

The Press

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1861

The Attack Upon Fort Sumpter. The excitement here has been reaching throughout the whole land more intense feeling than any previous event in our history. The climax of rebellious folly has been reached, and war has been commenced by the traitors who, after perpetrating, with impunity, every crime against the Government, and every indignity to the Union, have now, in the most audacious manner, manifested their authority as despots, have not been content with perfect freedom from the chastisement which they richly deserved, but have opened their batteries upon an American fort, and rendered a bloody contest inevitable.

The telegraphic despatches we have received were probably subjected to some error, inasmuch as the facts they present are correct. It is reasonable to suppose that the injury inflicted on Fort Sumpter has been exaggerated, and the amount of damage suffered by the Confederates concealed. At the same time, it cannot be doubted that General Beauregard had made very formidable preparations for the assault before he commenced his operations. Major Anderson, with his small garrison and scanty supplies, cannot be expected to long maintain his position, if the fleet sent to relieve him does not speedily furnish him with the assistance he so much needs.

Three of the national vessels are reported to have been sent outside of the harbor, and if the forces they contain are enabled to participate in the contest, one of the most magnificent struggles of modern times may be witnessed. The issue will be availed with intense anxiety; but it can of course in no sense be considered a fair trial of strength between the contending parties, whose warlike representatives will, for the first time, meet in hostile array, while the Southern Confederacy has done everything in its power to strengthen its ranks, and to merge part of the power of the North Government into its own.

Now that an honorable peace is no longer possible, however, the haughty defiance of vindictive traitors will arouse the mighty energies which so long have slumbered. For every drop of the blood of our brave soldiers they shed a terrible retribution awaits them. Every eye is turned to the harbor, and every will is bent upon the punishment in store for them. They have only experienced heretofore kindness, generosity, and forbearance from the Government, but they will learn that it can be as terrible in war as it is indulgent in peace—as powerful to avenge as it was eager to conciliate—and that insults and outrages cannot forever be spared with impunity upon the flag of the stars and stripes.

The Rights of the South. We hear a great deal in these days of the rights of the South. It is not in our reason for doing so, but in our sense of justice, that we are called upon to acknowledge the authority of the Government from whom the Border States have seceded. It is not in our principle that can be triumphantly sustained, and a State refuses to fulfill its obligations, either by treaty or otherwise, that we are bound to defend the rights that it claims for itself, as against those whom it repudiates and demoralizes, even to the extent of using force against them in the Border States ought to recognize that in their appeals for what they call Southern rights they have neither the sanction nor the approval of the Government.

The Seizure of Fort Mifflin. The expedition of sending food to the relief of Major Anderson and the garrison at Fort Sumpter, never entered into the heads of the traitors, and it is not until now that the councils of President Lincoln.

Public Announcements. Walnut Street Theatre.—The benefit of Miss Kellogg last night, and the production of "The Captive," were highly successful. The pecuniary advantages, attracted a full house. The interest in the drama was fairly given; the recitations were "Ever so happy," well sung under the circumstances, and the drama was well received.

Securities and Real Estate. The market for securities and real estate is quiet. The price of stocks is steady, and the market for real estate is active.

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from "Occasional." (Correspondence of the Press.) Washington, April 12, 1861. It is hardly possible that, by the time this letter reaches you, the assault will have been opened upon Fort Sumpter, or that the rebels will be in possession of the fort. It is proposed to reinforce Fort Sumpter, but to send food to the American troops alive who are locked in there. The rebels are now, however, an expedition of pure humanity. Our Government proposes to only what the Secezionists themselves did not will they out of the position should be furnishing to Anderson in the hope of compelling him to evacuate. The responsibility of meeting this question must rest upon the rebels themselves. It is not to be expected that the rebels will be so merciful as to allow the American troops to be sent to the fort. The rebels are now, however, an expedition of pure humanity. Our Government proposes to only what the Secezionists themselves did not will they out of the position should be furnishing to Anderson in the hope of compelling him to evacuate. The responsibility of meeting this question must rest upon the rebels themselves.

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LATEST NEWS By Telegraph to The Press. WAR BEGUN!

FIRE OPENED ON FORT SUMPTER. MAJOR ANDERSON REPLIES. BRISK CANNONADING. NO SIGNS OF THE FEDERAL VESSELS. The firing ceased for the night, to be renewed in the morning.

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PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE

SENATE. The Senate called on April 10, 1861. The House called on April 10, 1861.

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