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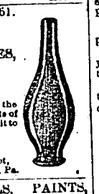
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The first shot struck about 300 yards from the vessel, in the water, glanced off, and flew into the bosom of the Palisades. Nothing broke—the turret was there, as strong and solid as a rock. The concussion was not felt any more than the Captain of a 32-pounder feels it on board a frigate.

The first fire resulted in no smoke to speak of, no incuments of concussion, and the complete success of a grand idea. The first charge consisted of 20 pounds of powder, and a hollow shot (330 pounds,) fired out of the 15-inch gun. It recoiled 17 inches.

The second shot was fired with 35 pounds of powder, and the ball burled itself in the beach. The smoke and recoil were pronounced "insignificant." The third shot was with a like satisfactory result.

The two great points established by this experiment were: That a gun can be fired inside of a turret; and that a gun of twenty tons weight can be managed by four men; whereas an Armstrong gun in England, of 14 tons, was handled with difficulty by 25 men. The great advantage of the first is that the port hole may be so small as to just allow the free passage of the ball; whereas to protrude the gun would require a large opening through which the enemy might send his balls or shells with destructive effect. The advantages of the second are too obvious to require remark.

Capt. Ericsson was warmly congratulated upon the success of his great experiment. The gun used is one of those made at the Fort Pitt Works in this city.

After the trial, Chief Engineer Stimers reported the result to Capt. Ericsson. He said: "Capt. Ericsson, allow me to congratulate you on the signal service you have rendered to the Government and to our country."

"What?" asked the iron-clad man, trying to conceal curiosity and anxiety that almost changed into impatience.

"The experiment is thoroughly successful." This was said with a smile.

"You are joking."

"No, not joking; I am about to telegraph to Washington what I have seen, and that is the grand success of your grand idea."

Ericsson grasped his hand and reddened like a child. "I knew it all along, myself," he said, "but all save you, Stimers, went against me."

The service preparations of this vessel are now begun. The experiment having demonstrated the perfect success of the arrangement in the turret, a strong duty apparatus will be made to supersede that which was temporarily got up for the trial trip.

The Entire Texas Coast Reclaimed.

We have had from time to time brief accounts, by telegraph, of the capture of one post after another on the seaboard of Texas, the most extended of any State in the Union except that of Florida. By the arrival of the United States gunboat Connecticut, at New York, with the details of these important operations, we learn that the entire coast of Texas is in possession of the National forces.

A very considerable illicit trade had been kept up, particularly with Bermuda, from the numerous little ports of Texas. An English brig, with a valuable exported cargo, was captured by the Connecticut, as also some smaller vessels laden with cotton.

Mounted guerrillas often dash into Galveston and carry off Union men, whom they force into the Confederate service. Our government has not a single regiment of land forces in Texas; but Gen. Banks is making all practicable haste to go in with his expedition.

More Developments.

The following document confirms the charge made some time ago that Gen. Buell wished to evacuate Nashville, and that the country is indebted to the indomitable firmness of Governor ANDREW JOHNSON, seconded by the energy and bravery of Gen. NEGLEY:

"Resolved by the City Council.—1. That the loyal citizens of Nashville owe to His Excellency Andrew Johnson, Governor, &c., a debt of gratitude for his earnest and sincere devotion to the Constitution of the United States, and his tireless zeal in promoting the welfare of the State of Tennessee.

"2d. That the liberty which we now enjoy is chiefly attributable to the fact that Gov. Johnson, in opposition to the wishes and opinion of the commander of the Federal army, refused to evacuate the city of Nashville, or to surrender it to the rebels.

"3d. That we heartily indorse the conduct and policy of Gov. Johnson, as Military Governor of the State of Tennessee, and that he has discharged the novel, difficult and intricate duties of that position with signal ability and administrative talent.

"4th. That it is the opinion of this Council that this Congressional District, and all other loyal districts of the State of Tennessee, should be represented in the Congress of the United States, as suggested by the proclamation of President Lincoln.

"5th. Therefore, and to that end, we respectfully recommend to His Excellency, Governor Johnson, that he issue a proclamation, or cause writs of election to be issued accordingly."

COTTON.—The march of Grant in Mississippi has *liberated* large quantities of cotton—estimated by some at 300,000 bales. Speculators are following the army, and buying it up at 12 and 14 cents per pound, and getting it across the lines through the favor of army officers, who probably share the enormous profits. This is all wrong. The government ought to take charge of this cotton, paying loyal owners, (if any) for it at plantation prices. If properly managed, millions of dollars might be gained by the treasury from this source.

THE election of Vance as Governor of North Carolina, was regarded at the time, by some papers, as a Union triumph. Lately, Gov. Stanley sent a message to Gov. Vance, asking a conference of some sort. The latter replies that North Carolina will fight till the last drop of blood is shed, and advises Gov. Stanley to confer directly with Jeff. Davis.

The War in the South--Brilliant Success of Negro Troops--Rebel Salt Works Destroyed.

