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CAPTURE OF WILMINGTON!

How Our Army Celebrated Washington's Birthday!

700 REBELS & 30 GUNS CAPTURED!

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The following official report of the capture of Wilmington was forwarded by the Department to the Adjutant General:

E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

General S. G. French, Adjutant General, and on the morning of the 22d inst. After the evacuation of Fort Anderson, General Sherman directed Col. T. to follow his garrison towards Wilmington, while Terry followed him down the river.

The latter took up a line, four miles from Wilmington, but was so closely pressed by Terry that he could not cross to the west side of the river, and so had to turn back and return to town, on a flatboat, attacked them in the rear, and routed them, taking two guns and three men, drove them across the river, and crossed the Brandywine river, opposite Wilmington, where the bridges were up, and on his arrival the rebels began to burn cotton and straw in the city, and left it in the hands of the fire.

Our captures, including Fort Anderson amount to about 700 prisoners, and 30 guns.

Citizen soldiers of the 1st New York, under command of Capt. H. C. Hart, have captured 1,000 rebels.

The Union feeling showed itself quite strong in the city.

Terry followed Hoke northward.

C. B. COOMBS, A.

Lt. Col. A. D. C. & B. B. G.

REPORT OF ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

C. B. COOMBS, A.

Sir: I have the honor to inform you that Fort Anderson has been evacuated and is now in possession of our troops.

After the evacuation of Fort Anderson I posted the garrison as far as the water would permit, the water being very high, and the rebels had also cut one of their large steamers, the North Eastern. Our fire soon drove the rebels from the fort, and when they did not fire again, we sent a boat over to see what they would do, and when they did not fire again, we sent another boat over to see what they would do.

After sending a boat over the mudflats at Big Island, I succeeded in getting the garrison over to the fort, and when the rebels came up, we sent another boat over to see what they would do, and when they did not fire again, we sent another boat over to see what they would do.

It may prove very good stock, but we did object to the reckless manner in which it was used to post to pillar here at prices ranging from fifty to eighty per cent above what it was on the boards in Pittsburgh, and we felt bound to caution our readers to leave it in the hands of the bulls and bears until it should settle.

The fact is the stockholders here have appointed a committee of their own number—Messrs. William McElroy and J. McDonald Sharpe—to go to Pittsburgh and inspect the action of the board and to ascertain their intentions of producing more, until they justify the confidence we gave to our readers two weeks ago. The article in the Spirit from the brokers who have dealt largely in the stock in question.

The next morning I sent two fishing netts across the river.

Yesterday evening General Ames, with his division, crossed within a short distance of the fort, and had a sharp encounter with the rebels. On hearing the musketry, and seeing where our troops were engaged, I ran across the fort and shot the rebels. They were all armed with three or four shots, but was not armed.

This morning we heard that General Terry was within the fort, and the rest was left to the miners.

The Montreal and Boston armament ships without lightning, which was a work of some labor.

I had the pleasure of placing the flag on Fort Strong, and at 12 o'clock today shall fire a salute of thirty-five guns this being Washington's birthday.

I am, etc., Your very obedient servant, A. D. C. B. B. G.

Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy.

SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS.

Seven rebels captured in the battles around Nashville, were presented to the Secretary of War on Wednesday, fifteen of the captives making the previous day, the latter were all granted a furlough of thirty days.

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