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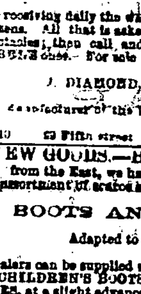

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Details of the Bombardment of Forts Sumter and Wagner.

The correspondent of the N. Y. *Tribune* gives the following details of the bombardment of the rebel strongholds in Charleston harbor:

MORRIS ISLAND, Aug. 18, 1863.

The bombardment of Fort Sumter by both our land and naval forces commenced yesterday morning, and has up to this moment progressed as favorably as the most sanguine could desire. The reduction of a strong brick fort, resting upon a foundation of granite, at a distance of two miles and a quarter, is something new in the world's history, although in this age of revolutions not at all wonderful, and is to be now looked for. There is nothing man can make that man cannot also destroy. Even sand earthworks must succumb at last to the ingenuity and perseverance of some superior genius; and Fort Wagner, impregnable as she has at times appeared to be, be rent and torn to drifting heaps, and her heavy guns and bomb-proofs lie smashed and shattered upon the shores of Morris Island.

At this moment of writing, two o'clock, p. m., no flag can be seen flying from Fort Wagner, no reply to the 15-inch guns of the Monitors are heard, no soldiers peer above the parapets; that portion of the fort where the bomb proofs were situated before the assault of the 18th lies a shapeless mass of sand and timber, and the entire fort ready to be occupied by our forces whenever the order shall be given.

But Sumter's guns are still alive. A few spiteful ones on the parapet of the sea-wall send their shell wildly in the direction of our batteries, but as yet have effected no injury whatever. The guns upon the sea-wall may be said to be practically silent. At the distance we are from them they can embarrass our gunners but little, and since wide gaps have been opened in her sides by our heavy rifled Parrotts, every broadside but weakens her foundations and hastens the hour of her fall.

But whether Fort Wagner has really succumbed or not, whether the profound silence is assumed or necessitated, whether thirteen hundred strong men still lie safe within the bomb proofs or silently evacuated them during the darkness of last night; of one thing we are positively certain, and that is, that Sumter, the fortress upon which the gaze of the whole nation may be said to be turned, beneath the most terrible fire ever before concentrated upon a similar structure, is fast falling into ruins.

Four rifled shots were sent through her gorge-wall last Saturday evening; nine more on Sunday evening, and at daylight yesterday morning the bombardment opened in earnest, to close only when the red battle flag of the enemy flutters and falls upon her ruins and Stars and Stripes again float over them. Between 300 and 400 shots have already passed into and through her gorge-wall, nearly 50 through her sea-wall, and about 80 have gone directly into the fort. Immense heaps of brick and mortar have fallen into the sea, choked up the sally-port, and made a pile of ruins, between the bastions, over which a storming party could climb into the fort if it were at this stage deemed practicable. By this evening it is confidently expected that the gorge-wall will have been completely crushed in, but whether the chivalry of South Carolina will then deem it prudent to surrender remains to be seen. Sand bags rapidly filled and piled up across the fort in front of the casemates may protect them for a day or two only. Fort Wagner in our possession, the guns upon the sea-wall of Sumter dismounted, so rapid and so heavy a fire can then be poured into her that it would be folly, bordering upon madness, for her garrison longer to hold out.

By to-morrow morning the heaviest rifled guns known to the artillery service will be in position, with the most experienced gunners in the country on hand to direct their fire. Educated officers who have had much experience in reducing fortresses both in this country and in Europe, consider the reduction of the fort within the present week beyond a doubt.

Although Forts Sumter and Wagner had replied but little to our fire, the batteries on James Island, extending from Fort Johnson to within two miles of Lighthouse Inlet, have kept up an incessant cannonade, both by day and night, but thus far have inflicted but little injury. But few shells have burst within our batteries. Nearly all fall over or fall short. The North end of Morris Island, without any great exaggeration, may be said to be almost as thickly paved with shot and shell as Broadway is with granite blocks.

In the attack upon Wagner the Ironsides and five Monitors were engaged, the Patapsco leading with the Admiral on board.

With regard to the position and strength of our own land batteries, I am requested to maintain silence until the siege shall have further progressed, and the time arrived when the interests of the campaign will not be jeopardized by a full and detailed account of all that has been done on the Island since the siege commenced. The severe labor performed by both land and naval forces, the skill and perseverance exhibited by officers, the bravery displayed by both white and colored soldiers, the hardships endured and the difficulties overcome, can be mentioned only when the siege of Sumter shall have been practically closed, and Charleston and her harbor in our full possession.

