



LANDING OF UNITED STATES TROOPS AT FORT WALKER, AFTER THE BOMBARDMENT, NOVEMBER 7, 1861.

The Union flag was hoisted upon the staff of Fort Walker at 2.20 p. m. November 7, after a terrific bombardment by the strongest vessels of Commodore Du Pont's fleet. When the shells of the repeated broadsides hurled from the United States flagship Wabash struck the walls, dust arose in perpendicular columns, spreading at the top like trees in foliage. Most of the guns were dismounted, and after defending the ruins over four hours the garrison, says General Drayton, "retired slowly and sadly from their well-fought guns, which to have defended longer would have exhibited the energy of despair rather than the manly pluck of the true soldier." The appearance of the Union emblem over the conquered fort was greeted with the wildest cheers of the crews on board the warships, who, on the instant, climbed into the rigging and sent their huzzas over the waters in one grand and thrilling chorus.