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THE WEEK'S NEWS.

Battle of Monocacy.

The special correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer, writing under date of Baltimore July 12th, after detailing the falling back from Frederick of Gen. Wallace's forces, and their taking position on the Monocacy, says:

The Rebel movement began developing itself early Saturday morning. At 6 o'clock A. M. two horsemen in rebel grey dashed into the city of Frederick from the Hagerstown pike, and in a few minutes after came the column of Bradley Johnson in hot haste.— Down through Patrick street and out on the Washington pike went the Rebel column, shouting and cheering, until they caught a sight of our skirmish line. Dismounting, they began the usual routine of a skirmish fight, but they made a very poor thing of it until the infantry of Breckinridge appeared on the scene. Even then the two Ohio regiments made a sturdy fight, but were forced back across the river, and by ten o'clock the Rebel line-of-battle was pressing close down upon us, and the Battle of Monocacy began.— First, the firing was across the river, and for an hour or two the action was more amusing than any thing else, the guns of Alexander playing upon the Rebel line with no apparent effect, and the Rebel guns of at least two batteries certainly doing no execution on us. The turnpike bridge we held firmly until one o'clock, handsomely repulsing several desperate charges to take it on the part of the enemy, in which they suffered severe loss each time, but Gen. Wallace doubting his ability to hold it longer, at about four o'clock ordered it fired; and in a few moments it was a sheet of flame. In the meantime the brigade of Gen. Tyler successfully repulsed all attempts of the enemy on the rail-road bridge, and during the same hour, higher up the river, on the Baltimore pike, the 144th & 149th Ohio were holding the enemy at bay, at the stone bridge by which that pike crosses the Monocacy.