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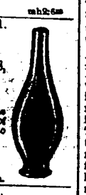

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The Operations against Charleston.

A correspondent of the New York *Times*, in a letter dated the 16th inst., gives the following account of the operations against Charleston, furnishing many interesting details in addition to those already before our readers:

The advent of General Gilmore has awakened this Department from its lethargy. Taking Folly Island as the base, he has commenced siege operations against Charleston which bid fair to result successfully. The batteries on the Southern extremity of Morris Island were captured on the morning of the 10th inst., and our troops now occupy the Island and are threatening Fort Wagner and Cummings Point batteries, which are situated at the Northern extremity and command the entrance to the harbor and Fort Sumter.

Morris Island is separated from Folly Island by a narrow channel called Lighthouse Inlet. On this point of land, for the last few weeks, our troops have been busily engaged in building sand batteries and mounting guns right under the noses of the rebels, and within 800 yards of their works on Morris Island. The work was all performed under cover of the night, and so quietly that the rebels had no suspicion of our movements. Screened from observation by the nature of the ground, hundreds of men were engaged night after night, silently and industriously throwing up earth works and mounting heavy guns so near to the enemy that a loud word might have revealed the work. Shortly before daybreak brush would be so disposed as to conceal the work of the previous night, without exciting the suspicions of the enemy. The morning light would dawn upon a quiet and deserted scene—not a soul to be seen—not a sound to be heard—not a thing to indicate offensive operations that the night had opposed. In this manner batteries were thrown up, and *forty-six guns and mortars* put in position. So quietly and secretly were these operations carried on, that the intelligence of an attack about to be made on Morris Island was startling even to us. We were unprepared for the activity and energy displayed by General Gillmore.

On the evening of the 9th inst., Gen. Terry's division was sent up Stono river to effect a landing on James Island, near a place called Stevens' Point. This movement was partially intended to occupy the attention of the enemy, and conceal from them the real object of this large fleet of vessels hovering about Stono Inlet, and movements of the troops on Folly Island; all of which they could plainly discern from a high look-out. A night of calm still beats, loaded with armed men, began to dash out from either shore, noiselessly gliding over the unruffled surface of the water, with muffled oars, appearing by dims and twos, until they dotted the water, and like specks, silently disappeared. These navy were to make their way up a narrow creek, which makes into Morris Island, and there wait till morning, when on a given signal they would assault the battery. This force was under Gen. Strong, and consisted of the 54th and Seventh Connecticut Volunteers, the Forty-eighth New York Volunteers, the Seventy-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, the Third New Hampshire Volunteers, and the Ninth Maine Volunteers. This was the disposition of the forces on the night preceding the attack.

At daybreak on the following morning, the brush and boughs which had served to conceal the battery on Folly Island from observation were hastily removed and the guns exposed to the enemy. At 5 o'clock the first gun was heard from our battery, and it was soon followed by a succession of rapid shots, which told that the action had fairly commenced. Gen. Gilmore and his Staff watched the contest from a high lookout situated in the rear of the battery and out of range of the enemy's shells, while around and grouped upon the rising ground stood crowds of officers. The battery was screened from view by a grove of trees, but the incessant cannonading and the dense white smoke, which rose like a cloud in the air and above the tall pines, told how fearfully the contest raged.

The firing had continued for two hours without intermission, when three of our ironclads were seen to approach the inlet and open an enfilading fire on the right, and, soon after, four navy launches, which had made their way through the creek, opened on the left.

About this time the report came from the front that the fire had dismounted one of the enemy's guns. The gratifying intelligence passed from mouth to mouth, and we grew elated with hopes of victory. Soon after this the fire from the enemy's battery slackened, and the signal was given for the cheering in the creek to land and attack. The impatient of delay, rushed forward with a shout, to the first line of rifle-pits, where the enemy made but a slight resistance, and retreated in disorder. Our troops proceeded in surrounding a portion of them, and took 95 prisoners, including several officers. Those that managed to escape fled to the other end of the Island and took refuge in Fort Wagner.

The storming party having made a crossing in a scow was now commenced, and the scence upon the beach became confusing. Every preparation had been made, however, and no time was lost in following up our advantage. The troops were pushed forward, while the iron-clads proceeded to the other end of Morris Island and opened on Fort Wagner, before the enemy had time to breathe freely again.

The fort replied briskly, and a cannonading commenced, which lasted until nightfall. In the meantime the artillery and infantry were still being crossed over the narrow channel which separates the two islands, and the returning boats took back the wounded. There were not many of them, thank God! What our loss in this attack was I was not able to ascertain. It is supposed to be not more than 30 or 40 killed and wounded.

