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IMPORTANT NEWS FROM VERA CRUZ. | No doubt is expressed of the successful termina- | shell and round shot from the town and castle, | romplete, and as we had no cavalry, they could Successful Landing of our Porces.

Water and Supplies Cut off from the Enemy-Recornoisance-Landingthe American Forces -Carrying Redoubts-Ines of Capt. Albur-Cruz-Rescue of Midshipman Rogers-The Squadron, &c., &c.

[From the N. O. Delta, 25th ult-]

By the arrival, at an early hour this morning, of the schr. Portis, Capt. Powell, which left Sacrificios on the 15th justant, we are in receipt of the following highly interesting intelligence Albany, and John Adams; Steamers Vixen from the forces co-operating against Vera Cruz. and Spitfire ; Ganboats Reefer, Petrel, Bonita For the facts detailed we are indebted to our and Bell. The Gunboats carry medium 32s. correspondence and conversations with peasen-

Troops were landed, after a recoinnoisance on the 7th, by Generals Scott, Patterson, Worth Pillow, Quitman and Twiggs, with their Aids and the Topographical corps, which approached near the shore, towards the direction of the Cas tle, the guns from San Juan de Ulloa opening fire upon the party, throwing shell and round hot, but without doing any damage to the reconnoitering party-the round-shot either passing over or falling short, and the shell, although thrown with precision, bursting at a consideraover the steamer Petrits, (the vessel employed under her bow, without doing her any injury.

The reconnoisance was made while the trans-Lizardo; after their return, and the least possible delay, transports and conveys weighed anchor and stood to the Southward of Sacrificine, bearing in towards the main line, with a fair ty breeze and in a gallant style, when they came to anchor, the convoys taking position in such a manner as to protect the disembarkation of the troops, the first, 6000, being landed at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the 9th, and the remainder dering the day. The landing is spoken of try nersons who were eye-witnesser, as a scene of magnificence, rarely witnessed more than once in a lifetime. The troops landed smounted to the exact number of 12,000.

After the landing, the different columns took up their line of march for the positions assigned to them in the important action and siege of

Vera Crue. The steamers Vixen and spitfire, lying under Punts de Hornos, opened on the city across the point and in the direction of the Castle, with shell and round shot, which was returned by the

General Worth's division, which, it is said, s been assigned to the operations on the left flank of the city, from the locality of the landing on the South and under Punta de Hornos, had necessarily to move in eschellon to the rear past the right, in order to gain his proper position-in the execution of which it became necessary to attack and take possession of two redoubts thrown up by the enemy, on one of which was a piece of artillery, and both filled with infantry. The redoubts were attacked, charged and taken, a spirited resistance being made by the enemy, who lost several in killed, wounded and prisoners-our loss some seven killed and severely wounded. Capt. Alburtis, of the 2d Infantry, was killed by a round shot, supposed to be from the Castle; the ball severed his head from his body, the same shot taking off the arm of a drummer (a boy) and wounded a private. Capt. Alburtis was a Virginian, and formerly conducted a newspaper in Fredericksburg. Col. Dixon was wounded in the breast by a musket shot.

The skirmishing was however no check to the advancing column, which passed steadily forward to its position on the left and rear of the city, where it halted and commenced the work of entrechment.

The pipes used for the purpose of supplying the city with fresh water have been discovered and broken up, completely cutting off the supply from the tanks, which are situated some distance

During the advance upon the rear of the city. passed midshipman Rogers, who had not yet been sent from Vera Crus, was bound on a cart and ordered to be conveyed, under a guard, to the prison at Perote, but fortunately they were encountered by our forces, and Mr. Rogers was rescued and is now on board his ship.

The city is now completely surrounded by our troops, each division having taken a strong tance towards the city, and then turning inland, and advantageous position, with entrenchments completely cutting off all communication by sea or land, and, at the same time, are safe from the fire of the Castle. The positions of divisions were established on the 13th, extending from Punta de Hornos, on the right, to Punta de la Catita, on the left, in one unbroken line, and active preparations were on foot for the immediate subjugation of this formidable place.

So closely is Vera Cruz now besieged, and so entirely are every means of communication cut off, that, in a very few days, the news must reach us that both the city and castle are occupied by our victorous troops.

tion of the enterprise.

