

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 25.

A Visit to Fort Sumter.
A correspondent of the "Commercial Advertiser" has sent the following account of his visit to Fort Sumter to that journal:

COLUMBIA, April 17, 1861.

I arrived at the fort this morning after having secured a "permit" to visit Fort Sumter from Gen. Beauregard. I immediately set out for that purpose.

On reaching the fort, I observed that its exterior was only slightly marred by the canonading of the Carolinians; but when I entered, there was indeed ample evidence that the work of destruction had swept ruthlessly over it.

Watson has flaunted its bloody hand into the heavenly face of peace, and the work of blighting the prosperity of years has commenced.

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The whole interior of the fort, with one or two exceptions, is a mass of ruins. In the center of the fort, a portion of men live, presents the aspect of a block of houses which a fire has gone through everything but the walls.

In the interior the brick walls completely destroyed, the floor broken, the roof gone.

The heaviest gun, a one-ton Columbiad

—much talked of and feared before the action —was dismounted —being entirely overthrown by Col. Sullivan's shell —and Fort Moultrie.

Had Major Anderson's man perished in the attempt to man the guns on the parapet, very few would have been left to defend the fort, however, as the newly made grave of the soldier killed by accident.

A telegram of yesterday from Richmond told us that "The Secessionists celebrated the passage of the Act of Secession by the Convention, by placing a negro atride the statue of Washington in the Capitol," as a type of the new Southern independence. A more appropriate emblem could not have been chosen.

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