

Attack on Port Hudson.

A Severe and Desperate Fight.

Brig-General Sherman Badly Wounded.

Our Loss Nearly Three Thousand.

The Fight going on at Last Accounts.

The Capture of the Place Certain.

[From the New York Tribune, June 6th.]

The Morning Star, A. D. Perking Commander, left New-Orleans on the 29th ult., and arrived at New York at an early hour this morning, having encountered heavy weather off Hatteras.

In the Department of the Gulf the whole interest in military affairs centered in Port Hudson, which was completely invested by the Government forces. Gen. Banks commanded in person a force supposed to be sufficient for its reduction. The enemy's strength within their defenses is estimated at from 10,000 to 12,000 men.

Fighting was still in progress at the date of the departure of the Morning Star.

Brig-Gen. Sherman had arrived at New-Orleans on the night of the 28th, severely but not dangerously wounded.

The 2d Louisiana negro regiment distinguished itself especially in charging upon the enemy's siege-guns, losing in killed over 600.

Gen. Weitzel had captured a portion of the line of defense, and held one of the enemy's heaviest batteries.

The North Star brings \$150,000 (Mexican) on freight from New-Orleans, and 400 bales of cotton.

LATE FROM THE SOUTH.

From late copies of Richmond, Charleston, Alabama, and Georgia papers we extract the following important and interesting items of news:

[From the Charleston Mercury, June 6.]

Bluffton in Ruins.

The destruction of property on Bull's Island some days ago, and the recent raid on the Combahee, involving an immense loss of property, is followed by the burning of the beautiful town of Bluffton, on May River. This last outrage took place on Thursday morning last, and resulted in the loss of about forty private residences and nearly one hundred outhouses, stores, &c. We have succeeded in obtaining a list of the property owners who have suffered by the burning of their beautiful houses and settlements:

Gen. J. F. Drayton, Col. J. S. Stoney, Dr. J. W. Kirk, George Allen, Dr. Paul Pritchard, M. J. Kirk, J. McKenzie, A. Crosby, G. Allen, Dr. A. G. Verrier, Estate H. Gerard, Jas. Baynard, Jas. Seabrook, G. W. Lawton, W. Pope, Dr. Mellichamp, Dr. F. H. Pope, R. E. Pope, J. J. Pope, A. S. Vedler, Henry Verrier, "Squire" Pope, Mr. Strobbart, Mrs. Hardee, J. Chalmers, J. G. Bulchee, D. & J. Canter, D. Freeman, — Crosby, — Langballe, — Chalmers, W. Winn, J. Bulchen, Mr. Pickney, Mrs. Wingham, B. Wiggins, Estate Norton, H. F. Train, — Martain, (f. p. c.)

The enemy approached in transports, and landed about one thousand strong, at what is known as "Hunting Island." Five gunboats covered their landing, which was successfully accomplished about half-past six o'clock on the 4th instant. Three companies of the force that had landed took up the line of march, following the course of the river until they reached Bluffton, their gunboats steaming along up the river abreast of the troops. The pickets noticed the movement at sunrise, and reported the fact to Lieut. Col. Johnson, commanding the outposts, at about 7 o'clock, and the cavalry force from the 3d and 4th Regiments, S. C. Cavalry moved at once towards the threatened point. Strange to say, the couriers failed to report the advance of the enemy either to the picket headquarters in Bluffton or the garrison camped near the town, consisting of the fine infantry force from the 11th S. C. Regiment. The consequence was, the gunboats arrived in the river nearly opposite the camps before they could be seen by the camp guard, who gave the alarm. The men were soon under arms, and deployed as skirmishers, going some distance to the front in the movement. The enemy soon came in sight, having obtained possession of the town unmolested, and exchanged shots with the line of skirmishers; soon after the town was fired in the lower part, near Colonel Stoney's, and the wind blowing fresh, soon sent the flames broadcast through the town. The heavy growth of trees between Mr. Pope's house and the Episcopal Church saved the latter

structure. They fired the Methodist Church under the very altar, but it burnt so slowly that it was discovered and put out. The cavalry had now arrived.—Earle's light battery, after a drive of thirteen miles, had also reported for duty.—The Abolitionists having effected their purpose, now withdrew, embarked on their transports, and were conveyed out of sight.

