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NEW ORLEANS:
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Three Days Later from the North
VIA THE WEST.

The War on the Potomac and on the Maryland and Pennsylvania Borders—Call for 10,000 More Men by Gov. Curtin—Various and Confused Accounts — Contributions of Money and Outfits Levied on Hagerstown—Railroad Property, Bridges, &c., Destroyed — Extensive Burning at Sandy Hook—Raiders Repulsed and Retreating—Harper's Ferry Evacuated, &c., &c.—The Situation Before Petersburg—Bombardment Continued—A Large Body of Lee's Army Reported to have Left Grant's Front — His Army Reinforced — Troops of Hunter at Parkersburg —Washington News—The Situation of Sherman—Financial and Commercial from New York.

Gold on the 8th 268 to 268 1-2.

By the steamer James White, arrived last night, we have Western papers to the 8th inclusive, with the following news:

Affairs on the Potomac and the Maryland Border—Maryland Invaded.

Harrisburg, July 6, 1864.—Dispatches from Chambersburg state that a rebel force, supposed to be Johnson's brigade, entered Hagerstown this afternoon.

The Federal forces at that place, under Lieut McLean, after a spirited resistance, was compelled to fall back to Greencastle, which place he still held. There were telegraphic communications up to 9 o'clock.

New York, July 7.—Notwithstanding the rebel raid into Maryland, and distrust and state of affairs as shown by commercial men in the high price of gold, there is reason to believe that favorable military news will soon be made known to the public.

By measures that have been taken to guard Pennsylvania; it is believed that the rebels have not sufficient force to do any material damage.

New York, July 7.—The *Tribune's* special states, under date of Baltimore, July 5, 10 P. M., that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company have just received intelligence from Sandy Hook, opposite Harper's Ferry, stating that there is not a rebel to be seen or heard of at Harper's Ferry, or in any part of Maryland, and that it is thought that by to-morrow morning there will not be one anywhere in that vicinity, they having skedaddled up the valley, it is thought, to escape being captured by Hunter.

The *Tribune's* Monocacy dispatch of the 6th says Gens. Lew. Wallace, Tyler and Homer, are there, preparing for any emergency.

A party of rebel cavalry was driven back from Frederick to day.

Sigel reports the whole rebel force as four thousand.

The *World's* Washington special says, notwithstanding wild reports it is learned that the rebels burned only one important bridge west of Harper's Ferry, at Paterson Creek.

Governor Curtin telegraphs that 20,000 rebels crossed the Potomac at Point of Rocks, where transportation have been provided.

It is believed that the rebel force now on this side of the Potomac and on the Virginia side is not less than 30,000.

Advices from Sandy Hook to 10 o'clock this morning say a skirmish was going on back of the Heights, but the number of rebels there was small. The rebels can be seen towards Sharpsburg, driving off cattle and plundering the farmers in the valley. No large force is visible.

Advices from Greencastle this morning say the rebels occupy Hagerstown, but their force is not known.

While in Middletown, yesterday, the rebels plundered the people of their horses and other property.

The railroad is still unobstructed as far as Sandy Hook opposite Harper's Ferry.

It is believed there was only a small force on the Virginia shore opposite Point of Rocks.

Later.

The rebels in Harper's Ferry have destroyed all the railroad property, the telegraph and ticket office burned and a large quantity of forage.

Chambersburg, July 5. A man from Hagerstown, just arrived at Greencastle, says that McClausland's command, formerly Jenkins', 2,000 strong, consisting of cavalry and mounted infantry and one battery, entered Hagerstown yesterday and left at 8 o'clock by the Frederick Pike.

After the main body of the rebels had gone, small parties returned this morning, and made requisitions on the people for 1,000 cattle and $20,000, under threats to burn the town, which was paid.

Baltimore, July 7, 1:45 P. M.—There can be no longer any doubt that Lee has sent a considerable portion of his army in this direction. The *American* has received the following special intelligence:

Frederick, July 7.—About 10 o'clock this morning the Colonel of the 8th Illinois Cavalry, with 300 men and two pieces of Alexander's Battery, made a reconnaissance to Middletown, about five miles from Frederick, where they met the enemy in strong force, consisting of infantry, cavalry and artillery.

After a sharp fight our forces were repulsed and fell back on Frederick, the enemy pursuing.

A large number of stragglers are arriving at Monocacy and are sent at once to the front by Gen. Wallace.

The enemy are reported to be in full force on the Hagerstown Pike.

Frederick, July 7, 7 P. M.—The enemy is now one mile from town, on the Hagerstown Pike. All the Government stores and sick have been removed.

