

# THIS WAS THE CIVIL WAR

## Federals Bolster Chattanooga

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John Hay routed President Lincoln out of bed the night of Sept. 23, 1863.

The President was staying in a cottage at Soldiers' Home, which stood on a wooded hill about three miles beyond the northern boundary of the Washington of that day.

Hay, one of the presidential secretaries, rode out to the cottage "through a splendid moonlight," he wrote in his diary, "and found the Tycoon (his name for Lincoln) abed."

The younger of the presidential secretaries, now just 25 years old, Hay was carrying bad news for his chief. He had dropped into the War Department after dinner and found Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton deciphering a dispatch from Charles A. Dana, assistant secretary of war, who was in Chattanooga, Tenn., with the defeated army of Maj. Gen. William S. Rosecrans.

The Federal army, under siege by the Confederate Army of Tennessee after the battle of Chickamauga, could hold out only 15 or 20 days, Dana's dispatch said. Reinforcements of 20,000 to 25,000 men were needed if the Federal Army of the Cumberland was to be saved and the city held.

Asked for Meeting

It was 9:45 p. m. Stanton asked Hay to bring Lincoln to the War Department for a meeting that night.

"I delivered my message to him as he robed himself and he was considerably disturbed," Hay wrote. "I assured him as far as I could that it meant nothing serious, but he thought otherwise, as it was the first time Stanton had ever sent for him."

In addition to Lincoln, Stanton also summoned Gen. In-

Chief Henry W. Halleck, Secretary of State William H. Seward, Secretary of Treasury Salmon P. Chase, Assistant Secretary of War Peter H. Watson, Maj. James A. Hardie, an assistant adjutant general, and Col. Daniel C. McCallum, director of military transportation.

By midnight all had assembled and Stanton unveiled a plan to save Chattanooga and Rosecrans' army.

"I propose to send 30,000 men from the Army of the Potomac," he said. "There is no reason to expect General (George G.) Meade will attack Lee, although greatly superior in force; and his great numbers where they are are useless. In five days 30,000 could be put with Rosecrans."

Lincoln offered to bet that if the order was given that night "the troops could not be got to Washington in five days."

Stanton was not inclined to bet but said if 30,000 could not be sent let 20,000 go.

Halleck in Doubt

The discussion continued for a time with Halleck in doubt whether even reinforcements from the West could get to Chattanooga in time. He and Lincoln felt that Meade should not be weakened. Seward, Chase and McCallum sided with Stanton.

Finally Stanton's plan won approval and the meeting broke up after it was decided to send the XI and the XII Corps and that Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker would command them. Hooker was "awaiting orders" after being relieved in June from command of the Army of the Potomac.

"Finished the evening with a supper by Stanton, which few ate," Hay wrote.

But the night was not finished by Stanton.

He began to send orders. He

promised Dana 15,000 infantry would arrive in five or six days. By 2:30 a. m. Meade was ordered to prepare the two corps and have them ready to start in 24 hours.

He ordered all the heads of railroads involved to "come to Washington as quickly as you can."

The troops were to entrain at Culpeper, Va., for Washington. They were to go from the capital to the Ohio river by the Baltimore & Ohio, from there to Indianapolis via Columbus, then to Louisville and on to Nashville by the Louisville & Nashville.

Troops Rolling

Trains full of troops were rolling through Washington in less than 48 hours after the midnight meeting.

The railroads were of different gauges and that meant changing trains at several places along the route.

At one point in Kentucky 8,000 workers were impressed to change the gauge of a section of a railroad.

Cooked rations the troops carried ran out in Indianapolis. Six hours were lost there feeding the men a hot meal.

But by 10:30 the night of Sept. 30 the first troops arrived in Bridgeport, Ala., about 25 miles across the mountains from Chattanooga.

Just seven days had elapsed since Stanton touched off the operation.

Unprecedented Feat

Three days later 20,000 men, 10 batteries of artillery with horses and ammunition and 100 cars of baggage had reached Bridgeport.

It was an unprecedented feat of moving troops by rail. Stanton was proud of his work.

