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THE WAR IN VIRGINIA.

We give below, from the Eastern papers, all the news we can glean of the situation of affairs opposite Washington, in Virginia. The accounts are so confused, and made up so much of rumors, that we find it impossible to give any accurate account of the rapid and independent movements of the last few days.

A letter from Washington, dated August 28th, says:

News of the gravest importance arrives this morning from the field, news so startling that I almost hesitate to sum up the reports or to dwell upon their significance. But from different sources comes so much corroborative evidence that the reports cannot be dismissed as rumors.

That the rebels are still at Manassas Junction; that they have destroyed Bull Run Bridge; that they are at Fairfax Station, at Burke Station, at Fairfax Court-House, at Centreville, at numerous points near Alexandria; that Stuart's cavalry, who protected their retreat, seem to be certain beyond question. They are even said to have been seen at Hunter's Chapel, six miles from Alexandria.

Remaining at Manassas and holding the railroad and railway, will indicate to friends this side of holding their different positions with determination and coolness—they have been for two days interposed between Gen. Pope's Army and Washington, cutting off all direct communication, and depriving the army in front of its supplies.

But the vital question is, How large is the force which has thus thrust itself in the rear of such an army as Gen. Pope's? Is it only a cavalry dash, or is it the movement of an army? There is evidence on both sides, but I cannot undertake to weigh it. We have 200 to 1,800 sick and wounded at Falls Church, and if the enemy occupies the place permanently, these will become prisoners.

We sent out a train yesterday toward Manassas for our wounded (the third successful train since the battle at Bull Run, the other two being fired into,) and succeeded in bringing off a hundred of the slightly wounded and sick who had stolen through the rebel lines. The trains will be sent this evening, another effort, under a flag of truce, will be made this morning.

An attack will probably be made on the rebel lines to-day, with the intention of opening communication to Gen. Pope.

There is much confusion in the Army of the Potomac at Alexandria, horses and baggage being very much scattered, and many of the men unfit for service.

No officer of the 11th Ohio was injured in the recent fight at Union Mills Bridge, as with Lieutenant Alexander, Adjutant; shot in the bowels, supposed mortal, and left at Fairfax Station.

LATER.—Gens. Kearney and Hooker are said to have retaken Manassas from the rear. Later news comes in as I write—will go to you in detail with this; but all the evidence is cumulative as to the point of the rebel advance in strength, and their purpose first to *break every means of communication between the capital and Pope*; then to *march straight on the capital*. Every bridge on the railway is destroyed; they hold every strategic point within the center; they are beyond all question within the mountains with their whole army.

A SILENT MEETING.—Mr. Merwin, in his speech at the meeting of the American Temperance Union, said: "The Quakers are fighting for the Union. A young man in Washington, a member of a Quaker family, enlisted in the Union army. He called to say farewell to an old aunt, a Quaker lady, who remarked to him, Thomas, what strange clothes thee has on for a friend!" 'Yes, Rebecca, they are military clothes. I have joined the army, and am going to do something for my country.' 'Well, Thomas, this is a good country, and we have an excellent government, and thee knows my sentiments about war, and what my teachings have always been; but, Thomas, if thee takes a gun, and thee should meet any of the wicked rebels, I advise thee, Thomas, not to have a *silent meeting!*"

EUGENE CURRY, an Irish archeologist, died at Dublin in July. He had been engaged for some years in revising the translation of the Brehon Laws, of which he and the late Dr. O'Donovan were the joint editors. This remarkable collection of ancient jurisprudence consists of laws written in a very remote and obscure language, and of commentaries and precedents in a latter, but still very old, form of Gaelic.

THE increased number of persons in New York wearing the sober livery of the respectable but unmilitary society of Friends seems to have suggested the following epigram:

Old Abe's a magician whose talent extends
To the art of making an army of Shakers!
For his late drafting order has made "troops of Friends"
In fact filled the city with Quakers!

