

The Alexandria Gazette

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 27.

REPORTS FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Further particulars of the surprise of the 2d corps of the Army of the Potomac, and the subsequent fight near the Petersburg and Weldon Railroad, are given, by the correspondents of the Northern papers: one account says "the line was formed by Barlow's division on the left, with Birney's and Morr's command in the centre, and Gibbons' on the right. It was expected that the sixth corps would have connected on the left with Barlow, but it seems quite a gap was left, into which A. P. Hill's corps entered and before our men were aware of it they received a volley from the rear, which created a panic in the ranks, and caused a rapid retreat to the woods in the rear of the third division. This left the flank of the third division unprotected and the enemy, taking advantage of it, charged through and got fairly into the pits, ordering our men to surrender. The troops, however, left their trenches and fell back rapidly, but many were captured and quite a number killed and wounded before they got away. The number of our loss in prisoners is reported at about one thousand, while some make the figure higher. Our loss in killed and wounded is probably fifteen hundred." Another dispatch asserts that the ground lost by the Federal troops in the morning was recovered later in the day with but few casualties. At daylight on Friday morning an advance of the entire Federal line was made, when it was discovered that the Confederates had fallen back and occupied a new position strongly entrenched, which, as late as five o'clock on the morning of Saturday, they still held. The sixth corps moved on Friday toward the railroad, for the purpose of destroying it, when the "working party" was attacked by a heavy Confederate force, and was driven back. In the meanwhile, another body of Confederates attempted to turn the left flank of the sixth corps, but, it is said, only succeeded in taking a large number of skirmishers prisoners. Subsequently, the Confederates attacked the Federal lines at several points, but finally retired across the railroad where they took up an advantageous position. The Federal loss in killed and wounded in this particular engagement is said to have been very light; but the loss in prisoners is vaguely stated at "quite a number."

The latest information from Grant's army is up to Saturday morning at six o'clock. A dispatch of that date, through the "Associated Press," states that the only fighting on Friday was an attack made at eight o'clock in the morning by the Confederates on Burnside's position, in which they, it is said, were driven back with a loss of 100 prisoners.—Artillery firing was kept up for an hour, when all became quiet at that point. Picket firing, it is said, is still kept up along the entire line.

McBride, the correspondent of the Washington Chronicle, in his letter, dated at 8 o'clock on Friday night says: "Every disposition of the troops has been made to ward off an attack. Large clouds of dust, indicating moving columns, have been seen. It was thought the enemy had designs upon our left, and was massing troops on his right for that

when it was menaced. As to the term of its service, I had no power over it.

Mr. Kernan resumed his remarks, repeating that we cannot have peace except by showing that we have power to put down armed resistance. He expressed himself to be opposed to repealing the commutation clause, and was authorized by a number of fellow Democrats to say that they would vote men and money to put down the war, but not in a vindictive spirit, or with a view of exterminating those in arms against us.

No question was taken on the pending amendments to the bill, and the House, at a few minutes to six o'clock, adjourned.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—This Court was in session in this place last week, when decrees of condemnation were ordered to be entered in the following cases:

- U. S. vs. L. B. Taylor, of Alexandria.
- U. S. vs. R. L. Batchford, of Alexandria.
- U. S. vs. D. R. Blacklock, of Alexandria.
- U. S. vs. G. K. Witmer, of Alexandria.
- U. S. vs. E. S. Hutchinson, of Alexandria.
- U. S. vs. S. Cooper, of Alexandria.
- U. S. vs. Arthur Herbert, of Alexandria.
- U. S. vs. D. F. Hooe, of Alexandria.
- U. S. vs. C. A. Baldwin, of Alexandria.
- U. S. vs. W. S. Kemper, of Alexandria.
- U. S. vs. A. D. Wroe, of Loudoun.
- U. S. vs. Dr. J. F. Mason, of Loudoun.
- U. S. vs. Dr. J. W. Bronaugh, of Loudoun.
- U. S. vs. J. N. Paxton, of Loudoun.
- U. S. vs. J. H. Manning, of Loudoun.
- U. S. vs. N. Gregg, of Loudoun.
- U. S. vs. Jas. Sugar, of Loudoun.
- U. S. vs. A. Clark & Bro., of Loudoun.
- U. S. vs. O. Braden, of Loudoun.
- U. S. vs. S. I. Ramey, of Loudoun.
- U. S. vs. Jno. Boland, of Loudoun.
- U. S. vs. Jos. Hart, of Loudoun.
- U. S. vs. C. G. Giddings, of Loudoun.
- U. S. vs. T. McDaniel, of Loudoun.
- U. S. vs. S. Crumbaker, of Loudoun.
- U. S. vs. Jas. Smith, of Loudoun.
- U. S. vs. J. Aldridge, of Loudoun.
- U. S. vs. J. W. Fairfax, of Loudoun.
- U. S. vs. Dr. R. C. Mason, of Fairfax.
- U. S. vs. Jas. and Jos. Whiteman, of Loudoun.

