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GENERAL THOMAS' DEPARTMENT.

The Victory at Franklin, Tenn.

Death of Rebel Gen. O'lebourne.

GEN. THOMAS STRONGLY POSTED.

Another Victory Anticipated.

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AN INFLUX OF DESERTERS.

Visit of Gov. Bradford to the Army.

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HEAVY FIRING HEARD AT PORT ROYAL.

Citizens Enrolled for Home Defence.

&c. &c. &c.

The Victory at Franklin, Tenn.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 2.—Additional reports received increase the magnitude and importance of the late victory over the enemy at Franklin. Thirty stand of colors were captured by the Union forces.

General Stanley, commanding the Fourth Corps, had a very narrow escape, having had his horse killed under him, and was shot in the right shoulder, the ball traversing his back and going out at the left shoulder. He is in this city, and though suffering considerably, is still attending to duty. It is confirmed that General Pat Cleburne or Claiborne, of Tennessee, is killed. General Kimball, commanding the Second Division of Stanley's Corps, in the heat of battle passed a rebel Major General, who told him he was mortally wounded. His man succeeded in carrying off the body. It is believed that Hood's main army is threatening Murfreesboro'.

Forrest's rebel cavalry are demonstrating in our front and right flank.

Commander Fitch is here with a host of iron clads, and sufficient crews have been ordered to man them, the safety of Nashville, but another Union victory, in case of a battle, under any circumstances. Military men all unite in the opinion that General Stanley and Schofield conducted the retreat from Palaski, in the face of the enemy, with admirable skill, crowning all with a magnificent Union victory at Franklin.

GEN. THOMAS' POSITION.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 2.—This morning's Journal says that Gen. Thomas abandoned his strong position at Franklin, and formed a line of battle within three miles of Nashville. Yesterday evening the two hostile armies were engaged in skirmishing, and the battle of musketry ceased, mainly because of the darkness. A battle of terrible fury is imminent, but we do not believe that Gen. Thomas has any fears for the result. He is not so weak as he would make the rebels believe, and can offer battle to better advantage to himself in front of Nashville, than at any other point. His left wing, resting in Murfreesboro' and when strengthened by the forces at Chattanooga, will be strong enough to close upon Hood's rear and cut off his retreat.

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

HEADQUARTERS, Nov. 30.—The lines for several days past, until yesterday afternoon, when our batteries at Fort Hill opened for the entertainment of some English visitors. The enemy at first did not reply, but after a short time they opened from several points, and for a time a perfect shower of shot and shell fell in and around the fort. Unfortunately just at this time some of the troops on duty in the vicinity were being relieved, and several casualties occurred, among which was the wounding of Lieut. Colonel Stanford of the 5th New York Volunteers, who it is said cannot recover. Towards dark the artillery firing ceased, but the pickets kept up their exchanges all night. To-night they are briskly engaged in the same vicinity.

Deserters continue to come into our lines daily, and are coming more and more, and telling of the discontent and demoralization prevailing in their ranks, and expressing their belief in the speedy disruption of the Confederacy.

Governor Bradford, of Maryland, accompanied by a number of prominent citizens of that State, arrived here to-day. They came to present flags to various Maryland Regiments in the 6th Corps. The affair, it is expected, will take place to-morrow.

H. D. McCURDIE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—[Special to the New York Tribune.]—The following dispatches have just been received at this office:

Your Potomac Army correspondent T. S. reports a cavalry reconnaissance made on the 27th, when a large number of contrabands and twelve wagon loads of captured arms, captured while in transit and supposed to have been smuggled into the rebel lines from the James river.

H. H. from the Army of the James reports that Gen. Butler has taken the steamer City of Hudson as his headquarters. He also states an impression which prevails in the army that Fremont's capture was designed by him in furtherance of his well known character and purposes as a Confederate agent before our lines, and his entire confidence in being speedily exchanged, given plausibility to the conjecture.

THE PUBLIC LEADER.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—The old established newspaper, the Public Ledger, has been purchased by Geo. W. Childs, the well known book publisher. Messrs. Swain & Allen, after twenty eight years' successful management of the paper, retire with fortunes estimated at several millions of dollars.