Baltimore, July 7, 10:20 P. M.—Reliable reports from London Co. Va., say there has been no rebel force in that county, save Mosebly's consisting of three or four hundred men, about one half of whom crossed the river and committed the depredations at the Point of Rocks, Monday.

They made another attempt to cross on Tuesday, but were deterred from doing so by the appearance of our cavalry. They have fallen back, but guard the road leading to the river to prevent the citizens from communicating with the Maryland shore.

Harrisburg, July 7.—The headquarters of General Couch are removed from Chambersburg to this city to-day, with a view to facilitate the organization of the militia recently called out by the Governor.

The headquarters are still in communication with Greencastle, but it is almost impossible to obtain but vague and unsatisfactory rumors of rebel movements beyond that point.

Baltimore, July 7.—Dispatches from Sandy Hook to-night say, the rebel are again burning property in that place. Late fires are now burning—the bridge over the Shenandoah is still in flames—conflagration is still casting a glare over the country for miles.

Baltimore, July 7—Midnight.—General Wallace has met with success at Frederick. He has foiled the rebels in all efforts to drive him from the town. We expect particulars soon.

The rebels threw several shells into the city. One fell near Johnson's old residence, laid out near the Courthouse.

Washington, July 7.—The *Star* says, we have information direct from Hagerstown to the effect that on Tuesday, at 3 o'clock P. M., a rebel squadron consisting of fifteen rebel cavalry men, commanded by Lieutenant Shaver Frederick, of Martinsburg, Va., entered the place.

This force appeared to be a reconnoitering party, and they had only been in town a few moments when a detachment of our regular cavalry, commanded by Lieut. McLean, dashed into the place. A brief cavalry fight immediately ensued in the streets of Hagerstown, which resulted in the rebels being driven out of town, with the loss of a Lieutenant and two privates taken prisoners.

In about half an hour the rebels again entered the town, their force consisting of cavalry and mounted infantry. Lieut McLean, of the Union cavalry, finding his force too small to cope with a large number of rebels, slowly fell back to the Pennsylvania line, carrying with him his prisoners.

The rebels, after entering the town, set to work destroying the telegraph, but they had made no demonstration against the railroad when our informant left. They also plundered many of the stores, and seemed to have adopted a different plan from the one they pursued last summer.

Pennsylvania Invaded—Another Proclamation by the Governor Calling for an Additional Force of 12,000 Volunteers.

Harrisburg, July 6.—The following proclamation has just been issued by the Governor:

It is now ascertained that a large rebel force has been detached from Richmond, and is advancing on the North. So large a portion of our armies is at remote portions that it becomes necessary to raise immediately a sufficient body to repel them.

They are already within the border of the Commonwealth. You have always heretofore been ready to answer the call of your country; you will not be now ready to come forward when your homes and firesides are to be defended against a profligate band of plunderers I am authorized by the President of the United States to call for 12,000 volunteers in addition to those required by my proclamation yesterday, to serve for 100 days, in Pennsylvania, Maryland and vicinity.

I appeal to the freemen of Pennsylvania to come themselves for the necessary effort, and come promptly to sweep the invader from our soil. I do not earnestly require the good and loyal men of the Commonwealth, and especially the volunteers in her borders, to show themselves to be worthy of her in this emergency. Her sons have established for themselves an many bloody fields, sound for martial virtues. I wish they will not now by forfeit, when both their well earned fame and safety of their homes are at stake.

(Signed) ED. SELFER,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

FROM GEN. GRANT'S ARMY.

The Tribune's special of the 6th says official information here shows that Grant has notified the War Department that a large body of the rebel army has left his immediate front, and that a large portion of Hunter's force have reached Petersburg on their way east.

His advance will reach Cumberland to morrow morning.

The New York Herald's correspondent of the 24 says:

To-day witnessed one of the most exciting artillery battles.

After two hours' cannonading, the rebel batteries were completely silenced, and the rebel gunners driven from their places.

At 3 P. M. the rebels opened again furiously, and soon the enemy's line of works was enveloped in one line of dust.

The rebel gunners could be seen going to the rear for places of safety.

After two hours' fighting, every rebel battery was silenced.

Our batteries have been placed with great skill and care, so that any moment they can be concentrated on any given point.

Our bombardment of the city is steadily doing its work.

A number of buildings have been already destroyed.

The *Tribune's* Washington special says Petersburg is now covered by over 100 of our guns, and were Grant to give the word, its destruction would be the work of but a few hours.

