

Diary.

Washington DC  
Nov 13 1863.

Friday      Gene Meade visits Washington today for consultation with the Pres't & Gen-in-Chief. His Head Qtrs are now at Rappahannock Station, the railroad is finished only to Bealton from which place supplies are wagoned. The rails are down beyond that point but the road is not ballasted & not capable of supporting heavy trains.

Str. Massachusetts has just arrived at Ft Monroe 48 hours from Charleston. The reports Ft. Sumter as a pile of sand. All the monitors will be ready for naval operations in a few days. The people of Florida driving their cattle east of St. Johns river to prevent Bragg's army from getting them.

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Saturday  
Nov 14, 1863

Information rec'd today from the west indicates that Burnside will soon be attacked at Knoxville. It is said that Longstreet is advancing towards Loudon from the direction of Bragg's army with from twenty to forty thousand men. Gen. Grant has been advised to have Gen. Thomas attack the communications of Longstreet northeast of Chattanooga & compel him to fall back.

Sunday Nov 15, 1863

It has rained since 6 o'clock this morning very heavily. At this time (10 am) the sky has cleared & the sun is almost vainly trying to show his face.

Gen. Meade telegraphs that from deserters & scouts he is induced to believe that Lee's entire army is falling back & he has ordered strong reconnaissances to be made in the morning.

Went to church in the evening at Dr. Gurley's Presby'n.

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Monday Nov 16, 1863

Burnside has ordered his forces of the 9th corps to make an attack on the advance of Longstreet's troops near Loudon. He will if not successful retreat by way of Cumberland Gap, destroying all property which cannot be carried off. In the meantime Gen. Grant is to advance on Missionary Ridge from the north with a portion of Sherman's troops which have arrived at Bridgeport & some of Thomas. The balance of Sherman's troops will go by Whiteside Stn. to occupy Trenton. Bragg will thus be compelled to fall back from his position and Longstreet will be cut off from his base.

The railroad is now running to Culpeper & N. Va. & Gen. Meade will evidently make some demonstration against Lee.

Tuesday Nov 17, 1863

Weather clear and pretty cold.

Gen. Grant telegraphs that pushing everything to give Gen. Burnside early aid, & that he has impressed upon him in

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the strongest terms the necessity of holding onto his position. Gen'l Sherman's troops marched today from Bridgeport & a strong column will be thrown between Bragg & Longstreet as soon as possible.

Gen. Burnside telegraphs that Longstreet crossed [illeg.] on Saturday on Huff's ferry six miles below Loudon with about 15,000 men.

His advance was resisted until our position was turned by superior force & Burnside then retired in good order. His force is all within the lines of Knoxville.

Longstreet attacked our forces yesterday at Campbell's station & fighting was kept up all day in which serious loss was inflicted on the enemy. Gen. Burnside thinks he will be able to hold his position.

God grant that he may.

Wednesday Nov 18, 1863

Today has been very pleasant indeed.

Tomorrow occurs the dedication of the Gettysburg Cemetery. A grand time is expected.

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Thursday

Nov 19, 1863

Another cool and pleasant day. Nothing heard of from dedication of the national cemetery. Pres't & [illeg.] will undoubtedly return tomorrow. Smithers is certainly [?] representation in Delaware. All plans made for Sherman's with 24,000 men to advance on Missionary Ridge while Hooker attacks Lookout mountain. [illeg.] of Sherman's corps will occupy Trenton, Pa. & a heavy force will be thrown on the front of the enemy's lines opposite Chattanooga. The whole movement will be culminated by Saturday. No class tonight on account of protracted meetings at the Foundry, which are now going on. Great good is being done.

Friday Nov. 20, 1863

News from Burnside rec'd today is that he is surrounded by an overwhelming force. Fighting was going all yesterday but no result known. Gen'l Wilcox is on his way from Bull's Gap to Tazwell, or Cumberland Gap with all of Burnside's army not concentrated at Knoxville. He will make good his position at Cumberland Gap.

Saturday November 21, 1863

We have news from Gen'l Wilcox up to 4 p.m. 20th he was then at Tazwell Tenn. His Calvary had broken through the enemy's line of pickets on the Knoxville road & from prisoners learned that the enemy had assaulted Burnside on the 19th carrying two entrenchments but lost very heavily. Our men reserving their fire till the [illeg.] were close upon them. Some firing was heard yesterday but not so heavily as the 19th. Gen'l Grant's flanks movement on Bragg has been delayed on account of Sherman's troops not being able to come up but it will be made soon. Gold is at 154 today It rains here quite steadily. Gen'l Meade's preparations for an advance will all have been made today or tomorrow.

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Sunday Nov 22, 1863

My cold is a great deal better today. The air is clean this morning & the weather

perfectly delightful.

Gen Wilcox has reached Cumberland Gap. His latest news from the direction of Knoxville was up to 10 am 21st when firing was still going on. Gen Grant telegraphs that on account of bad roads & [illeg.] of horses & mules, the proposed movement cannot possibly be made before Monday (tomorrow) morning. God bless it.

I attended the family church morning. heard Dr. Perrin of Wyoming conf. in the morning from 1. cor 2. chap. 50. "That ye have faith, not in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." It was a well delivered sermon and edifying. Heard Bro. Stitt in the evening. Both upstairs & down was crowded. A glorious revival goes on. Some 30 persons joined the church today

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Monday Nov. 23, 1863

Nothing later from Burnside. At last accounts he was still fighting the enemy.

Gen Grant teleghs. that Genl. Thomas troops attacked the rebel's left at 2 p.m. today and carried the last line of rifle pits.

They captured 200 prisoners besides killed & wounded, & they will entrench themselves & hold their position until daylight by which a time Sherman's troops will be up & a general battle will be begun. Bragg is from all information gained, falling back to protect his line of communications with Longstreet.

Genl. Meade advances tomorrow morning, but do not know how far.

Tuesday & Wednesday kept very busy, Thursday was at Baltimore.

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Friday Nov. 24, 1863

We are having beautiful now. I arrived in Washington today from Balto. when I had gone to spend my Thanksgiving with Mr. & Mrs. Brown. I worked hard all day on Wednesday to get cipher books for maj. Dana ready & left the office at 4:15 p.m. I left the city at 5 o'clock reaching Mrs. Browns about 7. I found her and family all well and glad to see me. I rested well during the night. Arose in the morning about 7 o'clock

after partaking of a good breakfast  
I sauntered down Baltimore St &  
visited the American te. ofs saw Mr.  
Mattingly & Mr. Wilson the manager & asst.  
manager, Gentry, the chf opr. the office  
was in good order & looked neat.  
Guthridge & Stumm were still there.  
Stumm goes Dec. 1 to take charge of  
the independent ofs of Cleveland  
Next went to Genl Schenck's Hd Qrts. Saw  
Sampson but not Baldwin.

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returned to Mrs. Brown's & ate a  
hearty Thanksgiving dinner. Mr. McKnight  
was there. After dinner I went in  
search of Mr. & Mrs. Creighton formerly of  
Altoona found them at no. 100 Chew St.  
Found them comfortably situated  
& rejoiced to see me. Staid & took tea  
with them. Bro Creighton read me part  
of his sermon of that morning. It was  
thoroughly Union & did him great  
credit. From there I went to  
Mrs. Browns. Rested again well  
& left at 8:00 this morning, well  
satisfied with my visit.

Gen Grant's operations have been  
perfectly successful. The enemy  
evacuated Lookout Mountain &  
Missionary Ridge & were presided by  
Hooker & Sherman. We have taken  
some 700 prisoners & 60 pieces  
of cannon besides vast quantities  
of meat & stoves. The [illeg.] of the  
Rebels is complete. They burned  
bridges & stones & devastated every

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thing they could. Their stragglers are left  
all along the different roads.

Gen. Sherman occupies today Red  
Clay Station on the  
Cleveland & Walton RR & this cuts  
communication between Bragg &  
Longstreet & the latter will be compelled  
to retreat from Knoxville to Western  
Virginia or be captured & annihilated.

Gen Grant will very likely press on  
to Atlanta, where the rebels have a  
large amount of stores collected, together

with about 2.000.000 bales of cotton,  
which they have not the time to  
remove. Grant's forces are in  
pursuit of Bragg's retreating columns.

Saturday Nov. 25, 1863

A cloudy rainy day, very unpleasant.  
Went to choir meeting this evening, staid  
half an hour and then came to the office.

Genl. Meade is in all probability  
fought a battle today near Orange [illeg.]  
We have not hear the result

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Sunday Nov 29, 1863

Today is clear and windy, not very  
cold. I went to hear Dr. Ryan at  
the Foundry Church this morning. The  
house was pretty full. some 20 persons  
joined the church. The Choir sang  
"watchman" & "Alida" Preaching will  
take place this evening both up stairs  
and down.

Lines all working except to Hd Qtrs  
which is o.k. only to the Rappahannock  
Hd Qrts is beyond the Rappadan. We can  
hear nothing of their movements.

Col. Crawford arrived from Cumberland  
Gap from Knoxville at 4 p.m. yesterday  
He left Gen Burnside on Wednesday night.  
Burnside is almost entirely surrounded  
by the rebels who are in heavy force &  
are busy entrenching themselves. He can  
defend himself against any assault,  
but for want of provisions may have  
to surrender. Gen Burnside says he can  
hold out six or eight days from that time.  
Gen Granger is two days on his way

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from Chattanooga to relieve him & Sherman  
will go to the Hiawassie in his support.  
These forces cannot fail to relieve Genl  
Burnside very soon. From prisoners taken  
to Knoxville it is thought that some of  
Ewell's corps would reinforce Longstreet  
the systematic & deliberate manner in  
which the siege is conducted also leads to  
the same conclusion.

Monday Nov 30, 1863

Attended church last night at Foundry

Head Bro. Stitt preach. Mr. & Mrs. Tinker were there & I accompanied them home & visited them a little while. This morning is very cold indeed. We have heard nothing from the army of the Potomac since 7 a.m. on Saturday Hd Qrts are near Robertson's Tavern. Nothing yet from Burnside. Everybody is anxious. Gen Grants says that a forward advance from Chattanooga can not be made until six month's supplies are collected, & that it will not take

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all his force to hold Chattanooga, & he proposes to embark 35,000 men at Chattanooga ostensibly to return them to West Tenn & Vicksburg & he thinks he can land them at New Orleans, or possibly at Pascagoula Bay & invest mobile before the enemy gets wind of it. He will invest mobile with a small force keeping the garrison imprisoned without any unnecessary fight whilst with the bulk of his force he marches towards Montgomery, Selma or whatsoever point invites attack. He thinks a vigorous winter campaign can be conducted there. He desires the sanction of the government.

Tuesday Dec 1, 1863

Another clear cold day. Winter has fairly set in. Heretofore he has been trifling in his weak attacks. Now he boldly comes forth as if to assert his rightful supremacy

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over the milder seasons. The leaves are all gone & the air is dry & chill & it taxes a person pretty severely whilst out doors to keep comfortably warm.

We rec'd a cipher telegram today dated Knoxville, Nov 28 from Genl Burnside. He had not been assaulted vigorously yet. He had repulsed the enemy in all his attacks, inflicting upon him severe loss. He felt himself fully able to hold out against any force that had yet made its

appearance. He had ample supplies  
& his troops were in excellent spirits.

The siege of Charleston still  
progresses. Occasionally a shell is  
thrown into the city, but little damage  
appears to be done.

Nothing yet from Genl Meade's army.  
The rebel Gen Morgan who escaped  
last week from Columbus penitentiary  
is rumored to be at Toronto Canada.  
He will be a powerful leader for  
the conspirators there.

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The following is the official dispatch  
giving details of Gen Grants latest battles

#### DETAILED OFFICIAL DISPATCH

Headquarters, Chattanooga, Nov 26, 1863

Edwin Stanton, Secretary of War

SIR: On the 23d instant at 11 1/2 am, Gen.

Grant ordered a demonstration against Mission  
Ridge; to develop the force holding it. The troops  
marched out, formed in order, and advanced in line  
of battle, as if on parade.

The rebels watched the formation and movement  
from their picket lines and rifle-pits and  
from the summit of Mission Ridge, five hundred feet above  
us and thought it was a review and drill, so openly  
and regular, it was all done.

The line advanced, preceded by skirmishers, and at  
2 o'clock p.m. reached our picket lines and opened  
a rattling volley upon the rebel pickets, who replied  
and run into their advance line of rifle-pits. After them  
went our skirmishes and into them, along the  
centre of the line of 25,000 troops which Gen. Thomas  
had so quickly displayed, until we opened fire.

Prisoners assert that they thought the while move-  
ment was a review and general drill, and that it was  
too late to send up their camps for reinforcements,  
and that they were overwhelmed by force of num-  
bers. It was a surprise in open daylight.

At 3 p.m. the important advanced position of or Or-  
chard knob and the lines right and left were in our  
possession, and arrangements were ordered for hold-  
ing them during the night. The next day, at day-  
light Gen. Thomas had 5,000 men cross the Tenn-  
essee, and established it on the South Bank and com-  
menced the construction of a pontoon bridge about  
six miles above Chattanooga.

The rebel steamer Dunbar was repaired at the right  
moment and rendered effective aid in this crossing,  
carrying over six-thousand men. By night-fall Gen

Thomas had seized the extremity of Missionary Ridge nearest the river, and was entrenching himself. Gen. Howard, with a brigade, opened communication with him from Chattanooga, on the south side of the river, skirmishing and canonnading continued all day on the left and centre. Gen. Hooker scaled the slopes of Lookout Mountain, and from the valley of Lookout Creek drove the rebels around the point. He captured some two thousand prisoners and established himself high up in the mountain side, in full view of Chattanooga. This raised the blockade and now steamers were ordered from Bridgeport to Chattanooga. They had run only to Kelly's Ferry, whence ten miles of hauling over mountain roads and twice across the Tennessee on pontoon bridges brought us our supplies.

All night the point of Missionary Ridge on the extreme left and the side of Lookout Mountain, on the extreme right, blazed with the camp-fires of loyal troops.

The day had been one of dense mists and rains and much of Gen. Hooker's battle was fought above the clouds, which concealed him from our view, but from which his musketry could be heard.

At nightfall the sky cleared and the full moon, "the traitor's doom," shone upon the beautiful scene, until 1 a.m. when twinkling sparks upon the mountain side showed that picket skirmishing was going on. Then it ceased. A brigade, sent from Chattanooga crossed the Chattanooga Creek and opened communication with Hooker.

Gen. Grant's headquarters during the after of the 23d and the day of the 24th, were in Wood's redoubt, except when, in the course of the day he rode along the advanced line, visiting the headquarters of the several commanders, in Chattanooga Valley.

At daylight on the 25th the Stars and Stripes were descried on the peak of Lookout. The rebels had evacuated the mountain.

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Wed December 2, 1863

A clear pleasant day, not as cold as yesterday. Am feeling very well & hearty. Lines all working well. Office opened this morning at Brandy Station, the army having returned there. The rebels were not attacked. This fine weather is being wasted, and nothing is being done. The winter is lost to us.

We have intelligence from Burnside up to Monday night. He & his troops were then

in excellent spirits, amply supplied & confident of holding out. On Saturday night Longstreet with a select force attacked desperately Ft Sanders. He was bloodily repulsed losing 1,000 men 250 of whom were killed. Burnside lost 45 killed & wounded. Scouts who have come into to Tazwell where Gen. Foster is with a force of 5,000 report that heavy firing was heard at Knoxville from 3 PM & yesterday up to the time they left the front. last night. This is supposed to be Genl Granger with his relieving column, who

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left Chattanooga on Saturday. It is believed that Longstreet is retreating by way of Abingdon Westn. Virginia.

Thursday Dec 3, 1863

A very pleasant day. Lines all working well. Army of Potomac is back again to its position on the north side of the Rappahannock nothing whatever was accomplished in the recent movements across the Rappadan. Our loss altogether was 1,000 killed & wounded.

A Lieut. Col. & 125 men marched to Tazwell Tenn this morning. They left Knoxville at 10am Tuesday. They report everything favorable. Nothing new. Col. Graham Comdg. Calvy brigade skirmished yesterday with Wheeler's and Jones' united [illeg.] force. He was driven back to the infantry supports on the Clinch River when all attempts by the rebels to force a passage were repulsed. Genl Sherman's forces left Charleston

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Tenn. on the Hiawassie on the morning of the 2nd granger passed the mouth of the Hiawassie the day before. They will reach Knoxville today or tomorrow. Gen. Foster reports that Wheeler's calvy had been repulsed & were moving towards Knoxville a union citizen reports that a large body of Infy and Calvy (probably Ranson's rebel Div) passed Bean Station enroute for Knoxville this morning.

Friday Dec 4, 1863

Another beautiful day. The air is balmy & as pleasant as spring. I attended class last evening & enjoyed myself [illeg.] I felt that I rec'd a blessing. Lines all working very well. Gen Foster reports that enemy's Calvary retired closely towards Knoxville closely followed by our Calvy. Our scouts went by miles beyond Maynardsville Tenn. They report that heavy firing was heard all day yesterday at Knoxville, (probably Granger) Foster has ordered a Calvary

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force to blockade the road from Spring House to Bean Station, on which it is supposed Longstreet will retreat. Nothing new from the Army of the Potomac. All is quiet. It is rumored that Gen Meade is to be superseded by Gen. Sedgwick. His inactivity demands it.

Saturday Dec 5, 1863

I went to Mrs. Danenhower's, to board in the morning. Am well pleased with the boarders. Today has been very pleasant. Nothing new in any of the armies. From rebels papers we learned that Bragg has been superseded by Hardee.

Sunday Dec 6, 1863

Today has been very pleasant. Attended church this morning. Heard Dr. Ryan. Some 25 persons joined church today & the revival still goes on. Gen Foster telegraphs from Tazwell Tenn under date of noon today that his scouts have returned from

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Blaine's crossroads & report that a rebel column was passing all night from Knoxville to Blaine's Cross Roads. They heard the men say that they were going to Virginia; that the Yankees had surrounded them, but that they would fight their way through. Scouts on the top of cinch mountain

say that large camp fires were seen last night on the road from Blaine's X roads to Rutledge, Gen Foster says he has no doubt that Longstreet is retreating.

Monday Dec 7, 1863

Lines are all working well today. Weather clear and cold. My health continues excellent. Took tea last evening at Mrs. Hirsts. Nothing new from [illeg.] point except Tazwell. The rebels are retreating towards Virginia from Knoxville on the south valley of the Holston River. Sherman arrived at Knoxville with his relieving column yesterday. It is to be hoped that he will not allow Longstreet to escape into West Virginia.

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Tuesday Dec 8, 1863

Am in excellent health. Congress assembled yesterday & elected Schulyer Colfax of Indiana Speaker on first ballot. He rec'd 101 votes 92 being necessary to a choice. The President's illness has delayed his message. It is not yet out.

Wednesday Dec 9, 1863

President's message was read today in Congress. It is not very lengthy. It was well received & all concur in announcing it ably written.

It speaks of various matters connected with our & other nations of importance, but is mainly composed of affairs and questions occasioned by the war.

The Sec'y of War's report is of about equal length with the message.

He compliments the military Telegraph very highly indeed He says none have surpassed & few equaled the diligence & faithfulness

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of the Telegraph operations

On the 1st of July, 1862 there were 3571 miles of land & submarine lines in working order. During the year 1755 miles of land & submarine lines were constructed, making the total number of miles in operation during

the year 5326. By a close estimate it appears that at least 1,200,000 telegrams have been sent and received on the military lines in operation during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1863. Being at the rate of about 3300 per day. These telegrams varied in length from about ten to one thousand words & upwards & generally were of an urgent & most important character. Nothing new from the Army of the Potomac. Gen Grant says it will be impossible to pursue Longstreet farther than Bristol Va as the supplies can be easily got there.

It is feared that Longstreet will get into Western Va with most

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of his army.

Thursday Dec 10, 1863

The following is a copy of a telegram sent by the President to Gen' Grant on the 8th inst. It is a very excellent telegram, & comes from the heart.

Washn D.C. Dec 8, 1863

Maj. Gen'l U.S. Grant Chattanooga Tenn.

Understanding that your [illeg.] is secure. I wish to tender you and all under your command my more than thanks--my profoundest gratitude--for the skill, courage, and perseverance, with which you and they, over so great difficulties have effected that important object. God bless you all  
(signed) A. Lincoln

Nothing new from any point.  
Weather is very pleasant indeed.

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Major c.a. Dana reached Chattanooga today. He left Knoxville with Sherman on the 7th. Sherman has gone to Tellico Plains with 15th corps, sending a cavly [illeg.] about 1,000 strong to Murphy N. C. to destroy a rebel wagon train & if practicable make a raid as far as Dahlenega, at the same time Davis division occupies Columbus & Benton & the 11th corps Athens & Charleston.

These forces will eat out the country & go to Chattanooga in about a week.

Granger grumbled & complained so much about the destitution of his troops that Gen Burnside moved out on Monday morning with his own troops to pursue Longstreet, who is retreating in an orderly manner with all his artillery. His rear guard was at Strawberry Plains on afternoon of the sixth. Foster had not yet relieved Burnside but he was expected to do so in a day or so & Burnside would go north via Cumberland Gap.

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Friday Dec 8, 1863

Today I telegraphed Col. Stager at Cleveland that I had placed to his credit here \$425. & asked him to have that amount sent by Express from San Francisco to Mrs. Jennie Bates Weaverville California. She will receive this in a week or so & I will be home about the first of February. Oh! how glad we shall be to once more see her. It will do mother a vast deal of good.

Went to class last evening. Spent a good time. I felt that I was benefitted.

Saturday Dec 12, 1863

On last Sunday the iron clad Weehawkensunk whilst off Charleston in a severe gale. Some thirty odd persons were drowned. The 'minna' an English steamer was captured on the 9th by the steamer "Circassian" when one day out from Charleston. The "Minna" was a blockade runner & had very valuable assorted cargo.

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Sunday Dec 13, 1863

A very pleasant day. It rained & and stormed hard through the night, but it has cleared off & now it is very delightful.

Heard the Rev. Mr. Wyatt of the Conf preach in the Foundry this morning. He is not an elegant speaker, but he has religion in him, & is honest and sincere in what he says & everyone

was pleased with the discourse  
Line opened to Warrenton village  
today

Monday, Dec 14, 1863

Went to church last night at Foundry.  
Rev Mr. Abbott, son-in-law of Mr. Wyatt who  
preached in the morning, occupied the pulpit.  
He delivered a very eloquent sermon.  
There were some 3 seekers of religion, among  
them was Chas. L. Gardner, a young acquaintance  
of mine. His Bro. & sister & sister in law have  
all joined the church lately.

Gen Burnside turned over the command  
of the command of the Army of the Ohio to Maj Gen Foster on  
the 11th & started north on the 12th.

Longstreet is moving leisurely up the valley

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foraging as he goes. His rear is harassed  
by our cavalry supported by our Infy  
which was at Rutledge on the 12th

Gen Butler reports a successful  
expedition to Charles City CH by Genl  
Wistar, They captured the whole command  
about 100 men besides horses & C  
& destroyed camp & equipment. Our loss  
was 2 killed & 4 wounded.

The NY mounted Rifles in 44  
hours marched 76 miles & the 139th  
N.Y. Infy in 54 hours marched 64 miles  
mostly in a severe storm walking  
day & night. Great gallantry & endurance  
were manifested by all engaged.

Tuesday Dec. 15, 1863

The weather has been very pleasant  
today. Seems more like spring than Dec.  
All lines were working well.  
My health is very good-

Wednesday Dec. 16, 1863

Genl Jno Buford died today of  
typhoid fever. He had been ill but

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a short time. Lines all working well.  
Weather very pleasant, Chandler & I go  
to see the Gonsalaes at Georgetown tonight.

Thursday Dec 17, 1863

A dull rainy day, very unpleasant.  
I went to Geo Town last evening with Chandler to see the Gonsalaes' family. They were glad to see us & we spent a very pleasant evening together.

Today the steamer Chesapeake was captured near Halifax by the "Ella & Annie" The Chesapeake was sized some weeks ago by some parties when a few days out from NY the engineer murdered & the captain & crew put ashore. She had been cruising along the coast of Nova Scotia ever since until today trying to get supplies. She will be taken to the nearest colonial port of entry & the naval officer will their await the approval of the British [illeg.] Was too busy to go class this evening.

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Friday Dec. 18, 1863

It has rained non today, but it is damp & cloudy & muddy. Lines are all down east of Harrisburg today. Business for & from the west is consequently delayed.

The people's Line of Telegraph intends to run a wire to War Dept. from their office here. This will give us additional facilities for prompt transmission of telegrams.

Saturday Dec. 19, 1863

I received a telegram last night informing me that \$283.33 in gold had been forwarded from San Francisco on the 16th inst to Jennie at Weaverville, Cal. This will reach her about the 25th of December at farthest.

Jennie writes underdate of Nove 16 at Shasta, that she will leave there for San Francisco about Dec 1st. & expects to leave for home the last of December & will reach here before February 1st. She was much better & improving fast

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I paid over to Col Stager's (order) last night \$425 in currency with which to pay for the \$283.33 gold sent to Jennie from San Francisco.

Sunday Dec 20, 1863

Another week has passed and gone & Sunday, the day of rest, is again with us. The weather is very cold & piercing today & everything has a chilling aspect.

Attended the Foundry Church this morning.

Heard Dr. Ryan preach. Homer & Girst, and Charlie Garnder joined church this morning. I am very glad of this especially in Homer's case, for I felt interested in him. Major Genl Jno. Buford is to be buried this afternoon. He died last week of typhoid fever.

He belonged to the Cavalry arm of the service & was a brave & courageous officer. He has been with the Army of the Potomac a long time & many a gallant charge has he led, all will mourn his loss.

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Monday Dec 21, 2864

The weather today has been very cold. Lines all working well. A letter addressed to A. Keith Halifax N.S. & put in the post office at New York on 18th inst. was intercepted & found to be written in cipher. It was sent by Mr. Abraham Wakeman Post master at N.Y. to the Secy of War who gave it to his confidential clerk to translate. They studied at it all day Sunday & gave it up. They could not translate it. This morning it was sent into the telegraph office & given to Tinker, who sat down with Chandler & me & we tried to work it out. After five minutes inspection I made out the words "before this" we then scrutinized it closely & between us we made all of it out. It proved to be of the highest importance, being a letter from J. H. Cammack N.Y. to J.P. Benjamin Richmond to go by way of Halifax and Bermuda. It was

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immediately copied and taken to the Secy of War, who acted upon the matter instantly. Orders were sent to N.Y.

to prevent all outward bound vessels leaving without a pass from Robt Murray W.J. Marshal, & directing every passenger to be closely watched & every article of baggage closely examined until further orders. Every exertion is being made to arrest the guilty parties & bring them to justice.

I will get a copy of the translated letter & the alphabet & insert them tomorrow or next day.

Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1863

Today has been damp & unpleasant but very cold.

A very little snow, or rather mist fell in the evening.

Genl Corcoran fell from his horse this P.M. at Fairfax CH & hurt himself seriously. He is in a critical condition --a later report says he died at 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday Dec. 23, 1863

Weather still very cold. Every body is busy buying Holiday presents for his friends. The stores are all full of people. Charlie Tinker & I went to a book store to select a present for major Eckhert who has done us a great many favors, & who we think deserves from us some slight acknowledgement of the esteem in which he is held. It will cost \$19.50 & will be paid for by Chandler, Tinker & me.

We selected 3 books, Hoods, [illeg.] & Ben Johnson's works. They are very handsomely bound & will be given to the Major on Christmas.

We have a telegram from Gen. Averill tonight dated Edray, Pocahontas Co. Va. Dec 21st via Beverly W. Va 22nd.

He had just reached that point having marched 355 miles since the 8th inst. He cut the Va & Tenn RR at Salem on 16th inst & returned safely with his command, consisting of the

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2d. 3d. & 8th Va Mt'd Infy. 14th Pa. Dobsons Battalion of Cavalry & Ewings Battery. At Salem 3 depots were burned

containing 2.000 bbls. Flour 10.000 [illeg.]  
Wheat, 100.000 [illeg.] Shelled corn,  
50,000 bushels oats, 2.000 [illeg.] meat  
1,000 sacks salt, 20 bales cotton 100  
wagons, several cords of leather, shoes,  
saddles, & harnesses, 31 boxes clothing,  
& equipments of all kinds. The telegraph  
& Railroad were torn up for half a  
mile, six bridges burned & at Salem  
the water station, turntable, &c,

The total amt of property destroyed  
will not fall short of \$1.000.000 & will  
cramp the rebels very much for food  
during the winter mos. At one time he  
was confronted by six different Genls  
under Early, Jones, Fitz Hugh Lee, Jackson,  
Imboden, and Echols, but Averill  
captured a messenger from Jones to Early  
from which he learned the exact  
position of the separate commands.  
They had all the roads over the mountains

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blockaded, except one which was  
considered impracticable. He eluded  
them all & took this road & now  
has reached Ediary safely.

He lost 6 men drowned, 1 officer  
& 4 men wounded & 4 officers & 90  
men missing, & captured 250 men  
but only brought in about 80  
as the rest could not be captured.  
He also captured 150 horses.  
Altogether it is one of the most  
successful raids for the war &  
will be of incalculable service in  
case an advance is made against  
Longstreet.

Thursday Dec 24, 1863

Tomorrow will be Christmas  
Oh, how rapidly time does fly. It seems  
but a few weeks ago that I was at  
home visiting with the folks.

I was prevented from going to class  
this evening by the rect. of another of  
the rebel cipher letters from N.Y.

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The following are translated copies of the two letters  
and also the alphabet they use as far  
as we have it.

"N.Y. Dec 18, 1863

A. Keith Esq. Halifax N.Y.

Please detach and forward as before  
and telegraph when return answer is  
read, write as before.

J.H.C.

Cipher - N.Y. Dec 18, 1863

Hon. J. P. Benjamin Sec. State Richmond Va

Willis is here. The two steamers will  
leave here about Christmas. Lamar and  
Bowers left here via Bermuda two weeks  
ago. The 12.000 rifled muskets came duly to  
hand & were shipped to Halifax as  
instructed. We will be able to seize the  
other two steamers as per programme.

Trowbridge has followed the President's  
orders. We will have Briggs under arrest  
before this reaches you cost \$2.000.

We want more money. How shall we  
draw? bills all forwarded to Slidell &  
receipts rec'd - write as before

J.H.C.

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cipher - N.Y. Dec. 22. 1863.

To Hon. Benj. H. Hill Richmond Va

Dear Sir,

Say to Memminger that

Hilton will have the machine all finished  
and dies all cut by first of January. The  
engraving of the plates is superb! They  
will be shipped via Halifax, and all  
according to instructions. The main part  
of the work has been under the immediate  
supervision of Hilton who will act in good  
faith in consequent of the large amount he  
has and will receive. The work is beautifully  
done, and the paper is superb. A part  
has been shipped and the balance will  
be forwarded in few days. Send some  
one to Nassau to receive, and take  
machine and paper through Florida.

Write me at Halifax. I leave first  
week in January. Should Goodman  
arrive please send [illeg.] by your  
agent that he is to await further  
instructions.

Yours Truly J.H.C.

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Following is the alphabet in which the two

foregoing letters were written some letters  
are represented by different characters.

[unable to represent]

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Friday Dec 25. 1863

Today has been clear and cold  
but very pleasant.

This morning before Major Eckert got up  
Albert placed the books we had  
purchased for him on the  
table before his door. When he came  
to the office he shook hands with  
us all, and said in a hearty manner  
that he could not have been pleased  
better in the selection of books for him.  
& expressed himself very much gratified  
not so much at the mere value of the  
present as at the sentiment of the note  
accompanying it. The following is a  
copy of the note,

"Washington D.C. Dec 25 '63

Dear Sir:

Please accept these volumes of literary  
worth, as a modest token of our appreciative regard for  
one whom, for his sterling integrity & generous heart  
we have learned to love as a friend & companion  
and to serve with profound respect, and whose  
unwavering kindness will ever be cherished  
with feelings of deepest gratitude.

