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LEE'S RETREAT.

THE LAST ATTEMPT OF THE CONFEDERATE GENERAL.—DESTRUCTION IN RICHMOND.

The evacuation of Richmond and Petersburg began at dark on the 2d of April, 1865. The Union armies now invested Petersburg except where the Appomattox river protected it on the northwestern edge. Grant's lines rested upon the river below and above the town. The first step, after evacuation had been decided upon, was the destruction of stores, boats, railroads, rolling stock and bridges and public property generally. The men on the very front of the Union line could hear the rumble of wheels on the bridges and reported to headquarters that the sounds indicated evacuation.

LEE ABANDONS HIS STRONGHOLDS.

Sometime after midnight on the 3d, the magazine at Fort Drury, on James river, little more than half way to Richmond, blew up, lighting the whole heavens. It was plainly visible on the Petersburg lines, and as it was followed by other explosions, that of war vessels and bridges, and by fires nearer to Petersburg, it became very plain that a general destruction was going on along Lee's twenty miles of defenses. However, the Confederate pickets were out in full force, and every attempt of the Union pickets to advance was met by good volleys of musketry. At daylight the order was given on the Ninth corp line for pickets to advance to the enemy's main trenches. They did so, and found the batteries empty and the camps deserted and denuded of everything valuable. Heavy guns had not been removed. A few Confederate skirmishers were overtaken, and it was learned that the bulk of the army had been gone for hours, the trains and artillery having begun to move at 8 o'clock p. m., the infantry following.

The brigade of General Ralph Ely Second brigade, First division, Ninth corps—moved rapidly toward the city on the river road, and received the surrender about 4:30 a. m. The First division was promptly assembled and marched in by the regular roads. President Lincoln reached the city about noon; Grant was already there, and there was hearty rejoicing among soldiery and citizens because the tedious siege was over. News came from Richmond that that stronghold had been entered by Union troops at 8 o'clock in the morning. The Army of the Potomac rested around Petersburg, and General Grant went out on the South Side railroad, where Ord was moving on a line parallel to that taken by Lee, the Appomattox river between their marching columns.

The experiences at Petersburg had been repeated at Richmond with the exception of the assaults. The Union army confronting the defenses of Richmond consisted of two divisions of the Twenty-fifth corps of the Army of the James. General Godfrey Weitzel commanded the corps, and now that General Ord had joined Grant with his main force, Weitzel was in command in front of Richmond. He had held his troops in readiness to assault for some days, but the success of the turning movement had rendered that unnecessary. Inside of Richmond confusion reigned all day on the 2d (Sunday); the day of the successful Union assaults at Petersburg. The dispatches from Lee announcing his inability to hold the lines caused the officers of the government to begin preparations for a hasty flight, and as they did not wait for night to cover their movements, the people soon learned the truth and acted accordingly.

General Ewell commanded a few local troops in the defenses, and General G. W. C. Lee, son of General R. E. Lee, had a division in the Confederate works at Chapin's Bluff, on James river, seven miles below the city. These troops were all put under orders ready to move. The men who had been prominent in secession affairs, the officials and pronounced disunionists betrayed their anxiety to be away when the Union troops should come in. Davis left the city at 8 o'clock, accompanied by his cabinet, and the archives and treasure, a sum unknown, but which included $775,000 of bank gold, were shipped in cars. Darkness brought about a reign of terror. The stores of ammunition were exploded by military order, and the uncontrollable populace took this for a signal for destruction. Large warehouses containing tobacco, bacon and other combustibles were fired by accident or design, and the flames spread to other buildings. People gathered a few household goods and rushed to the squares and other open places.

The lower classes broke open liquor stores and fed their frenzy by the free use of stimulants. Pillage and outrage were added to fire and terror. Amidst it all the explosives contained in the magazines, which were hoisted into the air, had their fuses ignited and flew in all directions, hurling down fragments of iron upon the crowds and sending fire indiscriminately upon dwelling, store and sanctuary. The confederate troops were all otherwise engaged, and the police were powerless. The mob was hungry, ravenous and drunken and rushed from one mad fresh to another, principally wreaking vengeance on the property of the government and of public men.

The bridges by which the Confederate troops were to evacuate the city were stocked with barrels of tar and pine knots, and these were fired at daylight just as the troops of Weitzel appeared before the works. No Confederates were in sight. The road between the buried torpedos was marked out by flags, and the army moved in without the loss of a man or the firing of a gun. The Confederate navy lying in James river, and commanded by Admiral Semmes, of Alabama notoriety, was destroyed by blowing up the vessels. In this way the new ram Virginia, the gunboats Richmond and Fredericksburg were disposed of. Semmes and his sailors were formed into a provisional brigade and sent to Danville, the new capital that was to be.

