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THE NEWS

The war news received by the Pacific of Saturday gives us a continuation of the fight ing between Grant and Lee from the memuing between Graut and Lee from the memorable Tuesday night alfuded to in our furmer article on the American conflict, up to the following Friday. When morning dawned on the n xt day (Wednesday), it disclosed the immense carnage of the Tuesday's fight. "Gibbon's division lost over 1000 men; Robinson's division, after losing both its general officers and 2500 men, and having no general to con mand it, was broken up and distributed among the other divisions of the Fifth Corps." Such is the terse index to the laughter of the 10th of May. Burnside's solved troops, who had been kept in reserve in the great charge made by that general were later in the evening brought up, and fought, according to the despatches, "with arrible levolity." General Grant, in his despatch to the authorities at Washington, acwiedges the heavy loss of the Federals. but thinks that the "enemy's was much greater." He also says that 5000 prisoners were taken by his troops, while the number of prisoners taken by the enemy were a few stragglets. So far the result was evidently in favor of the North, although Lee's forces on Wednesday morning showed front as determined as ever. At eight o'clock on this morning the seventh day's battle began : but beyond some severe skirmishing nothing was accomplished, both armies being occupied in na covering. The following day, however, fully made amends for the previous maction. As early as half past four o'clock in the morn ing. Hancock, who had during the night, and unsuspected by the enemy, taken up a new position, advanced upon the Confederates, supported by a heavy fire of artillery. The assault was so, well timed that unwards of 3,000 men were captured in the first strack, along with Generals Johnson and Stuart, who were at breakfast. The assault continued; and at eleven o'clock, a.m the number of prisoners had, according to the correspondents reached 7.000, and the guns captured, thirty. Grant, however, in his despatch, says the prisoners were between 3,000 and 4,000; and S'anton declares them to be 5 000. At twelve o'clock declares them to be 5 000. At twelve o'clock the right flank of the enemy, below Spotsylvania Court House, was turned by flancock, and the left was engaged by the Federals, close to Grant's beadquarters. A full here ensued, but was quickly broken by a reporal of the assaults by Barnside and Hancock, who in a little time had crushed the enemy's right and centre, and driven this portion of the Confederate army back several which is stated to have exceeded in bloodshed. on account of the increased amount of artillery employed, the sanguinary engagement of Tuesday, lasted the entire day, and resulted in Lee being driven out of his intrenchmen's and forced back four miles upon the river Po, which was crossed by the principal portion of his army during the night On the following morning (Friday). General Warren came up with the tear guara of the Contederate army and some ski mishing ensued resulting in the capture of a pontoon train. Beyond this we have nothing au thentic from the belligerents. The despatches anguacing that Lee's retreat was a perfect cout are evidently exaggerated. That the battle the most severe blow that las yet been struck by Grant there is no possible doubt, but that with consummate skill he has so managed his retreat as to cross a river in almost the face (f the enemy in perfect order is also equally beyond dispute. Our latest telegrams leave Grant still pushing on Lee's

Apart from the successes of the army under Grant the general news is extremely lavorable to the Federals. One of the principal lines of supply to Lee's army has been cut off by General Sigol between Lynchburg and Charlottesville, at a distance of about 100 miles west from Richmond. To make, however, Lee's isolation more complete from the granaries of the west, the railway which forms a junotion with the Virginia Central at Charlottesville, and which would enable Lee to obtain supplies by way of Gordonsville has also been rendered useless by the destruction of twelve miles of the line bo tween the latter place and the former . By these operations of Generals Sigel and Sheridan, the Coolederate army is placed in a much more precurious position than that resulting from Grant's vigorous blows on the battle field. The only source from which Lee can now obtain his supplies is Richmond, and that must be an exceedingly precarious one; for the Confederate capital has been completely cut off from all railway communication South and West, with the exception of the line we a luied to in a previous article con seeing Bichmond with the Virginia Centra by Lucksville Junction and Lynchburg. We pointed out at that time the pressity of a Federal operation on this line between Burk wille Janction and Richmond, called the Dinvite Railroad, and showed how the despatches creed in claiming a total isolation of the

