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### The Army on the Rappahannock.

There is no reason now to fear that any disaster has happened to Gen. Pope's army. He is now safely encamped on the north-east side of the Rappahannock, and has his forces so distributed as to render the passage of that stream, by the enemy, exceedingly difficult.

The unexpected check Jackson received at Cedar Mountain, and the able strategy of Gen. Pope, in threatening his front until Gen. McClellan was relieved, and then suddenly and unexpectedly falling back to the north-east bank of the Rappahannock, has thoroughly disconcerted all the rebel plans.

It is believed, also, that the largest part of the late army of the Potomac, has been united to Gen. Pope's forces; so that the rebels have lost a golden opportunity not soon to return. We have now the evidence of superior Generalship in the direction of our armies, as well as energy, decision and enterprise. Under these happy auspices we look for a series of brilliant successes in Virginia.

### A Command for Gen. Turchin.

The friends of Gen. Turchin in Chicago, we learn from the *Tribune* of that city, having telegraphed to the War Department to ascertain Gen. Turchin's status in the army, have received the following answer:

"WASHINGTON, Aug. 23, 1862.

"Gen. Turchin is a veritable Brigadier-General, notwithstanding the Court-Martial.

(Signed) P. H. WATSON, Ass't Sec'y of War."

These friends of the gallant General, having been also chiefly instrumental in raising the Board of Trade Brigade in Chicago, are now exerting themselves to have Gen. Turchin appointed to the command, towards which the above interrogatory to the Secretary of War was the first step. It is also proposed that the two regiments, the 19th and 24th Illinois, lately under the command of Gen. Turchin, should be detached from the army of the Ohio and added to this brigade. The *Tribune*, after mentioning these facts and propositions, very justly remarks that "the War Department could do nothing more gratifying to both the new and old regiments raised in Chicago, nor more satisfactory to the thousands of friends whose hopes are bound up in them, than to give Gen. Turchin this command. The new regiments, by being placed side by side with the old ones, would undergo the evolutions in half the time which would be consumed without such tuition."

### The Fighting on the Rappahannock.

The N. Y. *Times* has the following dispatch relating to the skirmishing on the Rappahannock:

BEALTON'S STATION, FOUR MILES NORTH OF RAPPAHANNOCK STATION, Friday Morning, Aug. 22—8 o'clock.

There is a lull in the firing at the river. An officer attached to Gen. Pope's headquarters has this moment arrived here, and says that a general engagement is not really expected to-day, although our forces are in readiness.

*Nine o'clock, A. M.*—The cannonading is now frequent, and is interspersed with musketry. Sigel's baggage train is now on this side of the river, where Sigel's command is at work.

The main baggage train commenced passing this, (Bealton's) Station at 5 o'clock this morning, and has taken the road for Warrenton Junction. Sigel's baggage train is now also passing up the same road. This is only a necessary precaution against disaster, and must not be taken as an evidence that our army expects to get whipped.

A member of the Fourteenth New York Militia arrived here a short time ago, and says that two shells fell into the camp of that regiment to-day, and killed several men.

Colonel, or Major Pitsugh, the rebel Gen. Stuart's Chief Aid, was taken prisoner near Orange Court House on Tuesday, by the Colonel of an Illinois cavalry regiment, while on a reconnoissance. He says Jackson had only 15,000 (?) men at the Slaughter Mountain fight.

### Opportunies Lost.

A Washington dispatch to the New York *Tribune* says:

Since Mr. Hurlburt's assertion that at one time Gen. McClellan could have marched into Richmond almost unopposed has been called in question, we have spoken further with him in regard to the matter. He says that Gen. McClellan had four, if not five, opportunies. Once when the rebels were at Manassas, where, as he knows so directly from Gen. Johnson that he has no doubt of its truth, there were never more than 40,000 men, many of whom were suffering and debilitated by long stagnation, and that all preparations were made to evacuate whenever the place was seriously menaced as long ago as last October.