An inspection of the enemy's works proved them to be very strong and well calculated for defence. Along nearly the whole length of the island nature has thrown a cluster of hills which extend nearly the whole length of the island, and rises in some places to a height of 50 or 60 feet. Upon these hills, which form an irregular earthwork, are mounted nine guns and three mortars. The guns appeared to be chiefly of heavy calibre, one being a Witworth breachloading piece of English manufacture. None of the guns were spiked —an indication of extreme haste on the part of the rebels.

Night came upon our troops, occupying every inch of the ground their prowess had secured. Our outposts were within a few hundred yards of Fort Wagner. An uninterrupted calm and silence reigned throughout the night, and the cool darkness was a grateful relief from the glaring heat of the preceding day, and refreshed and intensified by the white sand. Gen. Gilmore remained with the troops on Morris Island throughout the night, preparing for an assault upon the fort in the morning.

THE ASSAULT.

The next day dawned upon our troops in position, and shortly after daylight the order was given to attack. The assaulting party consisted of the Seventh Connecticut Volunteers, Seventy-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and the Ninth Maine Volunteers, commanded by Gen. Strong.

The men advanced on the fort, the Seventh Connecticut in line of battle, the Seventy-Sixth Pennsylvania and Ninth Maine in close column, but when within a few hundred feet of the battery they were met with a hot fire of grape and canister. The order was given to lie down to escape the murderous hail. Soon the order "forward" was given, and the Seventh Connecticut Volunteers rushed impetuously forward, and by their dauntless and irresistible bravery gained the parapet of the fort. It was the work of but a moment, and the fort was in our hands, and had the men who obstinately stood and battled upon the parapet been supported, they could have held the ground which their bravery had secured; but—I regret to record it—the Seventy-Sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers and Ninth Maine Volunteers hung back, and their momentary indecision decided the fortunes of the fight. The Seventh Connecticut Volunteers had to give way, and what promised to be a victory was turned into a repulse, and our troops retired in disorder and confusion, under a destructive fire from the fort.

Our loss I could not accurately ascertain, but it is estimated at not more than one hundred and fifty killed, wounded and missing. Col. Bodman, 7th Connecticut Volunteers, was seriously wounded. Lieut. Col. Bedell, 3d New Hampshire Volunteers, and Major Hicks, 76th Pennsylvania Volunteers, were both wounded, but not seriously, I think. Col. Strobridge, of the 76th Pennsylvania Volunteers, was taken ill and unable to lead his regiment, and the command then fell upon Major Hicks, and the wounding of this officer left the regiment without a leader, which is the reason for their lack of promptness in obeying the order to advance. Their reputation for bravery and coolness under fire, has been well earned in several battles, and their hesitation upon this occasion can only be attributed to this cause.

After this unsuccessful attempt to take the fort by storm, the troops fell back to the position occupied by our troops on the previous night. At eight o'clock four iron-clads engaged the fort again; the firing kept up until noon. The practice from the vessels was excellent, and watched from the heights with the livliest interest. Although many of their shells burst over and in the fort, the reply from the enemy continued brisk and apparently never slackened. Fort Sumter threw shells from a mortar at intervals, but although they fell among the advanced troops on the Island, I could not learn that they did any serious damage beyond knocking over two mules on the beach.

DESTRUCTION OF A REBEL STEAMER.

Later in the day the enemy attempted to land reinforcements on a salt marsh to the left of the fort. Lieut. Myrick, of the First United States artillery, was immediately sent with six pieces, and by a few well directed shots destroyed the steamer before their purpose could be accomplished. She managed to get out of range of our shot, when the troops were taken off and the steamer abandoned. In the evening a rebel steamer came out, and hovered around our fleet to take observations. She came rather too close for safety, and was disabled and captured. She is said to be partially iron-clad. I could not ascertain her name.

Our iron-clads have been struck a number of times by well-directed shots from the fort, but they have sustained no serious damage, and their reputation for invulnerability is sustained.

The prisoners captured report that General Ripley is in command of all the defences around Charleston; Col. Graham is in command of the forces on Morris Island, and Capt. J. C. Mitchell, the Fifth Virginia, was in command of the batteries at the southern extremity. The force in these batteries was 500 men, a large part of whom belonged to the 1st South Carolina Artillery. Our shell did great execution among them, and they all bear testimony to the excellence of the artillery practice displayed by our men.

Fort Wagner and the Cummings Point batteries must fall into our hands. It is merely a question of time. Cummings Point is within 1,250 yards of Fort Sumter. You can imagine that the position, in the hands of a man of Gen. Gilmore's wonderful engineering skill, would be promising of results which will startle the South even amid the events now stirring in the vicinity of Washington.

How the Rebels Behaved in Pennsylvania.

