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Friday — Genl Meade visits Washington today for consultation with the Preat & Gen-in-Chief. His Head Qrs. are now at Rappahannock Station, The Railroad is finished only to Bealton from which place supplies are wagoned, The rails are down beyond that point but the road is not ballasted & not capable of supporting heavy Trains.

Str. Massachusetts has just arrived at Ft. Monroe 48 hours from Charleston. She reports Ft. Sumter as a pile of sand, all the Monitors will be ready for Naval operations in a few days, The people of Florida are driving their cattle East of St. Johns river to prevent Bragg's army from getting them,

Saturday Nov. 14. 1863.

Information rec'd today from the west indicates that Burnside will soon be attacked at Knoxville. It is said that Longstreet is advancing towards London from the direction of Bragg's army with from twenty to forty thousand men. Gen. Grant has been advised to have Gen. Thomas attack the communications of Longstreet northwest of Chattanooga & compel him to fall back.

Sunday Nov. 8. 1863.

It has rained since 6 o'clock this morning very heavily. At this time (10 a.m.) the sky has cleared & the sun is almost vainly trying to show his face.

Genl Meade telegraphs that from deserters & scouts he is induced to believe that Lee's entire army is falling back & he has ordered strong reconnoissances to be made in the morning.

Went to Church in the evening at Dr. Gurley's Presby.n

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Monday Nov 16. 1863.

Burnside has ordered his force of the 9th Corps to make an attack on the advance of Longstreet's troops near Loudon. He will if not successful retreat by way of Cumberland Gap, destroying all property which cannot be carried off. In the meantime Gen. Grant is to advance on Missionary Ridge from the North with a portion of Sherman's troops which have arrived at Bridgeport, & some of Thomas. The balance of Sherman's troops will go by Whiteside Stn. & occupy Trenton. Bragg will thus be compelled to fall back from his position and Longstreet will be cut off from his base.

The Railroad is now running to Culpepper C. H. Va. & Gen Meade will evidently make some demonstration against Lee.

Tuesday Nov 17 1863.

Weather clear and pretty cold.

Gen. Grant telegraphs that he is pushing everything to give Gen. Burnside early aid, & that he has impressed upon him in

the strongest terms the necessity of holding on to his position. Genl Sherman's troops marched today from Bridgeport & a strong column will be thrown between Bragg & Longstreet as soon as possible.

Gen Burnside telegraphs that Longstreet crossed the Tenn. on saturday at Huff's ferry six miles below London with about 15,000 men. His advance was resisted until ~~his~~ our position was turned by superior force & Burnside then retired in good order. His force is all within the lines of Knoxville.

Longstreet attacked our forces yesterday at Campbell's station & fighting ~~has been going~~ was kept up all day in which serious loss was inflicted on the enemy. Gen Burnside thinks he will be able to hold his position.

God grant that he may.

Wednesday Nov. 18th '63.

Today has been very pleasant indeed. Tomorrow occurs the dedication of the Gettysburg ~~Cemetery~~ Cemetery. A grand time is expected.

Thursday
Nov. 19. 1863.

Another cool & pleasant day, Nothing heard from dedication of the National Cemetery. Prest. & Lincoln will undoubtedly return tomorow. Smithers is certainly elected Representative in Delaware. All plans are made for Sherman with 27,000 men to advance on Missionary Ridge while Hooker attacks Lookout mountain, Ewing of Sherman's Corps will occupy Trenton Ga. & a heavy force will be thrown on the front of the enemy's lines opposite Chattanooga. The whole movement will be culminated by Saturday. No class tonight on account of protracted meetings at the Foundry, which are now going on, Great good is being done —

Friday. Nov. 20. 1863.

News from Burnside said today is that he is surrounded by an overwhelming force. Fighting was going all day yesterday but no result known. Gen Wilcox is on his way from Bull's Gap to Tazewell, or Cumberland Gap with all of Burnside's Army not concentrated at Knoxville, He will make good his position at Cumberland Gap —

Saturday Nov. 21. 1863.

We have news from Gn. Willcox up to 4. P. m. 20th. He was then at Tazwell Tenn. His Cavalry had broken through the Enemy's line of pickets on the Knoxville road & from prisoners learned that the Enemy had assaulted Burnside on the 19th carrying two entrenchment but lost very heavily, our men reserving their fire till the rebels were close upon them.

Some firing was heard yesterday but not so heavily as the 19th.

Gen Grant's flank movement on Bragg has been delayed on account of Sherman's troops not being able to come up but it will be made soon.

Gold is at 154 today. It rains here quite steadily.

Gen Meade's preparations for an advance will all have been made today or tomorrow.

Sunday. Nov. 22. 1863.

My cold is a great deal better today. The air is clear this morning & the weather perfectly delightful.

Gen Wilcox has reached Cumberland Gap. His latest news from direction of Knoxville was up to 10 a.m. 21st. when firing was still going on. Gen Grant telegraphs that on account of bad roads & scarcity of horses & mules, the proposed movement cannot possibly be made before Monday (to morrow) morning. God bless it.

I attended the Foundry church morning. Heard Dr. Perrin of Wyoming Conf. in the morning from 1. Cor. 2. chap. 5. v. "That ye have faith, not in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

It was a well delivered sermon & edifying. Heard Br. Stitt in the evening. Both upstairs & down was crowded. A glorious revival goes on. Some 30 persons joined the Church today

Monday Nov. 23. 1863.

Nothing later from Burnside. At last accounts he was still fighting the Enemy. Gen Grant telegrs that Genl. Thomas troops attacked the rebel's left at two P.M. today & carried the first line of rifle pits. They captured 200 prisoners besides Killed & wounded, & they will entrench themselves & hold their position until daylight by which time Sherman's troops will be up & a general battle will be begun. Bragg is, from all information gained, falling back to protect his line of Communication with Longstreet

Genl Meade advances tomorrow morning but do not know how far.

Tuesday, & Wednesday kept very busy,

Thursday was at Baltimore,

Friday Novr. 27. 1863.

We are having beautiful weather now. I arrived in Washn today from Balto. where I had gone to spend my Thanksgiving with Mr & Mrs Brown. I worked hard all day on Wednesday to get cipher books for Maj. Dana ready & left the Office at 4½ P.m. I left the City at 2 o'clk reaching Mrs Brown's about 7. I found her & family all well & glad to see me. I rested well during the night, arose in the morning about 7 o'clock. After partaking of a good breakfast I sauntered down Baltimore St. & visited the American Tel. ofs. saw Mr Mattingly & Mr Wilson, the manager & asst. manager, Gentry the chief op. The office was in good order & looked neat. Guthridge & Stumm were still there. Stumm goes Dec. 1. to take charge of the Independent ofs. at Cleveland. Next went to Gen. Schenck's Hd Qrs. saw Sampson but not Baldwin.

returned to Mrs Brown's & ate a hearty Thanksgiving dinner. Mr McKnight was there, after dinner I went in search of Mr & Mrs Creighton formerly of Atoona. found them at No. 100 Chew St. Found them comfortably situated rejoiced to see me stayed & took tea with them. Bro. Creighton read me part of his sermon of that morning. It was thoroughly union & did him great credit. From there I went to Mrs Brown's. Rested again well & left at 5.50 this morning, well satisfied with my visit.

Gen Grants operations have been perfectly successful. The Enemy evacuated Lookout mountain & Missionary Ridge & were pressed by Hooker & Sherman, we have taken some 7000 prisoners & 60 pieces of cannon besides vast quantities of meat & stores. The rout of the Rebels is complete. They burned bridges & stores & devastated every

thing they could. Their straggles are left
all along the different roads.

Genl Sherman occupies today Red
Clay Station on the ~~East Tenn RR~~
Cleveland & Dalton RR & this cuts
communication between Bragg and
Longstreet & the latter will be compelled
to retreat from Knoxville to Western
Virginia or be captured or annihilated.
Genl Grant will very likely press on
to Atlanta, where the rebels have a
large amount of stores collected, together
with about 12,000,000 bales of cotton,
which they have not the time to
remove. Grants forces are in
pursuit of Bragg's retreating columns.

Saturday Nov. 28. 1863.

A cloudy rainy day, very unpleasant.
Went to Choir meeting this evening, staid
half an hour & then came to the Office.
Genl Meade has in all probability
fought a battle today near Orange C.H.
We have not heard the result.

Sunday Nov 29. 1863.

Today is Clear & windy, not very cold. I went to hear Dr. Ryan at the Foundry Church this morning. The house was pretty full. Some 20 person joined the Church. The Choir sang "Watchman" and "Alida" Preaching will take place this evening both up Stairs and down.

Lines all working except to Fd Drs which is o.k. only to the Rappahannock Fd Drs is beyond the Rapidan. We can hear nothing of their movements.

Col. Crawford arrived at Cumberland Gap from Knoxville at 4 P.M. yesterday. He left Gen Burnside on Wednesday night. Burnside is almost entirely surrounded by the rebels who are in heavy force & are busy entrenching themselves. He can defend himself against any assault but for want of provisions may have to surrender. Gen Burnside says he can hold out six or eight days from that time. Gen Granger is two days on his way

from Chattanooga to relieve him & Sherman will go to the Hiawassee in his support. These forces cannot fail to relieve Genl Burnside very soon. From prisoners taken at Knoxville it is thought that some of Ewell's Corps would reinforce Longstreet, the systematic & deliberate manner in which the siege is conducted also leads to the same conclusion.

Monday Nov. 30. 1863.

Attended Church last night at Foundry Heard Pro. Stitt preach. Mr & Mrs Tinker were there, and I accompanied them home, & visited them a little while.

This morning is very cold indeed. We have had nothing from the Army of the Potomac since 7, a.m. on Saturday. Hdqrs are near Robertson's Tavern.

Nothing yet from Burnside. Everybody is anxious. Gen. Grant says that a forward advance from Chattanooga can not be made until six months supplies are collected, & that it will not take

all his force to hold Chattanooga. & he proposes to embark 35.000 men ~~will be sufficient for the~~ at Chattanooga ostensibly to return them to West Tenn & Vicksburg & he thinks he can land them at New Orleans, or possibly at Pascagoula Bay & invest Mobile before the enemy gets wind of it. He will invest Mobile with a small force keeping the garrison imprisoned without any unnecessary fight whilst with the bulk of his force he marches towards Montgomery. Selma or whatever point invites attack. He thinks a vigorous winter campaign can be conducted there. He desires the sanction of the Government.

Tuesday Dec 1. 1863.

Another clear cold day. Winter has fairly set in. Heretofore he has been trifling in his weak attacks now he boldly comes forth as if to assert his rightful Supremacy

over the milder seasons. The leaves are all gone & the air is dry & chill, & it takes a person pretty heavily whilst out doors to keep comfortably warm.

We rec'd a cipher telegram today dated Knoxville Nov. 28th from Genl. Burnside. He had not been assaulted vigorously yet. He had repulsed the enemy in all his attacks, inflicting upon him severe loss. He felt himself fully able to hold out against any force that had yet made its appearance. He had ample supplies & his troops were in excellent spirits.

The siege of Charleston still progresses, Occasionally a shell is thrown into the city. But little damage appears to be done.

Nothing yet from Genl Meade's army.

The rebel Genl. Morgan who escaped last week from Columbus penitentiary is rumored to be at Toronto Canada. He will be a powerful leader for the conspirators there.

16. The following is the official despatch giving details of Gen. Grant's late battles

DETAILED OFFICIAL DESPATCH.

HEADQUARTERS, CHATTANOOGA, Nov. 26, 1863.

Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War:

SIR: On the 23d instant, at 11½ A. M., Gen. GRANT ordered a demonstration against Mission Ridge, to develop the force holding it. The troops marched out, formed in order, and advanced in line of battle, as if on parade.

The rebels watched the formation and movement with picket fire and rifle-pits, and from the summit of Mission Ridge, five hundred feet above, and thought it was a review and drill, so openly and deliberately, so regular, was it all done.

The line advanced, preceded by skirmishers, and at 2 o'clock P.M. reached our picket lines and opened a galling volley upon the rebel pickets, who replied and ran into their advanced line of rifle-pits. After them went our skirmishers and into them, along the centre of the line of 25,000 troops which Gen. THOMAS had so quickly displayed, until we opened fire.

Prisoners assert that they thought the whole movement was a review and general drill, and that it was too late to send to their camps for reinforcements, and that they were overwhelmed by force of numbers. It was a surprise in open daylight.

At 3 P. M., the important advanced position of Orchard Knob and the lines right and left were in our possession, and arrangements were ordered for holding them during the night. The next day, at daylight, Gen. THOMAS had 5,000 men across the Tennessee, and established on its south bank, and commenced the construction of a pontoon bridge about six miles above Chattanooga.

The rebel steamer *Dunbar* was repaired at the right moment, and rendered effective aid in this crossing, carrying over six thousand men. By night, Gen. THOMAS had seized the extremity of Missionary Ridge nearest the river, and was entrenching himself. Gen. HOOKER, with a brigade, opened communication with him from Chattanooga, on the south side of the river. Skirmishing and cannonading continued all day on the left and centre. Gen. HOOKER scaled the slopes of Lookout Mountain, and from the valley of Lookout Creek drove the rebels around the point. He captured some two thousand prisoners, and established himself high up the mountain side, in full view of Chattanooga. This raised the blockade, and now steamers were ordered from Bridgeport to Chattanooga. They had run only to Kelly's Ferry, whence ten miles of hauling over mountain roads and twice across the Tennessee on pontoon bridges brought us our supplies.

All night the point of Missionary Ridge on the extreme left and the side of Lookout Mountain, on the extreme right, blazed with the camp-fires of loyal troops.

The day had been one of dense mists and rains, and much of Gen. HOOKER'S battle was fought above the clouds, which concealed him from our view, but from which his musketry was heard.

At nightfall the sky cleared and the full moon, "the traitors moon," shone upon the beautiful scene, until 1 A. M., when twinkling sparks upon the mountain side showed that picket skirmishing was going on. Then it ceased. A brigade, sent from Chattanooga, crossed the Chattanooga Creek and opened communication with HOOKER.

Gen. GRANT'S headquarters during the afternoon of the 23d and the day of the 24th, were in Wood's redoubt, except when, in the course of the day, he rode along the advanced line, visiting the headquarters of the several commanders, in Chattanooga Valley.

At daylight on the 25th the Stars and Stripes were flowing on the peak of Lookout. The rebels had evacuated the mountain.

HOOKER moved to descend the rear of Mission Ridge at the Rossville Gap in sides and on its summit.

The rebel troops were seen in enough, streaming regiments and narrow summit of Mission Ridge trating on the right to overwhelm it ing for the railroad, and raising the

They had evacuated the valley would they abandon that of Chicam

The twenty-pounders and four rifles of Wood's redoubt, opened Orchard Knob sent its compliment which was rifled Parrotts answered side thus commenced continued a shell screamed from Orchard K ay Ridge, and from Missionary chard Knob, and from Wood the heads of Gens. GRANT and Staffs, who were with us in this from whence the whole battle con amphitheatre. The headquarters day long.

Cannonading and musketry wen SHERMAN, and Gen. HOWARD marci corps to join him.

Gen. THOMAS sent out skirmisher rebel pickets, and chased them in ments, and at the foot of Mission made an assault against BRAGG'S ed on a high knob next to that, was himself lay fortified. The ass made.

SHERMAN reached the edge of h his ground for (it seemed to me) bloodily repulsed by reserves.

A general advance was ordered of skirmishers, followed by a deplo some two miles in length. At th shots from the headquarters on C line moved rapidly and orderly for sketts discharged their muskets a rifle-pits. Our skirmishers followe

The line of battle was not far beh the grey rebels swarm out of the le pits, by thousands which surprised base of the hill. A few turned and but the greater number collected in which cross ekletsely up the river,

to their top. Some regiments pressed on and swarmed up the steep sides of the ridge, and here and there a color was advanced beyond the lines. The attempt appeared most dangerous, but the assurance was supported, and the whole line was ordered to storm the heights, upon which not less than forty pieces of artillery, and no one knew how many muskets, stood ready to slaughter the assailants. With cheers answering to cheers, the men swarmed upwards. They scattered to the points least difficult of ascent, and the line was broken. Color after color was planted on the summit, while musket and cannon vomited their thunder upon them.

A well-directed shot from Orchard Knob exploded a rebel caisson on the summit, and the gun was seen galloping to the flight, its driver lashing his horses. A party of our soldiers intercepted them, and the gun was captured with them.

A fierce musketry fight broke out to the left, where, between Tunnel and Shingle, a mile or two of the ridge was still occupied by the rebels.

BRAGG left the house in which he had held his headquarters, and rode to the rear as our troops crowded the hill on either side of him.

Gen. GRANT proceeded to the summit, and then did we only know the height.

Some of the captured artillery was put into position. Artillerists were sent for to work the guns. Caissons were selected for ammunition.

The rebel log breastworks were torn to pieces and carried to the other side of the ridge, and used in forming barricades across.

A strong line of infantry was formed in the rear of BRAGG'S line, hotly engaged in a musketry contest with the rebels to the left, and a secure lodgement was soon effected.

The other assault to the right of our centre gained the summit, and the rebels threw down their arms and fled.

HOOKER coming in favorable position, swept the right of the ridge and captured many prisoners.

BRAGG'S remaining troops left early in the night, and the battle of Chattanooga, after days of manoeuvring and fighting, was won. The strength of the retention in the centre is broken, BURNSIDE is relieved from danger in East Tennessee, Kentucky and Tennessee are rescued. Georgia and the southeast are threatened in the rear, and another victory is added to the chapter of "Unconditional Surrender GRANT."

To-night the estimate of captures is several thousands of prisoners and thirty pieces of artillery.

Our loss for so great a victory is not severe.

BRAGG is firing the railroad as he retreats towards Dalton. SHERMAN is in hot pursuit.

To-day I viewed the battle-field, which extends for six miles along Mission Ridge and for several miles on Lookout Mountain.

Probably not so well directed, so well ordered a battle has been delivered during the war. But one assault was repulsed—but that assault by calling to that point the rebel reserves, prevented them repulsing any of the others.

A few days since BRAGG sent to Gen. GRANT a flag of truce, advising him that it would be prudent to remove non-combatants who might be still in Chattanooga.

No reply has been returned, but the combatants having removed from this vicinity, it is probable that non-combatants can remain without imprudence.

M. C. MEIGS, Quartermaster-General.

Wednesday Dec. 2. 1863.

A clear pleasant day, not so cold as yesterday. I am feeling very well, & hearty. Lines are working well. Offices opened this morning at Brandy Station, the army having returned there. The rebels were not attacked. This fine weather is being wasted, and nothing is being done. The winter is lost to us.

We have intelligence from Burnside up to Monday night. He & his troops were then in excellent spirits, amply supplied & confident of holding out. On Saturday night Longstreet with a selected force attacked desperately Ft. Saunders, ~~the~~ & he was bloodily repulsed losing 1000 men 200 of whom were killed. Burnside lost 45 killed & wounded. Scouts who have come in to Tazewell, where Gen Foster is with a force of 5,000, report that heavy firing was heard at Knoxville from 3 P.M. yesterday up to the time they left the front. last night) This is supposed to be Genl Granger with his relieving column, who

left Chattanooga on Saturday. It is believed that Longstreet is retreating by way of Abingdon West. Virginia.

Thursday Dec. 3. 1863.

A very pleasant day. Lines all working well. Army of Potomac is back again to its position on the North side of the Rappahannock. Nothing whatever was accomplished in the recent movements across the Rapidan. Our loss altogether was 1,000 Killed & wounded.

A Lieut Col. & 125 men & officers reached Tazewell Tenn this morning. They left Knoxville at 10 a.m Tuesday. They report everything favorable. Nothing new.

Col. Graham Commdg Cavly Brigade skirmished yesterday with Wheeler's & Jones's united Cavalry force. He was driven back to the Infantry Supports on the Clinch River where all attempts by the rebels to force a passage were repulsed.

Gen. Sherman's forces left Charleston

Tenn. on the Kiawassie on the morning of the 2nd Ranger passed the mouth of the Kiawassie the day before. They will reach Knoxville today or tomorrow.

Gen Foster reports that Wheeler's Cavalry had been repulsed & were moving towards Knoxville & a Union citizen reports that a large body of Infy & Cavalry (probably Ransom's Rebel Div) passed Clean Station enroute for Knoxville this morning.

Friday Dec 4. 1863.

Another beautiful day. The air is balmy & as pleasant as spring. I attended class last evening & enjoyed myself well. I felt that I said a blessing. Lines all working very well.

Gen Foster reports that Enemy's Cavalry retired yesterday towards Knoxville closely followed by our Cavalry. Our Scouts went 8 miles beyond Maynardsville Tenn. They report that heavy firing was heard all day yesterday at Knoxville, (probably Ranger) Foster has ordered a Cavalry

force to blockade the road from Spring House to Dean Station, on which it is supposed Longstreet will retreat.

Nothing new from the Army of the Potomac All is quiet. It is rumored that Gen Meade is to be superseded by Gen Sedgwick His inactivity demands it.

Saturday Dec. 5. 1863

I went to Mrs Danenhower's, to board this morning. Am well pleased with the boarders. Today has been very pleasant.

Nothing new in any of the armies. From rebel papers we learn that Bragg has been superseded by Hardee.

Sunday Dec. 6. 1863.

Today has been very pleasant. Attended Church this morning. Heard Dr Ryan. Some 25 persons joined church today & the revival still goes on.

Gen Foster telegraphs from Tazewell Tenn under date of noon today that his scouts have returned from

Blain's Cross Roads & report that a rebel column was passing all night from Knoxville to Blain's Cross Roads. They heard the men say that they were going to Virginia; that the Yankees had surrounded them, but they would fight their way through. Scouts on the top of Clinch Mountain say that large camp fires were seen last night on the road from Blain's X roads to Rutledge; Gen. Foster says he has no doubt that Longstreet is retreating.

Monday Dec. 7.

Lines all are working well today Weather clear & cold. My health continues Excellent. Took tea last evening at Mrs Hirst's. Nothing new from any point Except Tazewell. The rebels are retreating towards Virginia from Knoxville on the South ~~bank~~ valley of the Holston River, Sherman arrived at Knoxville with his relieving Column yesterday. It is to be hoped that he will not allow Longstreet to Escape into West Virginia.

Tuesday Dec 8. 1863.

Am in excellent health.

Congress assembled yesterday & chosen Schuyler Colfax of Indiana Speaker on first ballot. He rec'd 101 votes 93 being necessary to a choice.

The President's illness has delayed his message. It is not yet out.

Wednesday Dec 9. 1863.

President's message was read today in Congress. It is not very lengthy. It was well received, and all concur in pronouncing it ably written.

It speaks of various matters connected with our & other nations of importance, but is mainly composed of affairs & questions occasioned by the War.

The Sec'y of war's report is of about equal length with the message.

He compliments the military Telegraph very highly indeed.

He says none have surpassed & few equalled the diligence & faithfulness

of the Telegraph Operation,

On the 1st of July 1862. there were 3571 miles of land & submarine line in working order. During the year 1755 miles of land & submarine lines were constructed, making the total number of miles in operation during the year 5326. By a close estimate it appears that at least 1,200,000 telegrams have been sent and received over the military lines in operation during the fiscal year Ending June 30. 1863. being at the rate of about 3300 per day. These telegrams varied in length from ten to One thousand words & upwards & generally were of an urgent & most important character.

Nothing new from the Army of the Potomac. Genl Grant says it will be impossible to pursue Longstreet farther than Bristol Va. as the supplies can not be easily got there.

It is feared that Longstreet will get into Western Va. with most

of his army.

Thursday Dec 10. 1863.

The following is a copy of a telegram sent by the President to Genl. Grant on the 8th inst. It is a very excellent telegram, & comes from the heart.

"Washn. D.C. Dec 8. 1863.

Maj. Gen U.S. Grant Chattanooga Tenn.

Understanding that your lodgement at Chattanooga and Knoxville is now secure I wish to tender you and all under your command my more than thanks — my profoundest gratitude — for the skill, courage, and perseverance, with which you and they, over so great difficulties have effected that important object. God bless you all.

(Signed) A. Lincoln"

Nothing new from any point. Weather is very pleasant indeed.

major C. A. Dana reached Chattanooga today. He left Knoxville with Sherman on the 7th Sherman has gone to Tellico Plains with 15th Corps, sending a Cavly Dion ~~about Murphy N.C.~~ about 1.000 strong to Murphy N.C. to destroy a rebel wagon train & if practicable make a Raid as far as Dahlonega, at the same time Davis Division occupies ~~Cha~~ Columbus & Benton & the 11th Corps Athens & Charleston. These forces will eat out the country & go to Chattanooga in about a week.

Granger grumbled and complained so much about the destitution of his troops that Gen Burnside moved out on Monday morning with his own troops to pursue Longstreet, who is retreating in an orderly manner with all his artillery. His rear guard was at Strawberry Plains on afternoon of sixth. Foster had not yet relieved Burnside but he was expected to do so in a day or so & Burnside would go north via Cumberland Gap.

Friday Dec 11. 1863.

Today I telegraphed Col. Stager at Cleveland that I had placed to his Credit here $425. and asked him to have that amount sent by Express from San Francisco to Mrs Jennie Bates Meaneville California. She will receive this in a week or so & will be home about the first of February. Oh! how glad we shall be to once more see her, It will do Mother a vast deal of good.

Went to Class last evening. Spent a good time, I felt that I was benefitted,

Saturday Dec 12th. 1863,

On last Sunday the iron clad Weehawken sunk whilst off Charleston in a severe gale, some thirty odd persons were drowned.

The "Minna" an English Steamer was captured on the 9th by the Steamer "Circassian" when one day out from Charleston. The "Minna" was a blockade runner & had a very valuable assorted cargo.

Sunday Dec. 13. 1863.

A very pleasant day. It rained & stormed hard through the night, but it has cleared off & is now very delightful.

Heard the Rev. Mr. Wyatt of the Wyoming Conf. preach in the Foundry this morning. He is not an elegant speaker, but he has religion in him, & is honest and sincere in what he says & everyone was pleased with the discourse.

Line opened to Warrenton village today.

Monday Dec 14 1863.

Went to Church last night at Foundry, Rev. Mr Abbott, son-in-law of Mr Wyatt who preached in the morning, occupied the pulpit. He delivered a very eloquent sermon. There were some 3 seekers of religion, among them was Chas L. Gardner, a young acquaintance of mine. His Bro. & sister & sister in law have all joined the Church lately.

Gene Burnside turned over the Command of the Army of the Ohio to Major Gen Foster on the 11th & started north on the 12th.

Longstreet is moving leisurely up the Valley

foraging as he goes. His rear is harassed by our Cavalry supported by our Infy which was at Rutledge on the 12th.

In Batte. report a successful Expedition to Charles City CH by Genl Wistar. They captured the whole command about 100 men besides horses &c & destroyed Camp & equipment. Our loss 2 killed & 4 wounded.

The N.Y. Mounted Rifles in 44 hours marched 76 miles & the 139th N.Y. Infy in 54 hours marched 64 miles mostly in a severe storm, ~~#~~ walking day & night. Great gallantry & endurance were manifested by all engaged.

Tuesday Dec. 15. 1863.

The weather has been very pleasant today. Seems more like Spring than Dec.

All lines are working well.

my health is very good.

Wednesday Dec. 16. 1863.

Genl Jno Buford died today of typhoid fever. He had been sick but

a short time; Lines all working well
Weather very pleasant, Chandler & I go
to see the Gonsalves at Georgetown tonight.

Thursday Dec. 17, 1863.

A dull rainy day, very unpleasant
I went to Georgetown last evening with Chandler
to see the Gonsalves' family. They were
glad to see us & we spent a very pleasant
evening together.

Today the Steamer Chesapeake was
~~captured near Halifax by the "Ella & Annie"~~
The Chesapeake was ~~seized~~ some weeks
ago by some parties when a few days
out from N.Y. the ~~Capt.~~ Engineer murdered & the
~~was put~~ Capt. & crew put ashore. She
had been cruising along the coast of
Nova Scotia ever since until today
trying to get supplies. She will be
taken to the nearest Colonial port of
entry & the Naval officer will then await
the approval of the British Authorities.

Was too busy to go to Class this evening.

Friday Dec. 18. 1863.

It has rained none today, but it is damp & cloudy & muddy.

Lines are all down west of Harrisburg today. Business for & from the west is consequently delayed.

The People's Line of Telegraph intends to run a wire to War Dept. from their office here. This will give us additional facilities for prompt transmission of telegrams.

Saturday Dec 19 1863.

Received a telegram ~~tonight~~ last night informing me that $283.33/100 in gold had been forwarded from San Francisco on the 16th inst to Jennie at Marysville. Cal. This will reach her about the 25th of December at farthest.

Jennie writes under date of Nov 16. at Shasta, that she will leave there for San Francisco about Dec 1st & expects to leave for home the last of December & will reach here before February 1st. She was much better & improving fast.

I paid over to Col Stagers (order) last night $4.25 in currency with which to pay for the $283 33/100 gold. Sent to Jennie from San Francisco.

Sunday Dec 20. 1863.

Another week has passed and gone & Sunday, the day of rest, is again with us. The weather is very cold & piercing today & everything has a chilling aspect. Attended the Foundry Church this morning heard Dr. Ryan preach. Homer First and Charlie Gardner joined Church this morning. I am very glad of this, Especially in Homer's case for I felt interested in him. Major Genl. Jno. Buford is to be buried this afternoon. He died last week of typhoid fever. He belonged to the Cavalry arm of the service & was a brave & courageous Officer. He has been with the Army of the Potomac a long time & many a gallant charge has he led. All will mourn his loss.

Monday Dec. 21. 1863.

The weather today has been very cold Lines all working well.

A letter addressed to A. Keith Halifax N.S. & put in the post office at Newyork on 18th inst. was intercepted & found to be written in cipher. It was sent by Mr Abram Wakeman Post master at N.Y. to the Secy. of War who gave it to his confidential Clerks to translate. They studied at it all day Sunday & gave it up, They could not translate it. This morning it was sent into the telegraph office & given to Tinker, who sat down with Chandler & me & we tried to work it out. After five minutes inspection I made out the words "before this." We then scrutinized it closely & between us we made all of it out. It proved to be of the highest importance, being a letter from J. H. Cammack N.Y. to J. P. Benjamin Richmond, to go by way of Halifax & Bermuda. It was

immediately copied and taken to the Secy of War, who acted upon the matter instantly. Orders were sent to N.Y. to prevent all outward bound vessels leaving, without a pass from Robt. Murray U.S. marshal, & directing every passenger to be closely watched & every article of baggage closely examined until further orders. Every exertion is being made to arrest the guilty parties & bring them to justice.

I will get a copy of the translated letter & the alphabet & insert them tomorrow or next day.

Tuesday, Dec. 22. 1863.

Today has been damp & unpleasant but very cold. A very little snow, or rather mist fell in the evening.

Genl Corcoran fell from his horse this P.M. at Fairfax C.H. & hurt himself seriously. He is in a critical condition = Later Report says he died at 8.30 P.M.

Wednesday Dec. 23. 1863.

Weather still very cold. Every body is busy buying Holiday presents for his friends. The stores are all full of people. Charlie Tinker & I went to a book store to select a present for major Eckert, who has done us a great many favors, & who we think deserves from us some slight acknowledgement of the esteem in which he is held. It will cost $1.50. & will be paid for by Chandler, Tinker & me.

We selected 3 books, Hoods, Moore's & Ben Jonson's works. They are very handsomely bound & will be given to the Major on Christmas.

We have a telegram from Gen. Averill tonight dated Edray, Pocahontas Co. Va. Dec. 21st via Beverly W. Va 22nd

He had just reached that point having marched 300 miles since the 8th inst. He cut the Va. & Tenn. RR at Salem on the 16th inst & returned safely with his Command, consisting of the

2d. 3d. & 8th V.a Mtd Infy. 14th Pa, Dobson's Battalion of Cavalry & Ewing's Battery. At Salem 3 depots were burned containing 2.000 bbls. Flour, 100.000 bus. wheat, 100.000 Bus. Shelled Corn, 50.000 bushels Oats, 2.000 Bbls. meat 1.000 sacks Salt, 20 Bales Cotton, 100 wagons, several cords of leather, Shoes, saddles, & harnesses, 31 boxes Clothing, & equipment, of all kinds, The telegraph & Railroad were torn up, for half a mile, six bridges burned & at Salem the water station, turntable, &c.

The total amt. of property destroyed will not fall short of 1.000.000. & will cramp the rebels very much for food, during the winter mos. At one time he was confronted by six different Gens. under Early, Jones, Fitz Hugh Lee, Jackson, Imboden, and Echols, but Averell captured a messenger from Jones to Early from which he learned the exact position of the separate Commands, They had all the roads over the mountains

blockaded, except one which was considered impracticable, He eluded them all & took this road & now has reached Edray safely.