Confederate capital so long as that railway remained intact. By Saturday's desputches, however we perceive that Butler has sent a proper to the first with all the rebel dead and wounded in our hands. The route of the enemy detachment of cavalry to destroy this means of communication, should the expedition succeed, Richmond itself will be cut off from all supplies, and both the inhabitants and the army of Lee will be reduced to strais that can only end in a despetate and dangerous expedient for an army in the field, or absolute submission. Gen. Butler is making his position secure by erecting fornifica-tions from a point on the Appomotox to the James river, and with Beautegard cooped up in Petersburg, is master of the si-tuation south of the capital. It is not likely, however, that the latter general will remain to g content with his isolation from Richnond. He cannot in fact, if he were so dissource of supply. We may therefore expect an engagement at any time between his and Butler's forces. On the result of this context much will depend; for it Butler gets worsted. a good deal of the recent, and und arbtedly immense advintages of the North, will be

THE LOWER PROVINCES

PANE DEPALCATIONS - Ketchum, teller in

is sounding its marderons ding, dong, ding over his head. Send back the bell."

We are indebted to the the Hon. Mr. Pope, Provincial Secretary of Prince Ed ward Island, for a copy of the correspond ence between the Prince Edward Island delegates, the Duke of Newcastle, and Su Samuel Cunard, one of the great proprietors enure. The impression made by the reading of this correspondence is that whoever is o question is set I traught with trouble, vex and

The old at C tholi : Church in Prince Ed ward Islam, built sixty years ago, was removed from its site recently, and transported twenty mil s on the ice into Charlottetown.

ADDITIONAL FROM CALIFORNIA SOUTH BEACH AND ITS SWEROUNDINGS. South Beach, and particularly steam on Point at the foot of Third street, is ut pre ent a source of great attraction for and others rambling in search of objects of bate are well advanced in course of construction—one of which is for the California Steam Navigation Company for the Stocton trade, and the other a splentid side wheel tug-boat for the Puget Sound trade.

Adjacent in these are the sheds an grounds in which are place all the material for the monitor Comsache, which have been saved from the wreck of the Aquila. They afford food for reflection and well repay inpection. These materials have been very carefully attended to, and put in order by 15-inch gaus are of such monstrous size a to claim the attention of all visitors, who by importance of the banks in which simila ons have been employed, before Unarlestor

Further along are the cluster of wharve hat, like mushrooms, have grown at the foot of Third street, and now were valuable accessories in supplying the wants of the southern part of the city with the great and shut the toar of muskery and the enemands appears coal, firewood, lumber, bricks and a spies, coal, firewood, lumber, bricks and the forest with awill turns a spies. hav. At these wharves a large business is done, which is rapidly increasing. Quite a feet of small vessels are almost constantly discharging cargoes of the above-hamed articles. Alongstie of the easternmost whart is pressing on. The battle every a here is pressing on. ticks. Alongstie of the easternmost wharf is the fine propeller lately hunched from Steamboat Point, and owned by N. Larco, which is intended for the Central American cost trade. Towards the foot of Second street is the locality of the proposed new gas works, the extent of work stready expended on them being very interesting to those who take pleasure in noticing the progress of man ufacturing improvements. Off in the bay, lie a fleet of vessels of all sizes and kinds of rig. while across the waters of the Porero are the Pacific Class Works, from the chimneys of which the eddying smoke gives evidence of the work going on within. Altogether the scener, and incidents constantly to king place at South Beach, make pleasant features in a ew hours' ramble.

SACHAMENTO, May 14.-J. J. Wa'son, for everal years captain of the Police brig. and Chief of Police of this city, committed suicide this afternoon by shooting himself. He had been sick for some time, and was partially

TWO DAYS LATER WAR NEWS Federal Victory on Thursday, May 12th—4,000 Prisoners and 30 Cannon Captured.

Lee Falling Back! FEDERAL LOSS 20,000 MEN.

Dalton, Ga., taken, with 5,000 Prisoners and 10 Guns

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in Petersburg!

