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THE EASTERN WARS.

It seems we are handicapped in getting news from South Africa. Dispatches say the Boers began bombarding Kimberly last Tuesday. This point the reader will find on the south west of Orange Free States while Lady Smith is south of Transvaal. These seem objective points of the Boers and are the points where they hope to strike a blow before Gen. Buller gets ready to take up his line of march probably from Deleogoa Bay. Important transactions may have occurred ere this. Kimberly, it is said, is not prepared to stand a siege. A demand for its surrender is reported but no results are reported. The English lost an important officer, Col. Falconer, in a skirmish.

As for news from the Philippines it is somewhat vague and incomprehensible also. There is no resting, though the movements are slow. Engagements occur almost daily, but are of small importance.

WHY LEE SURRENDERED.

His Letter to President Davis Showing His Insurmountable Difficulties.

Much has been written on the surrender of Gen. Lee, but we have come across, for the first time, his letter informing President Davis of his calamity. The letter was printed last April in the New York Tribune, with assurances of its genuineness and that it was the first time this interesting document had appeared in a newspaper. The following is the full text of the letter:

Near Appomattox C. H., Va.,
April 12, 1865.

His Excellency Jefferson Davis.

Mr. President: It is with pain that I announce to Your Excellency the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia. The operations which preceded this result will be reported in full. I will therefore only now state that, upon arriving at Amelia Courthouse on the morning of 4th with the advance of the army, on the retreat from the lines in front of Richmond and Petersburg, and not finding the supplies ordered to be placed there, nearly twenty-four hours were lost in endeavoring to collect in the country subsistence for men and horses. This delay was fatal, and could not be retrieved. The troops, wearied by continual fighting and marching for several days and nights, obtained neither rest nor refreshment; and on moving, on the 5th, on the Richmond and Danville Railroad, I found at Jetersville the

enemy's cavalry, and learned of the approach of his infantry and the general advances of his army toward Burkeville. This deprived us of the use of the railroad, and rendered it impracticable to procure from Danville the supplies ordered to meet us at points of our march. Nothing could be obtained from the adjacent country. Our route to the Roanoke was therefore changed, and the march directed upon Farmville, where supplies were ordered from Lynchburg. The change of route threw the troops over the roads pursued by the artillery and wagon trains west of the railroad, which impeded our advance and embarrassed our movements. On the morning of the 6th General Longstreet's corps reached Rice's Station, on the Lynchburg road. It was followed by the commands of Generals R. H. Anderson, Ewell and Gordon, with orders to close upon it as fast as the progress of the trains would permit, or as they could be directed on the roads further west. General Anderson, commanding Pickett's and B. R. Johnson's rear divisions, became disconnected with Mahone's division, forming the rear of Longstreet. The enemy's cavalry penetrated the line of march through the interval thus left, and attacked the wagon train moving toward Farmville. This caused serious delay in the march of the centre and rear of the column, and enabled the enemy to mass upon their flank. After successive attacks Anderson's and Ewell's corps were captured or driven from their position. The latter general, with both of his division commanders, Kershaw and Custis Lee, and his brigadiers, were taken prisoners. Gordon, who all the morning, aided by General W. H. F. Lee's cavalry, had checked the advance of the enemy on the road from Amelia Springs and protected the trains, became exposed to his combined assaults, which he bravely resisted and twice repulsed; but the cavalry having been withdrawn to another part of the line of march, and the enemy massing heavily on his front and both flanks, renewed the attack about 6 p. m., and drove him from the field in much confusion.

The army continued its march during the night, and every effort was made to reorganize the divisions which had been shattered by the day's operations; but the men being depressed by fatigue and hunger, many threw away their arms, while others followed the wagon trains and embarrassed their progress. In the interview which occurred with General Grant in compliance with my request, terms having been agreed on, I surrendered that portion of the Army of Northern Virginia which was on the field, with its arms, artillery and wagon trains, the officers and men to be paroled, retaining their side arms and private effects. I deemed this course the best under all circumstances by which we were surrounded.

On the morning of the 9th, according to the reports of the ordinance officers, there were 7,692 organized infantry with arms, with an average of seventy-five rounds of ammunition per man. The artillery, though reduced to sixty-three pieces, with ninety-three rounds of ammunition, was sufficient. These comprised all the supplies of ordinance that

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could be relied on in the State of Virginia. I have no accurate report of the cavalry, but believe it did not exceed 2,100 effective men.

The enemy was more than five times our numbers. If we could have forced our way one day longer, it would have been at a great sacrifice of life, and at its end I did not see how a surrender could have been avoided. We had no subsistence for man or horse, and it could not be gathered in the country. The supplies ordered to Pamplin's Station from Lynchburg could not reach us, and the men, deprived of food and sleep for many days, were worn out and exhausted. With great respect,

Your obedient servant,
R. E. LEE, General.

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