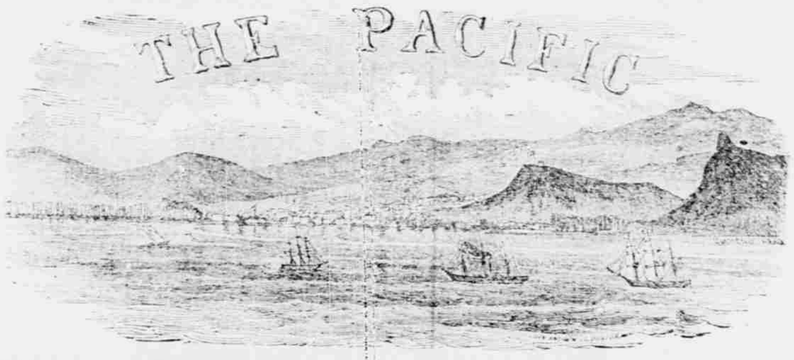
Commercial  Advertiser.

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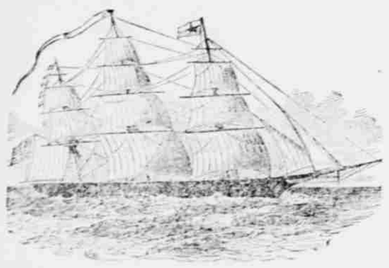

Highly Important News!

ATTACK ON CHARLESTON!

REPULSE OF THE UNION FLEET!

By the arrival of the clipper ship *Kathay* on Monday, 13 days from San Francisco, we have received papers from that city to April 28th, containing Eastern news to April 27, for which we are indebted to Hon. A. Caldwell, U. S. Consul.

The bark *Young Hector* arrived over April 20, 22 days passage. She would leave about May 5.

The ship *Kathay* touched simply for medical aid, she will leave again to-morrow for Hongkong.

We observe no vessel like to touch at this port till the arrival of the *Young Hector*, due about the 20th.

The news from San Francisco is quite unimportant.

The news by this arrival embraces from the 8th to the 28th of April, leaving the interim from the 4th to the 8th, not reported.

The most important item is the attack on Charleston which occurred on the 7th of April, resulting in the repulse of the Federal fleet.

On the Mississippi, the iron-clad *Queen of the West* had been recaptured by the Federal forces. From all accounts we gather that the rebel forces at Vicksburg had been reduced to reinforce Bragg's army in Tennessee. This is the latest dispatch we find from thence.

WASHINGTON, April 23 —Dispatches from rebel sources say that the batteries opposite Vickburg opened on the 17th and 18th—with what result is not stated.

We do not observe that any severe fighting has occurred in either Tennessee or Kentucky, and affairs remain in about the same condition as before reported.

There has been some skirmishing on the York Peninsula, the advantages being generally with the Union forces.

It was rumored that Secretary Stanton was to resign, but the report is doubted.

With the army of the Potomac there has been no advance, the rains having kept the rivers swollen. Under date 25th of April, the following is the latest telegram from thence. The special dispatches to the *Tribune* says: From the army of the Potomac we learn that the recent rains have so swollen the rivers and streams that even brooks are unfordable, and the difficulty of transporting supplies is greatly increased.

A letter from the U. S. Consul at Monterey, dated April 3, stated that after three days fighting at Puebla, the French had been repulsed.

The personal staff of General McClellan has been disposed of, the officers of the regular army having been assigned to their respective regiments, from which we infer that he is not to be reinstated.

A very serious bread riot had occurred at Richmond, Va., in which 3,000 men and women were engaged, armed with clubs, &c. Jeff. Davis in person quelled it, by addressing the crowd.

It is stated that a National Bank is to be established in the United States, under authority of the act of Congress passed at its last session.

In North Carolina, the rebels had undertaken to repossess Newbern and little Washington, but by the aid of Gen. Foster with Union forces, the attack proved to be a failure. This is the latest from that quarter.

NEWBERN, N. C., April 19.—The rebels have abandoned their attack on Washington, N. C., going it up as hopeless, the perseverance and pluck of the little garrison keeping at bay 17,000 rebels. This is without a parallel in war.

