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Some persons have expressed the opinion that our correspondent "Viator," who was on the ground, and who is withal a man of keen observation and sound sense, was mistaken as to the location and situation of our army at Harrison's Landing. The following extracts from the correspondent of the New York *Tribune* is corroborative of our correspondent's statement, as well as presenting some new and interesting facts. The first letter is dated July 1st, on board a transport, on its way up James river. We take the following extract:

We have also Gen. F. E. Patterson, as also several artillery and infantry officers, on board. They are assembled on the promenade deck, listening attentively to the cannonading. They are all of opinion that a general engagement is going on along the whole line, and they also think that our gunboats are engaged, as the firing is going on without a moment's cessation.

Several steamers have just passed us, going up, as I am informed, for wounded men. I will put this on board one of them as I return if I can get a chance.

10 o'clock, p. m.—I have been on deck for that hour. The bombardment has been raging furiously, and is still going on at intervals. We can see from the hurricane deck the flashes—or, perhaps, their reflection—of the guns, from which most of the officers infer that the firing must be much nearer to us than City Point or Richmond. It is raining dreadfully.

ON BOARD MAIL BOAT J. A. WARNER, OFF HARRISON'S LANDING, Wednesday Morning, July 2, 1862.

The cannonading which we heard last night ceased a little after 10 o'clock p. m. I stretched myself on a seat and slept soundly till 4½ o'clock this morning. When I went on deck I found it had been raining heavily all night, and now it looked as if it would rain all day. It was heavy, dark, and dull as it could. About 6 o'clock we took up our anchor and moved slowly up the river. In half an hour we again cast anchor, having made only two or three miles. From the deck of our vessel we could see through the misty weather a long wharf, extending a considerable distance into the river. We felt satisfied that this was City Point, until our pilot told us no, we were seven miles below that place, and that where we were now at was known as Harrison's Landing. After an hour a small boat came alongside and ordered us up to "lay right off the wharf." When we finally anchored off the wharf, we could see ashore what we took be an extensive encampment. In a few minutes a tug came alongside, and, to our great surprise, Gen. McClellan, Col. Ingalls, and Capt. Sawtell came on board. Gen. McClellan met Gen. Patterson, as he stepped on board. He (McC.) laid his hand on his shoulder, and took him in a hurried manner, into the aft cabin or ladies' saloon. As he went in, he beat the air with his right hand clenched, from which all present inferred that there was bad news. In a minute he returned to Col. Ingalls, who was busy getting the headquarters mail. From Col. Ingalls we learned, with astonishment, that the whole of the army of the Potomac lay stretched along the banks of the river where we lay, having fought their way all through from Fair Oaks, a distance of at least 20 miles. In reply to a remark of Gen. Patterson's, Gen. McClellan said: "We fought a battle every day for the last week, and whipped them every time, though they had three to one." Gen. Patterson asked Col. Ingalls for information as to the location of certain divisions and their generals, to which he replied, "You will find them scattered everywhere, but they are, nevertheless, in a solid, compact body." And, in a reply to another remark, he said: "What we want is fresh men—they are worked to death." Gen. McClellan left, in the tug, after about two minutes' delay.

HARRISON'S LANDING, Wednesday noon, July 2.—Five minutes after the General left, I succeeded in getting a small boat to take me ashore, the rain coming down in torrents at the time. As we approached the wharf, I soon found that the land to the left was a dead level and for a while with the covers of our baggage trains, which were here, drawn up in an immense solid body, which we had reason to be proud of. The tents as seen from the steamer's deck. To the right the land rose gently from the river until it reached an elevation of perhaps thirty feet. Up along this elevated plain and all along the banks of the river our sick and wounded men stood shivering in the rain, without tents, or knapsacks, or arms. Here and there a single Sibley tent was visible, as also a sprinkling of white-roofed baggage-wagons. The scene presented as I landed defies all description. Under some trees which lay around in clusters, our men were crouched. They looked as if they were more dead than alive; they were covered to the crown of their heads with mud, their faces and clothes were literally coated, with their shoes and boots had several pounds of the nasty yellow stuff stuck into and all round them. Whole regiments were immersed to their knees, many to their waists in the yellow river, with branches of trees and pieces of sticks washing and scraping off the dirt. Cavalry, that were out so far, trying to get a "clean wash," that the water reached their saddles, while they vigorously scraped themselves and their weary steeds. Many of the men had not had a dry biscuit for 24 hours. I met an officer who was wounded in the eye, his face covered with blood and dirt. He was vainly offering $5 for nourishing to eat. I moved up the hill through awful pools of mud, sinking down to the knees at every step. I passed a house, which had the appearance of having been deserted by its owner, as there were no doors or windows visible. This house was so crowded with sick and wounded, poor miserable men, that a doctor who came up while I was there could not possibly get in. A few rods further on, I looked down into a hollow, where a great crowd was assembled around the doors, who seemed to envy the more fortunate ones who had secured a place in the house, as there were no doors or windows visible. This house was also crowded with sick and wounded, poor miserable men, that a doctor who came up while I was there could not possibly get in. A great crowd was assembled around the doors, who seemed to envy the more fortunate ones inside. On the top of the hill there was rather a fine house, with plenty of out-houses, or a fine house, with plenty of out-houses, which was our general hospital; and it was crammed full to its utmost capacity. I encountered with many brave men who had fought their way with our army through hosts of rebels. They were not dismayed or frightened; quite the contrary. In a calm and cool manner—not noticing the torrents of rain falling on their heads—there they stood telling of the vast hordes of rebels by which they were outnumbered. I stood in the center of many a great group of privates who gathered around me to learn the news from the rest of the world—for they saw by my clean linen that I got among them by some other route than Savage Station. I did not hear from these men one single word of murmur or complaint. They said, "We are ready when reinforcements arrive to go at them again."