He lost 6 men drowned, 1 officer & 4 men wounded & 4 officers & 90 men missing, & captured 2500 men but only brought in about 80 as the rest could not be conveyed. He also captured 150 horses. Altogether it is one of the most successful raids of the war & will be of incalculable service in case an advance is made against Longstreet.

Thursday Dec 24. 1863.

Tomorrow will be Christmas. Oh, how rapidly does time fly. It seems but a few weeks ago that I was at home visiting with the folks.

I was prevented from going to Class this evening by the receipt of another of the rebel Cipher letters from N. Y.

(translated)

The following are copies of the two letters and also the alphabet they use, as far as we have it,

" N. Y. Dec. 18. 1863.

A. Keith Esq. Halifax N. S.

Please detach and forward as before and telegraph when return answer is recd, write as before.

J. H. C.

Cipher – N. Y. Dec. 18. 1863 –

Hon. J. P. Benjamin Sec. State Richmond Va.

Mills is here, The two steamers will leave here about Christmas, Lamar and Bowers left here via Bermuda two week ago, The 12.000 rifled muskets came duly to hand & were shipped to Halifax as instructed, We will be able to seize the other two steamers as per programme,

Trowbridge has followed the President's orders, We will have Briggs under arrest before this reaches you + Cost $2.000,

We want more money, how shall we draw? Bills all forwarded to Slidell and receipt rec'd – write as before

J. H. C.

Cipher — N. Y. Dec. 22. 1863.

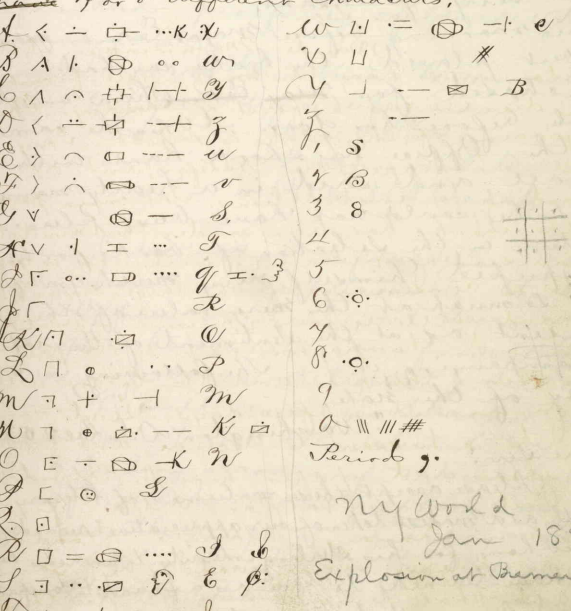
To Hon. Benj. H. Hill Richmond Va.

Dear Sir,

Say to Memminger that Hilton will have the machine all finished and dies all cut by first of January. The engraving of the plates is superb! They will be shipped via Halifax, and all according to instructions. The main part of the work has been under the immediate supervision of Hilton who will act in good faith in consequence of the large amount he has and will receive. The work is beautifully done, and the paper is superb. A part has been shipped and the balance will be forwarded in few days. Send some one to Nassau to receive, and take machine and paper through Florida. Write me at Halifax, I leave first week in January. Should Goodman arrive please send word by your Agent that he is to await further instructions.

Yours truly J. H. C.

Following is the alphabet in which the two foregoing letters were written Some letters are ~~have~~ prepared by 7 or different characters;



New World
Jan 1892

Explosion at Bremerhaven

Friday Dec 25. 1863.

Today has been clear and cold but very pleasant.

This morning before Major Eckert got up Albert placed the books we had purchased for ~~Maj. Eckert~~ him on the table before his door. When he came to the Office he shook hands with us all, and said in a hearty manner, that he could not have been pleased better in the selection of books for him, & expressed himself very much gratified, not so much at the mere value of the present as at the sentiment of the note accompanying it. The following is a copy of the note,

"Washington D.C. Dec 25 '63

Dear Sir:

Please accept these volumes of literary worth, as a modest token of our appreciative regard for one whom, for his sterling integrity & generous heart we have learned to love as a friend & Companion and to serve with profound respect, and whose unwarying kindness will ever be cherished with feelings of deepest gratitude

We tender them, a "Christmas Gift" and with it an earnest prayer for the future welfare and prosperity of yourself and pleasant family.

A "merry Christmas" to you all,
Your sincere friends,
Chas A. Tinker,
D Homer Bates,
Albert B. Chandler,"

I visited Mrs Hirst before dinner, & spent a half hour very pleasantly, then came to the Office, where I met George J Northrop, who has just come from N.Y. We were of course delighted to see each other. He will remain in Washn ten days or so, & will then return to N.Y. where he is attending a course of medical lectures,

After dinner came to office again & was made the recipient of a very nice present from Geo. Low, in the shape of a book, entitled "Rutledge". I was much pleased with it, I accompanied Charlie to his house & visited with him and Mrs Tinker a while, and from there

ment to Fleury's where I spent the Evening very pleasantly indeed. All were glad to see me.

Altogether I have enjoyed a merry Christmas & hope that I have many more such.

Major Eckert told Charlie, Albert, and myself today that our salaries would be $150. pr. month, & as a Christmas Gift, it should commence Dec. 1st.

This increase is given in return for our having translated the rebel Cipher letters, & we are deeply sensible of the kindness, may we ever deserve it!

From the revelations contained in those two letters several arrests have been made in N.Y. & one Dr. Seger offered Ben. Franklin, the Detective, $12.000 if he would hush the matter up. Several steamers have also been seized, containing arms ammunition &c, & it is expected that other seizures will occur.

Saturday Dec. 26. 1863.

Weather clear & cold. Nothing new in any of the armies. Genl Grant has gone to Knoxville himself to drive Longstreet from East Tennessee. He will have to leave now with Grant after him.

Benj Franklin telegraphs that he has arrested Dr. Teeguer, J. E. Conant, G. F. Canty, & Jas. Perez & will send them to Ft. Lafayette in the morning. Conant has made a full confession in writing.

Sunday Dec. 27. 1863.

It has drizzled rain all day. Sidewalks are muddy and slippery. I went to Foundry Church this morning. Heard Dr. Phelps our Presiding Elder.

Received a letter today from Annie dated San Francisco Nov. 27. She was improving very fast & expected to leave on the steamer about Dec 23rd or perhaps not until Jany. 1. Oh, how we long to see her, May the time speedily roll around that we may welcome her home.

Monday Dec. 28. 1863.

Rain still continues, Weather is very unpleasant, Nothing new in any of the Armies, My health still keep well

Tuesday Dec. 29. 1863.

Nothing new of importance, Major Dana telegraphs from N. Y. that he has this morning seen evidence which affords good ground for belief that Marshal Murray of that city is in collusion with the rebels, From long personal knowledge of Murray, Dana has no doubt that he is capable of such treasonable conduct.

Wednesday Dec 30. 1863

Rec'd a telegram this evening from F. D. Cole San Francisco dated today, stating that Jennie, dear Jennie, had left on the Moses Taylor Dec. 23d for Newyork She will be home about Jany 15th. Oh, how thankful I am that she has started,

Thursday Dec 31. 1863.

Charlie Tinker was taken ill with diptheria yesterday & is confined to his bed. This makes the office work rather heavy. Marshal Murray telegraphs this evening that he has arrested Kilton (See Page 37 Diary) & seized several millions of dollars worth of Confederate bonds, & a large amount of Confederate Treasury notes, 5's, 10's, 20's and 50's. He also arrested the Lithographer, printer, foreman & Kilton's partner, secured all the plates, dies & machinery, & will probably secure the man who made the machinery. This has all resulted from the translating of the rebel cipher letters, and the Secy. & Mr Watson, Asst Secy. Both said that we deserved great credit, & compliment us very highly.

Friday Jan. 1. 1864.

New year's Day! It seems strange to me that the last year has passed away so quickly. It has been to me

an eventful year. I have been greatly blessed in many ways; and my heart would be cold indeed did it not render thanks unto Him who giveth all good gifts unto men. I am deeply grateful for His mercies, and I pray that they may bring my heart nearer to Him.

Major Ekert was made the recipient this morning of a very beautiful gold headed cane costing $50. from the Employees of this Office.

The Orderlies also, gave him a handsome present consisting of an Embroidered cigar case & box of cigars, costing $20.

He feels very grateful for our notice of him.

Saw Geo. Northrop today & took dinner with him on 4½ St. at Mrs Holmead's where he is stopping. We had a pleasant time & talked of days of "Auld lang syne" He goes to N.Y. on Monday, and I will see him ~~in my~~ there in about two weeks, when I

go to meet Annie,

The weather has changed very much. It has turned quite cold & the wind blows fiercely, & shrilly

Saturday Jan. 2. Tinker sick & we are very busy

Sunday Jan 3, 1864.

Very busy at the Office today. Toward noon I became very sick & was obliged to go home to bed, I had a violent head ache, and disordered stomach, Mrs Eckert doctored me & toward evening I felt better.

Monday Jan 4. "64

I came to office today, tho I should not have done so, am weak, & have a slight fever. I hope I will soon get well. Charlie Tinker has the diptheria badly, is confined to his room. Arch Bishop Hughes died in NY on ~~Saturday~~ Sunday Jan. 3d. He was at the head of the Catholic Church in this Country

Tuesday Jan 5. 1864.

Some snow fell yesterday, & today it has frozen hard. The cold is intense throughout the west, Thermometer in many places far below zero. Roads all blocked with snow & rivers all frozen up. The Mississippi above Cairo is frozen over.

I am feeling better today, am very busy.

Wednesday Jan. 6. 1864.

Snow still on the ground & weather pretty cold.

Thursday Jany 7. 1864.

Went to a dentist this morning & had a tooth extracted. In performing the operation he loosened the two on either side, & they are giving me intense pain. Otherwise I am very well.

Got to class this evening just as they were dismissing.

Friday Jan. 8. 1864.

My teeth are aching exquisitely this morning. It snowed some during the night. There will be fine sleighing for some time.

Saturday Jan. 9. 1864.

My tooth ached so yesterday that I was obliged to leave the office about noon, I went immediately to bed & there remained till 3½ P.M. today. I only staid up a short time as I did not feel well. My tooth no better.

Sunday Jan 10. 1864.

Feeling a deal better today. I went to office after breakfast & staid till 2 P.M. when I went to dinner, from there I accompanied Chandler to the Tonsalars where we spent a very pleasant half hour. I then visited Mr & Mrs Tinker. Charlie will be at the office tomorrow. I did not get to church —

Monday Jan. 11. 1864.
Came to the Office this morning, feeling splendidly. I hope that my sickness is now over.
Weather very pleasant. Clear & cold.

Tuesday Jan. 12th 1864.
Am feeling very well today. I rec'd my passes this evening all the way to Cty. & home & back. I will leave here Saturday evening.
Weather still cold

Wednesday Jan. 13. 1864.
Genl Grant arrived at Nashville today from Knoxville on his way to Chattanooga. Lines all working well.

Thursday Jan 14. 1864
Visited the Gonsalves last evening & spent a pleasant time.
The weather is not so cold today. It is thawing considerably.

Friday Jan. 15. 1864.

I am growing more & more anxious for Jennie's arrival. I expect to leave tomorrow night at 8.30 P.M. Get in N.Y. at 6.50 a.m. Sunday. George Southrop has promised to meet & chaperone me.

Col Stager arrived here this morning from New York, to remain about a week. He looks very well.

Saturday Jany. 16. 1864.

'Tis a beautiful day. The sun is shining brightly & the air is mild & pleasant. Jennie will have pleasant weather for her travelling.

I leave for N.Y. at 8.30 P.M.

N. York City —

Sunday Jan. 17. 64.

Arrived in New York at 7 P.M. Was delayed 11 hours on the road by an accident to a freight train. Found my way to Merchants Hotel where I got a good supper which was relished, as I had not eaten anything for 24 hours.

N.Y.

Monday Jan. 18. 1864.

I accompanied Ed Hagland last evening to Dr. Reed's (Methodist) Church in Brooklyn, Heard a good sermon & was delighted with the place,

It is raining this morning & is very unpleasant. Geo Northrop came to the Hotel last evening & stayed with me all night. I left word with Mr Homer at the Telegraph Office to send me word when the Steamer Illinois passed Sandy Hook & went up town with Geo. Called on alleny friends and returned to the Hotel at 1.30 found a note from Homer stating that the Steamer would arrive at 2.30 After dinner went to the pier, & the Steamer was just coming in, As soon as possible I got on board Chester. I found Jennie who was well & her baby. She was very glad to see me as I certainly was to see her. I got her baggage off & had a hack take us up to Merchants. We soon had supper & set down to rest. We recd some visitors during the evening.

N. Y.

Tuesday Jan 19. 1864.

It is still raining this morning & disagreeable. Jennie cannot go out today. She met a great many friends on the way who took every possible care of her. She was very fortunate in this respect. She was carried aboard the steamer at San Francisco, but improved in health every day out. Hallie was also very well & good.

I went up town & made some few purchases for Jennie & saw the lights. Was very well impressed.

Newyork

Wednesday Jan. 20. 1864.

This morning is cold & clear. Mud all dried up & walking pleasant. W W Phillipson came to the Hotel about 11 a. m. & Jennie & I went out with him to Barnum's & to some other places of interest. In the evening we went to Wallack's Theatre, saw the play of Married Life. It was laughable but very silly and I did not like it at all. We start west at 7. a. m.

Altoona. Thursday Jan. 21. 1864.
We left N. Y. at 7^10 am, our train was on time to this point, where we have stopped all night to rest, with Mr Ward's family. Weather very pleasant.

Friday Pittsburgh Jany. 22. 1864.
Left Altoona at noon today on Exp. Train Arrived here at 4^30 P.m. Father got on the train at Outer Depot. He went with us to Passr. Station, We there got a hack & started for home, & oh, what a very happy meeting we had,
The long absent ones were welcomed back by the family, Mother was better than she had been, All the rest were very well.

Saturday Jan. 23. 1864.
Today is very pleasant, Called on Miss Glass in Allegheny this morning Found her glad to see me & we had a pleasant chat of half an hour, Went to see my friends at Horne's & from there went home

where I remained during the rest of the day.

Sunday Jan. 24. 1864.
Attended Church this morning at Trinity. They had Sacrament.
Linda Hamilton has been given up by the Doctors. She will not live through the day. She has been ill for 3 weeks with a kind of paralysis. I telegraphed to her Bro. John to come home immediately. He is at Manassas.

Monday Jan 25. 1864.
Went to Smithfield Church last evening. Heard a good Sermon by Mr Thomas, met him & Mrs & Miss Mary Brown after Service.
Linnie Hamilton died at 5 P.M. last evening.
I did not go out much today. My stay is so limited that I can't get time to see all my friends so they must excuse me.

Tuesday Jan 26. 1864.

Mr Ward came to Pitts. to day. He will leave at 5. P. m. on the Express. I shall start at the same time & go straight through to Balto. Family all well, & I am feeling first rate.

Wednesday Jan. 27. 1864.
Balto. md.

Left Pittsburgh at 5. P. m. yesterday & came through to this place on time. I took a bath the first thing & had my hair cut & dressed. I then went to Mrs. Brown's. Found them all well & am having a pleasant time.

Thursday Jan. 28. 1864.
Washn. D. C.

Mr & Mrs Griffin visited Mrs Brown last evening. They are nice folks & we had a good time.

I left Balto at 9. a. m. & arrived here on time. Found everything as usual & am now transacting my

regular business as if I had not lost a day.

Friday Jan 29. 1864.

Nothing new has transpired today. Stoneman is on his way to relieve Foster, Gen Meade is sick in Philad Sedgwick is in Command of the Army of the Potomac in his absence, Grant is in Louisville visiting his family some of whom are ill.

Saturday Jan 30. '64.

The weather for last 3 days has been perfectly splendid, the air has been warm & balmy as spring.
Today it has clouded up and it rains.

Letter from home this evening says that all are well & very happy with Annie with them.

Sunday Jan 31. 1864.

The air is moist and foggy today & there are some appearances of rain, Attended Foundry Church this

morning, Heard Dr Ryan preach, His text was, Prov. 11. Chap. 25th & 26th verse. He has over $24.000 (Subscribed toward the new Church which will Cost ~~over~~ about $40.000 & will be commenced about Apl. 1st & finished Christmas. It will be a beautiful structure.

I subscribed $50. to it, to be paid in Quarterly instalments Commencing Apl. 1st.

I dined at Mrs Hirsts today.

The Prest. has today ordered a draft for 500.000 men on Mch 10th (Order dated Feb 1st 1864) This is virtually a call for 200 000 men besides the 300.000 called for in Oct. most of which have been furnished.

Monday February 1. 1864.

It has been damp & unpleasant today. Mr Adamson one of the boarders at Mrs Danenhower's, has the varioloid & some of the boarders are leaving — The Dr has had him moved into

a 4th story room & thinks there will be no danger to those in the house.

Tuesday Feby. 2, 1864.

Weather still unpleasant, Lines are all working pretty well. Am working at No 2. for Fany. today. Will finish one copy by tomorrow morning.

The rebels are reported to have burned 2 bridges on the B & O RR one over Patterson's Creek & one 6 miles from Cumberland. It is expected they will attack New Creek & Cumberland tonight. Troops & batteries are on the way from Baltor & Washn.

Wednesday Feb 3, 1864.

Chandler & I went to Gonsalves' last evening. Met all the family & had an exceedingly pleasant time.

The weather has changed very much. It is now clear, cold and windy – Lines all are working well.

Thursday Feb. 4. 1864.

Have not been very well today, having caught a severe cold which has settled in my side & back. Weather very fine, Clear & cold, Will not go to class this evening, will go home & doctor myself instead,

Chandler & I have decided to leave Mrs Danenhower's until Adamson gets well at least, We go to Mrs Ponsalves 369. 13th St. above L.

Lines all working well.

Friday Feby 5. 1864.

We have reports from Genl. Butler that Newberne has been besieged by a force of rebels 15000 strong. On the morning of the 1st the enemy advanced on the place & heavy skirmishing & hard fighting was kept up during the day. At night 5 launches came down the Neuse river & attacked the gunboat "Underwriter" killed & captured all on board except 5

The vessel was set on fire & about 6 o'clock on morning of 2d her magazine exploded opposite the town with terrible effect.

Skirmishing & shelling from Fort Totten was continued through that day, & about 4 P.M. New Port Barracks was taken & communication with Beaufort was cut off. Every man at New Berne was in the field, the town was garrisoned by citizens, & every negro capable of bearing arms was shouldering a musket. Thus affairs stood at 8 P.M. of 2d.

Genl Palmer had rations for 6,000 men for 90 days. His force of troops amounted to 3,700 at New Berne.

Genl Butler is taking measures to relieve the force as soon as possible.

The rebels that made the raid on the B & O R R have retreated by way of Moonefield. On the night of the 1st Genl Scammon & 2 of his staff were captured by guerillas, on board the Str. Levi on the Ohio River some distance below Pt Pleasant. Efforts are being made to

retake the steamer & the Genl.
P. m — A telegram read from Genl. Butler state that he has information from Newberne up to 3 P. m of the 3d. The rebels were retiring towards Kingston & Newberne was Relieved.

Saturday Feb. 6th 61.
Genl Butler at Ft. Monroe, is going to make a dash at the rebels tomorrow Sunday at 5. a. m, & he asks that Gen. Sedgwick make some demonstration against Lee at the same time. Gen. S. Replies that it will be done.
The pistol factory of Saml Colt, at Hartford Ct. were burned yesterday Morning. It is estimated that some 5. 000. odd dollars worth of property was destroyed. Some of it will fall upon the Govt. as there were ~~a great~~ large contracts for arms being filled.
The Engine Vibbard ran into the North draw of Long Bridge this P. m killing the Engineer & one Soldier

who was just going home on a furlough, Have just rec'd a letter from home, All were very well & happy.

Sunday Feby. 7. 1864.
Attended Foundry Church this am Heard Dr. Ryan, ~~Alle~~
Weather is clear & pleasant, It rained some during the night.
Genl. Sedgwick telegraphs that vigorous demonstrations were made yesterday on his extreme right. We lost at Moston's Ford last evening 200 killed & wounded & took 60 prisoners, We punished the Enemy sharply, The operation is still going on, Sedgwick says one result of the movement has been to prove that it has spoilt the best chance we ever had for a successful attack on the Rapidan.

Monday. Feb. 8th 64.
I went to Dr. Gurley's Presbyterian

Church with Chandler last evening.
Today is a beautiful day. The air is mild and pleasant. Lines are all working well.

Tuesday Feb. 9. 1864.
Weather still fine. Genl Butler's Expedition has returned to Williamsburg & Yorktown, having been within ten miles of Richmond. They found all the fords & roads obstructed by fallen timber & they were obliged to come back. The rebels it seems had obtained the news of our coming, from a deserter from our lines & were fully prepared for us. Genl Sedgwick's troops have also all returned to their old position on the Rapidan.
Genl Meades is still in Philada. ill-

Wednesday Feb. 10. 1864.
Weather is still very fine, lines all working well.
Am in good health

Friday Feby. 11. 1864.

Last evening as I was leaving the office at 8½ P.M. I heard the alarm of fire from the guards at the President's House, I ran back to the Office & called up the Steam Fire Engine. The call was heard & the Engine was immediately started out. It proved to be the President's stable, containing his Carriage & Six fine horses. There being a great deal of combustible material in the building it speedily ~~caught~~ became enveloped almost completely in flames. Nothing was saved except the bare walls, ~~The~~ ~~horses~~ The carriage which was in was gotten out before being burned very much. The 3 span of horses were burned. The little pony, belonging to Willie, the Pres.ts deceased son, was burned also.

Weather clear & pretty cold but pleasant. I went to Class this evening. Had a very good time

Friday Feb. 12th 64.
Weather rather sultry today & air close, Lines all working well.
Got the new relay-sounder to work on the People's Line today. It is a really good idea & works admirably,

Saturday Feb. 13th 64.
Tinker, Chandler & I went to Mr Johnsons last night at his invitation.
We met quite a large party, but unexpectedly, Mr J. did everything in his power to please & interest us, & we enjoyed ourselves very much.
We left early, The party was kept up till late in the morning,
Today is beautiful, The weather is just a little too warm,
Lines all O.K.

Sunday Feb. 14. 1864.
Weather blustery, & the air full of dust. I attended the Foundry Church in the morning, Heard

Dr. Ryan. He preached better than generally. Sang some at Gonsalves' after dinner & then went to Church, Heard Dr. Bowman, of one of the Westn. Conferences. It was a very excellent Sermon.

Monday Feby. 15. 1864.

Weather unpleasant, Damp & chilly. Lines all working but "Ax 2." I have inserted "H."

My health is very good at present. Letter from home today states that they have all pretty good health. Jennie is suffering some with rheumatism.

Tuesday Feb. 16. 1864.

Very windy & blustery. Lines blown together a great deal, causing much trouble. About fifty Union Officers have escaped from Libby Prison & Come in to our lines, among them Col. Straight (who was confined closely for a long

time in retaliation for the rebel Genl. Jno. Morgan & several other Colonels, Lt. Cols. Majors &c,
A great many got out, but most were re-taken,

Wednesday Feby. 17. 1864.
Weather is intensely cold today, Wind is blowing furiously. Lines blown together a great deal,

Thursday Feby. 18. 1864.
It still remains extremely cold. Nothing new. Lines all working well.

Friday Feb. 19. 1864.
Weather still cold. I am feeling very well now, Am going to Fleury's tonight. Have not been there since Christmas night.

Saturday Feb. 20. 1864.
I spent a pleasant time at Fleury's last evening. They are all

well & are as sociable as ever.

~~Sd~~

Sunday Feb. 21. 1862.

Weather has moderated considerably. Information from Gen. Gillmore's Dept is that he sent an expedition into Florida some weeks since which had been entirely successful, captured 8 Guns & a large number of prisoners & supplies of all kinds, Our forces will remain in that region, where we have now a permanent foothold,

Attended Foundry Church this morning, Heard Dr Ryan, Church was pretty full, Letter from home this A.M. says all are in good health,

Monday Feb. 22. 1862.

To day is the anniversary of of the birthday of Geo Washington, our first President. Flags are floating from all the public buildings, The offices are however not closed

Saw Jordan Stabler of Baltimore this evening, He left at 7½ for home —

Tuesday Feb. 23. 1864.

Weather extremely pleasant today & lines all working well, I am feeling very well.

Reports from rebel papers are that Gen Sherman with 35,000 men has reached Quitman Ala. on the Mobile Railroad & is tearing up bridges, track &c in his rear indicating that it is a permanent advance, 50 Odd 50 officers in all reached our lines of the 109 who escaped from Libby Prison in Richmond. The rest were all re-taken.

Wednesday Feb. 24. 1864

Nothing of importance today, Wind very high & streets very dusty. Lines all working. Committee on Arrangement for the Coming fair of our Church meets tonight.

Thursday Feb 25. 1864.

I attended the Com. meeting last Evening, Some little business was done

It was decided by a small majority to hold the Fair in the Church the latter part of March, There is a strong current of feeling against this, a great many think that more money can be made at Odd Fellows Hall on 4th St.

It was also arranged to have no raffling or gambling of any kind,

I attended Class this Evening,

Friday Feb. 26. 1862.

Am feeling very well today,

Will Gonsalves who has been ill for some time was taken to Kalorama Hospital yesterday broke out with small pox, though not very bad,

Saturday Feb. 27. 1862, Longitude!

Weather very calm & pleasant

Prof Dean came to office this evening to experiment with Farley Bridge, a distance of nearly Six hundred miles, We worked with him very successfully, exchanged Signals 8 or 10 times each.

Sunday Feb. 28. 1864.

Attended Church this morning Heard Dr. Ryan preach from, Jeremiah 5th Chap. 3rd Verse, The subject was the orphan cause,

I met Killingsworth after Church & drove down with him to Gisboro Point & dined with him there.

The 1st & 2d Divs of the Cavalry Camp are situated at Gisboro. ~~They~~ The stables are very Extensive, & will accommodate a great number of horses. There are some 18.000 now there sick & well,

It is the only establishment of the kind in the world of such magnitude,

Did not go to Church this evening Had to stay at Office,

Monday Feb. 29. 1864,

Gen. Kilpatrick started last evening from the Army Potomac with a large Cavly. force to capture Richmond by a coup-de-main, Gen Butler will send to New-Kent C.H. a force of 5000 Infy. & Cavly.

& artillery to meet them & assist them in every possible way.

Gen Thomas' advance has reached a point near Buzzard's Roost which is very close to Dalton. Nothing definite has occurred. The Enemy is in a strong position & it may be found impossible to dislodge him.

Cloudy with appearance of rain but lines all working well.

Tuesday Mar. 1. 1864.

Today, the first day of Spring is very wet & unpleasant. Snow has fallen to some extent

Gen Kilpatrick has not yet been heard from though street rumors are plenty

Tuesday Mar. 2. 1864.

Cable to Ft Monroe gave out during the night. There was a heavy storm on the bay, which is now over. Our business for Ft. Monroe is being

done by boat from Cherrystone.

News from Gen Meade is that Gen Custer has returned from his flank movement having whipped the enemy severely, doing them great damage, & bringing in some 50 prisoners.

Gen Kilpatrick was at Spottsylvania C.H. on his way to Richmond with strong hopes of success.

Chandler & I went back to Mr Dannenhower's yesterday.

Thursday Mar. 3. 1864.

The report from rebel sources is that Longstreet is retreating from East Tenn. into Va. Gen. Schofield was at Morristown on the first. He could advance no farther than on account of supplies.

Gen Thomas has returned to Ringgold to wait until the Railroad is built to him there. Gen Grant telegraphs that on Feb 23rd Gen Sherman was at Meridian having divided Beck's command & followed one part down toward Mobile some

30 miles, then returned & went East to Demopolis, from which place he had just returned. Railroad Communication has undoubtedly been cut for some distance on both the lines.

Maine has just passed a resolution in her Legislature recommending Prest. Lincoln for reelection & endorsing his administration, Ohio, & Illinois have already passed similar acts.

Congress today passed an act extending the time for extra bounty to the first of Apl. The Lieut. General bill passed last week, Gen Grant was today ordered to report in person to the War Department. He will no doubt receive the appointment of Lieut. General, & probably be made the General-in-Chief.

Friday Mar 4. 1864

Gen Kilpatrick reached the lines of Genl Butler at Williamsburg on yesterday afternoon. He did not

Succeed in the object of his Expedition but he destroyed several bridges, & the Canal & a great deal of rebel property. He lost less than one hundred & fifty men, among whom was Col. Ulric Dahlgren son of the Admiral, who is at present in the City. Gen K. will be returned by water transportation from Yorktown to Alexandria,

Weather pleasant, Lines all working well except Alex A wires which have been crossed all day —

Saturday Mar. 5. 1864,

A party of rebel raiders attacked the Telegraph office at Chenystone this morning about 4 o'clock They killed the horses belonging to the guard there & took the Instruments, but Dunn the Operator afterwards got it from them Slily & pitched it into the Bay, He was paroled & came immediately to Eastville & gave the information,

The rebels took possession of the Dispatch boat then at the Point & started off with it, as they said, to capture the tug Mebellan at work on the Cable,

Gunboats were immediately sent down the Potomac from here in pursuit.

Sunday Mar. 6. 1864,

Sheldon arrived at Cherrystone this a.m. with Cable boat & re-opened office there, We hear today that Col. Dahlgren with about 100 men reached King & Queens CH ~~today~~ Gen Kilpatrick has sent some of his men to meet & assist them,

When Gen Kilpatrick left Camp at Stevensburg he had 3585 men, 6 guns, 8 Caissons 3 wagons, 6 ambulances,

He now has without Col Dahlgren's detachment 3317 men, 3590 horses, 6 guns, 8 Caissons 3 wagons & 4 ambulances,

I went to Mrs Kirst's last Eve'g Mrs Harmon, & Jinie Cammack were there I enjoyed myself pretty well,

I heard Mr Effinger at Foundry this a. m. Rev. Mr McCabe preaches here this evening,

Monday Mar. 7. 1864.

Rev Mr McCabe failed to meet his appointment, Rev. Dr Johnson of the Dickinson College preached for us in his stead, We have information this a.m. from rebel papers of 5th that the rebels had a fight with about 100 of our men near King & Queens C.H. & that Col Dahlgren was Killed, We fear it is true. The commission of Gen. Grant as Lieut General has been signed & he will be here this week to receive it. He thus becomes the Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Army. What Gen Halleck will do is not known,

Tuesday Mar. 8. 1864

It has rained nearly all day, Cleared up & Sun came out about 5 P.m. Lines all working well,

Wednesday mar. 9. 1864.

I attended the President's Levee last night. The rooms of the White House were pretty well crowded, I saw the Pres. & shook hands with him, He asked me if I had any news, but of course I told him no.

About 10½ p.m. Genl Grant came in, Everybody crowded around him to shake hands with him, Secy. Seward & Stanton were with him, For one hour he stood on a sofa & shook hands with the people. The enthusiasm was very great.

Thursday mar 10. 1864.

Conference adjourned last night. Dr. Ryan was returned to the Foundry for another year.

Genl Grant went to the Army of the Potomac this morning to visit Genl Meade. ~~He was~~ Pursuant to the act of Congress approved Feb. 29. 1864 the President, by Executive Order of this date, assigned Lieut. General U. S. Grant the command of all the Armies of the U.S.

Friday mar 11. 1864.

It has rained for two days pretty constantly. Gen Grant reached here today from the Army of the Potomac & left almost immediately for Tenn.

The Constitutional State Convention of Va (assembled at Alexandria) yesterday at noon passed an act abolishing slavery & involuntary servitude in the State forever. 100 guns were immediatily fired in honor thereoff.

Saturday mar. 12. 1864.

Quite pleasant today Rain has ceased. Gen. Sherman has returned to Memphis. His troops are near Okolona. They destroyed some 60 bridges in Ala & Miss. tore up 100 miles or more of Railroad, brot. in some 8.000 negroes & lost less than 500 men, His expedition was a complete success. He will now go to Shreveport & will also send a force to Alexandria to assist Genl. Banks on the Red River.

Gen Grant left yesterday for Tenn.

Sunday mar 13. 1862.

Weather today is very changeable. I heard Dr. Ryan this morning. He has been assigned to our charge for another year. I have just rec'd a letter from Geo. Northrop, dated 10th. He was to receive the title of M.D. that night & go to Portland the next day. The folks at home were all well Friday. My health is very good at present.

Monday mar. 14. 1862.

Weather pleasant today. Lines all working well. Palmer started out this morning on the line to Point Lookout Md. Expect the line will be done in about twenty days from now. No. 10 wire is being used.

Tuesday mar 15. 1862.

Weather pleasant today. Am going up to Henry's tonight.

Wednesday mar. 16. 1862.

