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The Situation in Kentucky.

The expedition of Gen. Bragg from Northern Alabama, through Eastern Tennessee, into Kentucky, and the retreat of Gen. Buell before the advancing columns of Bragg, will form a chapter in the history of this war to which the American will not point with pride.

But let us hope that things have taken a turn for the better. When Bragg turned off the road leading from Bowling Green to Louisville, and struck into the rich blue-grass region, of which Lexington is the centre, Buell pushed on to Louisville, where he lay for some time to recuperate and refresh, leaving Bragg ample time to gather large stores of provisions, and collect as many fine horses as he needed. Bragg came to forage, not to fight; to plunder, not to conquer.

While Buell lay at Louisville, an order came from Gen. Halleck assigning him work at Indianapolis, and directing Gen. Thomas to take command of the forces at Louisville. This order was subsequently changed---retaining Buell, and making Thomas second in command. Since then there has been a happy change in affairs; for Buell has shown a good degree of alacrity, pushed after Bragg, and the fierce battle and decided victory at Perryville has been the result. It is true that Buell was not there himself; but that he will suffer any of his generals to fight is a great point gained. Bragg is still retreating in the direction of Cumberland Gap, with all his stores of plunder, and Buell is giving him ample time to escape.

We give an account of that battle this afternoon, merely marking that the seventy-eighth Pennsylvania regiment, spoken of in connection with the seventy-ninth, was not in that battle. The 78th, (Col. Sirwell) was in the brilliant little affair near Nashville, an account of which will be found in this paper.

From Western Virginia.

The Parkersburg *Gazette* says:

General Morgan and his forces are at Point Pleasant, arriving on Thursday. Gen Morgan and Gen. Milroy will make a good team with which to plow the Valley of the Kanawha. The forces concentrated there show that there is to be a fight or a foot race, and in the latter case we believe Morgan's command, that has escaped from Cumberland Gap, and Milroy's Virginia brigade will be too much for any rebels.

Firing has been reported to have been heard here for some days past in the direction of the Kanawha. We are not satisfied there has been any fighting yet; but we think the coming week will tell the tale. Our forces on the Kanawha must now be about 20,000, and however large the others may be, can destroy their salt trade, and move on the Tennessee road, and cut off their supplies and communications that way between Richmond and Tennessee.

The rebels are being well cleared out in the adjoining counties. Jackson, we believe, is clear, except the home guerrillas, the forces that have been there having gone to Charleston. Wirt is still haunted by guerrillas. Capt. Dana and his forces are doing well in Wirt. They have brought in some twenty prisoners and killed several. They brought in twenty horses, three guerrillas and another Jackass on Wednesday night. The guerrillas were Johnson Medcalf, Newt. Toothman, and Chas. Bailey, of this county. The name of the Jackass has escaped our memory. The horses of Union men have been suffering, and now comes the scoundrel's turn. We hope our troops will strip the dogs. Let them know if the Devil is loose there is also a God to administer justice. If they call for horses, let them. If there must be an eye for an eye, it is a game two can play at. We have hopes that the day for hard fighting and the success of the right is at hand.

Gen. Cassius M. Clay.

The Washington dispatch to a New York paper, reflecting upon Major General Cassius M. Clay, published on Monday, is a misrepresentation of the facts. Gen. Clay is not engaged in a political campaign, but is in this city, having been absent but a few days. He reported to Gen. Halleck for duty, under circumstances that should, at least, have secured for him respectful treatment, if not high consideration. He received neither. It is the fact of this ill-treatment, Gen. Clay reported a second time to Gen. Halleck, who offensively asserted that he could not give him the command in the West, which had been urged upon the Government by the most distinguished citizens of several of the Western States. Gen. Clay said calmly: "General, I am here to report for duty unconditionally." "Then," responded Gen. Halleck, "go to your hotel and await orders."