At this hour of writing a most furious tornado of wind, rain and sand is raging all along the coast of South Carolina. The monitors have withdrawn from the fight, and the men of war sought safe anchorage places. But the new rifled Parrotts are still booming shot and shell through the driving wind and rain as before, crash against the sides of Sumter. Tent stakes are being torn up, tent poles blown down, and the tents themselves kept from the hands of the rebel Quartermaster on James Island, only by the strong arms of the soldiers who are trying to hold them down. A lively little episode thus far is this gale in the campaign, and when it shall have ceased, may no hulks of noble men-of-war compel us to remember it as a melancholy one.

I forgot to mention that in the firing of yesterday, and in that of this morning we cut the halyards on the flag staff of Sumter, and brought the flag fluttering to the walls. A brave little band of rebels, however, soon rallied and under the hotest fire ran it up again, to float once more in our faces.

The flags of all the shipping were at half-mast yesterday and to-day out of respect to the memory of Captain Rodgers, of the Catskill, killed early in the engagement of yesterday.

A large number of something our officers have named rebel devil fish, were found floating in Light House Inlet and the creeks around the islands in this vicinity yesterday, which upon examining proved to be infernal machines about four feet long by one inch, shaped like a fish, and kept together by pieces of wire about ten feet long. The design of the inventor evidently was to have the bows of our vessels get entangled in the ropes, bring the machines suddenly up against the sides of the vessels and by the force of the collision explode and blow the vessels to atoms. This ingenious little plot to destroy the small river fleet failed utterly.

Small boats are now out picking them up by dozens, and before night the rivers and creek will again be clear of them.

Col. Howell, of the 85th Pennsylvania, commanding the second brigade, Terry's Division, was very severely stunned on Sunday night, by a shot from Fort Wagner, which entered the signal casemate, exploded, and blew up almost the entire structure. When taken from under the ruins he was supposed to be dead, but upon examination no bones were found broken, and but surface wounds upon any part of his body. A few weeks will restore him to his usual health and command. By the same shot Sergeant Emerson, of the Signal Corps, was very severely wounded and will not probably recover. Col. Bell, of the 4th New Hampshire, was in the casemate at the time, but escaped uninjured.

On the following day, (the 19th) the same correspondent adds:

The terrible wind storm spoken of in my hastily written dispatch of last evening still continues, although at this hour with some signs of abatement. This storm has very materially interfered with the accuracy of the firing, and caused some batteries to be suspended. The Navy has done nothing since the storm commenced.

A close examination of the gorge wall of Sumter has led many officers to think that no practical breaches have yet been made, although the immense pile of debris extending from the base almost to the parapet, and the huge hole scattered all along between the bastions, give it almost the appearance of total ruins. This debris is formed principally by the sand bags which were placed in front of the sallyport and along the base of the gorge wall, and extending up almost one-third the hight of the wall.

Two deserters from Fort Wagner, who found part of a boat's crew plying between Forts Gregg and Sumter, came within our lines this morning. They left the fort on Sunday morning, having been hiding in the creeks between the fort and our batteries until this morning. They say that the first experimental shot, fired last Sunday, passed through the gorge wall, and into the officers' quarters, penetrated the wall facing Sullivan's Island nine feet, knocked a pile of brick down upon a steamboat unloading sand-bags at the wharf, tumbling over her smokestack, pierced and exploded her boiler, and killed four negroes. They also state, that after we have breached the gorge wall, we have got to demolish a wall of cotton bales and sand-bags behind the gorge wall, and filling the casemates and officers' quarters, and extending from the sea wall to the wall facing Charleston.

The approaches to Wagner are slowly progressing. The high water last night swept entirely over the North end of the island, making the point upon which Forts Gregg and Wagner are situated entirely an island, and rendering it difficult for engineers to work

The deserters report that the three forts are garrisoned by over three thousand men, thirteen hundred being in Fort Wagner. It should be remembered that these deserters left on Sunday, and before the bombardment commenced in earnest. The reduction of those formidable forts have thus far been almost entirely the work of the army. The navy has accomplished but little, but very few of the shots from the monitors having hit the forts. But two monitors, however, have directed their fire upon the fort.

Frederick Douglas.