He telegraphed Thomas A. Scott, former assistant secretary of war and now a Penn-



PLAN GOES INTO EFFECT — On Sept. 23, 1863, a message arrived at Washington informing President Lincoln and Secretary of War Edwin Stanton that the Federal garrison at Chattanooga, now under siege by the Confederates, could hold out only about 15 or 20 days. It was decided to reinforce them, and a plan by Stanton was put into effect. Under the plan, the XI and the XII Corps would be detached

sylvania Railroad official who had handled the western end of the project.

"Your work is most brilliant. A thousand thanks. It is a great achievement."

Stanton was not a man to confer congratulations lightly.

The war secretary followed up by sending Quartermaster General Montgomery Meigs to Chattanooga to work on the supply situation with "the fullest power and more money and means of war at my command... than any other man since Napoleon," Meigs wrote.

Hooker was not especially pleased with his appointment to head the two corps under the command of Rosecrans. He felt the command was not in keeping with his standing as former chief of the Army of the Potomac but he accepted and left Washington on Sept. 28. Hay went with him the night before when Hooker said goodbye to Lincoln. Hay recorded that Hooker did not "especially approve of the campaign down

there. He thinks we might force them to fight at disadvantage, instead of allowing to continually choose the battleground. Does not think much can be done by lengthening Rosecrans' lines indefinitely into Georgia."

Found Stanton

Hay had stumbled into the midnight conference at the War Department because he had found in a Confederate newspaper word that Mrs. Lincoln's brother-in-law, Ben Hardin Helm, had been killed at Chickamauga. He took the newspaper to the War Department to send it by courier to Lincoln at Soldiers' home and there found Stanton reading Chattanooga dispatches.

Mrs. Lincoln was at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York and Lincoln telegraphed the news to her.

Helm was married to Mrs. Lincoln's half-sister, Emily, and was a favorite of Lincoln. Helm had visited the White House early in 1861 when Lincoln offered him a commission as a

### Grange News

**GOLD HILL GRANGE**  
Agriculture reports presented at the September meeting of the Gold Hill Grange showed few changes in cattle prices with more cost than usual for feed.

Several 4-H club members from Jackson county with livestock at the State Fair brought home ribbons. Mrs. Vera Kamping also took first on her netted gem potatoes and second on her red potatoes. She won another first on cantaloupes.

Charles Foote acted as master at the September meeting and Blanch Merriman, hospitality chairman, welcomed the following guests: Ralph James, Sams Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kee, Shady Cove, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Mary Kee, of Spokane, Wash. and Mrs. Olive Floyd, Phoenix Grange.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gascon were elected to membership in the Grange.

The Grangers decided to hold Booster Night Oct. 14.

Mrs. Floyd gave details on the chartering of a bus to take Grange members to Portland for the National Grange meeting, Nov. 16.

Program for the evening was presented by Willie McLean, lecturer. Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Alva Walker.

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paymaster Helm turned it down and organized a Confederate cavalry regiment in Kentucky. He was a brigadier general when he was killed.

Lincoln wrote a pass for Mrs. Lincoln's stepmother to cross the battlelines and bring back Mrs. Helm to Kentucky.

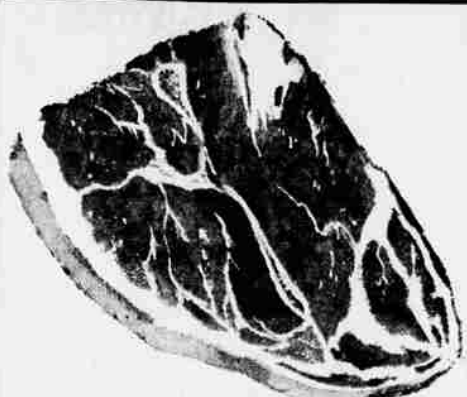
### Deposed President Leaves for Exile

**SANTO DOMINGO**, Dominican Republic (UPI) — Deposed President Juan Bosch sailed to an unknown destination today to begin the life of an exile for the second time.

Bosch, 53, and his wife, Carmen, were put aboard the government frigate Mella Sunday sailing from Santo Domingo.

The government kept their destination secret but one source said it would be either Martinique or Guadeloupe, both French islands in the Caribbean.

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