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The Patriot & Union. THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 7, 1863. SOLDIER'S SONG. The wide world is the soldier's home, His comrades are his kin; His palest foe the welkin dome, The drum his madolin.

GREAT BATTLE OF CHANCELLORVILLE. FURTHER PARTICULARS. Correspondence of the New York Times. HEADQUARTERS, NEAR CHANCELLORVILLE, VA., Sunday, May 3, 1863—6 P. M.

Another bloody day has been added to the calendar of the rebellion. Another terrible battle has been fought, and more fields crimsoned with human blood. A few more such days as this will find no armies left on either side to fight battles.

My last letter brought up the situation to Saturday morning. It was then certainly expected that the enemy would begin the attack as soon as it was day, and our dispositions were made accordingly. But the attack did not begin. Events proved that the enemy did not intend to attack, but he chose to make that attack in a manner and at a point different from what was generally anticipated by us on Saturday morning.

The day continued to pass in a very dull manner for a day of battle, and only here and there was the slightest movement even that denoted skirmishing and picket firing. About 8 o'clock the pickets on the right of Gen. Slocum's front reported that from a certain position wagons had been seen moving in a westerly direction nearly all day. It was at once surmised that this might be a retreat, but subsequent events proved that it was part of an affair of altogether another nature.

Nothing more was needed to convince us that this daring opponent was executing another of his sudden movements, and it was at once resolved to checkmate him. Gen. Sickles was ordered to push on, and General Williams's division of Slocum's column was ordered to cooperate. Birney pushed ahead with great vigor, and with Randolph's battery soon sent to the rear as prisoners of the Georgia regiment, numbering over four hundred officers and men.

But at 5 o'clock a terrific crash of musketry on our extreme right announced that Jackson had commenced his operations. This had been anticipated, but it was supposed that after his column was cut off by General Howard, (formerly General Sigel's), with its support would be sufficient to resist the approach, and finding that he was himself assailed in the rear he would turn about and retreat to escape capture.

But to the disgrace of the Eleventh corps be it said, that the division of Gen. Schurz, which was the first assailed, almost instantly gave way. Threats, entreaties and orders of commanders were of no avail. Thousands of these cowardly threw down their guns, and soon streamed down the road towards headquarters. The enemy pressed his advantage. General Devens's division, disaffected by the demoralization of the forces in front of him, soon followed the same path.

Gen. Couch's Second Army corps, though only in part present, did excellent work. It was Gen. French, who charged and drove the enemy on the flank, and it was the indomitable Hancock who gallantly went to the relief of the hard pressed Sickles.

The engagement lasted without the slightest intermission from 5 1/2 a. m. to 8 1/2 p. m., when there was a temporary cessation on our part, occasioned by getting out of ammunition. We held our position for nearly an hour with the bayonet, and then, being re-supplied, an order was given to fall back to the vicinity of the Chancellor House, which we did in good order.

How the contest was maintained for an hour or more, not so severely as before, but with great havoc to the enemy and considerable loss to ourselves.

The vicinity of the Chancellor House was now the theatre of the fight, and my visits to that spot became less frequent. Gen. Hooker maintained his headquarters there until 10 a. m., when it was set on fire by the enemy's shells, and is now in ruins. Chancellorville is no longer in existence, having perished with the flame, but Chancellorville is in history, never to be effaced.

Our new line was now so established as to render it safe to withdraw all our forces from that front, which was accordingly done, and at 11.30 a. m. the musketry firing ceased.

The engagement had lasted six hours, but had been the most terrific of the war. Our artillery had literally slaughtered the enemy, and men themselves, but the guns were all saved.

The enemy was now moving on our front, and had been shoved over directly in our front, and is now directly between us and our forces in Frederickburg, and we were again in an entrenched and fortifiably fortified position. The enemy has gained some ground, it is true, but at the sacrifice of the flower of his force, five of his seven divisions having been cut to pieces in the effort, and over 2,000 of them have fallen into our hands.

Our right wing, under Generals Reynolds and Meade, was not engaged, save the division of General Humphreys, which went into the woods on the enemy's left flank, and fought valiantly under their brilliant leader, until their ammunition was exhausted.

During the afternoon the enemy has made several attempts to force our lines, particularly at the apex of our position, near the Chancellor House, but Capt. Weed has massed a large quantity of artillery in such a position as to repulse with great loss everything placed within its range. The enemy tried several batteries and regiments at that point at different times during the afternoon, and they were literally destroyed by the fire of our terrific guns. Nothing can live within their range.