The steamer Pacific, Capt. Burns, arrived on Saturday at half-past six a m., bringing two days later news from the seat of war. News of May 12. 18

A despatch from Grant dated So'clock Wednesday morning, says: We have ended the sixth day with very heavy fighting. The result to this time is much in our favor. Our tosses are heavy, but I think the enemy's much greater. We have taken five thrusand prisoners, while the enemy have taken but few, except stragglers. I pro ose to fight it out on this line, if it takes all summer.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Gen. Cro k left Charles town; Kanawha river, West Virginia. April 29th, with 22,000 in fantry and cavalry as a co-operative force a sainst Richmond. His route is reported to be via Lewisburg, towards Staunt n or Lynchburg be via Lewisburg, towards Staunt n or Lynchburg We have no reports whatever either from this co-tauto, or that under Sigel moving down the She-usandoah Valley.

ceived. There is nothing new from Red river. The State Convention was still in seasion. They had rejected a pro-slavery FORTRESS MONROE, May 11 .- The fighting eported vesterday between the rebil- and our forces under Smith has been confirmed.

eing on the turnpike between Richmond and Petersburg. The Post's special despatch says: Des ontches received from the army, dated late in the 11th, say Grant has won another vic-ry. Lee's whole left is crushed. We have

aptured one whole rebel brigade. Burnside pursued Rw II three miles.

The World has a rumor that the Th reentle ind Eighteenth Corps are to be sent around and Eighteenth Corps are to be sent around to reinforce the Army of the Fotomac.

The World's special despatch says Giant massed hearly 45 pieces of artiflery against Lee's position in Sponylvana on Tuesday, and the firing continued for two hours, when the assault was ordered. Lee's line did not

waver until just before the close of the fight when he fell back, and we gained considers le ground
We have nothing later from Butler tha is own despatch already telegraphed. LATER.-11 o'clock-A despatch arrived here this momen, announcing the capture of 7,000 prisoners and 30 gams. The battle is still progressing. The Sixth Corps, on the eft of the Second, has moved into battle and is pursuing the enemy. Warren's Fit h Corps has moved up to its support on the right. The battle is becoming general and carry all our artillery is engaged. The

overwhelmingly in our favor Firing has quarters, and the battle is going on with ter

risoners are still comit g in. NEAR SPOTSYLVANIA COURT HOUSE, May 12th—8:15 a, m—I have captured 30 to 40 gons. I have finished up Johnson, and I am now going into Early. Hancock.
The guns captured have arrived at headquarters. Maj-Gen Stuart, who commanded
a brigade in Johnston's division, was captured Barnside's column is reported to have moved down on the road toward Fredericks. moved down on the road toward Fredericks-tong, going in on the enemy's rear. General Warren, with the Fight Corps of the right, is now, sending I cavy lines of akirms are to seed the enemy's works in his from, which are said to be abandoned. It is im ossible to a certain all particulars on his writing, but our victory is considered using on to a deci-sive result. We are pressure the enemy everywhere. Gen. Wright is slightly would-

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The Herald's especial from City Point the list complete. The boat which left Belle Plain at ten o'clock from the front last mg it, it is known that of peterstung Buller's force is within 3 miles of Peterstung driven out of his entremchaents to the Po river, four miles, and during last night the greater part of his army crossed the stream. The glorious vic-

