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OFFICIAL REPORT

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC

Pierce Attack on Fort Steadman

THE GARRISON IS OVER-POWERED.

RECAPTURE OF THE FORT.

Enemy Repulsed with Heavy Loss

3,000 REBELS KILLED AND WOUNDED.

2,700 REBEL PRISONERS TAKEN.

TWO BATTLE FLAGS CAPTURED.

UNION LOSS EIGHT HUNDRED.

General McLaughlin a Prisoner.

SHERMAN'S CAMPAIGN.

Important from Gen. Schofield

HE OCCUPIES GOLDSBORO.

Sherman Approaching that Place.

HIS PLANS WORK ADMIRABLY.

The Railroad Bridges Burned.

A FIGHT NEAR MOUNT OLIVE.

The Rebels Retreat in Confusion

&c. &c. &c.

Official Bulletin.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—P. M.

Major General Dix, care of John Henry, New York.

This morning, at half past four o'clock, the enemy, by a strong and sudden assault, captured Fort Steadman, but after a vigorous contest the fort was recaptured, with sixteen hundred prisoners, two battle flags, and all the guns uninjured.

General McLaughlin was taken prisoner by the rebels, who assaulted the fort with great loss, but was repulsed with great loss. The official report is subjoined.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

CITY POINT, VA., March 27.—10:30 P. M.

The following dispatch of Gen. Parke is received from General Meade.

U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant General.

The enemy attacked my front this morning at about 4:30, with three divisions, under command of General Gordon. My division, which consisted of the 1st, 2d and 3d brigades of the first division at the foot of the hill to the right of Fort Steadman, wheeled, and overpowered the garrison, took possession of the fort. They established themselves on the hill, turning our guns upon us. Our troops on either bank stood firm.

Soon after, a determined attack was made on Fort Haskell, held by part of McLaughlin's brigade of Wilcox's division, and was repulsed with great loss to the enemy. The first brigade of Hartman's division, held in reserve, was brought up, and a check given to any further advance.

One or two attempts to retake the hill were made, and were only temporarily successful, until the arrival of the second brigade. A charge was made by that brigade, aided by the troops of the first division on either flank, and the enemy were driven out of the fort with the loss of a number of prisoners, estimated at about sixteen hundred. Two battle flags had also been brought in.

The whole line was immediately reoccupied, and the guns retaken unharmed. I regret to add that Gen. McLaughlin was captured in Fort Steadman.

Our loss was otherwise not heavy.

Great praise is due to Gen. Hartman for the gallantry displayed in landing his division, which behaved with great skill in this first engagement.

(Signed) JOHN S. PARKER, Major General.

[SECOND DISPATCH]

Major General Dix, care of John Henry, New York.

WASHINGTON, March 27, P. M.—Later reports from General Grant, who has just returned, show that the operations of our forces this morning were brilliantly successful. The rebel prisoners already secured number two thousand seven hundred; the rebels killed and wounded, Grant estimates at probably not less than three thousand. Our loss is estimated at five hundred, but may prove less.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

GEN. GRANT'S DISPATCH.

To Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War.—City Point, March 27.—The number of prisoners received by the Potomac Army is twenty-two hundred and fifty. Second Corps, and five hundred by the Ninth Corps. There may be still more to be brought in.

U. S. GRANT, General.

To Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War.—City Point, Va., March 27, 7:30 P. M.—I am not able to give the results of the day accurately, but the number of prisoners captured prove larger than at first reported. The slaughter of the enemy at the point where they entered our lines

FROM THE SOUTH

WAR IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Rebel Reports of the Fighting at Averysboro and Batesville.

VICTORIES CLAIMED IN BOTH ACTIONS

GOLDSBORO EVACUATED.

Reported Rebel Successes in Florida and Louisiana

&c. &c. &c.

Latest from the South.

THE BATTLE NEAR AVERYSBORO.

