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## TELEGRAPHIC.

### RIOT IN NEW ORLEANS.

MOBILE, Aug. 21.

A special dispatch to the Register, dated Savannah, the 21st inst., says Forrest attacked Memphis and stormed it at 7 o'clock this A. M. Heavy firing has been heard for three hours, and it is supposed that the city has been captured, as the Federal force there is reported to be small.

An unsuspected Federal force occupied Oxford, Miss., today.

The quarrel at Jackson reports a great riot in New Orleans. Four hundred citizens reported killed. The riot arose in consequence of Canby's attempt to enforce the draft. Negro troops were called on to suppress the riot, which is still progressing.

### ANOTHER SKIRMISH.

RICHMOND, Aug. 22.

Official dispatches state that General Hill attacked the enemy on the Weldon railroad Sunday morning and drove them from his advance line to the entrenchments capturing over 300 prisoners. Our loss is principally in Hagood's brigade which mounted the enemy's entrenchments but support falling many were captured.

Dispatches from Atlanta state that the enemy's cavalry which struck the Macon railroad on the 19th, and were met on the 20th by a portion of our forces and retreated losing two stands of colors and one piece of artillery.

### SECOND DISPATCH.

RICHMOND, Aug. 22.

The Baltimore Gazette of the 20th received, says Grant captured five hundred prisoners on the north side of the James river. The object of the expedition was to prevent our forces from drowning the men cutting the canal across Duch Gap. Says Sherman's retreat from the Valley was made along the border. Innumerable rumors of high hopes was based on the expedition. Sheridan lost five hundred men captured near Strasburg, and seventy two wagons near Perryville, forming a greater part of the supply train.

Telegrams from Wheeler in middle Georgia report that Steadman whipped him at Dalton. Another says Wheeler whipped Steadman eight miles from Chattanooga.

The Tallahassee at Halifax took three children of war, and was fired by the English Admiral to take it.

PETERSBURG, Aug. 22.

All quiet along lines to day, but little mortar shelling and less picket firing. Enemy still hold position on Weldon road, and scouts report that they are continuing to fortify.

### FROM PETERSBURG.

PETERSBURG, Aug. 218.

About 9 o'clock to-day our forces again attacked the enemy lodged on the Weldon Railroad in front, and the flank column assaulting in front pushed the enemy back half mile, capturing two lines of earthworks and three hundred prisoners. The force assaulting in flank owing to the heavy force of the enemy and strength of the works, and the unaccountable giving way, at an important moment, of one of our brigades, was repulsed with loss by the flanking force, and succeeded in capturing the line of skirmishers and reached the enemy's breastworks when they were compelled to retire. The fighting ceased about 2 o'clock, since then only skirmishing and sharpshooting. The enemy now have the 2d, 5th and 9th corps holding the railroad with fortifications of the strongest character.

Brig. General Saunders, of Alabama, was killed.

The enemy made heavy demonstrations on our left, on City Point road with art-

illery and musketry for a half hour this morning, but accomplished nothing.

### SECOND DISPATCH.

PETERSBURG, Aug. 23.

Since the fight on Sunday the enemy has been engaged in extending his lines west of the railroad and towards the city. The enemy occupies the ground on which the battles of the last few days were fought, and his pickets have advanced some distance this side. Vaughan took one mile west of the railroad, is also occupied by the enemy, who has strongly fortified there.

The country both of the city is very level, and the enemy's lines are in sight of the Confederate lines. Both armies are strongly entrenched there. There has been no offensive movement to day, and everything consequently, very quiet.

### FROM MEMPHIS.

MOBILE, Aug. 23.

Several Federal vessels are cruising below the obstructions in the upper bay.

Scouts report that yesterday morning the Federal fleet hauled up close to Fort Morgan and opened fire. The fort replied and badly crippled two vessels on the eastern shore.

The enemy are landing and plundering near Point Clear.

A special dispatch to the Advertiser from Panama and Oxford, says Forrest arrived at Panama last night. The yankee loss was five hundred. The Memphis surprise was complete. The night charge was exciting and terrific. Forrest sent a flag of truce offering to exchange prisoners. Washburne refused saying he would capture him before reaching Panama.

