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THE SURRENDER OF PORT HUDSON.
The garrison at Port Hudson has surrendered to Major Gen. Banks, commanding the Department of the Gulf. Assaults were made upon the place on May 27, and again on June 14, but failed to carry the position. A systematic siege then commenced, which, in connection with the news from Vicksburg, and the prospect of starvation, resulted in the reduction of the place. The preliminaries for the surrender were arranged on Wednesday, July 9, by Brig. Gen. Stone, Brig. Gen. Dwight and Col. Birge, of the 13th Connecticut, acting Brigadier, as commissioners for Gen. Banks; and Col. Miles, of Miles's Legion, Col. Stedman and Col. C. H. Smith, for Gen. Gardner. The formal surrender followed next day, Gen. Gardner delivering his sword to Brig. Gen. Andrew, chief of Gen. Banks's staff. The terms are those of unconditional surrender. Private property is to be respected, and its owners will be allowed to retain it. It is stated that the officers will not be paroled, but held subject to the disposal of the United States Secretary of War. The men will be paroled, and the sick and wounded will be cared for. The Zephyr, which arrived yesterday morning, brought the following officers as prisoners of war from Port Hudson to this city:

Col W R Miles, Miles's Legion; Major J T Coleman, Miles Legion; Capt S M Thomas, Boone's Battery; 1st Lieut B C Cushman, Adjutant 30th Louisiana; Capts J W Dealu and W B B Cook, Miles's Legion; Capt W A Kemp, Capt J J Slooam, 2d Lieut S M Simmons, 9th Louisiana Cavalry; 1st Lieut L E Woods, Miles's Legion; 1st Lieut J D Conn, 4th Louisiana Volunteers; 1st Lieut H W Coleman, Miles's Legion; Capt Com'g B K Chinn, 9th Louisiana Infantry; Capt W B Seawell, 12th Louisiana Battalion Artillery; 1st Lieut Joel Barnett, 9th Louisiana Cavalry; Capt Com'g Thos K Porter, 30th Louisiana Infantry; 2d Lieut P Thalheimer and A V Duralde, 9th Louisiana Infantry; 2d Lieut J J Kendall, 4th Louisiana Infantry; Capt C W Cushman, 30th Louisiana Infantry; 2d Lieut H Carpenter, 9th Louisiana Cavalry; 3d Lieut G Maurras, 30th Louisiana Infantry; 1st Lieut D D Phillips, 1st Tennessee Battalion Artillery; Capt E S Morgan, 9th Louisiana Cavalry; 1st Lieut R H Hughes, 12th Louisiana Battalion Artillery; 1st Lieut S G W Coleman, 7th Starr Artillery; 1st Lieut J C Lemon, 4th Louisiana Infantry; 2d Lieut C H Frith, Miles's Legion; 1st Lieut J Lahey, 1st Tennessee Artillery; 1st Lieut S K Allison, 1st Louisiana Battalion Heavy Artillery; 2d Lieut G W Keller, 9th Louisiana Cavalry; Capt A Turner, 9th Louisiana Cavalry; 2d Lieut Fred Winters, 12th Louisiana Battalion Heavy Artillery; Capt W L Barnett, 9th Louisiana Infantry; Capt R M Hewett, Adjutant Miles's Legion; 3d Lieut J B Davison, 1st Lieut J B Dunn, 9th Louisiana Cavalry; Capt S A Whiteside, 48th Tennessee Infantry; Capt A Bradley, 2d Lieut B B Staims, 9th Louisiana Cavalry; 2d Lieut D C Coats, 12th Louisiana Heavy Artillery; 3d Lieut W M McQueen, 9th Louisiana Cavalry; 1st Lieut A Leblanc, 30th Louisiana Infantry; 2d Lieut I S Spring, 9th Louisiana Cavalry; 1st Lieut Bailey Davis and L H Clark, 12th Louisiana Heavy Artillery; 2d Lieut J B Keyes, 9th Louisiana Infantry; 1st Lieut A C Richardson, 9th Louisiana Infantry; 2d Lieut R A Orillion, 30th Louisiana Infantry; 2d Lieut A J Hughes, 1st Lieut E S Thompson, 1st Tennessee Battalion Artillery; 2d Lieut W B Cook, 1st Tenn Batt'n Artillery; 2d Lieut E W Aroun, 9th La Infantry; 2d Lieut W Garey, Major J De Baur, Lieut Col Wingfield, 9th La Cavalry; Capt James O'Neill, 1st Lieut Jno Kiersan, Miles's Legion; 2d Lieut S B Harbour, 9th La Infantry; 1st Lieut Geo J Wilson, 1st Lieut Bolivar Edwards, Miles's Legion; Capt Jno M Kean, 12th La Artillery; 2d Lieut A A Roberts, 4th La Infantry; Capt S F Wale, 3d Lieut A G Becham, Capt O P Amacker, 2d Lieut Jno O'Dalut, 3d Lieut E McKane, 9th La Cavalry; 2d Lieut Sam Ash, 1st La Artillery; 1st Lieut L M Rub, 1st Lieut O Rodriguez, 12th La Artillery; 1st Lieut H T Waddell, 1st Lieut Jos Evans, 3d Lieut M D Evans, 9th La Cavalry; Jr 2d Lieut W H Holden, 9th La Infantry; 1st Lieut Jno O'Brien, 4th La Infantry; 2d Lieut Pat Burns, Jr, Miles's Legion; 1st Lieut E P Harmanon, Boone's Battery; Capt G W Lewis, 9th La Cavalry; Jr 2d Lieut T Toca, Boone's Battery; Capt Chas S Whiteman, Q M, 4th La Infantry; 1st Lieut H C Wright, 2d La Infantry; 2d Lieut B W Lanier, Capt W W Carlous, Miles's Legion; Jr 1st Lieut E H Goll, 7 Stars Artillery; Sr 2d Lieut J W Kearrey, Capt Wm Defeau, Miles's Legion; Adjutant Paul Waterman, 12th La Infantry; Lieut Col E S M Lebreton, Aid to Chief Heavy Artillery; 1st Lieut J A Erwin, 9th La Cavalry; Capt J A Fisher, 1st Tennessee Artillery; Col Benjamin Johnson, 15th Arkansas Infantry. Total, 92.

