

PITTSBURGH: SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 9, 1847.

DEBATE ON THE POST BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH

From our Extra yesterday, 1st inst., P. M. CONFIRMATORY ASSURANCE

Philadelphia, April 9, 10 o'clock, A. M. The news just received, corroborates the accounts given to our readers on day before yesterday, and establishes beyond doubt the fact, that a great victory over an immense host of the hostile Mexicans had been achieved.

By the despatches which reached Washington this morning, and which have just been telegraphed to this place, all apprehension as to the fate of our little army is removed.

Taylor with his command, at least accounts, safe in Monterey. All communication with Camargo was cut off by the Mexicans.

After the battle at Saltillo, the Mexicans were permitted to return and bury their dead.

It is but proper to add that the despatches received at Washington are not official, but every reliance may be placed in them. It is supposed that Taylor's communications to the Department at Washington, giving a detailed account of his operations, were intercepted by the enemy.

Santa Anna has sent a communication to the Mexican Congress in favor of peace, and we are informed by our despatches that his loss at Buena Vista amounted to about 3000. The remainder of his army is in a deplorable condition of starvation.

Five thousand of his troops have deserted. Colonel Curtis and Gregg, with the Ohio and Virginia volunteers, and Hunter's U. S. Dragoons, it was reported, had defeated the Mexicans under Gen. Urea.

Gen. Lovell, who, on account of ill health, had been returned from the command of Fort Brown, had returned home.

The North Carolina, Virginia and Massachusetts volunteers arrived at the Brazos.

It is said that Santa Anna is in full retreat again upon San Louis Potosi.

Michiganmen Rogers has been rescued. He was on his way, under guard for the cattle and sheep of the army, when he was intercepted and captured by the Americans.

GEN SCOTT AT VERA CRUZ. PENNSYLVANIA TROOPS.

The American troops were landed a few miles below Vera Cruz, in a surf boat, under a heavy fire of shells and round shot from the Mexican batteries, but without having sustained much damage.

The attack on the Mexican defenses and approaches to the city, was made in three divisions, led, respectively, by Generals Worth, Patterson, and Twiggs.

In the assault upon the Mexican works, Captain Albertus, of the 20th Infantry, and 17 men were killed on the part of the Americans.

The city was completely invested, and all the water pipes cut off from it. All the redoubts on the Mexican were captured by our gallant troops at the point of the bayonet, and every thing within the walls of the city.

Gen. Worth with his division encountered the Mexican cavalry and completely dispersed them. Several magazines were captured, and a great deal of the enemy's ammunition had been taken.

As soon as the American troops were debarked from their boats, and looted by the Mexicans, they were captured and marched towards the city with utmost alacrity and enthusiasm.

Both the Pennsylvania Regiments behaved bravely and nobly—sustaining fully all the high expectations that had been formed of them.

A large number of beef cattle, with other provisions, intended for the supply of the beleaguered City and Castle of Vera Cruz, were intercepted and captured by the force under Gen. Twiggs.

The want of cavalry was severely felt by the Americans. That description of force was much needed to overtake and cut off the retreat of the Mexicans, who had gone off with a vast treasure in specie and other valuables.

The City of Vera Cruz, now completely invested, must soon fall into our hands. The plans and dispositions made by General Scott are spoken of as most excellent.

OFFICIAL DESPATCHES.

Philadelphia, 5 o'clock, P. M., April 2. Official despatches from Gen. Taylor have been received at Washington sent by the hands of Lieut. Critchfield. He left Gen. Taylor at Buena Vista on the 7th of March. He came with an escort of 250 men, commanded by Major Giddings with 150 empty wagons in company.

Near Saratoga he discovered Gen. Urea with a force under him 1500 strong. He gave battle and repulsed him after a noble struggle.

Doubtful Economy.

The miserable, halting, half way policy of the Government in the management of the Mexican War, was never more strikingly displayed than in the recent capture of Santa Anna at this point.

The price stipulated for this service was \$2000 to each man, carrying two companies. This price was considered by proprietors too low for profitable business, and no conditions acquainted with the matter will pronounce it otherwise.

For our own part we thought Captain Birmingham needlessly sacrificed the lives of his men for the sake of a few weeks before, was \$1000 each boat.

But rise rules, in the instance of the soldier now assembling here, have conceived a project of economizing by engaging boats with full freight to be hired by the way, at the cost of \$2000 each.

