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Hooker and his Army.

The spring campaign on the Rappahannock seems to have opened most auspiciously. Hooker has not crept upon the enemy, spade in hand, but by several bold and simultaneous dashes across the river, has placed himself in the rear of Fredericksburg, while Lee, bewildered and paralyzed, could do little else than stand still until he could ascertain where his impetuous adversary intended to strike. The New York *Commercial* remarks:

The enemy has apparently been completely surprised and baffled by his (Hooker's) first movements. As is known to our readers, he commenced his forward movement on Monday; three *corps d'armée* moved up on the right, and on Tuesday crossed the several fords of the upper Rappahannock and took position on the extreme left of the rebel forces; three corps moved down to a point nearly opposite Port Royal, three pontoon bridges across and occupied a position on the extreme right of the enemy; General Stoneman, with his splendid cavalry division, swept on far in advance of the movement on our right and occupied a position, which Washington dispatches say, is in the rear of Fredericksburg. All of these movements might be feints, for all that the insurgents could see, and any one of them might be intended for the main attack.

Threatened thus on all sides, the insurgents were compelled to exercise the utmost vigilance and cover all their weak points to prevent a temporary success of the attacking army. It is stated, however, with some degree of certainty, that on Wednesday morning one corps returned from the advance on our left at Port Royal and moved up to the right, reinforcing that position. This would leave two corps on the left, and it is stated that one corps is in front of Fredericksburg as a rear guard. There are twelve corps in the Army of the Potomac, and the movements of five are accounted for, but we infer that they have moved to the right. There are indications that this is not the only movement in Virginia, but that an advance in another quarter is being made, which will seriously threaten the rebel capital. Gen. Dix is full of folk and Gen. Keys on the Peninsula, are both reported to be advancing, and we may look for speedy and brilliant victories.

RESPONSE OF EVACUATION OF FREDERICKSBURG. The correspondent of the Philadelphia Press writes from Aquia Creek, April 30:

As our troops advanced, during yesterday, the rebels fell back, skirmishing with our advance guard. It was soon discovered that the enemy had withdrawn his main column from the line of the Rappahannock, and contrabands informed Gen. Hooker positively, that there were no troops, in great force, anywhere in our front, for a distance of twenty miles south.

Gen. Hooker's order is of the same date, but he gives no intimation of an evacuation. The same writer says:

It is reported that the city of Fredericksburg was occupied yesterday with a strong garrison, under the direction of Provost Marshal General Patrick, and the railroad to Richmond is being rapidly repaired. It is also stated that Port Royal, on the Rappahannock, has been occupied by our troops, and will be used as a landing for stores.

If this be a fact, then the enemy must have evacuated the place and also their works on the heights in the rear of the town. We are inclined to doubt it.

General Banks' Campaign and Its Results.

A synoptical statement of the results of Gen. Banks' late expedition may be given as follows:

Accomplishing a march of over 300 miles; beating the enemy in three battle—two on land and one on Grand Lake; dispersing the rebel army utterly; destroying the rebel navy; capturing the fortifications of the enemy at Franklin and New Iberia, and demolishing the waltworks ten miles south-west of the latter place; capturing the camp equipages of the enemy; two, several guns, and between 1,000 and 2,000 prisoners, and so thoroughly breaking the plans of the rebels that they cannot for some months, if ever, reorganize their land or naval forces in that part of Louisiana.

Other successes of General Banks, already known to the public, are mentioned. Our loss in the two land battles was about 600 or 700. Nothing could exceed the conduct of the officers and privates in Gen. Banks' command. The dispatches say that we have not only destroyed the army and navy of the enemy, and captured his materials for reorganization of his forces, but we have also in our possession his cabinet officers of the sea and land. Gen. Banks' latest dispatches are dated near St. Martinsville, La., April 15. When he left Baton Rouge, he left three regiments of colored troops to guard the place.

The New Orleans *Picayune* of the 21st ult., commenting on these facts, says:

The influence of this short campaign of General Banks will be felt far and wide. It will be most cheering to the people of the North, and directly the opposite, of course, to the people of the South; and if the operations commenced so vigorously are followed up in the same manner, they will be of more importance than any attempted during the present war. It is undoubtedly a heavy blow against Port Hudson, leaving indeed them ill at ease for their own safety. So fully satisfied is he of success, that for one he will oppose the sale of a single share of stock at any price, however high, after enough has been taken to erect and put in operation the first factory. Office of the Company, Commercial Avenue, near the Post Office, Cairo, Illinois.

How General Hooker Commands---An Auspicious Beginning.

In a letter from the New York *Times'* correspondent, written from Kelly's Ford, on Tuesday night last, we find the following:

At 8 this morning General Hooker left his headquarters, and accompanied by his personal staff, rode straight to Morrisville, 20 miles distance, and but six miles to the Ford. His passage through various columns of troops was marked for miles by a tumultuous cheer, enthusiastically genuine.

At Morrisville he makes his headquarters for the day and night. A consultation of corps commanders, including Gen. Stoneman, who had come from Warrenton Junction, was at once held, and then and there Gen. Hooker first revealed to these, his principal subordinates, a portion of the plan and nature of the present movement. Beyond what has been already developed, none but these officers know anything. Yet there is reason to believe that it is startling in the magnitude of what it contemplates, and general officers remarked this afternoon that if officers and men did one-half their duty, it could not fail of success.

To the same effect, and equally emphatic, is the following from the conclusion of the *Tribune* correspondent's letter, from which we have copied the interesting details of the several movements of our advancing columns, given elsewhere:

With the reins of his command well in hand, Gen. Hooker rode along the entire lines and witnessed the crossing at Kelly's Ford. Then and there, and doubtless not until then, he gave to his corps commanders the plan of pending movement. Up to this time of crossing the river, the several corps moved like men-of-war, sailing under sealed orders; when all were well out at sea, Hooker himself broke the seals.

From Kelly's to United States, and thence to Banks' Ford, the commander rode through every portion and department of the army, gave his orders, and saw that no scapegoat, in the shape of tardy pontoons, lukewarm officers or defective ammunition, stood ready ominanced to flee to the mountains of public opinion with excuses for anticipating failure. Before night came Gen. Hooker knew thoroughly what was transpiring on both banks of the Rappahannock.

Though no proclamation has been issued to that effect, it is quite certain that the headquarters of this army is in the saddle. The Army of the Potomac, which has been long accustomed to have its headquarters follow afar off, was yesterday electrified with the change. How a movement thus suspiciously begun will end we soon shall see.

THE OHIO INSURRECTIONISTS.—The Cincinnati *Gazette*, of Saturday, speaking of the Noble county insurrectionists, who were taken some time ago, and held in custody since, says:

The Grand Jury having found true bills against John Basey, Andrew Coyle, Joel McFarren, S. S. Fisher, W. C. Norwood, and William Lowe, six of the Noble county insurrectionists, they were yesterday arraigned before the U. S. Circuit Court, and held to bail in the sum of $1,500 each for their appearance on the first day of the October Term of the Court.

THE "SKEDADDLERS" IN CANADA.—A correspondent of the New York *Times* intimates that a measure will shortly be introduced into the Parliament of Canada to return the "skedaddlers" from the draft to the United States. He expresses his belief that the bill will pass. The feeling in Western Canada on behalf of the American Union is strong and almost unanimous—a striking improvement on that which existed one year or eighteen months ago. Truth is evidently working its way toward the North Pole as well as in the direction of the tropics.

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