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Arrival of Major General Hunter. THE ATTACK ON NORTH EDISTO ISLAND.

By the arrival of the steamer Atlantic. New York, we have late and interesting advices from Port Royal. We select the most important items. Brigadier General Sherman came in her. At Jacksonville, Florida, our forces were momentarily expecting an at-

At the request of Flag Officer S. F. Dupont,

around the storn of the United States Frigate
Wahash, in order that a parting salten might
be given to Brigadier General Sareman, which
was done by the crew of the frigate, manning
the rigging, and giving three hearty cheers.
From the correspondence of the New York
Tribuse, we select the following interesting
intelligence:
Pour Royal, April 3, 1862.
Through the warm mist which filled the
barbor on Sunday afternoon, the steemer Atlantic came almost unseen into port, bringing
the command or of the new Department of the
South, Major General David Hunter. News
of his appointment had been brought us by
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same ovening, tien. Hunter on Tuesday took ommand on shore, and his staff succeeded to he duties of the retiring members of Gen. iberman's. The mysteries and embarrassaeuts of accounts and the transfer of property were much simplified and relieved by the ading of the quarter and of the old administration together.

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Gen. H. W. Benham, who relieves General Sherman, also came in the Atlantic, and is assigned to the important command of the first District and the trops constituting the First Division of the Bepartment. This district comprises the States of South Carolina and Georgia; and all that part of Florida north and east of a line extending from Cape Canaveral northwest to the Gulf coast, just north of Cedar Keys and its dependencies, and thence north to the Georgia, line. Its headquarters are at Port Koyal, where Gen. Hunter's are also established. Beaufort, which had been suggested as their probable location, though more central in position, is far less convenient for communication, both with the North and with other portions of the Department. Gen. Benham's staff is not yet completed. Capt. A. B. Ely is acting Assistant Adjutant-General.

Speculations as to what Gen. Hunter will do may be profitably postponed. Possessing a thorough military education; of long experience and high reportation, and distinguished by his services and gallantry at Manassas, it may be safe to anticipate an earnest campaign. His appointment is, beyond question, popular with the army. Every man looked upon his arrival as if some personal good fortune had befailen him, and Gen. Hunter stands at the outset with one element of success already conceded to him—that of the confidence of his troops. In command of a department comprising three robellious States, his future duties require other than military talents, and give him opportunities for public service to which no talents and no liberality of views can be more than equal. I mean to anticipate nothing, yet I do not conosal my hope, that General Hunter recognises with wise statesmanship, accepts with generous

THE ATTACK ON NORTH EDISTO. pture was attempted by three battalio cach five hundred strong, moving simultaneously last Saturday morning, at daybreal upon their separate positions. It happened that two companies had moved their camp the day before, and the two rebel battallor the day before, and the two rebel battalion in search of them were obliged to retire, having effected nothing. The third was less for tunate. Thirty men of Company F, Captail Bennett, under the command of their Firs Lieutenant; were at Hannaban's plantation on little Edisto, separated from the largisland and main force by a creek, the bridg over which was destroyed by the rebels and their retreat completely cut off This insignificant force, thus attlacked by 500 rebels, maintained a desporate defence for 500 rebels, maintained a desporate defence is an hour, falling back toward the bridge, of who

estruction they were unaware, av cover, and partially ecreened by the times tog, through which, however, the flashes of their guns betrayed them to the enemy. They steadily maitained this unequal conflict, until when within a hundred yards of the bridge, their ammunition gave out, and no other defence was possible. Still, they would not whether the stockholders deemed it essential that the stockholders deemed it essential that the stockholders deemed it essential through which, however, the flashes of their guns betrayed them to the enemy. They steadily mattained this unequal conflict, until when within a hundred yards of the bridge, the banks. Five me scaped by swimming, and were afterward picket up by one of the Crusader's boats. Five are known to have been killed during the fight. The remaining twenty, some of them wounded, are missing, and undoubledly prisoners.

The Rebel plans included also the capture of Col. White, of the 55th Pennsylvania. He had moved his headquarters, like the two companies, only the day before, and the Rebles, in their advance, passed unaware by the house in which he and his adjutant and quartermaster were sleeping. At the other house they found Capt. Welerbury scompany, which had been roused by the fairing at Hannahan's, drawn up in line of bettle to receive

Jeborse Island and making no effort to hold, the ground.

ANOTHER ATTACK.

News of another attack was received hast night by express, but there are no intelligible or wounded in the skirmish, which reems to have been as usual an affair of pickets. Whether the rebels mean to attack in considerable force or to pursue here as in Florida, a guerilla warfare, seems to be uncertain. The island is one of importance. Col. E. G. Follows, of the some of importance. Col. E. G. Follows, of the some of importance. Col. E. G. Follows, of the some of importance. Col. E. G. Follows, of the location of the pickets and the insufficiency of the seemend disaster, on account of the location of the pickets and the insufficiency of the remaindant at Port Royal.