A. H. Dorrance Chief Opr. of Alexandria Railroad line resigned today, to accept position as Dispatcher at Alexa.

There will be no one appointed in his place.

Weather Cold & blustery. Line finished today as far down as Ft. Washington.

Thursday mar. 17. 1862.

Attended Class this evening & from there visited Mrs Pickett a short time.

Friday mar. 18. 1862.

Gen Grant leaves Nashville tomorrow morning for Washington.

Line to Pt Lookout finished nearly to Pt Tobacco. It was broken 8 miles from here today, but was repaired by Connor.

Saturday. mar. 19. 1862.

We had circuit on line to Pt Lookout today. The party reached Port Tobacco,

this Evening. Line works splendididly.
Emerick came up from Head Quarters today.

Sunday, Mar 20. 1864.
Fine clear Sabbath, Am perfectly well.
Heard Dr Ryan this a.m. Took dinner
with Mrs Hirst.

Monday Mar. 21. 1864.
Nothing new today. Weather raw
& chilly - Major Eckert goes to Phil & N.Y.
tomorrow.

Tuesday Mar. 22. 1864.
I went last night by invitation
to Mrs Walker's on 10th St. to a Sociable,
Enjoyed myself very much, We organized
ourselves into a Society & appointed officers,
myself being Vice Prest. also a Committee
to draw up a Constitution and by laws.
We meet tonight to attend to this
Gen Grant leaves Phil this F.m. for Wash in
His Staff reached here today.
Cloudy & unpleasant -

Wednesday Mar. 23 1864.

Snow fell last night to the depth of 7 inches. It has mostly melted away however. At Chattanooga there were 12 inches fell.

I met some young friends last night to draw up a Constitution & By laws for our Sociable We made one which we think will answer.

Our Sociable meets next Tuesday night.

There was a very heavy gale last night on the bay & the Cable over the Chesapeake has failed to work since midnight.

Thursday Mar. 24.

Gen Grant was in town all day yesterday He goes to the Army of the Potomac today. The 1st, 3rd, ~~20th~~ army Corps are temporarily broken up & the troops composing those Corps are merged into 2d 5th & 6th to be commanded respectively by Gen Hancock Warren & Sedgwick.

Gen Sykes is ordered to Ft Leavenworth to report to Br Curtis. Gen French is

ordered to Cincinnati & Gen. Newton to Philad. to report by letter to the Adj. Gen.
Gen Pleasanton goes to St Louis to report to Gen Rosecrans. His place is supplied by Gen P. H. Sheridan. Until Gen Sheridan reaches here Brig. Gen. D. McM. Gregg will be in command.

Friday Mar. 25. 1864.
Attended Class last Evening.
Today is dull & cloudy.
Gen Kenyon's Brigade of troops from Sandusky City O. is ordered to the Army of Potomac. also Gen Wheaton's Brigade from Harpers Ferry. 3000 men will be sent from the Works around Washn.

Saturday. Mar 26. 1864.
Weather dull and cloudy.
lines all working well. Palmer reached a point within a mile or two of Leonardstown Md. He will get to Pt Lookout by April 1st.
Major Eckert returns today from NY. Hon Owen Lovejoy is seriously ill

He is not expected to live,

Sunday mar. 27. 1862.

Weather clear & pleasant today. Heard Dr. Phelps P.E. preach this A.M. at Foundry Chapel.

The rebels under Forrest, about 6000 strong attacked Paducah Ky. on Friday at 3 p.m. They fought till 10 p.m. We were assisted by two gunboats, & made a desperate resistance. The rebels sent in two flags of truce demanding a surrender, saying that, if refused, they would give no quarter.

They were both refused & our forces manfully held out. Rebels left at midnight of 25th. Our loss not very heavy. The enemy captured 500 of our men at Union City. Genl Sherman is attending to Forrest's return.

Gen Grant visited Washn today,

Monday mar. 28. 1862.

Weather pleasant. Lines all work well —

Tuesday mar. 29. 1862.

Blustery & chilly today. Rain falling some. Fires blown together some. Read a letter yesterday from Julia Ward today dated Balto. She is there on a visit to Mr Creighton.

Wednesday mar 30. 1862.

Last night it rained very hard & blew a great deal. It was the evening for the meeting of our "Sociable", but Jesse Young & I were the only ones on hand so we didnt "meet."

Gen Grant will reach here from the army of the Potomac today, on his way ~~from~~ to Norfolk to inspect the works &c.

Thursday mar. 31. 1862.

Nothing new today. Weather unpleasant.

Friday Apl 1. 1862.

This morning opened very fine. The sun shone beautifully, at noon it was raining & has continued to do so even since

Saturday Apl 2. 1864.

Our folks have moved in Pgh on to Baldwin Street. I am glad that they have got out of the old house in which they have lived so long. I meant to go to Balto. today to stay one Sunday but the weather is so unpleasant I have postponed it one week.

Sunday Apl 3. 1864.

The Govt took possession to day of a wire between here & Louisville. We will in future send all our business direct to Pittsburgh or Cincinnati. Gen Grant returned from Ft Monroe today.

Went to Foundry this evening & heard Dr Ryan.

Monday Apl 4. 1864.

Raining again today. Lino all working pretty well. ~~Good~~ Saw Geo Northrop today. He has just arrived from Portland me. Gov Cony had commissioned

him Asst Surg. of 1st D.C. Cavalry & he is there in Camp. He has been informed that Gov Curtin had no authority to give him a Commission, & he will try to obtain a Com. from Secy. of War. Hope he may get it.

Tuesday Apl 5. 1864.

Rained all day.

Our Sociable did not meet tonight.

Wednesday Apl. 6. 1864.

Weather has changed for the better. Sun shine very clear & pleasant. Our new arrangement of working direct to Pittsburgh began this morning It is splendid. Our business goes off very rapidly & well, & answers are rec'd promptly.

Thursday Apl. 7. 1864.

Geo Low took an Instrument & went with repairer on line to Ft Lookout this am which is not working.

Very busy tonight. Did not get to Class.

Friday Apl 8. 1864.
Murray came in circuit today at Leonardstown, Md. He is on his way to Washn. Gn Burnside went to Annapolis tonight. Weather pleasant.

Saturday Apl 9. 1864
It has rained most of today again, I go to Balto tonight to see Mr & Mrs Creighton & Julie Ward.

Sunday Apl 10th 64
Arrived in Balto last night found all glad to see me. The rain is pouring down in torrents. Went to Monument St. Church this am Heard Rev. J. Wesley Price. His text was in Prov. He is an old schoolmate of Mr Creighton's.

Monday Apl 11. 1864.
Here I am in Wash. again. I attended Church last night at Charles St. Heard Rev Dr Newell. Text Genesis 3. "And thou shalt not surely die" I had

heard of Dr. Sewall as a great speaker but I was sadly disappointed, Don't like him at all.

I enjoyed myself very well in Baeto. They are nice people.

Tuesday Apl. 12. 1864.

I today received from California Annie's gold watch and $97 in gold being the balance of what I sent to her Dec 16th. I will carry the Watch & send ~~[illegible]~~ father mine,

Wednesday Apl 13. 1864.

I went to our Sociable last Eveg at Mr & Mrs Kelden's house on 7th St. The Constitution was adopted. We enjoyed ourselves very much & adjourned to meet again at Mr Naument's on No. 6th on Friday evening next.

I was appointed Editor of the "Budget".

Mr A. A. Lovett Supt. of the People's Telegraph died this Evening very suddenly while standing in Newyork office,

Thursday Apl. 14. 1864.

Went to Class this evening & then came back to office & have been kept busy ever since. Gold was up to 189 today.

Friday apl 15. 1864.

Ft Pillow on the Mississippi was attacked & captured by the rebels yesterday 50 white & 300 Colored Soldiers were Killed. They also came to Columbus & demanded surrender of the place but it was refused and the rebs left after firing upon it once or twice. They also retired from Ft Pillow towards Memphis. Gen Burnside was here today. He is making big preparations. He will go up the James or York River & cooperate with Meade.

Saturday Apl 16. 1864.

Raining all day. Line ordered to be extended to Winchester & towards Staunton by Gen Sigel but Secy of War has not yet approved of it.

Sunday Apl. 17. 1864

Weather very changeable today - The afternoon however was pleasant. Was busy at the office & could not get to Church. Took dinner at Maj. Eckerts Mrs Wm. W. Chandler ~~was~~ is there on a visit.

I purchased from Col. Stager on the 12th two shares of Western Union Telegraph Stock at $200. per share, I paid half down & will pay the balance in 6 months with 7 per cent interest. It is valuable stock.

The Atlantic & Ohio Telegraph lines between Philad. & Pittsbg were consolidated on friday with the W. U. This will be a new source of revenue to that Company.

A report has just reached the source by flag of truce boat, that a great battle has been fought near Shreveport by Kirby Smith & Banks in which the latter is defeated with loss of 14.000 Killed, wounded & captured.

The hospitals at Baton Rouge & other points were being filled with the Federal wounded. This report is no doubt very much Exaggerated —

Monday Apl 18. 1864.

Nothing new today. Very busy in the Office, Line to Ft Lookout today began working, Operator having just reached there.

Tuesday Apl. 19. 1864.

Sec. Chase has been in N.Y. for last few days, His presence there has pushed gold down It is 169 today.

Wednesday Apl 20. 1864.

Staid all night with Lieut Young, We had some select readings by ourselves before retiring.

Great preparations are being made for a vigorous campaign the latter part of this month, Operations will begin about the 24th of april.

Thursday Apl 21. 1864.

Too busy to attend class tonight. Despatches from New Bern N.C. indicate that on the 19th the rebels attacked ~~Washington~~ Plymouth N.C. by land, & with a ram

by water. The U. S. S. Miami was disabled & Lt. Comdr Flusser Killed. Rebels have possession of the river. & it is apprehended that Newberne will be attacked. There is great consternation. The Gunboat Southfield was sunk by the ram.

Genl Burnside moves from Annapolis Saturday morning.

Friday Apl. 22. 1862.

We have dispatches from Texas. Genl Banks loss was 4000 men 16 Guns & 200 wagons, His army is much demoralized. His expedition to Mobile will thus be delayed or prevented altogether.

Saturday Apl. 23. 1862

Gen. Burnside arrived here today. His troops will pass through the City tonight & tomorrow en route from Annapolis to Alexandria where they will embark on Monday, for some point on the York river, & strike the enemy's lines

Sunday Apl 26th. 1862.

It is quite warm today. I heard Dr. Ryan preach at the Foundry this am, Brevet maj. Gen. J. G. Totten died ~~yesterday morn~~ Saturday. He had been nominated by the Prest for Bvt maj Gen & the Senate had just confirmed him, but before they could get word to him he was dead, He was Chief Engineer U.S.A.

We have news from Gen. Banks, that he will be ready to move against Shreveport in Concert with Gen. Steele by 28th inst.

Monday Apl. 28. 1862.

Gen Burnside's troops passed through today from Annapolis, which place they left Saturday, They are mostly in Alexandria now where they will be organized tomorrow & leave Wednesday

Tuesday Apl 26. 1862.

Gen Meade today ordered the Signal Instruments in the Dept

of the Potomac sent to the rear when they move. They have been a great expense to the Gov't. & I am heartily glad they will no longer burden us —

Wednesday Apl. 27. 1864.

Genl Burnside's troops left Alexandria today & will march to Bealeton Station tonight & Manassas Jn tomorrow.

Gen Sherman will collect all his troops ready to make a grand advance from Chattanooga by May. 5th

Gen Meade's troops will all be relieved by Gen Burnside's tomorrow or next day.

Thursday Apl 28. 1864.

Military matters are fast coming to a point. Two operations are assigned to each Corps & will go with the Corps' Hdqrs — Our new battery wagon works well & will be of great service to us.

Friday Apl 29. 1864.

Genl Burnside reached Cattletts today. He will be in his position by Sunday & the Army of the Potomac will in all probability move on Monday morning. Sherman will be ready to move on 5th prox.

Gen Grant has telegraphed to Genl Halleck asking him if he can take command of the Mississippi Dept in person until some one can be assigned to it. He says he fully appreciates the importance of Genl Halleck being in Wash. but it is more important to have a Commdr for the Trans Miss. Dept, Of the Genls. now there Steel is the best but there is none to take his place in Ark. & he could not be spared

Saturday Apl. 30. 1864.

The weather has changed. It is quite cool now & rains some —

Genl Burnside visited Gen Grant

at Culpeper today,

Sunday may 1. 1864.

We are very busy at the Office today. I did not get to church at all,

Monday may 2. 1864,

Worked hard to get Mackintosh & party off to Ft. Monroe but they failed to make the Train & so had to wait till Tuesday,

Tuesday may 3. 1864.

Gen Grant telegraphs today that the Army of the Potomac will move tonight & will have possession of Germania Ely's & Culpeper fords by daylight.

Butler, Sigel, & Sherman all move at the same time God prosper them & give success to our cause, I think we will win this time,

Wednesday may 4. 1864.

The Army of the Potomac moved last

night across the Rapidan & are now moving on the enemy. They crossed at Ely's, Germania, & Culpeper Ford; all of Genl Burnside's troops are moving in the direction of Germania ford where they will be by tomorrow.
Julia Ward & Mrs Creighton came from Batt today on a visit, I visited with them the Capitol, Smithsonian & all places of interest, Had a very good dinner at Pautier's. They left at 5 30 PM,

Thursday May 5. 1864.
Brandy Station & all stations between there & Stevensburg were evacuated last night & the Operators came in to Alexandria, One train went as far out as Rappahannock Stn & returned.
Genl Sherman arrived at Ringgold Ga. today, His lines were advanced 3 miles today. He will attack Tunnel Hill on Saturday & in meantime will occupy Johnston's whole attention,

We have no communication with the Army of the Potomac, Nothing yet heard from Gen Grant, We don't know where he will come out,

Friday May 6. 1864,

A telegm has been read from Gen Steele dated Apl. 28th in which he states that a train of 200 wagons with an escort of 1600 Infy, 500 Cavly & 6 pieces of artillery were attacked on the 25th while a few miles out from Camden ~~[illegible]~~ on the Washn road, & after a desperate fight of three hours were captured with the Exception of about 300 of the men who came in to Little Rock & Pine Bluff.

Telegram just been read from Gen Butler dated City Point 1.30 am May 6th stating that the Army made a Successful landing at that place the Evening before, There was no opposition, seemingly a Surprise - They found

the New York, flag of truce boat at the wharf. She had not had time to deliver the prisoners. There were 400 rebels on board.
Gen Kautz with 3000 cavy left Suffolk this morning on special service. Nothing yet heard of Gen Grant.

Saturday May 7. 1864.
Special Correspondent of the N.Y. Tribune reached Union mills last night, having ~~left~~ the Army 5 am yesterday. He reports that on Wednesday our forces fought the rebels in the "Wilderness" near Chancellorsville. Warren & Hancock's Corps principally engaged & that on Thursday morning the fight was renewed with no decisive results. Lee has a large army. Gen Burnside with 30000 fresh troops reached the scene of action yesterday & as the Correspondent left they were preparing for another days conflict.

Our heavy reinforcements will be very much in our favor. Asst Sec Dana went out with special train to Rappahannock Sta this morning with dispatches for Gen Grant. An operator went with & has office open at Rappahannock bridge now.
We are anxiously awaiting additional news from the Army.

Sunday May 8. 1864.

A telegram from Gen. Ingalls this morning via Rappahannock Station indicates that Lee is retreating, after three days fighting. About 10,000 wounded are being sent in by wagon train. Cars are ~~being~~ on the way to Rappahannock to meet them, a large quantity of forage & supplies are also being forwarded to the Army. We have heard of the death of only ~~one~~ two Genl. officers Alex. Hays of Pittsburgh & Jas S. Wadsworth of N.Y. Gen. Webb & one or two other Genls wounded. Genl Longstreet of the

rebel army was severely wounded on Thursday; Gen. Jones & Jenkins killed. Gen Stafford severely wounded, may recover, Genl Butler is entrenching himself in his position in case of any accident to the Potomac army.

Monday May 9. 1864.

Sherman was to have attacked Johnston today at Dalton. McPherson was at Villanow Saturday & would strike Resaca on the Railroad today. We expect to hear from him in the morning. A bearer of despatches from Gen Grant reached us today. The telegrams left the Hd Qrs at Piney Branch Church at Noon 8th Lee had fallen back, defeated, Seven days rations were being issued to our men & an advance take place immedy.

The wounded were being sent to Fredksburg. Gen Grant would endeavor to form a junction with Butler.

Tuesday May 10. 1864.

Genl. Butler telegraphs today under date of yesterday, that he sums up his operations as follows— A brigade of colored cavalry came from direction of Williamsburg, forced the Chickahominy & came safely into his lines & are now the advanced pickets towards Richmond. Genl Kautz left Suffolk, the same day that Butler's movement took place, & struck the Railroad at Stony Creek & is now operating against Rickaford & Weldon. Beauregards forces were separated by this act. The part which had arrived at Petersburg under Hill were whipped on Sunday by Gen Butler & some prisoners taken. No reinforcements from Beauregard are likely to reach Lee—

A despatch from Genl Grant dated one P.M. 9th says that Lee is massing on his left with the intention of cutting our forces off from Fredericksburg, and of getting the inside track to Richmond.

No Battle would be made yesterday but five days rations would be issued

to the men & an advance take place today. Hd Qrs were 4 miles north of Spotsylvania C.H.

Gen. J. Hobart Ward is under arrest for deserting his command in the "Wilderness" All seems to be going well,

From Sherman we have a telegram dated 9 P.M. of 9th. He had been fighting all day against precipices & mountain gorges to keep Johnston's attention from McPherson who was to be at Resaca before that time,

From Newburne we have news the rebel ram Albemarle is captured after fighting seven of our gunboats,

Surely all this is good news,

Wednesday May 11. 1864.

Nothing of importance from the armies today. There was some fighting in the Army of the Potomac yesterday with what result is not known.

Gen. McPherson reached Resacca but found it too strongly guarded &

fortifies to attempt its capture. He accordingly withdrew without breaking the railroad, Sherman will wait till he is in supporting distance & will attack Johnston,

Thursday May 12. 1864.

Gen Grant sends a copy of a communication from Gen Sheridan dated May 10. He was south of the South Anna River. He had destroyed 6 miles of the Orange Railroad line. His presence has created great consternation amongst the citizens & everyone said that Lee was beaten badly. Sheridan had recaptured 500 of our men, amongst them two Colonels.

It is rained very heavily here today.

Friday May 13. 1864.

Gen Grant sends a communication dated Spotsylvania C.H. 6 P.M. 12th in which he states that they have had another hard day's fight. The rebels

fought desperately but were pushed so by Genl Hancock that they had to fall back from some of their best works.

The result of the days operations is the capture of one entire Div. (Edward Johnson's) & part of Genl Early's. Major Genl Johnson & Brig Genl Stewart are among the prisoners, we took some 30 or 40 cannon.

6 P.M. A telegram rec'd via Bell Plain dated 8 am from Asst Sec'y. Dana says that Lee abandoned his works during the night & retreated whether to assume a new position or to retreat to Richmond could not be determined. A division of Wright's & one of Hancock's Corps are in pursuit & will soon ascertain. At 7 45 they had come upon the enemy's rear guard.

Genl Butler is still pushing his forces towards Richmond & Petersburg. Genl Hunter has gone to the Danville road & will evidently sever the connection between the rebel capital & the Southwest.

The rain has been very steady today. It will be good for the poor soldiers.

Saturday May 14. 1864.

Gen Sherman telegraphs this PM. that his flank movement on Resaca compelled Johnston to evacuate Dalton. Sherman's message is dated today near Resaca. He is pushing forward as rapidly as possible.

Our despatches from Gen Grant are up to 6 PM yesterday. Lee had fallen back about 4 miles only, & had taken up a new position.

7000 rebel prisoners & 400 officers reached Bell Plain last night. They were sent to Fort Lookout & Fort Delaware & other points north.

Gen Grant asks that Gen Butler be telegraphed to cut the Richmond & Danville RR if possible.

Sunday May 15. 1864.

Gen Sheridan telegraphed last night from Bottom's Bridge that he reached there during the day — On the 9th inst. he left the Army of the Potomac & marched from our

right to the rear of the enemy & reached the North Anna that night without opposition — During the night he destroyed the Depot of supplies at Beaver Dam containing a million & a half of rations, 100 cars & 13 fine Engines, & destroyed the railroad for ten miles including several culverts, On the tenth he resumed his march, crossing at Grand Squirrel Bridge — On the 11th he captured Ashland Station Capturing & destroying a train of cars & Eng. & several Foot buildings with a large amt. of supplies, also 6 Culverts & about 6 miles of railroad. About 7 A.M. of 11th he resumed his march towards Richmond & encountered J. E. B. Stuart concentrated at Yellow Tavern. He attacked him & after an obstinate contest gained possession of the Brook turnpike, took 2 pieces Artly & drove his forces back towards Ashland & across the north fork of the Chickahominy a distance of 4 miles, At the same time a party charged down the Brook road & captured the first line of works around Richmond.

demonstrated on the second line of works but finding them too strong for an attack he determined to recross the Chickahominy at Meadow Bridge. This bridge had been partially destroyed by the rebels, but was repaired in about 3 hours under a heavy fire from the enemy, &c then retired to Bottom's Bridge which place he reached in safety. His whole loss does not amt to more than 350 men & 100 horses.

Gen Butler telegraphs that his forces are around Fort Darling & that Smith made a flank movement on the (on the 12th) enemy's right & took his first line. Gen Gillmore made a movement on the morning of 13th which resulted in the capturing of the first line of the enemy's works on our right. Its speedy downfall is inevitable.

Our advices from the Army of the Potomac are up to 6 30 am 14th. The 5th & 6th Corps had moved to our left & were to attack Lee yesterday morning, but as no sound of battle had been heard it was judged that Lee had retreated during the night. He will be compelled to go towards

Lynchburg as all other avenues are closed. The rebellion is fast falling to pieces. They have little left to hope for.

P.M. Gen Sherman's telegraphs from near Resaca under date of 8 pm May 14, they had been fighting Randall day Johnston partly on the defensive, Resaca has several detached redoubts and an immense amount of rifle trenches.

His forces have closed the enemy well in, gaining ground slowly but surely all day. Howards Corps followed the enemy down from Dalton & his right was then joined to the main ~~force~~ line & the forces were all united, the line extending from the Oostanaula above, to below the town. Stoneman's Cavalry is on the East of the river & Garard's is sent around by the right to cross the Oostanaula above Rome if possible & break the rail road north of Kingston. Sherman would attack again today.

Monday May 16 1864,

Office at Mt Point opened today
Will open at Belle Plain tonight & Fredksbg
on Wednesday.

Gen Sherman telegraphs that Resaca
was evacuated by Johnston at midnight
& is now occupied by our forces, The R Rivr
be O.K. to that point today, He will pursue
Johnston farther South,

Gen Grant telegraphs that it has
rained incessantly for five days & the
mud is very deep, so bad indeed that
ambulances with wounded can no
longer run between Fredksbg & the Army
He assures the Prest. & Sec War that it
is the rain only that keeps him inactive
not any weakness on his part, All
offensive movements are impossible at this
time,

Gen Sheridan is at Turkey
Bend on the James river, Butler is still
besieging Fte Darling,

Tuesday May 17. 1864,

Gen Sherman telegraphs from Resaca

under date of this morning that his forces were closing well up & would be at Adairsville today. 8 guns & over 2000 prisoners have been taken altogether. Johnston's troops are much disheartened & if they will not fight behind works of such strength as those at Resaca it is probable they will not fight at all. Sherman expects to be at Kingston, on the railroad tomorrow.

We have despatches from Gen Sigel up to May 16. He fought a severe battle on the 15th at New market with the forces of Echols & Imboden under Gen Breckenridge. Our force was about 6000 that of the enemy 9000. We lost 650 in killed wounded & missing. Our forces withdrew to Staubing & Cedar Creek bringing off all wagons &c & most of the wounded.

Genl Butler telegraphs that he learns from the Richmond Papers that Genl Kautz had been at Coal field Sta & had reached Appomattox Station

His orders are after destroying the Canal & Railroad to proceed to Kickford N.C. & cut the Railroad there thus imprisoning the rolling stock which had been massed there when he cut the road at Stony ~~Cr~~ Creek.

To enable Gen Kautz to get well started Gen Butler had concentrated his forces around Drewry's Bluff & Ft Darling, but now that Kautz has been heard from Butler will probably withdraw as heavy re-inforcements were rec'd at Fort Darling & he could hope to do very little there.

Wednesday May 18. 1864.

Genl Kearney & Wright attacked the enemy this morning in their works on the left of our centre. They drove the rebels from their first and second line & for a time it was believed we had struck their lair & had succeeded in whipping them, but it was discovered that they had an interior line of works

which were very strong, & were protected by an impassable abattis. Genl Grant at last ordered the attack to cease. Our troops now occupy their old posts.

Thursday, May 19. 1864.

We have news this morning from Genl Grant up to 8 A.M. Nothing new had taken place except that the remaining portion of the Cavalry under Gen Sheridan went to Guinney's Station yesterday, drove out the rebels, burned Railroad Depot, & Post office, destroyed a small railroad bridge & small quantity of supplies. Weather still good.

Genl Butler telegraphs that Genl. Kautz had returned from his raid on the Danville railroad. He had torn up the track in several places for two or three miles, burned one or two bridges. He destroyed two trains of cars & one Engine, & the station house, water tanks at Coalfield

Powhattan & Chula stations on the Danville road & at Wilsons, Wellville & Black & Whitis station on the Lynchburg railroad, then crossing he struck the Petersburg & Weldon road at Jarrells Station, tore up track burnt station house &c.
During his expedition he destroyed a great deal of Commy. & other supplies Altogether it was a very successful raid.

Genl Sheridan has started for the Army of the Potomac via New Kent C.H.

Gen Sherman telegraphs under date of 6.30 P.M yesterday that the heads of his 4 columns had reached the front of Kingston & gone into Camp, Johnston had fallen back to his entrenchments at that place & it was thought possible that he might fight there, Some 300 deserters came into our lines & gave themselves up —

Friday May 20. 1864,

Gen Sherman telegraphs this morning that

Johnston evacuated Kingston & his troops were then occupying it, Davis' Div. of the 14th Corps were in Rome Ga, Railroad trains will run to Kingston today & Sherman will replenish his Stores & make for the Chattahoochee, The rebs are concentrated at Allatoona, where the railroad passes through a range of hills, Gen. S. does not intend to go through them, but will strike for Atlanta or some point on the Chattahoochee in its rear, They will fight hard for Atlanta, as it is one of their largest supply Depots & being on the railroad to the East, is a great strategic point.

Genl Grant had determined to make a flank movement this morning to gain possession of Bowling Green & Milford Stn. Yesterday afternoon Ewell's Corps made an attack on our extreme right ~~but~~ It was promptly & handsomely repulsed by Birney's & Ayres's Divisions & part of Warren's troops who were on the extreme right, Some 300 pris. fell into our hands

besides killed & wounded. Our loss will foot up to about 600 ~~killed~~ wounded & 150 killed & missing, but Grant says this may be overstated. The flank movement was postponed until the plans of the rebels are more developed. No news from Gen Butler today.

Genl Hunter left here at noon today to take command of the Dept of W. Va. & relieve Sigel.

Last news from Gen Canby was dated Vicksburg. Everything was quiet. He would take command of the Army at Alexandria.

Day before yesterday a bogus proclamation appeared in the N.Y. World & Journal of Commerce, purporting to be issued by the President, appointing the 26th inst as a day of national humiliation fasting & prayer, & calling out an additional force of 400,000 men. By twelve o'clock a telegram was sent by the Secy of State pronouncing it a base & treasonable forgery.

It appears that it was palmed off

upon those papers by some scoundrel. The balance of the N.Y. papers failed to be sold & did not publish it. A great excitement was created. Those 2 papers were ordered to be closed & as it was supposed to have been sent by telegraph on the Independent line, the offices of that Co. in N.Y. Phila. Balto. Washn. Alby & Pittsburgh were taken military possession of & the operators & clerks &c arrested. They were released however on parole.

Saturday May 31. 1862.

Genl Dix yesterday arrested Jas. Howard, formerly reporter of the N.Y. Times, who is the author of the bogus proclamation. He is frank in his confession, says it was a stock jobbing operation. He has been sent to Ft. Lafayette. & the World & Journal of Commerce have been put in possession of their establishments again.

The Independent Telegraph have been

released also, Their business is being looked over at our office,

Genl Butler telegraphs that there was fighting in his front all day yesterday with advantage on our side, We captured some prisoners, amongst them Gen Walker of Texas Brigade,

Nothing new from Sherman He is getting up supplies ready for a march to the Chattahoochee to strike in rear of Atlanta,

Nothing new from Gen Grant today, He is watching & waiting for Lee's movements & will make his flank movement for Bowling Green if Lee is quiet in a day or so,

Gen D Hunter took command today of the Dept of W Va Hd Qrs near Woodstock, He has directed Gen Crook & Gen Averill to move directly to Staunton where he would meet them.

Sunday May 22. 1864.

Gen Grant's army commenced moving

from its position around Spotsylvania C.H. night before last, towards Bowling Green & Milford Stn, on the line of the Mattapony. This position was reached with safety & our base of supplies will in future be Port Royal instead of Belle Plain. Our line is being bent to that place now.

Lee has fallen back from his entrenchments South of the Po to confront us on the Mattapony.

Monday May 23. 1864.

Genl Grant telegraphs under date of 6 30 AM today that Lee has fallen back to the South bank of the North Anna. Our army extends from a point near the junction of the Po & Ny rivers, to Milford Stn, on a line nearly parallel with the Mattapony. Genl Hancock holding the left, Genl Wright & Burnside the centre & Genl Warren the left. There has been no fighting of any consequence for several days.

Our line from Popes Pt to Port Royal will be finished by noon tomorrow. The Depot at Belle Plain is being transferred to Pt Royal —

Tuesday May 24. 1864.

Gen. Sherman left Kingston Ga on the 22d inst, to strike the Enemy's lines near Atlanta. He has 20 days rations & it will be a week before we hear from him again.

Lee has fallen back from his position on the North Anna & Grant is pursuing. Hancock had some fighting yesterday & drove the enemy from their works on the North Anna near Taylor's Bridge & Jericho Bridge, a great many were drowned & some captured. Warren also captured some but don't know how many. It is not known whether Lee means to fall back to Richmond or only to the South bank of the South Anna. Grant will soon find out about this. However

Wednesday May 25. 1864.

Maj. Gen. ~~Pitz~~ Hugh Lee made an attack on Fort Powhattan yesterday which was handsomely repulsed. When he first appeared with his force he sent a flag of trace to Gen Wild Commanding, demanding the surrender of the place, stating that he had a large force & if they surrendered they would be treated as prisoners, but if he were compelled to assault & capture the place he would not be answerable for the consequences, Gnl Wild replied "We will try that" The rebels attacked us & for several hours the fight was very severe, but they finally retired leaving twenty eight killed & a great many wounded in our hands, All the troops defending the fort were negroes & Gnl Butler speaks in the highest terms of them.

It rained quite hard this Evening.

Thursday May 26. 1864.

Gen Grant telegraphs from Jericho Bridge dated Noon yesterday that Gen Hancock had a spirited Engagement with the enemy this side of the South Anna on the 24th & half of a brigade was captured by the enemy. Lee seems to have a strong position, in the shape of a letter R & he is defending it desperately. Gen Butler is ordered to send Genl Smith with 20.000 men to the White House on the Pamunkey river to march from there to reinforce the Army of the Potomac, They will be there in a few days & will help us very much.

Gen Canby telegraphs from mouth of Red River under date of 21st. that the Army is all across on the Mississippi side & that he will go to Memphis & Little Rock to arrange his campaign. Genl A J Smith had a spirited fight with rebel Gen Polinac's division. Smith defeated them & drove them several miles capturing 300 prisoners.

Gen Steele telegraphs from Little Rock dated 21st that rebel Gen Shelby has crossed Arkansas with about 3000 men & is marching north probably intending to go into Mo.

Friday May 20y. 1864.
News from Gen Grant recd up to 8 A.M. of 26th, H'dqrs had moved to the north bank of the north Anna & orders for a southward movement issued last night. Gen Wright's & Warren's Corps, are to march in the night time toward Hanover Ferry on the Pamunkey river & today were to seize the ferry & crossing near there & march their troops across, They will be followed closely by Hancock & Burnside, The places occupied by Wright & Warren will be filled by other troops in such a manner that their absence will not be noticed by the rebels. It is hoped we will be able to get in the rear of Lee's Army & march on Richmond

Saturday May 28. 1864.

Gen Sherman telegraphs from near Dallas Ga. 6 am. today that the enemy had discovered his movement to flank Allatoona & had come out there to meet him, Their columns came together near Dallas & Sherman pushed the rebels back to the point at the forks of the roads from Atlanta & Marietta, Johnston has thrown up hasty but strong parapets of timber & earth & is disposed to fight.