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We tender them, a "Christmas Gift" and with  
it an earnest prayer for the future  
welfare and prosperity of yourself  
and pleasant family.

a "merry Christmas" to you all,

Your Sincere friends

Chas A. Sinker

D Homer Bates

Albert B. Chandler

I visited Mrs Hirst before dinner & spent  
a half hour very pleasant, then came  
to the office where I met George J.  
Northrup, who has just come from NY.  
We were of course delighted to see each  
other. He will remain in Washn ten  
days or so, & will then return to NY where  
he is attending a course of medical lectures.

After dinner came to office again &

was made the recipient of a very nice present from Geo. Low, in the shape of a book, entitled "Rutledge." I was much pleased with it, I accompanied Charlie to his house & visited with him and Mrs Tinker a while, and from there

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went to [illeg.] where I spent the evening very pleasantly indeed. All were glad to see me.

altogether I have enjoyed a merry Christmas & hope that I have many more such.

Major Eckert told Charlie, Albert and me today that our salaries would be \$150. pr. month & as a Christmas Gift, it should commence Dec 1st.

This increase is given in return for our having translated the rebel cipher letters, & we are deeply sensible of the kindness. May we ever deserve it!

From the revelations contained in those two letters several arrests have been made in N.Y. & one Dr. [illeg.] offered Ben Franklin, the Detective, \$12,000 if he would hush the "matter up" Several steamers have also been seized, containing arms ammunition &c, & it is expected that other seizures will occur.

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Saturday Dec 26. 1863

Weather clear & cold. Noting new in any of the armies, Gen Grant has gone to Knoxville himself to drive Longstreet from East Tennessee. He will have to leave now with Grant after him.

Benjamin Franklin telegraphs that he has arrested Dr. Seegur, J.E. Conant, G.F. Cavly, & Jas. Perez & will send them to Ft. Lafayette in the morning. Conant has made a full confession in writing.

Sunday Dec. 27. 1863

It has drizzled rain all day  
Sidewalks are muddy and slippery.  
I went to Foundry Church this morning.  
Heard Dr. Phelps our Presiding elder.  
Received a letter today from Jennie dated San Francisco Nov. 27th. She was

improving very fast & expects to leave on the steamer about Dec 23rd or perhaps not until Jany 1. Oh, how we long to see her. May the time speedily roll around that we may welcome her home.

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Monday Dec. 28. 1863

Rain still continues. Weather is very pleasant. Nothing new in any of the armies. My health still keep well.

Tuesday Dec. 29. 1863.

Nothing new of importance. Major Dana telegraphs from N.Y. that he has this morning seen evidence which affords good ground for belief that Marshal Murray of that city is in collusion with the rebels. From long personal knowledge of Murray, Dana has no doubt that he is capable of such treasonable conduct.

Wednesday Dec 30, 1863

Recd a telegram this evening from F. D. Cole San Francisco dated today, stating that Jennie, dear Jennie, had left on the Moses Taylor Dec. 23rd fro New York. She will be home about Jany 15th Oh, how thankful I am that she has started.

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Thursday Dec 31. 1863

Charlie Tinker was taken ill with diphtheria yesterday & is confined to his bed. This makes the office work rather heavy. Marshal Murray telegraphs this evening that he has arrested Hilton (see Page 37 Diary) & seized several millions of dollars worth of Confederate bonds, & a notes, 5's, 10's, 20's and 50's. He also arrested lithographer, printer, foreman & machinery, & will probably secure the man who made the machinery. This has all resulted from the translating of the rebel cipher letters, and the Secy. & Mr. Watson, Asst. Secy both said that we deserved great credit, & compliment as very highly

Friday Jan.1. 1864

New Year's Day! It seems strange to me that the last year has passed away so quickly. It has been to me

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an eventful year. I have been greatly blessed in many way and my heart would be cold indeed did it not render thanks unto Him who giveth all good gifts unto men. I am deeply grateful for His mercies, and I pray that they may bring my heart nearer to Him.

Major Eckert was made the recipient this morning of a very beautiful gold headed cane costing \$50. from the employees of this office.

The orderlies also gave him a handsome present consisting of an embroidered cigar case & box of cigars, costing \$20.

He feels very grateful for our notice of him.

Saw Geo Northrop today & took dinner with him on 4 1/2 St at Mrs. Holmead's where he is stopping. We had a pleasant time & talked of days of "Auld lang syne" He goes to N.Y. on Monday, and I will see him there in about two weeks, when I

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go to meet Jennie.

The weather has changed very much. It has turned quite cold & the wind blows fiercely, & shrilly.

Saturday Jan.2. Tinker sick & we are very busy  
Sunday Jan 3. 1864

Very busy at the office today toward noon I became very sick & was obliged to go home to bed. I had a violent headache and disordered stomach. Mrs. Kent doctored me & toward evening I felt better.

Monday Jan 4.64

I came to office today, tho I should not have done so. Am weak, & have a slight fever. I hope I will soon get well. Charlie Tinker has the diphtheria badly & is confined to his room. Arch Bishop Hughes died in

NY on Sunday Jan. 3d. He was at the head of the Catholic Church in this

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Tuesday Jan 5, 1864

Some snow fell yesterday & today it has frozen hard. The cold is intense throughout the west. Thermometer in many places for below zero. Roads all blocked with snow & rivers all frozen up. The Mississippi above Cairo is frozen over.

I am feeling better today, am very busy.

Wednesday Jan.6.1864

Snow still on the ground & weather is pretty cold.

Thursday Jany 7. 1864

Went to a dentist this morning & had a tooth extracted. In performing the operation he loosened the two on either side, & they are giving me intense pain.

Otherwise I am very well. Got to class this evening just as they were dismissing.

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Friday Jan. 9. 1864

My tooth ached so yesterday that I was obliged to leave the office about noon. I went immediately to bed & there remained till 3 P.M. today. I only staid up a short time as I did not feel well. My tooth no better

Sunday Jan 10.1864

Feeling a deal better today. Went to office after breakfast & staid till 2 P.M. when I went to dinner, from there I accompanied Chandler to the Gonsalaes where we spent a very pleasant half hour. I then visited Mr. & Mrs Tinker. Charlie will be at the office tomorrow. I did not get to church

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Monday Jan 11. 1864.

Came to the office this morning  
feeling splendidly. I hope that my  
sickness is now over.

Weather very pleasant. Clear & cold.

Tuesday Jan. 12. 1864.

Am feeling very well today.

I rec'd my passes this evening all  
the way to N.Y. & home & back.

I will leave here Saturday evening.

Weather still cold

Wednesday Jan 13. 1864

Genl Grant arrived at Nashville  
today from Knoxville on his way to  
Chattanooga. Lines all working  
well.

Thursday Jan 14. 1864

Visited the Gonsalaes last  
evening & spent a pleasant time

The weather is not so cold  
today. It is thawing considerably.

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Friday Jan. 15, 1864

I am growing more & more anxious  
for Jennie's arrival. Expect to leave  
tomorrow night at 8:30 P.M. Got in N.Y.  
at 6:50 A.M. Sunday. Geo Northrop has  
promised to meet and chaperone me.

Colstager arrived here this morning  
from New York to remain about a  
week. He looks very well.

Saturday Jany 16. 1864

Tis a beautiful day. The sun  
is shining brightly & the air is mild  
& pleasant. Jennie will have pleasant  
weather for her travelling.

I leave for N.Y. at 8:30 P.M.

N. York City

Sunday Jan. 17. 64

Arrived in New York at 7 P.M.

Was delayed 11 hours on the road by an  
accident to a freight train. Found my way  
to merchant's Hotel where I got a good  
supper which was relished, as I had not  
eaten anything for 24 hours.

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N.Y.

Monday Jan. 18. 1864

I accompanied Ed Hoagland last evening to Dr. Weed's (Methodist) Church in Brooklyn. Heard a good sermon & was delighted with the place.

It is raining this morning & is very unpleasant. Geo Northrop came to the Hotel last evening & stayed with me all night. I left word with Mr. Horner at the Telegraph Office to send me word when the steamer Illinois passed Sandy Hook. I went up town with Geo. Called on all my friends and returned to the Hotel at 1:30 found a note from Homer stating that the steamer would arrive at 2.30 After dinner went to the pier, & the steamer was just coming in. As soon as possible I got on board the Str. I found Jennie who was well & her baby. She was very glad to see me. I certainly was to see her. I got her baggage off & had a hack take us up to merchants. We soon had supper & set down to rest We rec'd some visitors during the evening.

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Tuesday Jan 19. 1864

It is still raining this morning & disagreeable. Jennie cannot go out today. She met a great many friends on the way who took every possible care of her. She was very fortunate in this respect. She was carried aboard the steamer at San Francisco, but improved in health every day out & Nellie was also very well & good.

I went up town & made some few purchases for Jennie & saw the sights. Was very well impressed.

New York

Wednesday Jan 20. 1864

This morning is cold & clear. Mud all dried up & walking pleasant. Mr. Phillipson came to the Hotel about 11 a.m. & Jennie & I went out with him to Barnum's & to some other places of interest. In the evening we went to Wallack's Theatre. Saw the play of Married Life. It was laughable but very silly and I did not like it at all.

We start west at 7 a.m.

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Altoona. Thursday Jan. 21.1864

We left N.Y. at 7.10 am, our

train was on time to this point where we have stopped all night to rest with Mr. Ward's family. Weather very pleasant.

Friday Jan. 22. 1864

Left Altoon at noon today on Exp. train arrived here at 4.30 P.M. Father got on the train at Outer Depot. He went with us to Possr. Station. We there got a hack & started fro home, & oh, what a very happy meeting we had.

The long absent ones were welcomed back by the family. Mother was better than she had been. All the rest were very well.

Saturday Jan. 23. 1864

Today is very pleasant. Called on Miss Glass in Allegheny this morning found her glad to see me and had a pleasant chat of half an hour. Went to see my friends at [illeg.] & from there went home

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where I remained during the day.

Sunday Jan. 24. 1864

Attended church this morning at Trinity. They had sacrament.

Linda Hamilton has been given up by the doctors. She will not live through the day. She has been ill for 3 weeks with a kind of paralysis. I telegraphed to her Bro. John to come home immediately. He is at Manassas.

Monday Jan 25. 1864

Went to Smithfield church last evening. Heard a good sermon by Mr. Thomas. Met him & Mrs. T & Miss Mary Brown after service.

Linnie Hamilton died at 5 P.M. last evening.

I did not go out much today. My stay is so limited that I can't get time to see all my friends so they must excuse me.

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Tuesday Jan 26. 1864

Mr. ward came to Pitts. today. He will leave at 5 P.M. on the Express. I shall

start at the same time & go straight through to Balto. Family are all well, & I am feeling first rate.

Wednesday Jan 27. 1864  
Balto. Md.

Left Pittsburgh at 5 P.M. yesterday & came through to this place on time. I took a bath the first think & had my hair cut & dressed. I then went to Mrs. Brown's. Found them all well & am having a pleasant time.

Thursday Jan. 28. 1864  
Washn. D.C.

Mr & Mrs Griffin visited Mrs Brown last evening They are nice folks & we had a good time.

I left Balto at 9 A.M. & arrived here on time. Found everything as usual & am now transacting my

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regular business as if I had not lost a day.

Friday Jan 29. 1864

Nothing new has transpired today. Stoneman is on his way to relieve Foster. Gen Meade is sick in Philad. Sedgwick is in command of the Army of the Potomac in his absence. Grant is in Louisville visiting his family some of whom are ill.

Saturday Jan 30. 1864

The weather for last 3 days has been perfectly splendid. The air has been warm & balmy as spring.

Today it has clouded up and it rains. Letter from home this evening says that all are well & very happy with Jennie with them.

Sunday Jan 31.1864

The air is moist and foggy today & there are some appearances of rain. Attended Foundry Church this

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morning. Heard D Ryan preach. His text was Prov. 11 chap. 25th & 26th verse.

He has over \$24.000 subscribed toward the new church which will cost about \$40.000 & will be commenced about Apl 1st & finished Christmas. It will be a beautiful structure.

I subscribed \$50. to it, to be paid in quarterly installments commencing Apl. 1st.

I dined at Mrs. Hirst's today.

The Prest. has today ordered a draft for 500.000 men on mch 10th (order dated Feb 1st 1864) This is virtually a call for 200.000 men besides the 200.000 call for in Oct most of which have been furnished

Monday February 1.1864

It has been damp & unpleasant today. Mr. Adamson one of the boarders at Mrs. Danenhower's, has the varioloid & some of the boarders are leaving- The Dr has had him moved into

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a 4th story room & thinks there will be no danger to those in the house.

Tuesday Feby 2.1864

Weather still unpleasant. Liners are all working pretty well. Am working on No. 2 for Jany today will finish one copy by tomorrow morning.

The rebels are reported to have burned 2 bridges on the B & O RR one over Patterson's Creek & one 6 miles from Cumberland. It is expected they will attack New Creek & Cumberland tonight. Troops & batteries are on the way from Balto. & Wasn.

Wednesday Feb 3.1864

Chandler & I went to Gonsalves' last evening. Met all the family & had an exceedingly pleasant time.

The weather has changed very much. It is now clear, cold & windy- Lines all are working well

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Thursday Feb 4. 1864

Have not been very well today, having caught a severe cold which has settled

in my side & back. Weather very fine  
clear & cold. Will not go to class  
this evening. Will go home & doctor  
myself instead.

Chandler & S have decided to leave  
Mrs Danenhower's until Adamson gets  
well at least. We go to Mrs  
Gonsalaes 3 bg 13th st. above L.  
Lines all working well

Friday Feby 5. 1864

We have reports from Genl  
Butler that New Berne has been  
besieged by a force of rebels 15000  
strong. On the morning of the 1st  
the energy advanced on the place &  
[illeg.] skirmishing & hard fighting was  
kept up during the day. At night  
5 launches came down the Neuse river  
& attacked the gunboat "underwater"  
Killed & captured all on board except 5

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The vessel was set on fire & about 6  
o clock on morning of 2d her magazine  
exploded opposite the town with terrible effect.

Skirmishing & shelling from Ft. Totten  
was continued through that day, & about  
4 P.M. Newport Barracks was taken &  
communication with Beaufort was cut  
off. Every man at New Berne was in  
the field, the town was garrisoned by  
citizens, & every negro capable of bearing  
arms was shouldering a musket.  
Thus affairs stood at 8 P.M. of 2d.

Genl Palmer had rations for 6.000  
men for 90 days. His force of troops  
amounted to 3700 at New Berne.

Genl Butler is taking measures to  
relieve the force as soon as possible.

The rebels that made the raid on  
the B&O RR have retreated by way of  
Moorefield. On the night of the 1st  
Genl Scammon & 2 of his staff were  
captured by guerrillas, on board the stm.  
Levi on the Ohio river some distance below  
Pt Pleasant. Efforts are being made to

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retake the steamer & the Genl  
P.M. - a telegram read from Genl  
Butler states that he has information from

New Berne up to 3 P.M. of the 3d. The rebels were retiring towards Kingston & New Berne was relieved.

Saturday Feb 6. 1864

Genl Butler at Ft. Monroe, is going to make a dash at the rebels tomorrow Sunday at 5 a.m., & he asks that Gen Sedgwick make some demonstrations against Lee at the same time. Gen S. replies that it will be done.

The pistol factory of Saml Colt at Hartford Ct. were burned yesterday morning. It is estimated that some 3.000.000 dollars worth of property was destroyed. Some of it will fall upon the govt as there were large contracts for arms being filled.

the engine Vibbard ran into the north draw of Long Bridge this pm killing the Engineer & one soldier

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who was just going home on a furlough. Have just rec'd a letter from home. All were very well & happy.

Sunday Feby. 7. 1864

Attended Foundry church this am.

Heard Dr. Ryan.

Weather is clear & pleasant. It rained some during the night.

Genl Sedgwick telegraphs that vigorous demonstrations were made yesterday on his extreme right. We lost at Moston's Ford last evening 200 killed & wounded & took 60 prisoners. We punished the enemy sharply. The operation is still going on. Sedgwick says one result of the movement has been to prove that it has spoilt the best chance we ever had for a successful attack on the Rapidan.

Monday Feb 8,64

I went to Dr. Gurley's Presbyterian

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church with Chandler last evening. Today is a beautiful day. The air is mild and pleasant. Lines are all working well.

Tuesday Feb 9. 1864

Weather still fine. Genl Butler's expedition has returned to Williamsburg & Yorktown, having been within ten miles of Richmond. They found all fords & roads obstructed by fallen timber & they were obliged to come back. The rebels it seems had obtained the news of our coming, from a deserter from our lines & were fully prepared for us. Genl Sedgwick's troops have also all returned to their old position on the Rapidan  
Genl Meade is still in Philada, ill-

Wednesday Feb 10. 1864

Weather is still very fine. Lines all working well.  
Am in good health

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Friday Feby 11. 1864

Last evening as I was leaving the office at 8:40 P.M. I heard the alarm of fire from the guards at the President's House. I ran back to the office & called up the steam fire engine. the call was heard & the engine was immediately started out. It proved to be the President's stable, containing his carriage & six fine horses. There being a great deal of combustible material in the building it speedily became enveloped almost completely in flames. Nothing was saved except the bare walls. The carriage which was in was gotten out before being burned very much. The 3 span of horses were burned. The little pony, belonging to Willie, the Prests deceased son, was burned also.

Weather clear & pretty cold but pleasant. I went to class this evening. Had a very good time.

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Friday Feb. 12 "64

Weather rather sultry today & air close. Lines all working well.

Got the new relay=sounder to work on the People's Line today. It is a really good idea & works admirably.

Saturday Feb 13. '64

Tinker, Chandler & I went to Mr. Johnsons last night at his invitation.

We met quite a large part, but unexpectedly. Mr. J. did everything in his power to please & interest us, & we left early. The party was kept up till late in the morning.

Today is beautiful. The weather is just a little too warm

Lines all O.K.

Feb. 14. 1864

Weather blustery, & the air full of dust. I attended the Foundry church in the morning. Heard

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Dr. Ryan. He preached better than generally. Sang some at Gonsales' after dinner & then went to church Hear Dr. Bowman of one of the westn conferences. It was a very excellent sermon.

Monday Feby. 15. 1864

Weather unpleasant. Damp & chilly. Lines all working but "ax 2." Have inserted "4,"

My health is very good at present. Letter from home today states that they have all pretty good health. Jennie is suffering some with rheumatism.

Tuesday Feb 16.1864

Very windy & blustery. Lines blown together a great deal, causing much trouble. About fifty Union officers have escaped from Libby, prison and come in to our lines, among them Col. Straight. (who was confined closely for a long

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time in retaliation for the rebel Genl. Jno. Morgan) & several other Colonels Lt Cols, Majors &c. A great many got out, but most were re-taken.

Wednesday Feby 17.1864

Weather is intensely cold today.  
Wind is blowing furiously  
Lines blown together a great deal.

Thursday Feby. 18.1864

It still remains extremely cold.  
Nothing new. Lines all working well.

Friday Feb 19.1864.

Weather still cold. I am feeling  
very well now. Am going to Fleury's  
tonight. Have not been there since  
Christmas night.

Saturday Feb. 20,1864

I spent a pleasant time at  
Fleury's last evening. They are all

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well & are as sociable as ever.

Sunday Feb.21.1864

Weather as moderated considerably.  
Information from Gen. Gillmore's Dept.  
is that he sent an expedition into  
Florida some weeks since which had  
been entirely successful. Captured  
8 guns & a large number of prisoners  
& supplies of all kinds. Our forces  
will remain in that region, where we  
have now a permanent foothold.

I attended Foundry church this  
morning. Heard Dr. Ryan. Church was  
pretty full. Letter from home this a.m.  
says all are in good health.

Monday Feb 22.1864

Today is the anniversary of  
the birthday of Geo Washington, our  
first President. Flags are floating from  
all the public buildings. the depts  
are however not closed.  
Saw Jordan Stabler of Balto this evening  
He left at 7:0 for home-

Tuesday Feb. 23. 1864

Weather extremely pleasant today  
& lines all working well. I am  
feeling very well.  
Reports from rebel papers are that  
Gen Sherman with 35.000 men has reached

Quitman Ala. on the mobile railroad & is training up bridges, track &c in his rear indicating that it is a permanent advance. Over 50 officers in all reached our lines of the 109 who escaped from Libby Prison in Richmond. The rest were all re-taken.

Wednesday Feb 24.1864

Nothing of importance today. Wind very high & streets very dusty. Lines all working. Committee on arrangements for the coming air of our church meets tonight.

Thursday Feb 25. 1864

I attended the Com. meeting last evening. Some little business was done

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It was decided by a small majority to hold the Fair in the church the latter part of March. There is a strong current of feeling against this, a great many think that more money can be made at Odd Fellows Hall on 7th St

It was also arranged to have no craffling or gambling of any kind. I attended class this evening.

Friday Feb 26.1864

Am feeling very well today. Will Gonsalaes who has been ill for some time was taken to Kalorama Hosp'l yesterday broken out with small pox, though not very bad.

Saturday Feb. 27.1864

Weather very calm & pleasant Prof Dean came to office this evening to experiment with Gavley Bridge, a distance of nearly six hundred miles. We worked with him very successfully, & exchanged signals 8 or 10 times each.

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Sunday Feb. 28.1864

Attended Church this morning Heard Dr. Ryan preach from Jeremiah 5th Chap. 3rd verse, The Subject was the orphan cause. I met Killingsworth after church

& drove down with him to Gisbons Point & dined with him there. The Hd Qrs of the Cavalry Camp are situated at Gesboro. The stables are very extensive, & will accommodate a great number of horses. There are some 18.000 now there sick & well. It is the only establishment of the kind in the world of such magnitude. Did not go to Church this evening. Had to stay at office.

Monday Feb. 29. 1864

Gen. Kilpatrick started last evening from the Army Potomac with a large Cavly. force to capture Richmond by a camp-de-main. Gen Butler will send to New Kent C.H. A force of 3000 infy. cavly

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& artillery to meet them & assist them in every possible way.

Gen Thomas advance has reached a point near Buzzard's Roost which is very close to Dalton. Nothing definite has occurred. The enemy is in a strong position & it may be found impossible to dislodge him.

Cloudy with appearance of rain but lines all working well.

Tuesday Mar 1.1864

Today, the first day of spring is very wet & unpleasant, sleet has fallen to some extend.

Genl Kilpatrick has not yet been heard from though street rumors are plenty.

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done by boat from Cherrystone.

News from Gen Meade is that Gen Custer has returned from his flank movement having whipped the enemy severely, doing them great damage, & bringing in some 50 prisoners.

Gen Kilpatrick was at Spottsylvania Mt. on his way to Richmond with strong hopes of success.

Chandler & I went back to Mrs Danenhower's yesterday.

Thursday Mar 3. 1864

The report from rebel sources is that Longstreet is retreating from East Tenn. into Va Gen Schofield was at Morristown on the first. He could advance no farther then on account of supplies.

Gen Thomas has returned to Ringgold to wait until the Railroad is built to him there. Gen Grant telegraphs that on Feb 23rd Gen Sherman was at meridian having divided Poek's command & followed one part down toward mobile some

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30 miles, then returned & went east to Demopolis, from which place he had just returned. Railroad communication has undoubtedly been cut for some distance on both the lines.

Maine has just passed a resolution in her Legislature recommend Prest. Lincoln for reelection & endorsing his administration. Ohio, & Illinois have already passed similar acts.

Congress today past an act extending the time for extra bounty to the first of apl. The Lieut. General bill passed last week. General Grant was today ordered to report in person to the War Departments. He will no doubt receive the appointment of Lieut. General & probably be made the General-in-Chief.

Friday, March 4, 1864

General Kilpatrick reached the lines of Gen Butler at Williamsburg on yesterday afternoon. He did not

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succeed in the object of his Expedition but he destroyed several bridges, & the canal & a great deal of rebel property. He lost less than one hundred & fifty men, among whom was Col. Ulric Dahlgren son of the admiral, who is at present in the city. Gen. K will be returned by water transportation from Yorktown to Alexandria.

Weather pleasant. Lines all working well except Alexa Wires which have

been [illeg] all day

Saturday Mar 4, 1864

A party of rebel raiders attacked the telegraph office at Chenystone this morning about 4 o'clock. They killed the horses belonging to the guard there & took the instruments, but damn the operator afterwards got it from them slyly & pitched it into the Bay. He was paroled & came immediately to Eastville & gave the information.

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The rebels took possession of the dispatch boat then at the Point & started off with it, as they said, to capture the tug McClellan at work on the cable. Gunboats were immediately sent down the Potomac from here in pursuit.

Sunday Mar 6, 1864  
Sheldon arrived at Cherrystone this a.m. with cable boat & re-opened office there. We hear today that Col. Dahlgren with about 100 men has reached King & Queen CH

Gen Kilpatrick has sent some of his men to meet & assist them.

When Gen Kilpatrick left camp at Stevensburg he had 3585 men, 6 guns, 8 caissons 3 wagons, 6 ambulances.

He now has without Col Dahlgren's detachment 3317 men, 3590 horses, 6 guns, 8 caissons 3 wagons & 4 ambulances.

I went to Mrs. Hirst's last eve'g Mrs Harmon, & Tinie Cammack were there. I enjoyed myself pretty well.

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I heard Mr Effinger at Foundry this a.m. Rev. Mr McCabe preaches there this evening.

Monday Mar. 7. 1864  
Rev. Mr. McCabe failed to meet his appointment. Rev. Dr. Johnson of the Dickinson College preached for us in his stead. We have information this a.m. from rebel papers of 5th that the rebels had a fight with about 100 our men

near King & Queens CH & that Col Dahlgren was killed. We fear it is true.

The commission of Gen. Grant as Lieut General has been signed the will be here this week to receive it. [illeg.] thus becomes the Commander-in-Chief of the W.S. Army. What Gen Halleck will do is not known.

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Wednesday Mar. 9. 1864

I attended the President's Levee last night. The rooms of the White House were pretty well crowded. Saw the President & shook hands with him. He asked me if I had any news, but of course I told him no.

about 10 p.m. Genl Grant came in. Everybody crowded around him to shake hands with him. Secy. Seward & Stanton were with him. For one hour he stood on a sofa & shook hands with the people. The enthusiasm was very great.

Thursday Mar 10.1864

Conference adjourned last night. Dr. Ryan was returned to the Foundry for another year. Genl Grant went to the Army of the Potomac this morning to visit Genl Meade. Pursuant to the act of Congress approved Feb. 29, 1864 the President, by Executive Order of this date, assignment to Lieut. General U.S. Grant the command of all the armies of the U.S.

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Friday Mar 11.1864

It has rained for two days pretty constantly. Gen Grant reached here today from the Army of the Potomac & left almost immediately for Tenn

The constitutional state convention of Va assembled at Alexandria yesterday at noon passed an act abolishing slavery & involuntary servitude in the state forever. 100 guns were immediately fired in honor there of.

Saturday Mar. 12.1864

Quite pleasant today. Rain has ceased. Gen. Sherman has returned to Memphis. His troops are near Vicksburg. They destroyed some 60 bridges in Ala

& Miss. tore up 100 miles or more of Railroad, brot. in some 8,000 negroes & lost less than 500 men. His expedition was a complete success. He will now go to Shreveport & will also send a force to Alexandria to assist Genl Banks on the Red River.

Gen Grant left yesterday for Tenn.

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Sunday Mar 13. 1864

Weather today is very changeable. I heard Dr. Ryan this morning. He has been assigned to our charge for another year. I have just rec'd a letter from Geo. Northrop, dated 10th. He was to receive the title of M.D. that night & go to Portland the next day. The folks at home were all well Friday. My health is very good at present.

Monday Mar. 14, 1864

Weather pleasant today. Lines all working well. Palmer started out this morning on the line to Point Lookout Md. Expect the line will be done in about twenty days from now. No. 10 wires is being used.

Tuesday Mar 15, 1864

Weather pleasant today.  
Am going up to Fleury's tonight.

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Wednesday Mar 16. 1864

O.H. Dorrance Chief Opr. of Alexandria Railroad line resigned today to accept position as Dispatch at Alexa.

There will be no one appointed in his place.

Weather cold & blustery. Line finished today as far down as Ft. Washington.

Thursday Mar 17. 1864

Attended class this evening & from there visited Mrs Eckert a short time.

Friday Mar. 18.1864

Gen Grant leaves Nashville tomorrow morning for Washington.  
Line to Pt Lookout finished nearly to Pt.

Tobacco. It was broken 8 miles from here today, but was repaired by Connor.

Saturday Mar 19. 1864

We had circuit on line to Pt. Lookout today. The party reached Port Tobacco

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this evening. Line works splendidly. Emerick came up from Head Quarters today.

Sunday Mar. 20, 1864

Fine clear Sabbath. Am perfectly well. Heard Dr. Ryan this a.m. Took dinner with Mrs. Hirsh.

Monday Mar 21, 1864

Nothing new today. Weather raw & chilly. Major Eckert goes to Phila & NY tomorrow.

Tuesday Mar. 22. 1864"

I went last night by invitation to Mrs Walker's on 10th St to a sociable. Enjoyed myself very much. We organized ourselves into a society & appointed officers to draw up a constitution and by laws. We meet tonight to attend to this Gen Grant leaves Phila this p.m. for Washn His Staff reached here today. Cloudy & unpleasant

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Wednesday Mar 23, 1865

snow fell last night to the depth of 7 inches. It has mostly melted away however. At Chattanooga there were 12 inches fell.

I met some young friends last night to draw up a constitution & By laws for our sociable we made one which we think will answer. Our sociable meets next Tuesday night. There was a very heavy gale last night on the bay & the cable over the Chesapeake has failed to work since midnight.

Thursday Mar. 24

Gen Grant was in town all day yesterday He goes to the Army of the Potomac today.

The 1st, 3rd army corps are temporarily broken up & the troops composing those corps are merged into 2nd 5th & 6th to be commanded respectively by Gen. Hancock Warren & Sedgwick.

Gen Sykes is ordered to Ft. Leavenworth to report to Gen Curtis. Gen French is

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ordered to Cincinnati & Gen. Newton to Phila to report by letter to the adj. Gen. Gen Pleasanton goes to St Louis to report to Gen Rosecrans. His place is supplied by Gen R. H. Sheridan. Until Gen Sheridan reaches here Brig. Gen. [illeg.] Gregg will be in command.

Friday Mar. 25. 1864

Attended class last evening.

Today is dull & cloudy.

Gen. Terry's brigade of troops from Sandusky City O. is ordered to the Army of Potomac. Also Gen. Wheaton's Brigade from Harpers Ferry 300 men will be sent from the works around Washn.

Saturday Mar. 26, 1864

Weather dull and cloudy.

Lines all working well. Palmer reached a point within a mile or two of Leonardtown Md. He will get to Pt Lookout by April 1st.

Major Eckert returns today from NY. Hon Owen Lovejoy is seriously ill.

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He is not expected to live.

Sunday Mar 27. 1864.

Weather clear & pleasant today.

Heard Dr. Phelps P.E. preach this a.m. at Foundry Chapel.

The rebels under Forrest, about 6000 strong attacked Paducah Ky on Friday at 3p.m. They fought till 10p.m.

We were assisted by two gunboats, & made a desperate resistance. The rebels sent in two flags of truce demanding a surrender, saying that, if refused, they would give no quarter.

They were both refused & our forces manfully held out. Rebels left at

midnight of 25th our loss not very heavy. The enemy captured 500 of our men at Union City. Gen Sherman attending to Forrest's return. Gen. Grant visited Washn today.

Monday Mar 28.1864

Weather pleasant. Lines all work well-

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Tuesday Mar. 29.1864.

Blustery & chilly today. Rain falling some. Lines blown together some. Rec'd a letter yesterday from Julia Ward today dated Balto. She is there on a visit to Mrs Creighton.

Wednesday Mar 30. 1864

Last night it rained very hard & blew a great deal. It was the evening for the meeting our "Sociable," but Jesse Young & I were the only ones on hand so we didn't "meet."

Gen Grant will reach here from the Army of the Potomac today, on his way to Norfolk to inspect the works &c.

Thursday Mar. 31. 1864

Nothing new today weather unpleasant

Friday Apl 1. 1864

This morning opened very fine. The sun shone beautifully. At noon it was raining & has continued to do so ever since

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Saturday Apl 2. 1864

Our folks have moved in Pgh on to Baldwin Street. I am glad that they have got out of the old house in which they have lived so long. I meant to go to Balto. today to stay one Sunday but the weather is so unpleasant I have postponed it one week.

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Sunday Apl 3. 1864.