When the Union troops were fixed in the possession of the city, General Charles Devens was charged with the duty of restoring order. His division stacked arms in the streets, and, with the aid of citizens, who were generally impressed for the service, they began to put out the fires. General Weitzel occupied Jefferson Davis' mansion as his headquarters. General R. E. Lee's wife and daughter were in their homes and were furnished a guard. Mrs. Lee was an invalid confined to her room. Libby prison was empty, the prisoners having been removed and sent down the James to the place of exchange. In the works around Richmond and in the arsenals and foundries were about 500 heavy cannon that could not be removed. Several thousand sick and wounded Confederates were found in the vicinity, and these, with several small detachments captured along the lines, became Union prisoners of war in Libby prison.

LINCOLN IN RICHMOND.

When the news of the Union occupation of Richmond reached Petersburg, Admiral Porter, who now commanded the fleet, took the president on board, and steamed up James river, where he landed on the 4th. Mr. Lincoln went on shore alone, and was walking the streets, inquiring his way of passers by, when some of General Weitzel's aids met him and conducted him to headquarters in Davis' deserted mansion. Here he inspected the quarters of the fugitive Confederate chieftain and for a time sat in Davis' own accustomed chair.

While he was in Richmond Mr. Lincoln said to General Weitzel that he believed that the conquered people would be "let up easy." This was in accordance with his views expressed to Grant and Sherman in Hampton Roads in February, at the time he received the peace commissioners from Richmond. General Grant states in his memoirs that at that time Mr. Lincoln said that if the Southerners would agree to perpetual Union and the abolition of slavery he would be willing to hand them a blank sheet of paper with his signature attached and let them state the terms themselves. These views, well known to the generals in the field, influenced them in their stipulations for the surrender of Confederate troops and positions.

While President Lincoln was in Richmond Jefferson Davis was attempting to reorganize his capital at Danville, where some troops had been ordered to report. Admiral Raphael Semmes was made a brigadier general and placed in command of the defenses, and his naval brigade built and mounted enfrenchments. On April 5th Davis announced by proclamation that Virginia was to be abandoned by the Confederate armies. Lee was now concentrating his men in the vicinity of Amelia Court House, on the Richmond and Danville railroad, about twenty-five miles west of Petersburg. This point was south of the Appomattox and Lee had to recross that river. This movement placed him on the same side with the Union army. The troops from Richmond and from the works along the James, between Petersburg and Richmond, all joined Lee at Amelia Court House. On the 5th he sent forward his artillery on the roads to the right of those upon which the troops marched, and he also formed a column to attack Sheridan's advance, now at Prince ville. Sheridan had sent out Custer's and Merritt's divisions on the morning of the 3d to strike Amelia Court House and head off the retreating Confederates.

At the crossing of Deep Creek, General W. H. F. Lee's command effectually checked the pursuit, and Sheridan's cavalry waited all night for the Fifth, Second and Sixth corps to come up. On the 4th, McKenzie's division of cavalry pushed on to within a few miles of Amelia Court House, and, finding the enemy in force, halted and waited for infantry supports to come up. The Fifth corps reached the ground the same night. On the morning of the 5th, Sheridan sent Davies' brigade of Crook's division around the Confederate flank to ascertain whether Lee was marching off to the north or not. At Palmville, five miles north of Amelia, Davies attacked a wagon train, burned it and returned, followed by Munford's and Rosser's cavalry, and driven back upon his supports.

On the morning of the 6th Lee again took up the march, moving along the Danville road toward Burkeville. All the bridges behind him had been destroyed, and the pursuit was on parallel roads rather in his rear. The Second, Fifth and Sixth corps, having been directed on Amelia Court House, were now stretched across the Danville railroad near Petersville, facing north and northeast. Ord's Army of the James, moving out on the South Side railroad, was at Burkeville, and Parke's Ninth corps, the last to leave Petersburg, was moving on the same route, and on the morning of the 6th was within a day's march of Ord's column. Nothing short of a most fortunate and speedy march could save Lee.—*Topeka (Kans.) Capital.*

A Drumming Fish.

At a recent meeting of the Berlin Physiological society Professor Moebius described a peculiar fish—Balistes aculeatus—which he had met with in Mauritius. While on a visit to the island he observed a bright blue colored fish in the shallow waters of the harbor, which, when caught and held in the hand, emitted from its interior a most striking noise, like that of a drum. A careful examination of the animal failed to reveal any obvious movements, with the exception of one part of the skin, lying just beyond the gillslit, which was in continuous vibration.

The portion of the skin which vibrates stretches from the clavicle to the bronchial arch; it is provided with four large, bony plates and lies over the swim bladder, which in this fish for the most part projects out of the trunk muscles. Behind the clavicle is a curiously shaped long bone, which is attached to the clavicle at one point in such a way as to form a lever with two arms. The long arm of this bony lever is imbedded in the ventral trunk muscles and is capable of easy movement to and fro. The short arm slides during this movement over the rough inner side of the clavicle and gives rise to a crackling noise. This noise is intensified by the swim bladder, which lies in close proximity to the short arm of the lever and acts as a resonator.—*Newcastle Chronicle.*

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