In his paper this week, Frederick Douglas announces that he abandons his post as editor and publisher. He says he can now find a place for his views on slavery in some of the leading papers of the country, and that a special organ is no longer necessary. But his real reason for laying down his pen is as follows:

The United States are now in the bitterest pangs of civil war. Slavery is the cause of this terrible war, and its abolition is decreed by one of the parties to the war. I am with the abolition party in war as in peace. I discontinue my paper, because I can better serve my bleeding countrymen whose great opportunity has now come, by going South and summoning them to assert their just liberty, than I can do by staying here. I am going South to assist Adjutant General Thomas, in the organization of troops, who shall win for the millions in bondage the inestimable blessings of liberty and country.

Slavery has chosen to submit her claims to the decision of the God of battles. She has deliberately taken the sword, and it is meet that she should perish by the sword. Let the oppressor fall by the hand of the oppressed, and the guilty slaveholder, whom the voice of truth and reason could not reach, let him fall by the hand of his slave. That I should take some humble part in the physical as well as the moral struggle against slavery, and urge my long enslaved people to vindicate their manhood by bravely striking for their liberty and country, is natural and consistent.

The International Postal Convention.

We understand, says the *National Intelligencer*, that the Postmaster General is highly gratified with the result of the International Postal Conference recently held in Paris. All the leading nations of the world except Russia participated, and many smaller Governments were represented. Complete success attended the efforts of the United States Post Department to inaugurate a more liberal and more uniform postal system between the different nations of the world. The Home Governments of several counties have already adopted the principles settled there as the basis for future postal conventions. Others will follow. At the request of this Government, the United States delegate, the Hon. John A. Kasson, concluded some treaties before his return giving practical affect to the liberal movements initiated at the International Congress.

It is now confidently expected that, as soon as the arrangements already in progress are perfected, there will be a general reduction in the rates of postage to all parts of Europe, with a uniform rate to most of those countries. The Press will realize great convenience from the pending propositions, by the essential reduction of rates on journals and printed matter which will soon be effected. In addition to the public convenience, the Government will realize an important saving in money by a change in the system of accounting between it and foreign countries.

The last act of the Conference was to give unamously a vote of thanks to the United State Government for its institution of so beneficial an enterprise.

A Quaker Conscript.

Among the drafted men examined at Providence on Monday, says the Springfield *Republican*, was a young Quaker, whose conscientious regard for his faith would not allow him to send a substitute, or purchase a discharge or take any personal part in bearing arms himself. But he proved a clear case of exemption under the law, and was discharged accordingly. Soon after the case had been decided, and before the young Friend had left the room, a letter was handed to the Board. It proved to be an appeal in behalf of the young man, in a most delicate "hand of writ," and couched in most pure and eloquent language. The Commissioner submitted the letter to the inspection of the young man, who with unfeigned surprise marked the well known tracery of a dear young Friend who, on next First day, in open meeting, would surrender to him arms that he could bear conscientiously.

THE CROPS IN GREAT BRITAIN.—Wilmer & Smith's *European Times*, of August 8th, says that from all parts of the United Kingdom—East, West, North and South—the crop accounts are most encouraging; and in the South of England the harvest has been unusually early as well as productive. The cereal crops and the potato crops are all good, and from Ireland the most cheerful statements are made.

TWELVE of the chief surgeons in Lee's army have united in a petition to Gen. Lee for the release of two of the agents of the U. S. Sanitary Commission, who were captured at Gettysburg and thrown into the Libby Prison. They say that the Sanitary Commission is a most praiseworthy and charitable institution, through which many rebels as well as Union soldiers have obtained relief.

Morgan and his Men at the Ohio Penitentiary.

The Chaplain of the Ohio Penitentiary, Mr. Grover, publishes a statement contradicting some misstatements publicly made respecting Morgan and his men. He says:—There are sixty-eight of Morgan's officers in the prison. They occupy the south side of the new hall, each end of which is temporarily closed. They are locked up separately in cells at 7 o'clock in the evening, and are unlocked at about 7 in the morning. They enjoy the privilege of walking the hall through the day, which is, perhaps, one hundred and fifty feet long and twelve feet wide. At 8 A. M. and 5 P. M. they are conducted to the common dining hall, and have prison fare, with, I believe, the addition of coffee and sugar, and some few articles furnished by themselves. Morgan had no "belt filled with gold, greenbacks and Confederate notes." His valuables amounted to twenty-three dollars and a butternut breastpin.