The *Alabama* was at large at latest date. On the 26th March, she chased two vessels ashore in Turk's Island passage.

THE PIRATE "VIRGINIA."—The San Francisco *Bulletin* has the following concerning the reported pirate, which shows that there may have been some grounds for the rumor:

THE RUNAWAY SCHOONER "GENERAL HARNEY."—We published on Tuesday last, an extract from a Honolulu paper, [*Com'l Advertiser.*] which states that the rebel pirate steamer *Virginia*, Captain Sinclair, had been spoken by a British vessel off the coast of Central America. As this report came in a roundabout way, being communicated by several vessels one to the other before its arrival at Honolulu, it is believed that the reported steamer is the runaway schooner General Harney, Capt. St. Clair, which may now be cruising under a new name to escape identification and capture.

HALIFAX, April 17—A serious riot occurred last evening. Three hundred soldiers broke from barracks and rushed into the streets, assaulting the citizens and doing all the damage they could. Fighting soon became indiscriminate, between citizens and soldiers, and several were injured on both sides. A detachment of the Royal Artillery finally appeared, and drove the soldiers back to the barracks.

The Attack on Charleston.

NEW YORK, April 13.—The *Tribune's* account of the Charleston fight says: The squadron arrived off Charleston on the morning of the 5th, and spent a day examining the bars in channels, the wind being too high to cross that evening. The Admiral's plan was to sail directly up and attack the northwest face of Fort Sumter at from 600 to 800 yards At 8 o'clock on Monday morning the signal was given to advance, but in consequence of a fog, they were obliged to postpone the intended attack until the next day. During the afternoon, one of Gen. Furres's brigades worked its way up Folly Island and established communication with the fleet, but no portion of the land forces got into the attack. On the 7th, at — P. M., fleet got under way, passed Morris' Island batteries, without being fired upon, pushing right towards Fort Sumter. The *Ironsides* worked badly, and in consequence of the current was obliged to anchor two or three times. Fort Moultrie opened first on the *Weehawken* which was then within 500 yards of Cumming's Point. The battery of Sumter, and battery after battery, immediately followed, and the action became general and terrific. The Monitors still pushed on, replying vigorously. They passed the northeast face of Fort Sumter, when they discovered that there were three lines of obstructions, holding torpedoes, one of which exploded but did no great damage. Finding it impossible to pass the obstructions, they turned the steamers down the harbor. The *Patapsco's* 200 pounder became disabled. The *Passaic's* was so bent that the vessel was practically out of use. The other boats continued their course to the northeast face of Fort Sumter but were also stopped by obstructions, and turned back, after being under fire for three quarters of an hour. All the Monitors were ordered back, and at 5 o'clock, the entire fleet was out of range, and the action ceased.

Admiral Dupont intended to renew the attack next day, but ascertaining that the *Keokuk* and *Passaic* were entirely disabled, and 3 others partially so, concluded to desist, in which resolution he was sustained by all the commanders.

There were 11 large holes inside Fort Sumter, apparently running through the walls. Our entire firing only amounted to 150 rounds. When the correspondent left, two Monitors sailed to Port Royal, and others were to follow.

The *Times'* account says that our ships were exposed to a concentric fire from four different points. It was unparalleled in the history of warfare. During the fight not less than 3,500 shots were fired by the enemy, 160 being counted every single minute.

NEW YORK, April 13.—The *Times* says that the result of the reconnoissance of Charleston shows the utter insufficiency of the iron-clad fleet to take Charleston alone.

NEW YORK, April 13.—It appears that in the reconnoisaance of Charleston harbor by the iron-clads, the *Nahant* received 30 wounds, several being bad fractures. The *Passaic* was also wounded in her turret and pilot-house. The *Nantucket's* turret was so jarred that it could not be used, rendering her 15-inch gun useless. None of the other Monitors were disabled. The *Keokuk* received 90 shots, 19 of them penetrating her at water-mark. She was kept afloat till the next morning, and then sunk on the bar with colors flying.

