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HAND-TO-HAND ENCOUNTERS.

A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

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From Fortresses Monroe.

PORT MONROE, Va., Jan. 17.—By the arrival of the steamer Atlantic, at this harbor, at 6 o'clock this morning, the first news of the fall of Fort Fisher, by one of the most daring and intrepid assaults ever known by the gallant troops, under the command of Major General Terry, was received. On Sunday, 15th inst., at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the first attack was made, and from that time until the moment of capitulation, at 10:30 o'clock the same day, a series of skirmishes and hand-to-hand encounters took place, our troops driving the rebels before, from bomb-proof to bomb-proof, from trench to trench, the rebels in vain endeavoring with a determined stubbornness to resist the impetuous charges of our gallant men.

ADMIRAL PORTER'S OFFICIAL REPORT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The following has been received at the Navy Department this morning:

United States Flag-Ship, *Monitor*, of Fort Fisher, Jan. 17, 1865.—Sir: I have the honor to inform you that we have possession of Fort Fisher, and the fall of the surrounding works will soon follow.

As I informed you by my last, we had commenced operations with the iron vessels which landed the troops. On the 14th I ordered all the vessels carrying 11-inch guns to bombard with the iron-sides, the Brooklyn taking the lead. By sunset the fort was reduced to a pulp. Every gun was silenced by being injured or covered with earth so that they would not work.

On the 15th General Terry and myself arranged for the assault, and I ordered 1,400 sailors and marines to participate. At daylight the war vessels, the Brooklyn and eleven iron gunboats commenced battering the wall, while the troops made a lodgment within 150 yards of the Fort. At 10 o'clock all the vessels steamed in and took their stations, opening a heavy fire, which was kept up to 3 P. M., when the signal was made to assault, the soldiers taking the land side and the sailors the sea face, the ships changing but not stopping their fire to the other works.

The rebels met us with a courage worthy of a better cause, and fought desperately. About 3 o'clock the sailors and officers landed on the beach, and the North-west corner of the fort, fighting like lions and containing every inch of ground.

The iron-sides and monitors kept throwing their shells into the traverses and occupied by our men, but unrepulsed by the rebels. In this way our troops fought from traverse to traverse, from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 10 o'clock at night. The joyful tidings were signalled to the fleet. We stopped our fire and gave them three of the heaviest cheers I ever heard.

It has been the most terrific struggle I ever saw, with very much hard labor. The troops have covered themselves with glory, and Genl Terry is my hero of a soldier and a general. Our country has been most harmonious, and I think the General will do us the honor to say that this time at least we substantially injured the fort as a defensive work.

General Terry had only a few more troops than we had on the last occasion, when the enemy had only 150 men in the works. This time the works were fully manned, and contained about 600 men at the time of the assault.

Lieut. R. H. Lamson was severely wounded. He was lately associated with Lieut. Preston in his perilous adventure with the powder boat. Lieut. George M. Dache and a number of others were wounded, the former not dangerously.

The assault took place only a few hours ago, and I am unable to inform you of any casualties. They are quite severe from the assault, but we had no casualties from the enemy's cannon.

Knowing the importance of the Department receiving news from Fort Fisher, I have written these few hurried lines. No man can conceive what the army and navy have done through to achieve this victory, which should have been ours Christmas day, without the loss of a dozen men!

This has been a day of terrific struggle and not surpassed by any of the events of the war. We are all worn out nearly, and must excuse this brief and unsatisfactory account. I will send you fully by the Santiago de Cuba, which goes north to-morrow to carry the wounded.

Besides the men in Fort Fisher there were about 500 in the upper forts, and a relief of about 1,500 men were brought down by steamer this morning. So far I believe we have only captured the garrison of Fort Fisher. I don't suppose there ever was a work subjected to such a terrific bombardment, or where the appearance of a fort was more altered. There is not a spot of earth about the fort that has not been torn up by our shells. I do not know yet the number killed and wounded by our fire, but one 15-inch shell alone pierced a bomb-proof, killed sixteen, and wounded severely twenty-five others.

I presume we are in possession of all the forts as Fort Fisher commands them all. It is so late now that I can learn nothing more until morning.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
(Signed) DAVID D. PORTER,
Rear Admiral.

From the Army of the Potomac.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, JAN. 16.—Evening.—A number of our men came into our lines from front of Petersburg last night. They bring important news. It is to be believed that they say that the Danville Railroad, between Danville and Greensboro, a distance of forty-five miles, has been destroyed by recent heavy rains, and that every culvert and bridge has been carried away, and that Lee's army is likely to be out of rations altogether very soon. The quantity they issue now is utterly inadequate to sustain the army, and these men and their families are almost starved. Every effort was being made to reconstruct the road, and large gangs of men are detailed for that purpose; but even then it will take some time to repair it, the destruction being so extensive. As this is their main road by which they get supplies to the front, it would not be strange if the state of affairs in the neighborhood would undergo an important change within a few days.

The enemy made a demonstration with small force on our line, on Wyatt's Farm, near the extreme left, this afternoon, and for a short time it was thought a fight was coming off. A part of the Second Corps were put under arms, but the rebels remained in sight only a short time, evidently having come to the conclusion that after some forage which it is believed they carried off. No firing took place, as they did not come within range of our pickets.