The Raleigh Progress of March 20 says that the first report to have been received from the rebel forces in North Carolina, was that they had been repulsed at Averysboro. The editor commented with several wounded and other soldiers captured in the fight, and they all agreed that it was a desperate one. Most of them think our entire loss was about one thousand, while they say that the enemy must have been four or five thousand.

Another account, said to be official, is that our loss was three hundred and fifty, while the Yankees was between three and four thousand.

The Progress gives the following account of the battle, without vouching for the accuracy of the statements.

It seems that the fight commenced about noon on Wednesday, the 16th inst., and continued until about five o'clock, when the skirmishing was carried on all night, and on Thursday morning the battle commenced furiously, and lasted the whole day. A fierce and desperate struggle was entered between Black Creek and Cape Fear rivers, at a great distance from the main army.

It is said that the rebels were repulsed at a point higher up than that at which the enemy crossed the former stream. Here he was attacked by two corps of Sherman's army, and was repulsed several times, and each charge was repulsed with immense slaughter. We do not know whether the Rebels of Gen. Bragg, but we are informed that his troops were driven back, which made it necessary for them to fall back to prevent being cut off from the rear.

Two guns, the horses belonging to them being all killed, so that he was unable to bring them off.

THE BATTLE AT BATESVILLE.

[From the Richmond Whig, March 21.]

We received to-day a dispatch from a private source south of Danville. The following particulars are given: The Rebels, under the command of Gen. Johnston, yesterday, relative to the victory at Batesville, was written before the receipt of the official telegram, and is in the city newspaper.

The affair that has resulted in this morning from the Register states, that the battle commenced at 11 o'clock, and lasted for five hours. The Rebels, under the command of Gen. Johnston, yesterday, relative to the victory at Batesville, was written before the receipt of the official telegram, and is in the city newspaper.

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North Carolina News.

(Correspondence Philadelphia Inquirer.)

REBELS.

Tells that Major General Hoke was killed while leading the assault against our lines on the 19th inst. He states that he saw the dead body of the general lying upon the field. The people of Kingston profess to know nothing of Hoke's death, the deserter adheres persistently to his story.

AN ESCAPED PRISONER'S NARRATIVE.

The first white man that came to our pickets beyond Kingston was Dan Moore, a native and resident of Reading, Penn., twenty years of age, and of fine physical organization. His narrative possesses much interest, and is nearly as practicable in his own words.

Mr. Moore first entered the service in April, 1861, in the 15th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was captured by the rebels on the 11th of June, 1864.

HIS CAPTURE.

Were of Rosser's brigade, the General was on the march on the 11th day of June. Rosser's cavalry commenced by relieving Moore of his watch, money and clothing, and then proceeded to strip him of his shirt and drawers. When thus robbed and stripped he was marched to Charlottesville, Va., where he remained five days, and then was sent to Libby. This transfer occupied two days, during which he was confined in a small cell, and was furnished with four ounces of corn bread and three spoonfuls of bean soup for dinner. Four days he was allowed to remain in the same cell, and was then transferred to a cell in the prison at Richmond, where he remained for several days.

From Libby he was transferred to Salisbury, where he remained for several days, and then was sent to the prison at Richmond, where he remained for several days.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Destructive Fire.—A few minutes past

11 o'clock Saturday morning a dense volume of light-colored smoke, rising from the corner of Light and Baltimore streets, developed, causing persons to suppose that the entire building was in flames. The fire was extinguished by the fire department, and the building was saved.

From Fort Steadman.

ARRIVAL OF THE PRESIDENT.—HIS VISIT TO GEN. GRANT. Fort Monroe, March 21.—His Excellency, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, accompanied by Mrs. Lincoln and a few Government officials, arrived here this morning from Washington on the dispatch steamer River Queen, and after a brief stay, proceeded up James river to City Point. The President and party will visit General Grant's headquarters and then proceed to view the various portions of our lines in front of Richmond and Petersburg.

The Congressional party, embracing a number of eminent Senators and Representatives and several prominent members of the press, will accompany the President on his visit to the front.

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