

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

The Progress of Price's Invasion

GEN. EWING'S VICTORY

Defeat of the Rebels at Ironton.

THE ENEMY'S FORCE AND DESIGNS

Rebel General Cabell Wounded.

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

St. Louis, Oct. 2—The train from Franklin today reports all quiet there. The Rebels, it is reported, have destroyed the bridges and burned all the railroad property for twenty miles below Franklin. We learn from the prisoners who were captured about sixteen miles from Franklin that Price was about two miles beyond with seven thousand men.

All is quiet on Iron Mountain as far as Hillsboro where the Rebels are reported to be working the lead mines.

Frederickton is still occupied by the Rebels, but not in large force.

General EWING'S defense of Pilot Knob is described by an eye-witness as being one of the finest of the war. His retreat, also, is said to have been most gallantly conducted. His men had no sleep for four nights, and nothing to eat except what they could pick up on the way, and they fought the enemy constantly. Nothing has been heard from them since their arrival at Harrison Station, but it is believed they had reached Rolla.

The depots at Washington and South Point, fifteen or eighteen miles west of Franklin, on the Pacific Railroad, are reported to have been burned.

The iron works at Pilot Knob have suffered to the extent of between \$20,600 and \$25,000, and the stores in the town were robbed of from \$50,000 to \$60,000 worth of goods.

A gentleman who left Pilot Knob on Friday night represents that Price has from twenty thousand to twenty-five thousand veterans, independent of from three thousand to five thousand recruits recently obtained.

The Repulse of the Rebels from Ironton

Sept. 29, 1864.—To Colonel John N. Du Bois, Chief of Staff, Head-quarters Department of the Missouri:--At daylight our outposts at Ironton were attacked and forced back to within half a mile of the fort. The enemy made desperate efforts to get possession of Sheppard's Mountain, and at two P.M. they succeeded in driving the battalion of the Fourteenth Iowa into rifle-pits, and getting two 6-pounder guns in position on the mountain. The three mountain slopes overlooking the fort were filled with dismounted cavalry. The south front was threatened by four lines of cavalry, extending across the valley between the fort and Ironton, commanded by Gen. MARMADUKE, while a column passed around the base of Sheppard's Mountain and formed at the south. General CABELL commanded the dismounted cavalry on the slope of Pilot Knob. The Rebel troops thus disposed, a signal of two guns was fired from the mountain, and the assault in force moved on our works, came up in fine style to the ditches, and went back to the mountain in indecent haste, leaving one thousand five hundred killed and wounded. Among the latter is General CABELL, on lieutenant-colonel, two captains and two lieutenants. Our entire loss is nine killed and sixty wounded. Yesterday morning, at four o'clock, we left the fort and blew up the magazine. PRICE commanded in person.

CHARLES S. HILL,
Capt. and Act'g Ass't Adj't-Gen.

The Latest Report.

St. Louis, Oct. 3—Surgeon CARPENTER, Medical Director of this District, accompanied by a Rebel flag of truce, arrived here last night, to procure medical supplies for the wounded of both sides.

The Rebels lost about 200 killed and 600 to 800 wounded in the assault on the fort.

Major WILSON, Third Missouri Militia, commandant of the post, and Captain DINGER, Forty-seventh Missouri, were captured by the Rebels, and were badly treated.

Major WALKER, who bravely defended Potosi, and several other persons, were murdered by Col. D. BLOOD, after the surrender of the place.

Nothing reliable has yet been heard from General EWING. The Iron Mountain Railroad is pretty badly damaged, and at least two months will be required to repair it.

There is no news from Franklin today.

Two Brigades of the enrolled militia of this district have gone to La Clede Station, on the Pacific Railroad, eight miles from here.

It is understood that General ROSECRANS will take the field today.

Among the Rebel wounded at Pilot Knob are Colonel THOMAS, Colonel MONROE, Major SERRIDGE, and several Captains.

THE LATEST

St. Louis, Oct. 3.--The latest reliable accounts state that PRICE was moving on Rolla in three columns, the right under SHELBY and MARMADUKE, the center under himself, and the left under COOPER. The latter is mainly composed of half-breed Indians.

About five hundred Rebels entered Union, the county seat of Franklin county, on Saturday, and captured about one hundred of the county militia. Washington had a garrison of six hundred men under Colonel GALE, who evacuated the place on the approach of the Rebels, and took his men and stores across the Mississippi River.

Information from Jefferson City to last night reports all safe. The depot at Jacksonville, on the North Mountain Railroad was burned by guerrillas today.

Nothing has yet been heard from General EWING.

All the fortifications around St. Louis are manned today, as a precautionary measure.



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