

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

(Correspondence of the N. Y. Tribune.)

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, August 17, 1863.

There are emphatic symptoms of a movement in this army, of which the Tribune is thoroughly acquainted, but upon which I forbear entering into details, for the simple reason that they are contraband.

There are no New York, New Jersey, or Pennsylvania regiments among the troops sent to be sent. They are from New England and the West. Their numbers and names will be only known on arrival. When no longer needed in New York, they will be returned here or sent Southward as circumstances may require.

The army of the Potomac is fulfilling its present duty of an army of observation and defence. The time not having arrived for an advance upon Richmond, it will probably retire to points nearer Washington, defend that city and the line of the Potomac, and after operations at the South have been successfully consummated, renew its march upon the Confederates in conjunction with concerted movements of troops approaching from other directions. Our cavalry are reported to have returned last evening to this side of the Rappahannock, and picketed its borders.

WASHINGTON, August 18.—The Confederates have extended their line of pickets to the Rappahannock, the army stretching from Madison Court House to Fredericksburg. Longstreet's corps has the right of the line, Hill's is along the Rapidan from Madison Court House to Ely's Ford, and Ewell's corps is encamped around Gordonsville, within supporting distance of Hill. Stuart's cavalry is all at Culpeper, and is doing nothing.

It is evident that Lee contemplates offensive operations. His army has been cautiously moving in the direction of the lower fords of the Rappahannock for some time, and our Commanding Generals have looked from day to day for demonstrations against our left.

Last week one of our scouts crossed the river at United States Ford and took dinner with some of the Confederates upon the Chancellorville battle ground. A large gang of negroes was employed in getting out timber for the reconstruction of bridges. The reports in circulation among the Confederate were to the effect that United States and Banks' Fords were to be bridged, so as to enable Lee to make a rapid advance upon Damfries and Fairfax, thereby cutting off our communication with Washington and forcing us to attack him. Whether such a movement is still contemplated by the enemy or not remains to be determined; but it is generally believed in military circles that Lee will avail himself of the opportunity now afforded by the decimated condition of our army to make an desperate effort for the destruction of the Army of the Potomac.

It is not at all improbable that the Confederates will attack us, and we may yet have the annual struggle upon the plains of Manassas and Bull Run.

Affairs at Centreville remain quiet. Gen. King has been searching energetically for Mosely, and has at length succeeded in driving him beyond the Blue Ridge. He is now in the Shenandoah Valley, where he has been joined by White. The probabilities are that he will not this time escape. Our cavalry is close upon them, and unless unusually good fortune attends them they cannot evade us.—[N. Y. Herald.

There are slight indications, says the Cincinnati Commercial of Monday last, that Rosecrans' army is in motion. The refusal to permit citizens to travel to and from Nashville and Winchester, and the burning of the remaining portion of the bridge over the Tennessee at Bridgeport, are significant indications that the quiet has reigned along the Tennessee river which has been broken, or soon will be.

FROM MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS, August 19.—A dispatch from Columbia pronounces the story about Price's resignation untrue. He was on White river, Arkansas, in command of his division. A dispatch from Morton, Miss., on the 9th, says General Logan attacked the Federals, seven hundred strong, a few days before, near Jackson, Alabama, killing a large number and capturing twenty, and two pieces of artillery.—Fourteen hundred conscripts from West Tennessee were at Okalouba awaiting arms. Gen. Dodge is much better, and will probably go North to recruit his health.

[COMMUNICATED.]

It is a well known fact that the olive oil sold in America and elsewhere, is very seldom pure, but is mostly adulterated with other cheap vegetable oils. Mr. Hauchecorne, chemist, of Yverot, France, has, however, just discovered an easy method of detecting such frauds. M. Hauchecorne's test is oxegenated oil, which may be had at any chemist's, and is a colorless liquid. The method of using it consists in pouring a portion of the oil to be tested into a graduated tube, by which the volume of liquid is ascertained at a glance. To three volumes of olive oil, one volume of oxegenated oil is added, and the whole well shaken. After a few seconds the mixture will become green, if the oil is pure olive. No other oil will do so.

Contracts for forty-five thousand pairs of cavalry boots were awarded in Philadelphia on Tuesday, at prices ranging from \$3 20 to \$3 35 per pair.

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FOR RENT.—Three good ROOMS, on Second floor, at No. 39 Alfred street, between Queen and Cameron streets. aug 20—3t*

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BY AUTHORITY of a Deed of Trust executed to us by the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company, bearing date the 19th day of April 1855, and recorded in the County of Washington, and District of Columbia, in Liber J. A. S. No. 93 folios 307, 308, 309, 310, and 311 one of the land records for said county, and by the request in writing of Richard Watach, esq., Mayor of the city of Washington, addressed to us, we will on Wednesday, the 16th day of September next, expose for sale, at public auction, the road made, and to be made by the said Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company including the right of way and land occupied thereby, together with the superstructure and tracks thereon, and all rails and other materials used thereon, or procured therefor, including the iron rails and other materials for the construction of said road, and all bridges, viaducts, culverts, fences, depot grounds and buildings thereon, engines, tenders, cars, tools, materials, contracts, and all other personal property, and all rights, immunities and franchises of the said Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company in, to or concerning the said premises.

The sale to take place at 12 o'clock meridian, at the Court House in Alexandria. The terms of the sale to be one tenth paid cash; the residue to be paid in ten equal instalments with interest from the day of sale, every six months from the day of sale. The deferred payments to be secured to the satisfaction of the trustees.

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Washington, aug 13—eols

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F. G. SWAIN.

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