BOMBARDMENT OF SEBASTOPOL.

The English papers contain letters from the Crimea, giving details of the bombardment of Sebastopol to the 14th of April. We make the following selections:

FIRST DAY—OPENING OF THE FIRE.

BEFORE SEBASTOPOL, Easter Monday, April 9, 1855.—This morning, at 6 o'clock, the batteries simultaneously opened fire on the defences of Sebastopol. It is now 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and the fire which began to fall last night, is descending to its level, accompanied by a high breeze of wind. Four embrasures were taken completely in reverse with the first shot.—They replied, in their proper locality, at once to the French fire on our left, and the Flagstaff Battery with twelve guns opened immediately. The Garden Battery and Redan Battery came into play seven after we opened fire, but some time elapsed before the Round Tower works or the Mamelon answered, and for half an hour their guns were weakly handled.

SECOND DAY—THE FIRE SLACKENS.

April 10.—During the whole of the night the firing was kept up with the most unremitting activity—with fury at times. At 6 o'clock, however, all the enemy's lines and batteries suddenly sprung into life and vigor. Volleys of from 100 to 150 guns were at once fired from the Redan, the Flagstaff, Barrack, Garden and Malakoff batteries, even the Mamelon, which all thought destroyed and dismounted, fired its due quota in succession. The fire came in upon our works like hail. Shot by point-blank our lines both were to be seen bounding and plunging, and shells bursting like fireworks in the air. Never, perhaps, was such a concentrated and destructive cannonade witnessed since the invention of the siege. At 7 o'clock, I noticed, or thought I noticed, a slackening in the fire, which by both English and French was kept up vigorously, in spite of our utmost efforts, gave the enemy reply to our own. The rapidity and regularity of the roar of the fire from this moment was wonderful to the front, and the officers and other experienced artillery officers around me could not help congratulating our prospects of having got a fire which would command such batteries ere many days. Suddenly and in the midst of such success the enemy's batteries made a lull pause. For nearly a quarter of an hour not a gun was fired.

Our long guns opened fire a little after seven, the enemy about eight, and then both Russians and Allies resorted to their bombs.—The fire of these latter was continued all night.

It is something awful to stand upon the hills which overlook the town and watch the progress of the nightly bombardment. The Congreve rockets rush from the French lines with a deafening roar, leaving a trail of fire behind just sufficient to trace the course of the missile as it darts angrily hither and thither through the air, coming down at last with a loud crash in the Flagstaff. This, which, of course occasionally ignites them outside the Russian line, and now and then lights them clear over everything into the very centre of the town. From both right and left in succession are discharged with a heavy report, expanding and with a flash which, even at a distance, is almost blinding. As the hill-beam strikes your very frame, you hear the shrieking whistling of hissing roar, nearer higher at length into the air, till having reached its zenith, it descends with redoubled speed and force into the enemy's works. The crash with which it strikes the ground can be distinctly heard even in the Allied camp, and at a moment after by the sharp ringing report of the bursting shell which the earth is thrown up like a cloud. Its casualties in the same time being hardly more for than those of yesterday. The left attack has sustained some injury, its guns and works both will be repaired to-night. Captain Scobell of the Royal Navy was severely wounded with a splinter of shell in the thigh last night, during well. I regret to say other than was wounded.

THIRD DAY—EFFECT OF THE FIRE.

April 11.—At daybreak this morning the fire was resumed by the Allied Batteries, and for some time with equal vigor and deadliness.—In spite of the fire of our mortars, the enemy during the past night have managed to repair much of the damage which the Mamelon had sustained, and also the embrasures of the Flagstaff battery opposite the Light Division.

On the extreme left, where the French attack, the Mud Fort and [illegible] have suffered severely—several guns [illegible] yet replaced. [illegible] of the most [illegible] the Russian defences and the centre [illegible] terrors on Little Redan. Since [illegible] the Redan at night [illegible] fire, and [illegible] yards of [illegible] every gun, [illegible] guns quieted, but this was all. It was still firing thirty or forty guns a minute.

The Malakoff Tower—the key of the whole position, the point on which formerly the enemy appeared to concentrate all the vigor of their defensive energies—was silent. It was undoubtedly much injured, and half the guns of the semi-circular batttery gone, but still very, very far from being untenable or incapable of formidable opposition. Its two flanking batteries, mounting each some 10 or 12 guns, were untouched. The Mamelon was very much injured. Its parapets were mere mere masses of earth, and the fire of our mortars played so direct into its centre, that the enemy can only retain it by an enormous sacrifice of life.

To-day we have had to deplore the loss of a most active, brave and energetic officer of the naval brigade, Lieutenant Douglass.

FOURTH DAY—A MASKED BATTERY OPENED.

April 12.—During the whole of last night the fire of our mortars was incessant, and this morning the long guns recommenced with renewed energy but, in spite of our bombardment, the enemy had evidently been busy during the night, and part of the Flagstaff, and nearly all of the Mamelon embrasures were repaired—in the former case only, no new guns had been mounted, but in the latter were two. The fire to-day has been much the same as during yesterday, with a well-sustained cannonade from the Allies throughout, and the enemy replying very slackly, except from the Flagstaff and Redan, the former especially, as soon as the first opened, nearly all the works gave forth tremendous volleys, almost simultaneously; but their spirit, though great, is not yet equal to above half an hour, after which hundreds of their guns are silenced into [illegible]. One of our batteries on the right of the main, mounting eight eight-pounder guns, which has hitherto been masked, was open this morning on the flank of the Mamelon. But the position of the work has been most unfortunately chosen. As it commands no ditch, it was the conclusion only that the Malakoff could at last be taken, but that no other of the enemy's works [illegible] upon the spot. The result was that it had to manœuvre by steps [illegible] the [illegible] to the [illegible] and [illegible] necessarily [illegible] and the rest of the works nearly [illegible] and the [illegible]. Accordingly the artillerymen were without cover, and the battery remained silent.

One shell from the Redan entered the left attack, killing two men on the spot, and severely wounding another. All these past fifteen days Lieutenant Crutchley, of the Queen, was severely wounded last night.

An [illegible] will be completed before to-morrow evening, [illegible] Operations [illegible] will be placed in the most advanced [illegible] near the middle ravine.

FIFTH DAY—THE NEW BATTERY.

April 13.—This morning, when our batteries recommenced the effects of our assaults were still more apparent. The fire at the Flagstaff was considerably slacker even than markedly so than on previous days. It scarcely responded [illegible]. From [illegible] the Redan [illegible] of the [illegible] were [illegible] Not only are the lower tier of guns [illegible] but the upper tier in a far way of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]