TRADE REGULATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The general regulations for the purchase of the products of the insurrectionary States on Government account, just promulgated, provides for the appointment of agents by the Secretary of the Treasury, at the following designating markets or places of purchase, namely: New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Norfolk, Beaumont, N. C., Port Royal and Pensacola. The price to be paid for any of the products purchased shall be agreed upon between the seller and purchasing agent, but in no case to exceed the market value in the city of New York, according to the latest quotations, which are to be daily forwarded to the agents, and to the collector and surveyor of customs, less a sum equal to the internal revenue tax, the permit fee, and such deductions as will cover transportation, insurance and other expenses, and to such arrangements as may be made for the purchase of the products.

It is further provided, among other things, that the sales of products purchased may be made weekly at public auction to the highest bidder, not exceeding in quantity one-fifth of the amount received during the previous week unless under peculiar circumstances; any person bringing products for sale to the purchasing agent, desiring to re-purchase and transport the same to a legal State, may give notice to that effect at the time of making the sale, when, under certain regulations, the accommodation will be granted, but the products sold shall not be resold until after transportation to a legal State, and the foreign agent, and shall be liable to forfeiture for breach of this regulation.

The President having approved thereunto, has issued an order upon the subject, in which he says all persons, except such as may be in the civil, military or naval service of the Government, having in their possession any products of the States declared in insurrection which the agents are authorized to purchase, and all persons owning or controlling such products therein are authorized to convey the products to either of the places which have been or may hereafter be designated as places of purchase, and such products so desired, shall not be liable to detention, seizure or forfeiture, while in transit or in store awaiting transportation, and no person shall be liable for attempting to transport any merchandise or other articles, except in pursuance of the regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury, or transporting or attempting to transport them, or articles embraced in war, or forbidden by any order of the War Department, will be deemed guilty of military offence and punished accordingly.

The War and Navy Departments have issued general orders, with a view to carry out the trade regulations of the Treasury Department.

INCREASED POSTAL FACILITIES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The Post Office Department has been notified that the Erie Railroad Company have proposed to add additional daily trains on their road to cars in a train, and will enable them to deliver the mails for the West on schedule time. Arrangements are being made for certain connections with the trains West from Baltimore and Philadelphia, which will save about twelve hours' time in travel to Cincinnati and the West.

Representatives of the several Railroads between Washington and New York, were in the city to-day in consultation with the Postmaster General and Messrs. McLean and Sherrill, Assistant Postmaster General, relative to this subject and the making of two trips each way daily, between Washington and New York in ten hours, a through clear track for the trains being agreed upon as essential to this improvement.

THE REBEL ACCOUNT OF SHERMAN'S DEFEAT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—It is said by those who have seen Richmond papers of Wednesday, that they contain only a repetition of the statement that Gen. Sherman is still soundering in the interior of Georgia, and claim that a detachment of our cavalry, sent out in the direction of Beaufort, were all either killed, or dispersed.

AN AGENT.

Dec. 2.—An August, Ga., despatch of the 26th, in the Richmond papers received here, say that Sherman's army was 45 miles south of Augusta, and so far has been 45 miles. This indicates that he was far on his way to Savannah.

[Note.—If Sherman was 45 miles due south of Augusta on the 26th, he was at least not more than 75 miles from Savannah.]

LETTER FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER CHINA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The steamer China, from Liverpool via Queenstown on the 30th inst., has arrived.

The steamer ship, on active business, has been taken as yet in regard to the alleged Federal recruits going out in her.

The British Admiralty has issued stringent orders against naval officers engaging in blockade running.

Cotton is advancing. Breadstuffs dull. Wheat is easier. Provisions are dull. Lard is buoyant. Consols, Oct. 1864, 91 for money.

Molter, the convicted murderer, was executed on the 13th, making a confession on the scaffold.

The arrival of the steamer Canada with the news of the Presidential election, was awaited with the greatest interest. The opinion was almost universal that President Lincoln would be re-elected.

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SHERMAN'S PROGRESS.

HE HAS MATTERS HIS OWN WAY.

Rebels Perfectly Panic Stricken.