The Portia was delayed from the 13th to the 15th by the prevalence of a Norther, during which time the discharge of heavy ordnance tis and Seven Men-Investment of Vera was frequently heard, which doubtless proceeded from the Castle.

The vessels belonging to the squadron employed in the service as convoys, and for the covering the landing of the troops below Punta de Hornos, are; Flagship Raritan; Frigates

Arrived at S. W. Pass on 20th, Pilot boat Frolic, Capt, J. J. Sullivan, 17 days from Holmes' Hole, reports having been passed by steamer Mississippi on the 10th, in lat, 31 deg. 8m., long. 76 deg. 19m, steering South.

[Correspondence of the Delta.]

OFF ANTON LIZARDO, Merch 7, 1847.) On board U. S. steamer Petr ta. 5

Eds. Delta-On the 6th March, 1847, at 9 M. we got under way to reconnoitre the city of Vera Cruz and the Castle, (with the Petrita,) bearing Com. D. G. Conner, in comble elevation, doing no harm, one shell passing pany with Generals Scott, Worth, Patterson and Pillow, with their aids and tographical enin the reconneisance,) and another bursting gineers. At 2 P. M., stood in between the castle and Blancquilla, within a mile and a half of the castle. After passing Blancquilla we ports and convoys were lying off at Anton stood in to the southward, and when we came within reach of their guns, they fired at us seven shell and four round shot; some of which went over us and some fell short. It was pretwarm work, I tell you, for we had on board all the chief commanders of both the army and

> We returned to Anton Lizardo about 4 P. M., and all the officers returned to their vessels. The following officers are attached to the Petrita ;-Lieut. Com'g Samuel Lockwood; Acting Lieut. Midshipman Walter W. Queen: 2d Ass't Engineers, John Mixon and Richard M. Johnson. Yours,

> [Special Correspondence of the Picavone.] SACRIFICION, near Vera Cruz, March 11, 1847. Gentlemen-I have already written, mention-

Day before yesterday the order was given to this letter will never reach you. move from Anton Lizardo to this place. This in close to the shore, about three miles below the city, and anchored. One of the small naval steamers ran along the shore and fired a gun at the place of landing as a feeler, to ascertain if

Nothing was revealed and the order was giren to advance. The surf boats, about fifty in number, each containing from eighty to a hundred men moved off in gallant style and in the most perfect order. As the boats approached the shore near enough to touch ground, the men leaped out and formed lines by companies, and marched ashore. No opposition was offered. Gen. Patterson's division (the 24) next debarked n the same manner, and were followed by the 3d or Gen Twiggs' division. It was past midnight before the troops cessed landing. The surf boats were manned by the sailors from the United States fleet, who labored with right good will. The officers of the navy have done all in their power to assist the army in its movements.

About 2 o'clock the next murning there was beach. The troops cheered, and those who had plete. fallen into a doze upon the sand banks sprang suddenly to their arms. Our picket guard had approached that of some Mexican cavalty who were watching our movements, and had received one or two shote. About half an hour afterwards a detachment of our men fell in with some thirty or forty cavalry, and several volleys were fired, the balls of the enemy falling into our tolumn but seriously injuring no one,

At sunrise, Gen. Worth led off his division in advance, following the beach for some discame in sight of several hundred Mexican cavairy, drawn up about half a mile from the shore. the top of a sand hill, and a fire was opened. which soon scattered the enemy. The division continued to penetrate to the interior among the sand hills, the Mexicans retreating before them.

The 2d and 3d divisions followed close and took positions. Gen. Patterson sent Gen. Pillow's brigade to the interior, and took his position on the luft of Gen. Worth's division. Gen.

At 8 o'clock, A. M., the little United States fired a number of shells into the place, receiving fire from the castle in return.

This morning our army moved still neares the town-Worth's Division on the right and resting on the sea shore, Gen. Patterson's in the centre, extending back into the country, an ! Gen. Potomac and Princeton; Sloops St. Mary's, Twigg's Division on the left, still farther to the

They have approached considerably within range of the guns in the town, and can be reached by those in the castle, from both of which brisk cannonading has been kept up during the day. The line extends across the railroad which goes from the town to the magazine, and the adveguet which supplies the city with water is likewise in our possession. In short, the city is fairly invested, and communication by the main-roads cut off. Entrenchments have been marked out, (aml will be worked on tonight,) which are near emough to the walls to tender our heavy guns effective. These guns have not been taken on shore.