Our present position is impregnable if our troops continue to fight as they have to-day. General Lee, the victor, has issued an order that our lines must be broken at all hazards. Let them try it again, with what they have left. The can, and perhaps will destroy themselves by attacks upon this position.

Our troops are perfectly cool and confident. They have fought with great spirit and enthusiasm and will continue to do so.

The rebel prisoners report that Gen. A. P. Hill was killed this forenoon, during the sanguinary conflict his division had with General Berry's division. General Berry was himself killed, while gallantly fighting his brave men.

OFFICERS KILLED AND WOUNDED. In these contests the following Pennsylvania officers were killed and wounded. There were undoubtedly others of whom we have as yet received no account:

Col. McKnight, 105th Pennsylvania—killed. Col. Lancaster, 175th Pennsylvania—killed. Col. Stainrook, 100th Pennsylvania—killed. Maj. Keenan, 8th Pa., Cavalry—killed. Maj. Strouse, 46th Pennsylvania—killed. Capt. Hampton, Pittsburg battery—leg shot off. Capt. Cromley, Co. C, 115th Pa.—killed. Capt. Conley, Co. K, 115th Pa.—killed. Capt. Dillon, Co. B, 115th Pa.—wounded. Lieut. Mulloy, Co. B, 115th Pa.—wounded. Lieut. Ash, Co. D, 115th Pa.—wounded. Lieut. Stevens, 115th Pa.—wounded. Lieut. Priestly, 46th Pa.—mortally wounded. Lieut. E. M. Gregory, 91st Pa.—wounded severely.

A POOR AFFLICTED FAMILY SUD- DENLY SURPRISED. From the Cincinnati Enquirer. We were yesterday apprised of an incident which occurred during the past week, the recital of which, we are confident, cannot be uninteresting to our readers. Since the breaking out of the rebellion and the great advance of all kinds of provisions, dry goods, &c., the poor people of the North have suffered a great deal of hardship and been compelled to live upon the scantiest fare possible; and even then the poor mechanic, with a large family of children, has found it exceedingly difficult to get along. One of these instances was that of a journeyman shoemaker, whose family numbered eight persons—a wife and seven children. The father was industrious, sober, honest and faithful, but, on account of a rheumatic affection, was unable to realize more than \$4 as the result of a week's toil. The mother, delicate and infirm, closely applied herself to the needle, making up vests, pantaloons, &c., at such rates as barely to yield her more than \$2 per week. The children, during the past winter, have been sick with the scarlet and diphtheria fever, and the mother, but all have escaped the withering hand of death.

Both father and mother are devoted to Christianity, and, relying upon an overruling Providence, they have passed through the winter without actual distress, although oftentimes they have felt the blighting frost and experienced the keen cold blasts of the northern wind. Their home consisted of two rooms in the upper story of a frame building, containing four other families, located in the Eighth ward, a porch being the only playground for their children whenever the weather was such as to permit them to leave the rooms. A young physician on Sixth street, whose professional reputation is gaining for him an immense practice, has been attending this family diligently for over a year, free of charge, and frequently contributed from his private purse to their relief in the purchase of medicines. We omit names and locality of residence by special request.

About two months since the father learning indirectly that an only brother, who he had supposed was deceased many years since, was still living near Liverpool, England, he addressed him a long and affectionate letter, detailing his afflictions, afflictions, &c., and requested the brother in return to answer the letter immediately. The two brothers had not seen each other for sixteen years, nor heard from one another for eleven years. The letter was posted at Cincinnati for England, with much misgiving that it would never reach its destination, the brother here having doubts that his foreign brother was still living. Days elapsed and no answer coming, the conviction became settled that Henry, the elder brother, was not living.

On last Tuesday morning an English gentleman in part present, arrived in the city and took rooms at the Burnett House. They came from Europe via New York, on the last steamer mentioned. The gentleman was the foreign brother above mentioned. After partaking of breakfast, Henry started out in search of his brother. He went from one shoe store to another, until he found that George W. worked in a shop on Main street. Thither he went, and entering the shop in an upper story of the building, inquired for George, who was pointed out by the foreman. He was hard at work in the centre of the room. Henry approached the person designated, and asked if his name was George W., to which the latter replied that it was, without discovering who his questioner was. Henry asked if he could accompany him to the Burnett House, and do a small job for his wife. "Not without the foreman's consent," replied George. The foreman thought the request an odd one, but presuming that the stranger had been sent up from the store below, to get George to accompany him, he gave his consent, and George, gathering up his "kit" in a small

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