The govt took possession today of a wire between here & Louisville & we will in future send all our

business direct to Pittsburgh or Cincinnati. Gen Grant returned from Ft. Monroe today. Went to Foundry this evening & heard Dr. Ryan

Monday Apl 4. 1864

Raining again today. Lines all working pretty well. Saw Gen. Northrop today. He has just arrived from Portland, ME. Gov [illeg.] had commissioned

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him asst [illeg.] of 1st D.C. Cavalry & he is here in camp. He has been informed that Gov [illeg.] had no authority to give him a commission, & he will try to obtain a com. from Secy. of War. Hope he may get it.

Tuesday Apl 5.1864

Rained all day.

Our sociable did not meet tonight.

Wednesday Apl 6.1864

Weather has changed for the better. Sun shines very clear & pleasant. Our new arrangement of working direct to Pittsburgh began this morning. It is splendid. Our business goes off very rapidly & well, & answers are rec'd promptly.

Thursday Apl 7. 1864

Geo Low took an instrument & went with repairer on line to Pit Lookout this am which is not working.

Very busy tonight. Did not get to class.

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Friday Apl 8. 1864

Murray came in circuit today at Leonardtown Md. He is on his way to Washn. Gen Burnside went to Annapolis tonight. Weather pleasant.

Saturday Apl 9. 1864

It has rained most of today again. I go to Balto tonight to see Mr. & Mrs. Creighton & Julie Ward

Sunday Apl 10, 6f4

Arrived in Balto last night found all glad to see me. The rain

is pouring down in torrents. Went to Monument St. Church this a.m. He & Rev. S. Wesley Price. His text was in Prov. 4 He is an old schoolmate of Mr Creighton's

Monday Apl 11.1864

Here I am in Wash. again. I attended church last night at Calres St. Heard Rev Dr. Sewall. Text Genesis 3. "And thou shalt not surely die" I had

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heard of Dr. Sewall as a great speaker but I was sadly disappointed. Don't like him at all.

I enjoyed myself very well in Balto. They are nice people.

Tuesday Apl. 12.1864.

I today received from California Jennie's gold watch and \$97 in gold being the balance of what I sent to her Dec 16th I will carry the watch & send father mine.

Wednesday Apl 13.1864

I went to our Sociable last eveg' at U.S. McKelden's house on F st. The constitution was adopted We enjoyed ourselves very much & adjourned to meet again at Mr Naument's on Mo. Av. on Friday evening week. I was appointed Editor of the "Budget" Mr A.A. Lovett Supr of the People's Telegraph died this evening very suddenly while standing in New York office.

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Thursday Apl. 14.1864

Went to class this evening & then came back to office & have been kept busy ever since. Gold was up to 189 today

Friday Apl 15. 1864.

Ft Pillow on the Mississippi was attacked & captured by the rebels yesterday. 50 white & 300 colored soldiers were killed. They also came to Columbus & demanded surrender of the place but it was refused and the rebels left after being repulsed once or twice. They also retired from Ft Pillow towards

Memphis. Gen Burnside was here today.  
He is making big preparations. He will  
go up the James or York River & cooperate  
with Meade.

Saturday Apl 16.1864

Raining all day. Line ordered to be  
extended to Winchester & towards  
Stanton by Gen Sigel but Secy of War  
has not yet approved of it

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Sunday Apl. 17.1864

Weather very changeable today -  
The afternoon however was pleasant.  
Was busy at the office & could not get  
to church. Took dinner at maj. Eckert's  
Mrs Wm W. Chandler is there on a visit.  
I purchased from Col. Strager on the  
14th two shares of Western Union Telegraph  
stock at \$200 per share. I paid half down  
& will pay the balance in 6 months with  
7 per cent interest. It is valuable stock.

The Atlantic & Ohio Telegram lines between  
Philad. & Pittsbg were consolidated on Friday  
with the W.V. This will be a new source of  
revenue to that company.

A report has just reached Ft. Monroe by  
flag of truce boat, that a great battle has been  
fought near Shreveport by Kirby Smith & Banks  
in which the latter is defeated with loss  
of 14.000 killed, wounded & captured.  
The hospitals at Baton Rouge & other  
points were being filled with the Federal  
wounded. This report is no doubt  
very much exaggerated -

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Monday Apl 18. 1864

Nothing new today. Very busy in the  
office. Line to Pt. Lookout today began  
working. Operating having just reached  
thee.

Tuesday Apl 19. 1864

Sec. Chase has been in N.Y. for last few  
days. His presence there has pushed gold down.  
It is 169 today.

Wednesday Apl 20. 1864

Staid all night with Lieut  
Young. We had some select readings

by ourselves before retiring.

Great preparations are being made for a vigorous campaign the latter part of this month. Operations will begin in about the 24th of April.

Thursday Apl 21. 1864

Too busy to attend class tonight. Dispatches from New Bern NC indicate that on the 19th the rebels attacked Plymouth N.C. by land, & with a ram

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by water. The U.S.S. Miami disabled & Lt. Comdr Flussers killed. Rebels have possession of the river, & it is apprehended that New Bern will at attacked. There is great consternation. The gunboat Southfield was sunk by the ram.

Genl Burnside moves from Annapolis. Saturday morning.

Friday Apl.22.1864

We have dispatches from Texas. Gen; Banks' loss was 4.000 men 16 guns & 200 wagons. His army is much demoralized His expedition to Mobile will thus be delayed or prevented altogether.

Saturday Apl. 23.1864

Gen. Burnside arrived here today. His troops will pass through the city Annapolis to Alexandria where they will embark on Monday, for some point on the York River, & strike the enemy's lines

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Sunday Apl 24, 1864

It is quite warm today. I heard Dr. Ryan preach at the Foundry this am. Brevet may: Gen J.G. Totten died Saturday. He had been nominated by the Pres for [illeg.] Gen & the Senate had just confirmed him, but before they could get word to him he was dead. He was Chief Engineer U.S.A.,

We have news from Gen. Banks, that he will be ready to move against Shreveport in concert with Gen. Steele by 28th inst.

Monday Apl. 25.1864.

Gen Burnside's troops passed through today from Annapolis, which place they left Saturday. They are mostly in Alexandria now where they will be organized tomorrow & leave Wednesday

Tuesday Apl 26. 1864.

Gen Meade today ordered the signal instruments in the Dept

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of the Potomac sent to the rear when they move. They have been a great expense to the Gov't & I am heartily glad they will no longer burden us -

Wednesday Apl. 24. 1864.

Genl Burnside troops left Alexandria today & will march to Fairfax Station tonight & Manassas in tomorrow.

Gen. Sherman will collect all his troops ready to make a grand advance from Chattanooga by May. 5th  
Gen Meade's troops will be received by Gen Burnside's tomorrow or next day.

Thursday Apl 28.1864

Military matters are fast coming to a point. Two operators are assigned to each corps & will go with the corps.  
Hdqs- Our new battery wagon works well & will be of great service to us

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Friday Apl 29. 1864

Gen Burnside reached Catletts today. He will be in his position by Sunday & the Army of the Potomac will in all probability move on Monday morning. Sherman will be ready to move on 5th prox.

Gen Grant has telegraphed to Genl Holleck asking him if he can take command of the Mississippi Dept in person until someone can be assigned to it. He says he fully appreciates the importance of Gen Holleck being in Wash. but, it is more important to have a commdr for the trans Miss. Dept. of the Gens. now there [illeg.] is best

but there is none to take his place  
in Ark. & he could not be spared.

Saturday Apl 30.1864

The weather has changed. It is quite  
cool now & rains some--  
Genl Burnside visited Gen Grant

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at Culpeper today.

Sunday May 1.1864.

We are very busy at the office  
today. I did not get to church at all.

Monday May 2,1864.

Worked hard to get Mackintosh  
& party off to Ft. Monroe but they  
failed to make the train & so had to  
wait till Tuesday.

Tuesday, May 3. 1864.

Gen Grant telegraphs today that the  
Army of the Potomac will move tonight &  
will have possession of Germania, Ely's  
& Culpeper fords by daylight.  
Butler, Sigel, & Sherman all move at  
the same time God prosper them &  
give success to our cause. I think we  
will win this time. -

Wednesday May 4. 1864.

The Army of the Potomac moved last

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night across the Rapidan & are now  
moving on the enemy. They crossed at  
Ely's Germania, & Culpeper Ford.  
All of Gen Burnside's troops are moving  
in the direction of Germania's ford where  
they will be by tomorrow.

Julia Ward & Mrs. Creighton came from Balt  
today on a visit. I visited with them  
the Capitol, Smithsonian & all places  
of interest. Had a very good dinner  
at Gautier's. They left at 5 20 pm.

Thursday May 5. 1864

Brandy Station & all stations  
between there & Devereux were  
evacuated last night & the operators  
came in to Alexandria. One train went

as far out as Rappahannock Stn & returned.

Gen Sherman arrived at Ringgold Ga. today. His lines were advanced 3 miles today. He will attack Tunnel Hill on Saturday & in meantime will occupy Johnston's whole attention.

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We have no communications with the Army of the Potomac. Nothing yet heard from Gen Grant. We don't know where he will come out.

Friday May 6, 1864

A telegm has been recd from Gen Steel dated Apl. 28 in which he states that a train of 200 wagons with an escort of 1600 Infy, 500 cavly & 6 pieces of artillery were attacked on the 25th while a few miles out from Camden on the Washn road, & after a desperate fight of three hours were captured with the exception of about 300 of the men who came in to Little Rock & Pine Bluff.

Telegram just been recd from Gen Butler dated City Point 1:30 am May 6th stating that the army made a successful landing at that place the evening before. There was no opposition, seemingly a surprise- They found

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the New York flag of truce boat at the wharf. She had not had time to deliver the prisoners. There were 400 rebels on board.

Gen Kantz with 3000 Cavy left Suffolk this morning on special service. Nothing yet heard of Gen Grant.

Saturday May 7. 1864

Special correspondent of the N.Y. Tribune reached Union Mills last night, having left the army 5 am yesterday. He reports that on Wednesday our forces fought the rebels in the "wilderness" near Chancellorsville, Warrens & Hancock's Corps principally engaged &

that on Thursday morning the fight was renewed with no decisive results. Lee has a large army Genl Burnside with 30000 fresh troops reached the scene of action yesterday & as the correspondent left they were preparing for another day's conflict-

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Our heavy reinforcements will be very much in our favor. Asst sec Dana went out with special train to Rappahannock Stn this morning with dispatches for Gen Grant. An operator went with & has office open at Rappahannock bridge now. Weave anxiously awaiting additional news from the Army.

Sunday May 8. 1864.

A telegram from Gen. Ingalls this morning via Rappahannock Station indicates that Lee is retreating, after three days fighting. About 10,000 wounded are being sent in by wagon train Cars are on the way to Rappahannock to meet them. A large quantity of [illeg.] & supplies are also being forwarded to the army. We have heard of the death of only two Genl officers Alex. Hays of Pittsburgh, & Jas S. Wadsworth of N.Y. Gen Webb & one or two other Genls wounded. Genl Longstreet of the

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rebel army was severely wounded on Thursday. Gen. Jones & Jenkins killed. Gen. Stafford severely wounded. May recover. Genl Butler is entrenching himself in his position in case of army accident to the Potomac Army.

Monday May 9. 1864.

Sherman was to have attacked Johnston today at Dalton. McPherson was at Villanow Saturday & would strike Resacca on the Railroad today We expect to hear from him in the morning a bearer of dispatches from Gen Grant reached us today. The telegrams left the Hd Qrs at Piney Branch Church at noon 8th Lee had fallen back, defeated. Seven

days rations were being opened to our men  
& an advance take place immedy.  
The wounded were being sent to  
Fredksburg. Gen Grant would endeavor  
to form a junction with Butler.

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Tuesday May 10. 1864.

Genl Butler telegraphs today under  
date of yesterday, that he sums up his operations  
as follows- A brigade of colored cavalry  
came from direction of Williamsburg,  
forced the Chickahominy & came safely by into  
his lines & are now the advanced pickets  
towards Richmond. Genl Kantz left  
Suffolk, the same day that Butler's move-  
ment took place, & struck the Railroad  
at Stormy creek & is now operating against  
Hicksford & Weldon. Beauregard's forces  
were separated by this act. The part which  
had arrived at Peterburg under Hill  
were whipped on Sunday by Genl Butler  
& some prisoners taken. No reinforcements  
from Beauregard are likely to reach Lee.

-A dispatch from Genl Grant dated  
one P.M. 9th says that Lee is massing  
on his left with the intention of cutting  
one forces off from Fredericksburg, or of  
getting the inside track to Richmond.

No attack would be made yesterday  
but, five days rations would be insured

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to the men & an advance take place  
today. Hd Qrs were 4 miles north of  
Spotsylvania C.H.

Gen. J. Hobart ward is under arrest for  
deserting his command in the "wilderness"  
All seems to be going well.

From Sherman we have a telegram  
dated 9P.M. of 9th. He had been  
fighting all day against precipices &  
mountain gorges to keep Johnston's  
attention from McPherson who  
to be at Resaca before that time

From New Berne we have news the  
rebel ram Albemarle is captured after  
fighting seven of our gunboats.  
Surely all this is good news.

Wednesday May 11.1864.

Nothing of importance from the

armies today. There was some fighting in the Army of the Potomac yesterday with what result is not known.

Gen. McPherson reached Resacca but found it too strongly guarded &

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fortified to attempt its capture. He accordingly withdrew without breaking the railroad. Sherman will wait till he is in supporting distance & will attack Johnston.

Thursday May 12. 1864.

Gen Grant sends a copy of a communication from Gen Sheridan dated May 10. He was south of the South Anna River. He had destroyed ten miles of the Orange Railroad line. His presence has created great consternation amongst the citizens & every one said that Lee was beaten badly. Sheridan had recaptured 500 of our men, amongst them two Colonels.

It is rained very heavily here today.

Friday May 13. 1864.

Gen Grant sends a communication dated Spotsylvania CH [illeg.] P.M. 12th in which he states that they have had another hard day's fight. The rebels

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fought desperately but were pushed so by Genl Hancock that they had to fall back from some of their best works.

The result of the days operations is the capture of one entire Div. (Edward Johnson & Brig Gen Stewart are among the prisoners. We took some 30 or 40 cannon. 6 P.M. a telegram rec via Bell Plain dated 8 am from Asst. Secy. Dana says that Lee abandoned his works during the night & retreated whether to assume a new position or to retreat to Richmond could not be determined. A division of Wright's & one of Hancock's Corps are in pursuit, & will soon ascertain. At 7:45 they had come upon the enemy's rear guard.

Genl Butler is still pushing his forces towards Richmond & Petersburg & Genl Kantz has gone to the Danville road & will evidently sever the connection between the rebel

capital & the south west.

The rain has been very steady today  
It will be good for the poor soldiers.

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Saturday May 14. 1864.

Gen Sherman telegraphs this PM  
that his flank movement on Resaca  
compelled Johnson to evacuate Dalton  
Shermans message is dated today near  
Resaca. He is pushing forward as  
rapidly as possible.

Our dispatches from Gen Grant  
are up to 6 PM yesterday. Lee has  
fallen back about 4 miles only & had  
taken up a new position.

7000 rebel prisoners & 400 officers  
reached Bell Plain last night. They  
were sent to Pt. Lookout & Ft Delaware &  
other points north.

Gen Grant asks that Gen Butler be  
telegraphed to cut the Richmond & Danville  
RR if possible.

Sunday May 15. 1864.

Gen Sheridan telegraphed last night  
from Bolton's Bridge that he reached there  
during the day - On the 8th inst. he left  
the Army of the Potomac & marched from our

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right to the rear of the enemy & reached the  
North Anna that night without opposition -  
During the night he destroyed the depot of  
supplies at Beaver Dam containing a million  
& a half of rations, 100 cars & 3 fine  
engines. He destroyed the railroad for ten  
miles including several culverts. On the  
tenth he resumed his march, crossing at  
Grand Squirrel Bridges - On the 11th he  
captured Ashland Station capturing & destroying  
a train of cars & engs. & several good buildings  
with a large amt. of supplies, also 6  
culverts & about 6 miles of railroad.

About 7 a.m. of the 11th he resumed his march  
towards Richmond & encountered J.E.B. Stuart  
concentrated at Yellow Tavern. He attacked  
him & after an obstinate [illeg.] gained  
possession of the Brook turnpike, took 2  
pieces artly & drove his forces back  
towards Ashland & across the north  
fork of the Chickahominy a distance of 4

miles. At the same time a party charged down the Brook road & captured the first line of works around Richmond. He

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demonstrated on the second line of works but finding them too strong for an attack he determined to recross the Chickahominy Meadow Bridge. This bridge had been partially destroyed by the rebels, but was rebuilt in about 3 hours under a heavy fire from the enemy. He then retired to Bottom's Bridge which place he reached in safety. His whole loss does not amount to more than 350 men & 100 horses.

Gen Butler telegraphs that his forces are around Ft. Darling & that Smith made a flank movement on the 12th on the enemy's right & took his first line. Gen Gillmore made a movement on the morning of 13th which resulted in the capturing of the first line of the enemy's works on our right. [illeg.] speedy downfall is inevitable.

Our advices from the Army of the Potomac are up to 6:30 am 14th the 5th & 6th Corps had moved to our left & were to attack Lee yesterday morning, but as no sound of battle had been heard it was judged that Lee had retreated during the night - He will be compelled to go towards

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Lynchburg as all other avenues are closed. The rebellion is fast falling to pieces. They have little left to hope for.

Pm, Gen Sherman telegraphs from near Resaca under date of 8 pm May 14, they had been fighting hard all day Johnston partly on the defensive. Resaca has several detached redoubts and an immense amount of rifle trenches.

His forces have closed the enemy well in, gaining ground slowly but surely all day. Howards corps followed the enemy down from Dalton & his right was then joined to the main line & the forces were all united, the line extending from the Aostanoula above, to below the town. Stoneman's Cavalry is on the east of the river & Gauard's is sent around by the right to cross the Aostanoula

above Rome if possible & break the rail road north of Kingston. Sherman would attack again today.

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Monday May 16, 1864.

Office at [illeg.] Point opened today will open at Belle Plain tonight & Fredksbg on Wednesday.

Gen Sherman telegraphs that Resaca was evacuated by Johnston at midnight & is now occupied by our forces. The RR will be O.K. to that point today. He will pursue Johnston farther south.

Gen Grant telegraphs that is has mined incessantly for five days & the mud is very deep, so bad indeed that the ambulances with wounded can no longer run between Fredksbg & the army.

He assumes the Prest. & Sec War that it is the rain only that keeps him inactive & not any weakness on his part. All offensive monuments are impossible at this time. Gen Sheridan is at Turkey Bend on the James river. Butler is still besieging Ft. Darling.

Tuesday May 17. 1864

Gen Sherman telegraphs from Resaca

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under date of this morning that his forces were closing well up & would be at Adamsville today. 8 guns & over 2000 prisoners have been taken altogether Johnston's troops are much disheartened & if they will not fight behind works of such strength as those at Resaca it is probable they will not fight at all. Sherman expects to be at Kingston, on the railroad tomorrow

We have dispatches from Gen Sigel up to May 16. He fought a severe battle forces of Echols & Imboden under Gen Breckenridge. Our force was about 6000 that of the enemy 9000- we lost 650 in killed wounded & missing. Our forces withdrew to Strasburg & Cedar Creek bringing off all wagons &c & most of the wounded.

Genl Butler telegraphs that he learns from the Richmond papers that

Genl Kantz had been at Coalfield Stn  
& had reached Appomattox Station

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His orders [illeg.] often destroying the canal  
& Railroad to proceed to Hicksford  
N.C. & cut the railroad there thus  
imprisoning the rolling stock which  
had been massed there when he cut  
the road at Stoney Creek

To enable Gen Kantz to get well  
started Gen Butler had concentrated  
his forces around Durry's Bluff & Ft  
Darling, but now that Kantz has been  
heard from Butler will probably  
withdraw as heavy re-inforcements were  
rec'd at Ft. Darling & he could hope  
to do very little here.

Wednesday May 18. 1864.

Gen Hancock & Wright attacked  
the enemy this morning in the works  
on the left of our centre. They drove the  
rebels from their first and second  
line & for a time it was believed we had  
stuck their [illeg.] & had succeeded in  
whipping them, but it was discovered  
that they had an interior line of works

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which were very strong, & were protected  
by an impassable abattis. Gen Grant  
at last ordered the attack to cease.

Our troops now occupy their old  
posts.

Thursday May 19. 1864.

We have news this morning from  
Genl Grant up to 8 a.m. Nothing new  
had taken place except that the  
remaining portion of the Cavalry under  
Gen Tarbert went to Guinney's Station  
yesterday, drove out the rebels, burned  
railroad depot, & post office, destroyed  
a small railroad bridge & small  
quantity of supplies. Weather still good.

Genl Butler telegraphs that Genl  
Kantz had returned from his raid  
on the Danville railroad. He had  
torn up the track in several places  
for two or three miles, burned  
one or two bridges He destroyed two

trains of cars & one engine, & the stations  
houses, water tanks at Coalfield

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Powhattan & Chala stations on the Danville  
road & at Wilsons, Wellville &  
black & white stations on the Lynchburg  
railroad, then crossing he struck  
the Petersburg & Weldon road at  
Garrett's Station, tore up track  
burnt station house &c.

During his expedition he destroyed a  
great deal of Comsy. & other supplies  
Altogether it was a very successful raid  
of the Potomac via New Kent CH.

Gen Sheridan telegraphs under date of  
6:30 P.M. yesterday that the heads of his  
4 columns had reached the front of  
Kingston & gone into Camp. Johnston  
had fallen back to his entrenchments  
at that place & it was thought possible  
that he might fight there. Some 300  
deserters came into our lines & gave  
themselves up-

Friday May 20.1864.

Gen Sherman telegraphs this morning that

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Johnston evacuated Kingston & his troops  
were then occupying it. Davis' Division of  
the 14th Corps were in Rome Ga.

Railroad trains will run to Kingston today  
& Sherman will replenish his stores &  
make for the Chattahoochee. The rebels  
are concentrated at Allatoona, where  
the railroad passes through a range  
of hills. Gen. S. does not intend to go  
through them, but will strike for Atlanta  
or some point on the Chattanooga in  
its rear. They will fight hard for  
Atlanta, as it is one of their largest  
supply depots & being on the railroad  
to the east, is a great strategy point.

Genl Grant had determined to make  
a flank movement this morning to gain  
possession of Bowling Green & Milford Stn.  
yesterday afternoon Ewell's corps made  
an attack on our extreme right.

He was promptly & handsomely repulsed  
by Birney's & Tyler's Divisions & part of  
Warren's troops who were on the extreme

right. Some 300 pris. fell into our hands

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besides killed & wounded. Our loss will foot up to about 600 wounded & 150 killed & missing, but Grant says this may be overstated. The flank movement was postponed until the plans of the rebels are more developed. No news from Gen Butler today-

Genl Hunter left here at noon today to take command of the Dept of W. Va. & relieve Sigel.

Last news from Gen Canby was dated Vicksburg. Everything was quiet. He would take command of the Army at Alexandria.

Day before yesterday a bogus proclamation appeared in the N.Y. World & Journal of Commerce, purporting to be issued by the Prest. appointing the 26th inst as a day of national humiliation fasting & prayer, & calling out an additional force of 400,000 men. By twelve o'clock a telegram was sent by the Secy of State pronouncing it a base & treasonable forgery.

It appears that it was palmed off

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upon those papers by some scoundrel. The balance of the N.Y. papers failed to be sold & did not publish it. A great excitement was created. Those 2 papers were ordered to be closed & as it was supposed to have been sent by telegraph on the Independent line, the offices of that Co. in N.Y., Phila., Balto., Washn. Hbg & Pittsburgh were taken military possession of & the operators & clerks &c arrested. The were released however on parole.

Saturday May 21. 1864.

Genl Dix yesterday arrested Jas. Howard. former reporter of the N.Y. Times, who is the author of the bogus proclamation. He is frank in his confession. Says it was a stock jobbing operation. He has been sent to Ft. Lafayette, & the World & Journal of Commerce have been put in possession of their establishments again.

The Independent Telegraph have been

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released also. Their business is being looked over at our office.

Genl Butler telegraphs that there was fighting in his front all day yesterday with advantage on our side. We captured some prisoners, amongst them Gen Walker of Texas Brigade.

Nothing new from Sherman  
He is getting up supplies ready for a march to the Chattahoochee to strike in rear of Atlanta.

Nothing new from Gen Grant today. He is watching & waiting for Lee's movements & will make his flank movement for Bowling Green if Lee is quite in a day or so.

Gen D Hunter took command today of the Dept of W Va Hd Qrs near Woodstock. He has directed Gen Crook & Gen Averill to move directly to Staunton where he would meet them.

Sunday May 22. 1864.

Gen Grant's army commenced moving

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from its position around Spotsylvania C.H. night before last, towards Bowling Green & Milford Stn. on the line of the Mattapony. This position was reached with safety & our base of supplies will in future be Port Royal instead of Belle Plain. Our line is being built to that place now.

Lee has fallen back from his entrenchments south of the Po. to confront us on the Mattapony

Monday May 23. 1864.

Genl Grant telegraphs under date of 6:30 AM today that Lee has fallen back to the south bank of the North Anna. Our army extends from a point near the junction of the Po & NY rivers, to Milfor Stn. on a line nearly parallel with the Mattapony. Genl Hancock holding the left. Gen Wright & Burnside the centre & Gen Warren the left. There has been no fighting of any consequence for several days.

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Our line from Pope's Pt to Port Royal will be finished by noon tomorrow.

The depot at Belle Plain is being transferred to Pt Royal-

Tuesday May 24. 1864.

Gen. Sherman left Kingston Ga on the 22nd inst, to strike the enemy's lines near Atlanta. He has 20 day rations & it will be a week before we hear from him again.

Lee has fallen back from his position on the North Anna near Taylor's Bridge & Jericho Bridge, a great many were drowned & some captured.

Women also captured some but dont know how many. It is not known whether Lee means to fall back to Richmond or only to the South bank of the South Anna. Grant will soon find out about this however

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Wednesday May 25. 1864.

Maj. Gen Fitz Hugh Lee made an attack on Ft Powhattan yesterday which was handsomely repulsed. When he first appeared with his force he sent a demanding the surrender of the place as prisoners, but if he were compelled to assault & capture the place he would not be answerable for the consequences. Genl Wild replied "We & for several hours the fight was very severe, but they finally retired leaving twenty-eight killed & a great many wounded in our hands.

All the troops defending the fort were negroes & Genl Butler speaks in the highest terms of them.

It rained quite hard this evening

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Thursday May 26. 1864.

Gen Grant telegraphs from Jericho Bridge dated noon yesterday that Gen Hancock had a spirited engagement with the enemy this side of the South Anna on the 24th & half of a brigade was captured by the enemy. Lee seems to have a strong position, in the shape of a letter & he is defending

it desperately. Genl Butler is ordered to send Genl Smith with 20,000 men to the White House on the [illeg.] river to march from there to reinforce the Army of the Potomac. They will be there in a few days & will help us very much.

Gen Canby telegraphs from mouth of Red River under date of 21st that the Army is all across on the Mississippi side & that he will go to Memphis & Little Rock to arrange his campaign. Genl AJ Smith had a spirited fight with rebel Gen Polinac's division. Smith defeated them & drove them several miles capturing 300 prisoners.

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Gen Steele telegraphs from Little Rock dated 21st that rebel Gen Shelby has crossed Arkansas with about 3000 men & is marching north probably intending to go into Mo.

Friday May 27. 1864.

News from Gen Grant recd up to 8 am of 26th Hd Qrs had moved to the north bank of the North Anna & orders for a southward movement issued last night. Gen Wright's & Warren's Corps. are to march in the night time towards Hanover Ferry on the Pamunkey river & today were to seize the ferry & crossings near there & march their troops across. They will be followed closely by Hancock & Burnside. The place occupied by Wright & Warren will be filled by other troops in such a manner that their absence will not be noticed by the rebels. It is hoped we will be able to get in the rear of Lee's army & march on Richmond.

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Saturday May 28. 1864.

Gen Sherman telegraphs from near Dallas Ga. 6 a.m. today that the enemy had discovered his movement to flank Allatoona & had come out there to meet him. Their columns came together near Dallas & Sherman pushed the rebels back to the point

at the forks of the roads from Atlanta & Marietta. Johnston has thrown up hasty but strong parapets of timber & earth & is disposed to fight.

Sherman's right is Dallas, Centre about 3 miles north & he is gradually working round to the left so as to approach the Railroad near Acworth.

Gen Grant's Hd Qrs this am at 7 o'clock were at Magahick Church 10 miles from Hanover town. Everything going on finely, troops coming up rapidly & in good spirits, by noon today all our troops will be south of the Pamunkey.

White House will be the new base of supplies -

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Sunday May 29. 1864

Gen Smith with 15,000 men left city Pt at dawn this morning, En-route for White House from which place he will march to Gen Grant. Our telegraph line will be completed to White House by Wednesday.

Gen Hunter telegraphs from near Woodstock Va dated 12 m yesterday that he had been delayed on acct. of [illeg.] but they had [illeg.] and he would start immedy to meet Crook at Staunton & move east on Gordonsville & Charlottesville.

Gold went up to 190 yesterday, the highest point it has yet reached

A man named Mularkey, a oper. from Louisville, called me Saturday & asked me to make arrangement as follows.

A stock broking firm in Louisville with a heavy capital would buy & sell gold accordingly as I would direct & half the profits were to be divided between Mularkey & me.

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I, being in a position where I could get all the news, could tell exactly when to buy & sell. I told Mr. Mularkey that I didn't desire to be a party to any such transaction; that I had earned a good position by my faithfulness & I didn't desire to compromise my character by any such action.

He gave me to understand that I could make \$50.000 by the operation, but I declined accepting it. Before he commenced the conversation he asked me to promise faithfully that it should not be divulged to his discredit. Were it not for this promise I should have him arrested.

Monday May 30.1864.

M Dana telegraphs from Gen Grant's Hd Qrs at Hanover town south side of the Pamunkey river, dated 2 Rm 29th All the army had got safely across the Pamunkey & held a strong position on the north of Tolapoatomoy Creek & extending to the Pamunkey River. At noon yesterday a diversion from each corps to which they belonged if necessary Gen Grant thinks it probable that Lee has taken up a position back of the Chickahominy. Sheridan had an engagement with the rebel Saturday afternoon at Hanover C.H. in which he lost 44 killed & 300 wounded

He drove the rebels some distance.

A telegram from Gen Sherman dated near Dallas Ga 7 am 29th was recd last night.

Johnston had discovered his movement to the left & had come out of his breast works & attacked McPherson who repulsed him handsomely driving them back some three miles to breastworks with little cost to us. Our loss was only 300 altogether. The enemy left his dead & wounded in our hands some 2500 besides 300 prisoners. We were protected by

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breastworks so that our loss was very slight. Sherman had given McPherson all day yesterday to bury the dead of both sides & the troops were to move last night to the left & try to approach acworth. Gen Blair from Rome is ordered to Allatoona which is supposed to be garrisoned only by militia.

Tuesday May 31. 1864.

We have information from Genl

Grant up to 6 am this A.M. He reports that Warren engaged Ewell's corps yesterday & although attacked desperately he repulsed them & held his ground. the rebels left their dead on the field. He captured a number of prisoners. To relieve Warren Gen Hancock was ordered to make an attack on the enemy's left & he drove them from a strong entrenched skirmish line & now holds it (6am) Gen smith with 17.000 re-inforcemetns was to have been at New Castle today where he would be in easy supporting distance of Grant. Our line from Yorktown to White

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House is completed to within ten miles of West Pt. on the Yorktown side & is all done from West Pt. to White House. This ten miles will be done tomorrow P.M. when we will be working to within ten or 15 miles of the Army.

Gen Sherman reports that he will not be able to do much until he hears from John Blair at Allatoona Gap. If Blair succeeds in taking this place Sherman will return to his Railroad communications again.

Wednesday June 1. 1864.

