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FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 25, 1861.

LATEST FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22, 1861.

The Cabinet.

The Cabinet is in session to-day, and an intense feeling is manifested in reference to the surprise of our arms yesterday, and loss of the gallant leader of the California Regiment. The feeling of each member of the Cabinet before assembling was to advise an immediate movement forward. The division under the command of Gens. McCall and Smith compose the main portion of the right wing of the army on posts Washington. The Pennsylvania Reserve are now in advance of Gen. Smith's main body of troops, and will be pushed forward to meet the foe. The contest will be for the possession of Leesburg, which, after the engagement yesterday, was held by the rebels, while our men fell back and held their defensive on the island.

Operations on the Potomac.

Yesterday afternoon the Freeborn and Island Belle shelled the woods at Mathias Point, and were answered by twelve to fifteen guns from hitherto concealed batteries. These batteries, the officers report, effectually command the channel, which runs around the headland, close to the shore, for a distance of several miles. No transports have passed either way since yesterday morning, and, except at night, navigation is likely to cease for the present. Lieut. A. D. Harrell, commanding the steamer Union, reports to Com. Craven, of the Potomac flotilla, that, having learned through a trusty channel, that a battery at Mathias Point was nearly ready to open fire, he sent the Rescue down with orders to Lieut. Morgan to keep a sharp look-out upon the Point. Shortly before midnight, that evening, hearing firing in that direction, he immediately dispatched the Rescue to ascertain what it meant. She met a schooner close to the Point and was informed by the Captain that the Freeborn and Island Belle had fired into the bushes, and the fire was immediately returned by the rebels. Several shots were exchanged when the steamers retired below the Point. The battery consists of eighteen guns. As soon as the information was received, all vessels were ordered below the Point. There are now but two schooners at this time above the place. The Reliance and Harriet Lane have gone down to-day, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Fox on board the former.

The Harriet Lane and Reliance went down the river to-day, to join in the flotilla this side of the rebel batteries. No transports have passed the batteries since yesterday morning. Naval men here are of the opinion that a victory by Gen. McClellan in front of our lines, would compel the rebels to fall back from the Potomac, and thus leave us in undisputed possession of the river.

Batteries on the Other Shore.

The Excelsior Brigade of Gen. Sickles has gone down the Maryland shore to a point opposite the rebel batteries, where it commenced the construction of a large fort, which will probably be finished before this reaches you, and the guns in position. The brigade is in excellent condition, being in full fighting trim and highly disciplined. It will probably give the rebels something else to do than firing at merchant vessels.

There is a rumor in the city this evening that Col. Graham, of the Excelsior Brigade, was accidentally shot near Port Tobacco.

Quiet in Alexandria.

Alexandria was quiet to-day. No vessels came by the batteries, whether from the log or the development of the new guns at Mathias Point.

Fairfax Court House Evacuated.

Trustworthy information received this morning from Fairfax Court House states that only the rebel pickets are present at that place. A small force, however, is stationed at Germantown, a mile and a half distant, but not sufficiently strong to make a stand against a movement in that direction.

You may be prepared to hear that our troops are in possession of Fairfax Court House at any moment. The advance is now being made that will end in a retreat of the enemy, or result in a fight for that point. The affair at Edwards' Ferry may cause some delay in executing the purpose I have indicated.

Bad State of the Roads.

The roads are in bad condition owing to the recent rains, and in some places impassable for army transportation. A drizzling rain, which has continued to fall all day, has increased the difficulties in this respect.

Under Arms all Night.

The troops in the Virginia camps were under arms last night ready for any emergency which might arise, proceeding from the operations in the vicinity of Leesburg. No movement, however, was made, and the usual routine of camp life was resumed to-day.

Quiet Along the Centre.

Everything has been quiet to-day along the centre of our lines. The rebels have not shown themselves at any point in front, and our pickets have only been troubled to shelter themselves from the rain.

Barbarity of the Rebels at Bolivar Heights.

Col. Geary reports that the four men who were killed at the battle of Bolivar Heights were afterwards charged upon by the cavalry and stabbed through the body, stripped of all their clothing, not excepting shoes and stockings, and left in perfect nudity. One was left out in the form of crucifixion, with his hands spread and cut through the palms with a dull knife. This inhuman treatment, says Colonel Geary, incensed my troops exceedingly, and I fear its consequences may be shown in retaliatory acts hereafter.

The Ship Minnesota Burned by the Fleet off Charleston.

