battle between the forces of Pleasanton and Stuart. At daylight of Saturday, June 13, 1863, the forces of Pleasanton crossed the Rappahannock in two columns, the right at Beverly's Ford, and the left at Kelly's, six miles below. The forces were taken without loss, and with slight skirmishing, to a point on the river, where they were met by Stuart's rebel cavalry, under Jones, and subsequently both columns engaged the whole force of Stuart, driving them back several miles with heavy loss. The greatest charge was made by the 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry, who rode on the front of the rebel cavalry, and taken in flank by another regiment, cut their way out from overtopping numbers. They lost heavily. General Gregg, of Pennsylvania, commanded the left column. The Rebels were commanded by Fitzhugh Lee, W. F. Lee, Jones, Field, and Robinson, and were ordered for a raid into Maryland, which had 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.

of the 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry, Captain Davis was killed by a shell; Major Robert Morris is missing, Lieut. Leaning is missing, Lieut. K. Ellis received a shot through his leg, and Capt. Light was cut with a sword. The loss of the enemy is said to be fearful. It was undoubtedly a desperate and bloody combat; but it succeeded in thwarting the plans of Gen. Lee to get into the rear of the army of the Rappahannock, and to make a bold border campaign of Maryland and Pennsylvania.

REBEL CAVALRY RAID INTO MARYLAND. The enemy's cavalry, about 250 strong, crossed the Potomac near Poolesville on Thursday morning at daybreak, and drove the patrols of the Sixth Michigan Cavalry back to the Potomac at that town. The enemy then retreated to Seneca, burned the camp of the Michigan company, returned down the towpath and recrossed the river. We lost four men killed one badly wounded. The enemy left on the field and one lieutenant and one private killed.

A RECONNOISSANCE ACROSS THE RAPPAHANNOCK.

A reconnoissance in force, by the 2d division of Army Corps, was made across the Rappahannock at noon of the 6th instant, at what is known as Franklin's crossing, near Deep Run. The crossing was made by the rebel sharpshooters, but our troops pushed across under a severe fire, and stormed the opposite side pits, which they took, with nearly a hundred prisoners. The object appears to have been to ascertain the whereabouts of a portion of Lee's army, and was successfully completed.

THE SIEGE OF PORT HUDSON.

OFFICIAL REPORT BY GEN. BANKS.

WASHINGTON, June 9, 1863. The following official report by Gen. Banks was received this morning: HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, GEORGETOWN FORT HUDSON, Md., June 9, 1863. Major-General H. W. HALLOCK, Gen-in-Chief, Washington: GENERAL: Leaving Summerson on the Athol-falls, where my command was at the date of my last dispatch, I landed at Bayou Sara at 2 o'clock on the morning of the 21st. A portion of the enemy were transported in steamboats and the balance of the infantry, artillery, cavalry, and wagon train moved down on the west bank of the river, and from this to Bayou Sara. On the 22d a junction was effected with the advance of the Army and Brigadier General Sherman, our line occupying the Bayou Sara road at a distance of five miles from Port Hudson. Major-General Augur had an encounter with a portion of the enemy on the Bayou Sara road in the direction of the fort, which resulted in the repulse of the enemy with heavy loss. On the 25th the enemy was compelled to abandon his first line of works. Gen. Weizer's brigade, which had covered our rear on the march from Alexandria, joined us on the 26th. The enemy was driven back by a general assault, was made upon the fortifications. The artillery opened fire between 5 and 6 o'clock, which was continued with animation during the day. At 10 o'clock Weizer's brigade, with the division of Gen. Grover, reduced to about 1000 men, and the balance of the division temporarily reduced by detachments to about a brigade, under command of Col. Paine, with two regiments of colored troops, made an assault upon the right of the enemy's works, crossing Spring Creek, and driving them through the woods to their fortifications. The fight lasted on this line until 4 o'clock, when I was severely wounded. On the left, the infantry did not come up until later in the day; but at 2 o'clock an assault was opened on the center and left of the enemy by the division of Major-General Augur and Brig. General Sherman. The enemy was driven into his works, and our troops moved up to the fortifications, holding the opposite side of the parapet with the enemy on the right. Our troops still held their position on the 27th, and on the 28th the enemy being exposed to a flank fire, withdrew to a belt of woods, the skirmishers remaining close upon the fortifications.

In the assault of the 27th, the behavior of the officers and men was most gallant, and led to the desire to desire the assistance of the ground and the character of the works, which were almost hidden from our observation until the moment of approach, alone prevented the capture of the post. On the extreme right of our line I posted the 1st and 3d Regiments of negro troops. The 1st Regiment of Louisiana Engineers, composed exclusively of colored men, excepting the officers, was also engaged in the operations of the day. The position occupied by these troops was of great importance, and for the first time in the history of the war to whom it was confided. It gives me pleasure to report that they answered every expectation. In many respects their conduct was heroic, no troops could be more determined, deeply regret to say, some of the day, three charges upon the batteries of the enemy, suffering very heavy losses, and holding their position at nightfall with the other troops on the right of our lines. The highest commendation is bestowed upon them by all the officers in command on the right.

Whatever doubt may have existed heretofore as to the efficiency of organizations of this character, the history of this day proves conclusively to those who were in condition to observe the conduct of the regiments, that the Government will find in this class of troops effective supporters and defenders. The severe test to which they were subjected, and the determined manner in which they encountered the enemy, leaves upon my mind no doubt of their ultimate success. They require only good officers, commands of limited numbers, and careful discipline to make them excellent soldiers.

Our losses from the 23d to this date, in killed, wounded, and missing, are as follows: Major-General Gardner, commanding the garrison, had sent in a flag of truce to Gen. Banks, offering to surrender under Pemberton's reported conditions, but the reply of Gen. Banks was that Gen. Grant would not be reconciled. The rebels fought with great desperation, and whole companies were cut down at their guns. Gen. T. W. Sherman, wounded at Port Hudson, is hardly expected to recover, and among the killed was Major Hafford, once a member of the King of Denmark. Great bitterness exists between the negro soldiers and the rebels. For a negro lately

LATEST FROM VICKSBURG.

Our latest advices from Vicksburg are to the effect that the city is still in the hands of the rebels. They come from Gen. Grant himself to official persons in Washington. Up to that date the siege was progressing satisfactorily. On the 4th inst. Gen. Grant and Gen. Banks were in communication, Port Hudson at that time, which is the latest date we have, being closely invested. Gen. Grant expresses no fear either of the rebels, or of the result of the capture of Vicksburg as certain. The rebels are said to have made an attack on the 6th inst. at Milliken's Bend and Young's Point, and were repulsed. Several semi-official telegrams from the rear of Vicksburg stated that Rebel deserters and prisoners named the 9th inst. as the last day to which it was possible for the Rebels in the place to hold out. The Cincinnati Commercial of the 10th has advised that Gen. Grant, through an officer of the 48th Ohio Volunteers, has announced the following condition of affairs there was favorable. The troops were impressed with the idea that Vicksburg must fall, and have no idea of failure. Our losses are greatly exaggerated. The total loss of the crossing of the Mississippi will not exceed 7000. Gen. Kimball's expedition of 3000 men went up the Yazoo to Salaria, thirty miles below Yazoo city, and discovered a rebel force under General Fitt Adams. The rebels, two thousand strong, were routed, 1000 killed and wounded, and two hundred prisoners.

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