Shermans right is Dallas, Centre about 8 miles north & he is gradually working round to the left so as to approach the Railroad near Acworth.

Gen Grant's Hd Qrs this am at 9 o'clk were at Magahick Church 10 miles from Hanovertown. Everything going on finely, troops coming up rapidly & in good spirits, by noon today all our troops will be south of the Pamunkey.

White House will be the new base of supplies —

Sunday May 29. 1864.

Gen Smith with 15.000 men left City Pt at dawn this morning, En route for White House from which place he will march to Gen Grant, Our telegraph line will be completed to White House by Wednesday.

Gen Hunter telegraphs from near Woodstock Va dated 12 m yesterday, that he had been delayed on acct of shoes but they had arrived and he would start immedy to meet Crook at Staunton & move East on Gordonsville & Charlottesville.

Gold went up to 1.90 yesterday, the highest point it has yet reached.

A man named Mularkey, an Opex from Louisville, called on me Saturday & asked me to make arrangement as follows.

A stock broking firm in Louisville with a heavy capital would buy & sell gold according as I would direct & half the profits were to be divided between Mularkey & me

I, being in a position where I could get all the news, could tell exactly when to buy & sell, I told Mr McLaughlin that I didnt desire to be a party to any such transaction; that I had earned a good position by my faithfulness & I didnt desire to compromise my character by any such action.

He gave me to understand that I could make $50.000 by the operation, but I declined accepting it. Before he commenced the conversation he asked me to promise faithfully that it should not be divulged to his discredit, Were it not for this promise I should have him arrested,

Monday May 30. 1864,

Mr Dana telegraphs from Gen Grants Hd qrs at Hanovertown South side of the Pamunkey river, dated 2 PM 29th All the Army had got safely across the Pamunkey & held a strong position on the north of Po-tapotomoy Creek & extending to the

Pamunkey River, At noon yesterday a division from each Corps was ordered out on a reconnoissance & were to be supported by the respective Corps to which they belonged if necessary.

Gen Grant thinks it probable that Lee has taken up a position back of the Chickahominy. Sheridan had an engagement with the rebels Saturday afternoon at Hanover C.H. in which he lost 44 Killed & 300 wounded. He drove the rebels some distance.

A telegram from Gen Sherman dated near Dallas Ga 7 AM 29th was read last night.

Johnston had discovered his movement to the left & had come out of his breastworks & attacked McPherson who repulsed him handsomely, driving them back some three miles to their breastworks, with little cost to us. Our loss was only 300 altogether. The enemy left his dead & wounded in our hands some 2500 besides 300 prisoners. We were protected by

breastworks so that our loss was very slight. Sherman had given McPherson all day yesterday to bury the dead of both sides & the troops were to move last night to the left & try to approach Acworth. Gen Blair from Rome is ordered to Allatoona which is supposed to be garrisoned only by militia.

Tuesday May 31. 1864.

We have information from Genl Grant up to 6 a/m this A.M. He reports that Warren engaged Ewell's Corps yesterday & although attacked desperately he repulsed them & held his ground. The rebels left their dead on the field. He captured a number of prisoners. To relieve Warren Gen Hancock was ordered to make an attack on the Enemy's left, & drove them from a strong entrenched Skirmish line & now holds it (6 a/m) Gen Smith with 12,000 Reinforcements was to have been at New Castle today where he would be in easy supporting distance of Grant. Our line from Yorktown to White

House is completed to within ten miles of West Pt on the Yorktown side & is all done from West Pt to White House. This ten miles will be done tomorrow P.M. when we will be working to within ten or 15 miles of the Army.

Gen Sherman reports that he will not be able to do much until he hears from ~~John~~ Blair at Allatoona Gap. If Blair succeeds in taking this place Sherman will return to his Railroad communications again.

Wednesday June 1, 1864.

We had news from Grant up to 4 P.M. of yesterday. Gen Warren's losses in his skirmish of the 30th were 500 killed & wounded. Those of the enemy were much greater. Crawford alone buried one hundred dead rebels. Yesterday our lines were pushed forward steadily. A prisoner was taken from Buckner's Division, who says

has Dix is now a part of Longstreet's Corps. He says the outside line of rebel Entrenchments are north of the Chickahominy.

Gen Grant is awaiting for Wilson to finish destroying the two railroads from Hanover June. south as far as he can, and to allow Smith to get up with his force. He is delayed by his transportation & supplies. Gen Grant directed him not to start till he was all ready.

An officer on Gen Stoneman's staff arrived yesterday at Kingston & reported that at 7½ a.m. rebels attacked us & were repulsed. The action lasted till 10 a.m. when we had driven the enemy back & had reached the railroad at Marietta.

Thursday June 2. 1864.

We have received a telegram from Secy Dana dated 10 a.m. of the 1st in which he states that Gen Sheridan perceiving a column of rebel Cavalry which proved to be Fitzhe's

at Cold Harbor he attacked them about 5 P.M. (of the 31st) & after a hard fight routed them together with Chingman's brigade of Infy which had been sent to support Fitz Lee. Sheridan remains in possession of the place & the 6th Corp was immediately sent out to occupy it. Gen Smith was also ordered from New Castle to join Wright. Gen Wilson had a sharp fight on the evening of 31st near Hanover CH with Young's Cavalry, completely routing them, killing & capturing a great many.

Yesterday Sheridan successfully held his position at Cold Harbor & repulsed an assault of Longstreet's Corps. Gen Wright's Corp reached Cold Harbor about 9 A.M. yesterday & Smith's forces soon after. At 5 P.M an attack was ordered to be made on our left by Wright & Smith.

The attack was made with great spirit & was successful. We carried the enemy's first line of works on Wright's front & also those on

Smith's front, but those of the latter were found to be commanded by another line of works, & were untenable, We captured a good number of pris. Griffin's Div. alone taking 500.

Gen Lockwood who was ordered to attack the enemy although he heard the firing both on his right & left unaccountably lost his way & was found 2 miles to the rear with his troops. He was relieved of his command & will be recommended by Gen Grant for dismissal.

Gen Sheridan was ordered to make an attack on the left early this morning. As soon as his guns were heard the other portions of the Army would also advance —

We are anxiously waiting to hear from the front.

Our line to West Pt was completed tonight. Will be finished to White House tomorrow. We have been unavoidably delayed —

Friday June 3. 1864.

A telegram from Gen Sherman dated 7.30 P.M. 2d says that McPherson moved up on the 1st from Dallas to a point in front of the Enemy's lines, & Gen's Schofield & Hooker moved to the extreme left. Yesterday they all pushed forward in the midst of a heavy rain & thunder storm and advanced about two miles towards Marietta. Gen Stoneman's Cavly was sent direct to Allatoona & Canton to the Western End of the pass, both of whom reached there safely and secured possession of the pass. The railroad will be immediately repaired to this point and Sherman will push around by the left till he reaches the railroad.

The possession of the pass at Allatoona is a great point gained by us.

A telegram from Gen Cook dated Meadow Bluff West Va. May 31. is rec'd today. He says he will be in Staunton in about six days from that date. Hunter will meet him there.

Saturday June 4. 1864.

We have news from Gen Grant up to 4 P.M. of yesterday. There had been no fighting of consequence on the second as the troops were much exhausted from their long marches & movements. Gen Grant postponed the attack till 4.30 am of the 3rd when all was in readiness.

The attack yesterday was made with great vigor on all points of our line. Gen Warren spread his lines out too much, his front occupying 4 miles, & Burnside also stretched his lines too great & did not succeed in accomplishing much.

Hancock had the left with Barlow's & Gibbon's Divisions in front & Birney as reserve. Wright was next & Warren on the right with Burnside to his rear & right. We gained advantages here & there. Burnside carried the exterior line of entrenchment & took a few prisoners. Smith got very well forward to aid Wright. Barlow drove through

a very strong line & held it some time with the guns, Colors &c, but the work was commanded by an interior line & he was compelled to abandon it bringing off but a single color & ~~few~~ 220 prisoners, as tokens of his brief success.

At noon we had fully developed the rebel lines & ascertained what was necessary to get through them. Hancock reported that in his front it could not be done. Wright was decidedly of opinion that a lodgement could be made in his front but it would be difficult to make much out of it unless Hancock & Smith could also advance. Smith thought he could carry the works in front of him but was not sanguine. Burnside also thought he could get through but Warren who was near him did not share this opinion. In this state of

things Gen Grant ordered the attack to be suspended. We hold all the positions gained except that which Barlow occupied temporarily. Gen Grant estimates our loss at 3,000. Among the killed are Col. Porter 8th N.Y. Heavy artly. Col Haskell 36th Wis. & Col Morris 66th N.Y.

Among the wounded are Gen R O Tyler who loses a foot Col McMahon 164th N.Y. Col Brooks 53rd Pa. & Col Byrnes 28th Mass. probably mortally.

The prisoners captured from Hancock were mainly from Breckenridge's Dion who is under Beauregard Weather was cool & pleasant. Showers had laid the dust. Gen Jno Fremont was nominated at Cleveland some days since by a radical wing of the Republicans for Prest. of the U.S. He has tendered his resignation as Maj. Gen. It was immediately accepted.

Sunday June 5. 1864.

We have information from Gen Grants

Hd Qrs up to 8 A.M. yesterday. The telegram ~~It~~ states that about 5 P.M. of the day before (Friday) the Enemy suddenly attacked Smith's brigade of Gibbon's Division. They were unwaveringly repulsed. About 4 P.M. Gen Wilson fell upon the rear of one of Neth's brigades which Lee had thrown around apparently with the intention of enveloping Burnside & after a sharp but sharp conflict drove them in confusion from their rifle pits & routed Gordon's brigade of Cavalry. He captured a few prisoners. We lost Col Preston wounded 1st Vt Killed & Col Benjamin 8th NY Cav. Gen Howard serving with 18th Corps was severely wounded yesterday.

Gen Sherman telegraphs under date of 8 A.M. yesterday 13 miles west of Marietta Ga that his left is well around to the railroad covering all roads leading to the South. His Cavly had been to Acworth & he occupies in force Allatoona pass.

Later news from Gen Grant is just recd. The adjt Genls. Office report the total losses in the 3 days operations (1st 2d & 3d of June) to be 7.500. Col Cesnola reached the Army on the 3d with 5000 men, new & old regts, and stragglers, about 4000 reached there on the 2d so that the supply is equal to the losses.

There was no fighting in front of Richmond yesterday. The force of fighting men in the Army of the Potomac is now 115.000 men, this includes Cavalry.

Lee's force is known to be 80.000 exclusive of what militia may be in Richmond. When Gen. Grant started from Culpeper one part of his plan was to destroy the Va. Central Railroad so effectually as to prevent its use for a long time, also the Fredksburg road from the Chickahominy to the North Anna, Gen Grant expected before reaching the Chickahominy to have had chance to crush Lee's Army by fair fighting. This expectation has been foiled by Lee's success in avoiding

battle upon any equal terms,

Before proceeding any farther in the movements this Destruction must be accomplished & Gen Sheridan will move Monday for that purpose. If he fails in it the whole army will be swung around, even if communication with the White House must be temporarily broken.

Monday June 6. 1864.

A telegram from Army of the Potomac dated 6. P. M yesterday says the day passed off quietly with no fighting except an occasional rattle of musketry along the skirmish line and now & then a cannon shot. The 5th Corps was ordered to move out of position last night & mass itself in rear of Cold Harbor. The 9th Corps will move to the right of the 5th Corps. Two divisions of Cavalry are to be ready to move up the railroad on morning of 7th & to destroy both roads from the nearest practicable point, to the South Anna

thence the Cavalry moves to Charlottesville & thence send forward force to communicate with Genl Hunter, & destroy railroad bridges Southward. Gen Hunter is ordered to return from his expedition to Lynchburg & joining Sheridan's command aid in the thorough destruction of the Va centl RR moving along its line in this direction & having accomplished this work is to join the Army of the Potomac

A later telegram (dated 7 A.M. today) says the 5th & 9th Corps took up their new positions without difficulty. About half past 8 o'clock last night the Enemy made a sudden assault on Hancock's & Wright's lines. The firing lasted for about twenty minutes & was very loud, but amounted to nothing. Nobody was hurt. Sheridan moves tomorrow morning.

From Sherman we had news up to last night. He was ten miles from Allatoona on the railroad. McPherson was at Acworth. It had rained for three days & the roads were very bad. The railroad

bridge over the Etowah cannot be rebuilt for ten days but a pontoon bridge is being put down & soon as his supplies are up Sherman will march on Marietta.

Dates from New Orleans to 30th ult. are recd. On the 24th the Stmr Black Hawk, Admr Porter's Flag Ship, caught fire & with 11 others of his vessels, gunboats &c, was burnt to the water's Edge. Gen Canby is concentrating his troops as much as possible, abandoning unimportant points & holding his forces ready for any Emergency. (This report of burning of Admr Porter's ships was often found to be in error. The vessels were private ones.)

Tuesday June 7. 1864.

Mr Ward from Altoona called on me today. I visited the Capitol with him & spent a very pleasant time. He tells me Mr Gill has a fine boy 3 weeks old. He leaves tomorrow.

Gen Sherman telegraphs that Blair has passed Kingston & will soon be at Allatoona.

pass which will be fortified & made a strong point. Sherman's advance is within 6 miles of Marietta & he is getting up his supplies for a ten days march. He will start forward on the morning of the 9th.

Gen Grant & Lee yesterday & the day before had a correspondence in regard to allowing each party to remove its dead & wounded after a battle is over. Gen Grant in the last letter says that he can only express his regret that all his efforts to alleviate the sufferings of the wounded have been rendered nugatory.

Gen Grant is preparing to move his army to the James river & will commence the movement in a few days. Sheridan started this morning on his Expedition

Wednesday June 8. 1864.

Nothing new from any direction today except the fact of John Morgan's having entered Kentucky. He has captured a railroad train & burnt it & cut up the railroad some distance

The Richmond Examiner of the 7th read by Gen Grant says that Gen W. E. Jones was defeated by Gen Hunter 12 miles beyond Staunton & Gen Jones killed, His successor had retired to the mountains between Charlottesville & Staunton, Our forces occupied Staunton.

Thursday June 9. 1864.

Morgan has captured Mt Sterling, Cynthiana & several other places in Ky & is creating a vast deal of excitement. Our forces are in pursuit of him & it is hoped he may be caught.

The Convention at Balto. yesterday nominated Abraham Lincoln for Prest. & Andrew Johnson of Tenn for Vice Prest. by acclamation, Great Enthusiasm prevailed.

Friday June 10. 1864.

Mr Dana telegraphs that the army will probably commence to march towards the James River tonight or tomorrow some time.

Information rec'd from a deserter indicates that great want prevails there, that there is a scarcity of meat, & flour & all other necessaries of life.

News from Morgan today is that he has captured Falmouth, 30 miles from Cincinn.

Gen Butler sent out on the night of the 8th a force under Gen Gillmore to make a demonstration on Petersburg on the one side whilst Gen. Kautz attempted with his Cavalry to get in on the other.

Gen Gillmore returned having failed to force the fortifications. Gen. Kautz is still out with orders to cut the

Saturday June 11. 1864.

Gen Butler telegraphs this his forces under Gen Kautz, penetrated the works around Petersburg & entered the town but not receiving the expected support from Gen. Gillmore he was compelled to withdraw with ~~the~~ forty prisoners & one cannon as his trophies. It is unfortunate that Gen. Gillmore did not wait till the Cavalry

was heard from before retiring.
Gen. Sherman has advanced from Ackworth
Ga towards marietta & will attack or
turn the Enemy today. Johnston's Cavalry
got in our rear & destroyed a train
of cars & captured a few prisoners
today. Telegraph line is all right again.
Preparations are being made to withdraw
our base of supplies from White House
& move to Bermuda Hundred. The
movement will be made today and
tomorrow.
Our Union Sociable met last
night at Mrs Beck's corner 6th & N. Sts.
We had an exceedingly pleasant time
Appointed next friday for a pic nic.

Sunday June 12. 1864.
It is reported today that Gen Hobson has
surrendered to Morgan, & also that Genl
Burbridge came up with Morgan near
Cynthiana this morning & after a two
hours fight completely broke ~~them~~ him
up No particulars yet.

Gen Grant's army is still in the same position, One Corps of his army will be sent by water from White House to Bermuda Hundred, & as soon as they are heard from the whole army will be moved to that place.

Gen. Hunter's official report of his battle of last Sunday is read

It is dated Staunton Va June 8th

The battle was fought at Piedmont & after a fight of ten hours we routed the rebels, killing Gen Wm E Jones the Comdg officer, & taking 1500 prisoners & 1.000 men & over 60 officers on the field & 3000 stand of small arms, three Cannon & many stores. Gen Hunter had that day effected a junction with Gen's Crook & Averell & would resume his march South on the 9th All will have been re-enforced by Gen. Sheridan's force by this time

Went to Epiphany Church this Evening from there to the Office Got off early though & went to bed in good season.

Monday June 13. 1864.

Gen. Sigel telegraphs that he has reliable information that Gen Breckenridge with 7000 men passed Gordonsville for Staunton last Wednesday & also has information not so reliable, that Pickett's force passed through the day before.

Genl Hunter will have been reenforced by Sheridan's Cavalry before these troops can be of any avail against him.

Gen Grant's Army is in motion for Bermuda Hundred via Jones' & Long Bridge, Weather fine & all going on well.

In Gen Burbridge's fight yesterday he completely routed the rebels & captured 700 besides killing and wounding three or 400.

Tuesday June 14. 1864.

Cable across Chesapeake at Cherrystone is still broken, All business taken across by boat.

The movement of the army of the Potomac to the James river still progresses favorably & smoothly. A force will be left at the White House until the arrival of Genls. Hunter & Gen Sheridan which will be this week.

Gen Burbridge has arrived at Lexington Ky. He says "In six days my Command has marched over 200 miles fought two severe battles, killing, wounding & capturing over three fourths of Morgans Command. The remaining fourth is scattered & being pursued in all directions."

The success of Gn Burbridge is very gratifying. On the other hand our forces in West Penn. have been unfortunate

Br Gen Sturgis with a force of 3000 Cavalry 5000 Infy & 16 pieces of Artillery met Genl Forrest near Guntown Miss on the 10th inst. in large force of all arms. The fight was very severe & the loss on our part very heavy, probably 4000 men killed, wounded & captured. We were completely routed, Sturgis near at last

acts was near Collierville, the Enemy pursuing. The movement into Miss. by Sturgis was made by order of Genl Washburne at Memphis, in accordance with directions from Gen McPherson & Gen Sherman who said that all of Polk's Corps was with Johnson in Ga & Forrest was on his way there & that the best time to make the movement was then. It is very unfortunate at this time. Gen Washburne has enough troops at present & will do all in his power to wipe out the disgrace.

A dispatch boat just arrived at Cairo reports a force under rebel Gen Marmaduke near Vicksburg on the West side & one near Greenville on the east side of the Miss. It is expected these forces will unite & close the navigation on the river. Gen Davis has his troops in hand however & will take care of the rebels in that direction,

Wednesday June 15. 1864.

Gen Grant telegraphs from Wilcox Wharf on the James River dated 1 PM 14th that all is progressing well. Troops are reaching Bermuda Hundred rapidly.

Nothing is known of Lee's movements. He has sent no troops south of Richmond yet. Gen Sherman telegraphs from near Kenesaw that yesterday was the first clear day for two weeks. Roads are drying fast. He advanced his lines somewhat yesterday & captured a few prisoners.

Our Signal Corps have the rebel alphabet & have read several signals made by the rebels. By this means they learned yesterday of the death of Lt. Gen L. Polk. His body was sent to the rear. Polk before the war was one of the Bishops of the Episcopalian Church but early joined the rebel.

Thursday June 16. 1864.

Gen. Sherman telegraphs from near Kenesaw at 9 P. M. last night that the

enemy abandoned his position on Pine Hill during the night, which was immediately occupied by Howard's Corps.

Johnston held a position running from Kenesaw Mountain on the East to Lost Mtn on the South west. Pine Hill is in the centre of these two points.

Yesterday Gen Schofield advanced on Lost mountain, taking the first line of the rebel works & a few prisoners, Gen Thomas was pushed forward in the centre & when last heard from at Sundown had advanced a mile and a half, At the same time McPherson was ordered to attack Kenesaw Mountain, He carried the first line of works left exposed by loss of Pine Hill, & took prisoners the 14th Ala. Regt entire 320 men, Gen Sherman says Johnston will have to fight today on open ground or retire to the Chattahoochee, most probably the latter.

Gen Grant's Hqrs were yesterday AM at Charles City CH. They would be

moved to City Pt by noon.

Gen Smith's Corps was ordered to advance on Petersburg at daylight yesterday. It would be immediately followed by Kautzak's Corps. Nothing heard from there yet. Line is being constructed from Jamestown Island to City Point, will be done tomorrow.

Wilson's Cavalry is along the line from White Oak Swamp to the James.

From prisoners taken yesterday he learned that Hill and Ewell were entrenching themselves between Malvern Hill & the Chickahominy, Lee evidently had no idea we were going to Bermuda Hundred.

6 pm. Boat just in from Ft Monroe with information from City Point up to 7.30 P.M yesterday, Gen Grant reports that the latest information from Gen Smith was up to 4 pm He had then carried the first line of the Enemy's works at ~~Petersburg~~ Beatty's House near Petersburg, the colored troops assaulting & carrying the rifle pits with great

gallantry. Smith expected to assault the main line just before dark. He describes the rebel artillery fire as very heavy. Hancock was within three miles of Smith.

Rebel papers state that Hunter was within 12 miles of Lynchburg on the 11th & had destroyed the bridge over the Tye river.

Friday June 17. 1864.

Gen Smith took 16 guns in the works in front of Petersburg & about 500 prisoners.

The rebels at last accounts held the town but it is of no use to them as our guns command the place.

Gen Butler reports that the rebels have evacuated their position in front of Bermuda Hundred. Our troops were engaged in tearing up the Railroad between Petersburg & Richmond. Obstructions have been sunk in the James near

Trent's Reach which will prevent the rebel vessels from coming down, & greatly strengthen our position at Bermuda Hundred & City Point.

Saturday June 18.

Gen Hancock's Corps closely followed Gen Smith's & took one of the Enemy's forts on the East side of the City. Gen Burnside's troops were also brought up & captured some of the rebel works with 4 more guns & 200 prisoners. Gen Butler reports that last evening the Enemy formed in line of battle, drove in his picket & re-occupied the line in front of Bermuda Hundred which they abandoned to us the day before.

Gen Sherman reports that his lines have been advanced some 3 miles today the falling back from Lost mountain leading six miles of splendid field works in our possession.

A few days will give us all the

Country down to the Chattahoochee.
P.M. Mrs Tinker gave birth this morning to a healthy girl, Both doing well. Charlie is very much elated.
The following is Gen. Grant's summing up of the recent movements,
"Our forces drew out from within 50 yards of the enemy's entrenchments at Old Harbor made a flank movement of about 55 miles march crossing the Chickahominy & James River, the latter 2000 feet wide & 84 feet deep at point of crossing, & surprised the rear of the enemy at Petersburg. This was done without the loss of a wagon or piece of artillery & only about 150 straggler picked up by the enemy. In covering this move Warren's Corps & Wilson's Cavalry had frequent skirmishing with the rebels each losing from 50 to 60 killed & wounded & inflicting an equal if not greater loss upon the enemy.
The 18th Corps (Smith) were transferred

from White House to Bermuda Hundred by water, moved out near to Petersburg the night of their arrival (Wednesday) & captured the very strong works south East of the town, before sufficient force could be got in there by the Rebels to hold them. Smith was joined the night following by the 2d Corps which in turn captured more of the Redoubts further south. This Corps was followed by the 9th which the morning (17th) carried two more redoubts, with 4 guns & 500 pris.

"Too much credit cannot be given the troops & their Commanders for the Energy & fortitude displayed the last five days. Day & night has been the same & no delays allowed"

~~Friday July~~

Sunday June 19. 1864.

Maj Eckert has ordered me to the Army for a week or so to act as Cipher clerk to Mr Dana. I leave via Balto. at 2 PM today.

Monday June 20. 1864.

Reached Batt. last evening. Stopped at Bro Creighton. Went with him to Hartford Ave. Church. Heard a good sermon. Will leave for Ft Monroe at 5 P.M.

Tuesday June 21. 1864.

Left Batt. last Evg. The ride down the bay was very pleasant & cheering. I enjoyed it very much. I came down in the Adelaide. Will leave at Noon for City Pt.

Wednesday June 22. 1864.

I arrived at City Point last night at 6 P.M. on the Jno A. Warner. Gen Grant's Hd. Qrs. are on the bluffs just above the River in a pleasant grove of trees. Was introduced to Gen Grant. He is a very pleasant man; Smokes a great deal. All is quiet at the front.

Thursday June 23. 1864.

The Prest. came to the Army yesterday

He is up to Admr Lee's fleet today on a visit. He went to Gen Meade's Hd qrs yesterday. Everything is quiet today.

Friday June 24. 1864.

The heat today is very in-tense. I have very little to do but find it difficult to keep cool. I go to Genl. Butler's Hd qrs today to see my friends there.

Saturday June 25. 1864.

Came to Gen Butler's Hd Qrs today They are on the Appomattox about a mile from ~~City~~ Point of Rocks. Found O'Brien & Nichols there well & glad to see me. Went in swimming last evening in the Appomattox.

Sunday June 26. 1864.

Returned last evening from Pt of Rocks. I came on horseback to Bermuda Hundred & thence by tug to City Pt. Gen Ransom is here on a

visit to Gen Grant. He is a young man. fine looking with a beautiful clear eye.

Monday June 27.
The weather is scorching hot here. The poor soldiers must suffer severely. There is very little firing. & no excitement.

Tuesday June 28. 1864.
Telegrams read from Sherman state that he is in possession of Marietta & Kenesaw the enemy having evacuated those places, Sherman is pushing on his columns to the Chattahoochie.

Wednesday June 29. 1864.
Our line is completed & working well from City Pt to ft Monroe. The guerillas troubled it a little from Fort Powhatan to Swan's Pt opposite Jamestown Island, but

Genl Butler sent some colored Cavy out & dispersed them.

Thursday June 30. 1864.

Maj. Eckert telegrs today from Washn that he will leave today on a visit to the Army. He will be here tomorrow night.
Weather is somewhat cooler.

Friday July 1. 1864.

Rumors come to us of an advance of the rebels down the Shenandoah Valley. Genl Sigel is at Martinsburg with a small force & is very much alarmed. The force of the rebels is said to consist of Early's & Breckenridge's Divisions with McCausland's Md Cavy

Saturday July 2. 1864.

Maj. Eckert reached here ~~this~~ yesterday Eve'g. He tells me that Secy Chase has resigned & that the position has been tendered Gov Tod of Ohio

Sunday July 3. 1864.

Today I am twenty one years old. How quickly does time fly & how ought we to improve each moment. It seems but a short time ago that I was a schoolboy & in bib & tuckers. I wonder where I'll be a year from now & if the war will be ended.

Maj. Eckert went to Hd Qrs A.P. today I will go there tomorrow.

Monday July 4. 1864.

I left City Pt at 5 am & came by horseback to Gen Meade's Hd Qrs South West of Petersburg. There is very little excitement here today for the 4th No firing of consequence

Tuesday July 5. 1864.

Left the front of Petersburg at 5 A.m. today & City Pt. at 11 am for Washn. The ride down the James is very pleasant. Weather is not very warm. We passed the Atlanta off

It Powhatan & the Roanoke in Hampton Roads.

Wednesday July 6. 1864.

Arrived in Wash. 10 am today. Found all well & glad to see me. I was pleased to get back to my post once more. The trip did me great good. I feel in excellent condition.

Senator Fessenden has been appointed & confirmed Secy of the Treasury. It gives universal satisfaction.

Thursday July 7. 1864.

The rebels have driven Gen Sigel out of Martinsburg, crossed the Potomac at Williamsport & are advancing into Md said to be 30.000 strong. Our lines are cut between here & Pt of Rocks.

It is said they intend to advance on Balto. & Washn. Great excitement prevails.

Friday July 8. 1864.

Tonight Gen Lew Wallace telegraphs

that he encountered the forces of the Enemy at Monocacy Junction today & fought them from 9 till 4 when they overpowered him with numbers & he was compelled to fall back. He is retreating now on Balto. His troops very much disorganized & demoralized the enemy pursuing.

Saturday July 9. 1864.
Genl Wallace has reached Ellicotts Mills on his way to Balto. The enemy today broke the Wilmington Railroad at Gunpowder Bridge, captured two trains of passenger cars. Gen Franklin & Staff were on one of them. A train was set on fire & run on the bridge & the drawn & part of the bridge were destroyed.

Sunday July 10. 1864.
The Rebels today broke the Balto road near Laurel, torn down all telegraph lines. We are thus

under Genl Early

completely isolated from the rest of mankind. It is reported the Enemy are approaching on the Rockville road.

Genl Augur has read a despatch from a party of Cavalry stating that they were driven out of Rockville by the reb at 1 p m today. We have not heard from Dwight since noon. He was then at Darnestown on his way to Rockville. We are afraid he is captured.

Monday July 11. 1864.

Dwight came in circuit at Tenallytown last night, having gone to the South of Rockville, dodging the rebs. The enemy are approaching Ft Reno on the Rockville road & Ft Stevens on the Brookville road. They are in sight at both Stevens & Reno. Great excitement prevails throughout the city. Quarter m employees are being armed & sent to the trenches & the clerks do guard duty.

Tuesday July 12. 1864. An attack was

fully expected to be made last night
The 6th Corps & one Div. of 19th are arriving
by water from New Orleans the Capitol is felt to
be safe.

Wednesday July 13. 1864.

This morning it is found the rebs have left our front. They are reported to have left in direction of Rockville they have large trains & are full of plunder. The B&ORR was examined today & found to be uninjured. the teleg line was repaired & we are once more in communication with the north.

Genl Wright has been put in command of the forces operating against this force of the rebels. He moves out immediately toward Rockville.

Thursday July 14. 1864.

It is ascertained that Genl Franklin escaped from rebels & is now in Balto. He was very fortunate The rebels are said to be crossing

the Potomac at Edwards Ferry. Genl Wright is following them closely. He is at Leesburg today. Gen Ord has been ordered hereby rail to follow Genl Wright. Ord is directed to report to Gen Grant for assignment to the 10th Corps. Genl Brooks having resigned,

Friday July 15. 1864.

Railroad opened to Harpers Ferry today Gen Howe was then at Frederick. Gen Hunter at Harpers Ferry. Hunter has started Crook with 8000 men toward Aldie via Purcellville & co operating with Genl Wright may be able to hurt the rebels very much.

Saturday July 16. 1864.

Gen McCook was today relieved from duty in this Dept & ordered to report to the Adj Gen. at the expiration of a ten days leave of absence. His brother Col Dan McCook is lying very ill at Steubenville not

expected to lie.

All of the 19th Corps has by this time arrived & what did not land here went to City Pt. The troops of the 6th Corps & all others that can be spared will be sent to Genl Grant at once And a bold stroke will be made for Petersburg. We are expecting every day to hear of the taking of Atlanta by Sherman.

Sunday July 17. 1864.

Genl Wright was ordered today to return to Wash, with the 6th & 19th Corps leaving Gen Hunter to pursue the Enemy. The 6th & 19th will be sent immedy to City Pt.

We have rumors thro rebel sources that Genl A. J. Smith has been attacked by Gen S. D. Lee at Tupelo very near Okolona & after a 3 hours fight repulsed him. Lee calls it a drawn battle, but it is presumed to be a Union victory.

Monday July 18. 1864.

Gen Wright's troops & those of Cook have formed a junction near Purcellville & attacked the Enemy's rear guard taking some wagons & horses & 60 prisoners.

Sherman's army is all across the Chattahoochee & on its way to Decatur & Stony Mountain. The railroad will be broken at that point & destroyed as far East as possible, the railroad from Atlanta South will then be broken. & Atlanta invested.

Nothing new from Genl Grant, I rode out to Mt Pleasant Hospital this morning to see Bosquet Oper from Arlington who is there sick.

Tuesday July 19. 1864.

Our line to Harpers Ferry recommenced working today. Weather pleasant no news of importance.

Wednesday July 20. 1864.

A. J. Bosquet Operator from Arlington

died last evening at Mt Pleasant Hospital. He will be buried tomorrow.

He had no friends in this Country save a bro.-in-law in Canada East.

It seems sad for one to die so far away from home & friends. He was a good boy.

Thursday July 21, 1864.

Gen Sherman telegraphs from "3 miles from Atlanta" that he has advanced up to within that distance of the City. Our forces occupy the Railroad from Decatur to Atlanta & have destroyed about five miles of it. We have had some fighting, rebels attacking and being repulsed each time with loss. Johnston has been relieved & Hood put in his stead.