of May, 8 n.m., eays:
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Our army, this morning, was entirely chagged in fierce battle, and passing on to victory. After a sanguloary but generally unsuccessful battle on Tuesday, the army yes terday was comparatively quiet. It was intended to assault the enemy's right. Our force, consisting of a portion of the Statt Carps and Birney's division of Hancock's Carps, was first intended to undertake this but the plan was afterwards abandoned. In the foremon two companies on the left of the ixth Corps commenced driving the rebells with Corps commenced driving the rebells and capturing several of their number, in the afterwoon rain felt continuing until after dark daying the dust and cooling the atmosphere, and capturing the spirits of our troops. Fires were ould, supplies cooked, and the bands began playing, the latest along our lives being undisturbed for once by rebell shells. The enemy had no ammunition to waste. Meanwhile the news strived fowards evening, that Sheridan had penetrated to the vicinity of Beaver Dam near Orange Court House. He captured a rebel supply that the covalry and a skirmish ensued, end the vicinity of Beaver Dam near Orange Court House. He captured a rebel supply the vicinity of Beaver Dam near Orange Court House. He captured a rebel supply the vicinity of Beaver Dam near Orange Court House. He captured a rebel supply the vicinity of Beaver Dam near Orange Court House. He captured a rebel supply the vicinity of Beaver Dam near Orange Court House. He captured a rebel supply the vicinity of Beaver Dam near Orange Court House. He captured a rebel supply the vicinity of Beaver Dam near Orange Court House. The captured a rebel supply the vicinity of Beaver Dam near Orange Court House. The captured a rebel supply the vicinity of Beaver Dam near Orange Court House. The captured a rebel supply the vicinity of Beaver Dam near Orange Court House. The captured a rebel supply the vicinity of Beaver Dam near Orange Court House. The captured a rebel supply the vicinity of Beaver Dam near Orange Court House. The captured a rebel

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M. Stanton—Lee abandoned his position during the nigh), whether to occupy a new one in the vicinity or to make a thorough retreat, is not determined. One division of Wight's corps and one of Hancock's, are Wright's corps and one of Haucock's, are engaged setting this question at rest. At 7 s. m. they had come upon his rear guard, Though our army is greatly fatigned from the enormous efforts of yesterday, the news of Lee's departure inspired the men with tresh energy, and the whole force will soon be in motion; but the heavy rains of the last 36 hours reputers the roads difficult for wagon. and artillery. The proportion of the severely wounded is greater than either of the previous lays' fighting. This is owing to the grea use of artill-ty.

DANA Assistant Secretary of War.

FRANKFORT, KY., May 13—The following has been issued by Governor Bramlette: "Kenuckians, to the Rescue! I want 10,000 six months men atonce. D'n't hesit te to come I will lead you. Let us belp finish the war and save the Governor.

BERMUDA HUNDREDS MAY 13 Beaure BERMUDA HUNDERDA, May 13 Beaute gard, with about 25,000 men, is in Peters burg. We have all the railr rads leading to that city cut, and we have forces enough to keep ram in there. Four monitors and several runboats are within tone mass of Fort Darling, ready to co-operate with the land forces. Our forces occupy a strong position.

yesterday afternoon by our forces near Tur-key Bend, by the sinking of schooners and barks, to prevent the rebel proceedad from coming up. Our whole torce moved at 5 o'clock this morning, and probably are en gaging the enemy by this time!

PHILADELPHIA: May 13 The Enquirer did not advance, it being Grant's intention to has a despatch from Sportsylvania, at mord of the 12th, saying that there had been a full in the battle for the past hall-hour. The indications are that it will soon be resumed up demonstrations along his whole front Everything is favorable. Our losses (in the during the night. The purpose of this was seven days' fighting) are estimated at from 18,000 to 25,000, that as the contest was mostly in a wooded country, thousands may be lying there of whom no report can be

WASHINGTON, May 13 -A despatch from Gen Grant has just been received, dated near Spottayl-yania. Court house, the 12th, 6:30 p.m. It is as

fullows:
The eighth day's battle closes, leaving between three and four thousand prisoners, including two Generals and over thirty places of cannon in our hands for the day's work. The memy was obtinate and seem to have found the last ditch. We have lost no organization, not even a company, while we have destroyed and captured one dying. while we have destroyed and cretured one drvis-ion—Johnston's—one brigade—Dubb's—and one regiment of the enemy entire. GRANT. regiment of the stemy entire. Ghant.
General Grant also sent a despatch to the P esident, which was received last hight, amounting in terms of characteristic modesty that he had moved on the enemy's works at Spottsylvania Court house on Thursday morning, Burneide and Hanc et making grand and impetious charges with the bayonet by corps, surprising the elicity and producing the wildest consternation of his ranks—crust-ing Lee's right and centre, halting his entire line and driving it back several miles

delenses. This is important as it more closely corrals Beauregard's command within the city.

