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FROM BALTIMORE.

At the suggestion of General Schenck, an extra session of the city council was called on Saturday to aid the military in erecting the works of defence around the city. An ordinance was passed appropriating one hundred thousand dollars, or so much as may be necessary for the erection of embankments and entrenchments, and such other works as may be required for the defence and protection of the city from invasion. The amount is to be taken out of the four hundred thousand dollars recently appropriated for bounties to volunteers, by ordinance passed on Thursday last.

Gov. Bradford, of Md., has published an appeal to the people of the State and the City of Baltimore. He says that his proclamation of the 17th, "calling for six months' volunteers for the quota of militia has not met with that prompt and practical response which he thought had the right to expect. Whilst some, with a cheerful alacrity worthy of all praise, have offered themselves for the service, the number, he regrets to say, has fallen far short of what is required." He again calls upon the people, therefore, to come forward. He says:—"The General commanding this Department informs me that besides the work upon the entrenchments now being done by a force of colored laborers impressed for the purpose, he will have occasion to-morrow (Monday) morning, for one or two thousand patriotic citizens to be employed in different fortifications at other points. To wield a pick or a spade for such a purpose is fully as honorable and just now quite as essential as to shoulder a musket or unsheath a sword. All citizens who will volunteer for this work are invited to present themselves at Monument Square, in front of the General's Headquarters, at nine o'clock Monday morning."

Gen. Schenck has issued an order accepting volunteers and stating that "Hon. H. Winter Davis, who has tendered his services as volunteer aide to the General commanding, is accepted as such, and is charged with the enrollment of the volunteer companies."

The movement of trains of wagons through the streets, carrying hogsheads and barrels and other materials required for the fortifications, was a novel sight for Sunday in Baltimore. On Saturday morning about one thousand colored men were gathered by the police from different sections of the city, causing much excitement among that portion of the population as they were marched out to the different locations for the defensive works. At night another force was secured to relieve those who had been at work throughout the day, and another relief gang was provided yesterday morning and evening, so that rapid progress has been made, and the works are now ready for immediate use.—[Balt. Am.]

WAR NEWS.

A Confederate dispatch dated Jackson, Miss., the 10th inst. says that six days from date the fate of Vicksburg would be decided, intimating that Gen. Johnston would move upon the Federal rear within that time. A Chattanooga paper reports the loss of the Confederates during Gen. Grant's advance and siege at six thousand. The loss of the Federals very great.

On Friday last a body of one hundred Confederate cavalry crossed the Ohio river into Harrison county, Indiana, and made a raid into the interior. At the town of New Orleans they had a skirmish with the Home Guards, whom they repulsed, and then moved off towards the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad.—The Indiana authorities have issued a call for twenty thousand volunteers to serve for six months.

Other Southern dispatches report that the Confederate cavalry have driven Col. Grierson five miles from Clinton, La. A Federal cavalry force has made a raid into Georgia, tearing up some ten miles of Railroad track.

A Mobile dispatch reports the capture of a United States propeller steamer off Pass l'Outre, and also the burning of two barks bound for New Orleans, by a party of sixteen Confederates.

Other dispatches to the 13th report the continued bombardment of Port Hudson. The gunboat Essex was reported captured and several others disabled.

Morris Smith, alias Stephen M. Dunnington, alleged to be a blockade runner, and taken prisoner by an officer of the Potomac flotilla, at Stafford Mills, Va., has been committed to the Old Capitol.

Hon. A. J. Boreman was on Saturday inaugurated as the first Governor of West Virginia. Business was universally suspended in Wheeling, and the citizens turned out en masse to usher in the new State. Business houses and residences were gaily decorated with flags, etc., and the day closed with a brilliant display of fireworks.

It is reported in Washington that two members of Gen. Hooker's staff, Major Sterling, aid, and Capt. Fisher, signal officer, were captured by the Confederates on Friday, night in the vicinity of Fairfax.

During the past three days a large lot of Government property, comprising horses, saddles, blankets, &c., have been found in the hands of sutlers attempting to bring them into Washington from the army, and seized by order of Capt. Todd.

The bankers and others of Pittsburg have thought it prudent to remove their coin, and the American Express Company delivered in Cleveland on the 15th inst., \$15,000,000 in gold and on the succeeding day \$7,000,000, of which \$650, was also in gold.

A Confederate privateer is reported to have been thirty miles off Nantucket on the 16th instant.

FROM MARYLAND.

The intelligence from Western Maryland is interesting. A small body of Confederate cavalry, on a reconnoitering expedition, entered Frederick city on Saturday and again yesterday, but retired, after making a brief stay each time, towards Boonsboro'. These troops belong to the division of the Confederate army under command of Gen. Ewell, and which is now stationed at Sharpsburg, Williamsport, Hagerstown and other points in that vicinity. At the latest advices they had made no demonstration on Maryland Heights. In Western Virginia the position of affairs remains about the same as last reported.

It appears that when the Confederate cavalry left Chambersburg they did not all return south, but a portion moved west to McConnellsburg, where they arrived early on Friday morning. They captured a large number of horses and cattle, which they drove off in the direction of Hancock, Md. A later dispatch says that some twenty of the Confederates were subsequently captured in the vicinity of McConnellsburg. The village is the capital of Fulton county, eighteen miles west of Chambersburg, and nine miles northwest of Mercersburg, and the extreme point to which the Confederates had penetrated when last heard from. It is reported that they have advanced towards Bedford, and also towards Pittsburg, but there is no confirmation of the reports.—Other rumors and reports are received, but they are so contradictory that we will not occupy our space by reporting them here.—[Balt. Sun.]

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—About sixty prisoners were brought into the camp of the Army of the Potomac last night from the vicinity of Aldie, among them a Lieutenant Colonel. They were captured by our cavalry on Friday during a series of skirmishes on the Middleburg road beyond Aldie.

It is said that one of the newspaper correspondents was arrested yesterday and sent to the rear of the army for transmitting contraband intelligence.

Robert S. Reeder, esq., a prominent member of the bar of Charles county, and formerly a member of the Maryland Legislature, died on the 14th inst.

John J. Tyler, a citizen, who resides near Aldie; Wm. Cromwell, of Moseby's cavalry, and lately from Maryland, and Corbin F. Palmer, Confederate agent for the purchase of horses and cattle, were sent in yesterday to the Old Capitol prison, having been captured near Aldie.

There are at Fort Delaware thirty-five hundred prisoners, and thirteen hundred more were expected to arrive there. Arrangements will be made to send all except commissioned officers to City Point for exchange. The exchange of citizen prisoners is for the present suspended.