Gen. Clay obeyed. Upon reaching his quarters, he received orders to report to Gen. Butler at New Orleans. Like a true soldier, he packed his trunks to leave the same evening, and proceeded to take leave of the President. The latter said, "Where are you going, General." Clay responded, "I have just received my orders from Gen. Halleck to report to Gen. Butler at New Orleans." The President, expressing surprise, asked for an explanation, and on learning the facts, said to Gen. Clay, "You will receive other orders." Gen. Clay left the Executive Mansion, and on reaching his hotel, found a letter from the President, ordering him to remain in the city until further orders. These are the facts; and in view of the statement published referred to, it is just that they should be known.---*Wash. Cor. N. Y. Times.*

RELEASE OF GEN. JEFF. C. DAVIS.---A Louisville dispatch to the Cincinnati *Gazette*, dated yesterday, says:

Gen. Jeff. C. Davis to-day received an order from the War Department, releasing him from the arrest under which he has hitherto been confined since killing Nelson, and in military phrase "enlarging his limits." There are good reasons for believing that General Davis will be at the head of his command in the field again before long. He appeared on the streets this afternoon for the first time since Nelson's death.

THE following patriotic and stirring note was recently written by a very distinguished member of the Society of Friends, to his son in the army:

PHILADELPHIA, Ninth Month, 19, 1862.

DEAR SON: I understand thy regiment is ordered to the front. If this is so, I hope thee will remember the stock from whom thee came; and remember that death is better than dishonor. From thy father.

MR. BERESFORD HOPE, one of the strongest advocates of Secession in the English Parliament has not been re-elected. He was a candidate for Stoke-upon-Trent, and was beaten by the Liberal candidate, Mr. Grenfell, by nearly two hundred votes. The rebel sympathizers, and the London *Times* in particular, are much chagrined, for they counted confidently on his return, owing to an apparent division in the Liberal party.

DUBLIN, INDIANA.---The Union cause is decidedly in the ascendant in Dublin, Indiana. A dispatch from that place says:

Our vote entire is Union---two hundred and fourteen, Democratic two.

THE BATTLE OF PERRYSVILLE, KY.

Bragg's Retreat.

The following account of the battle of Perrysville, though somewhat brief, gives a tolerably distinct general view of that sanguinary engagement, which may be the last encounter the rebels will wait for in the State of Kentucky, as the latest accounts show that they are retiring, loaded with the spoils they have taken, by the road leading through Lancaster, Crab Orchard, London, and Barboursville, Cumberland Gap and East Tennessee. But we forbear reflection---and give such a sketch of the battle of Perrysville as will enable our readers to form some clearer idea of it, than has been attainable from the reports hitherto published:

THE NIGHT BEFORE THE BATTLE.

Scouts came in occasionally and reported the proximity of the enemy, tracing his course from the direction of Harrodsburg directly towards us, and measuring his approach with remarkable precision. His force was stated to be thirty, forty, fifty, and, finally, sixty thousand men. At last, as morning approached, though yet some hours distant, information was received that the rebels were securing a position on the opposite range of hills, scarcely three-quarters of a mile distant. And then could plainly be heard the rumbling of his artillery as it was brought into position, and we could discern occasional flashes of lanterns; the braying of mules came across to our ears and the voices of men. There was no longer any doubt of it---the enemy were in force in front of us, and a fight was certain. It required no effort to spread the news. No long roll was necessary to arouse the men. Everybody was aware of the situation, and anxious for the first dawn of morning to commence the battle.

THE BEGINNING OF THE ACTION.

At last the tedious hours preceding the dawn wore away, and, as daylight was breaking in the east, the ball was opened. A loud report from the enemy's artillery gave the signal, and scarcely had the echoes ceased, when General Terrill's batteries belched forth a fierce response. Then there succeeded a continuous roar of cannon, intermingled with the screeching of shells and the whistling of balls, creating a pandemonium of discord and terror. The balls flew over our heads, dropped in front of us, fell all about us, and yet seemed to do no general damage. Occasionally a poor fellow would be struck down by a passing ball, and more frequently an exploding shell would make a gap in the ranks, and stretch a dozen strong men, mutilated and in agony, upon the ground.

As the firing became more precise, our infantry were sheltered in the woods, or lay concealed behind the undulations of the ground; the cavalry was sent back to the rear, and our artillerists were alone left to carry on the battle.