It is a curious fact that while the Emperor of the French alone prevents Italy from having Rome as her capital, and goads Garibaldi to the verge of civil war, his name is so detested by the shadow of a Papal Government which he is protecting, that it is prescribed in every theatre and opera house, or public place where it can be used. The word Napoleon is not allowed to appear or to be uttered before the people.

ANTHONY TROLLOPE creates with unsparing bounty. During the last year he has produced "The Struggle of Brown, Jones and Robinson," "Orley Farm," and two ponderous volumes of his experience in, and opinions upon North America. He commences a new novel in the next number of *The Cornhill Magazine*, and in January he opens a new story in the pages of *Good Words*, a forthcoming Scotch serial.

NINETEEN MILES OF BOATS.—The crowd of westward bound boats awaiting their passage through the Brighton locks is said to be the largest ever collected on the Erie canal, and gives a small idea of the immense business transacted upon that channel. The fleet reached, on Saturday, from the first Brighton lock eastward to Wayneport, a distance of nineteen miles.

THE Dean of Carlisle is very severe upon the great British nation. He thinks the prevailing destitution in the manufacturing districts is "a clear visitation of God," because, he says, "of our sins, our wanton luxury, our licentiousness, our drunkenness, our commercial, and our manufacturing frauds."

EFFECTIVE MEDICAL ADVICE.—A jolly old doctor said that people who were prompt in their payments always recovered in their sickness, as they were good customers, and the physicians could not afford to lose them. A good hint and a sensible doctor.

Capt. Means, whose command was thus summarily disposed of, rendered himself obnoxious to the rebels of Leesburg by his course in assessing their property for the subsistence of his men, and seizing their horses to mount them. It is supposed that the rebels of the town invited the irruption which took place. To-night it is rumored that the rebels are at Point of Rocks, but this lacks confirmation.

A gentleman who arrived here to-night reports that Gen. Taylor, in the engagement yesterday, was so severely wounded that he may have to submit to an amputation of the right leg.

This morning, about 8½ o'clock, Stuart's rebel cavalry made a dash through Fairfax Court House, on the way to Vienna, which is about 13 miles from Washington. The Union people of that city have all fled to the latter city.

A fight is going on to-day at, it is reported, Manasses. Heintzelman, from Pope's advance, had, it was rumored, got into Jackson's rear, who was supposed to be 20,000 strong.

The firing was distinctly heard here all day.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29, 1862.

The enemy advanced their lines several miles last night, driving our pickets before them.

They burned the railroad bridge at Fairfax Station, and took Falls Church, which they hold with cavalry and infantry this morning.

It is reported by contrabands that they completed their work of destruction of everything at Manassas yesterday.

Stonewall Jackson is in command, according to the most trustworthy accounts, and an escaped prisoner reports that General Sigel at Falls Church last night.

Nearly all the Quartermasters and Commissaries of McClellan's Army are in Alexandria this morning, thus leaving that portion of the Army of the Potomac that joined Pope without supplies of any kind.

All the supply trains of Generals Banks, Sigel, McDowell and Heintzelman, with a part of General Porter's were exposed to the rebel attack at Centreville, and would undoubtedly have been captured on Wednesday night, had it not been for the heroic resistance of one company of the 12th Pennsylvania Cavalry, who protected their retreat. They are now under the protection of the guns of the forts in front of Washington.

All the official papers of Capt. Musser, Post Commissary at Manassas Junction, were saved, and buried in the woods.

Cedar Creek is not taken by the enemy, as reported yesterday. Gen. Meagher came from there last night. Gen. Burnside has been engaged for a day and a half in removing all the Government property from there, and in preparing the place for defense. He thinks he will be able to hold. The only access to Gen. Pope, in the event of Acquia Creek being taken, will be to fight a way up the Rappahannock with gunboats and join him from Fredericksburg.

There are about 1,200 or 1,800 sick and wounded at Falls Church, and if the enemy occupies the place permanently, these will become prisoners.

THURSDAY, Aug. 28.