But one casualty occurred on our side.—Serg't Mew, of Company E, 11th S. C. Infantry, was struck by a fragment of a shell (which, by the way, the Yankee gunboats used very freely) in the right side; the wound is not dangerous, however.—The invaders, who were principally a New Hampshire regiment, are not known to have been punished in any way. As we said in reference to the affair on the Combahee, the success of a marauding expedition of this character is certainly a very mortifying circumstance.

[From the Savannah Republican, June 5th.]

RICHMOND, June 5.—Northern dates of the 3d received. They state that Official despatches from Vicksburg, 29th indicate no change in the state of affairs there, but the prospects of Grant still encouraging.

The gunboat Cincinnati was sunk by Rebel batteries on the 26th. Loss over 20, in killed and wounded.

Grant is moving some rebel works. Wilson's Zouaves have left New Orleans on their way home.

In the battle of Champion Hills, the 24th Iowa regiment, made up largely of clergymen, and known as the preachers' regiment, was nearly annihilated.

The Rebels fought with most reckless gallantry.

A regiment of Georgians refused to retreat or surrender, when Hovey charged the crest, and five-sixths were killed where they stood.

Johnson has at Jackson a force of 15,000 men and is unable to get more. He is short of provisions and ammunition. A larger force is guarding the river than Johnson can gather.

Big Black river bridge is burned. It is positively known that Johnson has not crossed.

No reports that the whole of the inhabitants and soldiers in Vicksburg are suffering greatly for want of water.

Grant is building works within 100 yards of Rebel lines. Sharpshooters prevent the rebels from working heavy guns.

The President has revoked and annulled the Exequatur hitherto given to George Moore, British Consul in this city, in consequence of presuming to act in behalf of her Britannic Majesty's government in matters occurring in the State of Mississippi.

He was requested to submit to the Secretary of State his Consular commission, before further correspondence could be held with him as a British Consul at the port of Richmond.

Without acceding to this request, he entered into correspondence as Her Majesty's Consul with the Secretary of War, thereby disregarding the legitimate authority of this government. Copy of Letters Patent revoking his Exequatur, to be published to-morrow.

SHELBYVILLE, June 5.—The enemy were in line of battle, yesterday, several miles from Murfreesboro' on Stone river. There was some artillery firing and skirmishing between the pickets, but nothing serious. Quiet to day; weather stormy and rains heavy.

The Nashville Union of the 3d has Louisville dates of the 2d.

A commissary building fell, burying 20 persons.

ATLANTA, June 6.—A special to the Intelligencer from Chattanooga, says that there was heavy skirmishing yesterday at Hookers Gap, 12 miles from Murfreesboro' and slight skirmishing to-day. The enemy fell back before the Confederates.

MEMPHIS, June 1.—The Federal gunboat Cincinnati was sunk at Vicksburg on the 26th by the rebels. Many were killed and wounded.

A report, which is very generally believed, says the Grierson's command has been captured by our forces at Woodville, Mississippi. Nothing further has been heard from Vicksburg.

[From the Mobile Tribune.]

JACKSON, June 2.—It is painfully dull here to-day. There is not even a rumor from the front.

The news of the battle of Port Hudson is corroborated by the latest accounts. A courier, however, from that place is momentarily expected with more definite accounts.

There is nothing positive from our lines to day.

I learn from passengers who arrived to-day that there has been a great battle at Port Hudson.

Gen. Sherman is wounded and in a critical condition, Gen. Niel Dow badly wounded, Gens. Nicholas, Averill and Payne

killed, and between twenty and forty Colonels and Majors killed.

One negro regiment of nine hundred lost seven hundred.

The negroes, and the men whose time was nearly out, were put in front.

The Federals report that the black flag was raised on the negroes and their officers.

The loss of officers were so great that orders have been issued for all officers on detached duty to report immediately for duty at Port Hudson.