Smith learning Forrest's movements hastily retreated from Oxford, towards Holly Springs, turning the Court house, the principal business portion, private houses and the residence of Col. Jacob Thompson, and committing many other depredations. Our forces reoccupied Oxford pursuing Smith.

ATLANTA, Aug. 23d.

Scouts report another federal raid, 7000 strong, 9 pieces artillery started from Decatur early this morning in the direction of Covington.

A letter from an officer in Greenville, East Tenn., states that John Morgan left that point for Knoxville. The trains are running regularly from Bristol to Greenville. The situation around Atlanta unchanged. The enemy shelled the city at intervals all night. All quiet this morning except occasional skirmishing in Maney's front on the right. A lady was killed near the Express Office last evening by a shell, and a soldier lost a leg.

ATLANTA, Aug. 24.

The enemy shelled the centre of the city steadily all night. McDaniel's warehouse on Hunter street, between Prior and Whitehall, was destroyed by fire, this morning at five o'clock, and five hundred bales of cotton burnt. The city fire battalion was promptly on hand and checked the spread of conflagration under a heavy fire from the enemy's batteries. A small frame building near the State road Shop was also burnt last night. Both buildings were fired by shells. No casualties resulted from the shells. The city is comparatively quiet this morning save usual firing of artillery and small arms. The Yankee raids reported by scouts yesterday is not confirmed by report this morning.

ATLANTA, Aug. 23.

A dispatch from Jonesboro states that a Federal raiding party, in heavy force, appeared in Fayetteville.

Official dispatches from Gen. Maury to Mobile, confirm the capture of Memphis by Forrest, and that Washburne and Smith were captured with the city.

Dixon's bridge, over Flint river, near Fayetteville, was burned this morning.

### FORT MORGAN CAPTURED.

MOBILE, Aug. 24.

Fort Morgan is in the enemy's hands, whether surrendered, evacuated or blown up, is unknown. There are conflicting reports, but nothing reliable.

A flag of truce boat visited the enemy's upper fleet to-day. The Federal Exchange Agent had not arrived and nothing was accomplished.

A special to the Advertiser from near Abbeville, of the 24th, says the enemy's advance passed through Holly Springs this morning towards Lagrange. Their wagon train crossed the Tallahatchie and camped at Water Ford last night. Their

infantry arrived at Abbeville Crossing. Chalmers ran into their infantry force yesterday and had a sharp skirmish. He captured three wagon trains and five prisoners. Our loss is twenty killed. The fight was renewed this morning.

ATLANTA, Aug. 24th.

Another large conflagration occurred this evening on Alabama street, destroying a large warehouse and several dwellings. The fire was caused by shells from Yankee batteries. During the fire the enemy shelled that portion of the city with great rapidity. Prisoners report that Sherman's army continue to be well fed. Citizens from Marietta report that Federal officers claim twenty days supplies, at that place. Additional returns from eight brigades give McCuskey 151 majority over Sozac.

PETERSBURG, Aug. 25th.

The New York Herald of the 22d has a letter from Niagara Falls, which says Judge Black, Attorney General under Buchanan, and Hay, Lincoln's private Secretary have had another interview with Clay, Holcombe & Co., and that Lincoln is about to offer an armistice and to propose a meeting of commissioners at Baltimore or some other border city.

PETERSBURG, Aug. 25.

Our forces engaged and drove in the enemy's skirmish line in front of Bermuda Hundred this morning, capturing some fifty prisoners. The engagement lasted but a short time. Our loss small. For several days past the enemy has been picketing the front at Bermuda Hundred with negroes. In front and on the line of the Weldon road little or no change has taken place.

The enemy has been engaged today shifting forces from their right to their left.

Butler's cavalry engaged the enemy's cavalry ten miles below, night before last, and repulsed every effort they were making to drive in our picket lines. Loss small. Heavy firing heard some distance down the line of the Weldon road for the last hour. Cause unexplained.

ATLANTA, Aug. 25.

For same cause the Federal batteries are silent this morning. Last night a shell struck the Presbyterian church on Marietta street, and exploded in the basement where many of the citizens had sought shelter. Fragments of a shell cut off the arm of a citizen lying in bed in the basement. No casualties.

