

Important from Vera Cruz and Tampico.

From the 6th of February, 1847. The steamship New Orleans, Capt. Auld, arrived at an early hour this morning from Vera Cruz, via Tampico and the Brazos.

On her departure from Vera Cruz, on the morning of the 14th inst., Gen. Pierce with his command of detachments from the 3d, 7th, 8th and 14th Infantry, a detachment of Artillery and 100 mules, and a quantity of provisions, amounting to 3,500 men and 150 mules, had taken up the line of march towards Puebla.

We arrived in Tampico on the morning of the 15th inst., at 8 o'clock. Col. Gates informed us that two hundred American prisoners who had been released from the city of Mexico had been ordered down to Tampico and re-embarked on the 13th inst. on the steamer Urdie and Mary Sommers on the 17th inst.

At 2 o'clock P. M. an express had arrived from Col. DeRussy, that they had been permitted to march up towards the river in a narrow pass by twelve or fourteen hundred Mexicans under General Garay. They had suffered considerable loss, but by the assistance of Capt. Wyse's artillery they had cut their way out and returned to the river and wanted assistance.

Col. Gates dispatched the New Orleans to Vera Cruz with a regiment on Col. Wilson for four companies of Infantry, and the steamers Urdie and Mary Sommers on the 17th inst. at 7 o'clock sailed for Tampico, and heard that the two detachments had returned and the result, as near as we could ascertain, was as follows: The detachments had marched up towards their place of destination, unopposed, until they came in a narrow pass, where they were surrounded by a large force of Mexicans, and the National Guards and marching towards the city. Everything was ready for an attack. The shipping was removed from between the city and the castle. Gen. Pierce came in and took a reinforcement of seven hundred men, making in all thirty-two hundred.

On the morning of the 12th inst., they continued fighting their way back toward the river, at intervals, until the morning of the 15th inst., when they were relieved by the reinforcement of 100 men sent by Col. Gates. They returned to the city late on the night of the 16th inst., with a loss of twenty killed, ten wounded and two missing, and fifteen or twenty horses and six pack mules. Capt. Wyse was the first who fell, with three balls in his body. A second lieutenant fell mortally wounded, and was taken down on the spot. The Mexican loss, by report of a Mexican, was 150 killed and wounded. Their general fled and left the charge to the second in command. The names of the officers who accompanied Col. DeRussy are not recollect.

Lieut. Whipple, acting adjutant of the 9th Infantry, was assailed by a small party of guerrillas on the 10th inst., when retiring from the cemetery, within four hundred yards of the walls of the city of Vera Cruz. They were pursued by the Americans, who could not overtake them. The chaplain has been searched for miles around, but his body could not be found.

Capt. William H. DuBois, of the 3d dragoons, died of vomit at Vera Cruz, on the afternoon of the 16th inst.

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Fevers of an alarming degree still prevail in Liverpool. In addition to the deaths already recorded, the Rev. Wm. Dale, of St. Mary's, Edmund street, died on the evening of Saturday week. He is the eighth victim of the pestilence among the Roman Catholic clergy of Liverpool. The authorities have been resolved to take instant steps now that the new year is coming into operation, and to firmly to remove the number of paupers which have so long besieged the city of Liverpool.

The potato crop is represented to be free from blight, and contributed not a little to the market. The Cotton Market has been steadily since the 10th. Sales pretty large and a considerable portion taken on speculation and for export. The reports from manufacturing districts are of a satisfactory and encouraging character. Some few failures are noticed in the Manchester reports, but they are not to be considered as serious.

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