

The Alexandria Gazette

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 6.

THE FOURTH OF JULY was celebrated in this place by a military and civic procession and other demonstrations. The military display was a very fine one, and one of the largest ever seen in this place, there being three or four regiments, fully equipped, under arms, under the command of Gen. Slough. The procession, accompanied by a band of music proceeded to the Lyceum Hall, where after prayer by Rev. Mr. Speake, the Declaration of Independence was read by Rev. Mr. Carver, and an address delivered by Judge Underwood; the appointed Orator of the Day, Mr. Chandler, of Norfolk, not being present, having been accidentally detained. Many of the public buildings and other houses were decorated with flags, and U. S. Flags were displayed in prominent positions. At night there were displays of fire works in different quarters.— Good order prevailed universally.

The past week has been one of painful excitement, in this place, in consequence of the order for the deportation of persons to the South, as many of the citizens, mostly old residents, including several ladies, had received notices to that effect. It is said that several hundred of these notices to individuals had been sent out. And the suspense and anxiety were increased by the contradictory rumors and reports that prevailed. The parties chiefly concerned were directed to have their baggage at the wharf this morning. It is now generally believed that the matter has been suspended for the present and will be considerably modified, by the exemption of many of those ordered out of the lines. The military authorities, it is said, will give further notice of what has ultimately been determined upon.

P. S.—Since the above was in type an order has been issued by the Provost Marshal, directing those persons notified, that they will be sent to City Point, to deliver their baggage at the Prince street dock on Wednesday morning and themselves report on board the boat on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Inventories of all things taken are to be sent to the office of the Provost Marshal previous to Thursday morning. No gold or silver will be allowed to be taken, but there is no restriction as to the amount of other descriptions of money.

The object of applying steam power for the transportation of freight over common turnpike roads across the plains, has, for several years, been the theme of study by various energetic and progressive parties, and late experiments at the West, are said to have been very favorable.

A despatch dated Headquarters Army of the Potomac, July 5, states that the Confederate Generals Johnson and Kemper are killed, and Gen. Pender wounded.

In the battle of Thursday Gen. Barksdale of the Confederate army was killed, and Gen Archer and command captured.

A heavy rain has fallen last night and to-day.

Col. Taylor, brother of Bayard Taylor, who commanded the Pa., Bucktails, was killed in the battle of Thursday.

The Advance Toward Richmond.

FORTRESS MONROE, July 4.—The steamer John A. Warner arrived at 7 this A. M. from Annapolis, with 215 women and as many children, en route for Richmond. They left for City Point at 9 o'clock this morning.

A letter just received, dated Baltimore Cross Roads, July 3, says, yesterday there was a skirmish four miles this side of Bottom's Bridge. Sergeant Burnett, of Company C, Fifth Pennsylvania cavalry, was killed. No other casualties on our side.

This afternoon the Confederates opened fire on our advance brigades, Colonel West's, with five pieces of artillery. A fight ensued, and our advance fell back until reinforcements came up. There may be a battle at any hour.

The force of the enemy is variously estimated from five to twenty thousand. Our army is in excellent health and spirits, and are amply able to cope with the enemy that are now in our front. The enemy are rushing forward reinforcements by railroad.

A slight engagement took place last evening. No decisive result. The 5th Pennsylvania cavalry captured 25 prisoners.

ATTACK ON BEVERLY.

BEVERLY, VA., July 4.—To Major General Schenck, Commanding, Eighth Army Corps, Baltimore, Md.

Jackson, with a force of 1,700 men and two pieces of artillery, attacked us on the 2d.—Measures had been taken to resist him, and I ordered the commanding officer, Col. Harris, to hold the place until I could reach him with reinforcements, which he did. Three mounted regiments reached him yesterday, and the enemy were repulsed. Our forces are in pursuit. Signed, A. W. AVERILL, Brigadier General.

Address from President Lincoln.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—The President of the United States announces to the country that the news from the Army of the Potomac until 10 o'clock P. M. on the 3d inst., is such as to cover that army with the brightest honor—to promise a great success to the cause of the Union, and to claim the condolence of all for the many gallant fallen; and that for this he especially desires that on this day, He whose will, not ours, should ever be done, be every where remembered and revered with profoundest gratitude.

(Signed) ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Arrival of Prisoners in Baltimore.

Baltimore, July 5.—Twenty-three hundred Confederate prisoners have just passed along Baltimore street from the Northern Central depot, and 1,900 more are shortly expected, which will make 5,000 for to-day, and more are yet to come. In addition to the 5,000, eight hundred and thirty passed through here on Friday night, which will make the entire number so far 6,000.

The new two cent stamps which have just been issued by the Department to meet the demand created by the new law fixing the rates on drop letters, circulars, transient printed matter, &c., at two cents, are black in color, and bear a finely engraved head of General Andrew Jackson.

The family of Hon. John Bell, who are at Nashville, have received intelligence of his dangerous illness at Atlanta, Georgia.

FROM WINCHESTER.

McCONNELLSBURG, July 3.—Lieutenant Bohn, 16th Penn., cavalry, arrived here to-day, with a captured lieutenant belonging to the 11th Va., regiment. The officer communicates freely, and says he left Winchester yesterday morning. There is only a provost guard there now, no troops at Martinsburg, and only one brigade of infantry at Williamsport—a few cavalry and some infantry at Hagerstown.

Twenty of the cavalry dashed into Greencastle yesterday, and captured a Confederate mail, \$8,000 in Confederate money, and a number of pay-rolls; the Confederates left twenty minutes before. Four thousand Confederate cavalry arrived at Ashton with a battery. Another brigade of cavalry followed later during yesterday, through Greencastle.—Lee's centre is around and beyond Fayetteville, and his right wing is in the direction of Waynesburg. An army scout, direct from Chambersburg, says there was only a provost guard and a few stragglers there at noon to-day. Three of General Lee's body-guard were captured to-night.

An accident occurred at Harper's Ferry on Wednesday, as the garrison were evacuating the fortifications of Maryland Heights, which resulted in the death of ten soldiers and the wounding of about forty. The killed and wounded belonged to the 6th and 8th Maryland Regiments. The accident resulted from the carelessness of some of the soldiers in knocking to pieces barrels of powder. Three explosions took place at about three o'clock. The powder in the magazine did not catch. The men wounded by the accident, with all the wounded at Harper's Ferry, numbering three hundred, were removed to Washington by way of the canal.

FROM MEXICO.

NEW YORK, July 5.—The steamer Roanoke, from Havana, has arrived. Vera Cruz advices to the 16th ult., state that the French army occupied the city of Mexico on the 3d ult., and General Forey took formal possession on the 10th. Juarez had retired to San Luis Potosi, and a French division had been sent against that place. Forey was received with great enthusiasm.

A French Marquis, who was wounded at Puebla, goes to Paris with the keys of the city of Mexico. Thirteen hundred prisoners, mostly Mexican officers, are about to be sent to France.

The Committee appointed by the Common Council of Portsmouth, Va., to investigate the matter of the issue of \$50,000 in city scrip by the city government, previous to the evacuation of the city by the Confederates, have passed the following resolutions. 1st. That the City Council of Portsmouth utterly repudiate the issue of notes by the former Councils of this city, and do order that all action relating thereto be and is hereby rescinded. 2d. That the officers of the City Government be prohibited from receiving the same in payment of taxes, licenses, or any debts due the city.

There are now about twenty vacancies in the West Point Military Academy, in consequence of the failure of some of the members of the present classes to stand the last examination. These vacancies are to be filled by candidates appointed by members of Congress, and the cadet goes to the Point either in June or September.