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THE ATTACK ON CHARLESTON OPENED.

To the exclusion of all the matter of minor interest to our readers, we give a full and very correct account of the appearance and attack of the Yankee iron-clads on our forts at Charleston, from the Charleston Mercury of Wednesday:

At last the long period of doubt and delay is at an end; and this godly city, girdled with the fiery circle of its batteries, stands confronted with the most formidable Armada that the hands of man have ever put afloat.

About noon on Sunday last the first intelligence was flashed to the city from Fort Sumter, that the turrets of the far famed Monitor gunboats were looming up against the southeastern horizon. During the afternoon the entire fleet hove in sight. Eight Monitors, besides the frigate Ironsides and twenty seven wooden war vessels, took up their position just beyond the bar. As the news became bruited about the city, very many of our non-combatant population (previously incredulous of danger) made hasty preparations to depart; and every train that has left the city since has gone heavily laden with the eleventh-hour refugees and their effects.

Sunday night passed quietly by. Monday morning brought us reports of the movements of transports up the Stono River, and the debarkation of a considerable force of Yankee troops on Cole's Island. But throughout Monday and Monday night, the armored fleet held its position beyond the bar. On Tuesday morning it was observed that another Monitor had arrived, making a force of no less than ten iron-clad vessels, including the Ironsides.

At two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon a despatch from Fort Sumter announced that these ten vessels had crossed the bar, and were cautiously steaming inward—the foremost one having at that time reached a point about three thousand yards from the Fort. The next news was brought to us, an hour later, by the dull detonation of the first gun from Fort Moultrie, which was immediately answered by a heavy report and a cloud of white smoke from the turret of one of the Monitors. At ten minutes after three, the enemy having come within range, Fort Sumter opened her batteries, and, almost simultaneously, the white smoke could be seen puffing from the low sand hills of Morris and Sullivan's Islands, indicating that the Beauregard Battery on the left, and Battery Wagner on the extreme right, had become engaged. Five of the iron-clads, forming in line of battle in front of Fort Sumter, maintained a very rapid return fire, occasionally hurling their 15-inch shot and shell against Fort Moultrie and the minor batteries, but all directing their chief efforts against the east face of Fort Sumter. Gradually, but visibly, the distance between attacking vessels and the Fort was lessened, and as the enemy drew nearer the firing became hot and almost continuous.

About half-past four o'clock the battle became fierce and general. The scene at that hour, as viewed from the Battery promenade, was truly grand. Battery Beauregard now mingled the hoarse thunder of its guns in the universal din, and the whole expanse of the harbor entrance, from Sullivan's Island to Cumming's Point, became enveloped in the smoke and constant flashes of the conflict. The iron-clads kept constantly shifting their position, but, whichever way they went, their points, always turned towards the battlements of Sumter, poured forth their terrible projectiles against the walls of that famous stronghold. Ever and anon, as the huge shot went ricocheting towards the mark, the water was dashed up in vast sheets of spray, towering far above the parapet of the Fort, while the wreaths of smoke constantly ascending from the barbets showed how actively the artillerymen of the post were discharging their duties. In the foreground, our own staunch little iron-clads, the Palmetto State and Chicora, could be seen steaming energetically up and down their chosen fighting position, evidently impatient to participate in the fray.

Up to this time the frigate Ironsides had borne a conspicuous part in the fight. Her long hull lay at the distance, apparently, of a mile from our batteries, and her tremendous broadsides were more than once fitly answered by broadsides from the Fort. It soon became apparent that she was unable to stand the severe fire directed against her. Steaming rapidly southward, she gave Fort Sumter a few parting shots and withdrew from the action. The Keokuk, a double-turreted Monitor, soon after followed her example; and before five o'clock the firing had evidently begun to slacken. The remaining Monitors, however, still kept up the bombardment and our forts and batteries replied with undiminished alacrity. At quarter after five p. m., the Monitors began to retire, and at half past five the enemy fired the last shot of the engagement.

A despatch from Fort Sumter informs us that the Ironsides and Keokuk were both very roughly handled, and retired seriously injured. The Keokuk had her flag shot down, her boat shot away, three holes in her smoke stack and a portion of her bow shot off. Fort Sumter was struck thirty four times. One of our guns was dismounted, but otherwise the Fort is in good condition. Fort Moultrie was uninjured. The

casualties at Fort Sumter were a drummer boy, named Ahrens, mortally wounded; two men severely wounded, and three others slightly injured. At Fort Moultrie, one man was accidentally hurt by a fall from the flag-staff, on which he was replacing our flag, which had been shot away. We learn that he afterwards died; two small houses on the back beach of Sullivan's Island were demolished by the enemy's fire.

After their withdrawal from the action, the enemy's iron-clads anchored off Morris Island where they now lie. Many think that the fight will be renewed at daybreak this morning; but up to the time at which we write (3 a. m.) all is quiet. The reports we get from the Stono River say that the enemy's transports still remain in the stream. Doubtless the Yankee Generals intend, before venturing upon a land attack, to await the issue of the struggle between their ships and our batteries.