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our forces were momentarily expecting an attack from the rebels, consisting of two Mississippi regiments and one of Florida guerillas; sippi regiments and a battery of artillery. Brigadier General Wright, commanding the 'Union forces at that place, was confident to being able to sustain himself, and dear the batteries, and adrawing of it was made. It is described as very much resembling the majority of whom are Northern men and loyal citizens. Deserters, who come in daily, represent the condition of the robel forces as desperate—being entirely out of food, and relying upon foraging for sustenance.

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Yesterday the bombardment was more active upon our part than for several days previously. At 10 o'clock the Beaton crossed over to the Missouri shore, near the Point, and commenced firing with her new Dabligreas, at the Floating Battery. Three shots struck, and it was hauled off to the foot of the Island appearanty disable.

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In the afternoon a reconnoissance was made by a small party in a skiff. After burning the steamer Winchester, which was sunk in the chute, they circumravigated the entire island, and report that they did not see a man on the island. Tents were still standing; and while the narty were in the vicinity. several on the island. Tents were still standing; and shells struck in the encampment, but not a person could be seen. Nothing was seen of the floating battery. Whatever may be the condition of the island, it is evident the rebels still remain in force upon the main shore. Te-day a large force of men were observed at work in the upper battery, trying to unspike the guns which Col. Roberts so effectually spiked on Wodnesday night. The Benton opened upon them with her Dahigren rifles, and with the aid of the mortars soon drove them off.

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Nothing late from Gen. Pope has been realmost incessantly day and night.

The health of the fleet and land forces is excellent. Nearly all the newspaper correspondents are sick, however.
The river continues falling, and the Missouri shere is now passable. Constant recon-

noissances are being made, and a plan has been submitted to the Flag-Officer for the co-cupation of the Teland, but has not yet been accepted.—Dispatch to the Cin. Gazette. THE Washington correspondent of the Chi-

that he should resign, is not of much conse-quence to the public. Either of these reasons would have impelled the change ultimately, it

toom, and, undiscovered by the Rebels, heard the address of the Rebel lender to his men before the attack. The Rebel flag was afterward hoisted on the house, but remained only a few minates, their force withdrawing to Jahorse Island and making no effort to hold.

Let in the probably pass, making it a penient with the probable in the

great ability, succeeds Col. Fellows as postcommandant at Port Royal.

LIVE TANKERS EXHIBITED AT CHARLESTON.

The party recontly captured by the rebels,
consisting of Lieut. Col. Bennett, of the 55th
Pennsylvania, Licutenant Kirby, of the 47th
New York, and Mr. Willis, were taken to
Charleston. Through the streets of that
Christian city they were paraded in an open
carriage, conspicuously Isbeled "Live Yankees," and followed to prison by a derisive
mob of 5,000 people. Insults like this, and
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of the usages of civilized warfare on our side,
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AN IRON-CLAD REBEL BOAT ON TER SANIANA

duce it, to wit:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of
the Commonwealth of Kentucky, That any
berson or persons who have or may advocate the doctrine of the Abolition or Emancipation of Slavery in the State of Kentucky, either directly or indirectly, or who
sympathize with the same be, and are
hereby disfranchised for life.

2. That all persons so offending shall take
no part in the elections either as Judges,
Clerks, or Sheriffs of the same, and be retype practices of men who denounce the violation
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in his bill, to 29 nays, but not being twothirds, the motion did not prevail. We were not aware the Legislature had adjourned, and it was presumable that where there was so large a majority in favor of introducing such a nefarious bill, that a way would be found to effect the purpose. We wrote the above noticed paragraph from recollection of the circumstances, and were in error in saying that the bill made it a penitentiary offence. The penalty was disranchisement and deportation, but enough in all conscience for the crime of advocat-

pressing the rebels between the York and mond by that direction. It is thus seen that ie has outflanked the rebel army which fell and has rendered that position untenable. He is now approaching Richmond from s outh-east direction, marching north-west, in Janussas. If Gen. BANKS forces his way to tanton, he can advance on Richmond by the Virginia Central Railroad, thus outflanking he rebels on both sides. It is not probable hat Richmond will be defended. McCLELLAR may have a battle on the Peninsula, and BANKS may have a contest in the valley, when,

if the enemy is defeated, as he undoubtedly ENANCIPATION IN THE DISTRICT .-- A Washngton dispatch to the New York Tribune

The Abolition in the District of Columbia bill passed by the Senate, has not yet been sent down to the House. It will probably be reconsidered by the Senate for the purpose of striking out the appropriation for colonization, in order to facilitate its passage through the House, which must otherwise consider it in Committee of the Whole. A clear majority of the members of the lower branch for the bill is assured.

ATROCTOUS LIBEL.-We regret to see that two of the most respectable journals in New York have been grossly and most inexcusably York have been grossly and most inexcusably imposed on, in certain charges to which they have given currency—as groundless as they are infairous—against the honor and integrity of one of the most estimable members of the Executive Government; we mean the distinguished Georetary of the Interior. As there may possibly be a more formal notice of the scandalous injustice alluded to, we will, at present, forbear from further remark.—National Intelligencer.

Tue National Republican forcibly suggests emancipation in the District of Columbia have had fifty years in which to inaugurate their system, yet have never taken the first step. Had they initiated their scheme in due season, it would have been perfected some time

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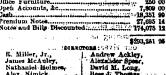
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