

From the Richmond Enquirer. VICTORY AND REVERSE IN ONE DAY.

A remarkable battle has been fought in the Shenandoah Valley. On Wednesday morning, at an early hour our army attacked the Eighth and Nineteenth army corps of the enemy, on Cedar Creek, about three miles out from Strasburg...

They charged the enemy's works, but were repulsed. Nothing daunted, they charged again, but were once more turned back. A third time they went full tilt against the foe, and again they were repelled.

Our loss in men was not heavy. In this respect, there is some consolation in knowing that the enemy suffered by far the heavier.

The Richmond Whig gives the following account of the affair:

We have the whole story with regard to the reported defeat of General Early, and it turns out that it was no defeat at all, in spite of the lying, blustering bragging bulletins of the swaggering Sheridan, who was not in several miles of the battle-field, and did not get there until the late battle was over.

Now, if this is any great victory for the Yankees, they must have a very different opinion from us of what it takes to constitute a great victory.

We have not lost the Valley, nor is there any prospect of our losing it. The lost cannon can soon be replaced, and General Early will then stand on a better footing than he has ever stood on before in the Valley.

The progress of the enemy is not advanced one foot by this battle. He holds but two counties of the Valley, and he has no immediate prospect of holding any more.

The Yankees profess to have discovered a secret, oath-bound organization in their midst, the object of which is military service against the United States, and armed resistance to the laws.

PRICE'S OPERATIONS IN MISSOURI.

A special dispatch to the Mobile Register, dated Senatobia, October 24th, says: The St. Louis Republican, of the 20th instant, and Memphis Bulletin, of the 23d instant, have been received.

Price is in possession of all the country from Marshall to Lexington. The Federal combinations, it is said, will compel him to cut his way out of the State. He left Booneville, Missouri, on the 14th.

The St. Louis Democrat says, it cannot conceal the fact the rebel army is assuming alarming proportions. It is constantly gathering arms from unsupported garrisons.

Northern papers report a severe battle to have been fought in Missouri. As is always the case, the Yankee kees resort to the usual lying to make it out a "victory" for them.

I have been pressed all day, and this afternoon the enemy pressed around my flank, when I gave him heavy blows for several hours.

A despatch from Kansas City says: We fought Price's entire army for five hours. Our total loss was over five hundred.

We evacuated Independence, falling back to the Big Blue. The militia have arrived. This morning we hold the line of the Big Blue.

Col. Moonlight went to his assistance. Both commands got separated from the main force. A portion of the Kansas militia fought near Pinknow's Mills, but were compelled to retreat, and falling back to Shawnee town, the main body of the militia marched to Kansas City, where their headquarters now are.

Our loss was inconsiderable; that of the rebels more than four hundred. We captured one hundred and fifty stand of arms, and took prisoner the rebel Captain Van Valkenburg, brother to the New York Congressman.

A message has been received from General Pleasanton stating that he was pressing Price with twenty thousand men, he had fought them on the field of yesterday, drove them from Independence, and was pursuing them sharply.

RICHMUND, Oct. 27.—New York papers of the 25th have telegrams from Kansas City to the 24th which say a courier just from the front reports Price in full retreat, closely pursued by the Yankees.

RICHMUND, Oct. 30th.—The Herald of the 28th, contains a St. Louis telegram to the 27th, which says a dispatch from Leavenworth, says Price has been driven below Fort Scott, closely pursued by our cavalry.

Gen. Shelby, Yankee commandant at Norfolk, has issued a general order requiring all persons, over 16, male and female, to take the oath or be sent out of the lines by the 15th of October.

It is stated that Col. Ould, C. S. Commissioner for exchange of prisoners, is now on the eve of entering into fresh negotiations for an agreement, which shall secure for each Government the right to furnish its own soldiers in the hands of the other.

The Goldsboro' State Journal says that Col. J. N. Whitford has been relieved of the command of the forces at Kinston and has been transferred to another important command.