Never so much as at this moment, was there so urgent a necessity for expediting troops to the scene of action, when our gallant little force demands reinforcement and require aid. And this in the moment when to save a paltry thousand dollars by detaining the troops three, four, five, or six days after they have been sent, will cost by boats paid to carry them thither and so on.

The transaction is insulting to Capt. Birmingham, the Quarter Master here, is an affront to the Government that no necessary delay should occur, either in the departure of the troops from this point, or in their transportation to the Rio Grande, or that a penny wise and pound foolish principle could have governed the special agent of the Government in his languishing for the transports.

In regard to the last paragraph of the above article, we would remark, that the President and Secretary of War, are both incapable of conceiving anything other than the most judicious and prudent course.

We shall not undertake to give reasons, why a Special Agent was sent here to attend to the business of the Secretary of War, and which is acknowledged by all parties singularly well qualified to perform.

For the same reason we oppose the Sub Treasury bill. It draws a dividing line between the Government and the people. It is no fiction to say that it gives a kind of currency to the sub-treasury and another kind to the other. But the institutions of the States are established by the general government of the Federal Government, and it is not proper that a few individual parties officers in the service of the Administration should be authorized to issue a kind of currency to the people.

The bill is a constant violation of the principle which teaches us to pray, "lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thou art holy, O Lord, and we have a wicked and perverse people." It is a constant violation of the principle which teaches us to pray, "lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thou art holy, O Lord, and we have a wicked and perverse people."

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We copy the above from the Gazette of Thursday. We were a little surprised to find that the new editor, who is a stranger here, and unacquainted with the opinions of his own party, should have inserted such a libelous article.

We think Mr. Brock is well qualified to make a manly assault upon the Independent Treasury. We think Mr. Brock is well qualified to make a manly assault upon the Independent Treasury.

We are entirely willing to go to the people on this issue. Sub-Treasury or State Bank Deposits, we will like it better—Sub-Treasury or National Bank.

What party was more loud in denunciations of the State Bank Deposit scheme, temporarily reorganized, than the Whigs? And what party was more injurious to the country? Does the editor of the Gazette advocate a resort to this exploded system again?

To assume that individuals appointed by government, sworn and required to give ample security, are not as safe as bank officers, is preposterous. Such is the assumption of Mr. Brock and all the opponents of the Sub-Treasury.

That there may be defalcations under the Sub Treasury, we think possible; that disaster will befall on a State Bank Deposit system is an event which we will not believe in.

What a state was "war."—The Hon. DEXTER WEAVER, who has been eagerly looking towards the Presidential mansion for the last twenty years, is no farther from it than ever, he has recently taken his departure from Boston, on a political pilgrimage to the West. His precise route of travel and his ultimate destination, are not yet fully known. We believe, however, that he is intending to travel through Virginia, and after paying his respects to that great little man, William C. Rives, will continue on to Cincinnati, where he will be publicly fested, and will make a highly successful tour of country, praising the Mexicans and highly abusive towards the President. We believe our Virginia friends in Pittsburgh have not forgotten Mr. Weaver with an invitation to visit the Iron City. An unkind cut, that!

Our good friends, the "White Editors of this city" have said nothing lately on the subject of the "Irish Relief Bill." This is singular. The "Patriot" appears very much engaged about "Folk" and "Spain Anna." When shall this theme be exhausted?

Deacon White lost his cloak some time ago, which is the cause of this having been hung in his trunk at the Telegraph station—he had a cloak to cover this sin.

In lieu of his cloak, however, he has got three new suits.

See—The American Eagle, which arrived at New York, March 30, from London, has about \$500,000, and the Age, which arrived yesterday from Havana, \$100,000.

The Sabie Melodians give another entertainment this evening. There is a rare fund of amusements. Fill the house for them.

Details of the Great Victory.

Taylor and Santa Anna. (From the New Orleans Times of the 24th.)

On the 23d inst., the celebrated army of General Taylor, U. S. A. arrived in safety at Matamoros. Previous to his arrival, communications between Monterey and our gallant little army, had been closed for several days. Dr. Turner communicated to one of our correspondents a hurried account of the services of our gallant little army, and that General Taylor's forces amounted to 17,000 strong, and Gen. Taylor's army to 12,000.

The battle began on the glorious anniversary of the birth of Washington, a day for the Mexicans to remember, and for the Americans to glory in. The Mexicans advanced upon him with great confidence, and were met by our gallant volunteers with the calmness of veterans. A fierce and bloody struggle followed, in which our gallant little army, by the use of their artillery and musketry, completely defeated the Mexicans, and drove them back upon their camp.

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