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THE JOURNAL.

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FORT AND FLEET.

The First Test of the Iron-Clads—Bombardment of Fort McAllister—A Sand Fort Stronger Than an Iron Ship.

Admiral Du Pont either did not believe in the monitors, or he had too much faith.

It is more reasonable to believe that this test was made with a view to finding out what they would be able to accomplish when brought to face the sea-wall of Fort Sumter.

THE FORT.

Fort McAllister was the gate which guarded Savannah. It was built on a desolate site on the river within two or three miles of Osa-baw Sound.

HOW BUILT.

Fort Wagner, at Charleston, was built of sand because no other material was convenient.

MAKING READY.

Du Pont had learned that he could not pass the fort on account of the obstructions in the river.

ON THE CONFEDERATE SIDE.

On the Confederate side the only preparation made after it was seen that an attack was to be made consisted of slight increase of the garrison and some addition to the stock of ammunition.

THE ATTACK.

It was the first Tuesday in March. The morning was bright and balmy, and both feet and fort were in fighting condition.

river. They were still advancing when the mortar-schooners opened fire with a roar which shook the earth for miles around.

A NARROW CHANNEL.

Previous attacks on McAllister had shown the Confederates that future great movements towards reducing it would be made by way of the river.

The Passaic was in the lead, and as she came within range of the fort a hot fire was opened on her.

A GRAND FIGHT.

The iron-clads now took position and opened fire, and all the guns in fort which could be brought to bear returned the compliment.

For upwards of three hours the fight continued at white heat, every gun being steadily worked and almost every shot seeming to tell.

THE BIG SHELLS.

One can see to-day the evidences of the power of the big shells from the iron-clads.

There is a spot near the fort where a fifteen inch shell fell short and exploded in soft soil.

The quarters of the garrison inside the fort were of wood. I saw in Savannah a piece of pine board a foot wide by three feet long.

The garrison were in a great measure protected from the projectiles of the iron-clads.

Men who have served on both iron-clads and mortar schooners assert the deck of the latter is the worst place in war during an engagement.

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of the wooden quarters within the fort on fire, but such an event had been anticipated and therefore produced no confusion.

A SINGULAR ESCAPE.

Just before noon a lieutenant in the fort had a most singular escape. He had mounted the parapet to examine and report the damage caused by a bombshell.

A LONE TARGET.

After the first half hour of the fight the Confederates directed the fire of six cannon at the Passaic, she being 200 yards nearer than either one of the others.

COOLING OFF.

About noon the iron-clads ceased firing for two hours to pipe to dinner and give the men rest.

During the temporary truce both sides made ready for another struggle.

THE RENEWAL.

From 2 until 4 o'clock there was a grand crash, and the news went round that the fort was being knocked to pieces.

BOMB FOR BOMB.

The fort mounted only one mortar, but this was manned early in the fight and was worked in reply to those aboard the schooners.

IN THE MORNING.

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ordered to retire, and this ended the first real test of the iron-clads. They had come within good range, selected berths to suit them, and were provided with much heavier ordnance.

THE RESULT.

What seems almost incredible can be substantiated by official reports and plenty of witnesses.

"This fight has proved the entire invulnerability of the monitors," wrote one Northern correspondent.

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