Steptoe's light battery, with the horses, have been landed, with several pieces of larger calibre. Neither Duncan's nor Taylor's battery has arrived, nor has Col. Harney reached here with the 2d Bragoons. A member of vessels with troops and ordnance, which were due a week ago, have not been heard of.

There has been considerable skirmishing to day, and some twenty of our men wounded, among them, Lieut. Col. Dixon, of the South Carolina regiment, but not dangerously. Fifteen or twenty of the Mexican cavalry have been taken prisoners, horses and men, and some fifty killed. This evening, a 32 pounder ball from the city fell into the 2d Intantry, taking of the head of Capt. William Alburtis, of that regiment, and severely, if not mortally wounding two men.

I have written the foregoing in haste, and have purposely avoided particulars, fearing that, in attempting to give them I might commit too many errors. I was prevented by circumstances from going into the field m-day, but felt the ing our arrival here. It is now time to foot up more easy about it, as both Mr. Kendall and the news to this evening, which I must do by Mr. Lumsden were there. To-morrow the tug only giving the outlines, as there is a probabili- of war commences in carnest, and I shall be ty of the Alabama leaving in a short time for there to see it. Should the Alabama start to-New Orleans, and the field of operations is too night or before I return, you will receive thisextensive to allow of my gathering particulars. If not, as Pat would say, you are informed that

It is said that Gen. -- has been cut off from M., the first division (Gen. Worth's) had taken opposite the fleet at Auton Learth, probably its place in the surf boats. The gun boats ran thinking that our troops would land there. It is said that there are only about 4500 troops in Vera Cruz and the Castle.

P. S -March 13. - Yesletday was a boister ous day. A heavy norther spraig up in the there were concealed batteries or troops to up morning and continued all day. There was so firing on shore, but I suspect our people were busy preparing the entrenchments.

The bark Temaroo has just been turned to a position convenient for landing the siege guns with which she is haded. The second Dragroons have not arrived, nor have the light batteries of Duncan and Taylor. The Alabama goes out to Tampico to night, and I will send this by hear, hoping it may reach you early. 11.

> CAMP NEAR VERA CRUZ, March 12, morning.

I wrote you a hasty letter last evening, with short account of the movements of the day. After it was threed the Rifles under Col. Smith had a brisk action with the enemy, in which the latter, after a partial success at the outset, were finally driven back with considerable loss. This morning the line of investment - some five

I do not think, from all that I can see and learn, that Gen. Scott will be able to plant his batteries for several thays to come, and until he can make a good show he will not open upon the town at all. When the bombardment does commence it will be in cornest.

Capt, Vinton of the artillery has been ordered to take up a position at a lime kiln close to the walls of the city, and this he has effected without loss.

Anticipating an attack upon this point last night, General Worth went out, after dark, with two companies to support Capt. V., but nothing occurred. There was some little skirmishing A small howitzer was immediately drawn up to at the different pickets during the night, but otherwise all was quiet.

Col. Harney's dragoons have not as yet arrived, yet their services are greatly needed. It is said that a large train of pack mules, which went out of the city yesterday, took a heavy amount of specie as well as valuables. All this property might probably have been captured Twiggs took his position to the rear of Patter- so reported last evenging that something like tirely of colored persons. The object is to carson's. An old cathedral was taken possession one thousand Mexicans were seen coming in ry on the tauning business, with a capital of of by Gen. Pillow, and soon afterwards a maga- towards sundown, by the main road from Mexi- \$6000 divided into chares of \$20. None but zine containing 150 boxes of ammunition. Du- co with a large drove of cattle for the belongue. | colored persons are permitted to own stock .city will surrender in the course of ten weeks, ring all this time the enemy kept up a fire of red city; but as the investment was not then I The above are nearly all taken up.

few of which reached our line, and those doing not be taken. I learn, however, that General Twiggs, who commands on the northern side of the city, succeeded during the day in capturing steamer Spitfire ran in close to the town and quite a number of cattle. A norther is now blowing which it is hoped will bring in the 2d Drage ons.

