



GLORIOUS NEWS!

RICHMOND MUST FALL!

BEAST" BUTLER'S OPERATIONS!

BATTLE OF THE WILDERNESS

KILLED, WOUNDED,

A GIGANTIC CAMPAIGN.

OFFICIAL VIEW OF THE SITUATION

[Special Despatches to "The Press".]

WASHINGTON, May 9.

The *Chronicle* of yesterday, in a review of

the situation, speaking of information received from the highest authority, prints this

interesting and important statement: Up to

1 o'clock this [Sunday] morning no report

had been received at the War Department

from the Army of the Potomac, of operations

later than the Thursday night. General Burn-

side had at that time formed a junction, by

a forced march from Manassas, with Gener-

al Meade's army. On Thursday, vigorous ef-

forts were made by the rebels to break Gen-

eral Meade's line and drive his forces

for that purpose. General Longstreet

had, and, under

General Warren, at the Wil-

derness, and

General Sedgwick, driving him

back temporarily, but the advantage was soon

gained, and the rebels hurried back with

great loss. Night had now come on, and it

was a gloomy day at headquarters. At this hour,

that Lee has withdrawn from our front. Al-

though the nature of the ground has been of

a terrible character, most of it being so thick

and woody as to render movements all but

impossible, and to conceal entirely the opera-

tions of the enemy, yet he has been suc-

cessfully repulsed in all his attacks, and nothing

but the nature of the battle-field has prevent-

ed it from being a crushing defeat. The

loss on both sides has been very heavy, but

at this hour of hasty writing I cannot even

give an estimate.

NEW YORK, May 8.—The special des-

patches to the *Advertiser* say that twelve trains

wounded across the way from the front.

The hospitals are ready for their reception.

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forward to assist him. Several other officers

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