I am not able to say at this moment how much artillery we had in the action; but it could not have exceeded, thirty pieces; yet these were worked with wonderful vigor and effect. Opposed to us the enemy seemed to have nearly twice that number of pieces, and they plied, and they plied them well. It was terrible cannonading, such as I have seldom heard before. But it was of little effect. True at one time, the enemy were compelled to withdraw a couple of batteries, owing to the accuracy of our fire, but the greater number of their pieces rendered the loss of these two batteries scarcely perceptible. And thus the battle was kept up during the whole morning; but the loss was but trifling in this duel; scarcely a dozen men were killed, and certainly not over fifty wounded. At first the casualties were all among the infantry; but, these being gradually placed under shelter, and the enemy, getting better ranges on our batteries, our artillerists began to suffer considerably. What effect we were having upon the enemy could not be surmised. We could not see their batteries or their lines, only as our skirmishers would venture up close to their position, under the cover of the woods.

A LULL IN THE STORM.

At last this sort of fighting became irksome. The infantry men were disappointed in not having any hand in the fight, and the artillerymen were getting exhausted with their protracted work at the guns. Thus there ensued occasional lulls in the din; and at one time I noticed a space of over fifteen minutes during which there was not a gun fired on either side. Gradually these lulls became more frequent, and assumed a more ominous character. The enemy were known greatly to exceed us in numbers. We had, all told, not exceeding eighteen thousand men, of whom three thousand were cavalry. The best information we had of the enemy placed their force at forty thousand men, and many credible reports placed the figures much higher. They were certainly two to our one, if not three to each one of us. It is not surprising, therefore, that our men felt anxious, but it was purely anxiety. There was nothing of cowardice in it, no hesitancy to meet the enemy, but simply a harrowing anxiety.

THE AFTERNOON BATTLE.

I have said these lulls in the battle during were ominous. They appeared like the dull dead calm that always precedes the storm, and we were not long in doubt as to the meaning in this case. Soon after noon---it may have been after one o'clock---the enemy were observed moving in large force across a field in front of Rousseau's Division. His men were quickly placed in position to repel any charge, and scarcely were they so placed when our skirmishers engaged the skirmishers of the enemy. Then was the first musketry firing of the day, and it was not far from one o'clock. Our skirmishers were gradually driven back, and finally fell completely back into the lines. They were followed closely by dense masses of the rebel infantry, who came on with determined tread and unwavering step, with bayonets fixed, and evidently expecting to sweep our forces from the ground. Rousseau's line was in the edge of a piece of wood, with a large corn or tobacco field in front. Across this field the enemy were obliged to charge, and as they came up they were greeted with repeated volleys, well aimed, from the guns of our infantry.

The division receiving this assault was formerly commanded by General Mitchel, and is one of the bravest and best disciplined forces in the army. The division includes the Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania regiments, the Ninth Indiana, and the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Nineteenth regular. The 19th Indiana battery is also attached to the division, and did excellent service today. There are also some new Indiana regiments in the division; but their numbers I have not been able to ascertain. They were conspicuous in the fight, and acted with unflinching bravery. For half an hour the roar of musketry was incessant, as the rebels pressed upon these lines. At one time the rebels were driven back entirely across the field, but were again rallied and brought up to the charge, and forced their way up even to the edge of the woods, but were again repulsed, and so effectually, that they could not again be rallied. The men broke in confusion, while our forces continued to pour upon them rapidly continuous volleys, mowing them down like grass. Our loss in this action was heavy, but by no means equalled that of the rebels, who suffered at least three to one as compared with our casualties.

AN ATTACK ON OUR LEFT.

This action had scarcely terminated when a movement was discovered on our left that indicated an attempt to flank us. It was even a more desperate attempt than that upon the right. Our extreme left, it will be remembered, was held by Gen. Terrill's brigade, of Jackson's division. The enemy succeeded in getting upon his flank, and planted a battery in such a position as to pour a deadly and enfilading fire into our ranks. Gen. Terrill ordered a charge to take this battery, but found it supported by masses of infantry five times greater than his own. He then opened his artillery