We have news from Grant up to 4 P.M. of yesterday. Gen warren's losses in his skirmish of the 30th were 500 killed & wounded. Those of the enemy were much greater. Crawford alone buried one hundred dead rebels. Yesterday our lines were pushed forward steadily. A prisoner was taken from Buckner's Divn, who says

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his Div is now a part of Longstreet's Corps. He says that outside line of rebel entrenchments are north of the Chickahominy

Gen Grant is waiting for Wilson to finish destroying the two railroads from Hanover Junc. south as far as he can. And to allow Smith to get up with his force. He is delayed by his transportation & supplies

& Gen Grant directed him not to start till he was all ready.

An officer on Gen Stoneman's staff arrived yesterday at Kingston & reported that at 7:30 a.m. rebels attacked us & were repulsed. the action lasted till 10am when we had driven the enemy back & had reached the railroad at Marietta.

Thursday June 2. 1864.

We have recd a telegram from Secy Dana dated 10 am of the 1st in which he states that Gen Sheridan perceiving a column of rebel cavalry which proved to be Fitz Lee's

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at Coal Harbor he attacked them about 5 pm (of the 31st) & after a hard fight routed them together with Clingman's brigade of Infy. which had been sent to support Fitz Lee. Sheridan remains in possession of the place & the 6th corps was immediately sent out to occupy it. Gen Smith was also ordered from New Castle to join Wright. Gen Wilson had a sharp fight on the evening of 3pt near Hanover CH with Young's cavalry, Completely routing them, killing & capturing a great many.

Yesterday Sheridan successfully held his position at Cold Harbor & repulsed an assault of Longstreet's corps. Gen Wright's corps reached Cold Harbor about 9 a.m. yesterday & Smith's forces soon after. At 5 pm an attack was ordered to be made on our left by Wright & Smith.

The attack was made with great spirit & was successful. We carried the enemy's first line of works on Wright's front & also those on

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Smith's front, but those of the latter were found to be commanded by another line of works, & were untenable. We captured a good number of pris. Griffin's Div. alone taking 500.

Gen Lockinard who was ordered to attack the enemy although he heard

the firing both on his right & left unaccountably lost his way & was found 2 miles to the rear with his troops  
He was relieved of his command & will be recommended by Gen Grant for dismissal.

Gen Sheridan was ordered to make an attack on the left early this morning. As soon as his guns were heard the other portions of the army would also advance. -

We are anxiously waiting to hear from the front.

Our line to West Pt. was completed tonight. Will be finished to White House tomorrow  
We have been unavoidably delayed -

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Friday June 3, 1864.

A telegram from Gen Sherman dated 7 30 P.M. 2d says that McPherson moved up on the 1st from Dallas to a point in front of the enemy's line, & Gen Schofield & Hooker moved to the extreme left. Yesterday they all pushed forward in the midst of a heavy rain & thunder storm and advanced about two miles towards Marietta. Gen Stoneman's Cavly was sent direct to Allatoona & [illeg.] to the western end of the pass, both of whom reached there safely and secured possessions immediately repaired to this point and Sherman will push around by the left till he reaches the railroad.

the possession of the pass at Allatoona is a great point gained by us.

A telegraph from Gen Crook dated Meadow Bluff West Va. May 31 is rec'd today. He says he will be in Staunton in about six days from that date.

Hunter will meet him there.

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Saturday June 4. 1864.

We have news from Gen Grant up to 4 P.M. of yesterday. There had been no fighting of consequence on the second as the troops were much exhausted from their long marches & movements [illeg.] Gen Grant postponed the attack till 4:30 am of the 3rd when all was in readiness.

The attack yesterday was made with great vigor on all parts of our line. Gen Warren spread his lines out too much his front occupying 4 miles, & Burnside also stretched his lines too great & did not succeed in accomplishing much.

Hancock had the left with Barlow's & Gibbon's Divisions in front & Birney on the right with Burnside to his rear & there. Burnside carried the exterior line of entrenchment & took a few prisoners. Smith got very well forward to aid Wright. Barlow drove through

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a very strong line & held it some time with the guns, colors &c. but the work was commanded by an interior line & he was compelled to abandon it bringing off but a single color & a 220 prisoners as tokens of his brief success.

At noon we had fully developed that rebel lines & ascertained what was necessary in order to get through them.

Hancock reported that in his front it could not be done.

Wright was decidedly of opinion that a lodgement could be made in his front but it would be difficult to make much out of it unless Hancock & Smith could also advance works in front of him but was not sanguine Burnside also thought he could get through but Warren who was near him did not share this opinion. In this state of

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things Gen Grant ordered the attack to be suspended. We hold all the positions gained except that which Barlow occupied temporarily. Gen Grant estimates our loss at 3,000. Among the killed are Col. Porter 8th N.Y. Heavy artly. Col Haskell 36th Wis. & Col Morris 66th N.Y.

Among the wounded are Gen R.O. Tyler who loses a foot Col McMahan 164th N.Y. Col Brooks 53rd Pa. & Col Byrnes 28th Mass. probably mortally.

The prisoners captured from Hancock were mainly from Breckenridge's Division

who is under Beauregard Weather was cool & pleasant Showers had laid the dust. Gen Jno Fremont was nominated of Cleveland some days since by a radical wing of the Republicans for Prest. of the U.S. He has tendered his resignation as Maj. Gen. It was immediately accepted.

Sunday June 5, 1864.

We have information from Gen Grants

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Hd Qrs up to 8 am yesterday. The telegram states that about 5pm of the day before (Friday) the enemy suddenly attacked Smith's brigade of Gibbon's Division. They were unwaveringly repulsed about 7 PM Gen Wilson fell upon the rear of one of Heth's brigades which Lee had thrown around apparently with the intension of enveloping Burnside & after a sharp but sharp conflict drove them in confusion from the rifle pits Wilson had previously engaged & routed Gordon's brigade of cavalry. He captured a few prisoners. We lost Col Preston wounded 1st Vt Killed & Col Benjamin 8th NY cav. Gen Stannard serving with 18th corps was severely wounded yesterday.

Gen Sherman telegraphs under date of 8 am yesterday 13 miles west of Marietta Ga that his left is well around to the railroad covering all roads leading to the south. His Cavly had been to Acworth & he occupies in force Allatoona pass.

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Later news from Gen Grant is just recd. the adjt Gens office report the total losses in the 3 days operations (1st 2d & 3d of June) to be 7.500. Col Cesnola reached the army on the 3d with 5000 men, new & old regts, and stragglers, about 4000 reached there on the 2d so that the supply is equal to the losses.

There was no fighting in front of Richmond yesterday. The force of fighting men in the Army of the Potomac is now 115.000 men, this includes cavalry.

Lee's force is known to be 80,000 exclusive of what militia may be in Richmond. when Gen Grant started from Culpeper one part of his plan was to destroy the Va Central Railroad so effectually as to prevent its use for a long time, also the Fredksburg road from the Chickahominy to the North Anna. Gen Grant expected before reaching the Chickahominy to have had chance to crush Lee's army by fair fighting. This expectation has been foiled by Lee's success in avoiding

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battle upon any equal terms.

Before proceeding any farther in the movement this destruction must be accomplished & Gen Sheridan will move Monday for that purpose. If he fails in it the whole army will be living around, even if communication with the White House must be temporarily broken.

Monday June 6. 1864.

A telegram from Army of the Potomac dated 6 am yesterday says the day passed off quietly with no fighting except an occasional rattle of musketry along the skirmish line and now & then a cannon shot

The 5th corps were ordered to move out of position last night & mass itself in reserve in rear of Cold Harbor. The 9th corps will move to the right of the 5th corps. Two divisions of cavalry are to be ready to move up the railroad on morning of 7th & to destroy both roads from the nearest practicable point, to the South Anna

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thence the Cavalry moves to Charlottesville & thence send forward force to communicate with Genl Hunter, & destroy railroad bridges southward. Gen Hunter is ordered to return from his expedition to Lynchburge & joining Sheridan's command aid in the thorough destruction of the Va Centrl RR moving along its line in this direction & having accomplished this work is to join the Army of the Potomac

A later telegram (dated 7 am today) says the 5th & 9th corps took up their new

positions without difficulty. About half past 8 o'clock last night the enemy made a sudden assault on Hancock's & Wright's lines. The firing lasted for about twenty minutes & was very loud, but amounted to nothing, nobody was hurt, Sheridan moves tomorrow morning.

From Sherman we had news up to last night. He was ten miles from Allatoona on the railroad. McPherson was at Acworth. It had rained for three days & the roads were very bad. The railroad

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bridge over the Etowah cannot be rebuilt for ten days but a ponton bridge is being put down & as soon as his supplies are up Sherman will march on Marietta.

Dates from New Orleans to 30th [illeg.] are recd On the 27th the [illeg.] Black Hawk adm'l Porter's Flag Ship caught fire & with 11 others of his vessels, gunboats &c. was burnt to the water's edge. Gen Cavalry is concentrating his troops as much as possibly abandoning unimportant points & holding his forces ready for any emergency. (This report of burning of adm'l Porter's ships was after found to be in [illeg.] The vessels were private ones)

Tuesday June 7.1864.

Mr Ward from Altoona called on me today. I visited the capitol with him & then spent a very pleasant time. He tells me Mrs. Gill has a fine boy 3 weeks old. He leaves tomorrow.

Gen Sherman telegraphs that Blair has passed Kingston & will soon be at Allatoona

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pass which will be fortified & made a strong point. Sherman's advance is within 6 miles of Marietta & he is getting up his supplies for a ten days march. He will start forward on the morning of the 8th.

Gen Grant & Lee yesterday & the day before had a correspondence in regard to allowing each party to remove its dead & wounded after a battle is over.

Gen Grant in the last letter says that

he can only express his regret that all his efforts to alleviate the sufferings of the wounded have been rendered negatory.

Gen Grant is preparing to move his army to the James rive & will commence the movement in a few days. Sheridan started this morning on his expedition.

Wednesday June 8. 1864.

Nothing new from any direction today except the fact of John Morgan's having entered Kentucky. He has captured a railroad train & burnt it & cut up the railroad some distance

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The Richmond Examiner of the 7th recd by Gen Grant says that Gen W.E. Jones was defeated by Gen Hunter 12 miles beyond Staunton & Gen Jones killed. His successor had retired to the mountains between Charlottesville & Staunton. Our forces occupied Staunton.

Thursday June 9.1864.

Morgan has captured Mt. Sterling, Cynthiana & several other places in Ky & is creating a vast deal of excitement. Our forces are in pursuit of him & it is hoped he may be caught.

The convention at Balto. yesterday nominated Abraham Lincoln for Prest & Andrew Johnson of Tenn for Vice Prest. by acclamation. Great enthusiasm prevailed.

Friday June 10.1864.

Mr Dana telegraphs that the army will probably commence its march towards the James River tonight or tomorrow some time

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Information recd from a deserter indicates that great want prevails there, that there is a scarcity of meat, & flour & all other necessities of life.

News from Morgan today is that he has captured Falmouth, 30 miles from Cincinti Gen Butler sent out on the night of the 8th a force under Gen Gillmore to make a demonstration on Petersburg on the one side whilst Gen Kantz attempted with

his cavalry to get in on the other.

Gen Gillmore returned having failed to force the fortifications. Gen Kantz is still out with orders to cut the

Saturday Jun 11.1864.

Gen Butler telegraphs that his forces under Gen Kantz. Penetrated the works around Petersburg & entered the town but not receiving the expected support from Gen. Gillmore he was compelled to withdraw with forty prisoners & one cannon as his trophies. It is unfortunate that Gen. Gillman did not wait till the cavalry

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was heard from before retiring.

Gen Sherman has advanced from Acworth Ga towards Marietta & will attack or turn the enemy today. Johnston's cavalry got in our rear & destroyed a train of cars & captured a few prisoners today. Telegraph line is all right again.

Preparations are being made to withdraw our house of supplies from White House & move to Bermuda Hundred. The movement will be made today and tomorrow.

Our Union Sociable met last night at Mrs. Beak's corner 6th & H. Stirs. We had an exceedingly pleasant time appointed next Friday for a picnic.

Sunday June 12.1864.

It is reported today that Gen Hobson has surrendered to Morgan & also that Genl Burbridge came up with Morgan near Cynthiana this morning & after a two hour fight completely broke him up No particulars yet.

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Gen Grant's army is still in the same position. One corps of his army will be sent by water from White House to Bermuda Hundred & as soon as they are heard from the whole army will be moved to that place.

Gen Hunter's official report of his battle of 1st Sunday is recd.

It is dated Staunton Va June 8th

The battle was fought at Piedmont &

after a fight of ten hours we routed the rebels, Killing Gen Wm E. Jones the comdg officer, & taking 1500 prisoners & 1.000 men & over 60 officers on the field & 3000 stand of small arms, three cannon & many stores. Gen Hunter had that day effected a junction with Genl's Crook & Averill & would resume his march south on the 9th. He will have been re-enforced by Gen. Sheridan's force by this time.

Went to Epiphany Church this evening from there to the office. Govt off early though & went to bed in good season.

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Monday June 13. 1864.

Gen. Siegel telegraphs that he has reliable information that Gen Breckinridge with 7.000 men passed Gordonsville for Staunton last Wednesday & also has information not so reliable, that Picketts force passed through the day before.

Genl Hunter will have been reenforced by Sheridan's Cavalry before these troops can be of any avail against him.

Gen Grant's army is in motion for Bermuda Hundred via Jones & Long Bridge. Weather fine & all going on well.

In Gen Burbridge's fight yesterday he completely routed the rebels & captured 700 besides killing and wounding three or 400.

Tuesday June 14.1864.

Cable across Chesapeake at Cherrystone is still broken. All business taken across by boat.

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The movement of the Army of the Potomac to the James river still progresses favorably & smoothly. A force will be left at the White House until the arrival of Genl Hunter & Gen Sheridan which will be this week.

Gen Burbridge has arrived at Lexington Ky. He says "In six days my command has marched over 200 miles fought two severe battles, killing, wounding

& capturing over three fourth's of Morgan's command. The remaining fourth is scattered & being pursued in all directions."

The success of Gen Burbridge is very gratifying. On the other hand our forces in West Tenn. have been unfortunate [illeg.] Gen Sturgis with a force of 3000 cavalry 5000 infy & 16 pieces of artillery met Genl Forrest near Guntown Miss on the 10th inst. in large force of all arms. The fight was very severe & the loss on our part very heavy, probably 4000 men killed, wounded & captured. We were completely routed, Stugis rear at last

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accts was near Colliersville, the enemy pursuing. The movement into Miss by Sturgis was made by order of Genl Washburne at Memphis, in accordance with directions from Gen McPherson & Gen Sherman who said that all of Polk's Corps was with Johnson in Ga & Forrest was on his way there & that the best time to make the movement was then. It is very unfortunate at this time. Gen Wasburne has enough troops at present & will do all in his power to wipe out the disgrace.

A dispatch boat just arrived at Cairo reports a force under rebel Gen Marmaduke near Vicksburg on the east side & one near Greenville on the east side of the Miss. It is expected these forces will unite & close the navigation on the river. Gen Canby has his troops in hand however & will take care of the rebels in that direction.

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Wednesday June 15.1864.

Gen Grant telegraphs from Wilcox Whf on the James River dated 1 PM 14th that all is progressing well. Troops are reaching Bermuda Hundred rapidly.

Nothing is known of Lee's movements. He has sent no troops south of Richmond yet. Gen Sherman telegraphs from near Kenesaw that yesterday was the first clear day for two weeks. roads are drying fast. He advanced his lines somewhat

yesterday & captured a few prisoners.

Our signal corps have the rebel alphabet & have read several signals made by the rebels. By this means they learned yesterday of the death of Lt. Gen. L. Polk His body was sent to the rear. Polk before the war was one of the Bishops of the Episcopalian Church but early joined the rebels.

Thursday June 16.1964.

Gen Sherman telegraphs from near Kenesaw at 9 P.M. last night that the

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enemy abandoned his position on Pine Hill during the night, which was immediately occupied by Howard's Corps

Johnston held a position running from Kenesaw Mountain on the north east to Lost Mount on the south west Pine Hill is in the center of the two points.

yesterday Gen Schofield advanced on Lost Mountain, taking the first line of the rebel works & a few prisoners. Gen Thomas was pushed forward in the centre & when last heard from at sundown had advanced a miles and a half. At the same time McPherson was ordered to attack Kenesaw Mountain. He carried the first line of works left exposed by loss of Pine Hill, & took prisoners the 14th Ala. Regt entire 320 men. Gen Sherman says Johnston will have to fight today on open ground or retire to the Chattahoochie, most probably the latter Gen Grant's Hd Qrs were yesterday AM at Charles City CH. They would be

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moved to city Pt by noon.

Gen Smith's corps was ordered to advance on Peterburg at daylight yesterday. It would be immediately followed by Hancock's corps. Nothing heard from there yet. Line is being constructed from Jamestown Island to City Point, will be done tomorrow.

Wilson's cavalry is along the line from White Oak Swamp to the James. From prisoners taken yesterday he learned

that Hill and Ewell were entrenching themselves between Malvern Hill & the Chickahominy. Lee evidently had no idea we were going to Bermuda Hundred. 6pm. [illeg.] just in from Ft Monroe with information from City Point up to 7:30 PM yesterday. Gen Grant reports that the latest information from Gen Smith was up to 4pm He had them carried the first line of the enemy's works at Beatty's House near Petersburg, the colored troops assaulting & carrying the rifle pits with great

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gallantry Smith expected to assault the main line just before dark. He describes the rebel artillery fire as very heavy. Hancock was within three miles of Smith.

Rebel papers state that Hunter was within 12 miles of Lynchburg on the 11th & had destroyed the bridge over the Tye River.

Friday June 17.1864.

Gen Smith took 16 guns in the works in front of Petersburg & about 500 prisoners.

The rebels at last account held the town but it is of no use to them as our guns command the place

Genl Butler reports that the rebels have evacuated their positions in front of Bermuda Hundred. Our troops were engaged in tearing up the Railroad between Petersburg & Richmond. Obstructions have been sunk in the James near

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Trent's Reach which will prevent the rebel vessels from coming down, & greatly strengthen our position at Bermuda Hundred & City Point.

Saturday June 18.

Gen Hancock's corps closely followed Gen Smith's & took one of the enemy's forts on the east side of the city. Gen Burnside's troops were also brought up & captured some of the

rebel works with 4 more guns & 500 prisoners. Gen Butler reports that last evening the enemy formed in line of battle, drove in his pickets & re-occupied the line in front of Bermuda Hundred which they abandoned to us the day before.

Gen Sherman reports that his lines have been advanced some 3 miles today the following back from Lost Mountain leading six miles of splendid field works in our possession.

A few days will give us all the

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country down to the Chattahoochee.

P.M. Mrs Tinker gave birth this morning to a healthy girl. Both doing well. Charlie is very much elated.

The following is Gen. Grant is summing up of the recent movements.

"Our forces drew out from within 50 yards of the enemy's entrenchments at Cold Harbor made a flank movement of about 55 miles march crossing the Chickahominy & James River, the latter 2000 feet wide & 84 feet deep at point of crossing, & surprised the rear of the enemy at Petersburg. This was done without the loss of a wagon or piece of artillery & only about 150 stragglers picked up by the enemy. In covering this move Warren's corps & Wilson's cavalry had frequent skirmishing with the rebels each losing from 50 to 60 killed & wounded & inflicting an equal if not greater loss upon the enemy.

The 18th corps (Smith) were transferred

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from White House to Bermuda Hundred by water, moved out near to Petersburg the night of their arrival (Wednesday) & captured the very strong works north east of the town, before sufficient force could be got in there by the rebels to hold them Smith was joined the night following by the 2d Corps which in turn captured more of the redoubts further south This corps was followed by the 9th which this morning (17th) carried two

more redoubts, with 4 guns & 500 pris.

To much credit cannot be given the  
troops & their commanders for the energy  
& fortitude displayed the last five days.

Day & night has been the same & no delays allowed."

Sunday June 19. 1864.

Maj Eckert has ordered me to the  
army for a week or so to act as  
cipher clerk to Mr. Dana. I leave via  
Balto. at 3pm today.

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Monday June 20.1864.

Reached Balto. last evening. Stopped  
at Bro Creightons. Went with him to  
Hartford Ave. Church. Heard a good  
sermon. Will leave for Ft. Monroe  
at 5 p.m.

Tuesday June 21.1864.

Left Balto. last eve'g. The ride down  
the bay was very pleasant & cheering-  
I enjoyed it very much. I came  
down in the Adelaide. Will leave  
at noon for City Pt.

Wednesday June 22. 1864.

I arrived at City Point last night  
at 6 p.m. on the Jno. A. Warner. Gen Grant's  
Hd Qrs are on the bluffs just above the  
river in a pleasant grove of trees.  
Was introduced to Gen Grant. He is  
a very pleasant man. Smokes a great  
deal. All is quiet at the front.

Thursday June 23.1864.

The Prest. came to the Army yesterday

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He is up to Adml Lee's fleet today on a  
visit. He went to Gen Meade's Hd Qrs  
yesterday. Everything is quiet today.

Friday June 24. 1864.

The heat today is very in-tents  
I have very little to do but find it  
difficult to keep cool. I go to Genl  
Butler's Hd qrs today to see my friends  
there.

Saturday June 25.1864

Came to Gen Butler's Hd Qrs today  
They are on the Appomattox about a  
mile from Point of Rocks.  
Found O'Brien & Nicholas there well  
& glad to see me. Went in swimming  
last evening in the Appomattox.

Sunday June 26.1864.

Returned last evening from  
Pot of Rocks. I came on horseback  
to Bermuda Hundred & thence by tug  
to City Pt. Gen Ransom is here on a

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visit to Gen Grants. He is a young  
man, fine looking with a beautiful  
clear eye.

Monday June 27

The weather is scorching hot here. The  
poor soldiers must suffer severely.  
There is very little firing & no  
excitement.

Tuesday June 28.1864.

Telegrams recd from Sherman  
state that he is in possession of  
Marietta & Kenesaw the enemy having  
evacuated those places. Sherman  
is pushing on his columns to the  
Chattahoochie.

Wednesday June 29. 1864.

Our line is completed & working  
well from City Pt to Ft Monroe  
The guerillas troubled it a little  
from Fort Powhatan to Suran's Pt  
opposite Jamestown Island, but

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Genl Butler sent some colored cavy  
out & dispersed them.

Thursday June 30. 1864.

Maj. Eckert telegraphs today from  
Washn that he will leave today  
on a visit to the army. He will  
be here tomorrow night.  
Weather is somewhat cooler.

Friday July 1. 1864.

Rumors come to us of an advance

of the rebels down the Shenandoah valley. Gen Sigel is at Martinsburg with a small force & is very much alarmed. The force of the rebels is said to consist of Early's & Breckenridge's Divisions with McCandless's [illeg.] infantry

Saturday July 2. 1864.

Maj Eckert reached here yesterday evening. He tells me that Secy Chase has resigned & that the position has been tendered to Gov. Tod of Ohio

Sunday July 3. 1864.

Today I am twenty one years old. How quickly does time fly & how ought we to improve each moment.

It seems but a short time ago that I was a school boy & in bib & tuckers. Wonder where I'll be a year from now & if the war will be ended. Maj Eckert went to Hd Qrs AP today. I will go there tomorrow.

Monday July 4. 1864.

I left City Point at 5am & came by horseback to Gen Meade's Hd Qrs south west of Petersburg. There is very little excitement there today for the 4th No firing of consequence.

Tuesday July 5. 1864.

Left the front of Petersburg at 5 A.M. today & City Pt. at 11 am for Wash. The ride down the James is very pleasant. Weather is not very warm. We passed the Atlanta off

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Ft. Powhatan & the Roanoke in Hampton Roads.

Wednesday July 6. 1864

Arrived in Wash. 10am today. Found all well & glad to see me. I was pleased to get back to my post once more. The trip did me great good. I feel in excellent condition.

Senator Fessenden has been appointed & confirmed Secy of the Treasury. It gives universal satisfaction.

Thursday July 7. 1864.

The rebels have driven Gen Sigel out of Martinsburg. Crossed the Potomac at Williamsport & are advancing into Md said to be 30.000 strong. Our lines are cut between here & Pt of Rocks. it is said they intend to advance on Balto. & Wasn. Great excitement prevails

Friday July 8.1864.

Tonight Gen Lew Wallace telegraphs

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that he encountered the forces of the enemy at Monocacy Junction today & fought them from 9 till 4 when they overpowered him with numbers & he was compelled to fall back. He is retreating now on Balto. his troops very much disorganized & demoralized the enemy pursuing.

Saturday July 9. 1864.

Genl Wallace has reached Ellicotts Mills on his way to Balto. The enemy today broke the Wilmington Railroad at Gunpowder Bridge, captured two trains of passrs cars. Gen Franklin & staff were on one of them. A train was set on fire & run on the bridge & the draw & part of the bridge were destroyed.

Sunday July 10.1864.

The rebels today broke the Balto road near Laurel, tore down all telegraph lines. We are thus

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completely isolated from the rest of mankind. It is reported the enemy are approaching on the Rockville road Gen. Augur has recd a dispatch from a party of cavalry stating that they were driven out of Rockville by the febs at 1 pm today. We have not heard from Dwight since noon He was then at Darnestown on his way to Rockville We are afraid he is captured.

Monday July 11.1864.

Dwight came in Circuit at Tenallytown last night having gone to

the south of Rockville, alluding the rebs.

The enemy are approaching Ft. Reno on the Rockville road & Ft. Stevens on the Brookville road. They are in sight at both Stevens & Reno. Great excitement prevails throughout the city. Quarter [illeg.] employees are being armed & sent to the trenches & the clerks do guard duty.

Tuesday July 12.1864. An attack was

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fully expected to be made last night

The 5th corps & one Div of the 19th are arriving by water from New Orleans & the capitol is felt to be safe

Wednesday July 13.1864.

This morning it is found the rebs have left our front. They are reported to have left in direction of Rockville they have large trains & are full of plunder. The B&O RR was examined today & found to be uninjured. The teleg line was repaired & we are once more in communication with the north.

Genl Wright as been put in command of the forces operating against this force of the rebels. He moves out immediately toward Rockville.

Thursday July 14.1864.

It is ascertained that Genl Franklin escaped from rebels & is now in Balto. He was very fortunate The rebels are said to be crossing

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the Potomac at Edwards Ferry. Genl Wright is following them closely. He is at Darnestown today. Gen Ord has been ordered hereby rail to follow Genl Wright and is directed to report to Gen Grant for assignment to the 10th corps. Genl Brooks having resigned.

Friday July 15. 1864.

Railroad opened to Harpers Ferry today Gen Howe was then at Frederick. Gen Hunter at Harpers Ferry. Hunter has started Crook with 8000 men towards

Aldie via Purcellville & co-operating with Genl Wright may be able to hurt the rebels very much.

Saturday July 16. 1864.

Gen McCook was today relieved from duty in this Dept & ordered to report to the Adj Gen. at the expiration of a ten days leave of absence. His brother Col Dan McCook is lying very ill at Steubenville not

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expected to live.

All of the 19th corps has by this time arrived & what did not land here went to City Point. the troops of the 6th corps & all others that can be spared will be sent to Genl Grant at once and a bold stroke will be made for Petersburg. We are expecting every day to hear of the taking of Atlanta by Sherman.

Sunday July 17. 1864.

Genl Wright was ordered today to return to Wash with the 6th & 19th corps leaving Gen Hunter to pursue the enemy. The 6th & 19th will be sent immedy to City Pt.

We have rumors thro rebel sources that Gen A.J. Smith has been attacked by Gen S. D. Lee at Tupelo very near Okalona & after a 3 hours fight repulsed him. Lee calls it a drawn battle but it is presumed to be a Union victory.

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Monday July 18. 1864.

Gen Wright's troops & those of Cook have formed a junction near Purcellville & attacked the enemy's rear guard taking some wagons & horses & 60 prisoners.

Sherman's army is all across the Chattahoochie & on its way to Decatur & Stony Mountain. The railroad will be broken at that point & destroyed as far east as possible. The railroad from Atlanta south will then be broken, & Atlanta invested.

Nothing new from Genl Grant.

I rode out to Mt Pleasant Hospital  
this morning to see Basquet Oper from  
Arlington who is there sick.

Tuesday July 19.1864,  
Our line to Harpers Ferry recommenced  
working today. Weather pleasant  
no news of importance.

Wednesday July 20.1864,  
A.J. Basquet operator from Arlington

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died last evening at Mt Pleasant  
Hospital. He will be buried tomorrow  
He had no friends in this country  
save a bro-in-law in Canada East.  
It seems sad for one to die so far  
away from home & friends. He was  
a good boy.

Thursday July 21.1864.  
Gen Sherman telegraphs from 3  
miles from Atlanta that he has  
advanced up to within that distance  
of the city. Our forces occupy the  
railroad from Decator to New Atlanta  
& have destroyed about five miles  
of it. We have had some fighting  
rebels attacking and being repulsed  
each time with loss. Johnston has  
been relieved & Hood put in his  
stand.  
Wright & Cook formed a junction  
near Winchester & Whipped the rebels  
under early & captured 4 guns &  
200 pris. besides a quantity of small arms

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Friday July 22. 1864.  
Gen Sherman telegraphs from near  
Atlanta dated 7:30 P.M. 21st that the  
enemy came out of his entrenchments the  
day before and attacked us with great  
fury. Our men were protected by  
rail barricade & suffered little loss.  
We repulsed the rebels at all points  
after two hours fighting. He left 6 or  
800 dead & a great number on the  
field of battle of which we held  
undisputed possession. Our guns are  
now within easy range of the city and

tomorrow (22d) we will begin the bombardment. It is thought by Gen Sherman that Hood will evacuate the place. The rebel papers say that Rousseau has struck the railroad between Montgomery & Opelika. This leaves the rebels but one railroad on which to retreat. Our cavalry has gone east from Decatur to destroy the railroad, & bridges over the Yellow river & [illeg.]fanhatchee Creek.

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Gen. Hunter telegraphs that Gen Averill has whipped the rebels at Winchester & they are retreating on all the roads to Strasburg & Front Royal.

A call for 500,000 men was made by the Pres. on the 19th inst to serve for one year. The draft will take place in 50 days from that date.

Saturday July 23. 1864.

Gen Sherman telegraphs dated 6:30 AM today that yesterday about 11am as we were arranging our troops the enemy fell suddenly upon the 17th corps (Blairs) & forced them back some 500 yards but these troops were re-enforced by Dodges corps (15th) & regained their ground. The rebel cavy got well into our rear and captured a few wagons at Decatur. About 4 P.M. the rebels sallied against Morgan L. Smith's Div of 15th corps & forced them back & got possession of two batteries but the ground was soon recovered & the batteries retaken.

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The fight was pretty constant & severe all P.M. Darkness closed the contest. Our loss is estimated at 3,000 & as we fought on the defensive, the loss of the enemy will be equally as large.

Our lines are now within a mile & a half of the heart of the city. Our front lines will be entrenched during today & hopes are entertained of a speedy victory.

Gen Wright's troops have arrived within the entrenchments of Washn & will be refitted & equipped ready for transportation to City Point

Sunday July 24. 1864.

All is quiet here today.

Gen Hunter telegraphs that Cook has had a severe fight with the enemy south of Winchester & that the enemy is in very strong force in Cook's front & are pressing him. It is said that Longstreet is in the valley with re-enforcements from Richmond.

I attended Gurley's Ch. this morning.

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Monday July 25. 1864.

Gen Sherman telghs dated 3 PM 24th that after examining the field he finds the rebel loss was far greater than was reported. 1000 of their dead have been buried. Our loss cannot exceed 1.500 Gen Rousseau had arrived safely at Marietta He destroyed the depot of supplies at Opelika & the railroad towards Montgomery for 30 miles, towards West Pt for 5 miles & towards Columbus for 3 miles. His loss all told was 30 men.

Gen Ganard had also returned to Sherman having destroyed the bridge at Covington & Conyers, locomotive & train of cars. & a quantity of stores, & destroyed the railroad for many miles.

As soon as Sherman's cavalry rests he will swing rapidly around by the right flank and strike the railroad below Atlanta on the Macon road, the only remaining line of communication they have.

Grant is preparing to make an important

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movement about Wednesday looking to the capture of Petersburg.

Tuesday July 26. 1864.