Col. Starke, so long connected with this army in the capacity of Deputy Provost Marshal General, and lately acting as Deputy Provost Marshal General of the Army operating against Richmond, has been promoted to a Brigadier General, and Lieutenant Stricker, Adjutant of the Signal Corps at headquarters almost since its organization, has been promoted to a Captain. The services rendered by these officers in the past three years have been of the most valuable nature, and though their promotion has been long in coming, they have the satisfaction of knowing they had justly earned it.

FROM MEXICO.

New York, Jan. 17.—By the arrival of the Havana steamer we have received from Vera Cruz of the 31st, and from the City of Mexico to the 27th of December. Maximilian has written a letter affirming his views as to the church question, and announcing that though there is to be full and free toleration of religious opinion, yet the State religion of Mexico will be the Roman Catholic church. Over one thousand officers and seventy musicians had landed at Vera Cruz, being the first detachment of Austria, forces intended for Mexico.

Latest Southern News.

SHERMAN RETURNS TO THE SAVANNAH, HAVING ACCOMPLISHED HIS MISSION TO THE WESTWARD CHARLESTON.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 14.—The enemy's force about Hardeeville has retreated back to Savannah, and it is now doubtful whether the troops had been sent to Beaufort. There are no indications of a retreat on the way.

Insurgent points from Savannah state that the late meeting there numbered three hundred, of whom one hundred were from Savannah, and the remainder were of Northern birth and shaky political views, who so more represent the people of Savannah than a dozen deserters represent Lee's army.

SAVANNAH REFUGES AT CHARLESTON.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 15.—Two hundred and fifty refugees arrived here last night from Savannah. The refugees were moving the obstructions from the way, and say they will soon move on Augusta. No more men have been made yet, though the refugees think there will be soon. Sherman and his officers threaten to reduce Charleston to a heap of ruins, and to destroy its railroads.

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Official accounts justify from the interior and west of Georgia, the necessity of the troops. The white and black soldiers, but particularly the latter, are put through the rigid discipline of the manual. In this respect we think our own officers might be taught a lesson.

The guns of the enemy were kept quiet at the front, and a large quantity of cartridges, copper, salt-petre, and a great quantity of small stores.

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PRECIOUS METAL DISCOVERIES.

Gold and Silver Mines in Washington Territory—Miles of Gold and Silver Quartz—Kettleman Amalgam.

(From the *Opinion*, N. Y. Democrat, Nov. 15.)

The middle of the Puget Sound are now being worked for gold and silver. The quartz veins in this country, consisting of recent discoveries of extensive quartz ledges, on the western slope of the Cascade range, not more than forty or fifty miles from this place, and within twenty or thirty miles of the water on the Sound. The discovery was made by two other "prospectors," in company with George Carpenter, in their way across the Cascades from the western side, coming over the Natchez Pass.

The party had, by accident, traveled off the main road some two or three miles to the westward, when their attention was attracted by the appearance of a quartz ledge, exposed near the surface by the upturning of the roots of large fallen trees. The quartz veins in this country, consisting of recent discoveries of extensive quartz ledges, on the western slope of the Cascade range, not more than forty or fifty miles from this place, and within twenty or thirty miles of the water on the Sound.

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A FAMILY LETTER FROM MR. ERVETT.

The following are extracts of a letter written by Mr. Everett on Friday last, January 13, to his only daughter in this city, Mrs. Henry A. Wise, wife of Capt. Wise, Chief of Ordnance of the Navy Department. It is probable that this is the last letter Mr. Everett ever wrote. It explains the cause of his death:

BOSTON, January 13, 1865.

I have yours of the 11th. I am just recovering from a pretty severe attack of illness, which has kept me in bed most of the time since Monday.

On Monday morning I was at the court-room two and a half hours testifying, and then went to Faneuil Hall, which was a great deal of work for me. I had a cold, and I felt very unwell. I had a cold, and I felt very unwell. I had a cold, and I felt very unwell.

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MEMORIAL OF EDWARD EVERETT.

(Correspondence of the Baltimore Clipper.)

The announcement of the death of Edward Everett, on January 17, 1865, has been a great loss to our countrymen, and a great grief to all who were acquainted with him. He was a man of high character, and a great scholar. He was a man of high character, and a great scholar. He was a man of high character, and a great scholar.

Having enjoyed the honor and advantage of a personal acquaintance with him at home and abroad during more than a quarter of a century, I may, it is hoped, be able to present a few reminiscences which will define their value to the affectionate interest that saw at once to every thing connected with the illustrious dead.

It is not generally known that Edward Everett was for some time a pupil of Daniel Webster. His preparation for entrance into Harvard University was completed under that great man, and Mr. Everett, after his graduation, was a high character as a publicist.

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A House Burned and the Bodies of Three Children Consumed in the Flames.

On Thursday last week a most heart-rending calamity occurred in this town. The residence of Wm. Haas, about five miles west of this place, was burned down, and the bodies of three children, who were in the building, were burned to ashes. Mr. Haas was intending to go to Newburg with a load of wheat, accompanied by his wife, and several of his children. They were in the high chair and one or two articles of furniture in the room, to keep them out of mischief, leaving the oldest one running round, and weedy the barn, which was but ten or fifteen rods from the house, to see what was doing there. She remained at the house about five minutes, and then turned to go to the barn, and was accompanied by her husband. It was then ten o'clock when the fire broke out. She remained at the house about five minutes, and then turned to go to the barn, and was accompanied by her husband. It was then ten o'clock when the fire broke out.

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