Fort Monroe, July 7.—A steamer arrived this morning from Bermuda Hundred. Nothing new from the front. No battle lately.

New York, July 7.—The *World* has information from the front stating that Wilson's loss has been greatly exaggerated. Four of his guns were recaptured from the enemy.

It is believed that Petersburg will shortly be in our possession.

It is well understood that nothing the rebels can do, by way of the Shenandoah Valley, will induce Grant to send away any portion of his army for the defence of Washington.

Movements are now on the way for largely reinforcing Grant's army by veteran troops from points of less vital importance than Richmond.

Washington, July 7.—The Keyport arrived here this morning at 10 o'clock. On Tuesday, when the Keyport left City Point, heavy firing was heard there from the direction of Petersburg, but it was not known whether the firing was anything more than an artillery duel.

The hospitals at City Point have been clear ed of nearly all the sick and wounded.

Miscellaneous.

Washington, July 7.—Resolutions by which loyal States can reconstruct the South will soon be announced.

There is no authentic information of a rebel force in Maryland. It is thought to be a horse-stealing expedition.

It is roughly calculated that Congress during its last session appropriated over $1,000,000,000, including the bounties to new troops to be paid from the special income tax.

Very good news is expected from Sherman; nothing less in fact than the capture of Atlanta. Military men here say with the loss of Kenesaw Mountain the rebels cannot hope to hold Atlanta, as there are no positions beyond the Chattahoochie at all equal to those this side of it. Good news is also shortly expected from General Grant's army.

July 7.—General Sherman's headquarters were at Marietta on the Western Atlanta Railroad within 20 miles of his objective point, Atlanta.

Cairo, July 7.—The steamer Warner was burned by guerrillas at the mouth of the White River a few days since. No particulars.

Memphis, July 6.—The navigation of White River is now free, and Memphis Steele is in position where no apprehension need be entertained for him.

Important intelligence under A. J. Smith are progressing satisfactorily.

Philadelphia, July 7.—The *Bulletin* has just received the following dispatch:

A private letter, dated off Charleston says the rebel officers sent there had been placed in comfortable quarters, where rebel shells mostly do fall.

The recent raid of the 54th regiment of Indiana cavalry and the establishment of military law in Kentucky, is in anticipation of trouble in enlargement of the army.

New York Financial and Commercial.

The President's Approval of the Gold Bill.

The New York *Times* of the 6th says:

Some excitement was thrown over the approval of the Gold Repeal Bill by the President, early in the day, which caused the Gold Room to move with caution. There was really no substantial ground to doubt the action of the President, and at 1 P. M. the fact of the signing of the bill was made sure by several dispatches from Washington. The price of Gold advanced to 2.68, and at 2 o'clock stood at 2.68 to 2.69 per cent.

New York, July 6, 5 P. M.—Money active and firm at 6 to 7 per cent.

Sterling exchange firm for specie.

Gold more active and decidedly firm, opening at 267, advancing to 270, and closing firm at 268 3-4.

Government stocks dull.

Cotton—150 cents better, closing firm at 84 cents.

Flour—State and Western active and 50 to 75 cents higher, at $11 75 to $11 70 for extra State $11 75 to $12 for extra S. H. O., $11 30 to $16 for trade brands. Market closing heavy Included in the sales are 140,000 barrels extra state.

Whisky at $1 72 to $1 75 for State cash for Western $1 72 to $1 80 in regular way.

Grain—Wheat excited and 10 to 15 cents higher, at $2 36 to $2 37 for Chicago spring, $2 38 to $2 40 for Milwaukie, $2 43 for Western red.

Western receipts are and firm at $1 90.

Corn active and 5 to 10 cents higher, at $1 10 to $1 12 for new mixed Western, $1 20 to $1 22 for white Western, to arrive.

Oats a shade firmer, 90c to $1 for Western Prices are nominal.

Barley dull. Rye firmer, with good demand, at $2 to $2 50 and $3 50 for new. Malt is dull. Pork firmer, with good demand, at $42 to $45 50 and $46 50 for new. Lard more active and firmer, at $34 to $37 for old and new crops. $11 to $11 12 for prime mess beef. Bacon active and dull and nominal. Lard more active and higher at 19½ to 20c.

Butter firm at 30 to 33c. for State Choice in good demand at 16 to 23.

St. Louis Market.

St. Louis, July 7.—The advance in gold caused a stiff market and speculative movement in flour, at an advance.

Flour—$8 50 to $9 single extra, $9 10 to $11 00 double extra.

Whisky—Unchanged.

The Latest from the North.

[From the Times Extra.]
THE WAR ON THE MARYLAND BORDER.