The rebels have crossed the Bull Run range of mountains, and entering at this gap, and above, have placed themselves completely in the rear of General Pope. This account makes the main body of the rebels to have gathered at White Plains. Then moving either from that point or passing around to the north, they have advanced to Leesburg and have already crossed in small parties at Edwards' Ferry.

On the other hand the belief is encouraged in official quarters that the enemy have succeeded only in penetrating through an unfended opening in the lines of Gen. Pope, and that with the temporary obstruction of communication and the destruction of a bridge which can be accomplished by a sudden raid their mission will be at an end. But official communications to the public are so brief and indecisive that opinions from that source must be based upon inferences rather than upon facts.

The rebels, to make this movement, must have left behind them all or most of their own supplies and means of transportation, but counted for supplies upon the stores to be captured at Manassas and other stations. The trains and commissary depots said at first to have been burned were doubtlessly preserved if needed for the rebel army, and so far their calculation is correct, and their army for the time proved. If this source of supply is ample for their subsistence, the chief difficulty in the way of their advance is relieved, and the improbability of the movement abates in proportion.

It is then to be understood that Washington is in peril? No—more, I answer, than has threatened it for a fortnight. The danger may have approached nearer, but is the same which has impended since the movement from the Peninsula began, which has hitherto been averted by the rapidity of Gen. Pope's withdrawal beyond the Rappahannock, by the sudden rise of that river, which enabled Sigel to hold at bay through successive days the impetuous advance of Jackson; by the further rearward movement which under cover of Sigel's efforts, effected safely, merely and completely. When Pope had transferred his army by a maneuver at once hazardous and skillful from the Rappahannock line to that which rested against Bull Run Mountains on the right, his position ought to have been secure. He had changed his wings; the extreme right on the river becoming the extreme left, and the strength of the position receding with the movement of the army to the right.

It has already been said that McClellan refused from the Peninsula with reluctance, and only after a peremptory repetition of the order by Gen. Halleck. It remains to be stated that his delay after arriving at Alexandria is the cause of the recent disasters. Hitherto it was so that the rebel army is in Pope's rear, and the capital threatened, he only is responsible. In the crisis of which the decisive moment was swiftly approaching, Maj. Gen. McClellan has for two days delayed his advance in order to determine a question of precedence between Gen. Pope and himself.

The line which Gen. Pope's army extended was of greater length than his troops were competent to cover. The point at which the enemy has entered was a point which McClellan's forces were to guard. This delay has exposed it to an incursion, and may have imperiled the safety both of the army and the capital.

When Gen. Halleck assumed command of the Union armies, his sought to restore them to a position from which offensive movements might once more be possible. The attempt involved the safety both of the army on the Peninsula, which was to be removed, and of the army of Virginia, which was to cover McClellan's retreat. I have already explained the plan that was adopted. Its unexpectedly complete success in its most dangerous movement is at once the evidence and the trophy of the genius which planned it. But the crisis was not over when the different corps of McClellan had reached Fredericksburg or Alexandria, or when Pope was beyond the Rappahannock.

The Capital was still menaced by the rebel advance. Before it could be deemed to be safe, the lines of defense marked for the occupation of our armies was to be drawn and covered completely. Once occupied in force, the danger was passed, and from that position the next advance was to be made.

To-night is too soon to say whether the purpose so nearly matured must be abandoned—whether delay in execution on our side, and audacity in attack by the rebels, may compel us to prolonged defense; or precipitate a battle at the gates of the capital. The single point left unguarded may have endangered or broken the whole line. If the enemy has passed in force within the circle, the campaign is to be fought on their plan, not on ours. If they do not or cannot hold their interior position, their advance is a failure, their position defensive, their capital already threatened.

Col. Swain, with his regiment of New York Cavalry, upon report that Leesburg had been attacked by the rebels, was sent thither by General Wadsworth yesterday. He reports to-day from a point six or eight miles this side of that place, deriving his information from a trustworthy Unionist, of Maryland, and from fugitives from Leesburg, that the rebels are supposed to