Wright & Crook formed a junction near Winchester & whipped the rebels under Early & captured 11 guns & 200 pris. besides a quantity of small arms

Friday July 22. 1864.

Gen Sherman telegraphs from near Atlanta dated 7 30 P.m. 21st. that the Enemy came out of his Entrenchments the day before and attacked us with great fury. Our men were protected by rail barricades & suffered little loss. We repulsed the Rebels at all points after two hours fighting. We left 600 dead & a great number on the field of battle, of which we held undisputed possession. Our guns are now within easy range of the City and tomorrow (22d) we will begin the bombardment. It is thought by Gen Sherman that Hood will Evacuate the place. The rebel papers say that Roddean has struck the railroad between Montgomery & Opelika. This leaves the rebels but one railroad on which to retreat. Our Cavalry has gone east from Decatur to destroy the Railroad, & bridges over the Yellow River & Uleofanhatchee Creek.

Gen. Hunter telegraphs that Gen Averiel has whipped the rebels at Winchester & they are retreating on all the roads to Strasburg & Front Royal

A call for 500.000 men was made by the Preat. on the 19th inst to serve for one year. the draft will take place in 50 days from that date.

Saturday July 23 1864.

Gen Sherman telegraphs dated 8 A.M. today that yesterday about ~~the~~ 11 a.m as we were arranging our troops the enemy fell suddenly upon the 17th Corps (Blair) & forced them back some 500 yards - but these troops were re-enforced by Dodges Corps (15th) & regained their ground. The rebel Cavy got well into our rear and captured a few wagons at Decatur. About 4 P.M. the rebels sallied against Morgan L. Smith's Div of 15th Corps & forced them back & got possession of two batteries but the ground was soon recovered & the batteries retaken.

The fight was pretty constant & severe all P.M. Darkness closed the contest. Our loss is estimated at 3.000. As we fought on the defensive, the loss of the enemy will be equally as large.

Our lines are now within a mile & a half of the heart of the City. Our front lines will be entrenched during today & hopes are entertained of a speedy victory.

Gen Wright's troops have arrived within the entrenchment of Washn & will be refitted & equipped ready for transportation to City Point.

Sunday, July 24. 1864.

All is quiet here today.

Gen Hunter telegraphs that Crook has had a severe fight with the Enemy South of Winchester & that the Enemy is in very strong force in Crook's front & are pressing him. It is said that Longstreet is in the Valley with reinforcements from Richmond.

I attended Gurley's Ch. this morning.

Monday July 25. 1864.

Gen Sherman writes dated 8 AM 24th that after examining the field he finds the rebel loss was far greater than was reported, 1000 of their dead have been buried. Our loss cannot exceed 1,500.

Gen Rousseau had arrived safely at Marietta. He destroyed the Depot of supplies at Opelika & the Railroad towards Montgomery for 30 miles, towards West Pt for 5 miles & towards Columbus for 3 miles. His loss all told was 30 men.

Gen Garrard had also returned to Sherman having destroyed the bridge at Covington & Conyers, 1 locomotive & train of cars, & a quantity of stores, & destroyed the Railroad for many miles.

As soon as Sherman's Cavalry rests he will swing rapidly around by the right flank and strike the Railroad below Atlanta on the Macon road, the only remaining line of communication they have.

Grant is preparing to make an importan

movement about Wednesday looking to the capture of Petersburg.

Tuesday July 26. 1864.

Gen. Crook yesterday evacuated Martinsburg, crossing the Potomac at Williamsport & marching for South Mountain. The pursuing column of the Enemy is said to be quite large, Early having been re-enforced by troops from Richmond. Gen Wright with the 6th & part of the 19th Corps (19.000 in all) moved out today on the Rockville road to report to Gen. Hunter for orders. Hunter's troops will come this way to effect a junction with Wright.

Wednesday July 27. 1864.

No news of the Enemy today. Wright & Crook are rapidly approaching each other near the Monocacy.

Gen. Ransom's moved the entire Army of the Tenn. round by the right this morning. He will strike the Macon road South of

Atlanta. A cavalry force of 3500 men under Genl McCook will move to the Jane R. R. striking farther South & a force under Stoneman will move by the left towards Griffin.
After destroying the R. R. Stoneman will march for Macon & attempt to liberate our officers confined there as prisoners. From there he will try to reach Anderson where 20000 of our prisoners are now confined. Stoneman may not be able to do all this, but he will make a desperate effort.
Gen. Grant began a movement this morning which he expects will compel the rebels to withdraw their raiding force from Md. It is to be hoped he may succeed. Weather very pleasant — a trifle warm.

Thursday July 28. 1864.
Gen. Sherman telegraphs dated 10 pm 27th that his movement to the right

of the Army of the Tennessee is being accomplished quietly the Enemy making little opposition. The two Cavalry Expeditions got well off Early yesterday morning.

Gen Howard has been assigned to the Command of the Army of the Tenn. Slocum to the command of the 20th Corps vice Howard & Gen. D. S. Stanley to command the 4th Corps vice Hooker relieved at his own request

Hooker asked to be relieved because Howard his junior was placed in Command of the ~~20th C~~ Army of the Tenn.

Gen Grant telegraphs that the 2d Corps & Sheridan's & Kautz's Cavy moved day before yesterday to the north bank of James River, they surprised a small force of rebels & captured them with 4 - 20 pdr Parrott Guns. The rebels attempted to drive us from our position near New market on the Charles City road & were repulsed with loss. Gen Grant left City Pt at 5 30 PM today for scene of action.

No news of the Enemy in Shenandoah Valley of importance. It is said they are ~~th~~ running all the threshing machines & gathering all the crops.

The balance of the 19th Corps is arriving this P.M. They will be pushed out towards Wright who is near the Monocacy.

Friday July 29. 1864.

Gen. Couch at Chambersburg reports that the Enemy is crossing in heavy force at Williamsport. Our forces are moving to meet them.

The enemy assaulted our right at Atlanta again yesterday, the 15th Corps bearing the blow, & were handsomely repulsed. Our men were under cover, the enemy were exposed. Our right is well swung around towards the Macon road that does not yet touch it.

The weather is extremely hot Ther. 97 in the shade.

Saturday July 30. 1864.

Nothing of importance from the Armies today. Gen. Sherman reports that maj. Gen. W. H. L. Walker was killed on the 22d inst. at Atlanta & it is reported by prisoners that Wheeler & Loring were wounded.

Chambersburg was occupied by the rebels at 3 o'clk this am Gen Couch's old Hd Qrs, & Mr McClure's house together with several other buildings were burned. Moseby crossed the Potomac near Pt of Rocks this morning with 400 men & was at Adamstown on B & O RR at 2 P.M. He cut the telegh lines. Maj Thompson moved out from Poolesville & attacked him, result not known.

Genl Grant meets the Prest at Ft. Monroe at 10 am tomorrow (Sunday)

Sunday July 31. 1864.

Weather is intensely hot today. No signs of rain. Gen Grant telegraphs

that finding his movement of the 2d Corps & Sheridan's Cavy to Deep Bottom drew all of the enemy's force towards that point from Petersburg except 3 Divisions, he concluded to make an assault on the works of the latter place. Accordingly at 5 AM yesterday the mine in front of Burnside which has been under way for some time was exploded, throwing 4 rebel guns into the air & burying almost an entire fourth Carolina Regt. Our men immedy took possession of the crater & the parapet to the right & still hold it up to last night. An attempt to take a very strong work beyond failed & we were compelled to fall back to our old lines.

Gen Hunter reached Frederick today. It is not known where the Enemy is. Gen Averill drove McCausland out of Chambersburg yesterday & McConnelsburg at 8 this morning towards Hancock. The rebels burned

most of Chambersbg & nearly all the houses on the road. They were making arrangements to burn McFarnels bridge when Averill came up & prevented it. Moseby recrossed the Potomac yesterday P.M. pursued by Col Clendenin, but with small prospect of being caught.

Monday Aug 1. 1864.

Information from Gen Grant shows that the loss on our side in withdrawing from the position we took on Friday was full 4,000. The attempt failed because after the explosion 2 hours were allowed to elapse before any advance was made by Gen Meade. Time was thus given to the Enemy to bring up re-enforcements.

Tuesday Aug 2. 1864

A Division of Cavalry is arriving here from City Pt. Gen Sheridan comes up to command it together with all

the Cavalry of Hunter's & Augur's Dept.
The Enemy pursued by
Averill went towards Cumberland
where he was met by Kelley who
fought them for two hours & compelled
them to again retreat with the loss
of all their dead & wounded, two
caissons & 1 gun carriage & a large
number of wagons, horses &c.
Gen Newman telegraphs that Capt
Brownlow has just arrived at
Marietta with a few of his regt.
He was with McCook who destroyed
the Macon road for 12 miles & burnt
a large bridge over the White Water
& 500 wagons including Gen Wood's
Hd Qrs Train, Instead of keeping
on however according to orders
McCook took the back track & began
destroying the West Pt road & was
surrounded by an overwhelming
force of rebel Infy & Cavalry & most
of the Command were Killed or
Captured, A portion cut their way

out 4500 have reached Marietta & others are straggling. The loss to us in Cavalry is very severe, but the damage to the rebels is very great. It is said the road cannot be repaired for 15 days.

Schofield last night moved from left to right last night and today the Army of the Tenn moves to East Pt. Hood will then be compelled to come out of his works & attack Sherman.

Wednesday Aug 3. 1864.

Nothing new of military importance Gen Atlanta is at Monocacy. Sheridan arrived today with part of one Division of his Cavalry.

Gen Sherman's Army was got into position yesterday ready to the advance on East Pt. Weather warm but pleasant

Thursday Aug. 4. 1864.

Today is the day Appointed by the

Prest. for fasting, humiliation & prayer.
The Depts are ord closed.

Richmond papers of yesterday claim that Genl Stoneman was attacked by rebel Gen Iverson at Clinton 15 miles North of Macon on the 31st & was routed 75 officers including Stoneman, with 500 prisoners surrendered themselves & had arrived in Macon. The remnant was flying towards Eatonton.
This report is supposed to be much exaggerated. Genl Wilcox has turned up with 1200 of his command at Dallas having cut his way through the Enemy. This leaves but 1000 not yet ~~under~~ accounted for and who may come in. They are under Col. Croxton

Genl Hunter reports the Enemy advancing on Hickory in two columns, one by way of Charlestown & one by Shepherdstown. At 4.30 P.M. we were driven in at Antietam Ford & the Enemy commenced crossing in heavy force with Cavalry and Infantry. The 19th Corps has been sent to the relief of Hickory

Friday aug 5. 1864.

Genl Grant arrived here this morning from City Point on his way to Genl Hunter's Hd Qrs. He goes up to organize movements against the Enemy in the Valley.

Gen Sherman telegraphs that Col Adams has arrived with 900 men he was in Stoneman's command. Sherman's lines are being drawn closer to the Railroad.

The Enemy didnot make the contemplated attack on H. Ferry. All report now agree that no considerable force of rebels is in Md. nothing but a cavalry force & a large wagon train with which to carry grain & wheat collected in Maryland. One brigade of Cavalry left Harpers today for Harpers Ferry. Another tomorrow. Gen Wilson's Div of Cavy will begin leaving City Pt. today for Washn. With this large Cavalry force it is expected we will be able to drive the Enemy out of the valley & down as far as Gordonsville

Saturday aug 6. 1864.

Raining today quite hard. The ground

needed rain badly.

Gen Sheridan has been assigned to command all the troops in the field in the Depts of Washn. Md. West Va & Penna. He left this morning for Winchester where all troops will be concentrated.

~~Saturday Aug. 6. 1864~~

Gen Grant returned here today from Gen Hunter's Army. He leaves for City Pt. to morrow

Sunday Aug. 7. 1864.

I went to Wesley Chapel this am. Heard Dr. Nadal preach, Took Sacrament. Chain sung "Jerusalem my happy home" for voluntary. It was sung well.

We have information dated New Orleans 30th, that Adml Farragut has begun an attack on Mobile, Our troops under Granger made a landing on Dauphin's Island near Mobile.

Sherman reports that Palmer has resigned & Jeff C. Davis is recommended by Sherman & Thomas for promotion

to the rank of maj. Gen. & to the command of 14th Corps in Palmer's stead.

Gen Hunter has asked to be relieved from command of the Dept. of West Va. because the Pres. found fault with his ordering south some rebel citizens in his Dept. who act as spies, & send information & the supplies to the rebels & point out Union men when the rebels enter into the towns.

I presume he will be relieved & Kelly put in his place. Kelly has been made a maj Gen by brevet.

Monday Aug. 8. 1864. Gen Custer's ~~Division~~ Brigade of Cavalry left here at dawn this morning for Rapidan Ferry. Gen Sheridan is making arrangements to march upon the enemy at once. His troops are all at H. Ferry now & he will commence moving them today in direction of Winchester

Gen Kelly telegraphs that Averill yesterday defeated the Enemy at Moorefield. Capturing all his artly

& 500 prisoners.

Gen Butler telegs that the Richmond Sentinel of today's contains the following detail of the movement on Mobile,
"Mobile Aug. 5th to Hon. J. A. Seddon Sec. War.
17 vessels, 12 Ship & 3 Iron clads passed Ft Morgan on the ~~[illegible]~~ this morning. The Tecumseh a Monitor was sunk. The Tennessee the rebel flag ship surrendered after a desperate Engagement with the Federal fleet. The Selma was captured. The Gaines was beached near the hospital. Adm Buchanan lost a leg & is a prisoner. The Morgan is safe & will try to run up tonight. ~~The~~ a Monitor has been shelling Ft. Powell all day. The fleet has approached Mobile. Signed D. H. Maury Maj. Gen."

A telegram from Cairo says news from below confirms death of rebel Gen Forrest.

Tuesday Aug. 9. 1864.

So hence, Very warm today. Stewart is away on furlough. When he returns I shall go & then Tinker,

Wednesday Aug 10. 1861.

Richmond Examiner of 9th says news from Mobile up to 7th says no material change in situation. The Morgan the only rebel gunboat that was not sunk, beached or surrendered, had succeeded in passing the bar & reaching the City.

Gen Grant telegraphs that an ordnance Boat exploded at City Pt yesterday noon killing two men & wounding several others, and throwing fragments of the explosion all over the Hd Qrs. Some consternation was created at first till it was found what the trouble was.

Thursday Aug 11. 1861.

Gen Butler sends following from Richmond Enquirer of 10th.

Mobile Aug 8. On Friday night last Lt Col Williams assassinated & blew up Lt. Powell at the northern entrance of Grants Pass. Second dispatch! Mobile 8.

Ft Gaines was surrendered this morning at half past 9 o'clock by Col W. Anderson of 21st Ala Regt. It had 50 guns 600 men & was provisioned for 6 mos."

Ft Gaines is on Dauphin Island opposite Ft Morgan which is on the mainland.

The Morgan the only rebel gunboat that was not either sunk, wrecked or captured on the 5th had succeeded in getting over the bar & reaching the City.

Sheridan was near Berryville 20 miles from Harpers Ferry at 4 P.M. yesterday

Friday Aug. 12. 1864.

Gen Sheridan telegraphs that he forced the Enemy to abandon his position at Winchester & to fall back in direction of Strasburg on the 18th. Sheridan was yesterday 8 miles south of Winchester & in pursuit of Enemy.

Gen Grant telegraphs that it is certain 2 divisions of troops have left the vicinity of Petersburg for

Early They commenced leaving last Saturday. This will make Early's force about 40000 & too strong for Sheridan, to attack, but he can act on the defensive until movements at Petersburg force the rebels to detach & send troops to that point.

Saturday Aug 13. 1864.

Gen Canby telegs that all his information leads to the conclusion that Kirby Smith is collecting his forces to move eastward to assist the forces operating against Sherman. Canby has made dispositions accordingly.

It rained considerably this Eve'g The air is much cooler in consequence.

Sunday Aug. 14. 1864.

All quiet today, more rain has fallen. Tinker has been unwell. I have been unable therefore to get to Church today –

Monday Aug. 15. 1864.

Gen. Sheridan telegraphs dated 11 am 14th that he read Gen. Grant's telegram of the 12th or 13th, which stated that two Divisions of Infantry had left front of Petersburg to join Early, & directed him Sheridan to act on the defensive until Gen G by his movements there caused the rebels to detach troops from Early to reinforce Richmond. Sheridan was on Cedar Creek but said that he would fall back to the line of Winchester where he could be easily supplied, he was sorry that he had read the orders & wants to push forward after the rebels.

Gen Grant telegraphs dated from Deep Bottom 11.40 am of the 14th stating that he had the night before moved the 2d Corps 9000 men of the 10th Corps & Gregg's Cavy to North side of the James to threaten Richmond from the north. He does not state any result of the movement.

Sherman telegraphs that he proposes to leave a Corps at the Chattahoochie

to guard bridges, trains, Stores &c, & with the balance of this army, 60000 men in fighting trim to move to the south & S.E. of Atlanta & make "a devastating circle of ruin around the City. This will compel Hood to come out & attack us.

Weather cool & pleasant. It rained a little more today.

Gen Grant at this time has 75.000 men fit for service. 53.000 are absent sick & wounded. 5000 of them officers. He had 160.000 men when he reached the James River including Butler's force.

Surgeons & Inspectors are examining all the northern ~~offices~~ Hospls & will send forward every man able to do duty.

Tuesday Aug 16 1864

Gen Canby telegs from New Orleans dated 9th that Ft Gaines surrendered unconditionally on the 8th 56 Comd officers 818 men & 26 Guns. Ft Powell was abandoned

the night before, its garrison escaping to Cedar Pt. 19 guns were left in our hands. Gen Granger reenforced by 2000 men was to proceed immediately to the investment of Fort Morgan.

Canby says he thinks Kirby Smith is trying to make a movement East of the Mississippi to aid the forces against Sherman.

A force of rebels have entered ~~the~~ Illinois crossing the Ohio at Shawneetown at which place they captured 3 foot boats laden with cattle.

Troops & militia are being moved against them.

Genl Grant alleges that he has captured 6 guns & 100 pris. in his movement across the James.

The rebels he says will be compelled to retain Longstreet's Corps at Richmond.

Sheridan has moved his force back to Winchester in accordance with Gen Grant's orders.

Wednesday Aug. 17, 1864.

Capt Wm Dager telegraphs from Kingston dated 3pm today that telegraph communication with Chattanooga had been broken since Sunday morning. Wheeler attacked Dalton but was repulsed by Genls Steedman & Jno E. Smith ~~who~~ and retreated towards Spring Place pursued by our forces.

Nothing new at Atlanta except that the left is retired to prepare for the flank movement which will begin in a few days. Nothing new from Mobile. Sheridan reports that the stories of vast amounts of grain & plunder being taken off by Early are all humbugs. His army is in & around Winchester. Nothing more from Gen Grant's late movement.

Thursday Aug. 18, 1864.

Gen. Grant telegraphs that the movement of the 2d & 10th Corps to the north of the James River is a success. There has been some fighting - The Enemy

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have been somewhat driven from their position & have lost heavily. We have captured 400 pris. besides about 1000 of their dead and wounded. Two of their Brig. Genls were Killed, Chambliss & Gherardi.

Gen Warren's Corps has been relieved from the trenches & is held ready to be moved to the South of Petersburg as soon as the Enemy moves Enough of his forces north of the James to oppose our progress there, to warrant it. This movement will have the effect of preventing reenforcements going to Atlanta & of drawing back some that are in the Valley. Grant says he will keep them busy.

Gen Sheridan is at Charlestown Va He says Early has been considerably re-enforced; that troops are still arriving. Torbert was driven out of Winchester yesterday. He had part of Wilson's & his own Div.

Weather is considerably cooler. Great deal of rain has fallen lately

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Friday Aug. 19. 1864.

Gen Sherman telegraphs that Wheeler has gone up into East Tenn. & that he is going to take advantage of the opportunity thus offered to break the macon Road again. Kilpatrick with 5 Brigades of Cavy. was to leave last night for that purpose. At the same time Sherman will demonstrate along his whole line.

Gen Grant telegraphs that Warren's Corps was moved yesterday morning to & across the Weldon Railroad about one mile South of the Lead works.

From then he advanced towards Petersburg meeting the enemy. He had considerable fighting during the day. No report of the losses or of the results of the days work. Some rebel wounded fell into our hands & some other prisoners.

Saturday Aug 20. 1864

Sherman telegraphs that he had heavy demonstrations along his whole line yesterday to Enable Kilpatrick to tear up the macon road well.

the things great things will result from this breaking of that Road. Gen Dodge was slightly wounded.

Sheridan reports that the Enemy has shown considerable force in his front & all his information still goes to show that Early has rec'd large reinforcements.

Fitz Lee's Cavalry is said to be on our right flank. Sheridan can bring into action 23,000 Infy & 8000 Cavy.

Nothing from Mobile yet

P.M. Gen Grant telegs dated last night that the Enemy came out yesterday Evening & attacked Warens right but were repulsed with considerable loss in Killed wounded & prisoners. The prisoners captured say that Lee is running his men to death shifting them around from one place to another

Our troops are firmly fixed on the Weldon road. Gen Birney Cmdg the 10th Corps reports that the Enemy attacked him in heavy force on the evening of the 18th They attacked in column & down strong but were handsomely met & repulsed ~~to~~

The rebel loss is at least 1000. The colored troops behaved excellently

Gen Grant's report says the Enemy have lost this week not less than 4000 ; perhaps more, It has rained considerable at Petersburg this week & a grateful change in the atmosphere has taken place.

Sunday Aug 21. 1864.

Weather cloudy, but cool & pleasant. Tinker is sick with jaundice & not at the Office. Business very heavy. The rebels attacked Sheridan's skirmish & picket line near Charlestown today & followed it up with a movement of two Infy Divisions. The fighting lasted ale P.M. but was not very brisk. They failed to penetrate our lines.

Monday Aug 22. 1864.

Gen. Grant telegraphs that the Enemy came out & attacked Warren in heavy force yesterday. They were easily repulsed

& with heavy loss. We took some 500 prisoners. The 2d Corps has been withdrawn from the north bank of the James River & is now within supporting distance of Warren. Wheeler attacked Maryville Tenn last night with artly. Result not known. Morgan with 2000 men is said to be approaching Cumberland Gap.

Tuesday Aug 23. 1864.

Sherman thinks that Kilpatrick is back having broken the road about Jonesboro. He had some pretty severe fighting but whipped the enemy. Every time he brought in 1 gun & 70 prisoners & 3 battle flags. He spiked several guns which he could not bring off. It will take the rebels 10 days to repair this break & before that time Sherman will swing around the City & cut it again.

Wednesday Aug 24. 1864.

Maj. Eckert & I went to the Soldiers Home last night to Experiment

with an instrument for telegraphing by means of a calcium light.

A Key is arranged so as to show the light at pleasure & by this means dots & dashes can be made quite successfully. We communicated with Chandler who was at Smithsonian Institute, very readily. The Prest. ~~Gen Scott~~ Adml. Davis of the Navy Col. Nicodemus of the Signal Corps & Col. Dimick were on the town at Soldiers Home witnessing the Experiment.

Lieutenant Clagh that the Enemy are furious over our possession of the Weldon Road. They attack us there every day but each time have been repulsed with heavy loss to them & small loss to us. Scouts report that Gen W. H. F. Lee son of Robert E. Lee is mortally wounded.

Gen Burbridge reports from Ky that Gen Hobson has defeated the rebel Col. Johnson in Webster Co. & is now pursuing him.

Weather cool & pleasant.

Thursday Aug. 25. 1864.

The new cable arrived at Fort Monroe yesterday, will be put down in a few days. Gen. Sherman moves this morning to the South & East of Atlanta leaving the 4th Corps Entrenched at Chattahoochie Bridge.

Gen. Grant telegraphs that the rebels still continue to attack Warren on the railroad and are repulsed with heavy loss each time.

Friday Aug. 26. 1864.

Gen. Grant telegraphs that Hancock who is south of Reams Stn on the Weldon R.R. has had some severe fighting. The enemy attacked him yesterday twice repulsed. Sheridan says "It is certain Early has rec'd reinforcements & has advanced his line somewhat, & shows indications of crossing the Rivers at Shepheardstown, If he does cross Sheridan will attack his divided force.

We have not rec'd our June moneyys.

Saturday Aug 27. 1864.

Genl Grant reports that Hancock who was South of & near Ream's Station, was attacked by the rebels day before yesterday.

The fell on him in heavy force & with great fierceness & all afternoon the battle raged with great fury.

Gen Hancock was at first pushed back but rallied his troops & repulsed the enemy with great slaughter. He says that the fighting was desperate resembling somewhat that of Spotsylvania but the number Engaged made it less important,

The enemy captured 8 guns from us but loses very heavily in killed & wounded. They retired at dark being unable to force our lines, leaving their Dead & wounded on the field.

Gen Meade says he thinks the Enemy will remain quiet now for some time.

Gen Sheridan reports that Early has fallen back to Lee town & Smithfield

He captured 100 prisoners yesterday. Since Kershaw's Div. entered the valley ~~to~~ ~~the~~ Sheridan has taken 800 prisoners from that Div.

Tinker left yesterday for Halifax on special service. He has a cipher with him. He will watch the movements of A. Keith Jr. of Halifax, the rebel agent there.

Sunday Aug. 28. 1864.

Attended church this morning at Wesley Chapel. Heard Rev B. Newton Brown preach a good sermon.

Richmond papers give the rumor that Ft. Morgan is in our possession. No particulars yet.

Monday Aug. 29. 1864.

Sherman's army is in the vicinity of Fairburn & Red Oak on the West Pt. Road & from that point well out towards the Macon road. He reports all going well. Gen. Sheridan reports

that Early has fallen back some distance towards Winchester. He is following him closely.

It is thought troops have gone from the valley to Richmond & to Atlanta. The rebels say Hood is killed & Longstreet is in command at Atlanta. It is believed that some of Longstreets troops have gone to that point. But his whereabouts are not known.

The rumor from Mobile that Ft Morgan is in our possession is confirmed through rebel sources.

Tuesday Aug. 30. 1864.

Our new cable across the Chesapeake at Ft. Monroe was laid Sunday & began to work at midnight of that day.

It works very well. Today I had Ft Monroe connect City Pt & we communicated direct from Washn to City Pt. The distance is 430 miles, & there are 11 cables, the one at Ft Monroe (20 miles) being the longest.

Genl Grant reports all quiet yesterday. Chicago Convention is in session now. Gen. McClellan will probably be the candidate for Preat. It will be a great pity if he is elected.

Wednesday Aug 31. 1864.

Maj. Eckert went to Ft. Monroe today to see about laying a cable from Jamestown Island to Fort Pomhatan. The land line between those points cannot be well guarded.

McClellan was today nominated for Preat. by the Dem. Convention at Chicago. He recd on the first ballot 203 votes, Seymour of N.Y. 23. Pendleton of O. will likely be nominated for Vice Preat.

Richmond papers of the 26th confirm the capture of Ft. Morgan. It surrendered to the federal forces on Tuesday the 23rd.

Gen Page with 581 men were sent to New Orleans. Granger has landed 4.000 men on the main land at Grants Pass & will probably invest Mobile at once.

Thursday Sept. 1. 1864.

No news of importance from any source, Weather pleasant and cool.

Friday Sept. 2. 1864.

Capt. Van Duzer Supt mil Telg telegraphs from Marietta Gas as follows — "3 Pm Our forces Entered "Atlanta 2 hours since. Will "have line there before we Sleep"

This is glorious news & will do us a world of good at this time. Nothing new from any other quarter.

Saturday Sept. 3. 1864.

Later news from Atlanta shows that Sherman fought Hood near East Pt. & defeated him. Stewart's corps of Hood's Army was left in Atlanta & Slocum drove him out & now occupies the city.

Averill whipped Vaughn's Cavy in the Valley yesterday & captured

25 wagons, a herd of cattle & some pris. Sheridan reports that Early is at last retreating, Gen. S. is in pursuit.

Monday Sept. 19th 1864.

On Sunday Sept 4. I was taken ill with inflammation of bowels, was confined to my bed until Sept. 12. The attack was quite severe but I had medical attention in time and soon got over it.

I came to the Office on the 13th but stayed but a short time being very weak. On the 14th I went to Balto. thinking the change would benefit me, I visited at Mr Creighton & Mr Morris', Spent a very pleasant time & felt much better. Returned to Washn. this P.M. Will resume duty to-morrow.

Since the last Entry in my journal the following movements have taken place.

Genl Sherman after whipping part of Hood's Army under Hardee at Jonesboro on the Macon road, capturing some 3.000 pris. followed him to Lovejoys Station 26 miles South

of Atlanta where the rebels made a stand in an entrenched position. In the meantime Hood with the balance of his army in Atlanta finding Sherman on his only R.R. line, blew up his Magazines, burned 80 cars of Ordnance Stores, ammunition Etc, destroyed several locomotives, & Evacuated the place on the night of the 1st. Gen. Slocum with the 20th Corps occupied the town next morning & found a large quantity of Stores, 3000 stand of small arms & a number of Cannon some of which were spiked.

Gen. Sherman withdrew his army to the vicinity of Atlanta, after remaining at Lovejoys several days. He issued a congratulatory order to his troops in which he stated that since May 5. his troops had been in one constant battle or skirmish and they needed rest, He accordingly brought them to Atlanta for this purpose & to organize a new campaign.

Nothing new from Mobile. The rebels in Arkansas have concentrated & are seriously threatening Gen Steele's line of communication & Missouri.

Gen. A. J. Smith's Division has been ordered to Ark. & will enable Steele to fight the enemy successfully.

Gen. Gillem surprised John Morgan the noted rebel raider near Greenville East Tenn. about ten days since & in the fight Morgan was killed. His remains were sent to Abingdon Va. where they were buried.

Thus ends the career of this most celebrated rebel chieftan.

On the 17th the rebels made a raid on a cattle herd near Coggins Pt. on the James river & succeeded in driving off 2500 beef cattle.

In the Shenandoah Valley all has been quiet till to day, Gen. Stevenson at Harpers Ferry reports that our Cavalry drove a force of the rebels on the Opequan a distance of 9 miles capturing 200 of them.

He also reports that heavy cannonading has been heard all day in the direction of Berryville & Winchester.

Tuesday Sept. 20. 1864. The draft proceeded in the deficient districts throughout the

Country yesterday & the day before. All seems to have passed off quietly.

Genl. Sheridan reports that he fought Early all day yesterday over the Berryville pike at the crossing of the Opequan Creek. He completely defeated the Enemy driving him through Winchester & capturing 5000 prisoners which includes 2000 of his wounded left in Winchester, 15 battle flags & 8 pieces of artillery.

Genl D. A. Russell Comdg a Div. in 6th Corps was killed. Gen. McIntosh lost a leg. Gens Upton & Chapman were slightly wounded. The rebels lost in killed Genls. Rhodes, Gordon & Terry & severely wounded Genls Ramseur, Fitz Lee & York. The enemy's loss cannot fall short of 7000 ours is severe probably 4000.

Medical supplies have gone forward from Ft. Ferry.

The news of the glorious victory was sent to all the Guns as soon as possible & 100 guns were ordered to be fired at the different Arsenals.

Wednesday Sept. 21. 1864.

Sheridan reports that he followed the retreating enemy as far as Strasburg He occupied that place, the rebels a ~~place~~ strong position called Fishers Hill Our Cavalry are out on the Enemy's flanks.

Thursday Sept. 22. 1864.

Gen Sherman reports that Hood has moved from Lovejoy's Sta 6 near Palmetto Station on the West Pt. road where his men are entrenching. Gen Sherman does not understand what this movement means but will watch him closely.

Gen. Sheridan reports dated Strasburg 9 pm 21st. that Gen. Wilson's Cavy Div had a fight with Enemy at Front Royal yesterday, driving them out, & up the Luray Valley about Six miles, Towards Evening 2d Div & part of the 3rd Div 6th Corps had a sharp fight with the enemy resulting in our gaining & holding a strong position on the crest of a hill.

Everything Else quiet. Gen Sheridan

has been appointed a Brig. Gen. in the Regular army for his gallant services.

Friday Sept. 23 1864.

Gen. Sheridan telegraphs that he achieved another victory over Early at Fisher's Hill yesterday.

Early's army occupied a very strong position & Sheridan maneuvered until 4 p.m. when Crook's Corps was shifted to the extreme right & attacked the enemy furiously & drove every thing before him. At the same time the 6th & 19th Corps advanced on the front & the whole rebel army seemed to be broken up. Nothing saved them from total destruction but the darkness of night. They fled up the valley in the greatest confusion, 16 pieces of cannon were captured & a great many pris. Genl. Sheridan has not the time to get the number. Besides these a great many caissons, artillery, horses &c. &c. 2000 prisoners of those taken yesterday have reached Winchester.