The amount of our Government and postal currency found on the persons of the other officers was not large. They had considerable sums in Confederate money. Morgan and his men are all shaved and trimmed, in accordance with the rule of the institution. This is the custom. I believe, for two reasons: first, to secure personal cleanliness; second, to give a uniform appearance to the prisoners, so that detection would be more easy, in case of an attempt to escape. They do not attend our chapel services. The reason is obvious. It would bring a crowd of visitors, attracted by curiosity; and, besides, our services are too loyal to suit traitors. All who desire Bibles are supplied from the prison library, and, by permission of the wardens, I sent down distribution among them, a large number of the volumes of the "Christian Library."

In appearance, Morgan looks like a man addicted to worldly pleasure. He is full six feet high, straight and well built, with an elastic step, and something of a commanding presence. His upper lip is short and slightly sunken, so that his front teeth are somewhat exposed. His complexion is sandy, and the hair quite thin on the top of his head. He looks to be an ordinary man intellectually. He has, however, one of the qualifications of a good commander—*he knows how to obey!* He conforms strictly to the rules of the establishment, and enjoins obedience on the part of his fellow-prisoners.

Col. Cluke is three or four inches taller than Morgan, very slender, with a thin, sharp face and resolute eye. I suppose, from his appearance, he has more dash and daring than Morgan himself. Basil Duke is a small man, firmly built and muscular. His complexion is dark, and his eye and head indicate some mind and a bad heart. He is much the most intelligent looking man of the crowd. I only speak of them as they appear. I have no intercourse with any of them, except as I have met three or four in the hospital. I see and talk with them there, as I do with the other sick.

THE hypocrisy of the Copperhead journals, in asserting that the Kentucky election was carried by the force of Union bayonets, is fully illustrated in the following incident. The Louisville *Democrat*, the organ of Wickliffe, makes this statement:

The postmaster at Fairview, Todd county, says the election passed off quietly. There were no military present, and all who felt a clear conscience, and would take the oath prescribed by the Legislature, could vote *"without any hindrance."* We are pleased to record the fact, that at one voting precinct in Kentucky, troops were not stationed to overawe the voters, and that the judges regarded the law of the State, instead of military order.

But look at the result in this district. The *Journal* shows it up as follows:

"We have before us the official vote of this "bright spot," where all could vote "without any hindrance," who had "clear consciences" and were willing to negative their expatriation on oath. The result of the election in Todd county, was: Bramlette, 577; Wickliffe, 6. Here it is acknowledged that the election passed off quietly; no military were present "to overawe the voters," and of course the above figures are a fair expression of popular sentiment. We are sorry for the *Democrat*, very sorry, but it can't be helped. However, to keep up its spirits, let's take another Todd!

THE INTERNAL REVENUE TAX IN THE CHICAGO DISTRICT.—The Chicago *Tribune* says that the manufacturers' and license tax assessed in Cook county, for the ten months ending June 30th, reached the enormous aggregate of $955,330 77. This does not include either the income or the license tax assessed in the annual list. The *Tribune* adds: Estimating the entire revenues for the year from the internal tax in Cook county, upon the basis of past returns, the amount must foot up in excess of one and a-half millions of dollars. Taking the proportions of taxable property and incomes in this county and in the county of New York, the revenues to inure in the latter must be at least thirty millions, and in the United States not less than two hundred and fifty millions.

A COMMUNICATION from Beauregard's Chief of Staff, published in the Charleston *Mercury*, announces that negroes in arms captured on Morris Island are held subject to the order of the Governor of South Carolina, in accordance with the act of the rebel Congress directing the delivery of such captured negroes to the Governors of the States in which the capture might be made.

THE Lords of the Admiralty have published a warning to the English sailors serving in the Alabama and other British pirates that their course will involve the loss of their pay and claim for pension.

GEN. MEADE has issued an order forbidding the further stay, in the Army of the Potomac, of the wives of officers and soldiers, of which, of late, there have been large numbers in camp.

THE great wine cask in Heidelburg Castle has found a rival in one just completed at Dover, England. Eight couples danced on the top, and the cost was about $1,060.

THE Woolwich Select Committee have discarded cast iron altogether, as a material for rifled guns. They recommend coating shots for rifled guns with lead.

THE recent Austrian Budget displays the finances of the Empire in a very favorable light. Liberal reforms pay better than a grinding despotism.

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