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## FIELD, FORT AND FLEET.

The Capture of Fort Donelson.—How Foote's Floot Was Driven Off.—The Want of Harmony Loses a Great Confederate Opportunity.

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Fort Donelson, to which the ma-jority of the garrison of Fort Henry retreated before the surrender, was jority of the garrison of Fort Henry bullets. One of the guns was retreated before the surrender, was distant but twelve miles across the country on the Cumberland. The earthworks on the bluffs required a garrison of at least 10,000 men to the fire. fully man them, and were laid out Had Foote alone attacked he to cover strategic points, thus giving the fort an irregular shape. Below, near the water's edge, the heavy guns were put in battery to command the river, and the infantry supports had the cover of earthts at fair musket range.

have been beaten off, but when infantry were now to move up and Foote was assisted by a land attack, settle the fate of Fort Donelson. all the weak points of the fort were at once exposed.

THE DEFENDING FORCE.

ner had a command, Pillow had a command and Forest had a command. While Floyd was in supreme command he neither had a reputation as a fighter nor the entire confidence of the various command. There was not that her infantry who were to be found and infantry infantry who were to be successfully defended by his command. In the first infantry infan mony among the officers that should it was the plateau and not the river have been displayed, and it seems bank which constituted the key-that some of them, from the hour stone of the arch. the investment became complete, were more occupied in planning to break through and get away than in perfecting details for defense.

Up to night of the day of the fight between fleet and batteries there had been no real fighting between the infantry. Not more than one third of the Control of the day of the day of the control of the day of the day of the control of the day of the day of the control of the day of the day of the control of the day of the control of the day of the day of the control of the day of the day of the control of the day of the day of the control of the day of the control of the day of the

IN THE BATTERY. As in the case at Fort Henry, the guns were manned mostly by men who had never been under fire before, but they were in sufficient numbers to work the guns to their best. Not a man was killed in the battery, and only one wounded, and that by a pebble hurled in his direction by the bursting of a shell. Dozens of the Federal missiles buried themselves in the bluffs buried themselves in the bluffs above the batteries, and dozens more in the earthworks, but they were harmless. The men complained more of the annoyance of the showers of mud and dirt than of the pleces of shell and flying bullets, One of the gups was struck on the muzzle but not dis-

could not have put enough gunnever before encountered. Grant Had Foote brought a score of had given him a chance, and he gun-boats to the attack they would had been beaten off. The Federal

BREAKING OUT. After Gen, Floyd had ascertained Grant's strength he entertained no The defenders of Fort Donelson further idea of resistance. The were a miscellaneous crowd. Floyd idea was to break through the inwas then with his command, Buck- vesting lines and carry out as many mands. There was not that har- infantry who were to be feared, and

there had been no real fighting between the infantry. Not more than one-third of the Confederates had caught sight of a Federal. Floyd could defend the fort for a time, but the earthworks on the bluffs were so strung out that one defender could count for no more than an assailant. The force defending the fort is not placed at above 15,000 men by any Confederate military report, and Forest's cavalry were of little use as cavalry. prisoner.

the fiest went out of the fight crippled condition.

one hour's time the Louisville, r being struck over thirty times,

some of the regiments had to cover the move of withdrawing into change front twice, and then advanced straight upon the rising ground held by McClernand. With a wild yell and a rush together they swept up the hill, cleared it, held it proved that he was prepared to cover the move of withdrawing into the trenches. Pillow claimed that Smith, holding the Federal flank, was ready to follow up the evacuation and make it a rout. Buckner swept up the hill, cleared it, held it proved that he was prepared to cover the retreat with fresh regiments. for five minutes, and were then cover the retreat with fresh regi-swept back into the ravine below ments and prevent any serious at-by a counter-charge. This was the by a counter-charge. This was the tack. Floyd could prove nothing, first ground gained and lost by the except that he was not the general to take advantage of a favorable gade could reform it began a steady advance in line, and at the end of forty minutes once more held the hill. Up to this time Wallace had scarcely fired a shot. Believing from the fighting already done that the Federal right could be turned, a Confederate brigade was now the Federals returned to their lines. a Confederate brigade was now the Federals returned to their lines pushed forward to skirmish with of investment. That night Floyd Wallace and prevent his sending and Pillow and Forest skulked out away reinforcements, and the at- with portions of their command,

river and thus completed the line graced his uniform by skulking out of investment, was composed of a triidnight in the company of men Kentucky regiment the Third who could have looked upon him Union. This regiment held as only with feelings of contempt. strong a position as any battle-field ever turnished, and up to the field ever turnished, and up to the moment of attack the men seemed full of determination. They were advanced upon by about thirty skirmishers from a Mississippi regiment, and within five minutes were thrown into a panic and so completely routed that the regiment was not reorganized until after dinner. The flight of this regiment left a gap through which the Confederates began to pour for an advance down the flank.

hard pressed he sent to Wallace for GROCERIES & PROVISION

after being struck over thirty times, drifted out of the fight with the pilot having no control over her. Her armor was bulged and cracked and dented in a way to prove that a gun of heavier metal would have let daylight into her hold. The St. Louis was at the mercy of the current as she left the dgit, the Pittsburgh was leaking, and the best movement against Grant's right in the Carcodelet was useless. The interest of the carcodelet was useless. The carcodelet was useless.

McClernand held the Federal right with a division, Gen. Wallace was in the center, and Smith on the left, the latter having nothing to do with the fight during the forenoon. The road to Charlotte lay between McClernand and Wallace, and both these commands right must have lost the line of inverse included in the attack, although for the first two hours McClernand received the brunt of it. Such of his division as came reates had not yet fired a shot.

away reinforcements, and the attack upon McClernand was renewed. He had a naturally strong position, being a succession of sharp ridges and the cover of ravines and timber, and his left hung to every foot of ground with the tenacity of old veterans.

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