The Secretary of the Navy to-night received the following letter from Flag Officer Goldsborough, dated

SHIP MINNESOTA, HAMPTON ROADS, Oct. 21.

SIR: By the Vandalia, which arrived here last night, I am informed by Capt. Marston of the Roanoke, that the merchant ship Thomas Watson, one of those to which you called my attention a short time since, was burnt to the water's edge on the 15th inst., while lying aground on Stoney reef, by our blockading vessels off Charleston. It was attempting to get into Charleston despite of the blockade and the pursuit of our cruisers, that she run on this reef. No arms were among her cargo. It was made up of salt, blankets, flannels, and a few other things. She had various national flags on board, and among them a Confederate flag. Respectfully your obedient servant,

L. M. GOLDSBOROUGH, Flag Officer.

To GIDEON WELLES, Secretary of the Navy.

The Colonelcy of the Twenty-Second Massachusetts Regiment.

Capt. Sexton, Assistant Quartermaster General in the regular army, is to command the Twenty-Second Regiment.

Accident at Death of Major Lewis.

Yesterday afternoon, Major Lewis, of the Twelfth New York regiment, was thrown from his horse, while riding to see his wife, and his neck was broken. He died almost instantly.

Arrest of Judge Merrick.

The residence of Judge Merrick, the Chief Justice of the United States District Court, was yesterday placed under surveillance by the Provost Marshal. At the meeting of the Court this morning a communication was produced from Judge Merrick, assigning as a plea for his absence that he was under guard, and concurring the act of placing a sentinel in front of his house as an effort on the part of the military authorities to obstruct the course of justice on account of his entertaining a writ of habeas corpus against the Provost Marshal in behalf of a minor. It is understood, however, that there is a totally different cause for the surveillance. The Judge is charged with strong sympathy with the rebellion, and the object of watching his house is to obtain some facts in this connection.

REBEL LOSSES.—A gentleman holding a commission in the army, and now stationed at West Point, who was till recently a professor in the University of Mississippi, states that the carnage among the rebels must have been terrible at Ball Run. The dead bodies of one hundred and forty-seven men, residents of Oxford, where the University is situated, were sent home directly after that engagement. At that rate, the number killed must have been several thousand.

The Battle of Edwards' Ferry.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press* gives the following account of the battle:

WASHINGTON, October 22, 1861.

The contest yesterday, in which the gallant Baker fell, was not premeditated by either army, certainly not by ours. It was brought about in this way: The scouts of the enemy were discovered by the Thirteenth Massachusetts troops, who were at their breast-work on Hamilton Island. Five companies of these troops on the island were ordered to advance and repulse the enemy, a duty which they performed and returned to quarters. The enemy soon reappeared in concealed numbers, and made an attack upon our men. Reinforcements from the Massachusetts Fifteenth, with some cavalry under command of Van Allen, were sent to their aid, Gen. Stone in the meantime passing his men over with a if possible despatch at Hamilton Island and at Edwards' Ferry. The enemy appeared in strong force of five thousand, under command of a General Evans, with artillery. The contest at this point was severe. Col. Baker reinforced our army by taking the right with his regiment, he in person leading his men on. He fought upwards of an hour, with disastrous effect upon the enemy. Urging them on, he several times waved his hat, and advanced until he was cut down and carried dead from the field. Gen. Stone immediately took command of the right; but the death of Col. Baker caused a disorganization of the right wing of the army, from which Gen. Stone was unable to recover, and ordered a retreat, bringing off his dead and wounded. Gen. Stone had about 10,000 in his command, but a portion only of them were enabled to cross the river in time to afford aid to those engaged in the conflict.

Gen. Banks' division had orders early in the evening to advance towards Edwards' Ferry and Hamilton Island, and his division, 13,000 strong, is now in Virginia, with Gen. Stone's division, and in command of the united forces of Generals Banks and Stone. The New York Tammany Regiment, Col. Cogswell, was in the engagement, and the Colonel is among the killed or is a prisoner. Lieut. Col. Ward, of the Fifteenth Massachusetts, is wounded. Our killed and wounded is reported to number one hundred and seventy-five; that of the enemy is not stated, but is believed to be much greater.

