

THREE GREAT BOMBARDMENTS.

Alexandria, Paris and Gibraltar.

New York Sun: The most remarkable instances of bombardments of recent years were those of Alexandria and Paris. In both cases the attack prevailed over the defence, notwithstanding that the fortifications of those cities were immensely strong. The contest at Alexandria was short, but decisive. Within ten hours the British fleet, under Admiral Seymour, had effectually silenced every gun on the shore. Ten thousand shell and solid shot were poured in on the Egyptians, and a complete evacuation of the forts was the result. Yet very little execution was done by this veritable hail of iron, for the parapets of sand, which protected the batteries, rendered harmless the 13 inch projectiles, and it was only because of the havoc caused by the fragments of shells which flew around everywhere and accomplished a frightful slaughter among the adherents of Arabi Pasha, joined to a knowledge that their want of accuracy in aiming left the fleet practically unharmed, that the defence were relinquished to the British admiral. As every one knows, the guns were mostly all spiked or blown to pieces by a landing party of marines, but outside of the forces themselves the destruction was very small. The presence of friends as well as foes in the city forbade an extensive shelling of any but the recognized native quarter, yet sufficient damage was done by the incendiary shells to start a fire that destroyed almost the entire town. In this engagement the enormous power of the 81-ton guns, the projectiles of which weigh over 1,700 pounds, was demonstrated; but it was also made evident that the quickly thrown up and inexpensive embankments of sand form an invulnerable defence against even these terrible weapons and there can be little doubt that, in the hands of experienced gunners, the guns of the harbor-batteries would have given a much better account of themselves. It is an open question whether the fleet would not have been repulsed under such circumstances.

In the bombardment of Paris, during the month of January, 1871, the Prussian guns literally rained on the fortifications of the capital the seemingly impossible number of 10,000 shells, each day, and of these more than 500 fell on a daily average into the city proper; the devastation caused by the latter in some parts was frightful, and the fires in consequence often threatened to ruin whole districts. Many houses and walls were thrown down by the garrison, so as to leave large open spaces where shells could do little or no damage, yet many a one who had endured the pangs of hunger in silence and submitted without complaint to the severe regulations of the Commissary-General, for the honor and sake of "La Belle France," found it hard to restrain tears and indignation when, on returning from the front after a long and hopeless struggle against an apparently invincible foe, he could discover nothing save the ruins of his former home.

Undoubtedly the most interesting story of siege and bombardment in the annals of warfare since cannon were first invented is that of the unsuccessful attempt of Spain to regain in 1779 the fortress of Gibraltar, which England had taken by storm a few years before. For three years and seven months the stronghold was invested by a large force of all arms, and a practically uninterrupted fire from 135 guns, including some fifty mortars of 13-inch calibre, was maintained from January 12, 1780, till February 2, 1783. Meanwhile the gallant little garrison was but once relieved, and suffered all the pangs of starvation, not unmingled sometimes with a feeling of despair. Still they clung to the gigantic rock, repelling attack after attack with indomitable courage and endurance, and inflicting enormous losses on their opponents. The latter, indeed, are deserving of praise for the pertinacity and perseverance with which they returned to the fray time after time, undaunted by continual reverses, and hopeful ever to retrieve the disgrace which they considered the presence of the hated "infidels" put upon them.

The most interesting and exciting episode during this long siege was the ferocious attempt made by the Spaniards toward the close, when they strained every nerve to dismay and overcome the already exhausted but still undiminished garrison. More than 50,000 troops and 170 pieces of ordnance of large calibre were at the disposal of the Spanish General, and an ingenious type of floating batteries strongly resembling the famous "cheese boxes on rafts" of the late war, had been devised by the dons, who expected great things of them in the meditated assault. The numbers of the opposing forces were ludicrously disproportionate. Besides the above mentioned troops and guns the Spanish possessed nine line of battle ships, 15 gun or mortar boats, covered boats sufficient to land nearly 40,000 men, and in addition, the 10 floating batteries, which consist of large vessels, their sides protected by a banking of timber seven feet thick, and the decks and guns screened with a slanting roof of shot-proof material. To this gigantic armament the defence could only oppose some 7,000 men, many of them sick or wounded, and all

reduced to scanty rations for many months past; ammunition was limited, and the cannon even then were antiquated.

On the 8th of September, 1782, fire was opened on the fortress at a preconcerted signal by the entire strength of the Spanish artillery both on land and afloat. The "floating batteries" were moored within half range and proved indeed invulnerable to shot and shell, which lasted all night and day until late on the 12th. On that day the garrison unable to make any impression on the fleet, whose efforts were beginning to give the small force of defenders considerable trouble and inconvenience, conceived the idea of loading their guns with red-hot shot and burning shells, which, though of little or no penetrating power, turned out to be very effective against the wooden sides, of the battleships and gunboats. In fact, within a very few hours every one of the floating batteries lay quiescent on the water, a useless mass of burning hulks. The endeavors and energy of the defenders finally prevailed over the vast numerical superiority of their opponents, and on the 14 of the month the desperately conducted attack was given up and the Spanish troops retired to their lines severely crippled by the enormous losses they had suffered; winter quarters were taken up, the bombardment practically abandoned, and peace was declared on the 2nd of February following.