STILL LATER.

CHARLESTON, March 8—10 p. m.—The latest official intelligence from the bar states that only two iron-clads have gone south, leaving seven remaining; besides the Keokuk, which lies sunk about 1000 yards from Morris Island beach. The Yankee machine called a devil, designed for the removal of torpedoes, has floated ashore and fallen into our hands. All quiet now; the enemy is constantly signalling, but no renewal of attack is anticipated before tomorrow. The Yankees have been busy all day repairing damages.

Capture of Another Federal Steamer.

RICHMOND, April 4—The following official despatch was received this morning:

Headquarters, near Berwick's Bay, March 28, via Natchez, April 1.—To Gen. Cooper: I have the honor to report the capture of the Federal gunboat Dina, at this point, to-day. She mounts five heavy guns. The boat was not seriously injured, and will be immediately put in service. The enemy's loss in killed, wounded and prisoners amounts to one hundred and fifty.

(Signed) R. TAYLOR, Brig. Gen.

Change in Schedule of S. C. R. R.

On and after Thursday, 2d of April, the mid-day train down from Camden will be altered as follows: Leave Camden 12 30 p. m. Arrive at KINGSVILLE 2 45 p. m. Arrive at Camden 5:10 p. m. Arrive at Augusta 3:45 p. m. Arrive at Columbia 5:00 p. m. The time of departing from each of the above named places—with the exception of the down mid-day train from Camden—have not been changed, and will continue as heretofore, until further notice.

Announcements.

MR. EDITOR: Please announce TOBIAS FOLSOM as a suitable candidate for the office of Ordinary, at the ensuing election in April
April 10 MANY SUPPORTERS

MR. EDITOR: Please announce the name of Mr. H. ARRANTS as a suitable candidate for Ordinary of Kershaw District, at the ensuing election, and oblige
April 10 HIS FRIENDS.

MR. EDITOR: Please announce ISAAC STOKES as a candidate for Ordinary for Kershaw District, at the ensuing election, and oblige
March 27 MANY VOTERS.

MR. EDITOR: Please announce Mr. ALEX. L. McDONALD a candidate for Ordinary for Kershaw District, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Wm. M. Bullock, and oblige
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TO THE FRIENDS OF DECEASED SOLDIERS.

THE SUBSCRIBER HAS RECEIVED, THROUGH THE kindness of Capt. T. J. WARREN, copies of the proper affidavit and forms of application to the War Department, for the payments due deceased soldiers. It has been found that many applications (justly due) have been refused, on account of the informality of the applications. The War Department has had printed proper forms of application, copies of which have been sent to me by Capt. Warren.

I will attend to all applications at my office.
J. K. WITHERSPOON, Magistrate.
March 27

Special Notices.

KERSHAW LODGE NO. 29, A. F. M.
A STATED COMMUNICATION OF KERSHAW Lodge No. 29 A. F. M., will be held at their Lodge Room, Tuesday Evening 14th inst., at 7 1-2 o'clock.
By order of W. M. J. JONES, Sec.
April 10 1

MEDICAL NOTICE.

DR. W. R. SIKES TENDERS HIS SERVICES as practising physician to the citizens of Camden and vicinity. Office on main street, in the rooms formerly occupied by Dr. T. J. WORKMAN.
February 27

MEDICAL NOTICE.

DR. T. REENSTJERNA offers his services to the public in quality of Physician, Surgeon and Accoucheur. Office over the store of Messrs. Gayle & Young.
May 30

DR. JOHN McCAA

OFFERS HIS SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS of Camden and surrounding country.
Office two doors above the Branch Bank, Camden.
So. Ca. January 30.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

ENROLLING OFFICE, HEADQUARTERS, }
KERSHAW DIST., CAMDEN, S. C., Feb. 7, 1863. }
IN PURSUANCE TO ORDERS FROM COL. JOHN S. PRESTON, commandant of conscripts, (Columbia, S. C., all white male residents of Kershaw District, and all transient persons between the ages of eighteen [18] and forty [40] not in the military service of the Confederate States, are ordered to report forthwith to the Enrolling Officer of this District or be considered and published as deserters.

All officers, non-commissioned officers and privates absent from their commands without leave or on expired leave will also report at these Headquarters, or will be published and arrested as deserters.

All exemptions and discharges previous to the 11th of October are not considered valid.

All persons in the employment of the Government will forthwith report their names, ages and nature of their occupation; and all persons following professions and trades entitling them to exemption, will present the evidence of the same.

Under General Orders No. 43 of the State Adjutant and Inspector-General, all Militia Officers are ordered to furnish forthwith rolls of all persons in their Beat liable to conscription.

Persons claiming to be exempt should report promptly, that their cause of exemption may be properly enrolled.

The office will be opened on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, between the hours of 9 and 2, at Dr. D. L. DESAUSSURES office in Camden.