The military courts have adjourned until July.

It is reported in the city that the men refused to make another assault, and that a Confederate success has been gained in the Teche county.

Every available man has been sent from the city.

Passengers from New Orleans confirm the news of the Yankee defeat at Port Hudson.

Three steamboats loaded with wounded Yankees arrived at New Orleans Saturday. Gen. Sherman had his leg amputated, and is since dead.

The steamer Brown and several schooners are expected to day loaded with exiles.

JACKSON, June 3—Port Hudson, at the last accounts was closely besieged. The news from that quarter is conflicting. There is, however, no doubt entertained that we repulsed the enemy several times. It is believed that the accounts heretofore reported of the affair are greatly exaggerated.

The Yankees have had a big scare. They abandoned the New Orleans and Jackson railroad burned the Manchac bridge, destroyed the fortifications they had erected, and threw their guns into the Pass. Kirby Smith may be the cause.

The Memphis Bulletin of May 30th, says the advices from Vicksburg are, that the army at Vicksburg are resting.

Gurrillas fire into all boats passing, and have killed many men.

Five thousand Rebel prisoners have arrived at Young's Point.

Marmaduke is in the rear of Helena, afraid to attack.

The latest intelligence from Vicksburg was not stimulating.

The aspect of the siege of Vicksburg so far is very encouraging. Grant will be compelled to raise the siege in a few days.

The Memphis Bulletin says the slaughter on the Federal side is not so large as has been reported. The place is closely invested, and confidence is felt with regard to the result.

[From the Charleston Mercury, June 6.]

JACKSON, Miss., June 4.—There has been heavy firing in the direction of Vicksburg all day, but we have no authentic intelligence from there since Sunday.

A courier has arrived with intelligence that Kirby Smith threw his forces across the Mississippi, into Port Hudson, on Sunday. The enemy's gunboats had made another furious assault upon the place, but were again repulsed. We sunk one steamer, drowning 700 men. The siege of Port Hudson will be raised. No doubt is felt regarding the result.

We have some interesting details of Friday's fight at Vicksburg. Grant, in attacking our position, used cotton bales for moveable breastworks. Pemberton mounted his 200 pounder guns, and directing his fire at the cotton bales, mowed down whole platoons of the enemy. Official dispatches states that the losses of Grant during the operations of the siege thus far, have been fully 40,000 men. Our entire loss, including that in the action at Baker's Creek was 5,000. Confidence in Gen. Pemberton, since his reply to Grant's demand for a surrender, is fully restored. No fears are felt for the result, either at Vicksburg or Port Hudson.

RICHMOND, June 4.—Commodore Porter's official despatches to the Yankee Navy Department states that he had sent an expedition up the Yazoo, which destroyed or captured property amounting in value to \$2,000,000, including three powerful rams and one monitor, 310 feet long (unfinished), with a loss of one man killed and seven wounded.

Burnside has communicated to Bragg his determination to hang all rebel officers in his hands, in case Bragg should retaliate for "the hanging of two spies, tried and executed according to the usages of war."

The Tredeger Iron Works are again in full blast, most of the machinery destroyed by the late fire having been replaced.—They can now turn out guns rapidly.

Francis P. Blair, Jr., who was taken prisoner at Chancellorsville, and afterwards took the oath of allegiance to the Confederacy, has been arrested on a charge of larceny.

NEW ORLEANS, May 26.—Tremendous fight at Port Hudson on the 27th. Yankees driven back with a loss of 3000 killed and wounded. Generals Sherman, (since

reported dead), Neal Dow, Chapin and Nickerson, wounded. General Payne, killed, Negroes, to use the language of an aid of General Sherman to H. Evans, "massacred." They held our outworks for two hours, but the 15th Connecticut and 26th New Hampshire caught the infection and the whole concern broke and fled. They report the United States sloop-of-war Richmond sunk; some say it was another vessel. This is their own version. Banks not in the fight. All under the direction of Sherman. He was brought here last night. Registered enemies will apparently be left alone for a while.