Nashville, July 8.—It is understood that Brig. Gen. Howe, Chief of Artillery of the Department of Nashville, has been ordered to command our interior front of the rebel force in Maryland—vice Bigel ordered to report to General Hooker.

New York, July 8.—General Sandford the A. M. received instructions not to issue orders for the departure of any of our city regiments for the scene of rebel invasion until further orders from Albany.

New York, July 8.—The news of the retreat of the rebels in Maryland has increased confidence in the Money market, and certificates advanced ¼ and ⅜ per cent. Gold opened firm at 276, but gradually declined to 269 and 270.

Frederick, July 8, 8 P. M.—There has been no fighting to day up to this time, except picket firing by our skirmishers, who are fearing the position of the enemy.

During last night they fell back from the line which they had occupied during the night, and are reported to be in position in Middletown Valley, holding the road to Middletown and Hagerstown, which crosses the Catoctin Mountains.

Two guns are mounted in the Gap, and the rebel force is estimated to be about 5000 strong. Gen. Wallace has received reinforcements, whence and in what amount we leave the enemy to find out.

Frederick, Md., July 8.—The rebels have retreated fully four miles from their position of yesterday on the road to Boonsboro and Hagerstown.

Everything looks well. Frederick is in no danger. One gun captured by us yesterday.

Baltimore, July 8, 2 P. M.—A dispatch from Harper's Ferry this forenoon, confirms the evacuation of that place by the rebels, and says our troops again hold it.

Baltimore, July 7.—The following particulars are derived from information received at headquarters to-night:

This afternoon the rebels advanced and made an effort to gain the heights of Monocacy.

Gen Wallace, with only a small portion of his force, moved out to check the m.

He formed his line almost a mile southward of the town and South. After 4 o'clock fighting commenced, and lasted, with more or less severity, till 8 o'clock; when the rebels, after being three times repulsed, finally retreated, leaving us in possession of the ground.

Reinforcements are rapidly pushing forward, and there is every reason to believe that this movement of the enemy will result in disappointment and disaster to the rebel cause.

Before Petersburg.

New York, July 8.—The *World's* headquarters correspondent, under date of the 6th, says:

It is not permitted them to speak freely of the preparations during the past week for renewing offensive operations in this locality. Gen. Hunt, to whose hands has been given the charge of all siege operations in front, has been for the past few days constantly in the saddle, and in superintending the placing of batteries and testing the value of positions. Shelling of the railroad trains is kept up constantly.

The Close of Gen. Dix.

New York, July 8.—The *Express* gives currency to a rumor that Gen Dix, in obedience to orders from Mr. Lincoln, will not re appear in the civil process instituted against him before Judge Russell, for shutting the *World* and *Journal of Commerce* up, and for arresting the editors.

Day of Humiliation and Prayer.

Washington, July 7.—The President, in accordance with a joint resolution of Congress, has issued a proclamation appointing the 3rd Thursday in August as a day of humiliation and prayer for the people of the United States.

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The *Paris Temps* gives a report that two Confederate seamen are off Cherbourg watching for the Kearsage.

Gold and Cotton.

New York, July 8.—Cotton is 1 cent better, 146 for Middling Upland.

Gold opened at 276½. Closed heavy at 268 to 268¼.

Chief Justice Ramsay, of Australia, President of a Bible Society, has been requested to resign the latter position in consequence of an avowal that he agrees with Bishop Colenso in his religious opinions.

Constitutional Convention,

SATURDAY, July 16 h 1864.

The President appointed the following members to compose the special committee raised by the resolution, adopted on yesterday, relative to worthless currency: Messrs. Smith, O'Conner, Balch, T. Cook and Poynot.

He also laid the following communication before the Convention. It was addressed "to the Secretary, State Convention."

"I hereby resign my seat in the Constitutional Convention.

It seem to me that the session is being unduly prolonged at a great expense to the public.

I do not countenance this procedure.

Having received an appointment under Government wish to give my time to my proper duties

Respectfully, etc,

J. T. PARK."

A motion was made to expel Mr. Palpe for the insult offered the Convention.

The following substitute was offered for the motion to expel:

Resolved, That J F Palpe of East Feliciana, is not entitled to receive any employment from the government on account of the disrespect offered to this Convention.

The substitute was lost by a vote of 23 yeas to 50 nays.