It is reported that the Yankees have again destroyed the Georgia Railroad below Decatur. Lieut. Col. G. A. Henry, Jr., has been temporarily appointed Provost Marshal General of this army. Col. G. N. Gordon, of the 11th Tenn. Regt. has been appointed Brig. Gen. and assigned to Vaughan's brigade.

RICHMOND, Aug. 26.

The Washington Chronicle of the 21st says Memphis was attacked at 4 o'clock this morning by a force of 3000 cavalry. They drove in our pickets and dashed directly to headquarters. Washburne made a rush for Buckland's headquarters and escaped. They then attacked Irving Prison but was repulsed by the guard. They next visited the Gayoso House expecting to capture it, but did not succeed in getting possession. Our troops now attacked the rebels and soon drove them from the city, killing thirty or more.

Our loss killed and wounded about come up to that of the rebels on the 22nd.—The rebel raid on the city yesterday, was a complete failure, our troops being without leaders. The rebels carried off some plunder and captured quite a number of prisoners.

New York telegrams say rumors are current there, and are credited in the best financial circles that the Government have decided to send five commissioners to Richmond to arrange preliminaries for peace. Gold closed 354 1/2.

RICHMOND, Aug. 26.

The Confederate authorities have offered to exchange officer for officer, man for man with the Federal authorities. Heretofore the point of contention has been the delivery of the excess of prisoners. Our government insisting upon terms of the cartel which required the delivery of all prisoners on both sides, the excess to be on parole. The government now proposes the excess, if any, to remain in the hands of the enemy until the captures are made up. Offer, though made early in the month, is not yet accepted. Correspondence on the subject shall appear.

### FROM RICHMOND.

The following official dispatch was received last night:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY NORTHERN VIRGINIA,  
August 26, 1864.

To Hon. J. A. Seddon:

Gen. A. P. Hill attacked the enemy in his entrenchments at Reams's Station yesterday evening. At the second assault he carried the entire line. Cook's and McKee's North Carolina Brigades, under Heath, Lane's N. C. Brigade, Wilcox's Division, under Conner, with Pegram's Artillery, composed the assaulting column. One line of breastworks was carried by the cavalry under Hampton with great gallantry, who contributed largely to the success. Seven stands of colors, two thousand prisoners, and nine pieces of artillery are in our possession. The loss of the enemy in killed and wounded reported heavy, ours relatively small.

Our profound gratitude is due to God (Giver of all victories, and to our brave men and officers engaged.)  
(Signed) R. E. LEE.

PETERSBURG, Aug. 26.

The affair on the Weldon Railroad on Wednesday was a very gallant one, and successful in its results.

While the enemy's cavalry, under General Spears, were engaged tearing up the track several miles beyond Reams's Station, Gen. Hampton attacked and forced them back behind their infantry supports.

Hampton dismounted his men and fought their infantry gradually but steadily pushing them back until they reached their strong works, one mile this side of Reams, capturing about eight hundred prisoners.

At five o'clock in the afternoon Gen. Hill attacked the enemy's forts, and after a short but sharp fight took them, capturing a large number of prisoners and nine pieces of artillery, and the enemy fled in great confusion.

Col. Pegram of Richmond, turned the captured guns upon the enemy with great effect.

The number of prisoners will probably reach 2500.

Brig. Gen. Cutler was captured.

The prisoners belonged to Hancock's corps and have been brought to town.

There was considerable firing down the Road to-day, but not heavy firing.

Our cavalry acted with conspicuous gallantry.

ATLANTA, Aug. 26.

The enemy retired from our right front last night, our forces occupying the second line this morning. The enemy's lines from Decatur to the Peach tree grove are all abandoned. Skirmishing on the left this morning. With the exception of three shells fired from the right last night before the enemy withdrew from that point, the enemy had not shelled the city for 24 hours. Two deserters reached our lines on yesterday. They claim having been drafted at Dayton Ohio, and have never been mustered into service. They state that they came through on the road direct from Chattanooga.