Brig. Gen. Archer, of Maryland, died in Richmond on the night of the 24th ult.

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ANSON COMPANIES IN THE VALLEY.

From private letters we learn of the following casualties in Co. C, 14th N. C. T., in the fight near Strasburg on the 19th inst.: John Threadgill, slight, in knee; Durant Sanders, flesh wound, right thigh, severe; George McCauley, do., do.; A. A. Waddill, in shoulder, severe; Dave Tillman, in right leg above the knee, slight; C. Stallings, slight. Missing—Jas. Smart, J. L. Smith, Henry Sanders. They are supposed to be in the mountains and will come out all safe.

Capt. Jos. Jones, of Co. K, commanding the regiment is missing, and is supposed to be a prisoner. In Co. K, 43d Regiment, M. T. Russ, wounded, and four missing, names not given.

In Co. I, 43d Regiment, the wounded are—J. W. Turner, mortally, in the hands of the enemy; Joseph Diggs, little finger amputated; H. C. Henly, slight, in thumb; E. F. Henry, slight, in arm; Angus Gilmore, slight, in side; Jesse Smith, in leg, supposed to have fallen in the hands of the enemy; James Teal, slight, in thigh.

All of the rest of the company missing, except eight, who are supposed, however, to have got scattered in the mountains, in escaping from the enemy, and will turn up safe.

WILMINGTON.

The Wilmington Journal says it has information which leaves little doubt that the fleet which has been collecting for some time at Old Point, has already sailed ostensibly in the direction of that city, its officers openly proclaiming Wilmington as their destination.

The President has issued a proclamation, appointing the 16th day of November to be specially dedicated to the worship of Almighty God.

We understand that letters have been received in this place from Col. R. T. Bennett, and Lieut. J. C. Marshall, adjutant, 14th N. C. T., prisoners in the hands of the enemy.

The "invincibles" from this county have been thrown with those from Richmond and Cumberland, into one company, and are in the 3d Regiment.

We learn that a negro boy, aged about twelve years, the property of Mr. L. B. Bennett, residing about a mile and a half from town, had his hand and wrist so badly crushed in a cane mill, on Monday last, as to render amputation necessary just below the elbow.

Mr. Williams, living near Lilesville, also had a boy, about the same age as the above, to have his hand so badly crushed in a cane mill, about ten days ago, as to render amputation necessary.

The three Yankees captured in this place last week, were started to Cheraw on Wednesday, in charge of two of our old citizens.

Parties who are in the habit of hitching horses and mules to the shade trees in town are warned that they are rendering themselves liable to be mulcted in penalties not only for hitching the animals as stated but for the damage they may do.

On last Thursday, the 27th ult., near Banker Hill, Mosby captured Brig. Gen. Duffie and several other Yankees, a number of horses, and killed a number of the enemy. He sustained no loss.

We see in the Richmond papers that it is rumored there that Gen. Early is pushing Sheridan up the Valley. If this is so, it does not indicate that Early was badly whipped in the late engagement.

Gen. Braxton Bragg has been ordered to Wilmington. He will return to Richmond when the emergency which calls him there is over.

We learn that Mr. Alexander Mann died at Cheraw, on last Sunday, the 30th ult., from yellow fever, contracted in Charleston.

FROM THE VALLEY.

We have been permitted to make the following tract from a letter from a member of one of the son companies in the 43d Regiment, written on 21st ult., at New Market:

