A tenrfeable panoramic view of a aoen* on Jumps River taken in HH¢, fifteen miles from Richmond. Izmir's Island is a point of land enclosed by an almost complete loop of the winding James. It is fifteen miles on a direct line from the former Confederate Capital, and by water, owing to the bends of the stream, some seven or eight miles more. When General Butler's Federal army had retreated from its futile attack on Drewry's Bluff, in May, 1864, to its strong entrenchments at Bermuda Hundred, southward, the military authorities, were in great fear that the Confederate flotilla and the ironclad ram Virginia No. 2 that was just being completed at Richmond would come down the stream, divide the army and separate it from its base. Much against the advice of many of the naval officers who commanded vessels of the Federal flotilla, obstructions were built across the channel almost from shore to shore at Trent's Reach, a broad stretch of water south of Farrar's Island. Further to strengthen the po on the river bank, batteries Wilcox, Pa away to the west was the powerful Con to the Federal forces; from thence cou ation was developed here. The Union the Confederate fleet from coming dow and torpedoes in Trent's Reach to hin strong forts along the river were for th miles above Dutch Gap, the neck of itself in with obstructions quite as fo farther up the James and before Peters