This good news was quickly sent to the north. It brot. gold down to 209 from 215. It was 220 at the first board.

Saturday Sept. 24. 1864.

Nothing new of importance. From Genl. Sheridan he is pursuing the Enemy ~~down~~ up the valley. He reports the 20 pcs of artly were taken & large amts of ammn Entrenching tools &c &c. Gold closed at 199 this Evening.

Sunday Sept. 25. 1864.

Genl Sheridan's advance was at Mt. Jackson yesterday evening. He says the houses in the valley are many of them filled with rebel wounded.

The Prest. on Friday requested Montgomery Blair Post Mastr Genl to resign. The Prest in his letter to Blair says: "As you have repeatedly assured me that you were willing & ready to resign any time that it would be relief to me, I have now to state that I think the time

has come" Ex. Gov. Wm Dennison of Ohio has been proffered the position, He is absent in the County now & can't be reached by telegph.

Attended Church at Wesley Chapel this morning. Heard Dr Phelps P.E.

Monday Sept. 26. 1864.

Sheridan's advance is near New Market. He drove the rebels from Mt. Jackson but they travelled so fast he could not bring on an Engagement with them.
Forbert had a little fight with Wickham's Cavy. at Ruray capturing a hundred prisoners.
The rumor that Mobile had surrendered unconditionally to our forces was read today said to have come thro' rebel sources. This report is discredited however.
It sent gold down to 180 but it rallied on the rumor being contradicted & went to 194.

Sept. 29. 1864.

No news of importance yesterday & the day before.

Charlie Tinker ~~left Wa~~ had order today to come home from Halifax.

Gen Sheridan's forces Entered Staunton on Monday according to rebel papers.

Early crossed the Shenandoah & went towards Pt. Republic.

Sheridan pursued him but could not bring on an Engagement.

Lieu Grant telegraphs that the 18th Corps advanced Early this morning & captured the very strong fortifications below Chapins farm to the South west of Drewry's Bluff. At the same time Gen Birney with 10th Corps advanced on the New Market road & taken some very strong Earthworks & a few prisoners & scattered the enemy before him.

Gen Grant left Birney about 6 miles from Richmond. At 4 pm he telegraphs that at last accounts Kautz was in sight of Richmond on the Darby road.

A div. of Infy has been sent to his support. Gen Ord (18th Corps) took 15 Guns & several hundred prisoners. Gen Grant's object was not to carry Richmond, but to cause the Enemy to so weaken the Petersburg garrison as to enable us to take that place. The main object however is to prevent Lee sending troops to reenforce Early.

Friday Sept. 30. 1864.

Gen Grant reports that Gen Warren attacked & carried the Enemy's line today on their extreme left. He immediately prepared to follow up his success. He captured a few prisoners.

Rebel Cipher Oct 16/64
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Cash account for Octo. 1854.

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1.	Cash on hand	392	
"	Rec'd from		
Dec. 11	Rec'd Sal for Oct & Nov	309	
"	Pd Chandler		50 00
"	" Tinker		37 50
"	Rec'd from Thos. 35 from McKenna 10	45	
"	Pd Room rent for Aug & Sept		20 00
"	Sent father by Express		105
"	Washing 3 00 for Dec.		

Washn, D.C. Oct. 1. 1864.

Saturday — I am suffering from a severe bad Din my throat, I can hardly speak above my Breath. Otherwise I am feeling well.

Gen. Grant telegrs that the enemy made 3 assaults in heavy force on his line at Chapin's Farm yesterday afternoon & were repulsed each time. Late in the evening the Enemy in superior force attacked Potter's Div. of the 9th Corps whilst it was moving to get to the left of Warren, Potter was driven back until reinforced by Griffin's Div. when the Enemy were checked with ~~Potter~~ heavy loss. Potter lost considerably in Killed wounded & Captured. Our troops entrenched during the night. We have report from Sheridan up to the 29th at Harrisonburg. Early was still demoralized & routed & had retreated through Brown's Gap. Our Cavy Entered Staunton on the 26th & destroyed the Govt repair Shops & a large amount of rebel Govt. Supplies. From there they went to Waynesboro & destroyed the Govt tannery, & large amounts of leather & stores of all kinds.

Gen Sheridan has burned all the grain & hay that he could not use on his march. This will be hard

for the Rebels as they depended principally on the Shenandoah valley for grain. Gen Sheridan will soon retire to Front Royal & bring up supplies & be ready to make an advance at any time.

Sunday Oct. 2. 1864.

Nothing of importance to day. Albert Chandler left last Evening for Va. He will return in about 3 weeks. & will bring a wife with him.

I went to Epiphany Church this evening, where our Church held service, Dr Ryan did not preach, but a strange gentleman with whom I was not acquainted. After church I visited Mrs Kirk's a short while.

Monday Oct. 3. 1864.

Genl Sheridan telegraphs that he cannot make an advance on Charlottesville owing to the great distance from his base, & he suggests that the 6th & 19th Corps be sent to the Army of the Potomac. Gen. Grant has approved of this & directed the movement to be made at once. The troops will come by rail from Front Royal to Alex & thence by water to City Point.

Genl. Schofield reports that Genl Gillem had quite a severe fight in East Tenn. one day last week. lasting from 3 P.m of one day till noon of the next when the rebels retreated to Zollicoffer, No details given.

Tuesday Oct. 4. 1864.

No further movement in the Army of the Potomac, Gen Wilson has been relieved from duty with Sheridan and ordered to report to Sherman as his Chief of Cavalry. He will be brevetted a Major General.

Wednesday Oct. 5. 1864.

Genl. Thomas Comd'g Army of the Cumberland who has been sent from Atlanta by Genl. Sherman, to drive Forrest out of Tennessee reports that he has made such dispositions of Troops as will either destroy Forrest or compel him to go south at once. Washburne with 3000 Cavy is at Clifton on the Tenn & will move at once to the enemy's rear

The rebels have captured Big Shanty near Dalton, & are moving northward They have burnt bridges & torn up R R track & Telegraph wire for ten

miles in vicinity of Big Shanty.
Gen Sherman has ample supplies of all kinds in Atlanta & will not be inconvenienced by the present state of the railroad.
Nothing new from Gen. Grant & nothing whatever from Gen. Sheridan.

Thursday Oct. 6. 1864.

Gen. Grant left City Pt. this morning for Washington on a short visit.
Genl Thomas reports from Nashville that our forces were fighting most of yesterday at Allatoona, Details not known but the rebels had been driven from the road.

Friday Octo. 7. 1864.

Gen Thomas reports that in the fight at Allatoona the enemy under Genl. French had 7000 men. The fight lasted nearly all day & resulted in the enemy's being driven off with great loss. Estimated at 2000. We lost 100 killed & 200 wounded. The enemy's dead & wounded left in our hands. Telegraph O.K. to Allatoona.
Nothing heard from Sherman.
The rebels under Moseby made an attack yesterday upon the force guarding

the Construction train on Manassas Gap R.R, at Salem We fell back to White Plain but advanced again this am very little damage done.

Gen Butler reports that the Enemy came out early this morning on the Darby road & drove Gen Kautz with some loss. He also attacked Birney with ~~[illegible]~~ but was repulsed with great slaughter. We captured some few prisoners.

Saturday Oct. 8. 1864

Genl Grant returned to City Point today. Butler reports that rebel Genl Gregg Comd'g Field's Div was killed yesterday, Gen Bratton was wounded.

Gen Sheridan has reached Wood-stock with his Army.

He has burned 2000 barns filled with grain & flour & 70 mills filled with flour & wheat, He has killed & fed to his troops 3000 sheep & has brought off a large quantity of Cattle, horses, & &c.

He has destroyed all farming implements, & has made the Shenandoah Valley unterable for a rebel Army.

400 wagon loads of refugees

from the vicinity of Harrisonburg came with Gen Sheridan & have been sent to Harpers Ferry.

Mr Creighton of Balto. & Rev. Mr. Olevine of Penna called on me yesterday. I took dinner with them at the Kirkwoods.

Sunday Octo. 9. 1864.

Today opened blustery & cold & has continued so all the day. Fires are very comfortable & overcoats are necessary.

Genl Thomas at Nashville telegraphs that he has had nothing direct from Sherman, but that Genl Corse at Alatoona reports that he (Sherman) was on the Railroad between Kenesaw & Atlanta repairing it.

Line is open to Alatoona & will be open to Atlanta today or tomorrow. The Railroad will require some days yet. Gen Sherman has enough supplies for the present but urges forward the shipment of forage.

His wants have been anticipated by Genl Thomas & large quantities have been sent as far to the front as possible. Rousseau reports that

Forrest has escaped him by crossing the Tennessee in flat boats above and below Florence while he was detained by high water in the Shoal Creek & Elk river.

Major Gen Burbridge arrived at Lattettsburg Ky two days since with his command from an expedition to the Saltworks at Abingdon Va. He encountered a large force of rebels there posted behind entrenchments and immediately attacked them driving them from their works, but the ammunition giving out they were forced to retire, having accomplished but little of what was intended. The 6th Corps & one Div of Cavalry only will be moved from Sheridan's Army to the James.

Monday Octo. 10. 1864.

Gen Sherman telegraphs from Alatoona that Hood crossed the Chattahoochie & before he (Sherman) was aware of it had got a Corps to Border Springs. Genl Sherman instantly resolved to leave Slocum with 20th Corps in Atlanta & move to Marietta with the balance of his Army. This

he did & reached Kenesaw Oct. 5. just in time to witness at a distance the battle at Alatoona. Gen. Corse had been ordered from Chattanooga with reinforcements & ~~then~~ met the Enemy & handsomely repulsed him, he leaving his dead & wounded on the field.

As soon as Hood discovered Sherman's appearance he moved to Dallas & Van Wert, & is today crossing the Coosa 12 miles below Rome bound west. Sherman suggests if he passes over to the Mobile & Ohio road that he (Sherman) destroy the railroad to Chattanooga & move with wagons to Milledgeville, Millen & Savannah. He says it is impossible to protect that long line of road & he can leave Thomas & Smith what troops he has & the reenforcements ordered to Nashville, to defend the state, Sherman says he can make the march & can make Georgia howl.

Tuesday Oct. 11. 1864

Gen. Sheridan reports that his Cavalry had a sharp fight near Fisher's Hill on the 9th with all of the rebel Cavy of the valley under Rosser.

The enemy was routed & 11 pieces

of Artillery captured, & 330 prisoners.
We took 47 wagons & ambulances including the Hd Qrs wagons of Rosser, Lomax, McDonald & Pollard.
Our forces pursued the retreating rebels 26 miles.
Sheridan proposes to send the 6th Corps to Alexa. across the country. He has been directed to do this.

Wednesday Oct. 12. 1864

Yesterday was Election day in Pa. Ohio & Ind. & today in Md.
Penna will give a union majority of about 3.000 on the home vote. Ohio about 25.000. & Indiana about 20.000. Cox & Pugh of Ohio defeated Voorhees of Ind. doubtful.
The vote of the Soldiers will increase these majorities some considerable.
Genl. Grant has given Genl. Sherman permission to make his proposed movement to the Atlantic Coast. breaking up the road from Atlanta to Chattanooga.

Thursday Oct. 13. 1864

Genl Thomas telegraphs that Hood is at Dalton & that no communication has

been had with Gen Sherman, All Quiet in other Quarters.

Friday Oct. 14. 1864

Gold was up to 218 today. Closing 213. There is nothing to cause this immense rise, but the actions of the gold speculators,

Saturday Oct. 15. 1864

Last heard from Gen. Sherman was that he was south of Resaca on way to attack Hood. Hood had taken Dalton with a small garrison. Gold closed 220 today.

Sunday Oct. 16. 1864.

A rebel cipher was brought to our office today from Jake Thompson in Canada to Jeff Davis. It was translated by Baldwin & myself. Thompson informs Davis that Washington is sufficiently garrisoned to resist any attack until assistance could arrive. He advises that no movement be made in this direction. He says that the re Election of Lincoln is almost certain & urges upon Davis the immense necessity for the South gaining advantages over the Northern Armies, Attended church at night at Baptist Church on 13th St.

Monday Oct. 17. 1864

Gen Sherman telegraphs from Ships Gap Ga dated 8 pm 16th that Hood has retreated to the South west.
The RR is all right from Atlanta to Resaca, from Resaca to Dalton 20 miles are destroyed. ten days will suffice to finish it
Sherm is all right in Atlanta, has plenty of provisions and forage. Troops in good spirits. Hood has as yet failed to accomplish any military results, If he fails to invade Tenn. as he has promised his men to do he will lose more by desertion than he has captured Thus far in losses the result has been in our favor.

Tuesday Oct. 18. 1864

Gen Schofield telegraphs from Chattanooga that the rear of Hoods army left Lafayette ~~this~~ yesterday morning, going South. Gen Sherman is west of the RR in the Gaps of Taylor's Ridge.

Wednesday Oct. 19.

Heavy firing has been heard all day in the direction of Strasburg & Front Royal, It is reported the enemy attacked Gen Sheridan in heavy force, Nothing official

Thursday Octo. 20. 1864

Charlie Tinker & Chandler returned to the City last evening. They are both very much improved in health. Baldwin goes to Balto. today to remain for a week. When he returns I will go home for three or four weeks.

Gen Sheridan telegraphs from Cedar Creek dated 10 pm 19th that the enemy attacked his army yesterday with great vigor & broke our lines in some confusion capturing twenty pieces of artillery & some prisoners. Genl. S. arrived on the ground himself at 1 Pm having just returned from Washington, he quickly reformed the lines & drove the enemy at all points routing him completely capturing 43 pieces of artly. 2000 prisoners & 100 wagons & ambulances. &c. Genl Ramseur is severely wounded & a prisoner.

On our side, Gen Bidwell is killed Genls Wright, Grover & Ricketts wounded.

This makes 59 pieces of artillery he has taken in one month. His first battle was fought on the same day of the month — 19th Sept.

Friday Oct. 21. 1864

Nothing further from Sheridan except

that the number of Cannon captured will be 50 instead of 48. This of course includes the 20 taken from us in the morning. Among our Casualties are. Genl Bidwell Killed Col. C R Lowell & Col Thoburn Killed, Col. Kitching & McKenzie wounded. The enemy were pursued beyond Fisher's Hill.

Gen Sherman telegraphs from Summerville Ga, dated yesterday that Hood retreated South, Sherman moved pursue him on that line as far as Gaberville, He will then send the 4th Corps to Thomas & with the rest of the Army march into the heart of Ga. destroying all the roads & coming out at Savannah or Charleston

Saturday Oct 22. 1864

Genl Sheridan reports that he followed the Enemy with Cavy to near Mt Jackson from our men who were captured & escaped he learns ~~report~~ the the Enemy's rout was complete, many of the rebels threw away their arms in the flight.

Sunday Oct 23.

The Cipher which was intercepted on the 15th has been to Richmond

& the reply dated Oct. 19th returned

Jeff Davis says that Longstreet will soon attack Sheridan & then move north as far as practicable towards unprotected point (This was done last Wednesday but instead of moving north he is compelled to go South)

Davis says a blow will soon be stricken near Richmond on Grant's Army; that it is not quite time,

Sherman has reached Jakeville Ga & will now go to Atlanta & get ready for his grand movement to Savannah, destroying all the railroads as he goes & taking all the horses & negroes, & living off the Country He will start about Nov. 1st.

Nothing new from any other Quarter except Mo. Curtis fought Price yesterday near West Pt Mo. compelling him to retreat southward,

No one here knows where Rosecrans is or what he is doing. Grant has directed him to be removed.

Monday, Oct. 24. 1864

Attended church yesterday at 13th St Baptist Church, Heard Rev Mr Gillette preach,

In afternoon went to Mr Tinker's house where I met him & his wife & sister in law & Mr & Mrs Chandler

Took tea there & spent an exceeding pleasant time,

Tuesday Oct. 25. 1864.

No news from any Quarter, I am anxiously awaiting return of Baldwin so that I can leave for home,

Friday Oct. 28. 1864.

Baldwin left Balto. today & I leave Washn at 3 pm for home;

Saturday Oct. 29.

Reached Balto. last evening on time. Went at once to Mrs Brown's whom I found well & glad to see me, visited Rev. Mr Creighton a few minutes, in the Evening & this morning leave Balto. at 9.20.

Sunday Oct. 30.

Arrived at home to day at 2 P.M. I stopped last night at Mr Wardis in Altoona, Mother & father & all the family are exceedingly well, Went to Trinity Church this evening, heard Rev Mr Watkins the regular minister.

Monday Oct. 31.

I find Pittsburgh as black & dark as ever; if anything more so, Houses built within a year or two are fast assuming the prevailing color, It keeps me polishing my face & hands continually

Tuesday Nov 1. 1864.

Sister Sallie is at Smith's Ferry & I am to go there tomorrow to bring her home

Wednesday Nov. 2. 1864

Left Pgh at 7 a.m & reached Smith's Fy. at 9. Sallie & all of Aunt Mary's folks are very well. Their new house is a very pretty & convenient one,

Leo Low & Ella Marbledge came down with me, We went out in the woods this morning for a romp, After walking for about 5 miles & enjoying ourselves very much, we returned to the house in time for dinner, We visited an Establishment where Sorghum Syrup was being made, The Sorghum stalks are put into a press moved by horse power & the syrup flows in to a barrel from whence it is led by a pipes into a huge vat where it is boiled & all superfluous matter removed, When drawn off from this vat it is ready for use,

It is clear & thick & the taste is very nice,

Thursday Nov 3.

Yesterday P.M, we returned to Pgh, This evening there is to be a grand torch light procession in honor of the Union victories, Weather pleasant, cool.

Friday Nov. 1st. 1864.

Information from blockading fleet off Wilmington shows that the rebel ram Albemarle was blown up by a torpedo in charge of Lt. Cushing & seven men. All but Lt C. & one man were drowned or taken prisoners. It was a daring feat & great credit is due Cushing for this gallant act. The affair happened near Goldsboro N. C.

The torch light procession last night was a very grand affair, the display of fine works was brilliant.

Today it drizzles rain & is dull & unpleasant.

Thursday Nov 24. 1864.

During the last 3 weeks I have been enjoying myself at home as well as I could. I spent 3 days at Cleveland where I had a very pleasant time. Today Jennie & I leave for Balto. She goes to Aunt Sarah's in Delaware.

Friday Nov. 25. 1864

We reached Balto safely this Evening & are now stopping at Mrs Brown's. Geo. Low accompanied us.

Saturday Nov. 26. 1864

Jennie started this P.M. to Elkton Md.

where she will be met by some of Aunt's folks & taken to Glasgow.

I neglected to state previously that Abraham Lincoln was re-elected Prest by an increased majority. He carried all the States but New Jersey, Del. & Ky.

Gov Seymour of N.Y. was defeated by Hon R. E. Fenton, All loyal hearts are gratified at this.

Sunday Nov. 27th 1864.

Geo. & I arrived at Waghn safely and well last night. Found every thing about as we left it.

On the 15th of this month Gen. Sherman ~~leaves~~ marched from Atlanta with 60.000 picked men for Savannah. He destroyed the R.R. from Chattanooga South & burnt all of military importance in Atlanta.

Up to this time we learn from rebel papers he has captured Milledgeville & Gordon & probably Macon.

Hood's army is south of the Tenn. threatening Chattanooga & Nashville but Gen G.H. Thomas with a large force is on the alert & can counteract any movement Hood may make.

No apprehension is felt for the

safety of either Nashville or Chattanooga.
About the 12th of this month Gen. Gillem was defeated near Bull's Gap in East Tenn. & all his artillery captured by Breckenridge who now occupies Bull's Gap. Our forces under Burbridge are now advancing & will assume the offensive at once.
In the Army before Richmond & Petersburg nothing new has transpired of importance.

Monday Nov. 28. 1864.
Gold is up to 233 today. A rebel Cav force under Rosser & McCausland attacked & captured our garrison at New Creek today. Genl Sheridan has sent a cavalry force to intercept the rebs. on their return.

Tuesday Nov. 29. 1864.
A. J. Smith's Div. has all reached Nashville & gone to the front. The 6th Corps is ordered from Sheridan's Army to City Point.

Wednesday Nov. 30 1864.
Weather mild & beautiful. Nothing of importance from the armies.
Richmond papers state that Gen Breckenridge is about starting on a

campaign that will carry dismay into Ky.

He was at Bristol on the 25th.

Rebel papers state that Bragg has gone to Augusta from Wilmington with 10.000 men.

They do not state Exactly where Sherman is but it is inferred that about the 24th he was in the vicinity of Macon & Gordon & was marching towards Milledgeville, going rather to the South of Augusta. all Govt property, machinery &c. have already been removed from Augusta to a place of safety.

Thursday Dec. 1. 1864.

Gen. Thomas telegraphs that Gen. Schofield was attacked yesterday at 4 PM by one or two Corps of the Enemy near Franklin. The fight lasted till dark resulting in the complete repulse of the rebels, with a loss to them of fully 5.000 including 1.000 prisoners, a Brig Genl being among the captures. Our loss very light, probably less than a thousand.

Friday Dec. 2. 1864.

Genl Thomas telegraphs that owing to the superior force of the Enemy's Cavalry he thinks best to withdraw to the defences around Nashville until Genl Wilson's Cavy is all Equipped — Gen Grant has telegraphed him to attack Hood & not let him stay

where he is. Gen Burbridge has started on an Expedition from Cumberland Gap having for its object the recapture of Bull's Gap, & the forcing of Breckenridge out of East Tenn. Burbridge was to be at Bean's Station to day

Genl Grant telegraphs that Gen Gregg made a reconnoissance yesterday down the Weldon R.R. & captured Stony Creek Station with 2 cannon 200 pris. destroyed the Depot with 3000 sacks of Corn & an amount of other supplies.

Last night I received a letter from A. Carnegie Supt Pittsburgh Divn. Penna R.R. asking me if I would accept the position of Supt Teleg. P.R.R. if offered me, Salary 125 pr mo.

I learn today that Col. Thos A Scott told Maj. Eckert some time ago that the situation would probably be open soon & asked him to name a man for the place He at once spoke of me (as he says) & Col. S. told him that he too had thot of me but did not want to deprive the Maj. of me

I replied to Mr Carnegie today stating that I would accept if offered provided the salary were increased.

The position is a very fine one.

& includes the line on the Sunbury & Erie Railroad. I feel very highly honored by such an offer & am sorry I am not more capable of filling it.

Saturday Dec. 3. 1864.

Gen. Sheridan telegraphs that Gen. Merritt has returned from his Expedition East of the Blue Ridge. He reports it as a success. He says from 5 to 6000 head of cattle including from 3 to 4000 head of sheep & nearly 1,000 head of fatted hogs for the rebel Govt were driven off or destroyed. From 5 to 700 horses including mares & colts were brot away. From 30 to 40 guerrillas were killed or captured. A forage depot of the guerrillas was destroyed where several hundred tons of hay were stored.

Great preparations are going on at Ft Monroe & in the Armies before Richmond indicating early movements there. As soon as the water is let in through Dutch Gap canal a movement will be made by our fleet having for its object the destruction of the rebel fleet in James River. At the same time a movement of the Army will take place.

Richmond papers admit that Sherman is South of Augusta across the Oconee.

Sunday Dec 4. 1864

Took dinner with Mrs Finker today. Attended Baptist Church in the A.M.

Steamer "Genl Lyon" with prisoners from Savannah arrived this evening at Fort Monroe with Savannah papers of the 30th ulto. Gen. Sherman was reported beyond Millen but a rumor was circulated just as the "Lyon" left that his Cavalry were within 6 miles of Savannah.

A force of 1.000 Infy with Artly had landed at Boyd's Landing on the Broad river from Beaufort with the intention of breaking the R.R. between Savannah & Charleston.

The same paper contains a communication from the Mayor of Milledgeville to the Mayor of Macon dated Nov. 25th asking the latter person to send them bread & meat, or there would be great suffering among the people.

This would indicate that Gen. Sherman had cleaned them out pretty successfully. The same communication stated that the Railroad Bridge & the Bridge over the Oconee were both destroyed.

Monday Dec. 5. 1864.

The Hilton Head Correspondent of the N.Y. Herald reports that Dahlgren & Foster are in communication with Gen. Sherman.

From rebel sources we learn that Foster has destroyed the R.R. bridge over the Pocatiligo river in S.C.

Gen Thomas at Nashville reports that that Enemy planted a battery on the night of Dec. 3rd on the river at Bell's Landing & succeeded in capturing two boats on their way down, Comdr Fitch in command of the fleet there went down with an iron clad & two gunboats and soon drove the ~~Battery~~ away, & recaptured the 2 Stmrs

Hood is in about the same position not having touched the R.R. yet, but is entrenching himself where he is.

Tuesday Dec. 6. 1864.

Congress met yesterday, The President's Message was not received and read until today — It is very good.

Wednesday Dec. 7. 1864.

Gen. Grant telegraphs that this morning Gen. Warren with 27.000 men moved from his position near Ream's Station down the Weldon Railroad towards Hicksford

The object is to break the Weldon road thoroughly, Gen Butler this morning sent some troops across the James above Dutch Gap & captured the rebel pickets & now holds the opposite side of the River. This will be of advantage to us in opening the Dutch Gap Canal.

6500 Infy & two batteries will be sent this Evening by Gen. Butler to co-operate with the Navy in the capture of Wilmington, or at least the mouth of Cape Fear River. They embarked on steamers at Bermuda Hundred.

Gen Palmer in N.C. is ordered to make a movement up the Roanoke River to cut if possible the Railroad below Weldon This will create a diversion in favor of both Warren & the attack on Wilmington,

Thursday Dec 8. 1864.

Gene Grant ordered Gen Thomas day before yesterday to attack Hood at once but we rec'd telegrams today from Thomas dated 10 pm 7th in which he says nothing of having made an attack.

Gen Grant has suggested that if he has not struck yet that he

be ordered to hand over his command to Schofield, & assume himself a subordinate position, Grant has also suggested the propriety of calling on Ohio, Indiana & Illinois to furnish 60,000 men for 30 days.

Friday Dec. 9. 1864.

Gen Grant recommended yesterday that if Thomas had not attacked Hood to order him to turn over his command to Schofield, Gen Halleck answered that no one here wanted to see Thomas relieved & added that Grant should give a positive order to that effect.

Gen Grant today telegraphed to suspend the order until it was seen whether Thomas would do anything. Nothing new from Sherman or Warren.

Thomas telegraphs dated 2 pm today that he had made every preparation to attack Hood to morrow morning but that a freezing rain storm had come on which would prevent our soldiers from fighting to any advantage. He would make the attack however as soon as possible.

Saturday Dec. 10. 1864.

There was a heavy snow storm last night throughout the entire North & West, lines nearly down.

Sunday Dec 11. 1864

Snow rapidly disappearing, making sidewalks & streets very slushy and muddy

Nothing at all from Sherman or Warren. Genl Thomas will in all probability attack Hood tomorrow or Tuesday. The storm has rendered it impossible before.

Monday Dec. 12. 1864.

Genl. Grant telegraphs that Warren destroyed completely the Railroad from the Nottoway to Vicksford & had returned to Sussex C.H.

By the arrival of a vessel from Pt Royal we learn that Genl Foster has destroyed the S.R. bridge at Pocatilijo on the Road between Charleston & Savannah & had communicated with Sherman.

Tuesday Dec 13. 1864.

By Richmond papers of yesterday and today state that Sherman is within five miles of Savannah & his troops were drawn up in line of battle. Communication with Savannah had been broken.

Wednesday Dec. 14. 1864

Richmond papers of today give no further news from Sherman. The weather has moderated very much. Genl Sheridan is going to send some of Crook's army to Gen Grant. They will start very soon.

We recd a telegram this evening from Genl. Foster at Hilton Head dated Dec. 12th 10 am stating that he had just recd a dispatch from Genl. Howard Commanding right wing of Gen. Sherman's Army. Howard was near the Savannah Canal & this dispatch says that the Army has met with perfect success thus far & men are in best spirits possible & in excellent condition. They had accumulated a considerable number of cattle, horses, &c & were well supplied.

Sherman's Army were then advancing on Savannah & it is thought the works were attacked on the 11th as heavy firing was heard in that direction.

Genl Foster had taken up a good position between the Coosawatchie & Pullifinney Rivers 1200 yards from the Railroad, & but one train had succeeded in stealing past since he had held that position.

Thursday Dec. 15th 1864.

Genl Thomas telegraphed that he would attack the enemy this morning. No report has come from him yet.

Genl. Grant left City Point last evening for Washington on a short visit.

From rebel papers we learn that Burbridge has entered Bristol East Tenn. capturing three

trains of cars & some prisoners. No further particulars.

It is rumored today that Sherman has captured Savannah.

Friday Dec. 16. 1864

Genl Thomas telegraphs from Nashville that he attacked Hood yesterday & drove him on the right seven miles & on the centre 4 miles, driving him from all his works, & capturing 10 pieces of artly & 1.500 prisoners. The attack will be renewed today.

From rebel papers we learn that Gen. Sherman has captured the very strong fort, M'allister in Ossabaw Sound at the mouth of the Ogeechee River,

Saturday Dec. 17.

News this morning from Thomas says that the report of ~~Thursday~~ captures is greatly exceeded by the actual figures. Yesterday the fighting was renewed & Gen Thomas telegraphs that our forces were completely successful, capturing five or six thousand prisoners & some 40 guns. The retreating rebels threw away their arms & as they fled.

Genl Thomas is still pursuing.

Gen Stoneman telegraphs via Cumberland

Gap that on the 10th he moved towards the Holston, He attacked routed Basil Duke's Command, capturing Col. Morgan, brother of John. & a whole wagon train, We since learn by rebel papers that Stoneman has advanced up the Railroad to & beyond Marion destroying the R.R. as he goes, He has no doubt destroyed the Salt works near Abingdon.

Sunday Dec. 18. 1864.

Attended Wesley Chapel this morning, Heard Dr Bowman Chaplain of the Senate preach from John 3; 8— Hon. S. P. Chase the newly appointed Chief Justice was there.

From Genl Thomas we learn that yesterday our Cavalry attacked Stevenson's rebel Div of Infantry six miles beyond Franklin routed them, dispersing them in all directions, capturing three guns.

The pursuit was to be continued today Genl Thomas' HQrs yesterday were at Franklin

Gen. Sherman closely invests Savannah

We rec'd a telegram yesterday morning from Genl Foster dated Wednesday 14th. He says that he met Sherman at Ft. McAllister which was taken by assault on the 13th by Hazen's Division of the 15th Corps.

The garrison of 200 men & armament of 21 guns fell into our hands.

This important capture opens up to us the great Ogeechee river & enables us to supply Sherman directly.

A division of Infy held Argyle Island above Savannah & the troops were so disposed as to prevent any escape from the City.

During Sherman's march his men lived on the turkeys chickens sweet potatoes & other good things of the richest part of Georgia. Their march was but feebly resisted. The men are all in excellent condition & fine spirits.

Last Tuesday Admiral Porter's fleet left Hampton Roads for the mouth of Cape Fear river. It consisted of over 60 ships of different kinds including five iron clads. Wilmington is to be attacked today. 7000 troops accompany the expedition, under command of Maj. Gen. Butler.

We learn from Genl Canby that his expedition sent out from Vicksburg & Baton Rouge to cut the Railroad communication of Hood

have been completely successful. The one from Vicksburg has returned, having destroyed the Mobile & Ohio RR for 30 miles above Jackson including several important depots, & several cars & Engines,
The bridge over the Big Black was also destroyed,

Monday Dec 19. 1864

The following is Secy. Stanton's bulletins of last night.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Dec. 18, 9 P. M.
Major General Dix, New York:

The following official reports were received this evening from General Thomas, dated at his headquarters near Franklin:

"HEADQ'RS DEPARTMENT CUMBERLAND,
"NEAR FRANKLIN, TENN., Dec. 17.

"Report just received from Major General Wilson, states that at 6 P. M. to-day he attacked and dispersed Stevenson's division of rebel infantry and a brigade of cavalry, capturing three guns.

"The 4th United States cavalry, and Hatch's division of cavalry, handsomely supported by Knipe's division of cavalry, did the work, making several beautiful charges, breaking the rebel infantry in all directions. Had it only been light, the rebel rearguard would have been entirely destroyed. As it is, it has been severely punished. The whole army will continue vigorous pursuit in the morning. This attack was made six miles beyond Franklin.

"GEORGE H. THOMAS, Major General."

"HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT CUMBERLAND,
"NEAR FRANKLIN, 8 P. M., Dec. 17.

