

mished against the first who crossed, and then escaped through the woods.

1710.

In the evening the galliot reopened its bombardment of the fort, but with little effect, to the surprise of the English General; it enabled him, however, to send past the fort twenty-two flat-boats, carrying all his artillery, mortars and munitions of war. On the 8th, de Subercase, seeing where the enemy wished to plant batteries, fired so truly as to compel Nicholson, after losing many men, to beat a retreat.¹

The next day the cannonade lasted till noon. The besieged threw some shells into the English camp and into their quarters, causing great disorder.² A rain-storm that set in and lasted till evening, suspended fire on both sides. As soon as it ceased, the two galliots approached the fort and threw forty-two shells of two hundred pounds weight.³ The besiegers also endeavored to throw in carcasses;⁴ but they all burst on leaving the mortar. The English had a batteau loaded with them; but it was lost at the mouth of the harbor with its whole crew of forty men.

On the 10th they worked at their trenches and batteries, and towards evening again began to throw shells, keeping it up all night; only two, however, fell inside the fort, and these did no great harm. Five others burst in the air, and a fragment wounded la Tour, an officer, dangerously, and another carried off one corner of the King storehouse.⁵ I must, however, note that in the only account of this siege that I could discover, there is some confusion as to these different bombardments, the dates of which are not given exactly.

¹ Hutchinson, ii., p. 167, cites this also as unsupported.

² De Gannes says all the statements of cannonade and shelling by Subercase are false. Penhallow says "the fort fired very smartly" on the 27th, and on Oct. 1st they returned the British fire with "great guns and mortars."

³ De Gannes says seventy-five

75 lbs shells were thrown, only three of which entered the fort, doing no injury.

⁴ Carcasses were shells filled with irregular bits of metal to tear and lacerate.

⁵ De Gannes says two officers were injured, not by shells but by powder of a cannon that burst.