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#### From the Seat of War.

The following highly interesting news, is copied from the Richmond Examiner of the 12th inst., Thursday last :

RICHMOND, May 12. The following dispatch was received by Gen. Bragg, from Gen. J. E B. Stewart, dated

HEAD QUARTERS, ASHLAND, ) May 11, 6:30 a. m. To Gen. Bragg :

GENERAL: -The enemy reached this point just before us, but were promptly whipped out after a sharp fight by Fitz Hugh Lee's advance, killing and capturing quite a number.

"Gen. Gordon is in the immediate rear of the enemy.

"I have intersected the road the ene my is marching on, at Yellow Tavern, the head of the Turnpike, six miles from

Richmond. . "My men and horses the tired, hung and jaded, but all right. J. E. B. STEWART."

Soon after the receipt of the above came another dispatch from Gen. Stewart, stating that he had arrived at Yellow Tavern, six miles from Richmond, the point where he expected to cut off the enemy, but that he had found none of them there; that they had probably turned off on the road leading to Dover's Mills, in Goochland, and adding that his men were pressing closely."

The above forced the conclusion that the Yankees had concluded not to "take Richmond," and finding themselves closely pursued, wisely switched off on another road. It was supposed that they were making to Dover Mills with the intention to cut the canal and then cross the river at that point and make their way to the army on the south side.

The strength of the expedition of the enemy is variously estimated. Accounts place them at five thousand, some at ten Monday last, a point a few miles above and others at fifteen.

A scout who came in yesterday and who is regarded by the military authori- ommand, gives the particulars of the afties as a very trustworthy man, states fair: that the enemy's forces were seen by him, and that they were four hours passing a given point. This would indicate that they were in large force. He fur- blest us this day. My heart is gushing ther states that they had a large number in gratitude for His kindness and protec of wagons, ambulances, &c.

# From Gen. Lee.

dispatch from Gen. Lee, dated

SPOTTSYLVANIA C. H. via Guinea Station, May 11. Hon. Secretary of War:

Gen. Grant's army is entremebed near

Frequent skirmishing occurred 7esterday and to day each army is endeavoring which I disabled. I started with twenty Southern press, too-such mischievous

by General E. H. Ander but I am hard at work, &c.

THE LANCASTER LEDGER son. The last, which occurred after sunset, was the most obstinate, some of the They were easily repulsed except in front of Dole's brigade, where they drove our men from their position, and from a four gun battery there posted.

The men were soon rallied and by dark our line was re-established and the battery recovered.

A large body of the enemy moved around our left, on the evening of the 9th, and took possession of the road about midway between Shady Grove and the Court House.

Gen. Early, with a part of Hill's corps, drove the enemy back this evening, taking one gun and a few prisoners.

Thanks to a Merciful Providence, our casualties have been small. Among the wounded are Brigadier Generals Hayes and H. H. Walker.

(Signed,) R. E. LEE.

From the Richmond Dispatch, May 12. The Battle at Swift Creek.

A fight occurred at Swift Creek, three miles from Petersburg, Monday. It lasted with more or less vigor for some two or three hours at this point, and skirmishing more or less sharp went on upon the north side of the creek nearly to Fort Ciifton. Our troops at the close of the day occupied the position they held before the fight began, and we are glad to believe that our loss was not comparable to that of the enemy.

THE CAVALRY RAID. The cavalry raid, numbering 4,000 men, under Gens. Custar and Merritt, which was first heard from at Beaver Dam, arrived at Ashland yesterday morning, where a fight occurred, the re sult of which is given in the following telegram from Gen. Stuart :

About 9 o'clock Gen. Stuart arrived in the enemy's rear on the Brook road, and Gen. Gorden in their rear on the Mountain road. The two roads join in the Brook turnpike at the Yellow Tavern, about six miles from Richmond, and the intention of the enemy was to come down the turnpike, cross the Brook Bridge, go around to the Meadow Bridge road, and then down the Peninsula. This plan was frustrated by the burning of the Meadow bridge by our troops. This fact being discovered, the only mode of retreat left was to beat Gen. Stuart at Yellow Tavern and go up the Brook or Mountain roads, or to attack the battery at the Brock turnpike and cut their way through.

The former mode was tried, and about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon they attack Gen. Stuart, who, with Lamax's and The fight was a very hot.one, lasting over an hour. Among our casualties Peteraburg is thirteen miles still farther were Lieut. Col. H. C. Pate and five Captains killed.