The President refused to entertain the motion to expel without a hearing and the Convention adjourned.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Blackmailing.—The two specials, Wilson and Bratshaw, were tried yesterday on the charge of having levied blackmail to the extent of $50 from Mr. Sellman on the 24 inst. The witness testified that the accused arrested him on that day, pretending that he had a quantity of rebel uniforms which made the horse hairs in contention. They let him off on the payment of $50 and on the next morning he found that he had done nothing contrary to military orders but it was not known whether the fine ended or not. City officials whom he named would soon time be hanged. The court held that another examination must be made and sentenced accused to imprisonment for a term of six months.

Continued.—Jno Barder is charged with having had government horses in his possession and defaced the marks. He insisted that he acquired the animals honestly and has a witness who was to prove that fact, but did not appear in Court although summoned—an attachment was issued and the case continued.

Provost Court—Judge Warmoth.—In the case of Mr. Rooney, implicated in the quinine case of Dr. Holbrook, the court was unable to give defendant an opportunity to be heard, as it appears that he is a soldier in the Confederate army and that he is therefore under the control of the military authorities. Mr. Rooney was accordingly handed over to the custody of Provost Marshal Gen. Shepley.

Wyman Allen was arrested and held in security for his appearance when wanted.

Fanny Smith was charged with having robbed a man of the sum of $6. He admitted that he gave her the money, and was therefore, told that no was without remedy.

The woman was discharged, and the prosecutor left to his regiment.

Frank Adage was up for striking a soldier, which affair resulted in a fine of $10.

Two black soldiers were fined $5 for a fight on a street, and the soldier one gave his sidecomrade the sum of $21 for safe keeping. Forty dollars of this it appears were spent in treating their friends at the Black Jockey. The Court sent the females to Col Hanks to be put to work, and the soldier was ordered to refund to repay the money to the two black people.

Leon Joseph, who had previously fined Mrs Foster with a bayonet and threatened her life, which he admitted on the witness stand, was committed to imprisonment for 6 months.

Reports via Madisonville.

The *True Delta* of last evening says:

Some scouts were arrived from Madisonville this morning. Of course they bring no very wonderful propositions. The rebs Pendergast and Bob Lee, the latter a son of the late Judge Lee of the Supreme Court, with a force of three ships carpenters (two whites, one negro) and Lieut. Bonsteel Farragut overboard and drowned him.

Copperheads and steeple are welcome to Madisonville.

The authority in this case is said to be the commander of Fort Pike. If this is true, he has assumed the right, in spite of the Articles of Apostles to his careful study.

The Surrender of Capt. Semmes to be Demanded of the British Government.

(From the Paris correspondence of the N. Y. Times.)

And now here arises two important questions. Our relief in the prisoners brought into Cherbourg, many of whom are Frenchmen, demanded to be paraded, and Capt. Winslow, who was crowded for room, also desired to know if the American Minister if he could not parade them. Mr. Dayton telegraphed to his son-in-law at Capt. Winslow that the prisoners could not be paroled, and that they must be held till the St. Louis arrived, and then conveyed to the United States.

In regard to Captain Semmes and the other prisoners carried into South-ampton, Captain Winslow found them as prisoners, and Mr. Dayton has advised Mr. Adams to demand their restitution Captain Winslow had ample time and means to pick up all the officers and men of the Alabama, but the boats of the English yacht ran in and actually stole them away, and making up on a pre arranged plan, thus constituting a clear case of international outrage.

Captain Semmes and party did not therefore escape. They were stolen away by a party who was indirectly launching in the Alabama's There was no wish on the part of Capt. Winslow to see Capt Semmes drowned. On the contrary, he would have soon taken up Semmes' boat load himself

The London Post on the Alabama.

The London *Post*, Government organ of the 1st June, says:

Now that the great confederate cruiser is among the things of the past we are assured that many different judgments will be pronounced upon the character of her career. By some she will be denounced as a lawless pirate, who made object was to destroy all property which she had any reason to think belonged to the citizens of the Northern republic, by others she will be regarded as an effective craft, manned by a resolute crew, sailing under a recognized flag, and doing as much damage as possible to an opponent by which on the whole was vastly overmatched. Built in an English dock, and supplied by material, in part at least English waters, put in commission within sight on the high seas, and never moored in a Confederate port, there are those who will maintain that she never acquired that national character which qualified her to war, in the name of the Southern Confederacy, on the British subjects of the United States, and that those who in truth a privateer without a legitimate commission. These are questions which have already been warmly canvassed, and which will, however, be settled in the long run, be eagerly watched. Either as regards the Alabama's origin or her subsequent career, however, both questions appear to us to be very certain. That this cruiser is not to be paid for her depredations whenever peace arrives, or that in the meantime one of the Alabama's guns