Gen Crook yesterday evacuated Martinsburg, crossing the Potomac at Williamsport & marching for South Mountain. The pursuing column of the enemy is said to be quite large, early having been re-enforced by troops from Richmond. Gen Wright's with the 6th & part of the 19th corps (19.000 in all)

to report to Gen. Hunter for orders.  
Hunter's troops will come this way  
to effect a junction with Wright.

Wednesday July 27. 1864.

No news of the enemy today. Wright  
& Crook are rapidly approaching each  
other near the Monocacy.

Gen. Sherman moved the entire Army of  
the Tenn. round by the right this morning.  
He will strike the Macon road south of

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Atlanta, a cavalry force of 3500 men  
under Genl McCook will move to the  
[illeg.] R.R. thinking farther south  
& a force under Stoneman will move  
by the left towards Griffin.

After destroying the RR Stoneman will  
march for Macon Ga & attempt to  
liberate our officers confined there  
as prisoners. From there he will try  
to reach Andersons where 20.000 of  
our prisoners are now confined  
Stoneman may not be able to do all  
this, but he will make a desperate  
effort.

Gen. Grant began a movement this  
morning which he expects will compel  
the rebels to withdraw their raiding  
force from Md. It is to be hoped  
he may succeed. Weather very  
pleasant - a trifle warm.

Thursday July 28.1864.

Gen Sherman telegraphs dated 10pm  
27th that his movement to the right

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of the Army of the Tennessee is being accomplished  
quietly the enemy making little opposition.  
the two cavalry expeditions got well  
off early yesterday morning.

Gen Howard has been assigned to  
the command of the Army of the  
Tenn. Slocum to the command of the  
20th corps vice Howard & Gen. D.S.  
Stanley to command the 4th corps  
vice Hooker relieved at his own request  
Hooker asked to be relieved because  
Howard his junior was placed in command  
of the Army of the Tenn.

Gen Grant telegraphs that the 2d corps & Sheridan's & Kantz Cavy moved day before yesterday to the north bank of James River. They surprised a small force of rebels & captured them with 4 - 20 pdr Parrott guns. The rebels attempted to drive us from our position near New Market on the Charles City road, & were reputed with loss. Gen Grant left City Pt at 3:30 PM today for scene of action.

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No news of the enemy in Shenandoah Valley of importance. It is said they are running all the threshing machines & gathering all the corps.

The balance of the 19th corps is [illeg.] this P.M. They will be pushed out towards Wright who is near the Monocacy.

Friday July 29.1864.

Gen. Couch at Chambersburg reports that the enemy is crossing in heavy force at Williamsport. Our forces are moving to meet them.

The enemy assaulted our right at Atlanta again yesterday, the 15th corps bearing the blow, & were handsomely repulsed our men were under cover, the enemy were exposed. Our right is well swing around towards the Macon road but does not yet touch it.

The weather is extremely hot There. 97 in the shade.

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Saturday July 30. 1864.

Nothing of importance from the armies today. Gen Sherman reports that Maj. Gen. W.H.L. Walker was killed on the 22d inst. at Atlanta & it is reported by prisoners that Wheeler & Loving were wounded.

Chambersburg was occupied by the rebels at 3 o clk this am Gen Couch's old Hd Qrs, & Mr. McClure's house together with [illeg.] other buildings were burned. Moseby crossed the Potomac near Pt of Rocks this morning with 400 men & was at Adamstown on

B&O RR at 2 PM. He Ent the Telegh lines. Maj Thompson moved out from Poolesville & attacked him, result not known.

Gen Grant meets the Prest at Ft. Monroe at 10 am tomorrow (Sunday)

Sunday July 31. 1864.

Weather is intensely hot today. No signs of rain. Gen Grant telegraphs

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that finding his movement of the 2d corps & Sheridan's cavy to Deep Bottom [illeg.] all of the enemy's forces towards that point from Petersbug except 3 divisions, he concluded to make an assault on the mark's of the latter place.

Accordingly at 5am yesterday the mine in front of Burnside which has been under way for some time was exploded throwing 4 rebel guns into the air & burying almost an entire South Carolina regt.

Our men immedy took possession of the crater & the parapet to the right & still held it up to lat night.

An attempt to take a very strong work beyond failed & we were compelled to fall back to our old lines.

Gen Hunter reached Frederick today. It is not known where the enemy is. Gen Averill drove [illeg.] back out of Chambursburg yesterday & McConnellsburg at 8 this morning towards Hancock. The rebels burned

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most of Chambersburg & nearly all the houses on the road. They were making arrangements to burn McConelsburg when Averill came up & prevented it. Moseby recrossed the Potomac yesterday P.M. pursued by Col [illeg.], but with small prospect of being caught.

Monday Aug 1. 1864.

Information from Gen Grant shows that the loss on our side in withdrawing from the position we took on 30th was full 4.000 The attempt failed

because after the explosion 2 hours were allowed to elapse before any advance was made by Gen Meade. Time was thus given to the enemy to bring up re-enforcements.

Tuesday Aug 2. 1864.

A division of cavalry is arriving here from City Pt. Gen Sheridan comes up to command it together with all

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the cavly of Hunter's & Augur's dept.

The enemy pursued by Averill went towards Cumberland where he was met by Kelly who fought them for two hours & compelled them to again retreat with the loss of all their dead & wounded, two cassions & 1 gun carriage 7 a large number of wagons, horses &c.

Gen Sherman telegraphs that Col Brownlow as just arrived at Marietta with a few of his regt He was with McCook who destroyed the Macon road for 12 miles & burnt a large bridge over the White Water & 500 wagons including Gen Hood's Hd Qrs train. Instead of keeping on however according to orders McCook took the back track & began destroying the West Pt road & was surrounded by a overwhelming force of rebel infy & cavalry & most of the command were killed or captured, a portion cut their way

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out & 500 have reached Marietta & others are stragglng. The loss to us in cavly is very severe, but the damage to the rebels is very great.

It is said the road cannot be repaired for 15 days.

Schofield - last night moved from left to right last night and today the army of the Tenn. moves east pt Hood will then be compelled to come out of his works & attack Sherman.

Wednesday Aug 3.1864.

Nothing new of military importance  
Gen Hunter is at Monocacy.  
Sheridan arrived today with part of one  
division of his cavalry.  
Gen Sherman's army was got into  
position yesterday ready to the advance  
on East Pt. Weather warm but pleasant

Thursday Aug 4.1864.

Today is the day appointed by the

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Prest. for fasting, humiliation & prayers  
The depts are all closed.

Richmond papers of yesterday  
claim that Genl Stoneman was attacked  
by rebel Gen Iverson at Clinton 15 miles  
north of Macon on the 3 [illeg.] & was routed  
75 officers including Stoneman, with 500  
prisoners surrendered themselves &  
had arrived in Macon. the remnant  
was flying towards Eatonton.

The report is supposed to be much  
exaggerated. Genl McCook has turned  
up with 1200 of his command at Dallas  
having cut his way through the enemy.  
This leaves but 1.000 not yet  
accounted for and who may come in.

They are under Col. Croxton

Genl Hunter reports the enemy advancing  
on H. Ferry in two columns one by way of  
Charleston & one by Shepherdstown,  
at 4:30 PM we were driven in at Antietam  
[illeg.] & the enemy commenced crossing in  
heavy force with cavalry and infantry  
the 9th corps has been sent to the relief of H. Ferry

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Friday Aug 5.1864.

Genl Grant arrived here this morning  
from City Point on his way to Genl  
Hunter's Hd Qrs. He goes up to organize movements  
against the enemy in the valley.

Gen Sherman telegraphs that Col Adams  
has arrived with 900 men He was in  
Stoneman's command. Sherman's lines are being  
drawn closer to the railroad.

The enemy did not make the  
contemplated attack on H. Ferry. All reports  
now agree that no considerable force  
of rebels is in Md. Nothing but a cavalry  
force & a large wagon train with which

to carry grain & wheat collected in Maryland. One brigade of cavalry left [illeg.] today for Harper's Ferry. Another tomorrow. Gen Wilson's div of cavy will begin leaving City Pt today for Washn. With this large cavalry force it is expected we will be able to drive the enemy out of the valley & down as far as Gordonsville

Saturday Aug. 6. 1864.

Raining today quite hard. The ground

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needed rain badly.

Gen Sheridan has been assigned to command all the troops in the field in the dept of Washn. Md. West Va & Penna. He left this morning for H. Ferry where all troops will be concentrated.

Gen Grant returned here today from Gen Hunter's army. He leaves for City Pt. tomorrow.

Sunday Aug. 7. 1864.

Went to Wesley Chapel this am. Heard Dr. Nadal preach. Took sacrament. Choir sang "Jerusalem my happy home" for voluntary. It was sung well.

We have information dated New Orleans 30th, that adm'l Farragut has begun an attack on Mobile, our troops under Granger made a landing on Dauphins Island near Mobile.

Sherman reports that Palmer has resigned & Jeff Davis is recommended by Sherman & Thomas for promotion

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to the rank of maj. gen & to the command of 14th corps in Palmer's stead.

Gen Hunter has asked to be relieved from command of the Dept. of West Va because the Prest. found fault with his ordering south some rebel citizens in his Dept. who act as spies & send information & supplies to the rebels & point out Union men when the rebels enter into the towns.

I presume he will be relieved & Kelly put in his place. Kelly has been made a Maj Gen by [illeg.]

Monday Aug 8. 1864.

Gen Chester's Brigade of cavalry left here at dawn this morning for Harpers Ferry. Gen Sheridan is making arrangements to march upon the enemy at once. His troops are all at H. Ferry now & he will commence moving them today in direction of Winchester  
Gen Kelly telegraphs that Averill yesterday defeated the enemy at Moonfield capturing all his artly

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& 500 prisoners.

Gen Butler teleghs that the Richmond sentinel of today contains the following details of the movement on Mobile.  
"Mobile Aug. 5th to Hon. J.A. Seddon Sec. War. 17 vessels, 14 ships & 3 iron clads passed Ft Morgan on the this morning. The Tecumseh a Monitor was sunk. The Tennessee the rebel flag ship, surrendered after a desperate engagement with the Federal fleet. The [illeg.] was captured The Gaines was beached near the hospital adm'l Buchanan lost a leg & is a prisoner The Morgan is safe & will try to run up tonight. A monitor has been shelling Ft. Powell all day. The fleet has approached Mobile. Signed D.H. Maury Maj Gen."  
A telegram from Cairo says news from [illeg.] confirms death of rebel Gen Forrest.

Tuesday Aug 9.1864.

No news. Very warm today. Stewart is away on furlough. When he returns Baldwin goes & then Tinker.

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Wednesday Aug 10. 1864.

Richmond Examiner of 9th says news from Mobile up to 7th says no material change in situation. The Morgan the only rebel gunboat that was not sunk, beached or surrendered, had succeeded in passing the bar & reaching the city.  
Gen Grant telegraphs that an ordinance boat exploded at City Pt yesterday noon killing two men & wounding several others, and throwing fragments of the explosion

all over his Hd Qrs. Some consternation was created at first till it was found what the trouble was.

Thursday Aug 11. 1864.

Gen Butler sends following from Richmond Enquirer of 10th

Mobile Aug. 8 on Friday night last Lt. Col Williams evacuated & blew up Ft. Powell at the northern entrance of Grant's Pass. Second dispatch: Mobile 9.

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Ft. Gaines was surrendered this morning at half past 9 o'clock by Col Wm Anderson of 21st Ala Rgt. It had 50 guns 600 men & was [illeg.] for 6 mos."

Ft. Gaines is on Dauphin Island opposite Ft. Morgan which is on the mainland.

The Morgan the only rebel gunboat that was not either sunk, beached or captured on the 5th had succeeded in getting over the bar & reaching the city. Sheridan was near Berryville 20 miles from Harpers Ferry at 4 p.m. yesterday

Friday Aug 12. 1864.

Gen Sheridan telegraphs that he forced the enemy to abandon his position at Winchester & to fall back in direction of Strasburg on the 11th. Sheridan was yesterday 8 miles south of Winchester & in pursuit of enemy. Gen Grant telegraphs that it is certain 2 divisions of troops have left the vicinity of Petersburg for

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Early They commenced leaving last Saturday. This will make Early's force about 40000 & too strong for Sheridan to attack, but he can act on the defensive until movements at Petersburg force the rebels to detach & send troops to that point.

Saturday Aug 13. 1864.

Gen Canby telegraphs that all his information leads to the conclusion that Kirby Smith is collecting his forces to

move eastward to assist the forces operating against Sherman. Canby has made dispositions accordingly.

It rained consistently this Eve'g  
The air is much coller in consequence.

Sunday Aug. 14. 1864.

All quiet today. More rain has fallen. Tinker has been unwell. I have been unable therefore to get to church today -

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Monday Aug 15. 1864.

Gen Sheridan telegraphs dated 11 am 14th that he recd Gen Grant's telegram of the 12th on 13th, which stated that two divisions of infantry had left front of Petersburg to join Early, & directed him Sheridan to act on the defensive until Gen G by his movements there caused the rebels to detach troops from Early to reinforce Richmond. Sheridan was on Cedar Creek but said that he would fall back to the line of Winchester when he could be easily supplied. He was sorry that he had rec'd the orders & wants to push forward after the rebels.

Gen. Grant telegraphs dated from Deep Bottom 11:40 am of the 14th stating that he had the night before moved the 2d corps 9000 men of the 10th corps & Gregg's cavy to north side of the James to threaten Richmond from the north. He does not state any result of the movement.

Sherman telegraphs that he proposes to leave a corps at the Chattahoochie

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to guard bridges, trains, stores &c. & with the balance of his army, 60000 men in fighting trim to move to the south & S.E. of Atlanta & make "a devastating circle of ruin around the city. This will compel Hood to come out & attack us.

Weather cool & pleasant. It rained a little more today.

Gen Grant at this time has 75.000 men fit for service. 53.000 are absent sick & wounded. 3000 of them officers. He had 160000 men when he reached the James River including

Butler's force.

Surgeons & inspectors are examining all the northern Hospls & will send forward every man able to duty.

Tuesday Aug 16. 1864.

Gen Canby teleghs from New Orleans dated 9th that Ft. Gaines surrendered unconditionally on the 8th 56 com'd officers 818 men & 26 guns. Ft. Powell was abandoned

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the night before, its garrison escaping to Cedar Pt. 19 guns were left in our hands. Gen Granger reenforced by 2000 men was to proceed immediately to the investment of Ft. Morgan. Canby says he thinks Kirby Smith is trying to make a movement east of the Mississippi to aid the forces against Sherman.

A force of rebels have entered Illinois cropping the Ohio at Shawneetown at which place they captured 3 govt boats & militia are being moved against them.

Genl Grant teleghs that he has captured 6 guns & 100 pris. in his movement across the James.

The rebels he says will be compelled to retain Longstreet's corps at Richmond.

Sheridan has moved his forces back to Winchester in accordance with Gen Grant's orders.

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Wednesday Aug. 17.1864.

Capt Van Dager teleghs from Kingston dated 3 pm today that telegh communication with Chattanooga had been broken since Sunday morning. Wheeler attacked Dalton but was repulsed by Genls Steedman & Jno. E. Smith and retreated towards Spring Place pursued by our forces.

Nothing new at Atlanta except that the left is retired to prepare for the flank movement which will begin in a few days. Nothing new from Mobile: Sheridan reports that the stories of vast amounts of grain & plunder being taken

off by Early are all humbug.

His army is in & around Winchester.

Nothing more from Gen Grant's late movement.

Thursday Aug. 18. 1864.

Gen Grant telegraphs that the movement of the 20 & 10 corps to the north of the James River is a success.

There has been some fighting - The enemy

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have been somewhat driven from their position & have lost heavily. We have captured 400 pris. besides about 1000 of their dead and wounded. Two of their Brig. Genls were killed. Chamblin & Gherarde.

Gen Warren's corps has been relieved from the trenches & is held ready to be moved to the south of Petersburg as soon as the enemy moves enough of his forces north of the James to oppose [illeg.] progress there, to warrant it. This movement will have the effect of preventing re-enforcements going to Atlanta & of drawing back some that are in the valley. Grant says he will keep them busy.

Gen Sheridan is at Charleston Va  
He says Early has been considerably re-enforced; that troops are still arriving.

Tonbert was driven out of Winchester yesterday. He had part of Wilson's & his own Divn.

Weather is considerably cooler.

Great deal of rain has fallen lately  
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Friday Aug. 19.1864.

Gen Sherman telegraphs that Wheeler has gone up into East Tenn. & that he is going to take advantage of the opportunity thus offered to break the Macon road again.

Kilpatrick with 5 brigade of cavy. was to leave last night for that purpose. At the same time Sherman will demonstrate along his whole line. Gen Grant telegraphs that

Warren's corps was moved yesterday to & across the Weldon Railroad about one mile south of the lead works.

From there he advanced towards Petersburg meeting the enemy. He had considerable fighting during the day. No report of the losses of the results of the day's work. Some rebel wounded fell into our hands & some other prisoners.

Saturday Aug 20. 1864.

Sheridan telegraphs that he had heavy demonstrations along his whole line yesterday to enable Kilpatrick to tear up the Macon road well.

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He things great things will result from this breaking of that road. Gen Dodge was slightly wounded.

Sheridan reports that the enemy has shown considerable force in his front & all his information still goes to show that Early has rec'd large reinforcements.

Fitz Lee's cavalry is said to be on our right flank. Sheridan can bring into action 23,000 infantry & 8,000 cavalry.

Nothing from Mobile yet.

P.M. Gen Grant telegraphs dated last night that the enemy came out yesterday evening & attacked Warren's right but were repulsed with considerable loss in killed wounded & prisoners. The prisoners captured say that Lee is running his men to death shifting them around from one place to another.

Our troops are firmly fixed on the Weldon road. Gen Birney Commanding the 10th corps reports that the enemy attacked him in heavy force in column a [illeg.] strong but were handsomely met & repulsed.

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The rebel loss is at least 1,000. The colored troops behaved excellently.

Gen Grant's report says the enemy have lost this week not less than 4,000 perhaps more. It has rained considerably at Petersburg this week & a grateful change in the atmosphere has taken place.

Sunday Aug 21. 1864

Weather cloudy, but cool & pleasant Tinker is sick with jaundice & note at the office. Business very heavy. The rebel attacked Sheridan's skirmish & picket line near Charleston today & followed it up with a movement of [illeg.] infy divisions. The fighting lasted all P.M. but was not very brisk. He failed to penetrate our lines

Monday Aug 22.1864.

Gen Grant telegraphs that the enemy came out & attacked Warren in heavy force yesterday. They were easily repulsed

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& with heavy loss. We took some 500 prisoners. The 2d corps has been withdrawn from the north bank of the James River & is now within supporting distance of Warren. Wheeler attacked Maryville Tenn last night with artly. Result not known. Morgan with 3000 men is said to be approaching Cumberland Gap.

Tuesday Aug 23.1864.

Sherman teleghs that Kilpatrick is back having broken the road about Jonesboro. He had some pretty severe fighting but whipped the enemy every time & brought in 1 gun & 70 prisoners & 3 battle flags. He spiked several guns which he could not bring off. It will take the rebels 10 days to repair this break & before that time Sherman will swing around the city & cut it again.

Wednesday Aug 24.1864.

Maj. Eckert & I went to the Soldiers Home last night to experiment

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with an instrument for telegraphing by means of a calcium light.

A key is arranged so as to show the light at pleasure & by this means dots & dashes can be made quite successfully.

We communication with Chandler who was at Smithsonian Institute, very readily. The Prest. adm1 Davis of the Navy Col Nicodermus of the Signal corps & Col. Dimick were on the tower at Soldiers Home witnessing the experiments.

Gen Grant telegraphs that the enemy are furious over our possession of the Weldon road. They attack us there every day but each time have been repulsed with heavy loss to them & small loss to us. Scouts report that Gen W.H.F. Lee on of Robert E. Lee is mortally wounded.

Gen Burbridge reports from KY that Gen Hobson has defeated the rebel Col. Johnson in Webster Co. & is now pursuing him.

Weather cool & pleasant

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Thursday Aug. 25. 1864.

The new cable arrived at Ft Monroe yesterday. Will be put down in a few days. Gen Sherman moves this morning to the south & east of Atlanta leaving the 4th corps entrenched at Chattahoochie Bridge.

Gen Grant telegraphs that the rebels still continue to attack Warren on the railroad and are repulsed with heavy loss each time.

Friday Aug. 26. 1864.

Gen Grant telegraphs that Hancock who is south of Ream's Stn on the Weldon R.R. has had some severe fighting. The enemy attacked him yesterday & were repulsed. Sheridan says it is certain Early has rec'd re-enforcements & has advanced his line somewhat, & shows indications of crossing the River at Shepherdstown. If he does cross Sheridan will attack his divided force.

We have not recd our June money yet.

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Saturday Aug 27. 1864.

Genl Grant reports that Hancock who was south of & near Ream's Station, was attacked by the rebels day before yesterday.

They fell on him in heavy force & with great fierceness & all afternoon the battle lasted with great fury.

Gen Hancock was at first pushed back but rallied his troops & repulsed the enemy with great slaughter. He says that the fighting

was desperate resembling somewhat that of Spotsylvania but the numbers engaged made it less important.

The enemy captured 8 guns from us but loss very heavily in killed & wounded. They retired at dawn being unable to force our lines, leaving them dead & wounded on the field.

Gen Meade says he thinks the enemy will remain quiet now for some time.

Gen Sheridan reports that Early has fallen back to Leetown & Smithfield

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He captured 100 prisoners yesterday. Since Kershans Div entered the valley Sheridan has taken 500 prisoners from that divn.

Tinker left yesterday for Halifax on special service. He has a cipher with him. He will watch the movements of A Keith Jr. of Halifax, the rebel agent there.

Sunday Aug 28. 1864.

Attended church this morning at Wesley Chapel Heard Rev B Penton Brown preach a good sermon.

Richmond papers give the rumor that Ft Morgan is in our possession No particulars yet.

Monday Aug. 29. 1864.

Shermans army is in the vicinity of Fairburn & Red Oak on the West Pt Road & from that point well out towards the Macon road. He reports all going well. Gen Sheridan reports

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that Early has fallen back some distance towards Winchester He is following him closely.

It is thought troops have gone from the valley to Richmond & to Atlanta. The rebels say Hood is killed & Longstreet is in command at Atlanta. It is believed that some of Longstreets troops have gone to that point but his whereabouts are not known.

The rumor from Mobile that Ft Morgan is in our possession is confirmed through rebel sources.

Tuesday Aug. 30.1864.

Our men cable across the Chesapeake at Ft Monroe was laid Sunday & began to work at midnight of that day.

It works very well. Today I had Ft Monroe connect City Pa & we communicated direct from Washn to City Pt. The distance is 430 miles, & there are 11 cables, the one at Ft. Monroe (25 miles) being the longest.

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Genl Grant reports all quiet yesterday. Chicago convention is in session now. Gen McClellan will probably be the candidate for Prest. It will be a great pity if he is elected.

Wednesday Aug 31.1864.

Maj. Eckert went to Ft. Monroe today to see about laying a cable from Jamestown Island to Fort Powhatan. The land line between those points cannot be well guarded.

McClellan was today nominated for Pres. by the Dem. Convention at Chicago. He recd on the first ballot 203 votes, Seymour of N.Y. 23. Pendleton of O. will likely be nominated for Vice Prest. Richmond papers of the 26th confirm the capture of Ft. Morgan. It surrendered to the federal force on Tuesday the 23rd Gen Page with 581 men were sent to New Orleans. Granger has landed 4.000 men on the main land at Grant's Pass & will probably invest Mobile at once.

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Thursday Sept. 1. 1864.

No news of importance from any sources. Weather pleasant and cool.

Friday Sept. 2. 1864.

Capt. Van Duzer supt mil zeleg telegraphs from Marietta Ga as follows - "3 PM our forces entered Atlanta 2 hours since. Will

have line there before we sleep  
this is glorious news & will  
do us a world of good at this  
time. Nothing new from any  
other quarter.

Saturday Sept. 3. 1864.

Later news from Atlanta  
shows that Sherman fought Hood  
near East Pt. & defeated him. Stewart's  
corps of Hood's army was left in  
Atlanta & Slocum drove him out  
& now occupies the city.  
Averill whipped Vaughn's  
cavy in the valley yesterday & captured

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25 wagons, a head of cattle & some pris  
Sheridan reports that Early is at  
last retreating. Gen. S. is in pursuit

Monday Sept 19th 1864.

On Sunday Sept 4 I was taken ill  
with inflammation of bowels. Was confined to  
my bed until Sept. 12. The attack was  
quite severe but I had medical attention  
in time and soon got over it.

I came to the office on the 13th  
but stayed but a short time being very  
weak. On the 14th I went to Balto thinking  
the change would benefit me. I visited at  
Mr Creightons & Mr Brown's. Spent a very  
pleasant time & felt much better. Returned to  
Washn. this P.M. Will resume duty tomorrow  
Since the last entry in my journal  
the following movements have taken place  
Genl Sherman after whipping part  
of Hood's army under Hardee at Jonesboro  
on the Macon road, capturing some 3000 pris.  
followed him to Lovejoys Station 26 miles south

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of Atlanta where the rebels made a stand in  
an entrenched position. In the meantime  
Hood with the balance of his army in Atlanta  
finding Sherman on his only R.R. line blew  
up his magazines, burned 80 cars of ordnance  
stones, ammunition etc. destroyed several  
locomotives, & evacuated the place on the night  
of the 1st. Gen. Slocum with the 20th  
corps occupied the town next morning  
He found a large quantities of stones, 3000  
stoud of small arms & a number of cannon

some of which were spiked.

Gen. Sherman withdrew his army to the vicinity of Atlanta. After remaining at Lovejoys several days. He issued a congratulatory order to his troops in which he stated that since May 5 his troops had been in one constant battle or skirmish and they needed rest. He accordingly brought them to Atlanta for this purpose & to organize a new campaign.

Nothing new from Mobile. The rebels in Arkansas have concentrated & are seriously threatening Genl Steeles line of communication & Missouri

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Gen. A. J. Smith's Division has been ordered to Ark. & will enable Steele to fight the enemy successfully.

Gen Gillem surprised John Morgan the noted rebel raider near Greenville east Tenn about ten days since & in the fight Morgan was killed. His remains were sent to Abindon Va where they were buried

Thus ends the career of this most celebrated rebel chiefton.

On the 7th the rebels made a raid on a cattle herd near Coggins Pt. on the James river & succeeded in driving off 2500 beef cattle.

In the Shenandoah Valley all has been quiet till today. Gen Stevenson at Harpers Ferry reports that our cavalry drove a force of the rebels on the Opequan a distance of 7 miles capturing 200 of them.

He also reports that heavy cannonading has been heard all day in the direction of Berryville & Winchester.

Tuesday Sept. 20. 1864. The draft proceeded in the deficient districts throughout the

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county yesterday & the day before. All seems to have passed off quietly.

Gen. Sheridan reports that he fought Early all day yesterday over the Berryville pike at the cropping of the Opequan Creek.

He completely defeated the enemy driving him through Winchester & capturing 5000

prisoners which includes 2000 of his wounded left in Winchester, 15 battle flags & 5 pieces of artillery.

Genl D A Russell Comdg a Div in 6th corps was killed Gen McInstosh lost a leg. Gen Upton & Cahpman were slightly wounded. The rebels lost in killed Genls Rhodes Gordon & Terry & severely wounded Genls Ramsen Fitzs Lieut York. The enemys loss cannot fall short of 7000 ours is severe probably 4000.

Medical supplies have gone forward from H. Ferry.

The news of the glorious victory was sent to all the [illeg.] as soon as possible & 100 guns were ordered to be fired at the different arsenals.

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Wednesday Sept. 21.1864.

Sheridan reports that he followed the retreating enemy as far as starsburg He occupies that place, the rebels a strong position called Fishers Hill Our cavalry are out on the enemy's flanks.

Thursday Sept. 22, 1864.

Gen Sherman reports that Hood has moved from Lovejoy's stn to near Palmetto Station on the West Pt. road where his men are entrenching. Gen Sherman does not understand what this movement means but will watch him closely.

Gen. Sheridan reports dated Strasburg 9 pm 21st that Gen. Wilson's cavy Div had a fight with enemy at Front Royal yesterday, driving them out, & up the Luray Valley about six miles. Towards evening 2d div & part of the 3rd div 6th corps had a sharp fight with the enemy resulting in our gaining & holding a strong position on the crest of a hill.

Everything else quiet. Gen Sheridan

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has been appointed a Brg. Gen. in the regular army for his gallant services.

Friday Sept. 23. 1864.

Gen. Sheridan telegraphs that he achieved another victory over Early at

Fisher's Hill yesterday.

Early's army occupied a very strong position & Sheridan maneuvered until 4pm when Cook's corps was shifted to the extreme right He attacked the enemy furiously & drove everything before him. At the same time the 6th & 19th corps advanced on the front & the whole rebel army seemed to be broken up. Nothing saved them from total destruction but the darkness of night. They fled up the valley in the greatest confusion, 16 pieces of ammo were captured & a great many pris. Genl. Sheridan has not the time to get the number. Besides these a great many caissons, artillery, horses &c &c 2000 prisoners of those taken yesterday have reached Winchester.

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This good news was quickly sent to the north. It brot gold down to 219 from 215. It was 220 at the first board.

Saturday Sept. 24. 1864.

Nothing new of importance from Genl Sheridan. He is pursuing the enemy up the valley. He reports the 20 pieces of artly were taken & large amts of ammn entrenching tools etc, etc.; Gold closed at 199 this evening.

Sunday Sept 25. 1864.

Gen Sheridan advance was at Mt. Jackson yesterday evening. He says the houses in the valley are many of them filled with rebel wounded.

The Prest. on Friday requested Montgomery Blair Post Mr Genl to resign. The Prest in his letters to Blair says: "As you have repeatedly assured me that you were willing & ready to resign any time that it would be relief to me. I have now to state that I think the time

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has come." Ex. Gov Wm Dennison of Ohio has bee proferred the position. He is absent in the country now & can't be reached by telegh.

Attended Church at Wesley Chapel this morning. Heard of Dr. Phelps P.E.

Monday Sept. 26. 1864.

Sheridan advance is near New Market.  
He drove the rebels from Mt. Jackson but  
they travelled so fast he could not bring  
on an engagement with them.

Torbert had a little fight with  
Wickham's cavy. at Luray capturing  
a hundred prisoners.

The rumor that Mobile had surrendered  
unconditionally to our forces was recd today  
said to have come thru rebel sources.

This report is discredited however.

It sent gold down to 180 but it  
rallied on the rumor being contradicted  
& went to 194.

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Sept. 29. 1864.

No news of importance yesterday &  
the day before.

Charlie Tinker had orders  
today to come home from Halifax.

Gen Sheridan's forces entered Staunton on  
Monday according to rebel papers.

Early crossed the Shenandoah  
& went towards Pt. Republic.

Sheridan pursued him but could  
not bring on an engagement.

Genl Grant telegraphs that  
the 18th corps advanced Early this morning  
& captured the very strong fortifications  
below Chapins farms to the south  
west of Drury's Bluff. Ath the same  
time Gen Birney with 10th corps advanced  
on the New Market road & taken some  
very strong earthworks & a few prisoners  
& scattered the enemy before him.

Gen Grant left Birney about 6 miles  
from Richmond at 4 pm he teleghs  
that at last accounts Kautz was  
in sight of Richmond on the Darby road.

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A div. of infy has been sent to his  
support. Gen Ord (18th corps)  
took 15 guns & several hundred prisoners

Gen Grant's object was not to carry  
Richmond, but to cause the enemy to  
so weaken the Petersburg garrison as to

enable to take that place. The main object however is to prevent Lee sending troops to reinforce Early.

Friday Sept. 20. 1864.

Genl Grant reports that Genl Warren attacked & carried the enemy's line today on their extreme left. He immediately prepared to follow up his success. He captured a few prisoners.

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Rebel Cipher Cot 16/64  
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Cash account for Octo. 1864.

1. Cash on hand 392  
" Rec'd from

Dec. 14 Rec'd sak for Oct & Nov. 309  
" Pd Chandler 50.00  
" " Tinker 37.50  
" Rec'd from Thos. 33 from McKenna 10 45.  
" Pd Room rent for Aug & Sept 20.00  
" Sent father by express 105.00  
" Washing 3.00 for Dec.

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Washn. D.C. Octo. 1. 1864.