The Rev. Mr. French, Chaplain U. S. A., gives the following interesting account of a recent expedition, in a letter to the N. Y. *Tribune*:

Events of no ordinary interest have just occurred in the Department of the South. The negro troops have been tested, and to their great joy, though not contrary to their own expectations, they have triumphed, not only over enemies armed with muskets and swords, but over what the black man dreads most, sharp and cruel prejudices.

Gen. Saxton, on the 28th of October, sent the captured steamer Darlington, Capt. Crandell, down the coast of Georgia, and to Fernandina, Florida, to obtain recruits for the 1st Regiment South Carolina Volunteers. Lieut. Col. O. T. Beard, of the 48th New York Volunteers, was given the command of the expedition. In addition to obtaining recruits, the condition and wants of the recent refugees from Slavery along the coast, were to be looked into, and, if occasion should offer, it was permitted to "feel the enemy." At St. Simonds, Ga., Capt. Trowbride, with 35 men of the "Hunter Regiment of 1st South Carolina Volunteers," who had been stationed there for three months, together with 27 more men, were received on board. With this company of 62 men the Darlington proceeded to Fernandina.

On arriving, a meeting of the colored men was called to obtain enlistments. The large church was crowded. After addresses had been made by the writer and Col. Beard, one hundred men volunteered at once, and the number soon reached about one hundred and twenty-five. Such, however, were the demands of Fort Clinch and the Quartermaster's department for laborers, that Col. Rich, commanding the Fort, consented to let us have five men leaving. This was a sad disappointment, and one which some determined not to bear. The twenty-five men were carefully selected from among those not employed either on the fort or in the Quartermaster's department, and put on board. Many sad farewells and benedictions of hundreds of their friends on shore they took their departure, to prove the truth or falsity of the charge, "The black man never can fight." On calling the roll, a few miles from port, it was found only twenty-five men had ventured to fifty-four. Determined not to be foiled in their purpose of being a soldier, it was found that thirty men had quietly found their way on board just at break of day, and had concealed themselves in the hold of the ship. When asked why they did so, their reply was:

"Oh, we want to fight for our liberty and for the liberty of our wives and children."

"But would you dare face your old masters?"

"Oh, yes, yes; why, we would fight to de death to get our families," was the quick response. No one doubted their sincerity. Muskets were soon in their hands, and no time was lost in drilling them. Our steamer, a very frail one, had been barricaded around the bow and stern, and also provided with two 12-pounder Parrot guns. These guns had to be worked by black men, under the direction of the Captain of the steamer. Our fighting men numbered only about 110, and 56 of them were raw recruits. The expedition was not a very formidable one, still all seemed to have an unusual degree of confidence, as to its success.

What had been done the day previous, and what was accomplished on the day of sailing, is described as follows by Lieut. Col. Beard in his report to Gen. Saxton.

"On Monday, nov. 3, with the steamer Darlington, having on board Capt. Trowbridge's company, colored troops (62), I proceeded up Bell river, Florida, drove in the rebel pickets below Cooper's, destroyed their place of rendezvous, thence proceeded and destroyed the salt works, and all the salt, corn, and wagons, which we could not carry away, beside killing the horses. Thence we proceeded to Jolly river and destroyed two salt works, with a large amount of salt and corn. Thence proceeded to St. Mary's and brought off two families of contrabands after driving in the enemy's pickets.

"On Tuesday, Nov. 4, proceeded to King's Bay, Georgia, destroyed a large salt work in a creek about a mile from the landing, together with all the property on the place. Here we were attacked by about 80 of the enemy, of whom we killed two."

The women and children (about fifty) taken from St. Simond on the day previous were now landed for safety in St. Catherines, as a more hazardous work was to be undertaken. Much of the night was spent in getting wood for the steamer, killing beeves and cooking meats, rice and corn, for our women and children on shore and for our troops. The men needed no "driver's lash" to incite them to labor. Sleep and rest were almost unknown, for they were preparing to go up Sapelo river, along whose banks, on the beautiful plantations, were their fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, wives and children. Weeks and months before some of the men had left those loved ones, with a promise to return "if de good Lord lib open de way."

At 5 o'clock on Friday morning, Nov. 7, we were under way. Capt. Budd, of the gunboat Potomska, had kindly promised the evening before to accompany us past the most dangerous places. On reaching his station in Sapelo Sound, we found him in readiness. Our little fleet, led by the Potomska, and followed by the Darlington, sailed proudly up the winding Sapelo, now through marshes, and then past large and beautiful plantations. It was very affecting to see our soldiers watching intensely the colored forms on land, one saying in the agony of deepest anxiety, "Oh, maa'r, my wife and chillen lib dere," and another singing out, "dere, dere my bredder," or "my sister." The earnest longings of their poor, anguish-riven hearts for landings, and then the sad, inexpressible (except by sighs) regrets as the steamer passed, must be imagined—they cannot be described.

The first landing was made at a picket station on Chas. Hopkin's plantation. The enemy was driven back; a few guns and a sword only captured. The Potomska came to anchorage