Our troops held possession of the ferry and the Island during the night, with occasional shots from the enemy reaching them without injury. The firing ceased finally, and our men employed themselves in throwing up breast-works near the river, while the balance of Gen. Stone's division were crossing. They were all over before day, and were immediately followed by Banks' division. The enemy, as near as can be ascertained, are now 10,000 strong in front of Banks, and intimations have been received by Gen. Banks that reinforcements are coming forward. Banks has 23,000 men in his united command. Another engagement may be expected at any hour.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Another reporter of the *Press* furnishes the following account:

The Skirmish at Edwards' Ferry and in the vicinity of Leesburg, yesterday, was more serious than at first apprehended. The rebels allowed our forces to cross the river without opposition; and, as they marched forward in the direction of Leesburg opened upon them from ambuscades and masked batteries. A portion of General Stone's division had the advance, when the commander, feeling that the rebels outnumbered him nearly four to one, besides the natural advantages in their possession, maintained his ground until reinforcements, which he sent for from General Banks' column, came up. A spirited engagement then followed. Col. Baker, with a portion of his command, led the charge in gallant style. He was at the head of his column, urging his men forward, when he was pierced by some eight or ten rebel rifle balls. He died, it is said, without uttering a word. The Colonel, before he left here on Saturday, had a premonition that he would be killed. He gave directions how he wanted his body disposed of. His friends went up to the scene of conflict, this morning, to bring his body home, and will arrive here this afternoon.

The rebels fell back with heavy loss, and left our troops in possession of the ground. The rebel loss is reported to be over one hundred in killed. Our forces had three or four killed and about twenty wounded.

More skirmishing is reported this morning at Leesburg, but nothing official had reached here up to two o'clock.

Col. Murphy's Twenty-Eighth Pennsylvania Regiment, and Col. Stiles' Ninth New York Regiment, which have been encamped at Darnestown, Md., for some days past, received orders to march at daylight this morning, provided with three days rations, for Edwards' Ferry.

It is expected that the whole of Gen. Stone's and Gen. Banks' Divisions will cross over into Virginia before night, and form a junction with Gen. McCall's Division of Pennsylvania Reserves at Leesburg.

Gen. Johnston's rebel forces are hovering near them. A serious battle may ensue on this line if the rebels have the courage to meet our troops.

Col. Baker when he was killed was on horseback, and dressed in full uniform. It is said that one hundred Mississippi rifles were aimed at him when he fell.

General Fremont.

The news in relation to the removal of Gen. Fremont is of the most contradictory character. The New York *Tribune's* Washington dispatch of Tuesday, the 22d, says:

GEN. FREMONT SUPERSEDED.

The report made by Adj't-General Thomas, of his recent examination into the administration of the Department of the West by Major-General Fremont, was this morning considered in full Cabinet meeting. With the reluctance which hesitates to injure a distinguished man, and to wound and disappoint the friends whom a popular leader gathers in his career, all the members of the Cabinet slowly pronounced their judgments that the interests of Missouri and of the Union required that Gen. Fremont should be superseded in his command by Maj-Gen. Hunter. The order to this effect will be issued to-morrow.

This appears double headed, to call attention to its importance.

The Philadelphia *Press* has a dispatch, of the same date, to the following import:

THE FREMONT IMBROGLIO.

At a protracted Cabinet meeting to day, the Fremont difficulty was very fully discussed. Secretary Chase, the only member of the Cabinet who opposed Fremont's appointment at first, questioned very seriously the propriety of his removal at this time. It was finally decided to send Judge Davis, of Bloomington, Illinois, a personal friend of the President, to St. Louis, to examine the accounts of parties who have claims, and such as he declares to be right and proper will be paid forthwith.

Hon. John Covode had an interview with the President to-day, and assured him that the removal of Fremont would seriously disturb good government in the army.

A letter received to night, dated the 19th, from a prominent officer in Fremont's army, says: "You cannot conceive of the enthusiasm and earnestness of the army, and of the faith the soldiers have in their General. We are impeded somewhat by want of transportation facilities, but such is the feeling of the troops that they would themselves become the wagons if it were possible. If our men once get near enough to strike, they will make short work of the enemy. Great as was the enthusiasm of the army, it has been increased by the visit of Secretary Cameron and Adjutant General Thomas. The men have entire confidence that Gen. Cameron would be friendly to Fremont, and would not remove him."

The New York *Times'* despatch, of the same date, says:

THE CASE OF GEN. FREMONT.

At the Cabinet meeting to-day, it was decided not to interfere for the present with Gen. Fremont in his command. Judge Davis, of Illinois, was commissioned to take testimony in reference to contracts made in the Western Department, and all bills that he passes will be paid.

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