The second opportunity was after the battle of Williamsburg, when, had Gen. McClellan pressed directly across the Chickahominy toward the rebel capital, and as he thinks he might have done, he would have captured it. The third opportunity was the day after the battle of Fair Oaks or Seven Pines, and the fourth after the battle of Malvern Hill.

Mr. Hurlburt is also inclined to the opinion that there was another opportunity for McClellan at the time Fitz John Porter was attacked at the commencement of the seven days' fight. These opinions, Mr. Hurlburt says, are held generally by intelligent rebels at Richmond.

### The Postage Currency and Treasury Notes.

Gov. Spinner will try to send a small installment of the Postage currency and of the Treasury notes of the denominations of one and two dollars to the Assistant Treasurer of New York to-morrow, of Philadelphia on Tuesday, and Boston on Wednesday, for use in their offices.

Yesterday, $8,000 worth of this postage currency, including, however, no five-cent bills, and $8,000 in Treasury Notes, half ones and half twos, were received at the Treasury Department, and immediately absorbed by the crowd, who rushed in as soon as the doors were opened. In the confusion of people struggling to get to the counter, one man had his pocket picked of $250.

REBEL PRAISE OF GEN. CLEVE'S DIVISION.—Col. Switzer, of Gen. McClellan's staff, who has had charge of the recent exchange of prisoners on James River, says that in a conversation with Major-Gen. Hill, who commanded the rebel advance at Seven Pines, he asked that General's opinion respecting the conduct of Gen. Casey's troops there.

Gen. Hill said: "I know Gen. Casey's division has been censured, but we are much surprised at it. The division fought as well as it was in our power to see men fight, and after it gave way before our superior numbers, we had nothing more to fight. Any censure of Gen. Casey would be very unjust."

### Reply of Mr. Greeley to the Letter of the President.

DEAR SIR: Although I did not anticipate nor seek any reply to my former letter unless through your official acts, I thank you for having accorded one, since it enables me to say explicitly that nothing was further from my thought than to impeach in any manner the sincerity or the intensity of your devotion to the saving of the Union. I never doubted, and have no friend who doubts, that you desire, before and above all else, to re-establish the now derided authority and vindicate the territorial integrity of the Republic. I intended to raise only this question—*Do you propose to do this by recognizing, obeying, and enforcing the laws, or by ignoring, disregarding, and in effect defying them?*

I stand upon the law of the land. The humblest has a clear right to invoke its protection and support against even the highest. That law—in strict accordance with the law of Nations, of Nature, and of God—declares that every traitor now engaged in the infernal work of destroying our country has forfeited thereby all claim or color of right lawfully to hold human beings in Slavery. I ask of you a clear and public recognition that this law is to be obeyed wherever the National authority is respected. I infer to you instances wherein men fleeing from bondage to traitors to the protection of our flag have been assaulted, wounded and murdered by soldiers of the Union—unpunished, and unrebuked by your General Commanding—to prove that it is your duty, to take action in the premises—action that will cause the law to be proclaimed and obeyed wherever your authority or that of the Union is recognized as paramount. The Rebellion is strengthened, the National cause is imperilled, by every hour's delay to strike Treason this staggering blow.

When Fremont proclaimed Freedom to the slaves of rebels, you constrained him to modify his proclamation into rigid accordance with the terms of the existing law. It was your clear right to do so. I now ask of you conformity to the principle so sternly enforced upon him. I ask you to instruct your Generals and Commodores that no loyal person—certainly none willing to render service to the National cause—is henceforth to be regarded as the slave of any traitor. While no rightful Government was ever before assailed by so wanton and wicked a rebellion as that of the slaveholders against our National life, I am sure none ever before hesitated at so simple and primary an act of self-defense as to allow those who would serve and save it from chattel servitude to those who are waging through seas of blood to subvert and destroy it. Future generations will with difficulty realize that there could have been hesitation on this point. Sixty years of general and boundless subserviency to the Slave Power do not adequately explain it.

