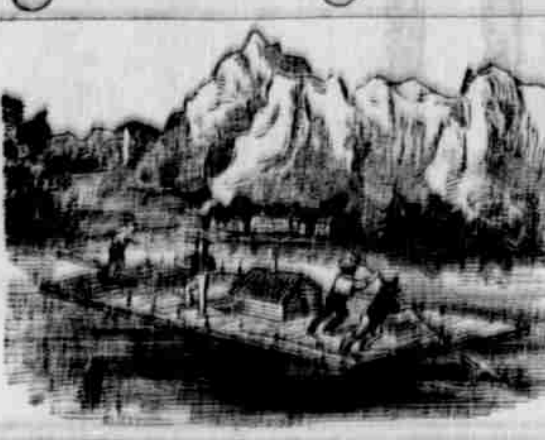


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EXPENSES OF THE GOVERNMENT.

No many conflicting statements have heretofore been made, relative to the expenses of the National Government since the commencement of the Rebellion...

Mr. Dawes remarked, that "from reliable data, the expenditures of all the departments of the Government outside of the war and navy since the administration came into power are as follows:—For the Interior Department, Indians and pensions, to the 22d of May, \$9,081,850; civil the foreign intercourse and miscellaneous, \$21,855,010; making a total of nearly \$25,267,000.

These figures were evidently obtained at the different Departments, and, although not given as official, can doubtless be relied on, as Mr. Dawes would scarcely attempt to refute misstatements without knowing positively what he was asserting.

CONFISCATION.—A bill to confiscate the property of Rebels for the payment of the expenses of the present Rebellion, and for other purposes, was passed by the House of Representatives on Monday, the 26th of May, by a vote of 82 yeas to 68 nays.

THOMAS A. SCOTT, Esq.—This gentleman, who has for some time past so ably filled the position of Assistant Secretary of War, tendered his resignation to take effect on the 1st of June.

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EMANCIPATION.—The bill to free from servitude the Slaves of Rebels engaged in or abetting the existing Rebellion against the Government of the United States, was defeated in the House of Representatives on May 26th, by a vote of 74 to 78.

THE RETREAT OF GEN. BANKS.

Gen. Banks' retreat from Strasburg to the Potomac, before a vastly superior force, is spoken of by military men as a remarkable and a brilliant achievement.

The rebel force was estimated at from 15,000 to 20,000, whilst Gen. Banks' force was not quite 4,000; yet, when the right wing was forced to give way under the onset of a superior force, the left "stood firm" until ordered to retreat.

As soon as the regiment (the 46th Penna.) entered the town, the streets re-echoed with the shots discharged from the windows of the dwellings.

Riot in Baltimore.—On Sunday the 25th of May, when the news reached Baltimore of the retreat of Gen. Banks, the Secessionists openly rejoiced at the temporary defeat of the Union cause.

ROBERT SMALL.—On Monday the 26th May, the House of Representatives passed a bill, giving to Robert Small and his associates the half of the value of the Planter, the prize they brought from Charleston harbor.

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On the 30th Gen. Halleck telegraphed the following:—"Gen. Pope's heavy batteries opened upon the enemy's entrenchments yesterday, and soon drove the rebels from their advanced batteries.

A new Union paper is about to be established at Norfolk, Va.

STRAUSBURG AND WINCHESTER.

A letter to the New York World brings us the fullest details we have of the remarkable retreat of Banks from Strasburg to the Potomac.

THE RETREAT FROM STRASBURG. At 1 o'clock Saturday morning, I was awakened to make preparations for immediate retreat.

The movement, too, seemed evidently intended to cut off our connection with Winchester, and we saw, very naturally, before us the prospect of an enemy (Ewell) in our front while Jackson, whom we had known to be behind us near Harrisonburg, seemed more than probably intending to push upon us in our rear, placing us between two fires, each doubtless larger than the little command which remained to Gen. Banks, after the withdrawal of so large a portion of it to reinforce other less exposed divisions of the army.

Orders to halt, right face, were immediately shouted from the head of the column, and the appearance of a few of the enemy's cavalry, and a few of the infantry, were immediately stacked up by the roadside, and guards were appointed over them.

Presently Gen. Williams, who had not yet left Strasburg, came riding rapidly with his staff to the head of the column, and the soldiers raised a hearty cheer as he passed, which continued up the column as he advanced to the front.

One of them who was killed—David Dickerson was his name, I think—was of Company B, Sixty-sixth Ohio Regiment. I saw a lady who was with him immediately after he was shot.

The other end of our column encountered the force which was to have been sent to attack the enemy's First Zouave and African body-guard of Gen. Banks, have been stationed in the rear to burn the bridge across Meadow Creek, three miles from Strasburg, after all had passed except the cavalry, under Gen. Hatch, who was yet to come up, and would ford the river.

The rapid flight of cavalry caused a great panic among the teamsters, who fled from their wagons. The rebel cavalry came up, and more than a hundred wagons were taken possession of by the enemy.

After a long and anxious day's march I retired to rest in the town of Winchester. By daybreak upon the following morning, the voices of cannon and the rattle of musketry, coming in through my open window, brought me suddenly to the consciousness that another day must be broken of its peaceful quiet by the force and unnatural pursuits of war.

Presently there was a commotion, a sobbing among the women, and a running to and fro, which brought me to my feet in time to find

our forces were started on a hasty retreat; and, as I saw flames rising from the burning buildings not far off, and heavy volumes of smoke roll upward from them, I began to realize that we were to abandon Winchester.

Presently the enemy's cannon boomed in the rear, and a small cloud of smoke in the sky suddenly appearing, and then dissolving, showed us that the ball had exploded. Some shells fell among our men, and the panic was quite general for a short time.

The column retreated, in great haste, and the men, addressing them kindly and firmly, showed them to a consideration of their unbecoming conduct.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

The following Message from the President, was laid before both Houses of Congress, on Wednesday the 28th May, 1862:

Washington, May 28, 1862. To the Senate and House of Representatives: The inscription which is yet existing in the United States, and aims at the overthrow of the Federal Constitution and the Union, was clandestinely prepared during the winter of 1860 and 1861, and assumed an open organization in the form of a treasonable provisional government at Montgomery, in Alabama, on the 18th day of February, 1861.

It became necessary for me to choose whether, using only the existing means, agencies, and processes which Congress had provided, I should let the Government fall at once into ruin, or whether, availing myself of the broader powers conferred by the Constitution in case of insurrection, I would make an effort to save it with all its blessings, for the present and for posterity.

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