☞ An important notice to registered enemies may be found in another column. By early application at the office of H. M. Robinson, 26 Commercial Place, they will be accommodated with passage to Pasca-goula.

☞ In another column an important Post Office notice may be found, giving the existing rates of postage.

TO THE MEMORY OF MARY Mc DONNALD,

Who Departed Life, November 18, 1859,

Aged 17.

Farewell, dear Mary, alas! farewell,
Since parted we must be;
No more to meet on this frail earth
Where all is vanity.
Your happy soul does now rejoice
Where Saints and Angels reign;
To sing God's praise in joyful lays,
Forever to remain.

We miss you every morning—
Your voice cannot be heard;
You have left us a dreary world
To receive your just reward.
Where no more pain or anguish
Can now disturb your breast;
But endless joy and pleasure,
Amongst the happy blest.


Remember us, dear Mary,
Your prayers will sure be heard:
That we may meet hereafter,
To praise the Eternal Word;
Where no more sin nor sorrow
Those happy souls can see,
But live in everlasting bliss.
Through all all eternity.


Though, Mary, dear, we're parted,
Yet we must not complain;
The Lord has taken you away
From all your grief and pain;
Though, Mary, we must sever,
Forget you we shall never,
Until we meet at Heaven's gate,
And there to live forever.

P. M.

Capt G L Fuselier, Gen Taylor's staff; Capt J J Atkinson, Capt E Holmes, Lieut Wm Nelson, Lieut Sam Allison, Lieut Aug Burginens, Lieut Wm H Rogers, Crescent La vols; Lieut Jos Hanson, Mile's Legion; Lieut Chas Comfort, 11th La; Lieut T W Brown, 9th La bat infantry; Lieut J Wabre, 28th La; Lieut Julius Durbiege, Diana; Lieut Chas Roupel, C S A; Lieut A O Morse, C S artillery; Lieut T D Melville, 18th La; Lieut H Fisk, Queen of the West; Lieut R Stark Jackson, Lieut George W Stafford, 8th La vols; Lieut D Hughes, Mile's Legion; Lieut W C Jeter, Lieut E Carmonchie, 4th La; Lieut J Guillebeau, 30th La.

Attempted Assassination of Gov. Yates — ST. LOUIS, July 2.—Gov. Yates, of Illinois, was shot at through a window while writing in his office, at his residence in Springfield, at a late hour last night. He was not injured. There is no clue to the perpetrator.

 The Spaniards were the first who discovered Canada; but at their arrival, having found nothing considerable in it, they abandoned the country, and called it *El Capa di Nada*, that is, a cape of nothing; hence, by corruption, sprung the word Canada, which we use in all our maps.

 A turtle was found recen'ly on the farm of Wm. Allen, in Westport, Mass., with the initials of Weston Allen, Humphrey Allen and David Allen, cut on its shell. There was one date 171— the last figure undecipherable—and one of 1787. The same turtle was found on the same farm about twelve years ago.

