

## Second Invasion of the North

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The railroad stations were crowded with an excited people—men, women and children—with trunks, boxes, bundles; packages tied up in bed-blankets and quilts; mountains of baggage, tumbling into the cars, rushing here and there in a frantic manner; shouting, screaming, as if the Rebels were about to dash

into town and lay it in ashes." That was Harrisburg, Pa., on June 15, 1863 as described by Charles Carleton Coffin, war correspondent of the Boston Journal.

The Rebels were coming—the whole Army of Northern Virginia—but none of Gen. Robert E. Lee's men was close to Harrisburg. In fact, on this day, a d v a n c e Confederate cavalry units were just cross-

ing the Potomac into Maryland on Lee's second invasion of the North.

Coffin noted a change in sentiment in Pennsylvania since Lee had first invaded in 1862.

"Drive the enemy from our soil," was the battle cry in '62, Coffin wrote. But in '63 it was, "Where shall we hide our goods?"

### Swarming Down Valley

Lee's Confederates were swarming down the Shenandoah Valley, the corridor west of the Blue Ridge mountains which leads straight into the heart of western Maryland and central Pennsylvania.

Confederate cavalry screened the passes of the Blue Ridge. Federal cavalry, trying to unmask Lee's movements, probed the country east of the mountains.

Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker, commanding the Union Army of the Potomac, knew Lee's army was moving but how far it had gone and where it was headed remained a mystery. He suspected an invasion. He sent his newly reorganized cavalry corps, which had fought the hitherto superior gray horsemen to a standstill at Brandy Station, Va., on June 9, to find out what was happening.

The Union cavalry clashed first with the Rebel troopers on June 17 at Aldie, Va., in the western part of the state between the Bull Run and Blue Ridge mountains. The Confederates fought off the Federal attacks most of the day and then withdrew.

On the same day the 1st Rhode Island Cavalry was almost annihilated at Middleburg, south of Aldie, by three brigades of Confederate cavalry. Only the colonel, Alfred N. Duffie, and 31 others were able to cut their way out. He reported a loss of 268 men but many of them eventually straggled back.

Four days later at Upper-ville, Va., north of Middleburg, the Federal cavalry with some infantry drove the Confederate troopers back into Ashby's Gap in the Blue Ridge but failed to break the screen on the right flank of the invading Rebels.

Federal losses in the cavalry battles were 613; Confederate, 510.

While the cavalry was fighting east of the mountains, forward forces of the Army of Northern Virginia were pushing toward Winchester, Va., near the foot of the Shenandoah Valley.

**Possibly a Feint**

Despite these cavalry jabs, Hooker still was unable to tell for sure where Lee's army was and could not be certain the movement in the Valley was the main column or a feint.

On June 13 Federal forces

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**INVASION BEGUN** - On June 15, 1863, Harrisburg, Pa., was described this way: "The railroad stations were crowded with excited people . . . with trunks, boxes and bundles, packages tied in bed-blankets . . . mountains of baggage tumbling into the cars." People were rushing around as if the rebels were about to "dash into town

and make it ashes." The rebels were coming . . . Lee's invasion of the North had begun, but they were still no where near Harrisburg. This drawing, from the Library of Congress collection, shows a Union League march to rally the people of the North against the invasion. (UPI)

were driven from Berryville, Va., about 10 miles northeast of Winchester.

Then the Confederate vanguard under Lt. Gen. Richard S. Ewell moved on Winchester. Ewell enveloped the town and then attacked.

Maj. Gen. Robert H. Milroy, called the "Gray Eagle" because his hair was silvery, commanded the Union forces, about 9,000 men. He had been ordered earlier to fall back toward Harper's Ferry at the Junction of the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers. Believing he could hold Winchester against what he thought was only a small Confederate force, he remained.

Milroy's decision played into Ewell's hands. He sent his cavalry looping around Winchester to Martinsburg, well above Winchester and northwest of Harper's Ferry.

Ewell opened artillery fire on Milroy's forces late in June 14. The Union defense was weak and that night Milroy held a council of war. There it was determined to spike the guns, burn the supply trains and retreat. His force left Winchester about 1 a.m. on June 15. But Ewell had anticipated the move and had troops posted across the line of retreat.

The armies clashed about 3:30 a.m. four miles north of Winchester. The Union force fought briefly and then broke up into several columns trying to escape. Milroy lost about half of his troops, most of them prisoners. The rest limped into Harper's Ferry.

News that Winchester and Martinsburg had been lost arrived in Washington late on June 15. President Lincoln telegraphed Hooker asking if

there was anything the army commander could do about the disasters, and adding:

"If the head of Lee's army is at Martinsburg and the tail of it on the Plank Road between Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, the animal must be very slim somewhere. Could you not break him?"