Mr. President, I beseech you to open your eyes to the fact that the devotees of slavery everywhere—just as much in Maryland as in Mississippi, in Washington as in Richmond—are to-day your enemies, and the implacable foes of every effort to re-establish the National authority by the discomfiture of its assailants. Their President is not Abraham Lincoln, but Jefferson Davis. You may draft them to serve in the war; but they will poly fight under the rebel flag. There is not in New York to-day a man who really believes in slavery, loves it, and desires its perpetuation, who heartily desires the crushing out of the rebellion. He would much rather see the Republic by buying up and pensioning off its assailants. His "Union as it was" is a Union of which you were not President, and no one who truly wished freedom to all ever could be.

If there are truths, Mr. President, they are surely of the gravest importance. You cannot safely approach the great and good end you so intently meditate by shutting your eyes to them. Your deadly foe is not blinded by any mist in which your eyes may be enveloped. He walks straight to his goal, knowing well his weak point, and most unwillingly betraying his fear that you, too, may see and take advantage of it. God grant that his apprehension may prove prophetic.

That you may not unreasonably perceive these vital truths as they will shine forth on the pages of history—that they may be read by our children irradiated by the glory of our national salvation, not rendered lurid by the blood-red glow of national conflagration and ruin—that you may promptly and practically realize that slavery is to be vanquished only by liberty—is the fervent and anxious prayer of Yours, truly, HORACE GREELEY.

### Important Relating to McClellan.

FORTRESS MONROE, Aug. 22, 1862.

Yesterday Gen. McClellan spent much of his time at this Point, in citizen's dress, observing what was going on, but apparently without wishing to attract the attention of the army of stragglers, so abundantly recruited from the army of the Potomac. There are various rumors concerning his future position and movements. One is that he will be relieved from active duty, either by his own request or the will of the Government. Another assigns him to a command in co-operation with Pope; and another still imputes to him the intention to resign. The Army of the Potomac, as we have known it, has made its history, and is a thing of the past. Gen. McClellan cannot be otherwise than, for the time, at least, affected by the fact.

Rumor asserts that a disagreement has arisen between him and Gen. Halleck, from whom he receives his orders. That a difference has arisen between them as to the policy of evacuating the Peninsula, is quite certain. Gen. McClellan believed he could yet go to Richmond by the route he had traveled the last five months, and asked the privilege of making another trial. Gen. Halleck replied that he had his orders, and was expected to obey them. It is not improbable that Gen. Halleck thinks that Gen. McClellan has taken more time in executing the order to evacuate the Peninsula than was necessary. The order bears date very early in August, and nearly or quite twenty days have been consumed in carrying it into effect. The last thing that Gen. McClellan did was to protest against it, and receive a peremptory and spirited reiteration of the order. Three days after, his entire force and all, the property of the army were this side the Chickahominy.

That there should be so many stragglers does not appear to be a necessary consequence. That hundreds and thousands of men should have broken away from their regiments, should be wandering about, without rations or purpose, seems remarkable, unless there has been a total relaxation of discipline in the army. I said yesterday that the army would profit by a season of rest, under favoring influences. It absolutely acquires not only rest, but reorganization. This, I am told, will speedily follow. I understand that new corps and divisions are to be formed, and new commanders given them. Gen. Fostey, now at Newbern, so much distinguished under Gen. Burnside, will, it is said, be placed at the head of a corps. Some of the most distinguished brigade commanders are to have divisions; and many other changes, it is said, are contemplated, that will remold and revive the remnants of the Army of the Potomac, and bring into the field a new army—an army of veterans, under tried leaders.

The report that Gen. Pope is about to be ordered to New Orleans, derives some corroboration from the fact that he was two days ago summoned to Washington. He has not as yet returned. It may be inferred that the business on which he was called was urgent, as his presence here at this time would be very desirable.

The embarkation at Newport News, Hampton and Old Point, is going on briskly to-day. I hear it said that Gen. Keyes' corps will be left in this vicinity.—*Special Corr. of N. Y