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FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC

MOVEMENT ON LEE'S RIGHT FLANK.

The Troops Across the Nottoway.

Reported Engagement at Stony Creek

A GREAT RAID IN MISSISSIPPI.

Thirty Miles of Railroad Torn Up.

Much Private Property Destroyed

&c., &c., &c.

From the Army of the Potomac.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—The mail steamer Coosack arrived here at 10 o'clock to-day from City Point.

She confirms the reported mauling of the second and fifth corps near the Jerusalem plank road.

Up to the hour at which the Coosack left City Point—10 o'clock yesterday morning—nothing definite had been heard as to the result of the movement, and there was nothing to indicate that the progress of the troops had been stopped, or that a fight was going on.

The cold weather is having a telling effect upon the rank and file of Lee's army, and large numbers of deserters are again coming into our lines.

Headquarters Army of the Potomac, December 8, P. M.—Yesterday morning, at daylight, the Fifth Corps, with the third division of the Second and two brigades of Gregg's cavalry, started South.

They were heard from yesterday afternoon on the Jerusalem plank road, without meeting opposition of any consequence.

They crossed on pontoons, which they took up after doing so.

Deserters who came in this morning state that Mahone's Division was sent off yesterday morning to meet them, but as no fighting in that direction has been heard to-day, it is not believed that any engagement had taken place.

December 9.—A reconnoitering force of cavalry went out on the left yesterday afternoon, and striking the rebel pickets on the Vaughn road, drove them to Hatcher's Run, a distance of over two miles, where they had breastworks erected, and where they made a stand.

Skirmishing continued for some time, when the object of the movement having been accomplished, the expedition returned.

Our loss was seven men wounded; that of the enemy unknown.

Some of those who accompanied this report state that Grieg was heard in the direction of Stony Creek, which would indicate that fighting was going on between General Warren and the enemy.

Reports are current that an early evacuation of Petersburg may be looked for; but very little attention is paid to these rumors.

W. D. McGEORGE.

LATER.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY OF POTOMAC, Dec. 9, P. M.—Another reconnoissance was made this morning along the Vaughn road, toward Hatcher's Run, over the same route the cavalry went yesterday. The force consisted of detachments from several regiments of cavalry, under command of Colonel Kirwin, of the First Division of the Second Corps, under Gen. Miles.

The victors of the enemy were driven across the run, where a sharp fire was opened on the advance from a line of breastworks on the opposite side.

After some skirmishing, to discover the strength of the enemy, a charge was made across the run, and the works carried by assault, but not until the rebels had made good their retreat up the south side. Our men took position in the captured breastworks, while skirmishers were thrown out on both flanks.

Soon after a report came that the enemy were moving up and across the river, a half mile west of the road, where our troops were evincing an intention to attack on the right flank. General Miles at once disposed his command to receive them, but the enemy did not make their appearance during the afternoon, and it is believed they fell back to a stronger position at Armstrong's Mill.

The impression is that the enemy had no large force in the vicinity, otherwise a more stubborn resistance to our advance would have been made. Our loss in the charge was seventeen men wounded, among them Lieut. Ward, of the 91st Cavalry. The loss of the enemy is not known. If they had any carried them off, for none fell into our hands.

Later in the afternoon reports came that the enemy were moving toward the left in heavy force. Arrangements were made to meet them, but at half-past midnight they have not appeared.

In my despatch a few days ago, giving a list of promotions by brevet, I included the name of General Meade as being made a Brevet Major General. This was incorrect. He was made a full Major General by the regular army, to date from August 15th, 1864.

This promotion was conferred at the special request of General Grant, for services during the present campaign.

W. D. McGEORGE.

REPRESENTATIVE RECALLED AND REAPPOINTED IN HAWAII.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—In response to many inquiries, it is stated that the first Corps, Major General Hancock commanding, and principals will be exempt from draft, but such substitutes will not receive the Government bounty. They should be forwarded to Washington for enlistment. Representative recruits, however, may be enlisted in the corps, and these will receive the Government bounty.

HOW SAVANNAH OR DEBOUTPORT MAY BE REACHED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The Augusta Chronicle of the 4th inst., which has been received here, says:

"The fact that Sherman's army has reached Millen, settles the question that its direction is towards Savannah. The route, however, is yet to be determined. He may move his whole army direct to Savannah by the old road from Augusta, Bedford District, S. C., crossing the Savannah river, to form a junction with Gen. Foster at Grahamsville, or he may divide his army and march a section by each route."

"Foster's advance, together with the sending of signals, indicate that he expected to meet Sherman, but the latter failed to come to time."

The point to be gained by the capture of Grahamsville is to cut off reinforcements from Augusta to Savannah. This would place Savannah at his mercy, as he would use Port Royal for a base, and then proceed to the ultimate object of his campaign—the capture of Savannah, or perhaps Charleston. He would hardly risk a battle before another good supply of supplies he has on hand, and will first give his base at Port Royal. In view of these considerations, no matter what plans he may make, he will aim to reach the point where Foster is now waiting for him."

The Savannah News of the 3d inst. has a glowing report of how Wheeler "whipped and pursued Kilpatrick near Waynesboro."

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The War in Tennessee.

Federal Loss in the Battle of Overton.

Two Thousand Men Reported—Over One Thousand Hood Abductees Males Movers.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 9.—The weather is very cold. There is nothing new from the front to-day. There was some shelling in front of the Fourth Corps, and several were wounded on both sides.

A heavy storm of snow set in this morning. The rebel lines in our front appear intact, and there are no indications of their making an attack, or of retreating away. The excitement in town has nearly subsided, and no apprehensions are felt for the safety of the city.

The gunboats went down the river again, to-day, to a point where the rebel batteries had been engaged, and drove the rebels back from there, after which they returned to the city.

Nashville, Dec. 10.—The Federal loss in the battle at Franklin, as ascertained by official reports, is greater than at first supposed. In the second division of the 23d corps the loss was 34 officers and 638 men killed, wounded and missing; in the second division of the 4th corps, 33 officers and 1,191 men, and in the third division of the same corps, 27 officers and 270 men. A large proportion are slightly wounded, and are in hospital here.

The loss to the residents living near the lines of the two armies is estimated at over half a million of dollars.

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NEWS FROM THE SOUTH.

GEN. SHERMAN'S MARCH.

HE HALTS TO "GRIND COBN."

THE YANKEES IN MILLEDGEVILLE.

They Indulge in a "Grand Ball."

THE TROOPS ADMIRABLY CLOTHED.

They have Rations for Forty Days.

EVIDENTLY MOVING ON SAVANNAH.

Both Flanks of his Army Covered.

NEWS FROM CHARLESTON.

News from the Trans-Mississippi.

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ashamed to buy soap are not ashamed to beg the very last dollar from an individual, and first spend a greater part of their time running about seeking charity.

They will stand three hours in front of a cigar store, waiting a chance to beg for five dollars worth of soap.

The present cost of materials and fuel, will not make a quart of such soap as they get out of the houses. We predict that those who now scow the soap house will come to it before Christmas. In the meantime, they will beg for the association to sell it to any who desire to buy it, and there are many, not of the very poor, who are anxious to get it, all the soap not disposed of to the poor.

It would prevent waste, and could be stopped when the demands of the poor made it necessary.

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