In the cases of the U. S. vs. B. W. Frobel and bro. of Fairfax, and Wm. Beans of Loudoun, the libels were dismissed—Beans having taken the oath of allegiance to U. S. Government.

The heart-rending account of the death of Miss Pickens, daughter of Gov. Pickens, of South Carolina, by the explosion of a shell, from the blockading fleet, off Charleston, at the marriage altar, turns out to have been a hoax. "The story originally appeared in a New York paper, having been furnished it by one of its enterprising lying correspondents in the fleet." It will not be long before the public will believe nothing that appears in a New York paper.

According to the Washington Star, the U. S. War Department has received information that Hunter's command, "having fulfilled the mission upon which it was sent—the destruction of the Central Railroad in the vicinity of Staunton; of the Gordonsville and Lynchburg Railroad, and portion of the James River Canal—is pressing forward to the point in Western Virginia, Hunter was ordered to make for, after having done the work in the Valley assigned to him."

purpose. Our lines are long, but connected from right to left by parallel roads, by which we can rapidly reinforce any point. Very little change has been made in our line. The 6th corps have got no nearer the Weldon railroad. It is, perhaps, a mile from their advance to the track. They, like the other corps d'armee, are strongly entrenched. A squadron of cavalry started toward Suffolk early this morning. They will probably not stop until they reach Norfolk. I believe the road is in good condition most of the way, at least as far as Zuni."

As far as we see in the newspapers no steps have been taken in relation to the return of Mr. Vallandigham. The original order of President Lincoln which directed Mr. Vallandigham's banishment beyond the Federal lines, was that "in case of his return he should be arrested and kept in close custody."

The two European steamers from New York on Saturday last, carried out \$1,520,206 in specie.

Major Jacob Reilin has been appointed to the post of Col. Commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps, vice Colonel Harris deceased.

A man named Osborn, in Baltimore, yesterday, killed his wife and maimed dreadfully her paramour.

A severe thunder storm occurred in Baltimore yesterday, and some damage was done by the wind and the lightning.

Scarcity of field hands and the high price of harvest labor, are complained of, all over the country.

Moses Rider, doing business in Washington was accidentally drowned near Baltimore, on Saturday.

The price of coal, at the North, is increasing, though the supply is, also, increasing.

A federation of the Canadian provinces is proposed.

Coal oil is now extensively used in dressing wounds.

The yellow fever is prevalent at Key West.

DIED.

In this city, on Sunday night, 26th inst., at 5 o'clock, S. R., wife of John Craven in the 42d year of her age. The funeral will take place on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, from the residence of her husband, No. 45, Duke street, corner of Water. The friends and relations are respectfully requested to attend.

In Washington, on the 22d inst., at 5 o'clock in the evening, of disease of the heart, Mrs. MARY A. HEWETT, widow of the late Peter Hewett, Esq., of Alexandria, Va.

In this place, on Friday, the 24th inst., Mrs. MARGARET P. SMITH, in the 84th year of her age.

In Washington, on the 25th instant, Mrs. AMOS KENDALL, in the 57th year of her age.

NOTICE.

\$50 REWARD!—The subscriber will pay a reward of fifty dollars to find out the author of certain scurrilous communications that appear in a sheet, called the "Criminal Life," published in the city of Boston, and circulated to some extent in this place. The last number of this paper contains among other things of a low and filthy character, an unwarranted and outrageous assault upon myself and several other citizens of Alexandria, designed, maliciously, to defame and injure, and to ascertain the author of which, I will cheerfully pay the above named sum of money.

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