Saturday- I am suffering from a severe cold in my throat. Can hardly speak above my breath. Otherwise I am feeling well.

Gen Grant teleghs that the enemy made 3

assaults in heavy force on his line at Chapin's Farm yesterday afternoon & were repulsed each time. Late in the evening the enemy in superior force attacked Potter's div. of the 9th corps whilst it was moving to get to the [illeg.] of Warren, Potter was driven back until reinforced by Griffin's Divn. when the enemy were checked with heavy loss. Potter lost considerably in killed wounded and captured our troops entrenched during the night We have report from Sheridan up to the 29th at Harrisonburg. Early was still demoralized & had retreated through Brown's Gap. Our cavy entered Staunton on the 26th & destroyed the Govt repair shops & a large amount of rebel govt. supplies. From there they went to Waynesboro & destroyed the govt tannery, & large amounts of leather & stores of all kinds. Gen Sheridan has burned all the grain & hay that he could not use on his march. This will be bad

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for the rebels as they depended principally on the Shenandoah valley for grain. Gen Sheridan will soon retire to Front Royal & bring up supplies the ready to make an advance at any time.

Sunday Oct. 2, 1864.

Nothing of importance today. Albert Chandler left last evening for Va. He will return in about 3 weeks & will bring a wife with him.

I went to epiphany Church this evening, where our church held service. Dr. Ryan did not preach, but a strange gentleman with whom I was not acquainted. After church I visited Mrs. Hurt's a short while.

Monday Octo. 3. 1864.

Genl Sheridan telegraphs that he cannot make an advance on Charlottesville owing to the great distance from his base, & he suggests that the 6th 119th corps be sent to the Army of the Potomac. Gen. Grant has approved of this & directed the movement to be made at once. The troops will come by rail from Front Royal to Alexa

hency by water to City Point.

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Genl Schofield reports that Genl Gelleman had quite a severe fight in East Tenn one day last week lasting from 3pm of one day till noon of the next when the rebels retreated to Zollicoffer, No details given.

Tuesday Oct. 4. 1864.

No further movement in the Army of the Potomac. Gen Wilson has been relieved from duty with Sheridan and ordered to report to Sherman as his chief of cavalry. He will be brevetted a Major General.

Wednesday Oct. 5. 1864.

Genl Thomas comdig Army of the Cumberland who has been sent from Atlanta by Genl Sherman, to drive Forrest out of Tennessee reports that he has made such disposition of troops as will either destroy Forrest or compel him to go south at once. Washburne with 3000 cavy is at Clifton on the Tenn & will move at once to the enemy's rear The rebels have captured Big Shanty near Dalton, & are moving north and they have burnt bridges & tore up RR track & telegraph wire for ten

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miles in the vicinity of Big Shanty. Gen Sherman has ample supplies of all kinds in Atlanta & will not be inconvenienced by the present state of the railroad.

Nothing new from Gen Grant & nothing whatever from Gen. Sheridan.

Thursday Oct. 5. 1864.

Gen Grant left City Pt this morning for Washington on a short visit.

Genl Thomas reports from Nashville that our forces were fighting most of yesterday at Allatoona. Details not known but the rebels had been driven from the Road.

Friday Octo. 7. 1864.

Gen Thomas reports that in the fight at Alatoona the enemy under Genl French had 7.000 men. The fight lasted nearly all day & resulted in the enemy's being driven off with great loss. Estimated at 1.000 We lost 100 killed 200 wounded.

The enemy's dead & wounded left in our hands. Telegraph O.K. to Alatoona. Nothing heard from Sherman.

The rebels under Moseby made an attack yesterday upon the force guarding

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the construction train on Manassas Gap R.R. at Salem We fell back to White Plains but advanced again this am very little damage done.

Genl Butler reports that the enemy came out early this morning on the Darby road & drove Gen Kantz with some loss. He also attacked Birney with but was repulsed with great slaughter. We captured some few prisoners.

Saturday Oct. 8. 1864.

Genl Grant returned to City Point today. Butler reports that rebel Genl Gregg Comd'g Field's Div was killed yesterday. Gen Bratton was wounded.

Gen Sheridan has reached Woodstock with his army.

He has burned 2.000 barns filled with grain & flour & 70 mills filled with flour & wheat. He has killed & issued to his troops 3000 sheep & has brought off a large quantity of cattle, horse, &cs.

He has destroyed all farming implements, & has made the Shenandoah Valley untenable for a rebel army.

400 wagon loads of refugees

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from the vicinity of Harrisonburg came with Gen Sheridan & have been sent to Harpers Ferry.

Mr. Creighton of Balto. & rev Mr. Olivine of Penna called on me yesterday. I took dinner with them at the Kirkwood's.

Sunday Octo.9. 1864.

Today opened blustery & cold & has continued so all the day. Fires are very comfortable & over coats are necessary.

Genl Thomas at Nashville telegraphs that he has had nothing direct from Sherman, but that Gen. Corse at Alatoona reports that he (Sherman) was on the Railroad between Kenesaw & Atlanta repairing it.

Line is open to Alatoona & will be open to Atlanta today or tomorrow. The Railroad will require some days yet. Gen Sherman has enough supplies for the present but urges forward the shipment of forage.

His wants have been anticipated by Genl Thomas & large quantities have been sent as far to the front as possible. Rousseau reports that

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Forrest has escaped him by crossing the Tennessee in flat boats above and below Florence while he was detained by high water in the Shoal Creek & Elk river.

Major Gen Burbridge arrived at Catlettesburg Ky two days since with his command from an expedition to the salt works at Abingdon Va

He encountered a large force of rebels there posted behind entrenchments and immediately attacked them driving them from their works, but the ammunition giving out they were forced to retire, having accomplished but little of what was intended. The 6th corps & one div of cavalry only will be moved from Sheridan's army to the James.

Monday Octo. 10. 1864.

Gen Sherman telegraphs from Alatoona that Hood crossed the Chattahoochie & before he (Sherman) was aware of it had got a corps to Powder Springs.

Genl Sherman instantly resolved to leave Slocum with 20th corps in Atlanta & over to Marietta with the balance of his army. This

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he did & reached Kenesaw Oct. 6 just in time to witness at a distance the battle at Alatoona. Gen Conse had been ordered from Chattanooga with reinforcements & had met the enemy & handsomely repulsed him, he leaving his dead & wounded on the field.

As soon as Hood discovered Shermans appearance he moved to Dallas & Van Wert, & is today crossing the Coosa 12 miles below Rome bound west. Sherman suggests if he passes over to the Mobile & Ohio road that he (Sherman) destroy the railroad to Chattanooga & move with wagons to Milledgeville, Millen & Savannah. He says it is impossible to protect that long line of road & he can leave Thomas with what troops he has & the reenforcements ordered to Nashville, to defend the state. Sherman says he can make the march & can make Georgia howl.

Tuesday Oct. 11.1864.

Gen Sheridan reports that his cavalry had a sharp fight near Fisher's Hill on the 9th with all of the rebel cavy of the valley under Rossen.

The enemy was routed & 11 pieces

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of artillery captured, & 330 prisoners. We took 47 wagons & ambulances including the Hd qrs wagons of Rosen, Lomax Wickham & Polland.

Our forces pursued the retreating rebels 26 miles.

Sheridan proposes to send the 6th corps to Alexa. across the country. He has been directed to do this.

Wednesday Oct. 12, 1864.

Yesterday was election day in Pa. Ohio & Ind. & today in Md.

Penna will give a union majority of about 3.000 on the home vote. Ohio about 25.000 & Indiana about 20.000. Cox & Pugh of Ohio defeated Voorhees of Ind. doubtful.

The vote of the soldiers will increase these majorities some considerable.

Genl Grant has given Genl. Sherman permission to make his

proposed movement to the Atlantic coast breaking up the road from Atlanta to Chattanooga.

Thursday Oct. 13. 1864.

Genl Thomas telegraphs that Hood is at Dalton & that no communication has

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been had with Gen Sherman, all quiet in other quarters.

Friday Oct. 14. 1864.

Gold was up to 218 today. Closing 213.

There is nothing to cause this immense rise, but the actions of the gold speculations.

Saturday Oct 15. 1864.

Last heard from Gen. Sherman was that he was south of Resaca on way to attack Hood.

Hood had taken Dalton with a small garrison. Gold closed 220 today.

Sunday Oct. 16. 1864.

A rebel cipher was brought to our office today from Jake Thompson in Canada to Jeff Davis. It was translated by Baldwin & myself. Thompson informs Davis that Washington is sufficiently garrisoned to resist any attack until assistance could arrive.

He advises that no movement be made in this direction. He says that the re election of Lincoln is almost certain & urges upon Davis the immense necessity for the south gaining advantages over the northern armies. Attended church at night at Baptist Church on 13th St.

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Monday Oct. 17. 1864.

Gen Sherman telegraphs from Ships Gap Ga dated 5 pm 16th that Hood has retreated to the south west.

The RR is all right from Atlanta to Resacca, from Resacca to Dalton 20 miles are destroyed ten days will suffice to finish it.

Slocum is all right in Atlanta, has plenty of provisions and forage.

Troops in good spirits. Hood has as yet failed to accomplish any military results.

If he fails to invade Them. as he has promised his men to do he will lose

more by desertion than he has captured  
Thus far in losses the result has been  
in our favor.

Tuesday Oct. 18. 1864

Gen Schofield telegraphs from Chattanooga  
that the rear of Hoods army left  
Lafayette yesterday morning going south.

Gen Sherman is west of the RR in  
the Gaps of Taylor's Ridge.

Wednesday Oct. 19.

Heavy firing has been heard all day in  
the direction of Strasburg & Front Royal.

It is reported the enemy attacked Gen  
Sheridan in heavy force. Nothing official

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Thursday Octo. 20, 1864.

Charlie Tinker & Chandler returned to the  
city last evening. They are both very much  
improved in health. Baldwin goes to Balto.  
today to remain for a week. When he returns  
I will go home for three or four weeks.

Gen Sheridan telegraphs from  
Cedar Creek dated 10.p.m. 19th that  
the enemy attacked his army yesterday  
with great vigor & broke our lines in  
some confusion capturing twenty pieces  
of artillery & some prisoners. Genl S.  
Arrived on the ground himself at 1pm  
having just returned from Washington.  
He quickly reformed the lines & drove  
the enemy at all points routing him  
completely capturing 43 pieces of artily.  
2000 prisoners 100 wagons &  
ambulances, &c. Genl Ramseur is  
severely wounded & a prisoner.

On our side Gen Bidwell is killed  
Genls Wright, Grover & Ricketts wounded.

This makes 59 pieces of artillery he  
has taken in one month. His first  
battle was fought on the same day of  
the month - 19th Sept.

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Nothing further from Sheridan except

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that the number of cannon capture will  
be 50 instead of 43. This of course  
includes the 20 taken from us in  
the morning. Among our casualties are  
Genl Bidwell killed Col. CR Lowell  
& Col Thobunn killed, Col. Kitching &

McKenzie wounded. The enemy were pursued beyond Fisher's Hill.

Gen Sherman telegraphs from Summerville Ga. dated yesterday that Hood retreated south. Sherman would pursue him on that line as far as Galesville. He will then send the 4th corps to Thomas & with the rest of the army march into the heart of Ga. destroying all the roads & coming out at Savannah or Charleston

Saturday Oct. 22. 1864.

Genl Sheridan reports that he followed the enemy with Cavy to near Mt Jackson from four men who were captured & escaped he learns that the enemy's road was complete. Many of the rebels threw away their arms in the flight.

Sunday Oct 23.

The cipher which was intercepted on the 16th has been to Richmond

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& the reply dated Oct. 19th returned Jeff Davis says that Longstreet will soon attack Sheridan & then move north as far as practicable towards unprotected points (This was done last Wednesday but instead of moving north he is compelled to go south)

Davis says a blow will soon be stricken near Richmond on Grant's army; that is not quite time.

Sherman has reached Galesville Ga & will now go to Atlanta & get ready for his grand movement to Savannah, destroying all the railroads as he goes & taking all the horses & negroes, & living off the country He will start about Nov. 1st

Nothing new from any other quarter except Mo Curtis fought Price yesterday near West Pt. Mo. compelling him to retreat southward.

No one here knows where Rosecrans is or what he is doing. Grant has directed him to be removed.

Monday Oct 24. 1864,

Attended church yesterday at 13th St Baptist Church, heard Rev. Mr Gillette preach.

In afternoon went to Mr Tinker's house where  
I met him & his wife & sister in law & Mr. & Mrs. Chandler

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Took tea there & spent an exceedingly pleasant  
time.

Tuesday Oct. 2. 1864

No news from any quarter. I am anxiously  
awaiting return of Baldwin so that I can  
leave for home.

Friday Oct. 28, 1864

Baldwin left Balto. today & I leave washn  
at 3pm for home.

Saturday Oct. 29

Reached Balto. last evening on time  
Went at once to Mrs. Brown's whom I  
found well & glad to see me. Visited  
Rev. Mr. Creighton a few minutes in the  
evening & this morning leave Balto.  
at 9:20

Sunday Oct. 30.

Arrived at home today at 2 P.M.  
I stopped last night at Mr. Ward's in  
Altoona. Mother & father & all the family  
are exceedingly well. Went to Trinity  
Church this evening, heard Rev Mr  
Watkins the regular minister.

Monday Oct. 31.

I find Pittsburgh as black & dark as  
ever; if anything more so. Houses built  
within a year or two are fast assuming  
the prevailing color. It keeps me  
polishing my face & hands continually

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Tuesday Nov 1. 1864.

Sister Sallie is at Smiths Ferry & I am to  
go there tomorrow to bring her home

Wednesday Nov. 2. 1864

Left Pgh at 7 am & reached Smith's Fy.  
at 9 Sallie & all of Aunt Mary's folks  
are very well. Their new house is a  
very pretty & convenient one.

Geo Low & Ella Morledge came down with  
me. We went out in the woods this  
morning for a romp. After walking  
for about 5 miles & enjoying ourselves

very much, we returned to the house in time for dinner. We visited an establishment where Songham syrup was being made. The songham stalks are put into a press moved by horse power & the syrup flows into a barrel from whence it is led by a pipe into a huge vat where it is boiled & all superfluous matter removed. When drawn off from this vat it is ready for use.

It is clear & thick & the taste is very nice.

Thursday Nov. 3

Yesterday P.M. we returned to Pgh. This evening there is to be a grand torch light procession in honor of the union victories. Weather pleasant, cool.

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Friday Nov. 4. 1864.

Information from blockading fleet off Wilmington shows that the rebel ram Albemarle was blown up by a torpedo in charge of Lt. Cushing & eleven men. All but Lt. C. & one man were drowned or taken prisoners. It was a daring feat & great credit is due Cushing for his gallant act. The affair happened near Goldsboro N.C.

The torch light procession last night was a very grand affair. The display of fine works was brilliant. Today it drizzles rain & is dull & unpleasant.

Thursday Nov. 24. 1864.

During the last 3 weeks I have been enjoying myself at home as well as I could. I spent 3 days at Cleveland where I had a very pleasant time. Today Jeannie & I leave for Balto. She goes to Aunt Sarah's in Delaware.

Friday Nov. 25. 1864.

We reached Balto. Safely this evening & are now stopping at Mrs. Brown's Geo. Low accompanied us.

Saturday Nov. 26. 1864.

Jennie started this P.M. to Elkton Md

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where she will be met 60 some of Aunt's  
folks & taken to Glasgow!

I neglected to state previously that  
Abraham Lincoln was re-elected Pres  
by an increased majority. He carried all  
the states but New Jersey. Del. & Ky.

Gove Seymour of NY. was defeated by Hon R.E. Fenton, all loyal hearts  
are gratified at this.

Sunday Nov. 27th. 1864.

Geo. & I arrived at Washn safely  
and well last night. Found every  
thing about as we left it.

On the 15th of this month  
Gen. Sherman marched from  
Atlanta with 60,000 picked men for  
Savannah. He destroyed the R.R.  
from Chattanooga south & burnt all  
of military importance in Atlanta.

Up to this time we learned from rebel  
papers he has captured Milledgeville  
& Gordon & probably Macon.

Hood's army is south of the  
Tenn. threatening Chattanooga & Nashville  
but Gen G.H. Thomas with a large force is  
on the alert & can counteract any  
movement Hood may make.

No apprehension is felt for the

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safety of either Nashville or Chattanooga.

About the 12th of this month Gen  
Gillem was defeated near Bull's Gap  
in east Tenn. & all his artillery captured  
by Breckenridge who now occupies  
Bull's Gap. Our forces under Burbridge  
are now advancing & will assume the  
offensive at once.

In the army before Richmond  
& Petersburg nothing new has transpired  
of importance.

Monday Nov. 28. 1864.

Gold is up to 233 today. A rebel cavy  
force under Rosser & McCausland  
attacked & captured our garrison  
at New Creek today. Genl Sheridan  
has sent a cavalry force to intercept  
the rebs. on their return.

Tuesday Nov. 29. 1864.

A.J. Smith's Div. has all reached Nashville & gone to the front. The 6th corps is ordered from Sheridan's Army to City Point.

Wednesday Nov. 30. 1864.

Weather mild & beautiful Nothing of importance from the armies.

Richmond papers state that Gen Breckenridge is about starting on a

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campaign that will carry dismay into Ky

He was at Bristol on the 25th.

Rebel papers state that Bragg has gone to Augusta from Wilmington with 10,000 men.

They do not state exactly where Sherman is but it is inferred that about the 24th he was in the vicinity of Macon & Gordon & was marching towards [illeg.], going rather to the south of Augusta. All Govt property, machinery &c. have already been removed from Augusta to a place of safety.

Thursday Dec. 1. 1864.

Gen. Thomas telegraphs that Gen. Schofield was attacked yesterday at 4 pm by one or two corps of the enemy near Franklin. The Fight lasted till dark resulting in the complete repulse of the rebels, with a loss to them of fully 5,000 including 1,000 prisoners, a Brig Genl being among the captures. Our loss very light, probably less than a thousand.

Friday Dec. 2. 1864.

Gen Thomas telegraphs that owing to the superior force of the enemy's cavalry he thinks best to withdraw to the defenses around Nashville until Genl Wilson's cavy is all equipped - Gen Grant has teleghed him to attack Hood & not let him stay

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Gen Burbridge has started on an expedition from Cumberland Gap having for its object the recapture of Bulls Gap, & the forcing of Breckenridge out of East Tenn. Burbridge was to be at Beans Station today.

Genl Grant telegraphs that Gen Gregg made a reconaissance yesterday down the Wesldon R.R. He captured Stony

Creek Stations with 2 cannon 200 pris.  
destroyed the depot with 3000 sacks of  
corn & an amount of other supplies.

Last night I received a letter  
from a Carnegie Supt Pittsburgh  
Divn. Penna R.R. asking me if I would  
accept the position of Supt. Teleg W.P.R.R.  
if offered me. Salary 125 pr mo.  
I learn today that Col. Thos Ascott  
told Maj. Eckert some time ago that the  
situation would probably open soon  
& asked him to name a man for the place  
He at once spoke of me (as he says) &  
Col. S. told him that he too had that  
of me but did not want to deprive the Maj. of me.  
I replied to Mr. Carnegie today  
stating that I would accept if  
offered provided the salary were  
increased.  
The position is a very fine one

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& includes the line on the Sunbury & Erie  
Railroad. I feel very highly honored by  
such an offer & am sorry I am not  
more capable of filling it.

Saturday Dec. 3. 1864.  
Gen. Sheridan telegraphs that Gen. Merritt  
has returned from his expedition east of  
the Blue Ridge. He reports it as a success  
He says from 5 to 6000 head of cattle  
including from 3 to 4000 head of sheep  
& nearly 1.000 head of fatted hogs for the  
rebel Govt. were driven off or destroyed  
From 5 to 700 horses including mares  
& colts were brot away. From 30 to  
40 guerillas were killed or captured  
a forage depot of the guerillas was  
destroyed where several hundred tons  
of hay were stored.

Great preparation are going on Ft. Monroe  
& in the armies before Richmond indicating  
early movements there. As soon as the water  
is let in through Dutch Gap canal a movement  
will be made by our fleet having for its  
object the destruction of the rebel fleet  
in James River. At the same time a  
movement of the army will take place.

Richmond papers admit that Sherman  
is south of Augusta across the Oconee.

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Sunday Dec 4. 1864.

Took dinner with Mrs Tinker today.

Attended Baptist church in the A.M.

Attny Genl Lyon "with prisoners from Savannah arrived this evening at Ft. Monroe with Savannah papers of the 30th ulto. Gen. Sherman was reported beyond Millen but a rumor was circulated just as the "Lyon" left that his cavalry were within 6 miles of Savannah.

A force of 1.000 infy with artly had landed at Boyd's Landing on the Broad river from Beaufort with the intention of breaking the R.R. between Savannah & Charleston.

The same paper contains a communication from the major of Milledgeville to the major of Macon dated Nov. 25th asking the latter person to send them bread & meat, or there would be great suffering among the people.

This would indicate that Gen. Sherman had cleaned them out pretty successfully. The same communication state that the Railroad Bridge & the bridge over the Oconee were both destroyed.

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Monday Dec. 5. 1864.

The Hilton Head correspondent of the N.Y. Herold reports that Dahlgren & Foster are in communication with Gen. Sherman

From rebel sources are learn that Foster has destroyed the R.R. bridge over the Pocatiligo river in S. C.

Gen Thomas at Nashville reports that the enemy planted a battery on the night of Dec 3rd on the river at Bell's Landing & succeeded in capturing two boats on their way down. Comdr Fitch in command of the fleet there went down with an iron clad & two gunboats, and soon drove the Battery away, & recaptured the 2 [illeg.]

Hood is in about the same position not having touched the R.R. yet, but is entrenching himself where he is.

Tuesday Dec. 6. 1864.

Congress met yesterday. The President's message was not received and read until today- It is very good.

Wednesday Dec. 7. 1864.

Gen. Grant telegraphs that this morning  
Gen. Warren with 27,000 men moved from  
his position near Ream's Station down the  
Weldon Railroad toward Hicksford

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The object is to break the Weldon road  
thoroughly. Gen Butler this morning sent  
some troops across the James above Dutch  
Gap & captured the rebel pickets & now  
holds the opposite side of the River.

This will be of advantage to us in  
opening the Dutch Gap Canal.

6500 infantry & two batteries will  
be sent this evening by Gen. Butler to  
cooperate with the navy in the capture  
of Wilmington; or at least the mouth  
of Cape Fear River. They embarked  
on steamers at Bermuda Hundred.

Gen Palmer in N.C. is ordered to  
make a movement up the Roanoke  
River to cut if possible the railroad  
below Weldon This will create a  
division in favor of both Warren &  
the attack on Wilmington.

Thursday Dec. 8. 1864.

Genl Grant ordered Gen Thomas' day  
before yesterday to attack Hood at  
once but we rec'd telegrams today  
from Thomas dated 10pm 7th in  
which he says nothing of having  
made an attack

Gen Grant has suggested that  
if he has not struck yet that he

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be ordered to hand over his command  
to Schofield, & assume himself a subordinate  
position. Grant has also suggested the  
probability of calling on Ohio, Indiana  
& Illinois to furnish 60,000 men for  
30 days.

Friday Dec. 9. 1864.

Gen Grant recommended yesterday that  
if Thomas had not attacked Hood to  
order him to turn over his command to  
Schofield. Gen Halleck answered that  
no one here wanted to see Thomas

relieved & added that Grant should give a position order to that effect.

Gen Grant today teleghed to suspend the order until it was seen whether Thomas would do anything. Nothing new from Sherman or warren.

Thomas teleghs dated 2pm today that he had made every preparation to attack Hood tomorrow morning but that a freezing rain storm had come on which would prevent our soldiers from fighting to any advantage. He would make the attack however as soon as possible.

Saturday Dec. 10. 1864.

There was a heavy snow storm last night throughout the entire north & west lines nearly down.

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Sunday Dec 11. 1864.

Snow rapidly disappearing making sidewalks & streets very slushy and muddy  
Nothing at all from Sherman or Warren  
Genl Thomas will in all probability attack Hood tomorrow or Tuesday. The storm has rendered it impossible before.

Monday Dec. 12.1864.

Genl Grant telegraphs that Warren destroyed completely the railroad from the Nottoway to Hicksford that returned to Sussex CH.  
By the arrival of a vessel from Pt Royal we learn that Genl Foster has destroyed the R.R. bridge at Pacatiligo on the road between Charleston & Savannah & had communicated with Sherman.

Tuesday Dec. 12. 1864.

By Richmond papers of yesterday and today state that Sherman is within five miles of Savannah & his troops were drawn up in line of battle. Communication with Savannah had been broken.

Wednesday Dec. 14. 1864

Richmond papers of today give no further news form Sherman. The weather has moderated very much. Genl Sheridan is going to send some of Cook's army to Gen Grant.  
They will start very soon.

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We rec'd a telegram this evening from Genl Foster at Hilton Head dated Dec. 12th 10 am stating that he had just rec'd a dispatch from Genl. Howard commanding right wing of Gen. Sherman's army. Howard was near the Savannah canal & his dispatch says that the army has met with perfect success thus far & men are in best spirits possible & in excellent condition They had accumulated a considerable number of cattle, horses, &c & were well supplied.

Sherman's army were then advancing on Savannah & it is thought the works were attacked on the 11th as heavy firing was heard in that direction.

Genl Foster had taken up a good position between the Coosawatchie & Tullifinney Rivers 1200 yards from the railroad, & but one train had succeeded in stealing past since he had held that position.

Thursday Dec. 15. 1864.

Genl Thomas telegraphed that he would attack the enemy this morning No report has come from him yet.

Gen Grant left City Point last evening for Washington on a short visit.

From rebel papers we learn that Burbridge has entered Bristol East Tenn. capturing three

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trains of cars & some prisoners. No further particulars.

It is rumored today that Sherman has captured Savannah.

Friday Dec. 16. 1864.

Genl Thomas telegraphs from Nashville that he attacked Hood yesterday & drove him on the right seven miles & on the centre 4 miles, driving him from all his works, & capturing 17 pieces of artly & 1.500 prisoners. The attack will be renewed today.

From rebel papers we learn that Gen. Sherman has captured the very strong fort. McAllister in Ossabow Sound at the mouth of the Oqushee River.

Saturday Dec. 17.

News this morning from Thomas says that the report of Thursday's captures is greatly exceeded by the actual figures yesterday the fighting was renewed & Gen

Thomas telegraphs that our forces were completely successful, capturing firm or six thousand prisoners & some 40 guns. The retreating rebels threw away their arms & as they fled.

Genl Thomas is still pursuing.

Gen Stoneman telegraphs via Cumberland

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Gap that on the 10th he moved towards the Holston. He attacked & routed Basil Duke's command capturing Col. Morgan, brother of John. & a whole wagon train, we since learn by rebel papers that Stoneman has advanced up the railroad to & beyond marion destroying the R.R. as he goes. He has no doubt destroyed salt works near Abingdon.

Sunday Dec. 18. 1864.

Attended Wesley Chapel this morning. Heard Dr. Bowman Chaplain of the Senate preach from John 3:8 - Hon. S.P. Chase the newly appointed Chief Justice was there.

From Genl Thomas we learn that yesterday one cavalry attacked Stevenson's rebel divn of infantry six miles beyond Franklin & routed them. dispensing them in all directions, capturing three guns.

The pursuit was to be continued today Genl Thomas Hd Qrs yesterday were at Franklin Gen. Sherman closely invests Savannah We rece'd a telegram yesterday morning from Genl Foster dated Wednesday 14th. He says that he met Sherman at Ft. McAllister which was taken by assault on the 13th by Hazen's Division of the 15th corps.

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The garrison of 250 men & amount of 21 guns fell into our hands.

This important capture opens up to us the great Ogeechee river & enables us to supply Sherman directly.

A division of infy held Argyle Island above Savannah & the troops were so disposed as to prevent any escape from the city.

During Sherman's march his men lived on the turkey's chickens sweet potatoes & other good things of the

richest part of Georgia. Their March was but feebly resisted. The men are all in excellent condition & fine spirits.

Last Tuesday Admiral Porter's fleet left Hampton Roads for the mouth of Cape Fear river.

It consisted of over 60 ships of different kinds including five iron [illeg.] Wilmington is to be attacked today. 7,000 troops accompany the expedition, under command of Maj. Gen. Butcher.

We learn from Genl Canby that his expeditions sent out from Vicksburg & Baton Rouge to cut the railroad communication of Hood

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have been completely successful. The one from Vicksburg has returned, having destroyed the Mobile & Ohio RR for 30 miles above Jackson including several imported depots & several cars & engines.

The bridge over the big black was also destroyed.

Monday Dec 19. 1864.

The following is Secy Stanton's bulletins of last night

[newspaper clipping]

War Department, Dec. 18, 9 P.M.

Major General Dix, New York:

The following official reports were received this evening from General Thomas, dated at his headquarters near Franklin:

"HeadQ'RS Department Cumberland,

"Near Franklin, Tenn., Dec. 17.

"Report just received from Major General Wilson, states that at 6 P.M. to-day he attacked and dispersed Stevensons division of rebel infantry and a brigade of cavalry, capturing three guns.

"the 4th United States cavalry, and Hatch's division of cavalry, handsomely supported by Kinpe's division of cavalry, did the work, making several beautiful charges, breaking the rebel infantry in all directions. Had it only been light, the rebel rearguard would have been entirely destroyed. As it is, it has

been severely punished. The whole army will continue vigorous pursuit in the morning. This attack was made six miles beyond Franklin.

"George H. Thomas, Major General."

"Headquarters Department Cumberland,

"Near Franklin, 8 P.M., Dec. 17.

"We have pressed the enemy to-day beyond Franklin, capturing his hospital containing over fifteen hundred wounded, and about one hundred and fifty of our wounded in addition to the above. General Knipe, commanding a division of cavalry, drove the enemy's rear-guard through Franklin to-day, capturing about two hundred and fifty prisoners and five battle flags, with a very little loss on our side. Citizens of Franklin represent Hood's army as completely demoralized. In addition to the captures of yesterday reported in dispatch of last night, I have the honor to report the capture of general Rucher and about two hundred and fifty prisoners of the enemy's cavalry, in a fight that occurred about eight o'clock last night, between General Rucher and General Hatch of cavalry. The enemy has been pressed to-[illeg.] both in front and on both flanks.

"Brigadier General Johnson succeeded in striking him on the flank, just beyond Franklin, capturing quite a number of prisoners, number not yet reported.

"My cavalry is pressing him closely though, and I am very much in hopes of getting many more prisoners to-morrow.

"George H. Thomas, Major General."

Other dispatches (unofficial) from Nashville state that one thousand prisoners were captured by Wilson, and that General Rousseau, commanding at Murfreesboro, reports Forrest killed [illeg.] and fifteen hundred of his men captured.

The superintendent at Nashville will be open to Franklin to-night, and will rapidly follow Thomas, thus furnishing him supplies, and enabling him to push on after Hood.

Edwin M. Stanton

War Department, Dec. 18, 9 P.M.

Major General John A. Dix, New York:

An official dispatch from General Sherman was received to-day, dated near midnight, December 13, on the gunboat Dandelion, Ossabaw Sound. It was written before General Foster had reached him. He reports, besides some military details of future operations, which are omitted, the following interesting particulars

of his operations:

"On Board Dandelion,

"Ossabaw Sound, 11 50 P.M., Dec. 13.

"To-day at 5 P.M., General Hazen's division of the 15th corps carried Fort McAllister by assault, capturing its entire garrison and stores.

"This opened to us the Ossabaw Sound, and I pulled down to this gun boat to communicate with the fleet. Before opening communication, we had completely destroyed all the railroads leading into Savannah river, three miles above the city, and the right on the Ogeechee, at Kingsbridge.

"The army is in splendid order, and equal to anything. The weather has been fine, and supplies abundant. Our march was most agreeable, and we were not at all molested by guerillas.

We reached Savannah three days ago, but owing to Fort McAllister, we could not communicate. But now we have Fort McAllister, we can go ahead. We have already captured two boats in the Savannah river, and prevented their gunboats from coming down. I estimate the population of Savannah at 25,000, and the garrison at 15,000. General Hardee commands. We have not lost a wagon on the trip, but have gathered in a large supply of negroes, mules, horses, &c., and our teams are in better condition than when we started. My first duty will be to clear the army of supplies negroes, mules, and horses. We have utterly destroyed over two hundred miles of railroad, and consumed stores and provisions that were essential to Lee's and Hood's armies. The quick work made with Fort McAllister, and the opening of communication with our fleet, and consequent independence for supplies, dissipate all their boated threats to head us off and starve the army. I regard Savannah as already gained.