News of May 13.

New York, May 13—The World's special despatch from the hendquarters of the Army of the Potomac, near Spottsylvania, the 12th The Secretary of Was in the Color of the Potomac and the Potomac a

The Secretary of War in a despatch yesterday, stated that the Government is sparing no pains to surport Grant. The severe battle of Wilderness, and more particularly the severe battles in which the army has been engaged in the vicinity of Spat syvania, have rendered trainforcements necessary. Reinforcements have rapidly been sent forward.—12,000 men let this city on Thursday.

boats have fallen into the enemy's hands The report needs confirmation.

CINCINNATI, May 13. Great activity prevails at Camp Dehnson, preparing the Navesterday for the East; two other regiments eave to-day. These troops are thoroughly arm d and equipped.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC. MAY 13. 2 P.M.—The energy is found to have failen back to a new line, avand mug their works on the right, apparently getting into position for another contest. C.I. Carroll's brigade brought in a number of prisoners and a stand of colors this

News of Way 14. PHILADELPHIA, May 14-A special dated Cia cin at the 13th, state that news has been reconsidered from soldiers that Gen Schofield a same moved from Bull's Gap on the 2d, and after fur hours fighting on the 4th the rebels returned. Our troops are pursuing them isto North Carolina, No particulars have been reproved.

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Fortress Monros, May 13—There was no figuring yesterday. Our forces are throwing up on reachinents from the Appointant to the James river, a distance of sax mites. It was stated that Beauregard, was reinforced on Tuesday, night by some obrigades from Lee's army. The statement, however, recurs improbable. The James river was obstructed yesterday afternoon by our forces neaf Turkey, Bend, by the sinking of schooners and ditional regarding the battle of Thursday:

ditional regarding the battle of Thursday: The battle continued un il dark on our left and centre. At par right we held the ground gatued in the forescoon, 1 % miles in advance of that occupied the must before Our right ascertained on Friday morning by discover-ing that the main force had fallen back so no

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The despatches all agree as to the (result on Thursday) being a decisive victory. A despatch dated a ne o'clock a, m., on the 13 h, says : General Warren advanced this morning, and some heavy skirmishing ensued took mines off with the rest guard of Lee's amy, which is seross the Po river. This retreat shows that Lee was not able to ciek another fight to day. As to where he will make another stand no one can form an

Washington, May 14-Information from the many of the Rotomac at noon to-day is that yesterday Grant was slitt pushing on

Lees rear.

A careful investigation fixes the total losses of the army of the Potennac, in kitted, woulded and missing up to the commencement of the battle of Toursday, at about 20,000 insequ

b believed that Le is als taking care to put himself of the next fight, if Lee b reakened as to compel bun the Richmond fortifications, in the direction of Lynchbi from which points his a niv upplies ever suice Grant or

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The field presented to day descrip ion. The dead and d there, and in the great ! ging in some places in piles leep, many of them wounder of the body. The enemy re anither of dead and wounde day, from portions of the were muny places they co number of guns captured is a

CINCINNATI May 14 -Dalt by Johnson on Thursday night NEW YORK, May 14.—The patch says, despatches received conts, dated heat quarters, 8 o'c night, su. The revels are in North Annu River, with fresh suit. Lee's retreat is becomin ands of prisoners are being cap in his rear are very much swo in his rear are very much swo rains. Supplies are reaching to the wounded are coming in very wounded are coming in very washington, many of them Fraderitksburg. The retrels our trains. We have lost not way "frazgous, except four as on the field. Our losses in kinsising, are estimated actoriy is an are her arguerated. as not the figures reach but twenty fi atmrs — the Alr. ]—many " with ut sufficent reason, and o lest. Gen. Grant wil pu h Li hmoud, if he has to use his The news that Gen. Thoma is confirmed. We have captu Fre Times correspondent Hundsed, dated the 10th. come of the m rung Gen.

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the arrival there of over 7, cluding 400 officers. New York, May 14-G Sr. Louis May 15-A pendent writes that Genet the Pacific, and Jeaves at Wright is ordered east. CARSON CITY, May 16,2

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