THE IRON-CLADS AT CHARLESTON.—The S. F. *Bulletin* gives the following account:

The attack upon the fortifications in Charleston harbor by the Federal iron clad fleet, of which accounts have been received by telegraph, is one of the most important events of the war. Although vessels partially iron clad have been used by the Government for nearly a year and a half, this is really the first contest where the best and heaviest ordnance has been tried against such vessels upon a grand scale. Forts Sumter and Moultrie were furnished with 10-inch rifled guns, manufactured with a view to being used against mailed ships, and doubtless also with the improved elongated steel ball, designed to pierce the heaviest armor. The fleet consisted of 10 vessels, nine of which took part in the contest, the *Ironsides* becoming unmanageable from the currents and the narrowness of the channel. The attack commenced; says an account: "A signal had been made for action at half-past 3 o'clock in the afternoon by the *Ironsides*, but the rebels previously opened fire on the leading vessels." "The combat is represented to have been in the highest degree exciting, presenting a fearful scene—fire bellowing from all points of land and water, there being a continuous roar of cannon." "In the course of 30 or 40 minutes, the *Keokuk* being in a sinking condition, was obliged to withdraw from the flag ship, it being deemed impracticable to continue further hostilities." According to this account, thirty or forty minutes sufficed to disable the iron clad fleet, consisting of the most powerful vessels which have yet been constructed by the United States. The *Ironsides*, it is true, took no part, yet it cannot be doubted as to what would have been the result in her case had she been within close range. The *Keokuk* "was within 500 or 600 yards of Fort Sumter, and was completely riddled." "She was struck from all the batteries at least 90 times in 30 minutes." As to the amount of damage caused to the other vessels of the fleet, the country is not likely to be informed for some time to come; yet it is not unlikely, in view of their speedy withdrawal, that they were considerably disabled.

Even with the meagre accounts which have come to hand, it must be apparent that iron clads are, from this time forward, to be considered in a new light—as totally inadequate to the reduction of formidable land defenses, when the latter shall be mounted with the heaviest improved rifle cannon. Here was a fleet of nine iron-armored vessels, exposing but little surface to an enemy's shot, which it had required a year or more to prepare, driven away in 30 minutes' time, one being completely riddled and sunk. Fort Sumter was mounted with powerful 10-inch ordnance, yet even this will soon be outdone, and unquestionably some of our Monitors were armed with greatly superior guns—those of 15-inches calibre. In the capture of New Orleans our ships, by no means well protected, were able to pass the fortifications below the city without serious loss; but now the best vessels—those completely covered with iron—cannot stand a fire of half an hour.

What is the lesson of all this? Simply that cannon are being founded capable of penetrating and destroying iron-plated ships. But for the obstructions in the channel leading to Charleston, our vessels might have passed Fort Sumter and thrown shot into the city. The country has been for the past year spending large sums of money in perfecting ordnance and vessels, and it is only by such trials as that which has taken place that their practical utility can be learned. Our ships have been sent to Charleston, and have failed in accomplishing what was expected. By some persons this is considered a great disaster to the country; not so, however, with the reflecting portion of the public. The repulse was nothing; for it was an attack with inadequate means—with means entirely experimental in their character—for when the war broke out in the United States, very little was known in respect to iron clad ships or heavy ordnance, and each step since has been in the dark. The Government has been compelled to build vessels after such plans as were deemed best. It could not stand still. England and France were turning out from the navy-yards, *Warriors* and *Les Gloires*, and we knew not the hour when the country might be called upon to meet such ships. To be unprepared, was to leave our sea ports exposed. The *Merrimac* raid caused the country to build *Monitors*. They have answered a certain purpose, but have not met public expectation. They are, however, the only vessels which are fitted for penetrating harbors and rivers, and must still be valuable for such uses. The attack upon Charleston has placed the Government in possession of information which is greatly needed The inhabitants of the United States would have rejoiced in the fall of Forts Sumter and Moultrie, yet their attempted reduction is really no loss to the country. We lose a very few men and a single vessel, but have acquired information which will be of essential benefit hereafter. Indeed, the attack upon Charleston has given information in relation to iron-clads and improved ordnance, which was most essential to the well being of our navy. Besides, it will tend essentially to keep European powers out of our difficulties, for it cannot be otherwise than well understood that their naval preparations are not altogether to be relied upon.

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