On their route from Ashland, Gen. Gordon, who was in their rear, attacked them three times, using them up badly is the main work guarding the water ap every time. There had been no more fighting up

to a late hour last night, nor had the enemy made another effort to break out at Yellow Tavern. . All damage done by the raiders on

the Central road has been repaired, and the road will probably be in running or

It was reported that a body of the en emy on reaching Ashland had turned off on the Dover Mill road, but of this we have no reliable information.

HE FIGHT AT FORT CLIFTON - GUNBOAT BURNED.

A fight occurred at Fort Clifton on City Point, on the Appomattox river .-The following letter, from the efficer in

FORT CLIFTON, May 9th, 1864. I can't refrain from writing you a line as - goes in to tell you how God has been interpreted by the supreme judicial tion, and for the signal victory He gave gifted child of genius, the pure and elevaus over our enemy.

I was attacked this morning on the left on his way to this Capital, in the mid The public mind was much relieved by a battery of six rifled guns. Finding summer of 1863? Was it a trifling last evening on receipt of the following that my pieces on this side could not cause that moved him! All the world reach them, I put my men under cover, knows that his judgment and his heart and they soon got tired of shelling us .- clung fondly and to the last to the old After things had quieted down I had just Government, in whose councils he had got to my left, three quarters of a mile won so much bonor. It is well known off, when a fleet of gunboats appeared in that he has never embraced the suicidal this place on both sides of the Brooke the river. I engaged them for five or doctrine of State secession. The right of six hours, crippling one, which got away, revolution is the ground upon which he and driving back all the reat, save one, stands. The malignant portion of the discover the position of the other.

men to board her, when she took fire and damaging prints as the Enquirer, from one of my shell, was abandoned by the enemy, and burnt to the water's Register, at Mobile, who continually crip

From Petersburg.

WELDON, May 14. Passengers from Petersburg report no

The enemy still hold the Railroad and an attack may be expected by our forces at any moment.

The trains will run through to Petersburg to-morrow.

Our forces are at Swift Creek, All business has been suspended in

Petersburg and every man has gone in to the ranks. All here and in Petersburg are confi-

dent of success. No further attack has been made on Drewry's Bluff.

Four gunboats have been destroyed. PETERSBURG, May 15. It is rumored that the enemy attacked Drewry's Bluff last night and were re-

## pulsed, baving lost one thousand men. Gen. Stuart.

PETERSBURG, May 14. Gen. Stuart died on Thursday, from wounds received on Wednesday, during the battle in front of Richmond.

All is quiet here to day. In Gen. Hagood's Brigade, in the fight at Walthall Junction, near Petersburg, on Saturday, 7th inst , four out of seven killed. Among those killed and wounded we learn of the following : Lieuten ant Colonel Dargan, of the Twenty first South Carolina volunteers, killed in the engagement of Saturday; Col. John G. Pressley, severely wounded in the left shoulder; Colonel Graham, of the Twen ty first South Carolina, was wounded in two places, not very severely; Captain William R. Stoney, of General Hagood's staff, supposed to be mortally wounded; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Twenty seventh South Carolina, (name lorgotten) was se verely wounded in the head.

Points of Interest. Looking at the map, (says the Macon Confederate.) we find the late battlefield n Virginia in Spot sylvania county, fortyfive miles north of northwest of Richmond, sixty miles south of south west of Wash ington, Ger. Grant is, therefore, fifteen miles nearer Richmond than Gen. Lee is of Wahington. The Richmond, Fredereksburg and Potomac Railroad runs through the eastern end of that county. The renowned city of Fredericksburg is in the northeastern end of the county on the Rappahannock river. The battle was fought fifteen miles from that city.

Chesterfield is that county immediately across the river from Richmond. .

miles from Richmond, on a direct line .-south, and is about half that distance from City Point where the enemy recently landed. Fort Drewry is on the James, a few miles from Richmond, and proaches to the city.

# Negotiations.

We make the following extract from a peech delivered in the Yankee Congress. March 5, 1864, by Mr. Vorbees, of Indi-

"At no distant day, when the horrors of this war can no longer be borne, the various propositions which have been made and rejected in behalf of enlight ened negotiation and constitutional resto ration, will be gathered up and hurled at those in power as an accusation more appalling, an indictment more damning than was ever leveled against a murderer upon his trial. Nor can they, in that hour of their fear and calamity, at which the righteous world will laugh and mock, hide their guilty heads under the asser tion that the South would not treat for peace. Yes! peace which shall restore the Union, under the Constitution, as it was written by the fathers, and as it has

"Why came that wasted figure, that ted Stephens, of Georgia, from Richmond ferent points, particularly on edge. The river here is now quite clear, ple the interest and friends of humanity, in this buleful contest, assailed Mr. Stq shorther period.

phens for his attempt at negotiation, which they averred would lead to re union .-Yet, with these things well known, and, fighting in Chesterfield since the 7th inst. perhaps, much more, which now s'umbers in the secret drawers of the Executive, this great messenger of peace, this most acceptable mediator between an estranged and misled people, was denied a hearing, turned back in silence, and the festival of death commanded to proceed."

