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COL. MORGAN IN TENNESSEE.

HIS NARROW ESCAPE FROM CAPTURE.

The Knoxville Register, of Wednesday, has an interesting letter from its army correspondent, giving an account of Col. Morgan's expedition from Corinth into Tennessee. We extract:

SPARTA, TENN., May 8th, 1862.

We left Corinth on the 20th of April, and crossed the Tennessee river on the 26th and 27th, arrived at Lawrenceburg on the 31st, learned the Federals were in possession of Palasky, and on "May day" we had a frolic with them, in which we took 200, and 24 officers, including Gen. Mitchell's son, killed 18, and lost none.

At dawn on the 4th our pickets and the Federal pickets had an engagement. We passed around the place and crossed the Nashville and Murfreesboro' pike to Smyrna, where we tore up the railroad track and cut the telegraph wire.

At dawn on the 6th, our pickets were driven in; and before our men could get to horse, the enemy was upon us in overwhelming numbers. Col. Morgan and Lieut. Col. Wood, (of West Adams's regiment), most desperate efforts, succeeded in getting the men collected and the most desperate fighting ensued that is on record.

Col. Morgan arrived at this place with 40 men the next day. I arrived some four hours later with 31. Our men have been coming in at all stages since. We have now here something over 100, and are expecting more.

Gen. Dumont, Col. Woolford, and a Pennsylvania Colonel were taken prisoners early in the action in town, and as soon as they made known their rank, their swords were restored to them again by our gallant Colonel M.

The fight was kept up the whole distance from Lebanon to Carthage, and a volley of 50 guns were fired at Col. Morgan as he climbed the bank after crossing the river.

Col. Morgan and men are in good health and spirits, but greatly fatigued, and it will not be but a short time before the Yankees will hear from us again.

From Norfolk.—PETERSBURG, May 20.—Gentlemen who left Norfolk last Saturday afternoon, reached here Sunday night. They represent the city as filled with Lincoln soldiers, but arrangements had been made which will reduce the number to 3,000, the balance advancing as far as Suffolk, where they will remain until a junction with Burnside can be effected.

The people of Norfolk keep aloof from the Federals, having no intercourse with them whatever. The stores are all closed, and it is a rare sight to see a male citizen on the streets—the ladies never.

All the flags among the ships, and on the Custom House and Atlantic Hotel, were flying at half-mast Saturday. Some distinguished Lincolnite had been gathered to the grave, but the circulation of Northern papers was suppressed, and it was impossible to ascertain who the noted dead could be.

The Yankee journals, received during the week, confessed to a heavy loss at Williamsburg—some estimating the casualties below 1,000 killed, 2,500 wounded, and 900 prisoners. They contended, however, that it was a great victory for Yankee arms, because we retired and left our dead and wounded on the field.—Express.

New Orleans.—The New Orleans "Pisanyne," of the 5th, says: We heard of a number of cases of sunstroke yesterday among the verdant strangers who, uninvited, have recklessly come to see the fashions, and enjoy the blazing hot days and deadly damp nights of New Orleans in the summer-time.

OBSERVER. FAYETTEVILLE.

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 22, 1862.

COL. MORGAN'S REJOICER.—We doubt if history furnishes an instance of more resolute heroism than that displayed by the 6th North Carolina regiment at the battle of Williamsburg. Four regiments were ordered to capture a Yankee battery which was defended by four regiments.

SPECIAL ADVANCE OF THE ENEMY. Still the fire grew hotter in the woods, and in a few minutes, a point fully half a mile away from the battery, the enemy's men began to file out of the cover and form in the open field.

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IMPORTANT FROM EUROPE.

HALIFAX, May 14.—The Niagara, which left Liverpool the 8th, and Queenstown 4th, arrived this evening. Vague rumors of threatened intervention in America continue in circulation, and the dullness and decline in cotton is attributed to them.

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