Hopes Flared, Died In Roar of Guns

WHEN Nashville fell to the Federals, in the early spring of 1862, Harper's Weekly took note of the Northern victory with a doubly-page spread on the city, which contained the drawings shown here. The cover that week was a full-page portrait of Gen. William H. Grant, the "Hero of Fort Donelson.

Along with the drawings, Harper's published the following report on the city:

"It is, as everybody knows, the most prostrated of Southern cities, and the shock which it received from the fall of Forts Henry and Donelson was but the precursor to an event that would make it a pit of desolation and despair. The city of Nashville, now troubled, in fact, by the British, is, for all practical purposes, a military prison. The British authorities have ordered the inhabitants to yield up all arms and ordnance, and have prepared to establish a military government. The British flag is now flying over the city, and the inhabitants are living in a state of alm

This "general view of the city of Nashville, Tennessee" appeared in the city in the early spring of 1862. The drawing was made from the river bank, in the vicinity of the present General Hospital.

The American flag has not always floated from the cupola of the State Capitol as it now does. This drawing by Harper's of March, 1862, shows the Union flag flying from the roof top behind the tower.

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