"Your truly,

"W T. [illeg.]

On last Friday  
gold was 234  
Today it was as low  
as 213 & is now  
217.

The glorious news  
of our victories  
has electrified all  
hearts with joy.  
Everyone is  
pleased.  
Today the weather

is damp & rainy  
walking it very  
with mud.

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Tuesday Dec. 20, 1864.

No further news from Sherman. From Thomas we learn that he is pursuing Hood with energy. Every hour prisoners are captured. some 2 or 300 were taken yesterday. the Prest made in call last night for 300,000 men.

Wednesday Dec. 21. 1864

Genl Thomas telegraphs that our forces came up with the rear guard of the enemy yesterday at Duck River & captured 5 guns & about 100 prisoners. He Qrs of Gen Thomas were at Columbia. A strong force has been sent via Stevenson to Decatur from which place we will threaten Florence & prevent Hood from crossing the Tennessee.

To cooperate with this movement Adml Lee has sent gunboats up the Tenn. to Florence. Genl Thomas is confident of capturing the greater part of the rebel army.

Nothing yet from Wilmington N.C. It has no doubt fallen into our hands ere this. Adml Porter & Gen Butler men to have attacked it Monday the 19th & we should hear first through rebel sources.

Last night considerable snow & sleet fell & today there is a cold drizzling rain, rendering the streets very dirty & muddy.

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Thursday Dec. 22. 1864.

Gen. Grant telegraphs that news from the Richmond papers of today states at B5 vessels of the Federal fleet have arrived off Wilmington but the severe state of the weather has thus far prevented an attack.

Gen Bragg in an official report says he is fully able to hold Wilmington.

Gen Thomas, telegraphs that the rebel Gen. Lyon who had crossed the Cumberland & gone into Ky. has been defeated. Lyone being compelled to burn most of his baggage &c & losing a considerable portion of his men.

Nothing further from Gen. Sherman.

Friday Dec. 23. 1864.

Genl Grant telegraphs that a rebel telegraph operation has come into Gen. Ord in lines who states that he left Richmond this morning that news had been rec'd there from Beauregard announcing the fall of Savannah, it having surrendered unconditionally to our forces on the 20th, also that Gen Whitney telegraphed to Jeff Davis that Fort Fisher at the mouth of Cape Fear river had been captured.

This is glorious news indeed & we wait anxiously to hear of its confirmation.

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Saturday De. 24. 1864.

Nothing yet from Sherman or Ponter we are all very anxious.

Sunday Dec. 25. 1864.

Genl Thomas teleghs from 8 miles beyond Columbia Tenn that last evening Gen Wilson had two short skirmishes with Forrest 6 miles from Pulaski, driving him perceptively & capturing a few prisoners.

Gen Granger was at Huntsville with 1250 men on the 22d & was waiting for Stedman daily expected, when he would push for Decatur & try to prevent Hood crossing the Tennessee. It is rumored that Hood is superseded by Forrest.

At 7p.m. we received a telegram from Gen Sherman dated Savannah Ga. Dec. 22 via Ft. Monroe stating that Handie had escaped from him the day before with the main force of his army & his light artly Sherman captured in Savannah 150 heavy guns. 33000 bales of cotton worth \$20,000.000 13 locomotives, 190 cars, 3 steamers & lots of ammunition etc; There are 20,000 citizens in the city quiet & well disposed. The rebels blew up their iron clads & burned their navy yard. Gen Foster opened communication with the city on the 22d taking up what torpedoes could be seen & passing the

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rest. Arrangements are made to remove all the obstructions.

Monday Dec. 26. 1864.

This morning was ushered in with a booming of cannon. 300 having been fired in honor of

the capture of Savannah. Fireworks have been going off all day. Every other person you meet has a pistol in his hand with which he occasionally fires a salute.

We are barren of news today except a drop from Thomas. He was about 6 miles north of Pulaski last night & genl Wilson had driven Forrest through Pulasky the evening before on the keen jump, the rebels running as fast as they could, making no stand whatever. Wilson says the rebel army is making its way to Lamb's Ferry & Florence, fearing to go towards Decatur, lest our forces should get in their rear. Thomas is very confident of being able to capture or destroy most of the remnant of Hood's army.

Tuesday Dec. 27. 1864.

We learn from Richmond papers that our fleet attacked Ft. Fisher at the mouth of Cape Fear River on Saturday the 24th. The powder boat that was to be floated against Ft Fisher, blew up when within 300 yards of it doing no material damage.

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Wednesday Dec. 28. 1864

Last night Gen Butler arrived at Ft. Monroe having left Wilmington on Monday.

On Sunday at noon our vessels opened upon Ft. Fisher & continued a vigorous fire until night. Under cover of this fire we landed troops to the northwest of the fort & gallantly assaulted the outworks We captured an entire battalion of 350 men in one of the outworks & at another place a battery with 65 men. Finding that an assault on the fort itself was impracticable, owing to the fact that the beach was so narrow as to allow of but 1.000 men moving a time & that 17 guns commanded the approach the troops were withdrawn. Adm. Foster however continues the bombardment & has strong hopes of success.

Genl Thomas telegraphs that the main body of Hood's army has crossed the Tennessee & that the rear guard will probably be captured. No further news from Gen. Sherman. It is presumed that he will organize a new campaign to beg in about Jany 1st & will strike for Raleigh N.C. thus cutting the principal means of communication of the rebels & in all probability compelling Beauregard to evacuate Charleston.

Genl Stoneman telegraphs from  
Knoxville that he has returned to that

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place from his recent expedition. He reports  
it completely successful at every point.

He destroyed all of the R R bridges west  
of the New River in S.W. Va burnt depots,  
destroyed track, 13 trains with engines attacked  
besides a great many separate cars, 50.000  
bushels of salt. destroyed the sale &  
lead works, breaking the kettles & filling  
the wells & shafts with shells railroad iron  
etc. brought off 2000 horses & many mules  
& inflicted very great damage on the enemy  
with but comparatively small loss to us.

Gen. Stoneman deserves great credit for  
this work. In his former military career  
he has been uniformly unsuccessful

Friday Dec. 30. 1864.

All of the troops under Gen. Butler in the attack  
on foot Fisher have returned to City Point.

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Saturday Dec 31.

Snow has been falling lightly all day  
& melts as it falls. This evening it  
is colder.

Genl Grant sends 8.000 men  
from Ft. Monroe Monday P.M. with orders  
for them to go to the mouth of Cape Fear  
river. They will make an attack on  
Ft Fisher & endeavor to capture it.

Genl Dana at Memphis reports  
that his cavalry when last heard from  
had struck the Mobile & Ohio R.R. 5 miles  
south of Corinth & had already destroyed  
5 miles of road & were proceeding  
further south.

Genl Canby reports that Gen.  
Granger when last heard from was  
12 miles from East Pascagoula on the  
road to Mobile. A force from Pensacola  
had captured Pollard & destroyed the  
bridge over the Escambia river.

Nothing from Gen Sherman or Gen Grant.  
Gen Thomas reports that he has sent A J  
Smith with a force to Eastport to cross  
the Teanepee & try to cap the Mobile &  
Ohio R.R.

Sunday Jany 1. 1865

Did not get to church today. Weather clear and cold no news.

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Monday Jan 2. 1865.

called today on Mrs. Roche. Mrs. Luff. Miss Buck. Mr Johnson, The Gonsalves Mrs. Chandler & the Fleury's, with Mr Tinker. Spent a very pleasant time.

About 300 officers of the army & navy called on the Prest. today at noon. after which citizens were received.

Tuesday Jan 3. 1865

Commo. Hull of Phila Navy Yard reports that Stmr Massachusetts has just arrived there

Capt West reports that our forces are preparing to move on Charleston.

Gen. Sheridan is directed to send another Division of troops to Balto. so soon as transports are ready to convey them to Wilmington N.C.

Wednesday Jan. 4. 1865.

Two inches of snow fell last night. There is Sleighing today. Weather is quite cold.

The troops to operate against Fort Fisher leave Ft. Monroe today & will reach Adml Porter on Friday.

Thursday Jan 5. 1865

Jennie & Nellie reached Washn this evening having come from Elkton today. They are both very well & of course I was much pleased to see them.

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Friday Jan. 6. 1865.

Went shopping with Jennie this PM in the rain. We go to the theatre tonight to see Edwin Forrest in Othello. No news from any quarter.

Saturday Jan 7. 1865

Visited Mrs Young today with Jeannie Gen Thomas telegh that his cavalry captured & burned Hood's pontoon train and 180 wagons with supplies.

Genl Dana's cavy under Grierson when last heard from had destroyed the Mobile & Ohio RR to Okolona & were still on their way- all the bridge culverts

engines cars &c on their line of march were destroyed. The expedition thus far had proven a complete success.

Genl Orders (aly 0) No 1 were issued today relieving major Gen B.F. Butler from command of the Dept of Va & N.C. & ordering him to report from Lowell Mass by letter to adj. Gen.

Sunday Jan. 8. 1865.

Lt Gen. Grant has designated Maj. Gen. Ord to take temporary command of the Dept of Va & N.C. is Gen Butler's place.

Gen Grant has ordered Thomas as soon as he is assured that Hood has gone south from Corinth, to send Schofield's corps by

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rail to Annapolis Md, these to rendezvous for further orders. The Dept of the Cumberland & the Dept of the Ohio will then be united under Genl Thoas.

Attended Lt. John's Epis. Church today with Jennie. After dinner called on the Gonsalves.

Monday Jan 9. 1865

Jennie & I went to the Capitol, visited the House of Representatives & the Senate. Gen Thomas today sends a report of Col. W. J. Palmer of the Anderson Cavalry who followed & destroyed Hood's pontoon train of 70 boats & about 200 wagons containing supplies, also 3000 stand of small arms & captured 200 prisoners. His force was but 600 men.

Tuesday Jan 10. 1865

Jennie & I attended the President's levee last night. It was crowded. We were much pleased with the visit.

Gen Marcy telegraphs from Vicksburg that Gen. Grierson has arrived there. His raid was very successful. he destroyed 40 miles of the Mobile & Ohio road & 30 miles of the Miss. central. captured & destroyed 4 locomotive tanks, depots &c., burnt out a large woolen factory, together with a large quantity of leather

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& supplies of different kinds of brought off 600 horses & mules 1000 negroes, 600 prisoners whipped Forrests camp of dismounted men

& intercepted dispatches stating that reinforcements were coming up from Mobile. These troops arrived on cars whilst the fight was going on & Garrison went to their rear & captured them. Hood will not be able to repair the road in 2 months

Wednesday Jan 11. 1865

Missouri legislature today passed the ordinance which makes her a free state. Hail for Missouri.

Thursday Jan. 12. 1865.

Nothing new. Jennie and I visited Mrs. Tinkers today.

Friday Jan 13. 1865

Adml Porter was to sail from Beaufort N.C. together with a land force on Wednesday. We will hear from the second attack on Ft. Fisher soon.

Saturday Jan. 14. 1865.

Jennie & Nellie left today for Balto. after having spent a very delightful visit. Gen Grant telegraphs that Richmond papers of today state that our fleet re appeared off Wilmington & it was rumored that the bombardment of Ft. Fisher had begun.

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Sunday Jan. 15. 1865.

Attended Dr Smith's 9th Presby church this morning -

Mr. Blair (F.P.) arrived at City Pt. yesterday from Richmond on his way to Washn. He is accompanied by two commissioners from Alabama. They will arrive in Washn Monday.

Tennessee in convention assembled last week passed the ordinance abolishing slavery. It will be voted on by the people Feby. 22d.

Hon. Edwd. Everett of Mass. died at 4 1/2 A.M. today of apoplexy. It is a singular coincidence that the Rev. Dr. Channing in a sermon delivered at the Capitol this morning eulogized Mr. Everett for his efforts during the war to sustain our cause. He spoke of Mr. Everett in the very highest terms and that without knowing of his decease.

Monday Jan. 16. 1865.

Genl Terry Comdg the expedition before Wilmington reports that he arrived off Wilmington on Friday the 13th & had landed his infantry & stores. He occupies 2 lines across the peninsula above Ft. Fisher & had 6 siege guns in position. He had

captured & burned a boat on the river.  
4.500 troops of the 19th corps from Gen.  
Sheridan's army left Ft. Monroe yesterday & today  
to reinforce Terry. From rebel papers we  
learn that the bombardment was kept up

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all day Saturday & Sunday, but without any  
injury to the fort.  
Gen Schofield's corps begun yesterday  
at Eastport Miss. to embark en route for Washington D.C.

Tuesday Jan 17. 1865.  
Ft Fisher is ours! Gen. Terry telegraphs from  
Ft. Fisher dated 2 A.M. 16th that is was decided  
to assault that place on the 15th & accordingly  
after a very heavy bombardment by the Navy  
at 3pm a charge was made. The fight was  
desperate & lasted till 10 P.M. when the rebels  
surrendered. We have 2.000 prisoners  
including Gen. Whiting & Col. Lamb the Comdr  
of the fort & 70 guns of different caliber.

The troops of the 19th corps will have  
reached there by this time & Wilmington will  
no doubt speedily fall.

Great credit is due to the Army & Navy  
for their hearty cooperation. Adml Porter  
says Terry is his beau ideal of a soldier &  
a general. It is said that today Gen.  
Butler gave his evidence before the committee  
on the conduct of the war & that as he was  
explaining why Ft Fisher could not be  
taken by assault, the news of its capture  
was announced.

Wednesday Jan 18. 1865.  
Father telegraphed me yesterday that mother

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and Sallie were both ill & Jennie was needed.  
I took the first train for Balto. & found  
Jennie at Mr. Botton's on Front St. whilst  
there a telegram was rec'd from home stating  
that the folks were better & Jennie needn't come  
until she proposed. Arrangements were then  
made for her starting Friday, and I returned  
to Washn. at noon today. During my  
brief stay in Balto. I was very nicely entertained  
by the Botton's. They are all lively & interesting  
Jennie & Nellie are very well & enjoying  
themselves very much.

Thursday Jan 19. 1865.  
Rebel papers of today state that Sherman

has occupied Potaligo in very heavy force. One of the federal monitors has sunk near Fort Sumpter supposed to have been caused by a torpedo. A rebel deserter came into our lines in Gen. Ord's front this P.M. & reports that it is stated that Wilmington has been captured by the federals with \$33,000,000 worth of cotton- which was set on fire by the rebels but was extinguished by our forces before being damaged.

Friday Jan 20. 1865.

I go to Balto today to visit Jennie & to see her started home. Nothing new.

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Saturday Jan 21. 1865.

Reached Balto. safely yesterday P.M & went to Mr. Bolton's house Have enjoyed myself very much. They are all exceedingly clever people. Went to David Hill Park yesterday to see the skating. We go to Mrs. Browns to spend today.

Sunday Jan 22. 1865

Jennie & Nellie left for home at 10 PM yesterday. Father telegraphs that Sallie is little better. Stopped at Mr. Brown's last night & attended church with him at Dr Dixon's this morning  
Leave for Washn at 6 PM

Monday Jan 23, 1865

Reached Washn safely last night. Father telegraphs that Jennie & Nellie reached Pgh at 6 PM Sunday, 6 hours  
Latest news from  
Cape Fear river shows Adml Porter 8 miles up the river moving cautiously for fear of torpedoes. Porter thins the pirates Tallahassie & Chickamouga were blown up at Ft Caswell.  
Five blockade runners had been captured by Federal Fleet.  
Schofield's troops have commenced arriving today. This week will bring

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them all here. They are ordered to be embarked & to report by telegraph from Ft. Monroe for orders.

Gen Meagher with 7,000 troops fragments of regts belonging to Sherman's army will

arrive in Cincinnati today enroute for Savannah.

Tuesday Jan 24. 1865

At 3AM today three rebel rams passed the obstructions near the Howlett Battery & one was sunk, one, the Drury, blown up by a shot from Batterly Parsons, one the Fredericksb'g was disabled having got aground & the 4th the Virginia was somewhat injured, but to what extent is not known.

Wednesday Jan 25. 1865

Adml Farragut leaves Annapolis today for the James River to take personal command there.

Thursday Jan. 26. 1865.

Genl Grant leaves City Pt today for Fort Fisher. Genl Thomas is ordered to send A.J. Smith's Division about 12000 strong & a Div of Cavy 5.000 strong to Gen. Canby to operate from the Gulf on Montgomery & Salina. Canby will if possible capture Mobile. Schofield's troops are arriving fast. Last news from Terry places him about 8 miles from Wilmington advancing slowly.

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Friday Jan. 27. 1865.

Weather still very cold. River is frozen up & skating splendid. No army news of importance.

Saturday Jan 28. 1865

News from Richmond is to effect that Breckenridge is rebel Secy War in place of Seddon. Lee is Genl in Chf. Johnston is in command of the Army of Northern Va. Dick Taylor relives Hood in Alabama. No news from the north.

Sunday Ja 29, 1865.

Gen Ord telegraphs that Alex H. Stephens R.M.T. in Gen Wilcox front (9th corps of A of P) desiring to be passed over on their way to Washn to confer with Prest Lincoln with a view to end the war. They will not be admitted until the President's instructions are rec'd

Monday Jan 30. 1865.

Maj. Eckert leaves tonight for City Point carrying instructions to Gen Grant in regard to the peace commissioners.

Tuesday Jan 31. 1865.

Secretary Seward leaves tonight for Ft. Monroe where he will confer with Stevens Hunter & Campbell

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Wednesday Feby 1. 1865.

The Prest. has telegraphed Maj. Eckert to report to Mr. Seward at City Point.

Congress yesterday passed the Constitutional amendment forever abolishing slavery in the United States. Illinois Legislature today ratified it by a large majority. There was an exciting scene yesterday in Congress at the passage of the act. The people rose as if an electric shock had struck them & cheer after cheer rent the air. A national salute was at once fired in the city in honor of the memorable event. The President today signed the bill.

Feby 2. 1865.

Mr. Lincoln today went to Ft. Monroe to confer with Stevens, Hunter & Campbell the peace commissioners

Friday Feb. 3, 1865.

7 PM- the Prest.& party leave Ft. Monroe tonight for Washn. Stevens and his party leave for Richmond. Gen Canby teleghs from New Orleans Jan 26. that all his preparations are made for an expedition into the interior from the Gulf. that he will try to capture Mobile on his way - 18,000 men from Thomas' army are enroute to Canby. News from Sherman is that he is on his way to Branchville.

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Saturday Feb. 4. 1865

The Prest. & party returned this morning from Ft. Monroe having had an interview with Stevens & Hunter which has resulted in the peace commissioners returning to Richmond with no concessions from us. At this time the only way it sums up is to fight it out.

From Today's Richmond paper we learn that Sherman is half way between Pocotaligo & Branchville marching rapidly for that place.

Sunday Feb. 5. 1865.

Attended church this morning at St. Johns. Weather cloudly & windy. but rather pleasant.

Gen Grant has sent a cavalry force down the Weldon road to destroy rebel wagon train that conveys supplies from Bellefield to Petersburg. An infantry force goes as far as Stony Creek in support of the movement.

Monday Feby. 6. 1865,  
Genl Grant's cavalry force has returned having found but 18 wagons which they destroyed  
They captured 100 prisoners.  
Gen Schofield left Ft. Monroe yesterday for mouth of Cape Fear He commands now the Dept. of N.C.

Tuesday 7. 1865.  
A telegram from Gen. Foster dated Hilton

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Head qd places Sherman at River's Bridge on the 2d & states that he will be half way between Branchville & Augusta on the 3d.

Up to this time 10 states have ratified the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery. They are in order as follows:  
Ills. R.I. Md., Mass. Pa. N.Y. W.Va  
Mich. Mo. & ME.

Today is a turning point in my life for the better I hope. I have made a decision in my mind in reference to a matter which has been troubling me very much for several months. May God help me to keep my resolution.

Feby. 8. 1865.  
Weather pretty cold. Snow fell to a depth of an inch & then turned to sleet.

Gen Grant has extended his line to the left 4 miles It puts him no nearer the Southside R.R. but assures him good crossings of Hatcher's Run when he does move. Gen Lee in his report to the rebel War Dept. says Gen Pegram was killed in the late action on the enemy's right.

Feby. 9. 1865  
Richmond papers of 8th say that flour has sold for \$1200 per bbl. cabbages 20 per head & everything else in proportion. Our spies report that although the failure of the peace

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negotiation has been used by the party to arouse the people it as had a very depressing effect.

Jeff Davis in a speech made on the evening of the 6th inst said that every slave would be armed. This was excluded from the published accounts.

Ohio has notified the amendment to the Constitution. Delaware has refused to ratify it.

Friday Feby. 10. 1865.

Nothing new of great importance. From rebel papers we learn that Sherman has struck the Augusta R.R. near Branchville N.C.

Saturday Feb. 11. 1865.

Gen Schofield telegraphs from Federal Pt N.C. Feb 8. that he had arrived that morning with one Divn. & would immediately commence operations without waiting for the other troops of his command. He thinks he will be able to take Ft. Anderson and possibly Wilmington with the force he has.

Lt. Gen Grant reached the city last night to appear before the committee on the conduct of the war.

Sunday Feby. 12. 1865.

Attended St. John's church this am Heard an excellent sermon & feel that it did me a great deal of good.

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Monday Feby. 13. 1865.

Nothing of importance today. Gen Grant returned to the army Saturday P.M.

Tuesday Feby. 14. 1865.

From rebel papers of today we learn that Sherman crossed the Edisto above Branchville & advanced towards Columbia occupying as far up as Orangeburg 20 miles above Branchville.

A force of 3000 men demonstrated on the 10th on James Island against the enemy but found the rebels in force. The rebels have fallen back from the Combahee & our forces have occupied the R.R. to the ashepoo. Gen Hardee reports that 18 additional steamers have appeared off the bar.

On Saturday our forces below Wilmington made 3 assaults on the rebels near Ft. Anderson but were repulsed. The fleet also kept up a heavy fire without doing much injury. There is great terror in the south in reference to Sherman's movements. Everybody is alarmed.

Wednesday Feb. 15. 1865

Rained most all day. Freezes slightly as it falls.  
Col. Stager goes to N.Y. tomorrow.

Thursday Feb. 16. 1865  
Weather very unpleasant - Raining

Feb. 17.  
Rebel papers report that Sherman's advance  
is skirmishing near Columbia

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The rebel congress has at last declined to  
arm the slaves. In the senate the vote was 11 to 10 against it.

Saturday Feb. 18. 1865.

From today's Richmond papers we learn that Sherman  
entered Columbia yesterday morning, that place  
being evacuated by Beauregard.

It is not known in which direction he  
will now move, but it is expected that he  
will go toward Florence S.C. & thence to  
Wilmington.

Sunday Feb. 19. 1865.

Attended St. John's church this morning with  
a Miss Kenney of Philada & from there went  
to Mr Johnson's on 9th St & took dinner.  
Had a very pleasant visit.

Monday Feb 21. 1865

Gen. Gillmore telegraphs dated Charleston S.C. 18th  
that the rebels evacuated that place on the night  
before & mayor Macbeth surrendered the city to  
Gen. Schimmel & Fenning that day at 9 am  
We have captured 200 pieces of good artillery  
The rebels burned all the cotton, ware houses  
[illeg.] stores, RR bridges & two iron clads.

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Gen Gillmore has orders to send all his spare  
troops to the mouth of Cape Fear River.

Wednesday Feb. 22. 1865.

The Secy of War last night sent orders to all forts  
arsenals, & army Hd Qrs, in the U.S. to fire a  
national salute at noon today in honor of the  
restoration of the flag of the union upon Fort  
Sumter. The War Dept. was brilliantly  
illuminated tonight as was also the White  
House & other public buildings.

We today rec'd information that Gen

Schofield compelled the rebels to evacuate Ft Anderson Saturday night we occupied at on Sunday taking 10 heavy guns.

Admiral Porter kept up a heavy bombardment on Fort Anderson all day Saturday which was replied to briskly at first but afterwards slackened. The possession of this fort will probably give us Wilmington.

A few days since Gen Brook & Gen Kelly were surprised & captured at Cumberland Md by a party of sixty rebels.

Thursday Feb. 23. 1865.

We have information today that Sherman is in Charlotte N.C.

Friday Feb. 24. 1865.

Gen Schofield has captured Wilmington Our forces under Genl Terry entered the city of 9 am 22d.

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a large mat of supplies were taken which the rebels could not destroy. The number of prisoners captured is not given.

This is glorious news. Soon there will be nothing left to the confederacy but Richmond & that too must fall.

Saturday Feby. 25. 1865.

We have nothing new of interest.

Genl Canby has started a cavalry expedition out from Vicksburg. Gen Thomas has started on from Decatur Ala towards Selma & Montgomery & one from Knoxville Tenn into North Carolina in direction of Charlotte & Sheridan leaves Winchester Monday for Lynchburg, to go from there across to Grant or into N.C. as circumstances admit.

Sunday Feby. 26.

Lines all worked today No news.  
Was at office all day.

Monday Feby 27. 1865

I re-ran wires in Navy yd office today -  
Weather clear & very pleasant.

Tuesday Feby. 28. 1865

Nothing of importance today. No further news from Sherman.

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Friday Mar 3. 1865.

It has rained all this week.

Citizens in Shenandoah Valley report that Genl Sheridan entered Staunton yesterday having met but little opposition from the enemy.

Tonight Gen. Grant telegraphs that he has just rec'd a communication from Gen Lee which was in substance as follows: Genl Longstreet & Gen Ord had an interview some days since in regard to exchange of prisoners & the conversation turned on the subject of the war in the course of which Ord stated that if Genl Lee desired to have an interview with Genl Grant, the latter would not decline. Genl Lee now says he wishes to leave no means untried to bring an end to the calamities of war & proposes to meet Grant at 11 am Monday the 6th inst. & adds that he has power to carry out any agreement made at the interview.

A reply to Gen Lee has been promised by Gen Grant at noon tomorrow.

Saturday Mar. 4.

The Prest replied to Gen. Grant today that he should have no conference with Genl Lee except in regard to capitulation of his army. Such questions rest solely with the Prest & Gen Grant has no right to decide on them, a great many people

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have reached Washn yesterday & today to witness the re-inauguration of Pres. Lincoln. It still continues to rain, the streets are covered with mud, making it exceedingly unpleasant.

At about 11 am the procession formed in front of & above the War Dept & marched to the Capitol.

At half past twelve the Prest. appeared on the platform. For some time before the sun had been struggling thro the clouds & just as the Prest. came on the sate the sun shone forth in all its brightness. The omen was favorable, everyone noticed it, & it is hoped that it pictures the history of our country. We have been under dark clouds for 4 years & now the signs of peace brighten. At the same time half past twelve, the moon was

visible in the east, & the star Venus  
in the west.

Since noon the weather has been very pleasant.

Sunday Mar 3. 1865.

Attended church this morning at the  
Capitol with Miss Kenny of Phila  
Bishop Simpson preached from the

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text "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

The discourse was excellent. I noticed  
the Prest. & Mrs. Lincoln. Secy Stanton &  
several other persons of distinction present.

After church took dinner with Mr.  
Johnson on 9th St.

Monday Mar. 6. 1865.

Deserters of Grant's army report that  
Genl Sheridan has captured Charlottesville  
with Genl Canby & nearly his entire  
army of 2.000 men. & that one position  
of his force has moved towards  
Gordonsville, & one towards Scottsville  
where the James River canal was cut.  
Nothing yet of Sherman.

Friday Mar 10.1865.

Our business is increasing very fast.  
I attended the opera Tuesday night. "Martha  
was performed, & also last night to see  
"Der Freischutz" It was splendid Madame  
Rottea was prima donna in the first &  
Madame Frederica in the latter.

Gen Sheridan's official report of  
his operations up to 2d show that  
he captured 1400 men & 17 pcs artly  
& destroyed 400 wagons & ambulances  
a large quantity of govt saddles

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& stores of all kinds. He was on the 2d  
at Waynesboro. Gen Early escaped to the  
mountains.

Sunday Mar 12. 1865

It is reported by the rebels that Gen Bragg  
had a fight with our forces near Kinston  
& drove us back capturing 1500.  
Sheridan has crossed the James River  
cutting the canal near Hardwicksville  
they are having dry clear weather now &

the mud is fast disappearing.

Monday Mar. 13. 1865.

Gen. Sheridan sends a dispatch dated Columbia Va. Mar. 10. stating that he had arrived at that place that morning. His forces had destroyed nearly all the bridges & all the track from Staunton to Gordonsville & also towards Lynchburg. The canal has been destroyed pretty thoroughly the locks having been broken & the bank in many places cut away. He said he would continue his expedition to Goochland CH & from thence to the Fredericksburg road & to the White House.

Today we have the report that he is within five miles of Richmond.

Gen Schofield telegraphs that the enemy attacked his forces Mar 10th near Kinston & after a severe fight the enemy

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withdrew leaving his dead & badly wounded & several hundred prisoners in our hands.

Genl Schofield was going to the front in person.

Tuesday Mar. 14. 1865.

Gen Schofield telegraphs that he has rec'd a dispatch from Sherman dated Laurel Hill on 8th. He stated that all was well & they had done finely. He would be in Fayetteville on the 11th. Had plenty of provisions. Schofield said that on the 10th Bragg was fairly beaten & retreated across the neuse that night. Bragg on the 11th held the north bank of the river at Kinston.

Wednesday Mar 15. 1865

Secy of War left for City Pt at 11am today to see Genl. Grant Weather mild & pleasant.

Thursday Mar. 16. 1865.

Gen Grant telegraphs that he has rec'd letter from Sherman dated Fayetteville N.C. Mar 12 in which he says that everything is progressing finely, having no serious opposition. Hardee keeps in his front at a respectful distance. At Columbia he destroyed immense arsenals, & RR establishments & 43 cannon; at Cheraw he found much machinery & war material including 25 cannon & 3600 barrels powder. In Fayetteville he found 20 cannon & much other material. An officer

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who brought his letter say that before daylight on the 10th Hampton got in rear of Kilpatrick's Hd Qrs & surprised & captured all the staff but 2 officers. Kilpatrick escaped [illeg.] his men & drove the enemy with great loss, re-capturing about all that he had lost. Hampton left 86 dead on the field.

Friday Mar. 17. 1865.

Gen Sheridan telegraphs from RR bridge over the South Anna dated 15. via Yorktown 17 that he has reached that point safely. There is not a bridge on the RR between South Anna & Lynchburg. He destroyed 15 miles of the Fredksburg R.R. & immense stores. Gold has fallen as low as 160 today.

Saturday Mar 18. 1865.

Lines between here & Phila are broken & also between Phila & Pittsbg, by [illeg.] A great many bridges are Washed away. No news.

Sunday Mar. 19. 1865.

Went to Dr Gurley's this am with Miss Eckert. Text 72 verse 119th Psalm.

Monday Mar 20, 1865

All our business is sent & rec'd via Havre de Grace, cable being broken at that place. No news of importance.

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Wednesday Mar 22, 1865.

I commenced reading Hume's History of England yesterday. Like it very well. No news.

Saturday Mar 25. 1865.

Gen Schofield teleghs from Goldsboro N.C. that he occupied that place on Tuesday 21st & Sheridan reached there the day after. All is well. The railroad is in good order except the bridges being burned. The depot facilities at Goldsboro are very fine. Gen Terry from Wilmington was within a few miles of Goldsboro. He had captured 2 locomotives & 2 cars & was using them.

Gen Grant telegraphs that at 4:30 this morning 3 divisions under the rebel Gen. Gordon made a sudden attack on Fort Steadman & captured it. Several attempts to re take it were made by the 1st & 3rd Brig of [illeg.] (1st) Div. 9th corps, but were

only temporarily successful, until the arrival of the 2d Brig. when a charge was made & the enemy driven from the fort with a loss of 2800 rebel prisoners & ten battle flags. All the guns were retaken uninjured & all our lines re occupied. The loss of the enemy is very heavy in killed & wounded. Our sums up about 2.000 killed wounded & missing Gen MLaughlin of our army was captured.

