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WAR NEWS.

A Confederate dispatch, dated Mobile, on Tuesday, reports an engagement between fifteen hundred Federal cavalry, supported by artillery, and a body of Confederates, resulting in the defeat of the former. The fight took place near New Albany, Miss., on Monday.

A dispatch states that two thousand Confederates, under Marmaduke, have entered Southwestern Missouri for raiding purposes. The Federal troops were concentrating from all points for their capture. The guerrillas continued their ravages in Kentucky, efforts for their suppression having thus far proved unavailing.

The report published yesterday that General Franklin's corps had been defeated by the Confederates at Brashear City is not confirmed by any official information received in Washington.

NASHVILLE, Oct. 7.—The Press denies the burning of the bridge over Stewart's Creek.—It says that Wheeler crossed the river at Washington last Thursday morning, thirteen miles above Chattanooga, and passed down the Sequatchie valley.

The Confederates captured fifty wagons of one of the trains at the foot of the mountains near Anderson's Cross-roads, burning a number of them and killing about three hundred horses and mules. The train was laden with ammunition, clothing and notions. Forty wagons carrying medical and sanitary stores and about fifty sutlers' teams were also lost.—

Gen. Mitchell, with a force of Union cavalry, as soon as he learned of the crossing of the Confederates, pursued them, and on Friday and Saturday killed and wounded seventy, took two hundred prisoners and recaptured fifty mules. On reaching Walnut Range the Confederates shot 200 mules to prevent their falling into the Federal hands.

LOUISVILLE, October 5th.—As previously stated, four or five thousand men under Wheeler, with artillery, attacked McMinnville, Saturday afternoon, capturing the town and garrison, consisting of the Fourth Tennessee infantry. The Federal forces were without artillery, and the town without defences or fortifications.

The Confederates burned a train of cars, and destroyed the railroad and telegraph. They are believed to be advancing on Manchester.—Several prominent Union men are supposed to have been captured. Part of the same force destroyed a train of two hundred wagons on Friday, between Bridgeport and Chattanooga, and captured an ammunition train of twelve wagons.

Portions of Confederate cavalry are scattered along the road near the south of Muirfield, designing to destroy the railroad and telegraph communication, capture stockades, &c. The Federal troops are closely pursuing.

The Confederates have fortified the mountain side opposite Bridgeport, and on Saturday threw a few shells at the workmen engaged in repairing railroad bridges across the river. The Federal pickets occupy the island in front of Bridgeport, and constantly exchange shots with the Confederate pickets.

FROM CHATTANOOGA.

A Southern dispatch dated Monday last, the 5th inst., says that the Confederates opened fire on the Federal position at Chattanooga at an early hour that morning. The fire was returned briskly, and kept up during the day, but was not resumed on Tuesday. The same dispatch states that the Tennessee river was rising, and had swept away one of General Rosecrans' pontoon bridges, and submerged the trestle bridge. There is nothing in relation to these statements received through Federal sources—owing to the interruption of telegraphic communication. It is stated that an official dispatch from Nashville was received in Washington yesterday representing that everything was progressing favorably with Gen. Rosecrans, and intimating that stirring news might be expected in a few days. Press correspondents state that large reinforcements have reached Chattanooga, and more were constantly arriving. A regiment of Federal infantry were captured by the Confederates at McMinnville on Saturday last.

The mutilated body of the Rev. Michael Olivette was lately found in Lake Champlain, where he had been thrown after being robbed and murdered. He was pastor of the Catholic church at Port Henry, Essex county, N. Y.—He was about to start for New York, and had a considerable amount of money with him, which was stolen.

A late Irish paper states that the Countess of Meath gave her usual festival to all the old women for miles round Kilruddy. The tables were laid opposite the door of the mansion, where over 100 recipients of her ladyship's bounty sat down to table.

A girl aged twelve years, giving the name of Charles Martin, enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment as a drummer boy, and is there still.

A night watchman in a foundry in Jersey City, died on Saturday from the effects of burns received on the 1st inst. He had some loose matches in the pocket of his pantaloons. While on duty at night he laid down and fell asleep. In that state it is supposed that he turned over, thus producing a friction which set the matches in a blaze, and burned him so badly that he died.

Peter P. Murphy, Examining Surgeon of the Board of Enrollment at Lockport, has been held to bail in the sum of \$5,000 for accepting money, and F. F. Boyer has been held to bail in the same amount for offering money to Murphy, to exempt drafted men.

Mr. Esmeraldo, the editor of The Aurora Times, California, fought a duel on the 5th instant with Dr. Richellotte. The editor had his ankle shattered by a bullet.

FROM CHARLESTON.

According to a Confederate dispatch dated Charleston, on Tuesday, an attack was made on the Federal frigate Ironsides on that day, damaging her and alarming the fleet. A dispatch dated Wednesday says that there was but little firing during the previous twenty-four hours. The Federal works on Morris Island appear to be completed. There is a report, brought by the officers in charge of the prize steamer Diamond at Washington, that when they left Charleston harbor on Saturday afternoon last, Gen. Gillmore's batteries were shelling James Island, and the Monitors were engaged with Forts Moultrie and Sumter. Another statement is to the effect that the torpedoes sunk in the harbor of Charleston had become useless from their long immersion in water, and cannot be fired from the galvanic batteries on shore.

Among the letters to Jefferson Davis, recently captured, is one written by General Gadsden, of South Carolina, dated Mexico, as far back as 1854, giving a scheme of a great Federation of the West India States, including Cuba, to be a formidable naval and commercial power.

Mr. George Peabody has recently presented Yale College with a geological cabinet said to be worth not less than \$125,000.

The doctors of Berlin have made an onslaught on Bavarian beer, drank there to excess, as being the cause of numberless cases of apoplexy.

The last mail from England comes to us filled with discussions touching the respective merits of English and American cannon, in which it is freely conceded that the British navy and war officers have much to learn from their American cousins in the manufacture of monster guns and rifled ordnance.

The presence in New York of several priests of the Greek Church, who arrived in the Russian fleet, has led to the revival of a project, broached time and again in High Church circles on both sides of the ocean, for a union between the Greek Church and the Episcopal churches of this country and England.

The distance to be travelled by troops leaving the Army of the Potomac to join that of Gen. Rosecrans is about a thousand miles.—Between Richmond and Chattanooga is somewhere about half that distance, but the interruption of the Virginia and East Tennessee railroads obliges the Confederates to go round, so as to constitute the railroad distance between the two points about eight hundred miles.

Major Wileman, of the 18th Kentucky, who was wounded in the battle of Chickamauga, and who lately returned home, was taken from his house in Pendleton county, Kentucky, on Monday, by a gang of guerrillas. They tied him to a tree and shot him. Five of the guerrillas have been caught and brought to Cincinnati.