No news from Wheeler. Prisoners brought us this morning from the right, state that Wheeler tapped the road twice, which was repaired immediately. Trains running through. They also state that Sherman's army was all on full rations.

ATLANTA, August 26.—Since morning the enemy have retired from our extreme left. Prisoners state that trains came through from Chattanooga yesterday. The Chattanooga Gazette, of the 23d, says Wheeler destroyed the depot at Cleveland and then burned the town.

MOBILE, Aug. 26.

A flag of truce boat returned last evening. The Yankees say Fort Morgan was capitulated at 2 o'clock Tuesday. Last Monday P. M., the enemy concentrated their force in the fort, which replied spiritedly. The bombardment was renewed, in the meanwhile the enemy succeeded in getting three howitzers. A heavy fire on our gunners with the assistance of the mortar shell succeeded in damaging several gun carriages. The fort did not fire Tuesday. Gen. Page destroyed everything in the fort and spiked his guns, he and the garrison, numbering 581 men, surrendered. There were 17 killed—number of wounded unknown. Non-combatants are not allowed to visit the city.

ONTA, Aug. 26. 7/8

Col. Scott fought the enemy in the suburbs of Clinton yesterday and drove them back one mile. The fight was desperate. Our men charged them.

The enemy received reinforcements, and recaptured their ground and now occupy Clinton.

Their force is reported at 6000 infantry and cavalry, with 30 pieces of artillery.

Prisoners captured say their intention is to remain at Clinton, but it is not believed.

Telegraphic communication is open to within six miles of Clinton.

MARIETTA, Aug. 26.

The lines at Vicksburg completely closed for the next thirty days. Ingress and egress not allowed under any circumstances. It is thought another movement is on hand, as all the horses in the city were being impressed by the Yankees. The prisoners captured in Memphis by Forrest left here for Cahaba this morning.

ATLANTA, Aug. 26.

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ATLANTA, Aug. 27.

The enemy disappeared from our entire front last night except on the extreme left. Sherman is reported crossing the Chattahoochee.

Col. Woodward, of Ky., was mortally wounded and taken prisoner on the 17th while making an attack on Hopkville.

ATLANTA, Aug. 27.

The enemy are still in force on our left.

Nashville papers of the 20th state that Wheeler destroyed the railroad 15 miles on the east side of Athens, Tenn. His force is said to be 6000 cavalry with 16 pieces of artillery. Cincinnati correspondent of the Chicago Times states that all the Kentucky delegates to the Chicago Convention have been elected with instructions to vote for Seymour, of Connecticut, for President. The Cincinnati Gazette Chattanooga correspondent of the 24th says neither Gen. Sherman nor Col. Straight were injured at Dalton.

*The Life of Gen. Jackson.*—We have the extreme pleasure of announcing that the life of Lieut. Gen. T. S. Jackson, by Prof. R. L. Dabney, has been completed in a work of two volumes, and that the volumes will be printed as simultaneously as can be by Nesbitt & Co., of London, and A. Morris, of Richmond. The stereotyped plates of the work will be received from London as soon as can be, and used by the Richmond publisher. A portrait of Gen. Jackson, taken in 1858, when he was a Major in the United States service, and copied by Messrs. Minnie & Cowell, will adorn the frontispiece of the first volume. The second volume will be embellished by a portrait of the General as he appeared in the Confederate service.—*Rich. Examiner.*

The Yankees have turned loose the largest hornet's nest they can muster after the Confederate cruiser Tallahassee. The first news of her depredations reached Sec'y. Welles after office hours, on the 12th, when he immediately ordered in pursuit, the Juniata, Susquehanna, Eolus, Pontoosne, Dumbarton and Tristram Shandy; on the 13th, the Moccasin, Aster, Yantic, R. R. Cayler and Grand Gulf; and on the 15th, the Dacotah and San Jacinto. They all took different directions. These were all the vessels available in the navy.

*Noble Example.*—Three planters of Monroe and Clark counties, Alabama, upon hearing of the threatening condition of affairs in Mobile, immediately took their hands, to the number of three hundred and seventy-five, and tendered them to the Government, and were accepted. A few more such acts will give enough of labor without resorting to impressment.—*Charlotte Times.*