**Moving Cautiously**

Hooker couldn't but he now knew where at least some of Lee's army was and he was moving his troops—but cautiously. He proposed to Lincoln that he march his army south and capture Richmond while Lee was going north. Lincoln vetoed that. Lee's army, not Richmond, was Hooker's objective, Lincoln said. Anyway, Washington might fall prey to Lee if Hooker moved on Richmond.



brutes . . . The wagons were a part of (the Union) train which (Brig. Gen. Albert G.) Jenkins cavalry had pursued from Berryville . . . Near the corner of Main and Queen Streets one of the horses dropped dead of exhaustion . . .

" . . . About eleven at night (the Confederates) reached the southern end of the town. Some six or eight were sent forward into town to reconnoiter, and about two hundred more were detailed to make a rapid charge after the small force, and those were soon followed by the balance of the command—about two thousand in all . . ."

Caledonia Iron Works which belonged to Thaddeus Stevens, Pennsylvania congressman, abolitionist and leader of the Radical Republicans. Stevens escaped ahead of the Confederates. The cavalry took about 40 horses and mules and later burned the iron mill.

A provost officer halted the teamsters at gunpoint and sent them on toward Harrisburg at a slower pace since the Confederates still were about 20 miles behind.

The next day the Rebel cavalry rode about 10 miles east of Chambersburg to the

On June 17, Jenkins ordered the Chambersburg merchants to open their stores and sell the Confederates whatever goods they wanted.

## 4-H Club News

### Knitted Kittens

The last meeting of the Knitted Kittens 4-H club was called by president Carolee Kuest.

We were reminded to take our cottage cheese and coffee can lids to the meetings.

We discussed whether or not we should have our pot-luck dinners any more.

Mrs. Morris Frink told us our requirements for our fair projects.

She also took a count of how many will be going to 4-H Summer school this year. Marsha Wilson, Reporter.

### Milk Pail Wranglers

The meeting of the Milk Pail Wranglers 4-H club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Summors.

Mr. Cahall demonstrated how to clip and groom our animals. We were briefed on the spring dairy show that was held last month. He gave us a test on the parts of the cow.

We were given instructions how to make calf halters and are to bring them to our next meeting. Our assistant leader, Walter Herzog, brought a show halter to show the first year kids what to get.

The meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be held at the Walter Herzog home.

Louise Herzog, Reporter.

### Clover Cooking

The Clover Cooking and Sewing 4-H club met at Mrs. Glenn Lowe's home June 6.

Plans for the next meeting were made and it was decided to hold it again at Mrs. Lowe's home June 18.

Refreshments were served. Beverly Geigle, Reporter.

### Ruch Woolies

The meeting of the Ruch Woolies 4-H club was held June 11 at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. George W. Sample.

We discussed the 4-H summer school and then prepared

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for the fair. We then watched a demonstration on how to wrap the sheep in blankets in preparation for the fair.

Marcia Sample, Reporter.

### Smart Cookies

The 13th meeting of the Smart Cookies 4-H club was called to order June 10 at the home of Mrs. W. R. Florey by President Kayrn Ricks.

Shuree Davis led the 4-H pledge and Alice Minger led the salute to the flag.

The discussion was about a slumber party and it was decided to have one July 11 at the home of Kayrn Ricks.

Verna Rempert and Shuree Davis will do a demonstration at our next meeting, June 24, at the home of Mrs. Florey.

Alice Menger, Reporter.

### Lake Creek Rancheros

The Lake Creek Rancheros 4-H Horse club were guests at the Double D register quarter horse ranch near Eagle Point where we viewed Brown King, their senior sire.

Guests were the Antelope Horse club and they judged the ranch's stock while they were there. Laura May Noble, Lake Creek, and Linda Gibson, Antelope, were the junior leader speakers for the meeting.

Linda Armitage, Reporter.

### Antelope Livestock

The Antelope Livestock 4-H club held a meeting Saturday, June 8, at 8:15 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Bill Hubbard.

Under old business, Gary Hansen told about the Lost river field trip held recently.

Under new business, Ron Anderson discussed the fat lamb show which is to be held June 21 and 22 at the County fairgrounds. Ron also asked the members to set a date for the beef judging.

Mrs. Hubbard asked the dairy members to judge dairy animals. Mrs. Lathrop also talked about the spring fat lamb show. Mrs. Bohner told the members how much a hog should weigh by the time of the fair.

Then the members decided to have the next meeting July 11, at the home of Ron Anderson. The meeting will consist of beef and sheep judging.

The meeting was adjourned and the dairy club met for a few minutes following. Refreshments were then served. Kathy Britchard, Reporter.



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