"We have pressed the enemy to-day beyond Franklin, capturing his hospital containing over fifteen hundred wounded, and about one hundred and fifty of our wounded in addition to the above. General Knipe, commanding a division of cavalry, drove the enemy's rearguard through Franklin to-day, capturing about two hundred and fifty prisoners and five battle flags, with a very little loss on our side. Citizens of Franklin represent Hood's army as completely demoralized. In addition to the captures of yesterday, reported in my despatch of last night, I have the honor to report the capture of General Rucher and about two hundred and fifty prisoners of the enemy's cavalry, in a fight that occurred about eight o'clock last night, between General Rucher and General Hatch of our cavalry. The enemy has been pressed to-day, both in front and on both flanks.

"Brigadier General Johnson succeeded in striking him on the flank, just beyond Franklin, capturing quite a number of prisoners, number not yet reported.

"My cavalry is pressing him closely though, and I am very much in hopes of getting many more prisoners to-morrow.

"GEORGE H. THOMAS, Major General."

Other despatches (unofficial) from Nashville state that one thousand prisoners were captured by Wilson, and that General Rousseau, commanding at Murfreesboro, reports Forrest killed and fifteen hundred of his men captured.

The superintendent at Nashville reports that the railroad from Nashville will be open to Franklin to night, and will rapidly follow Thomas, thus furnishing him supplies, and enabling him to push on after Hood.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
[illegible]

WAR DEPARTMENT, Dec. 18, 9 P. M.
Major General John A. Dix, New York:

An official despatch from General Sherman was received to-day, dated near midnight, December 13, on the gunboat Dandelion, Ossabaw Sound. It was written before General Foster had reached him. He reports, besides some military details of future operations, which are omitted, the following interesting particulars of his operations:

"ON BOARD DANDELION,
"OSSABAW SOUND, 11 50 P. M., Dec. 13.

"To-day at 5 P. M., General Hazen's division of the 15th corps carried Fort McAllister by assault, capturing its entire garrison and stores.

"This opened to us the Ossabaw Sound, and I pulled down to this gunboat to communicate with the fleet. Before opening communication, we had completely destroyed all the railroads leading into Savannah, and invested the city. The left is on Savannah river, three miles above the city, and the right on the Ogeechee, at Kingsbridge.

"The army is in splendid order, and equal to anything. The weather has been fine, and supplies abundant. Our march was most agreeable, and we were not at all molested by guerillas. We reached Savannah three days ago, but owing to Fort McAllister, we could not communicate. But now we have Fort McAllister, we can go ahead. We have already captured two boats in the Savannah river, and prevented their gunboats from coming down. I estimate the population of Savannah at 25,000, and the garrison at 15,000. General Hardee commands. We have not lost a wagon on the trip, but have gathered in a large supply of negroes, mules, horses, &c., and our teams are in better condition than when we started. My first duty will be to clear the army of surplus negroes, mules, and horses. We have utterly destroyed over two hundred miles of railroad, and consumed stores and provisions that were essential to Lee's and Hood's armies. The quick work made with Fort McAllister, and the opening of communication with our fleet, and consequent independence for supplies, dissipate all their boasted threats to head us off and starve the army. I regard Savannah as already gained.

"Yours truly,
"W. T. [illegible] eral."

On last Friday gold was 234 To day it was as low as 213 & is now 217.

The glorious news of our victories has Electrified all hearts with joy. Every one is pleased.
Today the weather is damp & rainy Walking is very with mud.

Tuesday Dec. 20. 1864.

No further news from Sherman. From Thomas we learn that he is pursuing Hood with Energy, Every horse prisoner are captured, some 2 or 300 were taken yesterday. The Prest made a call last night for 300.000 men.

Wednesday Dec. 21. 1864

Genl Thomas telegraphs that our forces came up with the rear guard of the enemy yesterday at Duck River & captured 5 guns & about 100 prisoners. All 2 of Genl Thomas were at Columbia. A strong force has been sent via Stevenson to Decatur from which place we will threaten Florence & prevent Hood from crossing the Tennessee.

To co-operate with this movement Adml Lee has sent gunboats up the Tenn. to Florence. Genl Thomas is confident of capturing the greater part of the rebel Army.

Nothing yet from Wilmington N.C. It has no doubt fallen into our hand ere this. Adml Porter & Gen. Butler were to have attacked it Monday the 19th & we should hear first through rebel sources.

Last night considerable snow & sleet fell & today there is a cold drizzling rain, rendering the streets very dirty & muddy.

Thursday Dec. 22. 1864.

Gen. Grant telegraphs that news from the Richmond papers of today states that 35 vessels of the Federal fleet have arrived off Wilmington but the severe state of the weather has thus far prevented an attack. Gen Bragg in an official report says he is fully able to hold Wilmington.

Gen Thomas telegraphs that the rebel Gen. Lyon who had crossed the Cumberland & gone into Ky. has been defeated, Lyon being compelled to burn most of his baggage &c & losing a considerable portion of his men.

Nothing further from Gen. Sherman.

Friday Dec. 23. 1864.

Gen. Grant telegraphs that a rebel telegraph operator has come into Gen. Ord's lines who states that he left Richmond this morning, that news had been recd there from Beauregard announcing the fall of Savannah, it having surrendered unconditionally to our forces on the 20th, also that Gen Whitney telegraphed to Jeff Davis that Fort Fisher at the mouth of Cape Fear river had been captured.

This is glorious news indeed & we wait anxiously to hear of its confirmation.

Saturday Dec. 24. 1864

Nothing yet from Sherman or Foster. We are all very anxious.

Sunday Dec. 25. 1864.

Genl Thomas teleghs from 8 miles beyond Columbia Tenn that last Evening Genl Wilson had two short skirmishes with Forrest 6 miles from Pulaski, driving him precipitately & capturing a few prisoners.

Gen ~~Al Granger~~ was at Huntsville with 1,250 men on the 22d & was waiting for ~~Rt~~ Steedman daily Expected, when he would push for Decatur & try to prevent Hood crossing the Tennessee. It is rumored that Hood is superseded by Forrest,

At 7 P.M. we received a telegram from Gen Sherman dated Savannah Ga. Dec. 22. via Ft. Monroe stating that Hardie had Escaped from him the day before with the main force of his army & his light artly. Sherman captured in Savannah 150 heavy guns. 33,000 bales of Cotton worth $20.000.000 13 locomotives, 190 cars, 3 steamers & lots of ammunition Etc; There are 20,000 Citizens in the City quiet & well disposed. The rebels blew up their iron clads & burned their navy yard. Gen Foster opened communication with the City on the 22d taking up what torpedoes could be seen & passing the

rect. Arrangements are made to remove all the obstructions,

Monday Dec. 26. 1864

This morning was ushered in with a booming of cannon, 300 having been fired in honor of the capture of Savannah, Fireworks have been going off all day, Every other person you meet has a pistol in his hand with which he occasionally fires a salute.

We are barren of news to day except a drop from Thomas. He was about 6 miles north of Pulaski last night & Genl Wilson had driven Forrest through Pulaski the evening before on the Keen jump, the rebels running as fast as they could, making no stand whatever, Wilson says the rebel army is making its way to Lambs Ferry & Florence, fearing to go towards Decatur, lest our forces should get in their rear, Thomas is very confident of being able to capture or destroy most of the Remnant of Hood's army.

Tuesday Dec. 27. 1864.

We learn from Richmond papers that our fleet attacked Ft Fisher at the mouth of Cape Fear River on Saturday the 24th. The powder boat that was to be floated against Ft Fisher, blew up when within 300 yards of it doing no material damage,

Wednesday Dec. 28. 1864

Last night Gen Butler arrived at Ft Monroe having left Wilmington on Monday.

On Sunday at noon our vessels opened upon Ft Fisher & continued a vigorous fire until night. Under cover of this fire we landed troops to the northward of the fort & gallantly assaulted the outworks & captured an entire battalion of 350 men in one of the outworks & at another place a battery with 65 men. Finding that an assault on the fort itself was impracticable, owing to the fact that the beach was so narrow as to allow of but 1000 men moving at a time & that 17 guns commanded the approach the troops were withdrawn. Adm. Porter however continues the bombardment & has strong hopes of success.

Gen Thomas telegraphs that the main body of Hood's army has crossed the Tennessee, & that the rear guard will probably be captured. No further news from Gen Sherman. It is presumed that he will organize a new campaign to begin about Jany 12th & will strike for Raleigh N.C. thus cutting the principal means of communication of the rebels & in all probability compelling Beauregard to evacuate Charleston.

Gen Stoneman telegraphs from Knoxville that he has returned to that

place from his recent Expedition. He reports it completely successful at every point. He destroyed all of the R.R. bridges west of the New River in S.W. Va. burnt depots, destroyed track, 13 trains with Engines attached besides a great many separate cars, 50,000 bushels of salt. destroyed the salt & lead works, breaking the Kettles & filling the wells & shafts with shells Railroad iron etc. brought off 2000 horses & many mules & inflicted very great damage on the Enemy with but comparatively small loss to us. Gen. Stoneman deserves great credit for this work. In his former military career he has been uniformly unsuccessful

Thursday Dec. 29. 1864.

Adml. Lee telegraphs from near Florence Ala. that he has destroyed a new fort that was built there, destroyed 2 guns, & all the visible means of crossing. The Tennessee river is very high and he will be able to prevent the rebels from crossing below that point. Transports with supplies for Gen. Thomas have arrived there.

Friday Dec. 30. 1864.

All of the troops under Gen. Butler in the attack on fort Fisher have returned to City Point.

Saturday Dec 31.

Snow has been falling lightly all day & melts as it falls. This Evening it is colder.

Genl Grant sends 8.000 men from Ft Monroe Monday P.M. with orders for them to go to the mouth of Cape Fear river. They will make an attack on Ft Fisher & endeavor to capture it.

Genl Dana at Memphis reports that his cavalry when last heard from had struck the Mobile & Ohio RR 5 miles south of Corinth & had already destroyed 5 miles of road & were proceeding further south.

Genl Canby reports that Gen. Granger when last heard from was 12 mile from East Pascagoula on the road to Mobile. A force from Pensacola had captured Pollard & destroyed the bridge over the Escambia River.

Nothing from Gen Sherman or Gen Grant. Gen Thomas report that he has sent A J Smith with a force to Eastport to cross the Tennessee & try to cut the Mobile & Ohio R. R.

Sunday Jany. 1. 1865.

Did not get to Church to day. Weather clear and cold - no news.

Monday Jan 2. 1865.

Called today on Mrs Roche, Mrs Luff, Miss Buck, Mr Johnson, the Gonsalves Mrs Chandler & the Fleury's, with Mr Tinker. Spent a very pleasant time.

About 300 officers of the army & navy called on the Prest. today at noon, after which citizens were received.

Tuesday Jan 3. 1865.

Commo. Hull of Phila Navy Yard reports that Stmr Massachusetts has just arrived there Capt West reports that our forces are preparing to move on Charleston,

Gen. Sheridan is directed to send another Division of troops to Balto. so soon as transports are ready to convey them to Wilmington N. C.

Wednesday Jan. 4. 1865.

Two inches of snow fell last night. There is sleighing today. Weather is quite cold.

The troops to operate against Fort Fisher leave Ft. Monroe today & will reach Adml Porter on Friday.

Thursday Jan 5. 1865

Jennie & Nellie reached Washn this Evening. having come from Elkton today. They are both very well & of course I was much pleased to see them.

Friday Jan. 6. 1865.

I went shopping with Jennie this P.M. in the rain.
We go to the theatre tonight to see Edwin Forrest in Othello. No news from any quarter.

Saturday Jan. 7. 1865

Visited Mrs Young to day with Jennie.
Gen Thomas tells us that his Cavalry captured & burned Hood's pontoon train and 180 wagons with supplies.
Genl Dana's Cavy under Grierson who we last heard from had destroyed the Mobile & Ohio R R to Okolona & were still on their way. All the bridges culverts Engines Cars &c on their line of march were destroyed. The Expedition thus far had proven a complete success.
Genl Orders (A.G.O.) No 1 were issued today relieving Major Gen B. F. Butler from command of the Dept of Va & N.C. & ordering him to report from Lowell mass by letter to Adj. Gen.

Sunday Jan. 8. 1865.

Lt. Gen. Grant has designated Maj. Gen. Ord to take temporary command of the Dept. of Va & N.C. in Gen Butler's place.
Gen Grant has ordered Thomas as soon as he is assured that Hood has gone South from Corinth, to send Schofield's Corps by

rail to Annapolis Md, there to rendezvous for further orders. The Dept. of the Cumberland & the Dept of the Ohio will then be united under Genl Thomas.

Attended St. Johns Epis. Church today with Jennie. After dinner called on the Gonsalves.

Monday Jan 9. 1865

Jennie & I went to the Capitol, visited the House of Representatives & the Senate.

Gen Thomas today sends a report of Col. W. J. Palmer of the Anderson Cavalry who followed & destroyed Hood's pontoon train of 70 boats & about 200 wagons containing supplies, also 3000 stand of small arms & captured 300 prisoners. His force was but 600 men.

Tuesday Jan. 10. 1865.

Jennie & I attended the President's levee last night. It was crowded. We were much pleased with the visit.

Gen Macy telegraphs from Vicksburg that Gen. Grierson has arrived there. His raid was very successful. He destroyed 40 miles of the Mobile & Ohio road & 30 miles of the Miss. Central, captured & destroyed 4000 motives, 100 cars, 30 bridges, 300 wagons with supplies for Hood & 4000 new carbines, water tanks, depots &c, burnt a large woolen factory, together with a large quantity of leather.

& supplies of different kinds, brought off 600 horses & mules 1000 negroes, 600 prisoners whipped Forrest's camp of dismounted men & intercepted dispatches stating that reinforcements were coming up from Mobile These troops arrived on cars while the fight was going on, & Garrison went to their rear & captured them, Hood will not be able to repair the road in 2 months.

Wednesday Jan. 11. 1865.

Missouri Legislature today passed the ordinance which makes her a free state. Hail, free Missouri.

Thursday Jan. 12. 1865.

Nothing new. Jennie and I visited Mrs Pinkers today.

Friday Jan 13. 1865

Adm Porter was to sail from Beaufort N. C. together with a land force on Wednesday. We will hear from the second attack on Ft. Fisher soon.

Saturday Jan. 14. 1865.

Jennie & Nellie left today for Balto. after having spent a very delightful visit.

Gen Grant telegraphs that Richmond papers of today state that our fleet reappeared off Wilmington & it was rumored that the bombardment of Ft. Fisher had begun.

Sunday Jan. 15. 1865.

Attended Dr Smith's 9th St Presby. Church this morning.

Mr Blair (F.P.) arrived at City Pt. yesterday from Richmond, on his way to Washn. He is accompanied by two Commissioners from Alabama. They will arrive in Washn Monday.

Tennessee in Convention assembled last week passed the ordinance abolishing slavery. It will be voted on by the people Feby. 22d.

Hon. Edwd. Everett of Mass. died at 4½ Am today of Apoplexy. It is a singular coincidence that the Rev. Dr. Channing in a sermon delivered at the Capitol this morning eulogized Mr. Everett for his efforts during the war to sustain our cause. He spoke of Mr Everett in the very highest terms, and that without knowing of his decease.

Monday Jan. 16. 1865.

Genl Terry Comdg the expedition before Wilmington reports that he arrived off Wilmington on Friday the 13th & had landed his Infantry & stores. He occupies 2 lines across the peninsula above Ft. Fisher & had 6 siege guns in position. He had captured & burned a boat on the river.

4.500 troops of the 19th Corps from Genl. Sheridan's army left Ft Monroe yesterday & today to reinforce Terry. From rebel papers we learn that the bombardment was kept up

all day Saturday & Sunday, but without any injury to the fort.

Gen. Schofield's Corps began yesterday at Eastport Miss. to embark en route for Washington D.C.

Tuesday Jan 17. 1865.

Ft Fisher is ours! Gen. Terry telegraphs from Ft Fisher dated 2 A.M. 16th that it was decided to assault that place on the 15th & accordingly after a very heavy bombardment by the Navy, at 3 pm a charge was made, The fight was desperate & lasted till 10 P.M., when the rebels surrendered. We have 2.000 prisoners including Gen. Whiting & Col Lamb the Comdr of the Fort, & 170 guns of different calibre.

The troops of the 19th Corps will have reached there by this time & Wilmington will no doubt speedily fall.

Great credit is due to the Army & Navy for their hearty Co-operation. Adml Porter says Terry is his beau ideal of a soldier & a General. It is said that today Gen. Butler gave his Evidence before the Committee on the Conduct of the War & that as he was explaining why Ft Fisher could not be taken by Bassaret, the news of its capture was announced.

Wednesday Jan 18. 1865.

Father telegraphed me yesterday that mother

and Sallie were both ill & Jennie was needed.

I took the first train for Balto. & found Jennie at Mr Bolton's on Front St. While there a telegram was recd from home stating that the folks were better & Jennie needn't come until she proposed. Arrangements were then made for her starting Friday, and I returned to Washn. at Noon today. During my brief stay in Balto. I was very nicely entertained by the Bolton's, They are all lively & interesting Jennie & Nellie are very well & enjoying themselves very much.

Thursday Jan 19. 1865.

Rebel papers of today state that Sherman has occupied Pocatalico in very heavy force. One of the federal monitors has sunk near Fort Sumter, supposed to have been caused by a torpedo. A rebel deserter came into our lines in Lex. Ordis front this P.M. & reports that it is stated that at Wilmington has been captured by the federals with $33.000.000 worth of cotton which was set on fire by the rebels but was extinguished by our forces before being damaged.

Friday Jan 20. 1865.

I go to Balto today to visit Jennie & to see her started home. Nothing new.

Saturday Jan 21. 1865

Reached Balto. safely yesterday P.M. & went to Mr Bolton's house. Have enjoyed myself very much. They are all exceedingly clever people. Went to Druid Hill Park yesterday to see the Skating. We go to Mrs Brown's to spend today.

Sunday Jan 22. 1865

Jennie & Nellie left for home at 10 P.M. yesterday. Father telegraphs that Sallie is little better. Slepped at Mr Brown's last night & attended church with him at Dr Dixon's this morning.

Leave for Washn at 6 P.M.

Monday Jan 23. 1865

Reached Washn safely last night. Father telegraphs that Jennie & Nellie reached Pgh at 4 P.M. Sunday, 6 hours late. Latest news from Cape Fear river shows Adml Porter 8 miles up the river moving cautiously for fear of torpedoes. Porter thinks the pirates Tallahassee & Chickamauga were blown up at Ft Caswell.
Five blockade runners had been captured by Federal fleet.
Schofield's troops have commenced arriving today. This week will bring

them all here. They are ordered to be embarked & to report by telegraph from Ft. Monroe for orders.

Gen Meagher with 7000 troops, fragments of regts belonging to Sherman's army will drive in ~~Circuit~~ today on route for Savannah.

Tuesday Jan 24. 1865

At 3 A.M. today three rebel rams passed the obstructions near the Howlett Battery & one was sunk, one, the Drury, blown up by a shot from Battery Parsons, one the Fredericksburg was disabled having got aground & the 4th the Virginia was somewhat injured, but to what extent is not known.

Wednesday Jan 25. 1865

Adml Farragut leaves Annapolis today for the James River to take personal command there.

Thursday Jan. 26. 1865.

Genl Grant leaves City Pt today for Fort Fisher. Genl Thomas is ordered to send A. J. Smith's Division about 12000 strong & a Div of Cavy 5.000 strong to Gen. Canby to operate from the Gulf on Montgomery & Selma, Canby will if possible capture Mobile.

Schofield's troops are arriving fast. Last news from Terry place him about 8 miles from Wilmington advancing slowly.

Friday Jan. 27th. 1865.

Weather still very cold, River is frozen up & Skating splendid.

No army news of importance,

Saturday Jan 28. 1865.

News from Richmond is to effect that Breckenridge is rebel Secy War in place of Seddon. Lee is Genl in Chf. Johnston is in command of the Army of Northern Va., Dick Taylor relieves Hood in Alabama. No news from the north,

Sunday Jan 29. 1865

Gen Ord telegraphs that Alex H Stephens R.M.T. Hunter & J.A. Campbell have come to our lines in Genl Wilcox' front (9th Corps D of S) desiring to be passed over on their way to Washn to confer with Pres't Lincoln with a view to end the war. They will not be admitted until the President's instructions are read

Monday Jan 30. 1865.

Maj. Eckert leaves tonight for City Point carrying instructions to Genl Grant in regard to the Peace Commissioners.

Tuesday Jan 31. 1865

Secretary Seward leaves tonight for Ft. Monroe where he will confer with Stevens Hunter & Campbell

Wednesday Feby. 1. 1865.

The Prest. has telegraphed maj. Eckert to report to Mr Seward at City Point.

Congress yesterday passed the constitutional amendment forever abolishing slavery in the United States, Illinois Legislature to day ratified it by a large majority. There was an exciting scene yesterday in Congress at the passage of the act. The people rose as if an electric shock had struck them & cheer after cheer rent the air, a national salute was at once fired in the city in honor of the memorable event. The President today signed the bill,

Feby 2. 1865.

Mr Lincoln today went to Ft. Monroe to confer with Stevens, Hunter & Campbell the peace Commissioners

Friday Feb 3. 1865.

½ pm The Prest. & party leave Ft. Monroe tonight for Wash. Stevens and his party leave for Richmond. Gen Canby telegrs from New Orleans Jan 26. that all his preparations are made for an expedition into the interior from the Gulf, that he will try to capture Mobile on his way — 18.000 men from Thomas' army are en route to Canby. News from Sherman is that he is on his way to Branchville,

Saturday Feb. 4. 1865

The Prest. & party returned this morning from Ft. Monroe having had an interview with Stevens & Hunter which has resulted in the peace commissioners returning to Richmond without concessions from us. At this time the only way it seems is to fight it out.

From today's Richmond paper we learn that Sherman is half way between Pocotaligo & Branchville marching rapidly for that place.

Sunday Feb. 5. 1865.

Attended church this morning at St. Johns.

Weather cloudy & windy, but rather pleasant.

Gen. Grant has sent a cavalry force down the Weldon road to destroy rebel wagon train that conveys supplies from Bellefield to Petersburg. An Infy force goes as far as Stony Creek in support of the movement.

Monday Feby. 6. 1865.

Genl Grant's Cavalry force has returned having found but 18 wagons which they destroyed. They captured 100 prisoners.

Genl Schofield left Ft Monroe yesterday for mouth of Cape Fear. He commands now the Dept of N.C.

Tuesday 7. 1865.

A telegram from Gen. Foster dated Hilton

Head 2d places Sherman at River's Bridge on the 2d & states that he will be half way between Branchville & Augusta on the 3d.

Up to this time 18 States have ratified the Constitutional amendment abolishing slavery. They are in order as follows, Ills. R.I. Md. Mass. Pa. N.Y. W.Va. Mich. Mo. & Me.

Today is a turning point in my life for the better I hope, I have made a decision in my mind in reference to a matter which has been troubling me very much for several months. May God help me to keep my resolution,

Feby. 8. 1865.

Weather pretty cold, Snow fell to a depth of an inch & then turned to Sleet.

Gen Grant has extended his line to the left 4 miles It puts him no nearer the Southside R.R. but assures him good crossings of Hatcher's Run when he does move, Gen Lee in his report to the rebel War Dept says Gen Pegram was killed in the late action on the enemy's right.

Feby. 9. 1865

Richmond papers of 8th say that flour has sold for $1200 per bbl. Cabbages $20. per head & everything else in proportion. Our spies report that although the failure of the peace

negotiation has been used by the party to arouse the people it has had a very depressing effect.

Jeff Davis in a speech made on the evening of the 6th inst said that every slave would be armed. This was excluded from the published accounts.

Ohio has ratified the amendment to the Constitution. Delaware has refused to ratify it.

Friday Feby. 10. 1865.

Nothing new of great importance. From rebel papers we learn that Sherman has struck the Augusta R.R. near Branchville &c.

Saturday Feb. 11. 1865.

Gen Schofield telegraphs from Federal Pt N.C. Feb. 8. that he had arrived that morning with one Div. & would immediately commence operations without waiting for the other troops of his command. He thinks he will be able to take Fort Anderson and possibly Wilmington with the force he has.

Lt Gen Grant reached the City last night to appear before the Committee on the Conduct of the War.

Sunday Feby. 12. 1865

Attended St Johns Church this am Heard an excellent sermon & feel that it did me a great deal of good.

Monday Feby. 13. 1865.

Nothing of importance today. Gen Grant returned to the Army Saturday P.M.

Tuesday Feby. 14. 1865.

From rebel papers of today we learn that Sherman crossed the Edisto above Branchville & advanced towards Columbia occupying as far up as Orangeburg 20 miles above Branchville,

A force of 3000 men demonstrated on the 10th on James Island against the enemy but found the rebels in force. The rebels have fallen back from the Combahee & our forces have occupied the R.R. to the Ashepoo. Gen Hardee reports that 18 additional steamers have appeared off the bar,

On Saturday our forces below Wilmington made 3 assaults on the rebels near Ft. Anderson but were repulsed, The fleet also kept up a heavy fire without doing much injury. There is great terror in the South in reference to Sherman's movements, Everybody is alarmed.

Wednesday Feb. 15. 1865

Rained most all day, Freezes slightly as it falls, Col. Stager goes to N.Y. tomorrow.

Thursday Feb. 16. 1865

Weather very unpleasant — Raining

Feb. 17.

Rebel papers report that Sherman's advance is skirmishing near Columbia

The rebel Congress has at last declined to arm the slaves. In the Senate the vote was 11 to 10 against it.

Saturday Feb. 18. 1865.

From today's Richmond papers we learn that Sherman Entered Columbia yesterday morning, that place being Evacuated by Beauregard.

It is not known in which direction he will now move, but it is expected that he will go toward Florence S.C. & thence to Wilmington.

Sunday Feb. 19. 1865

Attended St John's church this morning with a Miss Kinney of Philadd & from there went to Mr Johnson's on 9th st & took dinner, Had a very pleasant visit.

Monday Feb. 20. 1865.

Genl Grant telegraphs that the Richmond Examiner of today says that Charleston was evacuated by the rebels last Friday, We hope this news will soon be confirmed,

Tuesday Feb 21. 1865

Gen. Gillmore telegraphs dated Charleston S. C. 18th that the rebels evacuated that place on the night before & mayor Macbeth surrendered the City to Gen. Schimmelpfenning that day at 9 am We have captured 200 pieces of good artillery The rebels burned all the cotton, warehouses Sm stores, RR bridges & two ironclads,

Gen Gillmore has orders to send all his spare troops to the mouth of Cape Fear River.

Wednesday Feby. 22. 1865

The Secy of War last night sent orders to all forts arsenals, & army Hd. Qrs. in the U. S. to fire a national salute at noon today in honor of the restoration of the flag of the Union upon Fort Sumter. The War Dept. was brilliantly illuminated tonight as was also the White House & other public buildings.

We today rec'd information that Gen. Schofield compelled the rebels to Evacuate Ft. Anderson Saturday night. We occupied it on Sunday taking 10 heavy guns.

Admiral Porter kept up a heavy bombardment on Fort Anderson all day Saturday which was replied to briskly at first but afterwards slackened. The possession of this fort will probably give us Wilmington.

A few days since Gen Brook & Gen Kelly were surprised & captured at Cumberland Md by a party of sixty rebels.

Thursday Feb 23. 1865.

We have information today that Sherman is in Charlotte N. C.

Friday Feb 24. 1865.

Gen Schofield has captured Wilmington. Our forces under Genl Terry entered the City at 9 am 22d.

a large amt of supplies were taken which the rebels could not destroy. The number of prisoners captured is not given. This is glorious news. Soon there will be nothing left to the Confederacy but Richmond & that too must fall.

Saturday Feby. 25. 1865.

We have nothing new of interest.
Genl Canby has started a Cavalry Expedition out from Vicksburg. Genl Thomas has started one from Decatur ala towards Selma & Montgomery & one from Knoxville Tenn into North Carolina in direction of Charlotte & Sheridan leaves Winchester Monday for Lynchburg, to go from there across to Grant or into N.C. as circumstances admit.

Sunday Feby. 26.

Lines all marked today. No news. Was at office all day.

Monday Feby 27. 1865.

I re-run wires in Navy Dept office today. Weather clear & very pleasant.

Tuesday Feby 28. 1865

Nothing of importance today. No further news from Sherman.

Friday Mar 3. 1865.

It has rained nearly all this week.

Citizens in Shenandoah Valley report that Genl Sheridan entered Staunton yesterday having met but little opposition from the Enemy.

Tonight Gen. Grant telegraphs that he has just read a communication from Gen Lee which was in substance as follows; Genl Longstreet & Gen Ord had an interview some days since in regard to exchange of prisoners & the conversation ~~of~~ turned on the subject of the war, in the course of which Ord stated that if Genl Lee desired to have an interview with Genl Grant, the latter would not decline, Genl Lee now says he wishes to leave no means untried to bring an end to the calamities of war & proposes to meet Grant at 11 a m Monday the 6th inst. & adds that he has power to carry out any agreement made at the interview.

A reply to Gen Lee has been promised by Gen Grant at noon tomorrow.

Saturday Mar. 4.

The Prest replied to Gen. Grant today that he should have no conference with Genl. Lee except in regard to capitulation of his army. Such questions rest solely with the Prest & Gen Grant has no right to decide on them, a great many people

have reached Washn yesterday & today to witness the re-inauguration of Prest Lincoln. It still continues to rain, the streets are covered with mud, making it exceedingly unpleasant.

At about 11 am the procession formed in front of & above the War Dept. & marched to the Capitol.

At half past twelve the Prest appeared on the platform, for some time before the Sun had been struggling thro' the clouds & just as the Prest. came on the stage the Sun shone forth in all its brightness. The omen was favorable. Every one noticed it, & it is hoped that it pictures the history of our country. We have been under dark clouds for 4 years & now the signs of peace brighten. At the same time half past twelve, the moon was visible in the east, & the Star Venus in the West.

Since noon the weather has been very pleasant.

Sunday Mar 5. 1865.

Attended church this morning at the Capitol with Miss Kinney of Phila. Bishop Simpson preached from the

text "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me" The discourse was excellent, I noticed the Prest & Mrs Lincoln. Secy Stanton & several other persons of distinction present.

After church took dinner with Mr. Johnson on 9th St.

Monday Mar. 6. 1865

Deserters to Grant's army report that Genl Sheridan has captured Charlottesville with Genl Early & nearly his entire army of 2000 men. & that one portion of his force has moved towards Gordonsville, & one towards Scottsville where the James River canal was cut. Nothing yet of Sherman,

Friday Mar 10. 1865.

Our business is increasing very fast. I attended the Opera Tuesday night. "Martha" was performed, & also last night to see "Der Freischutz" It was splendid Madame Rotta was prima donna in the first & Madame Fredrica in the latter.

Gen Sheridan's official report of his operations up to 2d show that he captured 1400 men & 14 pieces artly & destroyed 400 wagons & ambulances a large quantity of Govt. saddles

& stores of all kinds. He was on the 2d at Waynesboro, Gen Early escaped to the Mountains.

Sunday Mar 12. 1865

It is reported by the rebels that Gen Bragg had a fight with our forces near Kinston & drove us back capturing 1500.

Sheridan has crossed the James River cutting the canal near Hardwicksville. We are having dry clear weather now & the mud is fast disappearing.

Monday mar. 13. 1865.

Gen. Sheridan sends a dispatch dated Columbia Va. mar. 10. stating that he had arrived at that place that morning. His forces had destroyed nearly all the bridges & all the track from Staunton to Gordonsville & also towards Lynchburg. The canal has been destroyed pretty thoroughly the locks having been broken & the bank in many places cut away. He said he would continue his expedition to Goochland C.H. & from thence to the Fredericksburg road & to the White House.

Today we have the report that he is within five miles of Richmond.

Gen Schofield telegraphs that the enemy attacked his forces mar 10th near Kinston & after a severe fight the enemy

withdrew leaving his dead & badly wounded & several hundred prisoners in our hands.

Genl Schofield was going to the front in person.

Tuesday mar. 14. 1865.

Gen Schofield telegraphs that he has read a dispatch from Sherman dated Laurel Hill on 8th. He stated that all was well & they had done finely. He woned be in Fayetteville on the 11th. Had plenty of provisions, Schofield said that on the 10th Bragg was fairly beaten & retreated across the Neuse that night. Bragg on the 11th held the north bank of the river at Kinston.

Wednesday Mar 15. 1865.

Sec of war left for City Pt at 11 am today to see Genl. Grant Weather mild & pleasant.

Thursday mar 16. 1865.

Gen Grant telegraphs that he has read letter from Sherman dated Fayetteville N.C. mar 12 in which he says that everything is progressing finely, having met no serious opposition, Hardee keeps in his front at a respectful distance, At Columbia he destroyed immense arsenals, & RR establishments & 43 cannon; At Cheraw he found much machinery & war material including 25 cannon & 3600 barrels powder. In Fayetteville he found 20 cannon & much other material. An officer

who brought his letter says that before daylight on the 10th Hampton got in rear of Kilpatrick's HQ qrs & surprised & captured all the staff but 2 officers. Kilpatrick escaped & rallied his men & drove the enemy with great loss, re-capturing about all that he had lost. Hampton left 80 dead on the field.