Thus ended one of the most memorable sieges that can be found in the pages of history, remarkable for many reasons, but most of all for the small loss of life among the defenders, who, during the three years and a half that the investment lasted, lost in all but 500 men, while they inflicted on the enemy a total loss of several thousands of lives.

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Western Civilization in China.

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It 'alves the gain, but safer you will find— For a single man gets bottled on them twisty wisty stairs,

An' a woman comes and clobb him from behind.

When you've turned 'em inside out, an' it seems beyond a doubt

As if there weren't enough to dust a flute, Before you sling your 'ook, at the 'ouse tops take a look,

For it's underneath the tiles they 'ide the loot.

As Tien Tsin was taken two months ago, we may safely infer from this tardy resolution of the European generals that their troops have been looting throughout the same period. It is not likely that there is a gilded Chinese God in all Pekin left undefaced, as of this particular piece of loot Kipling says:

"His eyes is very often precious stones."

European and American civilization may be modern, but their methods of waging war are disgracefully ancient.—Insurance and Finance Chronicle.

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Each Had What the Other Wanted.

An interesting anecdote is told of the meeting of the late Evangelist Moody and Mr. Gladstone in England. Mr. Gladstone attended the Moody and Saukey meetings, and was deeply impressed. Heartily grasping Mr. Moody's hand, the old statesman said to him:

"I wish I had your body."

Mr. Moody immediately replied, "I wish I had your head."

Mr. Gladstone responded, "I mean I wish I had your lungs," to which Mr. Moody again replied, "I wish I had your brains," and with hearty good wishes they parted.

Moving in the Matter.

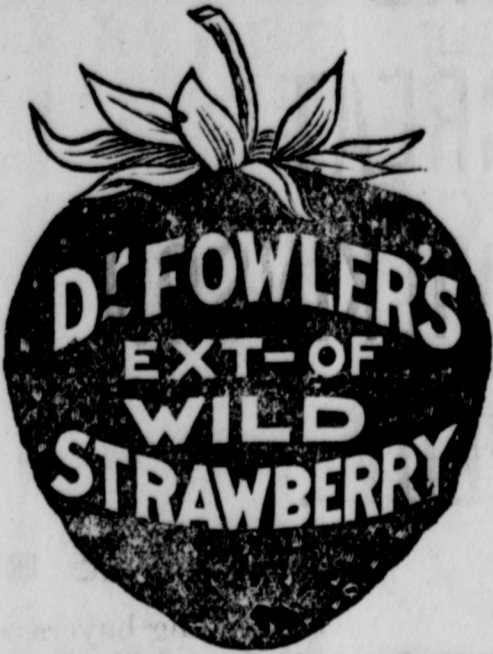
A gentleman residing near P—, drew the attention of the councillors to a slough on the road as a nuisance; but having never had any attention paid to his petition, one day found to his amusement two councillors floundering in the mire when he addressed them thus: "I have often petitioned to your honorable body against the slough, but never had any attention paid to my petition. I now come forth to express my delight to see you at last moving in the matter."

A Double Blow.

"Yes, we had quite a blow out at our house early this morning."

"Peculiar time for it."

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Kitty—"I have tried that, mamma, but they never do stop."

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1.20 P MIXED—Week days—for Fredericton, M etc., via Gibson Branch.

3.45 P MIXED—Week days—for Bath and M intermediate points.

4.40 P EXPRESS—Week days—for Saint John, Vanchoboro, Quebec (via Megantic) Sherbrooke, Montreal and all points West, Northwest, and on Pacific Coast: Bangor, Portland, Boston, etc. Palace Sleeper McAdam Jct. to Montreal.

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10.00 A. M.—MIXED—Week days, from McAdam Junction.

11.28 A. M.—EXPRESS—Week days, from Saint John, St. Stephen, St. Andrews, Boston, Montreal, etc.

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4.40 P. M.—EXPRESS—Week days, from Presque Isle, Caribou, Edmundston, etc.

5.50 P. M.—MIXED—Week days, from Houlton, etc.

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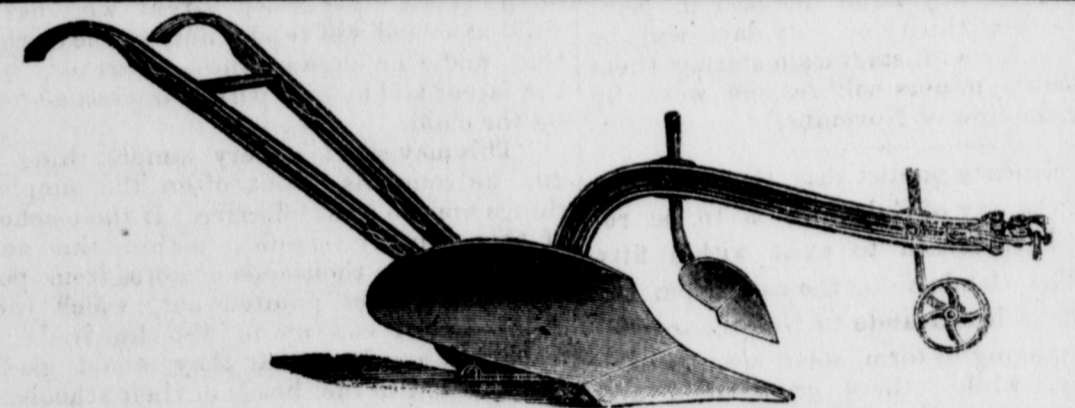
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