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HIGHLY IMPORTANT.
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heavy ordnance on Morris Island bearing the Yankee ensigns mounting mortars and having brigade drills. That they have buoyed out Bull's Bay, and have a fleet of some dozen monitors at Port Royal, and somewhere else on the coast a dozen more. These preparations indicate an attack on Charleston, and the advance of Sherman towards Augusta seems to indicate that he is preparing to meet the issue.

The Savannah Republican, of the 25th, says that a large fleet has assembled at Port Royal, Tibes and Dahay, in preparation for Sherman's arrival.

The Savannah News thinks that Sherman's intention is that city, and that unless his army is either repulsed, routed or captured, he will reach that place.

The rebel papers state that Sherman had ordered every house in East Tennessee to be burned and the country desolated, and that he refused to rescind the order on the petition of the citizens of Knoxville.

Army of the Potomac.
Gen. Gregg's Raid on the Weldon Railroad, etc.
HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Dec. 4, 10 P. M. The great deal of artillery firing has prevailed to-day in the vicinity of the Jerusalem Road, but without any result worth mentioning. At this hour universal stillness reigns along the entire line, the pickets seeming to have become weary of their continual firing at each other.

This morning the Maryland Brigade received their new flag, which they ordered for them by the Legislature of that State at its last session. After the brigade had passed in review, Governor Bradford made a speech to the officers and men, which was responded to in feeling terms by the brave Col. Dennison, who commands the brigade.

The men composing this command have seen some of the hardest fighting of the war, and their thinned ranks and tattered colors show how they took their part in each engagement. The new colors are very handsome, and made of heavy blue silk, with fringe and tassels of gold. On the flags are the names of the different battles in which the regiments participated. The entire affair was one of the most agreeable character, and will doubtless have a good effect on the men. The Governor and staff leave tomorrow for Gen. Butler's Department, when the regiment will receive their colors.

Details of the Battle at Franklin.
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of the battle at Franklin, Dec. 3. The Hilton Head correspondent of the Herald says that Gen. Foster's expedition proceeded up Broad river from Hilton Head, landed a few miles below Pocahontas bridge and marched on and captured the bridge after a sharp fight, the rebels evacuating the position. A large quantity of cotton was found and destroyed.

It was supposed that the rebel force along the coast had been materially reduced to concentrate a force against Sherman. The Naval correspondent of the Herald, off Charleston, states that the blockade runner *Beatrice* ran ashore on the night of the 17th, and that three of the crew were captured.

Admiral Dahlgren and Gen. Foster are both in communication with Gen. Sherman, who is supposed to be marching on Savannah, and a joint force has been organized to co-operate with him while other expeditions are moving on other important strategic points.

It was reported on shore that Lee was marching against Sherman.

FROM GEORGIA PAPERS.
The Savannah Georgia papers received by the Associated Press, by the steamer from Port Royal, of the 27th ult., and the Richmond papers of December 21st contain intelligence in regard to Sherman's march, from which the following summary is digested.

It appears that an attack was made on East Macon, on Sunday the 20th, the rebels being a battery, which was subsequently recovered with small loss on both sides. The attack was expected to be renewed on the 21st, but it was not, and the rebels came to the conclusion that the movement on Sunday was only a feint, and was probably made by a small portion of Gen. Sherman's command, as the Augusta Constitutionalist, of the 21st, says that the rebel cavalry in burning barns and corn cribs, and every thing that may be of use to General Sherman in front of his army on the Ocmulgee river.

The Savannah Republican of the 24th and 25th, contains dispatches stating that on the 24th there was fighting all day at the Ocmulgee bridge, which was held by the rebels. In the evening the Federals, it says, had turned their guns in another direction on the other side of the river, indicating an attack in the rear. Wheeler was crossing eighteen miles below the bridge to aid in its defence.

Another dispatch states that the *Federal* has landed General Vance at Ocean Bluffs on the Central Railroad, compelling him to retreat. The Federals had also crossed at Hilton's Ferry four miles below the bridge.

The Augusta Constitutionalist, of the 21st, says that apprehensions prevailed there on the 24th, in consequence of a rumor that a dispatch had been received announcing the passage of the Ocmulgee river, near Milledgeville, by the enemy, who were reported advancing in the direction of Augusta.

The Savannah and Augusta papers of the 25th, state that the main body of Sherman's army was reported on the 24th to be ten miles west of Savannahville, coming forward towards Savannah rapidly, and spreading devastation in his track.

The Richmond Whig of the 11th, says—'News from Georgia yesterday, 10th, shows that Sherman is gradually approaching the coast, but refrains from giving the direction.' 'He has met,' it is said, 'with no serious opposition since the repulse at Port Royal.'

The Richmond Dispatch says that the official intelligence of Sherman's movements and prevent whereabouts was received yesterday, but does not mention what Port Royal. It says that the enemy has fourteen gunboats and transports near Port Royal.

The Charleston Mercury of the 21st, says that the enemy have forty pieces of

The enemy had quite a stretch of the new road graded and the ties cut and rails on the ground ready to lay down, but it is said that they will abandon the project, as they have learned that our cavalry can at any time strike it in a few hours.

It is said that Hampton's cavalry had nearly all been sent off to oppose Sherman, and that the stores found at the depot were for the supply of their horses, which are supposed to have been run out when our troops were found to be approaching.

The entire affair was one of the most successful we have had during the campaign, and reflects great credit on all who were engaged. Capt. Hayes, who commanded the 4th Pennsylvania Regiment, is highly spoken of for his gallantry on the occasion. He had one soldier killed and another wounded in the action.

Nearly one hundred contrabands came in with the column, and they are of all ages and very poorly clad, but seem to have reached our lines.

The prisoners were sent to City Point yesterday to be forwarded to Washington. W. D. McCREGON.

FROM NASHVILLE.
NASHVILLE, Dec. 2.—Gen. Wood occupies General Stanley in command of the 4th Corps, General S. being unable to take the field. His desperate bravery at the Franklin fight contributed mainly to turn what threatened to be a disastrous repulse into a glorious victory.

When part of his command retreated before the enemy, he rushed to the front, had his horse shot under him, and, although wounded, still led on the charge. Waving his hat and calling on his men to follow him, he rallied his faltering troops, and repelled seven successive charges.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 2.—There is slight skirmishing with the enemy's cavalry all day to-day. A complete line of entrenchments encircles the city. A portion of our cavalry force encountered Forrest's rebel cavalry three miles from town, on the Franklin pike.

The rebels could be plainly seen advancing, when our troops retired towards the city. Night coming on, only a few occasional shots were exchanged, but it is rumored that Hood is endeavoring to cross the Cumberland with a large cavalry force. Experienced officers predict an engagement to-morrow.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 2.—The Gazette's Nashville correspondent gives some additional particulars of the battle at Franklin; we had the plan of the battle was very simple; we had to get up a complete plan, as the enemy pressed us so sorely, and obliged us to fight him.

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