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Latest from the Front

Arrival of Stragglers.

The Officers Court Martialled.

BATTLE PROBABLY FOUGHT ON TUESDAY.

THE ENEMY BELIEVED TO BE FALLING BACK.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, MAY 18.—Yesterday was spent in making preparations for an attack this morning, and we expect a battle to-day, provided General Lee has not disappeared, which is not at all probable. In the published reports of the contrary notwithstanding his army was in strong intrenchments yesterday in front of the fifth corps on the stage road; fifteen guns being counted in one place with strong lines of earthworks wherever the openness of the country permitted a view. Last night a body of stragglers arrived from Washington to the number of six hundred, including seventeen officers, some of them having surgeons' certificates of disability and others slightly wounded. Gen. Meade has peremptorily ordered the latter to be tried by court martial. Many resignations have been sent in within the past two days and all will have to be accepted for the good of the service, as it is believed that no officer capable and disposed to perform his duty would resign at this time. It was reported yesterday afternoon that the enemy were moving columns of troops and wagon trains towards Bowling Green, under the impression that our army were endeavoring to turn their right. This morning at 4:40 firing opened briskly on our right, and it is believed that Generals Grant and Meade intended to push the rebels sharply. A large force of cavalry from the dismounted companies has arrived here with fresh horses, and will be of great service to the army in the absence of General Sheridan's command. LATEST, May 18, 6 o'clock A. M.—From the firing it is believed the enemy is falling back, as the sound becomes fainter.

AFFAIRS AT PORT HUDSON.

REBEL DEMONSTRATIONS

The Fortifications Secure.

Gen. Ullman "Shows Fight," but the Rebels Decline.

REBEL GUN PLANTED ON THE MISSISSIPPI.

NEW YORK, MAY 19.

Advices from Port Hudson of May 7th, state that the rebels had been making considerable demonstrations in that vicinity, and a report was current that they were intrenched in considerable force at and near Clinton. Brig. Gen. Ullman, who is in sole command of Port Hudson, has so completely strengthened the fortifications of that post as to defy any attack from ten times the number the rebels now have in that region. Gen. Ullman has received important additions to his army. On the 23rd he attacked and pursued some 2,000 rebels over five miles, but the enemy declined his offer of battle and fled. Guerrillas are very busy cutting telegraph wires, etc., but many of them have been taken prisoners. It is stated that the rebels have planted a gun on the banks of the Mississippi, above Port Hudson, which would soon be captured. General Williams' force is in good health and fine spirits.

NEWS FROM GEN. BUTLER'S ARMY.

Return of General Kautz's Cavalry Expedition.

General Heckman Captured by the Rebels.

FORTRESS MONROE, MAY 18.

General Kautz has returned from his late raid. He destroyed several miles of the Danville railroad, burned a railroad bridge over the Appomattox, destroyed the dams, locks and embankments of the Lynchburg and Richmond Canal. Sheridan's cavalry are reported to have crossed the James river and joined Butler's forces. Everything is quiet at the front to-day. The army is in the same position, strongly intrenched. Lieut. Col. Chambers, of the 23d Massachusetts, was not killed. He was wounded in the breast, and is now at the Chesapeake Hospital. General Heckman has been captured by the rebels. Two hundred and fifty wounded have arrived from City Point, and have been taken to Hampton Hospital.

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SENATE.

WASHINGTON, MAY 19.

Mr. Harding introduced a bill to amend act of Congress approved September, 1850, in relation to donations to settlers on public lands in California, which was passed. Mr. Fessenden reported from Committee on Conference on the disagreeing votes of the House on the Army Appropriation bill. He moved that the motion for a full conference be agreed to, and another committee was authorized to be appointed by the Chair. The House bill allowing the construction of a bridge over the Ohio river, at the falls of that river, to be ten feet above high water mark. The bill was debated during the morning hour. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The House passed the Senate bill amendatory of the act authorizing Nevada to form a State Government. It changes the time for submitting the Constitution to a vote of the people to the first Wednesday in September. The House then took up the Indian appropriation bill. At the amendments of the committee of the whole on the state of the Union were concurred in, excepting one reducing the appropriation for the Sioux Indians of Minnesota from one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to fifty thousand dollars, and the bill was then passed. Mr. Dawes (Mass.) made a personal explanation, saying that Mr. Loan of Missouri had

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