"On the afternoon of the 18th we had orders to in, without baggage and canteens. We started at dawn, from our old breastworks at Fisher's Hill, were engaged all night in our march down the side the Mountain, wading the river several times. Light found us in the rear of the Yankees. The opened by Kershaw's Division attacking them in front and Rausser's, Gordon's, and Pegram's Division the left flank and rear—surprising them completely. We took their works and camp, and a good many prisoners, a good many of those who escaped doing their drawers and bursters. We ran them to Middletown, and a little ways beyond. About a mile beyond Middletown they made a stand. We were considerably exhausted from our previous night's march and could not press them very close. We made an attack upon them in their position, but they held their own pretty well until they were reinforced by fresh troops from Winchester, who, it was reported, had started from Sheridan's command to go to the line around Petersburg. When they received these reinforcements they charged us twice, but we drove the back with little loss in our Division in the front. The left flank, however, they broke through Gordon's Division, when the troops in that Division began to hurriedly to the rear, and the feeling created by the extended along the whole line. About 9 o'clock the night I found myself at Fisher's Hill where the part of the army was, and about twelve we began to march to this place (New Market.) For two days and nights we were without any sleep. We are under orders to move; but where to I do not know.

The Richmond papers have laid the blame of the defeat of our men in the fight of the 19th on the cavalry, &c., and Gen. Early attributes it to the meagerness of the force, and to the true reason lay in the over fatigue of the men, caused from the long march of the night before, over a rough road without water, and then in pushing them too far in pursuit of the enemy after routing them from their camp and works? We think the above letter, from one of the participants in the fight, tells the true cause of the defeat.

From an official list of the casualties in Grime's Brigade, at Winchester, Sept. 19, and Fisher's Hill, Sept. 22d, we take the following in Anson companies, in the 43d Regiment:

H. Wounded, Sergt J. M. Legrand, T. D. Smith, W. G. Thomas, J. T. Lockhart, Pud Boggan, A. A. Ledbetter, J. C. Powelson.

I. Killed, Angus Gilmore. Wounded, Capt. E. T. Hall, J. A. Allen, Wm. M. Liles, A. H. Gullidge, J. C. Lowe, J. E. Marsh, A. Saunders, N. R. Tarlton, Jno. West. Missing J. C. Cox, J. S. Brooks, Thos. Price, Berry Teal, F. E. Threadgill, S. C. Liles, J. M. Flanner.

K. Killed, Robt. Williams. Wounded, Capt. C. H. Sturdivant, cpl F. B. Flake, J. M. Haasy, H. Haynie, A. J. Newton, J. D. Talent, C. E. Tucker, W. W. Taybe, E. J. Taylor, E. A. Farmer. Missing C. C. Gregg, J. C. Falkner, S. B. Harrington, W. J. Liles, Thos. Swink.

FROM THE GEORGIA FRONT.

The Columbus Enquirer has the annexed news from the front:

The latest accounts seem to show that Hood's advance has induced Sherman to move up still nearer to Chattanooga. The latest movements of our army are not certainly known or fully understood.

The late movement has effectually relieved Middle and Western Georgia of the immediate pressure of war; and though the Yankees still maintain a garrison at Atlanta, it is retaining its hold by a tenure, every day slackening, and which must soon be entirely broken, without some altogether improbable occurrence.

It is stated that General Denreger left Jacksonville a few days since but his destination is conjectural. Some say that he was about to cross the Tennessee river. It is not likely, however, that his intentions were known outside of high consulting officers.

The place of the two armies for the winter, must soon be developed by their acts, and until we have such manifestation, speculation would be idle.

IMPORTANT MOVEMENT.—For the last few days the Macon papers have been boastfully hinting at an important movement that was about to take place in Georgia. Among the rest the Intelligencer was particularly jubilant.

While Hood is operating on the State road in Sherman's rear, and the enemy are looking after him, leaving Atlanta protected by a comparatively small force, a movement is on foot in this part of the country, which will doubtless wrench that city from their hands, and make them regret the day they ever saw it.

The Richmond Sentinel publishes a circular from Secretary Benjamin, giving an exposition of the finances of the United States, based upon official data. He estimates the debt of the United States to the first of May next, at \$240,000,000, involving an annual charge upon the Treasury of the North equal to that accumulated in Great Britain in two centuries.

Early has issued a lengthy and eloquent address to his command, attributing the recent defeat to the disgraceful propensity for plunder and panic. He appeals to them to stand by the colors at all hazards, and retrieve their reputation.