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Tuesday Mar. 28. 1865.

Gen Sherman reached city Pt this morning on a visit to Gen Grants He returns today & will move his forces at once north towards Weldon. No movements have taken place in the A of P since Saturday

Wednesday Mar. 29, 1865.

It is supposed that the armies before Richmond will make an advance either today or tomorrow. Gen Sheridan with about 20.000 cavalry start on a raid today towards Danville.

Sunday Apl. 2. 1865

After three days of sauguinary fighting near Petersburg Gen. Grant telegraphs that Sheridan comdg Cavy & infy on the left has whipped the enemy & captured 3 brigades of infy. several batteries of artillery & a wagon train & is now moving down towards Petersburg. Besides this the 6th corps alone captured 3000 rebels, & the 2d & 24th corps have both taken forts guns & pris. but it is not known how many. The rebel lines are broken in three places & at this time 10 am the federal forces are enveloping the works defending Petersbg

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which no doubt will fall into our hands. the Prest still remains at City Point Gen Canby telegraphs from Mobile Bay Mar 23d that he will move on Blakely the next day He has been delayed by storms which are unparalleled within 40 years. Sherman reached Goldsboro Friday & is no doubt moving north at this time.

Monday Apl 3. 1865.

Today is one long to be remembered in the annals of our country for today we have occupied Richmond the boasted stronghold of rebellion. Petersburg & Richmond were both evacuated last night, the enemy leaving in great haste. Genl Weitzell was the first to enter Richmond with his command at 8:15 am. He found many guns. The city is on fire in one place. The people welcomed our forces with enthusiastic expression of joy. Lee with the remnant of the rebel army retreated towards Danville Genl Grant is already in pursuit & is on the inner line it being farther from Richmond to Danville than from Petersburg There is no doubt Lee will be intercepted & his dispersed or captured.

Such a day of rejoicing has never been seen in this place.

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very shortly after the news of our victory was rec'd a large crowd assembled in front of the War Dept yard & speeches were made by Secy Stanton, Seward, Senator Sherman, Preston King, Andrew Johnson & many others. Secy Stanton's speech was splendid. He called for cheers, for the brave soldiers of our armies who have by their valor & courage gained us this victory; for the heroic commander of the armies, Gen Grant, for Comdr of the US forces by land & by sea, Abraham Lincoln, & for the gallant Sherman, the "great flanker," He then said "let us not forget to return thanks to our Heavenly father for his kind care & protection over us, & let us remember also the wounded & dying, who have purchased victory with their sufferings & with their blood They deserve our deepest commiseration & God be praised for so glorious a triumph.

Apl 4, 1865.

From all parts of the country we hear of great rejoicing over the fall of Richmond. Genl Weitzel telegraphs that he found 28 engines & 125 cars in Richmond & a great many supplies of different

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kinds. Gen Grant telegraphs this eveg from Sutherland's Station that the enemy has destroyed a great deal of his transportation & munitions of war & his troops are leaving for home some in large & some in small squads. The organized rebel force is on the north side of the Appomattox, apparently heading for Lynchburg. Mrs Lee remained in Richmond.

A ground illumination all over the city is going on tonight. The War Dept is fitted up admirably & presents a beautiful appearance.

Wednesday Apl 5. 1865

Gen Grant teleghed last night from Wilsons Station 27 miles from Petersburg, that Sheridan with the cavalry & 5th corps was between that place & the Appomattox. Genl Meade with the 2d & 6th corps following. Gen Ord was following the line of the Southside Railroad. The prisoners captured on the 4th exceed 2.000. Gen Grant's losses since Mar 28th in killed, wounded & missing will not exceed 7.000 of whom 1500 to 2000 are captured & a great many slightly wounded. The pursuit will be continued as long as there seems to be any use in it.

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Thursday Apl 6. 1865

Our telegraph lines this eveng is up to Gen Meade's Hd Qrs at Jetttersburg near Amelia C.H.

Gen Sheridan reports that his cavy yesterday captured 5 pieces of artillery 200 wagons & several battle flags. The army is near Jetttersburg & Lee's army a little northwest It is thought the two armies will come together soon.

Gen Weitzel captured in Richmond 500 pieces of artillery 5.000 small arms & a considerable amt of supplies & munitions of war. Mrs. Lee remains in Richmond.

Friday Apl 7. 1865

It was supposed our army came up with Lee yesterday near Deatonville, & whipped him. Sheridan reports the battle as a route He captured 2000 pris. among them Genls

Ewell, Custis, Lee, & three other Genls.  
14 pcs cannon 200 wagons & 70 ambulances  
Some 50 wagons were abandoned & destroyed  
by the enemy. Our forces are pressing  
the rebels closely.

Saturday Apl. 8. 1865

Gen Grant telegraphs from Farmville Va  
today at noon that he has thus far pushed  
Lee from the Danville road & is pressing  
him closely toward Lynchburg & is very

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War Department

Washington, D.C., April 9, 1865, 9 P.M.

Major General John A. Dix, New York:

This Department has just received official  
report of the surrender, this day, of General  
Lee and his army to Lieutenant General  
Grant, on the terms proposed by General  
Grant. Details will be given as speedily  
as possible.

Edwin M. Stanton,  
Secretary of War.

Headq'rs Armies of United States,

April 9, 9?40 P.M.

Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War:

General Lee surrendered the army of  
Northern Virginia this afternoon, upon  
terms proposed by myself. The accom-  
panying additional correspondence will  
show the conditions fully.

U.S. Grant, Lieutenant General.

April 9, 1865.

General: I received your note of this  
morning on the picket line, whither I had  
come to meet you, and ascertain definitely  
what terms were embraced in your propo-  
sition of yesterday. With reference to the  
surrender of this army, I now request an  
interview in accordance with the offer con-  
tained in your letter of yesterday for that  
purpose.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
R.E. Lee, General.

Lieutenancy General U.S. Grant, Commanding  
United States Armies.

April 9. 1865.

General R.E. Lee, Commanding Confederate

State Army:

Your note of this date is but this moment, 11:50 A. M., received, in consequence of my having passed from the Richmond and Lynchburg road to the Farmville and Lynchburg road. I am at this writing about four miles west of Walter's Church, and will push forward to the front for the purpose of meeting you. Notice sent to me on the road where you wish the interview to take place, will meet me.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
U.S. Grant, Lieutenant General.

Appomattox, C.H., April 9, 1865.

General R.E. Lee, Commanding C.S.A.:

In accordance with the substance of my letter to you of the 8th inst., I propose the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia, on the following terms, to wit:

Rolls of all the officers and men to be made in duplicate; one copy to be given to an officer designated by me, the other to be retained by such officer or officers as you may designate. The officers to give their individual paroles not to take arms against the Government of the United States until properly exchanged, and each company or regimental commander sign a like parole for the men of their commands. The arms, artillery, and public property to be packed and stacked, and turned over to the officers appointed by me to receive them. This will not embrace the side arms of the officers, nor their private horses or baggage. This done, each officer and man will be allowed to return to their homes, not to be disturbed by United States authority so long as they observe their parole and the laws in force where they may reside.

Very respectfully,  
U.S. Grant, Lieutenant General

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Headq'rs Army Northern Virginia,

April 8, 1865.

Lieut. Gen. U.S. Grant, Commanding  
United States Armies:

General: I have received your letter  
of this date, containing the terms of us-  
surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia,  
as proposed by you. As they are substance-  
tidally the same as those expressed in your  
letter of the 8th inst., they are accepted.  
I will proceed to designate the proper of-  
ficers to carry the stipulations into effect.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant  
R.E. Lee, General

The following is the previous cores-  
pondency between Lieutenant General  
Grant and General Lee, referred to in the  
foregoing telegram to the Secretary of War:  
The following correspondence has taken  
place between General Lee and myself.  
There has been no relaxation in the pur-  
suit during its pendency.

U.S. Grant, Lieutenant General.

April 7, 1865.

General R.E. Lee, Commanding C.S.A:

General: The result of the last week  
must convince you of the hopelessness of  
further resistance on the part of the Army  
of Northern Virginia in this struggle. I  
feel that it is so, and regard it as my duty  
to shift from myself the responsibility of  
any further effusion of blood, by asking of  
you the surrender of that portion of the  
Confederate army known as the Army of  
Northern Virginia.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
U.S. Grant, Lieutenant General,  
Commanding Armies United States.

April 7. 1865.

To Lieut. General U.S. Grant, Commanding  
Armies of the United States:

General: I have received your note  
of this date. Though not entirely of the  
opinion you express of the hopelessness  
of the further resistance on the part of  
the Army of Northern Virginia, I recip-  
rocate your desire to avoid useless effu-  
sion of blood, and, therefore, considering  
your proposition, ask the terms you will  
offer on condition of its surrender.

R.E. Lee, General.

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confident of receiving the surrender of Lee & what remains of his army tomorrow.

Genl Thomas telegraphs that a scout in from [illeg.] Miss near Corinth reports that Wilson's cavalry drove Forrest out of Selma & captured that place.

News from Canby up to man 29 he was besieging Mobile closely, & it is thought he will capture it very soon.

Sunday Apl 9. 1865.

Gen Grant has teleghed from Appomattox CH near Lynchburg, that Genl Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Va to him today.

The following bulletin gives the details.

April 8. 1865.

General R.E. Lee, Commanding C.S.A.:

General: Your note of last evening, in reply to mine of same date, asking conditions on which I will accept the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia, is just received. In reply, I would say that peace being my first desire, there is but one condition I insist upon, viz:

That the men surrendered shall be disqualified for taking up arms again against the Government of the United States, until properly exchanged. I will meet you, or designate officers to meet any officers you may name for the same purpose, at any point agreeable to you, for the purpose of arranging definitely the terms upon which the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia will be received.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
U.S. Grant, Lieutenant General.

April 8, 1865.

General: I received at a late hour your note of to-day, in answer to mine of yesterday. I did not intent to propose the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia, but to ask the terms of your proposition. To be frank, I do not think the emergency has arisen to call for the surren-

der of this army, but as the restoration of peace should be the sole object of all, I desire to know whether your proposals would tend to that end. I cannot, therefore, meet you with a view to surrender the Army of Northern Virginia; but as far as your proposition may affect the Confederate States forces under my command, and tend to the restoration of peace, I should be pleased to meet you at 10 A. M., to-morrow, on the old stage road to Richmond, between the picket lines of the two armies.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,  
R.E. Lee, General,  
Confederate States Army.  
Lieutenant General U.S. Grant, Commanding  
United States Armies.

April 9, 1865.

General R. E. Lee, Commanding C.S.A.:

General: Your note of yesterday is received. As I have no authority to treat on the subject of peace, the meeting proposed for 10 A.M. to-day could lead to no good. I will state, however, General, that I am equally anxious for peace with yourself, and the whole North entertains the same feeling. The terms upon which peace can be had are well understood. By the South laying down their arms they will haste that desirable event, save thousands of human lives, and hundreds of millions of property not yet destroyed.

Sincerely hoping that all our difficulties may be settled without the loss of another life, I subscribe myself, very respectfully,  
You obedient servant,  
U.S. Grant, Lieutenant General.

War Department, Washington, D.C.,

9:30 P.M. April 9, 1865.

Lieutenant General Grant:

Thanks be to Almighty God for the great victory with which he has this day crowned you and the gallant army under your command! The thanks of this department, and of the Government, and of the people of the United States; their reverence and honor have been deserved, and will be rendered to you and the brave and gallant officers and soldiers of your

army for all time.

Edwin M. Stanton,  
Secretary of War.

War Department,  
Washington, D.C., April 9-10 P.M.  
Ordered: That a salute of two hundred  
guns be fired at the headquarters of every  
army and department, and at every post  
and arsenal in the United States, and at  
the Military Academy at West Point, on  
the day of the receipt of this order, in com-  
memoration of the surrender of General R.  
E. Lee and the Army of Northern Vir-  
ginia, to Lieutenant General Grant and the  
army under his command. Report of the  
receipt and execution of this order to be  
made to the Adjutant General, Washington.  
Edwin M. Stanton  
Secretary of War.

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Wednesday Apl 12. 1865.

We had an illumination of all the Depts.  
& some private residences last night  
& will have a general illumination on  
tomorrow night.

Gen. Lee surrendered about 20,000  
men. The prisoners captures amount to 21,000  
Lee surrendered 400 wagons, 50 cannon 10000  
muskets, nearly half of his men having thrown  
their arms away in the flight.

Mrs. Gen. Lee has been sent for to come to  
Richmond. Lee has sent to Johnston  
advising him to give up. Davis is supposed  
to be at Danville & to have with him the  
specie taken from Richmond. Breckenridge  
started for Lynchburg & has not since been  
heard of.

Lynchburg was surrendered yesterday  
to a Lieut. with a scouting party.  
Genl Thomas teleghs that his scouts  
report Selma captured by Wilson's cavy  
force. Forrest & Roddy with their forces  
were both taken.

Mr. Lincoln returned to Washn on the 10th  
from City Pt. Gen. Grant will be  
here tomorrow.

Thursday Apl 13. 1865.

Gen Grant arrived here today. I was in  
the Secy's room with a message for him

& to get one from him to put in cipher  
& saw him quite a while He beams  
his honors meekly.

Tonight we have a grand illumination.  
Orders were issued tonight to stop all  
drafting & recruiting all restrictions upon  
trade & commerce so far as the public  
safety will permit to reduce the number  
of Genl. & staff officers to suit the  
exxgencies of the service, & to curtail  
the expenses of the military establishment  
in all its branches, purchases of arms,  
ammunition. [illeg.] & comsy stores  
will be stopped.

This will be glorious news for  
the people of the North.

Extra Billy Smith sent a communication  
to Gen Grant today dated Danville Va  
Aprl. 11. He asks if the civil govt  
of Va will be molested by the  
federal govt. & if he & the others of  
the State Executive Dept will be  
allowed to return to Richmond  
to exercise their functions. If not,  
if the United States will give them

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safe conduct to Europe.

Gen Grant has sent ground to Genl  
Meade by whom the communication  
was rec'd, that he has no answer to  
make to Smith & if he does have any  
it will be forwarded by special  
messenger.

Friday Apl 14. 1865

Genl Canby telegraphs from near Mobile  
dated Apl 5 that he has completely  
invested Spanish Fort & Blakely  
Gen Steele moved up towards Mont-  
gomery & broke the RR as far as  
Greenville, capturing some locomotives  
& cans and 3 or 400 prisoners. Steele  
now invests Blakely from the North &  
East. Gen Sherman telegraphs  
from Smithfield near Raleigh Apl 12 that he will  
be at the latter place April 13.  
He hopes to compel Johnston to  
surrender at Raleigh - but if he don't  
he will follow him closely.

Saturday Apl. 15. 1865

It is my sad duty to chronicle the

death of Abraham Lincoln our beloved President

Last night he was assassinated at 10PM,  
in his private box at Ford's Theatre in this  
city by a man named J. Wilkes Booth

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an actor & brother of Edwin and Junius  
Brutus Booth also actors. Their father  
Junius Brutus Booth now dead was a  
celebrated actor.

It appears that while the play  
of "Our American Cousin" was going  
on, Booth came to the box from the  
dress circle, and fired a pistol at Mr.  
Lincoln, the ball striking him in the back  
of the head three inches from the left  
ear, and lodging back of his right eye.  
After firing, Booth jumped through the  
window of the box to the stage brandishing  
a dagger and exclaiming "sic semper tyrannies.  
Now is the south avenged." He then went out  
a side door before the audience had  
recovered from their stupefaction, & mounting a  
horse he had ready rode rapidly off &  
has not yet been caught.

As soon as possible the President was  
taken across the street to No. 458 - 10th St.  
where he lingered until 7:22 am today  
when our great & good chief magistrate  
breathed his last.

About the same time the Prest  
was assassinated, a man rode up to  
Secy Seward's house, where he was confined  
by injuries revised in a fall from his  
carriage some weeks before, and dismounting

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entered the house saying to the servant he had  
a prescription to give to Mr. Seward.  
He passed up stairs to the Secy's room  
and rushing upon him inflicted several severe  
wounds upon his face, which may not  
prove mortal. An attendant who was  
near & interfered was struck at & cut  
severely. The confusion brought in Frank  
W. Seward the Secy's son, who was met  
at the door by the assassin and struck  
on the head with a slug shot & his  
skull fractured. His life is despaired  
of. The Secy's oldest son Maj. Clarence  
Seward was also slightly injured. The assassin  
then left the house & rode off & is supposed

to have gone in the direction of Upper Marlboro. Cavalry has been sent out in every direction, and all precautions taken to capture the daring assassins.

The officers of President of the United states having devolved upon Andrew Johnson Vice Prest, he was sworn in at 11am today and now performs the functions of the Presidential Chair. Wm Hunter Chief Clerk was appointed Acting Secy of State.

These Occurrences have filled every heart with sorrow. The whole nation mourns the loss of one whose honesty of purpose have endeared him to all. He has deepened

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the love of all his friends & has challenged the respect of all his enemies.

During the last four years I have been in the War Dept Telegraph office I have seen him and conversed with him nearly every day and have learned to love him for his many virtues, & his few faults. If he did err it was in being too lenient with the vile traitors seeking the life of the nation, and perhaps in this we can see the hand of providence. If had had lived his leniency may have given the rebels courage & power & at some future time caused another rebellion and more bloodshed. This however, is avoided. The entire nation mourns his loss He is described as "first pure, then preamble gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality & without hypocrisy." James 3./17. The people are all united in sentiment & there is no sympathy whatever for treason or copperheadism

Telegrams from all parts of the country proclaim the horror of this most atrocious murder & show that the new Pres. has the most cordial support of all.

May God help him to guide the ship

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of state thro the breakers.

Sunday Apl 16. 1865.

The excitement throughout the country increases. Everybody is wild with grief

and rage.

Sherman occupied Raleigh on 13th  
Johnston retreating. Johnston sent a  
communication to Genl Sherman asking a  
suspension of hostilities to enable the  
civil powers to arrange terms of peace.

Sherman replied that he had full powers  
to that with Johnston & that he would  
grant him the same terms as Lee recd  
from Gen Grant, Govn Vance & the civil  
authorities have been requested to return and  
assume their official duties.

Genl Wilsons official report of the  
capture of Selma on the 2d is recd He  
2000 will & 2000 sick prisoners & 20  
guns & a large amount of stores. Forrest,  
Dick Taylor, Adams, Armstrong & Ruddy  
escaped through the swamps.

Genl Wilson has been directed to occupy  
Selma & operate from there [illeg.]

Monday Apl 17. 1865.

Moseby has offered to surrender to Genl  
Hancock on Wednesday on the same terms

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as were granted Lee. Genl Grant has  
sent word to all the Commanders of  
Departments & Divisions to offer  
these terms to the troops opposing them  
It is thought that all of the rebel armies  
will surrender.

Gen Canby telegraphs that he took  
Spanish Fort by assault capturing  
20 guns & some prisoners.

Genl Steele assaulted Blakely about  
the same time & captured it with  
3000 prisoners & some guns. 3 Genl  
Officers were taken prisoners.

Tuesday Apl 18. 1865.

The body of the late lamented Prest.  
has laid in state in the east room all  
day today & the crowd has been very  
great endeavoring to see it. At 3pm  
I went over with the War Dept clerks  
to view it. He looked very natural,  
& had a sad expression. His whiskers  
being shaven off made his face look  
small. We never shall know his  
like again. His funeral takes  
place at 12m tomorrow & his body will  
leave the next morning for Phila.

there to lie in state, thence to N.Y.  
where it will lie in state, thence go

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via Albany, Buffalo, Erie, Cleveland & Toledo  
to Chicago.

We have official news  
of the occupation of Mobile 12th by  
it. Genl Thomas forwards the  
report of Genl Stoneman's expedition dated  
at Statesville N.C. He reports his  
expedition as a complete success. One  
portion of his force captured Wytheville  
& another moved to within four miles  
of Lynchburg, whilst he with main  
force moved towards Salisbury N.C. which  
was defended by 1400 men with 14  
pieces of artillery. The place was taken  
by assault with 1200 of the men & all  
the artillery. He destroyed the bridges  
& railroad between Salisbury & Greensboro  
& between Charlotte & Salsbury, besides immense  
amounts of supplies of all kinds.

The authorities have captured  
several men supposed to be implicated  
in the President's murder. Names are  
Sam Arnold, Mike O'Flaherty, J O Laughlin  
Payne, & Celetina. It is to be hoped  
they may be the right ones.

Mr Seward and his son are both  
doing well & will probably recover.  
God grant they may be spared to us.

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Wednesday Apl 19. 1865

Today, the anniversary of the passage 4 yrs ago thro  
Balto. of the Union troops & the assault  
upon them by the citizens has been  
a sad day to the people of the north.

The funeral obsequies of our late Prest  
took place today. The procession was very  
long & the best of order prevailed.

The body was taken to the capitol where  
it remains until Friday when it leaves for  
Springfield Ills.

Thursday Apl 20. 1865.

Genl Tyler at Relay House telegraphs that one  
of his scouting parties has captured Atzerodt  
one of the men implicated in the assassination of  
the President.

Genl Halleck leaves today  
to take command of the city of Richmond.  
Moseby will not surrender his command  
They will all disperse. Gen Echols  
comdg rebel forces at Christianburg Va  
when he heard of the surrender of Lee, on  
the 12th inst immediately disbanded his men, about  
7.000 in all & started himself with a few  
followers to Trans-Miss.

Friday Apl 21. 1865.  
Gen Tyler at Relay House telegraphed last night  
that Sergt Gannin had captured Atzerodt  
one of the assassins of the President.

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He is now confined on the gunboat at  
the Navy Yard. The War Dept yesterday  
offered \$50.000 for the apprehension of Booth  
& 25-- for Atzerodt, & 25,000 for Harrod,  
Booth's accomplices.

The 9th army corps has been  
ordered to Washington, also one Div of  
19th A.C. from Winchester & 2000 cavy.

Gen Sherman had made an arrangement  
with Johnston which renders useless to the  
Confederacy his army. The details are  
not yet made public.

Saturday Apl 22, 1865.  
The arrangement made between Gen Sherman  
and Johnston has not been ratified by the Pres.  
& Sherman is ordered to renew hostilities.  
Gen Grant leaves today for N.C. to assume  
command in person.

Sunday Apl 23. 1865.  
The agreement made between Gen Sherman & Johnston  
was in effect as follows: The rebel army was to  
be disbanded, the arms to be put in the State  
arsenal, & the men not to be interfered with  
so long as they obeyed the laws of the U.S.  
Sherman is very much censured for his  
assumption of authority, & Grant will be there  
tomorrow to take personal command.  
Weather cold & blustery today.

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Monday Apl 24. 1865.  
Genl Cavy telegraphs that he found 30.000  
bales of cotton in Mobile, & a large

quantity of Stones.

Information has been recd that Wilson occupied Macon on the 13th inst. with Howell Cobb & GW Smith no prisoners, but they claimed to come under the amnesty agreement, & Wilson has teleghd through rebel authorities for orders.

Lt Col Chapman rebel, next in command to Moseby, has surrendered himself & all of his men to Gen Hancock, & one Cavy is now hunting Moseby, \$2.000 reward is offered for his capture & his own men are engaged in pursuit.

Tuesday Apl 25. 1865.

H. H. Atwater operation at the Navy Yard made me a present Sunday of a handsome watch guard, which he braided himself from my mother & sisters hair.

Genl Grant arrived at Beaufort N.C. on the evening of 23d.

Our forces are advancing from Burkesville towards Danville.

The telegraph construction party captured 9 locomotives & 60 cars. The telegh

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line is intact to Danville & our operators have heard Danville working.

Wednesday April 26, 1865

Gen Grant reached Raleigh in the morning of 24th inst Gen. Sherman was not surprised at the rejection & disapproval of his agreements with Johnson, but seemed rather to expect it

When he made the agreement he had before him Genl Weitzell's call for the assembling of the Va Legislature, & supposed it was approved & sanctioned by the Prest. & the moment he learned that this permission to assemble was annulled, he sent word to Johnston, knowing it had a bearing on the negotiations. Gen. Grant sent notice to Johnston on the morning of 24th terminating the truce. Active operations will be begun immediately.

Thursday Apl. 27. 1865.

J. Wilkes Booth & JNo C. Harrold were chased from the swamps in St Mary's Co. Md. a few days ago & succeeded in crossing the Potomac, & were pursued to near Pt Royal on the Rappahannock. At 3am yesterday they

were traced to a barn on Garretts farm 2 miles beyond Pt. Royal on the Bowling Green road & the barn was fired. Booth was shot in the head, & after lingering a few

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hours died. Harrold was captured alive Booth's body & Harrold are now on the Monitor at the Navy Yd. Co. Baker's men were the parties engaged in the capture.

Friday Apl. 28. 1865.

Genl Grant telegraphs from Raleigh that Johnston on the 26th surrendered to Gen. Sherman, all the forces under his command on the same terms Gen. Grant have Lee. Johnston's command embraces all this side of the Chattahoochie.

Jeff Davis is known to have with him a large amount of specie variously estimated from six to thirteen millions & is making for Texas.

Everybody has been place on the watch for him & it is thought he will be captured.

Saturday Apl 29, 1865.

The Secy of War has issued a special order curtailing the expenses of the mily establishment all enlisted men who have been prisoners of war & are on furlough or parole will be immediately discharged, also all men in hospitals who need no further medical treatment will be discharged. [Illeg.] & Comsy Depts are to make no more purchases

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& to dispose of all needless stack on hand.

Mail routes, railroads & telegraphs are being opened, & trade with the south is being commenced. Truly peace is upon us. How grateful to Divine Providence should we be.

Genl Grant arrived here today from N.C.

Sunday Apl. 30. 1865.

Attended church this morning at the new foundry. Heard Mr. Effinger.

The Army of the Potomac, Sheridan's Cavalry and Sherman's Army are ordered

to march to Alexandria over land.

Monday May 1. 1865.

Every effort is being made to catch Jeff Davis who is supposed to be going towards the Miss. Weather clear but cool. Heavy rain yesterday.

Tuesday May 2. 1865.

Nothing of importance today. Charlie Cockrell reached here from Pttsgb & well & in good spirits.

Wednesday May 3, 1865.

A reward has been offered by the Prest for apprehension of Jefferson Davis, Jake

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Thompson, Geo N. Saunders & others.

Davis, Benjamin & others passed thru Yorkville S.C. on the 28th of April & Col. Palmer was but one day behind & it was thought would capture the party. They had several wagon loads of specie with them.

Saturday May 6, 1865.

Genl Canby & Dick Taylor entered into an agreement similar to that of Sherman's & Johnston's, but it will probably be discontinued when the news of Johnston's surrender is rec'd Rebel Gen Wofford near Resaca has surrendered himself & command also. Several commands south of the Tenn. River near Decatur Ala. & several in West Virginia.

Robt Ould the Confederate Agt for Exchange of Prisoners & Hatch his asst. have been arrested in Richmond on information that they diverted the money sent from the North for Federal prisoners to other purposes.

Sunday May 7, 1865.

A telegram from Genl Canby dated Citronelle Ala may 4 states that Dick Taylor has surrendered himself & the forces under

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his command.

Genl Wilson telegraphs from Macon Ga.

May 6 that Jeff Davis was at Washington Ga. on May 3d & the morning of the 4th, & that Upton's Div. of Cavy was at Atlanta & enemy precaution had been taken to capture Davis & his Confederates & the Specie with them.

Govr Brown has called the Legislature of Georgia to meet on the 22d inst. in view of the collapse of the currency & the consequent misery wo & destitution among the poorer classes. The Secy of War has teleghed him, that as this misery wo & destitution & the collapse of the currency were caused by Brown & his associates who incited & continued war against the U.S. Govt. which had been a blessing to them for half a century & made the state of Georgia a prosperous one, they would not be allowed to assemble as a legislature of the state & usurp its authority & franchise.

Genl Wilson was directed to arrest Brown & send him to Washn under guard. RmT. Hunter & JA Campbell were tonight directed by Genl Grant to be arrested & confined in prison.

Gen Halleck telegraphs that one Speed a relative of Atty. Genl Speed

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has a written communication from extra Billy Smith to the Prest of the U.S. of vital importance to the people of the state of Va & that he desires authority to come to Washn. to present it in person. Genl Halleck has seen the communication & deems it inadmissible. The Secy teleghed him that his action was approved & that Speed in recognizing Smith is gov'r of the state committed an act of treason & will be immediately arrested. Gen Halleck is further directed to offer a reward of \$25.000 for the apprehension of Smith that he may be brought to justice.

Wednesday May 10. 1865.  
Weather damp and cloudy. Capt Gilman left for N.Y. today on his way to S.C. to take charge of telegraph lines in that state & Ga. No news of interest.

Saturday May 13. 1865.  
Genl Wilson telegraphs from Macon 12th that

Col. Pritchard of 4th Mich Cavy. captured  
Jeff Davis & family & staff on 10th at  
Irwinsville Irwin Co. Ga. 75 miles south east of Macon  
He will be sent to Washn. at once under  
strong guard. I wonder where the southern  
confederacy is at

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Sunday May 14, 1865

It appears that Davis was captured in  
one of his wife's dresses & when first  
approached by our men brandished a  
bowie knife, but surrendered on seeing  
a revolver pointed at him.

He will be taken to Atlanta, thence  
to Augusta, Savannah & Ft. Monroe.

CClelary Jr. surrendered himself at  
Atlanta & will be sent with Davis.

Attended Wesley Chapel this morning  
Took tea at Mrs. Hirst's.

Monday May 15. 1865.

Sherman's Army crosses the Rappahannock  
tomorrow, Sheridan's Cavalry reached  
Fairfax today. Barnum has  
offered \$500. for the dress in which Davis  
was captured.

Tuesday May 16. 1865.

Davis has passed Augusta safely. He goes  
thence to Savannah where he will be put on a  
gunboat & brot to Ft. Monroe.

The trial of the conspirators progresses  
slowly. The evidence is very strong & conclusive

Wednesday May 17. 1865.

Weather quite warm today - Line to Richmond  
via Fredksburg completed last eveg & works prettily.

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Thursday May 18 1865.

It rained quite heavily this eveg. Atmosphere  
is now quite cool.

Major Thos T Eckert was today appointed  
Asst Secy. of War vice Dana resigned.

He still retains his connection with the  
telegraph, except that much of the details  
as far as regards the lines & the placing of  
operations will devolve upon me.

Friday May 19. 1865

Jeff Davis & party reached Ft. Monroe today

& will be confined there.

Saturday May 20.

Vested Alexandria today. Was called on to attend the trial of the conspirators today but did not testify. I presume I will be called on next week. My testimony is in regard to the ciphers used by Jeff Davis, a key of which was found on Booth's body. Gen Sheridan goes tomorrow to Texas to clean out Kirby Smith.

Tuesday May 23. 1865.

The Army of the Potomac passed through Washington City today on review. There were probably 80,000 men. Sherman's army passes tomorrow Gov Letcher of Va has been arrested and is now in confinement

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at Winchester Va. Permission has been given rebel Genl Joe Johnston to pass thru the U.S. to Canada

Thursday May. 25. 1865.

Yesterday & the day before the Army of the Potomac & Genl Sherman's Army passed in review up Penna Avenue. It was a grand spectacle & the brave boys who have regained for us our liberties were joyously welcomed home. Long will the memories of those two days be cherished by all.

The rebel ram Stonewall has been sold to the Spanish authorities at Havana. Genl Brent of the rebel army has arrived at Baton Rouge to arrange terms for the surrender of Kerby Smith's forces.

Friday May 25. 1865.

The papers found on the person of Jeff Davis were yesterday brot to the War Dept & I copied several In a letter dated Charlotte N.C. Apl 18 to his wife Davis says that the terms between Sherman & Johnston though hard are very good; that they do not speak of slavery, but leave it as it was before the war, & that nothing is said of the rebel debt & he hoped to have a provision made to ensure the payment of the rebel debt in common with that of the U.S.

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Wednesday May 31. 1865

I have rented a house in Georgetown & am making

arrangements to remove the family here.  
They will probably come about June 15.  
It will be delightful for me to live at  
home once more after an absence of over  
five years.

Saturday June 4. 1865

There is very little news of importance.  
I leave for Pittsburgh tomorrow Monday & will  
return about the 15th or 18th inst with the  
family.

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