Friday mar. 17. 1865.

Gn Sheridan telegraphs from R.R bridge over the South Anna dated 15. via Yorktown 17. that he has reached that point safely. There is not a bridge on the R.R. between South Anna & Lynchburg. He destroyed 15 miles of the Fredksbg R.R. & immense stores. Gold has fallen as low as 160 today.

Saturday mar 18. 1865

Lines between here & Phila are broken & also between Phila & Pittsbg, by freshets. A great many bridges are washed away. No news.

Sunday mar. 19. 1865.

Went to Dr Gurley's this a m with mr Eckert. Text 72 verse 11 9th Psalm.

Monday mar 20. 1865

All our business is sent & recd via Havre de Grace, cable being broken at that place. No news of importance.

Wednesday mar 22. 1865.

I commenced reading Humes History of England yesterday; Like it very well. No news.

Saturday mar 25. 1865.

Gen Schofield telegrs from Goldsboro N.C. that he occupied that place on Tuesday 21st & Sherman reached there the day after. All is well. The railroad is in good order except the bridges being burned, The depot facilities at Goldsboro are very fine. Gen Terry from Wilmington was within a few miles of Goldsboro. He had captured 2 locomotives & 2 cars & was using them.

Gen Grant telegraphs that at 4 30 this morning 3 divisions under the rebel Gen. Gordon made a sudden attack on Fort Steadman & captured it, Several attempts to re-take it were made by the 1st & 3d Brig of Hartranfts (1st) Div. 9th Corps, but were only temporarily successful, until the arrival of the 2d Brig. when a charge was made & the enemy driven from the fort with a loss of 2800 rebel prisoners & ten battle flags.

All the guns were retaken uninjured & all our lines reoccupied. The loss of the enemy is very heavy in killed & wounded. Our sums up about 2,000 killed wounded & missing.

Gen McLaughlin of our army was captured.

Tuesday mar 28. 1865.

Gen Sherman reached City Pt this morning on a visit to Gen Grant. He returns today & will move his forces at once north towards Weldon. No movements have taken place in the A of P. since Saturday

Wednesday mar. 29. 1865.

It is supposed that the armies before Richmond will make an advance either today or tomorrow. Gen Sheridan with about 20.000 Cavalry starts on a raid today towards Danville.

Sunday Apl. 2. 1865.

After three days of sanguinary fighting near Petersburg Gen. Grant telegraphs that Sheridan comdg Cavy & infy on the left has whipped the enemy & captured 3 brigades of Infy, several batteries of Artillery & a wagon train & is now moving down towards Petersburg. Besides this the 6th Corps alone captured 3000 rebels, & the 2d & 24th Corps have both taken forts guns & pris. but it is not known how many. The rebel lines are broken in three places & at this time 10 am the federal forces are enveloping the works defending Petersburg

which no doubt will fall into our hands.

The Prest still remains at City Point. Genl Canby telegraphs from Mobile Bay Mar 22d that he will move on Blakely the next day. He has been delayed by storms which are unparalleled within 40 years. Sherman reached Goldsboro Friday & is no doubt moving north at this time.

Monday Apl 3. 1865.

Today is one long to be remembered in the annals of our country. For to day we have occupied Richmond the boasted stronghold of rebellion. Petersburg & Richmond were both evacuated last night, the Enemy leaving in great haste. Genl Weitzell was the first to enter Richmond with his command at 8.15 am. He found many guns. The City is on fire in one place. The people welcomed our forces with enthusiastic expressions of joy. Lee with the remnant of the rebel army retreated towards Danville. Genl Grant is already in pursuit & is on the inner line it being farther from Richmond to Danville than from Petersburg. There is no doubt Lee will be intercepted & dispersed or captured.

Such a day of rejoicing has never been seen in this place.

very shortly after the news of our victory was rec'd a large crowd assembled in front of the War Dept yard & speeches were made by Sec'y Stanton, Seward, Senator Sherman, Preston King, Andrew Johnson & many others. Sec'y Stanton's speech was splendid. He called for cheers, for the brave soldiers of our armies who have by their valor & courage gained us this victory; for the heroic Commander of the Armies Grant, for Comdr of the U.S. forces by land & by sea, Abraham Lincoln; & for the gallant Sherman, the "great flanker." He then said "Let us not forget to return thanks to our Heavenly father for his kind care & protection over us. Let us remember also the wounded & dying, who have purchased victory with their sufferings & with their blood. They deserve our deepest commiseration."

God be praised for so glorious a triumph.

April 1865.

From all parts of the country we hear of great rejoicing over the fall of Richmond.

Genl Weitzel telegraphs that he found 28 Engines & 125 cars in Richmond & a great many supplies of different

kind. Gen Grant telegraphs this Eve'g from Sutherland's Station that the Enemy has destroyed a great deal of his transportation & munitions of war & his troops are leaving for home some in large & some in small squads. The organized rebel force is on the north side of the Appomattox, apparently heading for ~~Lynchburg~~. Mr Lee remained in Richmond.

A grand illumination all over the city is going on tonight. The war Dept is fitted up admirably & presents a beautiful appearance.

Wednesday Apl 5. 1865

Gen Grant telegraphed last night from Wilsons Station 27 miles from Petersburg, that Sheridan with the Cavalry & 5th Corps was between that place & the Appomattox. Genl Meade with the 2d & 6th Corps following. Gen Ord was following the line of the Southside Railroad. The Prisoners captured on the 4th exceed 2.000. Gen Grant's losses since Mar 28th in Killed, wounded & missing will not exceed 4.000, of whom 1500 to 2000 are captured & a great many slightly wounded. The pursuit will be continued as long as there seems to be any use in it.

Thursday Apl 6, 1865.

Our telegraph line this Evg is up to Genmeade's Hd Qrs at Jettersburg near Amelia C.H.

Gen Sheridan reports that his Cavy yesterday captured 5 pieces of artillery 200 wagons & several battle flags. The army is near Jettersburg & Lee's army a little northwest It is thought the two armies will come together soon.

Gen Weitzel captured in Richmond 500 pieces of artillery 5,000 small arms & a considerable amt. of supplies & munitions of war. Mrs Lee remains in Richmond.

Friday Apl. 7. 1865

As was supposed our army came up with Lee yesterday near Deatonville, & whipped him. Sheridan reports the battle as a route He captured 2000 pris. among them Genls Ewell, Custis Lee, & three other Genls. 14 pcs cannon 200 wagons & 70 ambulances Some 50 wagons were abandoned & destroyed by the enemy. Our forces are pressing the rebels closely.

Saturday Apl. 8. 1865

Gen Grant telegraphs from Farmville Va today at noon that he has thus far pushed Lee from the Danville road & is pressing him closely toward Lynchburg & is very

WAR DEPARTMENT,

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9, 1865, 9 P. M.

Major General John A. Dix, New York:

This Department has just received official report of the surrender, this day, of General Lee and his army to Lieutenant General Grant, on the terms proposed by General Grant. Details will be given as speedily as possible.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

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HEADQ'RS ARMIES OF UNITED STATES,
April 9, 9.40 P. M.

Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War:

General Lee surrendered the army of Northern Virginia this afternoon, upon terms proposed by myself. The accompanying additional correspondence will show the conditions fully.

U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant General.

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APRIL 9, 1865.

GENERAL: I received your note of this morning on the picket line, whither I had come to meet you, and ascertain definitely what terms were embraced in your proposition of yesterday. With reference to the surrender of this army, I now request an interview in accordance with the offer contained in your letter of yesterday for that purpose.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. E. LEE, General.

Lieutenant General U. S. GRANT, Commanding United States Armies.

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APRIL 9, 1865.

General R. E. Lee, Commanding Confederate States Army:

Your note of this date is but this moment, 11.50 A. M., received, in consequence of my having passed from the Richmond and Lynchburg road to the Farmville and Lynchburg road. I am at this writing about four miles west of Walter's Church, and will push forward to the front for the purpose of meeting you. Notice sent to me on the road where you wish the interview to take place, will meet me.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant General.

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APPOMATTOX C. H., April 9, 1865.

General R. E. Lee, Commanding C. S. A.:

In accordance with the substance of my letter to you of the 8th inst., I propose the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia, on the following terms, to wit:

Rolls of all the officers and men to be made in duplicate; one copy to be given to an officer designated by me, the other to be retained by such officer or officers as you may designate. The officers to give their individual paroles not to take arms against the Government of the United States until properly exchanged, and each company or regimental commander sign a like parole for the men of their commands. The arms, artillery, and public property to be packed and stacked, and turned over to the officers appointed by me to receive them. This will not embrace the side arms of the officers, nor their private horses or baggage. This done, each officer and man will be allowed to return to their homes, not to be disturbed by United States authority so long as they observe their parole and the laws in force where they may reside.

Very respectfully,

U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant General.

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HEADQ'RS ARMY NORTHERN VIRGINIA,
April 9, 1865.

Lieut. Gen. U. S. Grant, Commanding United States Armies:

GENERAL: I have received your letter of this date, containing the terms of surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia, as proposed by you. As they are substantially the same as those expressed in your letter of the 8th inst., they are accepted. I will proceed to designate the proper officers to carry the stipulations into effect.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. E. LEE, Gen.

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The following is the previous correspondence between Lieutenant General Grant and General Lee, referred to in the foregoing telegram to the Secretary of War:

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CLIFTON HOUSE, VA., April 9, 1865.

Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War:

The following correspondence has taken place between General Lee and myself.

There has been no relaxation in the pursuit during its pendency.

U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant General.

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April 7, 1865.

General R. E. Lee, Commanding C. S. A:

GENERAL: The result of the last week must convince you of the hopelessness of further resistance on the part of the Army of Northern Virginia in this struggle. I feel that it is so, and regard it as my duty to shift from myself the responsibility of any further effusion of blood, by asking of you the surrender of that portion of the Confederate army known as the Army of Northern Virginia.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant General,
Commanding Armies United States.

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APRIL 7, 1865.

To Lieut. General U. S. Grant, Commanding Armies of the United States:

GENERAL: I have received your note of this date. Though not entirely of the opinion you express of the hopelessness of the further resistance on the part of the Army of Northern Virginia, I reciprocate your desire to avoid useless effusion of blood, and, therefore, considering your proposition, ask the terms you will offer on condition of its surrender.

R. E. LEE, General.

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nfident of receiving the surrender of Lee & what mains of his army tomorrow.

Genl Thomas telegraphs that a scout in from Lienzi Miss. near Corinth reports that Wilson's walry drove Forrest out of Selma & captured that place.

News from Canby up to marsq. he was besieging Mobile closely, & it is thought he will capture it very soon.

Sunday Apl 9. 1865.

Genl Grant has telegraphed from Appomattox C.H near Lynchburg, that Genl Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Va to him today.

The following bulletin gives the details.

APRIL 8, 1865.

General R. E. Lee, Commanding C. S. A.:

GENERAL: Your note of last evening, in reply to mine of same date, asking conditions on which I will accept the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia, is just received. In reply, I would say that peace being my first desire, there is but one condition I insist upon, viz:

That the men surrendered shall be disqualified for taking up arms again against the Government of the United States, until properly exchanged. I will meet you, or designate officers to meet any officers you may name for the same purpose, at any point agreeable to you, for the purpose of arranging definitely the terms upon which the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia will be received.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant General.

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APRIL 8, 1865.

GENERAL: I received at a late hour your note of to-day, in answer to mine of yesterday. I did not intend to propose the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia, but to ask the terms of your proposition. To be frank, I do not think the emergency has arisen to call for the surrender of this army, but as the restoration of peace should be the sole object of all, I desire to know whether your proposals would tend to that end. I cannot, therefore, meet you with a view to surrender the Army of Northern Virginia; but as far as your proposition may affect the Confederate States forces under my command, and tend to the restoration of peace, I should be pleased to meet you at 10 A. M., to-morrow, on the old stage road to Richmond, between the picket lines of the two armies.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,

R. E. LEE, General,
Confederate States Army.

Lieutenant General U. S. GRANT, Commanding United States Armies.

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APRIL 9, 1865.

General R. E. Lee, Commanding C. S. A.:

GENERAL: Your note of yesterday is received. As I have no authority to treat on the subject of peace, the meeting proposed for 10 A. M. to-day could lead to no good. I will state, however, General, that I am equally anxious for peace with yourself, and the whole North entertains the same feeling. The terms upon which peace can be had are well understood. By the South laying down their arms they will hasten that desirable event, save thousands of human lives, and hundreds of millions of property not yet destroyed.

Sincerely hoping that all our difficulties may be settled without the loss of another life, I subscribe myself, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant General.

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WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
9 30 P. M. April 9, 1865.

Lieutenant General Grant:

Thanks be to Almighty God for the great victory with which he has this day crowned you and the gallant army under your command! The thanks of this department, and of the Government, and of the people of the United States; their reverence and honor have been deserved, and will be rendered to you and the brave and gallant officers and soldiers of your army for all time.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9—10 P. M.

Ordered: That a salute of two hundred guns be fired at the headquarters of every army and department, and at every post and arsenal in the United States, and at the Military Academy at West Point, on the day of the receipt of this order, in commemoration of the surrender of General R. E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia, to Lieutenant General Grant and the army under his command. Report of the receipt and execution of this order to be made to the Adjutant General, Washington.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

Wednesday Apl 12 1865.

We had an illumination of all the Depts. & some private residences last night & will have a general illumination on tomorrow night,

Gen. Lee surrendered about 20000 men. The previous captures amount to 21,000 Lee surrendered 800 wagons, 50 cannon, 10000 muskets, nearly half of his men having thrown their arms away in the flight,

Mrs Gen. Lee is dying & her husband & Custis Lee have been sent for to come to Richmond. Lee has sent to Johnston advising him to give up. Davis is supposed to be at Danville & to have with him the specie taken from Richmond. Breckinridge started for Lynchburg & has not since been heard of.

Lynchburg was surrendered yesterday to a Lieut. with a scouting party.

Genl Thomas telegs that his scouts report Selma captured by Wilson's cavy force, Forrest & Roddy with their forces were both taken.

Mr Lincoln returned to Washn on the 10th from City Pt. Gen. Grant will be here tomorrow.

Thursday Apl 13. 1865.

Gen Grant arrived here today. I was in the Secy's room with a message for him & to get one from him to put in Cipher & saw him quite a while. He bears his honors meekly.

Tonight we have a grand illumination. Orders were issued tonight to stop all drafting & recruiting for Vols. in loyal states, to remove all restrictions upon trade & commerce so far as the public safety will permit, to reduce the number of Genl. & Staff officers to suit the exigencies of the service, & to curtail the expenses of the military establishment in all its branches, purchases of arms, ammunition, Qm & Commy stores will be stopped.

This will be glorious news for the people of the South.

Extra Billy Smith sent a communication to Gen Grant today dated Danville Va Apl. 11. He asks if the Civil Govt of Va will be molested by the Federal Govt. & if he & the others of the State Executive Dept. will be allowed to return to Richmond to exercise their functions. If not, if the United States will give them

safe conduct to Europe.

Genl Grant has sent word to Genl Meade, by whom the communication was read, that he has no answer to make to Smith & if he does have any it will be forwarded by special messenger.

Friday Apl 14. 1865

Genl Canby telegraphs from near Mobile dated Apl 5. that he has completely invested Spanish Fort & Blakely

Gen Steele moved up towards Montgomery & broke the RR as far as Greenville, capturing some locomotives & cars and 3 or 400 prisoners. Steele now invests Blakely from the North & East.

Gn Sherman telegraphs from Smithfield near Raleigh April 14th that he will be at the latter place ~~tomorrow~~ April 13. He hopes to compel Johnston to surrender at Raleigh but if he don't he will follow him closely.

Saturday Apl. 15. 1865

It is my sad duty to chronicle the death of Abraham Lincoln our beloved President.

Last night he was assassinated at 10 Pm, in his private box at Ford's Theatre in this City, by a man named J. Wilkes Booth

an actor & brother of Edwin and Junius Brutus Booth also actors. The father Junius Brutus Booth now dead was a celebrated actor.

It appears that while the play of "Our American Cousin" was going on, Booth came to the box from the dress circle, and fired a pistol at Mr Lincoln, the ball striking him in the back of the head three inches from the left ear, and lodging back of his right eye. After firing Booth jumped through the window of the box to the stage brandishing a dagger and exclaiming "sic semper tyrannis. Now is the South avenged" He then went out a side door before the audience had recovered from their stupefaction, & mounting a horse he had ready rode rapidly off & has not yet been caught.

As soon as possible the President was taken across the street to No. 458-10th St. where he lingered until 7½ am today when our great & good Chief Magistrate breathed his last.

About the same time the Secy was assassinated, a man rode up to Secy. Seward's house, where he was confined by injuries received in a fall from his carriage some weeks before, and dismounting

entered the house saying to the servant he had a prescription to give to Mr Seward.

He passed up stairs to the Secy's room and rushing upon him inflicted several severe wounds upon his face, which may not prove mortal. An attendant who was near & interfered was struck at & cut severely. The confusion brought in Frederick W. Seward the Secy's son, who was met at the door by the assassin and struck on the head with a slung shot & his skull fractured, his life is despaired of. The Secy's oldest son Maj. Clarence Seward was also slightly injured. The assassin then left the house & rode off & is supposed to have gone in the direction of Upper Marlboro. Cavalry has been sent out in every direction, and all precautions taken to capture the daring assassins.

The office of President of the United States having devolved upon Andrew Johnson Vice Prest, he was sworn in at 11 am today and now performs the functions of the Presidential Chair. Wm Hunter Chief Clerk was appointed Acting Secy of State.

These occurrences have filled every heart with sorrow. The whole nation mourns the loss of one whose honesty of purpose have endeared him to all. He has deepened

the love of all his friends & has challenged the respect of all his enemies.

During the last four years I have been in the War Dept Telegraph Office I have seen him and conversed with him nearly every day and have learned to love him for his many virtues, & his few faults, If he did err it was in being too lenient with the vile traitors seeking the life of the nation, and perhaps in this we can see the hand of Providence. If he had lived his leniency may have given the rebels courage & power & at some future time caused another rebellion and more bloodshed, This however, is avoided. The entire nation mourns his loss ~~of~~ He is described as "first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality & without hypocrisy." James 3. 17. The people are all united in sentiment & there is no sympathy whatever for treason or copperheadism

Telegrams from all parts of the country proclaim the horror of this most atrocious murder & show that the new Prest. has the most cordial support of all.

May God help him to guide the ship

of State thro the breaker

Sunday apl 16. 1865.

The excitement throughout the country increases. Everybody is wild with grief and rage.

Sherman occupied Raleigh on 13th Johnston retreating. Johnston sent a communication to Genl Sherman asking a suspension of hostilities to enable the civil powers to arrange terms of peace. Sherman replied that he had full powers to treat with Johnston & that he would grant him the same terms as he read from Gen Grant, Govr Vance & the civil authorities have been requested to return and assume their official duties.

Genl Wilson's official report of the capture of Selma on the 2d is read. He 2000 well & 2000 sick prisoners & 20 guns & a large amount of stores. Forrest, Dick Taylor, Adams, Armstrong & Roddy escaped through the swamps.

Genl Wilson has been directed to occupy Selma & operate from there westward.

Monday apl 17. 1865

Moseby has offered to surrender to Genl Hancock on Wednesday, on the same terms

as were granted Lee. Genl Grant has sent word to all the Commanders of Departments & Divisions to offer these terms to the troops opposing them. It is thought that all of the rebel Armies will surrender.

Gen Canby telegraphs that he took Spanish Fort by assault capturing ~~3~~ 20 Guns & some prisoners. Genl Steele assaulted Blakely about the same time & captured it with 3.000 prisoners & some Guns, 3 Genl Officers were taken prisoners.

Tuesday Apl 18. 1865.

The body of the late lamented Prest has lain in state in the east room all day today & the crowd has been very great endeavoring to see it. At 3 pm I went over with the War Dept clerks to view it. He looked very natural, & had a sad expression. His whiskers being shaven off made his face look small. We never shall know his like again. His funeral takes place at 12 m tomorrow & his body will leave the next morning for Phila. there to lie in state, thence to N.Y. where it will lie in state, thence go

via Albany, Buffalo, Erie, Cleveland & Toledo to Chicago.

We have official news of the occupation of Mobile on 12th by Genl Canby, the rebels having evacuated it. Genl Thomas forwards the report of Genl Stoneman's Expedition dated at Statesville N.C. He reports his expedition as a complete success. One portion of his force captured Cheraw & another moved to within four miles of Lynchburg, whilst he with main force moved toward Salisbury N.C. which was defended by 1400 Men ~~with~~ 14 pieces of artillery. The place was taken by assault with 1200 of the men & all the artillery. He destroyed the Bridges & railroad between Salisbury & Greensboro & between Charlotte & Salisbury, besides immense amounts of supplies of all kinds.

The authorities have captured several men supposed to be implicated in the President's murder. Names are Sam Arnold, Mike O'Flaherty, J O Laughlin Payne, & Celestina. It is to be hoped they may be the right ones.

Mr Seward and his son are both doing well & will probably recover. God grant they may be spared to us.

Wednesday Apl. 19. 1865.

4 yrs ago

To day, the anniversary of the passage thro' Balto. of Union troops & the assault upon them by the Citizens, has been a sad day to the people of the North. The funeral obsequies of our late Prest took place today. The procession was very long & the best of order prevailed. The body was taken to the Capitol where it remains until Friday when it leaves for Springfield Ills.

Thursday Apl 20. 1865.

Genl Tyler at Relay House telegraphs that one of his scouting parties has captured Atzerodt one of the men implicated in the assassination of the President.

Genl Halleck leaves today to take command of the City of Richmond.

Mosby will not surrender his command They will all disperse. Gen Echols comdg rebel forces at Christianburg Va when he heard of the surrender of Lee, on the 12th inst immediately disbanded his men, about 7.000 in all & started himself with a few followers to trans-Miss.

Friday Apl. 21. 1865.

Gen. Tyler at Relay House telegraphed last night that Sergt Gannin had captured Atzerodt one of the assassins of the President.

He is now confined on the Gunboat at the Navy Yard. The War Dept yesterday offered $50.000 for the apprehension of Booth & 25.000 for Atzerodt, & 25.000 for Harrold, Booth's accomplices.

The 9th Army Corps has been ordered to Washington, also one Div of 19th A.C. from Winchester & 20.00 Cavy.

Genl Sherman has made an arrangement with Johnston which renders useless to the Confederacy his army. The details are not yet made public.

Saturday Apl 22. 1865.

The arrangement made between Gen Sherman and Johnston has not been ratified by the Prest, & Sherman is ordered to renew hostilities.

Genl Grant leaves today for N.C. to assume command in person.

Sunday Apl. 23. 1865.

The agreement made between Gen Sherman & Johnston was in effect as follows: The rebel army was to be disbanded, the arms to be put in the State Arsenal, & the men not to be interfered with so long as they obeyed the laws of the U.S.

Sherman is very much censured for his assumption of authority, & Grant will be there tomorrow to take personal command.

Weather Cold & blustery today.

Monday apl. 24, 1865.

Genl Canby telegraphs that he found 30,000 bales of cotton in Mobile, & a large quantity of stores.

Information has been recd that Wilson occupied Macon on the 13th inst. with Howell Cobb & G.W. Smith as prisoners, but they claimed to come under the amnesty agreement, & Wilson has telegraphed through rebel authorities for orders.

Lt Col Chapman rebel, next in command to Mosby, has surrendered himself & all of his men to Gen Hancock, & our Cavy is now hunting Mosby, & $2,000 reward is offered for his capture & his own men are engaged in the pursuit.

Tuesday apl. 25. 1865.

A.A. Atwater Operator at the Navy Yard made me a present Sunday, of a handsome watch guard, which he braided himself from my mothers & sisters hair.

I am greatly obliged to him.

Genl Grant arrived at Beaufort N.C. on the evening of 23d.

Our forces are advancing from Burkeville towards Danville.

The Telegraph Construction Party captured 9 locomotives & 60 cars. The Telegh

line is intact to Danville & our operators have heard Danville working.

Wednesday April 26. 1865.

Gen Grant reached Raleigh on the morning of 24th inst. Gen. Sherman was not surprised at the rejection & disapproval of his agreements with Johnson, but seemed rather to expect it. When he made the agreement he had before him Genl Weitzell's call for the assembling of the Va Legislature, & supposed it was approved & sanctioned by the Pres't, & the moment he learned that this permission to assemble was annulled, he sent word to Johnston, knowing it had a bearing on the negotiations. Gen. Grant sent notice to Johnston on the morning of 24th terminating the truce. Active operations will be begun immediately.

Thursday Apl. 27, 1865.

J Wilkes Booth & Jno. C. Harrold were chased from the swamps in St Mary's Co. Md. a few days ago & succeeded in crossing the Potomac, & were pursued to near Pt Royal on the Rappahannock. At 3 am yesterday they were traced to a barn on Garrett's farm 3 miles beyond Pt. Royal on the Bowling Green road & the barn was fired. Booth was shot in the head, & after lingering a few

hours died, Harrold was captured alive. Booth's body & Harrold are now on the Monitor at the Navy Yd.

Col. Baker's men were the parties engaged in the capture.

Friday Apl. 28. 1865

Gen Grant telegraphs from Raleigh that Johnston on the 26th surrendered to Gen. Sherman, all the forces under his command on the same terms Gen Grant gave Lee, Johnston's command embraces all this side of the Chattahoochie.

Jeff Davis is known to have with him a large amount of specie variously estimated from six to thirteen millions & is making for Texas. Everybody has been placed on the watch for him & it is thought he will be captured.

Saturday Apl. 29. 1865.

The Secy. of War has issued "a special order curtailing the expenses of the mily establishment." All enlisted men who have been prisoners of war & are on furlough or parole will be immediately discharged, also all men in hospitals who need no further medical treatment will be discharged. War & Navy Depts are to make no more purchases

& to dispose of all medless stock on hand.

Mail routes, railroads & telegraphs are being opened, & trade with the South is being commenced. Truly peace is upon us. How grateful to Divine Providence should we be.

Genl Grant arrived here today from N.C.

Sunday Apl. 30. 1865.

Attended church this morning at the new Foundry. Heard Mr Effinger.

The army of the Potomac, Sheridan's Cavalry and Sherman's army are ordered to march to Alexandria overland.

Monday May 1. 1865.

Every effort is being made to catch Jeff Davis who is supposed to be going towards the Miss. Weather clear but cool, heavy rain yesterday.

Tuesday May 2. 1865.

Nothing of importance today. Charlie Cockrell reached here from Pittsbg & well & in good spirits.

Wednesday May 3. 1865

A reward has been offered by the Prest. for apprehension of Jefferson Davis, Jake

Thompson, Geo. W. Sanders & others.

Davis, Benjamin & others passed thro' Yorkville S.C. on the 28th of April & Col. Palmer was but one day behind & it was thought would capture the party. They had several wagon loads of specie with them.

Saturday May 6. 1865.

Gen Canby & Dick Taylor entered into an agreement similar to that of Sherman's & Johnston's, but it will probably be discontinued when the news of Johnston's surrender is rec'd

Rebel Gen Wofford near Resaca Ga has surrendered himself & command also several commands south of the Tenn. river near Decatur Ala. & several in West Virginia.

Robt Ould the Confederate agt for exchange of Prisoners & Hatch his Asst. have been arrested in Richmond on information that they diverted the money sent from the North for Federal prisoners to other purposes.

Sunday May 7. 1865.

A telegram from Genl Canby dated Citronelle Ala May 4 states that Dick Taylor has surrendered himself & the forces under

his command.

Genl Wilson telegraphs from Macon Ga. May 6. that Jeff Davis was at Washington Ga. on May 3d & the morning of 4th, & that Upton's Div. of Cavy was at Atlanta & every precaution had been taken to capture Davis & his Confederates & the Specie with them.

Govr. Brown has called the Legislature of Georgia to meet on the 22d inst. in view of the collapse of the currency & the consequent misery wo & destitution among the poorer classes, The Secy of War has telegned him, that as this ~~causes~~ misery wo & destitution & the collapse of the currency were caused by Brown & his associates who incited & continued war against the U.S. Govt. which had been a blessing to them for half a century & ~~given~~ made the state of Georgia a prosperous one, they would not be allowed to assemble as a legislature of the state & usurp ~~the~~ its authority & franchises.

Genl Wilson was directed to arrest Brown & send him to Washn under guard. Rm T. Hunter & J A Campbell were to night directed by Genl Grant to be arrested & confined in ~~prison~~

Genl Halleck telegraphs that one Speed ~~of H~~ a relative of Atty. Genl. Speed

has a written Communication from Extra Billy Smith to the Prest of the U.S. of vital importance to the people of the state of Va & that he desires authority to come to Washn. to present it in person. Genl Halleck has seen the communication & deems it inadmissible. The Secy telegraphed him that his action was approved, & that Speed in recognizing Smith as Governor of the state committed an act of treason & will be immediately arrested. Gen Halleck is further directed to offer a reward of $25.000 for the apprehension of Smith that he may be brought to justice.

Wednesday May 10, 1865.

Weather damp and cloudy. Capt Gilmore left for N.Y. today, on his way to S.C. to take charge of Telegraph lines in that state & Ga. No news of interest

Saturday May 13. 1865.

Genl Wilson telegraphs from Macon 12th that Col. Pritchard of 4th Mich Cavy, captured Jeff Davis & family & staff on 10th at Irwinville Irwin Co. Ga. 45 miles South of Macon. He will be sent to Washn. at once under strong guard. I wonder where the Southern Confederacy is at

Sunday May 14 1865

It appears that Davis was captured in one of his wife's dresses & when first approached by our men brandished a bowie knife, but surrendered on seeing a revolver pointed at him.

He will be taken to Atlanta, thence to Augusta, Savannah & Ft. Monroe.

C. C. Clay Jr. surrendered himself at Atlanta & will be sent with Davis.

Attended Wesley Chapel this morning Took tea at Mrs Hirst's.

Monday May 15. 1865.

Sherman's Army crosses the Rappahannock tomorrow, Sheridan's Cavalry reached Fairfax today. Barnum has offered $500. for the dress in which Davis was captured.

Tuesday May 16. 1865.

Davis has passed Augusta safely. He goes hence to Savannah where he will be put on a Gunboat & brot to Ft. Monroe.

The trial of the conspirators progresses slowly. The Evidence is very strong & conclusive.

Wednesday May 17. 1865.

Weather quite warm today — Line to Richmond via Fredkeburg completed last Eveg & works prettily.

Thursday May 18. 1865.

It rained quite heavily this evg. Atmosphere is now quite cool.

Major Thos T. Eckert was today appointed Asst. Secy. of War vice Dana resigned. He still retains his connection with the Telegraph, except that much of the details as far as regards the lines & the placing of operators will devolve upon me.

Friday May 19. 1865

Jeff Davis & party reached Ft Monroe today & will be confined there.

Saturday May 20.

Visited Alexandria today. Was called on to attend the trial of the conspirators today but did not testify. I presume I will be called on next week. My testimony is in regard to the ciphers used by Jeff Davis, a Key of which was found on Booth's body.

Gen Sheridan goes tomorrow to Texas to clean out Kirby Smith.

Tuesday May 23. 1865.

The army of the Potomac passed through Washington City today on review. There were probably 80.000 men. Sherman's army passes tomorrow. Governor Letcher of Va has been arrested and is now in confinement

at Winchester Va. Permission has been given rebel Genl Joe Johnston to pass thro the U. S. to Canada.

Thursday May 25. 1865.

Yesterday & the day before the Army of the Potomac & Genl Sherman's army passed in review up Penna Avenue. It was a grand spectacle & the brave boys who have regained for us our liberties were joyously welcomed home. Long will the memories of those two days be cherished by all.

The rebel ram Stonewall has been sold to the Spanish authorities at Havana. Genl Brent of the rebel army has arrived at Baton Rouge to arrange terms for the surrender of Kirby Smith's forces.

Friday May 26. 1865.

The papers found on the person of Jeff Davis were yesterday brot to the War Dept & I have copied several. In a letter to his wife Davis says that the terms (between Sherman & Johnston), though hard are very good; that they do not speak of Slavery, but leave it as it was before the war, & that nothing is said of the rebel debt & he hoped to have a provision made to ensure the payment of the rebel debt in common with that of the U. S.

Dated Charlotte N.C. Apl 18

Wednesday May 31. 1865

I have rented a house in Georgetown & am making arrangements to remove the family here. They will probably come about June 15. It will be delightful for me to live at home once more after an absence of over five years.

Sunday June 4. 1865

There is very little news of importance. I leave for Pittsburgh tomorrow Monday & will return about the 15th or 18th inst with the family.

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