NO CHANCE TO STOP HIM.

News from Rebel Sources.

Sherman's Progress—Operations on the Ogeechee.

[From the Augusta Constitutionalist, Nov. 23d.]

The latest reliable intelligence from the direction of Macon comes from our scouts sent out from Sparta. These scouts, who came in last evening, report that a body of 200 to 300 Yankee cavalry, under the command of the Ogeechee, were moving slowly and nervously toward Sparta. Beyond some burning and stealing, this small band of troops has no special significance. We have reason to believe that they will be seriously punished, and, we trust, captured.

One of the most encouraging features of this "invasion" is the fact, which we have from the most undoubted testimony, that the main body of the enemy are separated from their main bodies, and searching for somebody to take them into custody. They are spreading all about the country, and those who are not willing to surrender can be beautifully punished. Let all the old and young folks turn out and give the rebels a lesson in the art of war. The demoralization of our army is most providential for us, and ought to stiffen the backbone of the most timid among us.

Three hundred prisoners arrived last evening from up the Georgia road, and four hundred more are expected to-day. These prisoners report that a division of three thousand of our cavalry had followed them all day long, chasing them, and constantly picking up stragglers and capturing wagons.

Hampton's invincible cavalry will be with us in a day or two, and hang upon their eastern flank.

Gen. Wayne has whipped Kilpatrick's cavalry division at the Ogeechee bridge, and the result is a confusion. He telegraphs that he is perfectly able to take care of himself.

One thousand men, who have been intercepted the enemy at a point, at present unmentionable, and is giving them rest, night or day.

The main body of the enemy is moving down the western side of the Ogeechee, and has shown no disposition thus far, to attempt to pass it.

The skies are brightening. Everything looks gloomy, and ere long Mr. Sherman will get a looking that he little dreamed of. "Du te perdis" is the motto of the Gulf of Perdition be upon him!

[From the Savannah News, Nov. 26.]

We have no reliable information from the front today, of any movements that are going on. We learn that the opinion prevails to some extent in military circles, that Sherman intended to fall back on the coast, and not press toward the coast at present.

Our own forces are gathering and going to the proper place. We are informed that over three thousand rations were secured in this city this morning to newly arrived troops, and we are further informed that four or five thousand more will pass through here in two or three days.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE FRONT—THE ENEMY REPULSED AT OGDON.

[From the Savannah News, Nov. 24.]

A letter from an official dispatch was received from the Ogeechee river. Gen. Wayne has returned to the bridge and opened the office there.

ANOTHER VICTORY AT OGDON.

[From the Augusta Constitutionalist, Nov. 23d.]

Gen. Wayne, having been pressed back by a superior force from Gordon, retired to Ogdon Station. At this point he was receiving reinforcements from the proper direction, and the result was an exceedingly strong one, being backed on either side by impregnable swamps, and only approached by the narrow details of the railroad.

This mass well protected by log forts and stockades, and will battle the assault of heavy columns.

FROM THE CENTRAL RAILROAD.

[From the Augusta Chronicle and Sentinel, November 23d.]

General Wheeler with about ten thousand men has crossed the Ogeechee river, and is in the possession of the bridge over the Ogeechee river. On this road the calets of the Georgia Military, who fought under him, have acquitted themselves nobly.

The enemy have left General Wayne's front and are supposed to have joined the Ogeechee river.

There are no Yankees this side of the Ogeechee river.

FROM THE SAVANNAH NEWS, Nov. 24.

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THE BATTLE IN TENNESSEE.

GEN. HOOD BADLY BEATON.

Late Particulars of the Conflict.

[Special to the New York Times.]

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Thursday, December 1—9.30 P. M.—About noon on Wednesday our main army reached Franklin, when Gen. Schofield prepared to give the mission, as Hood's object was to attack us before we had time to throw up defensive works.

About 4 o'clock the enemy commenced advancing on our lines, when the ball was opened by our batteries shelling their advance, and soon after a regular cannonading opened along the whole line. The rebels, who had been protected by woods, now emerged in full view, and opened with a fierce volley of musketry along the lines, and then charged. For a moment part of our line wavered, and fell back, but the whole line was soon