E. B. CANTEY,
Capt. and Enrolling Officer of Kershaw District.
February 13

OFFICE QUARTERMASTER,

CHARLESTON, S. C., October 1, 1862.
MR. A. M. LEE IS APPOINTED AGENT OF this department, for the purchase of **Corn and Fodder**, in the Districts of **Kershaw and Lancaster**.

Planters desiring to sell, will communicate with him. Particular attention must be paid to the packing of the fodder, and no water must be used. During the past year the Government experienced heavy loss from improper packing, and all such will be hereafter rejected.

MOITE A. PRINGLE,
Captain and Assistant Quartermaster.
The subscriber can be found at his residence DeKalb street, next west of the Presbyterian Church.
October 10 A. M. LEE.

DEKALBHOUSE, Camden, S. C.

THE SUBSCRIBER INFORMS HIS FRIENDS and the travelling public that he has leased this commodious HOUSE, so eligibly situated in the growing town of Camden.

His personal superintendence and best efforts, aided by competent assistants, will be devoted to the comfort and satisfaction of guests and visitors. He confidently asks a continuance of the favors of all who have visited the DeKalb House, and calls from any of his friends who visit Camden.

January 16 J. H. JUNGBLUTH.

Notice

THE BOOKS FOR THE COLLECTION OF TOWN TAXES will be kept open until the 20th April, 1863, after which time they will positively be closed, and all parties not having made their returns—double taxed, and execution issued against all who do not pay up by that time.
N. D. BAXLEY,
April 10 2 Tax Collector.

Terms for Advertising:

For one Square—fourteen lines or less—ONE DOLLAR AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTS for each insertion.

OUTRINARY NOTICES, exceeding one Square, charged to at advertising rates.

Transient Advertisements and Job Work MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE.

No deduction made, except to our regular advertising patrons.

J. C. HERSHMAN, Editor.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1863.

To the Subscribers of the Confederate.

After this issue of the CONFEDERATE, the names of all delinquents will be erased from our books—irrespective of persons. We do not wish to give offence to any, but necessity compels us to adopt this system—and enforce it. We find it impossible to do a credit business; and from the scarcity and high price of paper, we see no alternative but to enforce this rule, if we expect to continue the publication.

Municipal Election.

At an election held in Camden, on Monday last, for Intendant and Wardens, the following named gentlemen were elected:

JAMES DUNLAP—Intendant.
R. M. KENNEDY,
N. D. BAXLEY,
L. W. ROSWELL,
D. D. HOCOTT—Wardens.

Fire.

On Saturday morning, March 28, a fire took place on the plantation of Mr. S. H. YOUNG, about 12 miles from Camden, consuming the cotton-house of Mr. Y., containing forty five bales cotton, the property of our enterprising townsmen, Messrs KOOPMAN & SOMMERS, all of which was insured for original cost only; five bales, belonging to WASHINGTON BRACY—no insurance. Mr. YOUNG, besides the loss of his new cotton-house, had stored therein 3300 pounds guano; 500 bushels cotton seed, and 70 bushel peas—on which was no insurance.

[FOR THE CAMDEN CONFEDERATE.]

At a meeting of the officers of the 7th Battalion S. C. Volunteers, held at Camp Cantey, near Adams Run, S. C., on the 28th of March, 1863, Capt. J. L. Jones was called to the chair and Lieut. W. J. Taylor requested to act as Secretary.

The object of the meeting having been announced to be, to take some appropriate action in manifestation of our regret at the resignation of Major L. W. R. BLAIR, Lieut. T. M. McCants offered the following Preamble and Resolutions:

Whereas a severe and protracted illness has occasioned the resignation of Major L. W. R. Blair of the 7th Battalion S. C. Volunteers, and whereas, we his brother officers being duly sensible of the great loss to ourselves, to this Battalion and to the public service, desire to give an expression of our feelings at this event—the afore be it unanimously

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with Major Blair in the affliction which causes his sepearation from us, and sincerely trust that a renewal of health may soon restore him to the public service in a position suited to his eminent qualifications as an officer.

Resolved, That the firm and conscientious manner in which he has discharged every duty, whether pleasant or unpleasant, has won our admiration and furnished an example worthy to be followed.

Resolved, That his kind and courteous demeanor as an officer, and his many excellent qualities of head and heart have established a regard for the man which makes us part with him with much regret.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be delivered to Major Blair, and a copy of the same be published in the Charleston papers and Camden Confederate.

The Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted. Capt. J. H. Brooks then moved that a committee of three be appointed to present Major Blair with a copy of the above proceedings, which was adopted. The Chairman then appointed the following committee:

Capt. J. H. Brooks, Capt. B. S. Lucas and Lieut. R. J. Cunningham.

The meeting then adjourned.
J. L. JONES, Capt. and Ch'n
W. J. TAYLOR, Jr. Lieut. and Sec.

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Declination.

I respectfully decline running for the office of Ordinary of Kershaw District at the ensuing election, feeling greatly obliged to my friends for the encouragement received—but at the same time knowing I can do more good at the vocation I am following, forces me to resign.
B. M. BROWN.