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THE LAST RAID.

Gen. Jas. H. Wilson's Troopers, Twenty-five Years Ago.

IN ALABAMA AND GEORGIA.

Minty and His Men—Gallant Capture of Selma—The Montgomery Falls—Brave Confederate Defense of Fort Tyler—Cross-ton's Rapid Ride.

To those who remember the civil war it seems but a year and a day since the glad home returning of the boys after the fighting was over, yet this spring of 1860 brings the closing events of that great war.

One of the most important of those closing events was the Union raid through Alabama and Georgia by Gen. James H. Wilson's cavalry. Grant had sent Gen. Wilson west from the Army of the Potomac in the fall of 1863 to command the cavalry corps, and he was to be worth 10,000 men at any time," says Grant.

Gen. E. R. S. Canby was conducting operations from the land side against Mobile in the winter of 1863. Grant ordered Thomas, Stoneman to co-operate with Sherman in the Carolinas, Wilson to attack Selma, Montgomery and Macon, and assist Canby by tearing up railroads and destroying Confederate supplies in the rear. Wilson was unable to get horses till March 22. On that day

COL. R. H. G. MINTY, left Chickasaw, Ala., on the Tennessee river, with his command, 18,000 men, three cavalry divisions under Gen. Long, Upton and Woodcock. The stock with a pontoon train, the train of 250 men, and six batteries. They were prepared for a sixty day campaign. The three divisions moved by different routes to Elyton, Ala., reaching there March 30. The Confederate Gen. "Dick" Taylor was at Meridian, Miss., in command of corps, 7,000 men under Pender. Gen. Wilson learned that Chalmers of Forrest's command, was approaching Tuscaloosa. Wilson detached Croxton's brigade and ordered it to advance rapidly to Tuscaloosa in advance of Chalmers and burn the bridges, stores and public buildings at that place. He was to rejoin the main army at Selma. Wilson's command moved rapidly through Elyton to Montevallo. As they advanced Gen. Upton destroyed the Gubawia rolling mills and other iron works and valuable property. March 31 the main body reached Montevallo. A portion of Forrest's force had meantime appeared in the direction of Elyton, but Gen. Upton was the first to arrive. Gen. Upton was the most active. The task now before Wilson was the destruction of Forrest's cavalry.

Upton rode out on the Selma road, Alexander's brigade leading. Soon a force of Confederates under Boddy was encountered. Alexander charged into this force and routed it. The Confederates retreated towards Danville, Ala., and advanced eight miles south of Montevallo. They were attacked by Wilson's brigade and again routed, fifty of them being captured.

The Union main column now pushed on towards Selma. Forrest himself was in front. Gen. Croxton meantime was near Trion, engaged with W. H. H. Jackson. Gen. Jackson had been sent to Trion, and was ordered to join Forrest, while Jackson, at Trion, was also endeavoring to join Forrest. Gen. Croxton had captured a Confederate courier near Trion with news of Upton's arrival.

Gen. Croxton sent McCook to join Croxton and hold back Jackson. Then he ordered Upton and Long to push Forrest vigorously towards Selma. Near Ebenezer Church, April 1, Forrest's forces were encountered in battle line. Union authorities say Forrest had 5,000 men, in the "Campaign of the South" he had 10,000 men, but it is not a fact that one single man, in our army, was lost.

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Gen. Merritt says some things which will strike dismay to the legions of hand-me, pink checked members of our national militia:

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