Fire in Atlanta, Ga.—On the night of the 30th ult. there was a very destructive fire in Atlanta. It consumed the fine three-story house known as Norcross's building, at the corner of Whitehall and Marietta streets. The loss is estimated at \$235,500, with a small amount of insurance. The principal part of the goods destroyed was composed of tobacco, salt, bacon, molasses and liquors. J. P. Porter, commission merchant, lost \$50,000, with an insurance of \$15,000. The entire property and records of two Odd Fellows' lodges were consumed.

"A Social Smoke."—The Utica Herald says some of the collegiates at Clinton College have provided themselves with an enormous bowl, of sufficient capacity to hold half a pound or so of "the weed"—from which radiates numerous stems. The bowl is filled, placed on the floor, and the contents lighted, when the smoking fraternity gather round in a circle, apply their mouths to the stems, puff, and have a jolly time. It is considered a decided improvement on the old style.

Phenomenon in Cayuga Lake.—Between the hours of 7 and 8 A. M. on the 17th June the waters of Cayuga Lake at this place (east shore) were observed to rise rapidly for about fifteen minutes, and reached the height of about a foot above the ordinary level. The current then reversed and in fifteen minutes more the water was lowered two and a half feet, or one and a half feet below the ordinary level. These flood and ebb tides continued at intervals of about fifteen or twenty minutes, gradually growing less for about two hours, when they ceased altogether, and the waters of the lake assumed their natural level, and have remained stationary to this time. We are informed that the ebb and flow of these singular tides in Carr's Cove, one mile south of this village, equaled or exceeded three feet. A similar phenomenon was observed here some six years ago. Will the learned explain the cause of this curious freak of our inland fresh water?—*Cayuga Lake Herald.*

THE CITY.

ALARM.—The alarm of fire last night arose from a store at the corner of Bourbon and St. Peter streets, kept by Messrs. Hart & Blaise. Before it had made much headway the fire was extinguished.

No COURT.—There was no session of the Provost Court this morning, the Customhouse building being so thoroughly filled with prisoners. Would it not be well to remove the court to the convenient and pleasant courtroom situated in the municipal building opposite to the City Hall? The First District Lockup is just below this courtroom, and holding the court there would do away with the necessity of removing a large proportion of the prisoners. We are certain that if Judge Hughes knew of the conveniences of this courtroom, the Provost Court would be removed to it at once.

ARRESTS.—The arrests last night were by no means of an important character. They were mostly for drunkenness and trifling disturbances of the peace.

Head D^gth Comm Col. Hallett
On Aug²⁴th 1864

My Dear Wife

I take advantage of an hour's leisure, after returning from Picket duty for the last 24 hours, to drop you a line. Just to day that all is well so far, although we are some what tired of heavy marches and night duty. The Enemy is said to have followed us up continually since we joined Sheridan's Comm and at Berryville on the 17th August, since which time we have been continually moving toward Harper's Ferry now some four miles distant, for which reason unless danger to supply trains, I cannot conceive, I have been on Picket and on Guard in every conceivable place front & Rear and have heard any amount of Cannon and Musquetry fire all around me, and I can safely say that not a man in the Regt knows that he has seen 10 armed Rebels, in all that time. and yet the papers say that Early has 8000 or more men in front of us, even while I write any amount of firing is going on on our left. Near where I came from Picket this AM I received yours of the 13th 3 or 4 days since but have had no chance of answering till now do not think of sending me an earthly thing as I cannot possibly carry any thing with me. Except on my own and horse back, hitherto we have been allowed the miserable apology of two wagons to a Regiment, which might allow a very small dolish to each Officer. An hour since I received an order that hereafter but one wagon could be allowed to a Regiment. and that must carry ten (10) days

Can
forage for the team, about all I can carry of itself.
I wish I had the little I have with me in the valise
in some safe place. I do not know what to do with
my clothes nor where to send them. We can get no
satisfaction to any enquiries at H^Q Ist, about any
thing, and I really believe they would like to
see us taking our things out and throwing
them away on the road. I will try to send the
little I have to Harpers Ferry or to Washington
I do not want to lose my troops but care but little
so my life and health are spared, notwith-
standing all we have been through, the Officers and
men are in good condition for health.
I must hurry up this as the messenger is
waiting to take it to Harpers Ferry good
bye. God bless you all I will write at
every opportunity, but you need not ex-
pect to hear from me very often we cannot
carry even papers and envelopes with us
and my respect to Father & Aunt. Father
& Lea has broke down and gone to
Hospital at Harpers Ferry, kiss the Pa-
ties as usual for me my love to Ellen
Your loving husband
Thos W. Chace
Sent as usual to Washington