

THE SENTINEL.

SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS.

The following summary of War News, was from the Baltimore *Republican*:

TUESDAY, JAN. 2.—A despatch from Louisville says Gen. Rosecrans captured Murfreesboro' on Tuesday morning, the Confederates taking but little resistance, and retreating to Nashville.

A train of wagons, following Rosecrans, was captured by Morgan. The despatch says that the rebels reported Louisville of the approach of Forrest, with a large cavalry force from Salt River, which proved to be untrue.

The Cincinnati *Gazette* says the reported capture of Fort Donelson was made on New Year's day, and that Gen. Banks had been captured.

Previous to leaving New Orleans he issued an address to the people, in which he said he had "the proud consciousness of carrying with him the blessings of the people, and that all the snares and snares of the rich." In conclusion, he declares his conviction that the existence of slavery is incompatible with the purity of the nation.

Gen. Banks had issued an order apprising the people of the President's Proclamation of Emancipation, and his own views on the subject. There was no mention of it in his address.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The stickshap McClellan arrived at Key West on the 23d ult., from New Orleans, through intermediate stations of the coast.

McClellan's arrival on the Mississippi as far as Key West, and rumors from Southern sources, that a fight was going on at Vicksburg.

Washington, Jan. 3.—We gave yesterday the announcement of a great battle near Murfreesboro', Tennessee. Further accounts represent it to have been one of the most serious conflicts of the war.

The description of the battle received by the telegraph is as follows:

"It is stated that the hostile forces encountered on Wednesday, when heavy skirmishing took place, in which the Confederates were driven back with a loss of one hundred prisoners and a large number killed and wounded.

The fight was renewed later, and all the next morning, and again at noon, when it is said that Gen. McCook's corps, which was opposed to Gen. Hardee, was twice repulsed on that day, and at seven o'clock at night was four miles back of the ground occupied in the morning.

The battle, it is said, was renewed at three o'clock on the morning of the 2d, and the two divisions of the Federal army were in full retreat.

The total number of killed and wounded on the Federal side is estimated at twenty-five hundred, among whom the dead numbered six hundred.

It is also said that the hostile forces numbered about 45,000 effectives of all arms.

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clared by the detachment of a portion of Federals to a cavalry, sent to Grant's command, that Morgan's cavalry, which had not divisional strength, had been reduced to 1,000 men, of Kirby Smith's corps, which was ordered to reinforce the Western army of Mississippi.

All together, say 10,000 men, is not deemed opportune to strike."

If these figures are correct, there is but little doubt that the Confederate loss is still greater, and that five hundred were taken prisoners.

The accounts are abundantly marked by the usual complications and confusion of dates and details.

From Washington we have official accounts of the battle of Murfreesboro' in the presence of the obscurer events in Tennessee, the particulars are unimportant. None of the despatches relative to the great conflict at Murfreesboro', assume to be official, if we may except the one from Cleveland, Ohio, by way of Cincinnati, to the Secretary of War, signifying that the Southern army had, however, given no additional particulars.

Intelligence had reached Cairo that the gun-boats accompanying Gen. Sherman's expedition have gone up the Yazoo river. At Druey's Bluff, twenty miles above Vicksburg, a Confederate force of 1,500 men, and a severe engagement followed, during which the town of Bennington was struck sixteen times by the shot penetrating.

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