At this time there was a schooner at the end of the wharf, and a gang of at least three hundred contrabands were in line, each having a box of biscuit on his shoulder, carrying them ashore. The river along the wharf is very shallow, and only one vessel of light draught can come alongside the end of the wharf. The portion of the Supply Fleet which had arrived lay scattered in the river some distance off. The enemy were throwing shells into our lines while I was on shore, which were quickly responded to by our men. About 12 o'clock I took a small boat to visit the gunboat fleet, in company with Lieutenant Col. Daniel Elliot, Aid-de-Camp, of Maine, and Dr. L. Munson. The far-famed Monitor lay in the middle of the river, and as the Lieutenant commanding was an old pupil of Col. Elliott, at the Colonel's suggestion we visited her first. We were received on board by Mr. L. N. Stodder, Sailing-Master, who was then officer of deck. Mr. Stoddard, in the kindest manner, pointed out to us the marks made by the guns of Fort Darling during the late conflict, which were, as he said, "mere scratches." The Lieutenant commanding, Mr. William Flye, of Maine, soon came on deck. With him we went on the tower; went below to the engine room, steering room, ward room, and, in fact, all parts of the vessel. While in the engine room, which was rather hot, the Lieutenant set the fans in motion, which, in a second, made the place as cool as could be desired.

The Monitor has had steam up continually during the last four months. Having thanked the Lieutenant for his courtesy, we went on board the Galena. We were received by the Captain in the most courteous manner, and shown all around the vessel by Sailing Master S. B. Washburn. The boys were everywhere at work pulling up grape, canister, and round shot near the guns. Just as we left Gen. McClellan boarded the Galena. He came by himself, in a boat which was pulled by six men. He staid only a second. Up he went on deck, looked and fled, and left his aid-de-camp to follow. Almost sixteen of signal officers on the top of the high house on the hill. One party was mounted on the roof, the other on the eve of the house. Those on the roof were signaling to the army, lines in their rear, and those on the eve to the gunboats on the river. A general commotion was visible everywhere. There was sharp firing ashore, and we expected a battle every minute.

The express, which Gen. McClellan had visited, moved up and lay outside some five or six barges, and commenced unloading her ammunition. The gunboats all shifted their positions. The Monitor moved down the river to protect the rear, and in a quarter of a o'clock, p. m.—The firing has ceased, the transhipment of stores and provisions of all kinds is going on vigorously, and large transports, loaded down with sick and wounded, are steaming away down stream. The Monitor has received an order to be ready in an hour. All the mails she brought with her, she carries back, with orders to bring up from Fortress Monroe the headquarter mail from the Peninsula. The mail will have to wait a little longer for their letters and their well-earned cash.

The Great Retreat of McClellan's Army.

The following is the close of a long, detailed account of the retreat of the army from the banks of the Chickahominy to James River, by a correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press*:

THE RESULT OF THE MOVEMENT.

Though accomplished at an immense sacrifice of life and property, it is plain that General McClellan's movement has been a grand success. He has changed his front and source of supply. By the former he has rendered entirely useless a series of rebel earthworks, built at an immense expense, and securing an impregnable position. By the latter he has released thirty thousand troops from the duty of guarding his railroad connection with White House, a body of men never useful in the siege of Richmond, but who now can be employed with great effect in every operation against the enemy. His present position is a strong one. White Oak swamp flanks it on the right; the James river, aided by the gunboats, on the left. The distance between cannot be more than eight miles. He is rapidly advancing up the Peninsula, being today beyond Turkey Station, and within twenty-five miles of the rebel capital.

The result to our immediate operations against the enemy has also been most flattering. No one can conceive of the immense slaughter we have made in their ranks in the constant battles from Friday, June 27, to Friday, the 4th of July. Our course was to fight the enemy all day and retreat at night. Thousands of them were killed and captured. Every one of our battles was a Federal victory. The contest at White Oak Swamp was one of the bloodiest battles on record. Four lines of rebels were drawn up in front of our cannon. The second urged the first upon the cannon's flame and smoke at the point of the bayonet, but it was of no avail. Scarcely a man survived to tell the tale in either line, and the third and fourth, defying all the curses of their officers, thinking only of the misery they wished to avoid, broke and fled, and left the battle-field. Musket shot, and cannon ball, and gunboat shell poured constantly into rebeldom for a week. It almost sickens me to write it, but Napoleon never caused more blood to flow than has streamed from the rebel army during this grand retreat.

But the saddest story is the one which tells our own losses. Millions of property were destroyed. Forty pieces of artillery, broken, of course, fell into the enemy's hands. These, however, would have been sacrifices easily made could they have prevented any loss of life. I regret exceedingly that my duty compels me to tell the truth with regard to this matter. Thirty thousand soldiers, and there is the highest military authority for stating it, were killed or wounded or captured by the enemy in that one short week's retreat. The constant battles brought their too rich harvest of dead and dying. Hospitals containing thousands of wounded were given up bodily to the enemy. Sick and wearied soldiers, too tired to proceed a step farther, would crawl into out-of-the-way places, be overlooked by our rear-guard, and only wake up from their sleep to be captured by the enemy. Ten thousand sick and wounded were sent to hospitals down the James river. Our loss has been fearful; but, thank God! General Shields' troops, who are hourly arriving as reinforcements, go a great way in filling up the void.

MISMANAGEMENT.

I cannot close this letter without expressing my firm belief in the mismanagement of things among subordinates in the army of the Potomac. The Government and Country provides everything on the most ample scale, and hundreds of officers are appointed especially in the medical department, to carry out its wishes. This retreat was a great emergency, and showed the utter incompetency of that department. Scarcely an