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THE SEVEN DAYS.

June, 1887. Brings Back Their Quarter Centenary.

THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC

Splendid Fighting on the Bloody Retreat to the James River.

The Desperate Fights of Mechanicsville, Gaines Mills, Savage Station, Glendale and Malvern Hill—The Route from Yorktown to the James, Strewn with Soldiers' Graves.

After the battle of Fair Oaks, both armies rested a while. Hardly had Sumner's corps crossed to the south side of the Chickahominy, May 31, 1887, when the Chickahominy, in its night, and swept all along the line in the night.

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Oak Grove, in which the Union forces were victorious, and pockets from Heintzelman's and Sumner's corps were posted within four miles of Richmond.

The generalship of Gen. Lee and Stonewall Jackson at this time commands admiration.

After finishing his movements in the Shenandoah Valley, Jackson came to Johnstown, this significant letter, dated June 6.

"Should my command be required at Richmond, I can be at Mechanicsville in two days, on the Central railroad, the second day's march."

Lee, in command when the letter was received, wrote him back that if he could leave the valley, and "could devote the enemy," so as to make him believe he was still in the Shenandoah region, to come on.

The two generals hit on the plan of apparently sending reinforcements from Richmond to the Shenandoah, to Jackson, giving the impression that Jackson still meditated mischief in the valley. In reality, he was to meet the reinforcements and hurry back with them to Richmond.

Lawton's and Whiting's commands were marched out of Richmond with a flourish, carrying along with them the impression that they were reinforcements.

At Hagerburg Jackson met them June 17, and all started back to Richmond. The plan was a complete success, and it was this trick which for the third time prevented McClellan from joining the army of the Potomac.

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column. Thus McClellan's army on the north bank of the Chickahominy would be involved front and rear, and could be cut to pieces.

But for the first time in his life Stonewall Jackson was late. The two Hills and Longstreet carried out their part of the programme, attacking the Federal front as it faced south on the Chickahominy. Their work was with the Federal left, Jackson's with the right.

A. P. Hill's advance had driven the Union pickets back to the main line at Ellison's Mill. There was time enough for the Federals to form in battle line. Hill and Longstreet advanced in the teeth of a tremendous fire of musketry and artillery from the heights around Ellison's Mill. The firing came from Gen. Seymour, who held the left. The Confederates had hoped to turn the Union flank and cut the left to pieces. In the midst of the night, they were hurled back, and the movement failed, and so the battle of Mechanicsville ended. It had lasted from 3 o'clock in the afternoon till 9. McClellan's men were in the bloodiest of the contest. The Confederates lost between 3,000 and 4,000, the Federals about 400.

Next morning McClellan resolved to retreat south and take up a position on the James. He found for certain that Jackson was in his vicinity with a large force, and had only been delayed by some Federal skirmishers at Tolopotany creek, north of Mechanicsville.

Here some military critics declare McClellan made another mistake. The Confederates had left Richmond protected only by 25,000 men—Huger's and Magruder's divisions—on the 27th. After the Federal victory at Mechanicsville if McClellan had unexpectedly and vigorously attacked Richmond, he could have cut Lee's army in two. Magruder, indeed, expected it. He wrote in his report: "I passed the night without sleep. Had McClellan massed his whole force in column, and advanced it against any point of our line of battle, as was done at Antietam under similar circumstances by the greatest captain of any age, the occupation of one of our works about Richmond, and consequently the city, might have been his reward."

But McClellan did not do it. He began to retreat to the James.

The second battle of the seven days' fighting was that at Gaines' Mill, or Cold Harbor, June 26.

McClellan made ready for his right wing to cross the Chickahominy. During the night of the 26th the heavy guns and wagons were sent across to the south bank. Porter's corps, the Fifth, was drawn up at Gaines' Mill. A position several miles south of Mechanicsville. This place was between Cold Harbor and the Chickahominy.

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