# The Dinner at Cureton's Store.

A correspondent of the Charlotte Dem: ocrat gives an account of the dinner given to the 4th Regiment S. C. Cavalry, by the ladies of Union Co. N. C. and Lancaster S. C., at "Jackson Academy," near Cureton's Store. M. C. Heath, Esq., met the Regiment and tendered the hospitalities of the people. We make the following interesting extract :

"As we approached the Academy the first object which met our gaze was a large arch of cedar extending across the road, decorated with the choicest flowers; also, above it on a large square canvass, the motto "Welcome our Defenders," the letters of which was made of cedar leaves. Beneath this we allepassed and broke to the right and left and secured our horses to the saplings in the grove, then marched by squadron and formed in mass in front of the Academy. Dr. T. K. Cure field officers engaged in the fight were ton then addressed the Colonel and regiment, inviting the officers and men to partake of the dinner prepared for them by the ladies of North and South Carolina, reminding them that they here stood near the birth place of Gen. Andrew Jackson. He then introduced Miss Anne Cureton, who stepped forward and pres sented the flag-bearer with a wreath com posed of cedar and flowers which she at tached to the flag, saving as she did so: "I, in the name of the ladies of this vicinity, present this wreath to the 4th Regiment S. C. Cavalry, feeling assured that the flag to which I now attach it will ever wave victorious until the last foe is driven from our soil or buried beneath its sod." To which Col. Stokes replied, "So long as one man survived, that flag should wave victorious or be his winding sheet -this much be would say for the 4th Regiment." The color-bearer then responded, reiterating the words of the Colonel, and paying a handsome compliment to the ladies. Three hearty cheers were then given for the ladies of North and South Carolina.

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materials for such sketches. The plan is this: The friends of the dewill forward to me the necessary informatien to make up for publication the biographical sketches, or send me the notices they wish inserted, when they will be revised and compiled for publication. Each biographical sketch must be accompanied by the name of at least one subscriber and Ten Dollars to defray the expenses and labor involved in the preparation and compilation of the sketches, for which a receipt will be given entitling the holder to a copy of the work at the subscription price.

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HEADQUARTERS.

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All other persons distilling in this State

are doing so in direct violation of the law,

and are amenable to its penalties.

It is the duty of all leaders of patrol to report all such persons, and of all magis-trates to seize and suppress their stills. All persons to whose knowledge a violation of the above named Act, by agents or others, may come, are requested to make affidavit of the facts before any magistrate, and ferward the same to this Department.

Persons desirous of being appointed agents to manufacture and sell any of the Districts in which no appointments have been made, will send their applications, recommended by the delegation of their District, to this Department, when the same will be submitted to his Excellency the Governor for approval and confirma-Thos. Eakins, Abbeville District-Post

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COMMISSARY-GEN'S, DEPT, S. C., COLUMBIA, May 4, 1864.

THE attention of the public is respect fully ealled to the following notice: Under the Act of 10th April, 1863, a central distillery was established at Columbia, and the below named agerta, all of whom have filed their bonds in this depart. ments, were appointed in the several Districts and Parishes to sell spirits to applicants under certain ragulations, viz : 1st. The spirits are delivered by this de-

partment only to regularly bonded agents, who alone are authorized to sell and disribute the same, for current funds 2d The spirits are to be sold only for strictly medicinal purposes, and only on the

certificate of a regular practicing physician that they are required for strictly medicinal purposes; and the written pledge of the purchaser (which must in all cases be taken) that they are so required, and will be 3d. Agents and others are not allowed

to charge an advance of more than 25 per cent. on the cost of the spirits, (which is \$5 per gallon for whiskey, at the distillery) as per section 3, Act 10th April, 1863, the language of which is:
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caries, physicians, or any other persons, who shall purchase or procure any portion of the alcohol or spirituous liquors distilled by the authority aforesaid, to resell or dispose of the same, in any quantity, to any person or persons, for any other than strictly medicinal purposes, or at an advance of more than 25 per centum on its cost; and any person who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, prisoned for any time not exceeding six months, and fined in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars." 5th. Agents are recommended to sell in

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tion of the third section of Act 10th April.

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