

LATEST FROM CHARLESTON.

OUR IRON CLADS ATTACK FORT SUMTER.

FORTRESS MONITOR, April 10.

The Richmond "Hig" of yesterday has the following highly exciting intelligence:

CHARLESROX, April 7.

The attack on Charleston commenced to-day. Four iron-clads out of seven in the Yankee fleet are engaged.

The firing from the fleet and Forts Sumter and Moultrie and Morris Island was very heavy.

The Ironsides was hit and she ran ashore, but subsequently got off and was taken out of range.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon nine monitors and the Ironsides opened a fire at a distance of three thousand yards.

At half past 2 o'clock the firing on both sides became incessant and was kept up until 5 o'clock, when it gradually diminished.

The fire of the fleet was concentrated on Fort Sumter.

The Ironsides and the Keokuk withdrew from the engagement at four o'clock, apparently disabled.

Intense excitement prevails in this city.

Our Monitors have just gone out to take part in the fight.

Our casualties are one boy killed and five men badly wounded in Port Sumter.

Reports from the other batteries have not yet come to hand.

CHARLESROX, April 8.

Seven hundred iron-clads and the Iron-sides are inside the bar.

Twenty-two blockading vessels are off the bar.

The Keokuk is sunk on the beach off Morris Island.

There is no disposition on the part of the Federals to renew the conflict.

The War in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 10.

Van Dorn's whole force attacked Gen. Granger to-day at Franklin. After several fighting for two hours the rebels retreated, leaving their dead on the field. The casualties on either side are not yet known.

Near Lavergne to-day a passenger train on the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad was attacked by a rebel force not less than 200 strong. Twelve or fifteen of the train guard were killed and wounded. The train was destroyed and the track torn up.

It is reported that a rebel force also attacked a train on the Louisville road and ran them off the track.

ITEMS.

This Richmond "Hig" of April 8th, has the following, in reference to the situation at Charleston:—

"All thoughts are now centered upon

Charleston. Official intelligence was made public early yesterday morning that the enemy's iron-clad fleet had attempted to cross the bar and failed, but later in the day it was announced that the gunboats and transports had succeeded in crossing, and were at anchor. Our iron-clads lay between the forts, quietly awaiting the attack. Further intelligence is looked for with eager anxiety. The Yankees have made no secret of their vast preparations for an attack upon Charleston, and we may well anticipate a desperate conflict."

We have the story that despatches have been received at the State Department, from England, which look troublesome. Those who have heretofore defended the British Government, are beginning to feel a little wrathful. Our people are not in the mood just now, to take anything from Lord John Russell, which is not entirely just and polite.

The public, outside of the charmed circle of wood-dry abolitionists, have a bout settled upon their conclusions respecting the Report of the War Committee—first, that one object was to injure Gen. McClellan because he is not an abolitionist, another to tickle Secretary Stanton, because he is an abolitionist (of the Democratic type), and thirdly to treat the President with a quiet kind of contempt, because they have about "got through with him" as an instrument to accomplish their patriotic purposes.

Our troops have a second time abandoned Jacksonville, Florida. This time they burned the city.

An officer in the Quartermaster's Department, Washington, has recently absconded with some \$20,000 of the public funds intended for the Fifth Corps.

On Wednesday last the rebels on the Tennessee captured and burned the steamer Loyell and Saxon, killing and wounding several of our men.

News from Newbern reports that Gen. Foster was on the 25th ult. surrounded by rebels, and in a precarious situation.

We have news of a great bread riot which took place in Richmond on the 8th inst. Some 3,000 women, armed with clubs, guns and stones, broke open the government and private stores, and helped themselves to whatever they wanted in the way of food and clothes. The militia were called out to disperse the mob, but were unable to do so—Jeff. Davis and other high officials finally pacified them by promising that they should have whatever they needed.

Advice from the Yazoo Pass expedition are to the 30th ult. Fort Greenwood was not then taken, nor was there any prospect of its capture.

A very misty account comes to us from New Orleans of a reported evacuation of Port Hudson.

Leaders of the Union Leagues.

In these days when the most desperate efforts are being put forth by the leaders of the Abolition Administration party to organize throughout the whole country secret political military societies under the specious name of "Union Leagues," it may prove interesting to ascertain who and what these "Union League" men have been and are. We will endeavor to assist our readers in the inquiry. They are the men who have declared that "any people, anywhere, being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government and form a new one; And that any portion of such people can, may revolutionize and make their own of so much of the territory as they inhabit—and more than this, a majority may revolutionize and put down the minority intermingled with those dwelling near them who oppose this movement."—Ahr in Lincoln in Congress, Jan. 12, 1848.

They are those who declare that there is an "irrepressible conflict between slave labor and free labor," and that this Union cannot continue to exist part slave and part free.—Lincoln and Seward.

They are the men who, under certain contingencies, say they would be willing to "let the Union slide";—Gen. Banks.

They are the men who declare, that they have "been laboring nineteen years to take nine states out of the Union." Wendell Phillips.

They are the men who declare, that they are opposed to this union being restored as it was—that they are opposed to any restoration of the Union unless slavery is abolished.—Thad Stevens' speech in Congress.

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The U. S. steam transport Eastern Queen, Capt. Collins, arrived at New York from New Orleans March 29th and Key West 1st instant. She brings about 60 discharged soldiers from Gen. Banks' division. Capt. Collins reports that while at Fort Philip, S. W. Pass, was boarded by the U. S. boarding officer, who reported having received a telegram from New Orleans, stating that the rebels had begun to evacuate Port Hudson.

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