The Franklin *Repository* describes at length the career of the rebels in the Pennsylvania border counties. Their freaks, humors and prejudices, along with a number of their outrages upon property and life, are told graphically:

Even intelligent rebel officers insisted that Lincoln was a fugitive in Boston, and dare not occupy his capital, and the rank and file were hardly removed from the regal delusion and falsehoods. Others declared that he was habitually intoxicated, and unable to attend to his official duties because of his intemperance. Those men were evidently taught to regard President Lincoln as brutal and barbarous in an eminent degree, and they were amazed to find the loyal of all parties alike respecting him and the government.

Rev. Mr. *Pryor*, father of the blustering General Roger A. Pryor, who *didn't* fight Potter when in Congress, was with Lee as chaplain, and seemed to have a general supervision of the piety of the army. He represented the progress of religion as eminently satisfactory, and seemed to regard the rebels as perfectly Cromwellian in morals. True, they would steal negroes and from negroes, and anything else, from a tenpenny nail to a six horse team; but they were nevertheless a model army, according to Pryor, in all the accessories of Christian character. Our people generally thought that the scale of Zion must be very low down South.

The discipline of the rebel army was admirable. No private or subaltern dared to disregard an order in the presence of his superior or where his superior officer was likely to be advised of it. When the rebel columns filed through Chambersburg they marched with the utmost order and decorum, and laughing, talking loudly or singing was not indulged in.

Some of the border States, and most of the more Southern rebels, had rather peculiar conceptions of the Pennsylvania Dutch. Quite a number were astonished to find our people speaking English, as they supposed that the prevailing language was the German. At first, when they attempted derisive remarks they would imitate the broken Egglish of the Germans; and judging from Ewell's demand for twenty-five barrels of sourkraut at a session when it is unknown in any country, even the commanding officers must have considered our people as profoundly Dutch. It would require an intensely Dutch community to supply sourkraut in July. Our farm buildings and especially our large and fine barns all through the valley, at once excited their astonishment and admiration. Quite a number of officers visited the barn of the editor as a matter of curiosity, although there are many in our valley much larger and quite as well finished. The private soldiers generally concluded that it must be the church of some very large denomination in this community; and the out buildings about it, such as chicken house, hog pen, carriage house, &c., were generally supposed to be servants' houses, and very neat ones.

Mr. Stitle, a peaceful and inoffensive citizen, was cruelly murdered by some of the rebel soldiers of Hill's corps, on his farm, located near the Greencastle road, three miles from town. He was standing in his yard when three of the villains approached him and demanded his money. He immediately surrendered it. Soon after two more men came to him making a similar demand. The murderers buried his body in a dung heap, and then fled. Mr. Stitle leaves a large family. The shocking manner of his death occasioned the most profound indignation wherever it became known.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.—On the 15th inst., Williamston, on the Roanoke, was bombarded by four Union gunboats; the Rebels were driven away from the river, and the bridge over Hardman's Creek was destroyed. Gen. Foster has gone to Fortress Monroe to relieve Gen. Dix and reconstruct the new Department of Virginia. The North Carolina papers are still discussing the probabilities of a reconstruction of the Union. The controversy is earnest, and, on the part of the Southern side, is very bitter.

North Carolina was never as thoroughly or generally infected with Secession theories as the other Atlantic States, and was hurried out of the Union by the unscrupulous action of the late Governor Ellis and other Democratic leaders. Although hating, and hated by the South Carolina nullifiers, treated with contempt by Jeff Davis and his Cabinet, the old Whigs of North Carolina have had their indignation aroused and their Union sympathies rekindled by the excessive vigor of the conscription in their State. The attempted removal of the State militia beyond its borders, and their replacement by South Carolina and Georgia free-eaters, is a step by which Jeff Davis had attempted to crush out the last lingering remains of opposition to his tyranny.

That Gov. Vance is sick of rebellion there is little doubt, as his journal, the Raleigh *Standard*, boldly advocates a reconstruction of the Union on the basis of gradual emancipation, and the fire-eating papers bitterly charge him with treason to the Confederacy. It must not be supposed, however, that the State is going to fall immediately into a loyal position. There are many determined rebels among its inhabitants, and the Confederate authorities will fight desperately before they yield up a territory which would separate the Cotton States from Virginia.

Gen. Foster is nevertheless confident that, if men are given him, he can bring about a very satisfactory condition of affairs; and there is no doubt that he will have them as soon as possible after the completion of the conscription now in progress. That our government is awake to his wants, and the importance of sustaining him, is evident from the recent enlargement of his powers.

The Hero of Vicksburg.

The initials of Gen. Grant have been for some time a source of some trouble to his admirers and others. On one occasion the following dialogue occurred when speaking of him:

"Who is this Grant out West? Is he a rebel?"

"No. His initials plainly show that he belongs to US."

Another asked, "What do the initials really stand for?"

"U-nited we S-tand," answered one.

"United States Grant," chimed in a second.

"No U-conditional Surrender Grant," asserted a third, and that ended the controversy.