TERRIFIC GALE.—Last Wednesday and Thursday a most terrific gale swept along the south coast of Florida, destroying the entire Salt Works near St. Marks and Bay Port, large quantities of salt, and drowning some forty white men and negroes.—So strong was the gale, the water from the gulf was driven out of its banks along the line of the St. Marks railroad, completely inundating the track for several miles back into the country.

We notice in the Atlanta Intelligencer the proceedings of a public meeting at Marietta on Tuesday last, at which a committee was appointed in each district to enroll every man in the county, whether old or young, able to bear arms, to be ready at a moment's warning to march to the defense of that city, or to any point on the State road, or in Northern or Northwestern Georgia, that may be attacked by Yankee raiders.

A correspondent of the Charleston Courier, writing from Quincy, Fla., furnishes the following:

The news received here to-day is appalling indeed. A gentleman reached here to-day from Chatahoochee and reports that the schooner Fashion, at anchor in the Chatahoochee river, twenty-five miles above Apalachicola, was loading with cotton, and intended to run the blockade. She had received sixty bales of sea island cotton, and was waiting for another arrival from —, when a spy or some traitorous person conveyed the fact to the enemy's fleet blockading. The result was that the enemy sent nine launches with armed men, captured the schooner with the cotton on board, and took her to the fleet. When the news reached Chattahoochee, Lieut. Guthrie, commanding the C. S. Iron clad gunboat Chattahoochee, ordered steam to be raised, and was determined to pass the obstructions in the river if possible, with a view of attacking the U. S. Steamer and endeavor to relieve the Fashion. But the same gentleman reports that just as the steamer was leaving her anchorage her boilers exploded, and twelve persons were killed, while several others were badly scalded. As yet I am unable to learn what officers and men were killed.

All male contrabands in the neighboring city of Alexandria have been put to work on the entrenchments in that neighborhood. The Provost Marshal has had a lively time impressing them.

Sleep has been called Death's counterfeit. The counterfeit, however, is, in this case, generally preferred to the genuine article.

Marine News.

Custom House Officers.

T. C. SEVERANCE, Special Agent Treasury Department, and Acting Collector of Customs. J. T. GLEASON, Deputy Collector. G. B. WELLMAN, Entry Clerk. G. ALFRED PURDIE, Clerk. R. C. MORRIS, Inspector. CALMAN KELLEY.

ARRIVED AT PORT ROYAL, S. C.

June 4—Schr. Minerva L. Wedmore, Farrell, Stone. 5 Steamer North America, Payne, Beaufort, NC. 6 Steamer Suffolk, Green, New York. 6 Steamer Saxon, Lewender, St. Simons. 7 Schr. Sue Somers, Somers, Philadelphia. 7 Schr. Vapor, Booth, Phil. 7 Schr. F. P. Simpson, Ellis, New York. 8 Steamer Boston, Norris, Fernandina. 8 Brig Fanna, Lorentson, N. Y. 8 Brig D. O. Carstner, Hastings, Phil. 9 U. S. Steamer Circassian, Eaton, N. Y. 9 Steamship Arago, Gadsden, N. Y. 9 Schr. Jessie A. Woodhouse, Thomas, N. Y. 9 Schr. F. Newton, Coombs, Phil. 10 Schr. Henry Middleton, Finman, Fernandina.

SAILED.

June 4—Steamer Pilot Boy. 7 Bark Tacony. 7 Schr. M. L. Wedmore. 7 Schr. E. C. Scranton. 8 Steamer De Molay. 9 Steamer Circassian. 9 Schr. R. W. Dillon. 9 Schr. A. Edwards. 10 Schr. Vapor.

New Advertisements.

Auction Sale.

A Thorough-bred Black Hawk.

A Black Thorough-bred Mare, 7 years old, 15 1/2 hands high, and sound, the property of an officer, will be sold at public auction in Beaufort, S. C., on WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of June, at 1 o'clock p. m. This animal is perfect under the saddle, stylish, and of fine symmetry, quiet in field practice. She also possesses remarkable speed, having run a mile on the Fashion Course, L. I., in public, in 1:28. n23

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