At the magazine, which was captured day before yesterday, a considerable quantity of ammunition was taken. It was evidently of English or American make, as it was labelled "short ranged," "long range," &c. &c., in good vernacular. The Mexicans managed to get off safely the larger portion of their ammunition, and it is now carefully stowed away inside the city walls.

Capt, Albertis, who was killed yesterday. was sitting at the foot of a tree at the time he was struck. The bill carried away almost his entire head, took off the arm of a drummer boy, and wounded a corporal besides. It had gone entirely over one of the Pennsylvania regiments before it reached the spot where the brave but unfortunate captain was sitting.

It would take a page of our paper to give full effect to a description of the first landing of our roops on the afternoon of the 9th-a more stirring spectacle has probably never been witnessed in America. In the first time there were no less than seventy heavy surf boats, containing nearly 4000 regulars, and all of them expreted to meet an enemy before they struck the shore. Notwithstanding this, every man was anxious to be first-they plunged into the water waist deep as they reached the shore—the eters and stripes" were instantly floating-a mah was made for the sand hills, and amid oud shouts they passed onward.

Three long and loud cheers arose from their comrades still on board, awaiting to be embarked, and meanwhile the tops and every portion of the foreign vessels were crowded with speclators of the scene. Not one who witnessed it will ever forget the landing. Why the Mexicans did not oppose us is a greater mystery than ever, considering their great advantages at the time, and that they have since opposed every step of our advance.

The troops, both regulars and volunteers, have suffered incredibly since the landingmarching over the heavy sand hills, withou water, under a boiling sun during the day, and sleeping out without tents or bedding during the heavy dews which have fallen at nightexposed, too, to a continual fire from the batte-G. W. K. such troops. Yours, &c.

U. S. SLOOP OF WAR ALBANY,

SAURIPICTOS, March 13, morning. The Pertia will sail immediately, and by her I rend you a few lines more. The norther has completely blown itself out, so that by breakfast time the surfacets will again be enabled to reach the shore.

At half past & o'clock this morning, the 'enemy opened with round shot and shell, not only from the batteries around the town but from

Rockets twee also thetwo, and the sky at imes was completely fit by by them; yet a large portion of them fell far short. In the raean little our own men are compelled to remain quiet and take this fire—the hardest duty a soldier has to perform. All are anxious to strike back, and they will be gratified in the course of a few days. In haste, G. W. K.

witer gives an account of an extraordinary bullhight in the Metropolis "to raise lunds for the national war." He describes the first bull who was let lonse to attack an effigy of a North A. merican; but it was the second bull who attacked it, and three more effigies were added, filled with fireworks, which went off to the admiration of the populace. When such exhibitions are got up near the Halls of the Montezumas to raise money for the war, the treasury must be at a low ebb. We presume that Santa Anna or some other Mexicans have met the real North Americans by this time and seen all their fire works !- Exchange.

Invisints Runskit.kk .- The Lawrence, Mass Messenger says, that a rumseller in that town has constructed a partition in his store, behind which he places himself, and the person wish- pride and glory of the army. ing to purchase, puts his money into a drawer, which is drawn back, and a glass of liquor shoved out. The buyer does not see the seller, consequently does not know of whom he purthases, and no complaint can be made. The Messenger thinks that the ingenuity of the temperance men will find some means of bringing the offender to justice before a great while.

There is about to be established at South had Gen. Scott had a cavalry force. It was al- Trenton, N. J. a stock company consisting an-

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[From the N. O. Com. Times, March, 25.] The Scene of War. Further Particulars of the Late Battle-Movements of the Rival Forces.

The schooner Emms Norton, which arrived vesterday afternoon from Brazos Santingo, brought verbal information to the effect that Gen. Urrea, who had occupied the country between Monterey and Camargo, had been defeated by Col. Curtis, and driven off with great loss.

The following report, which we issued in a slip yesterday afternoon, was furnished us by a

"Gen. Urrea, with 6000 cavalry and infantry, was between Camargo and Monterey, on the 7th inst., and Col Curtis, with the Ohio regiment, that was stationed at Camargo at the time, marched out to meet and attack them. The fight lasted for several hours, and Col. Curtis, having been met by superior numbers, Urrea managed to surround him, and the Colonel was in an unpleasant dilemma, as his retreat to Camargo was cut off, when he was empouraged by the timely aid of Col. Drake, who commenced a sharp fire upon the enemy's rear.

As soon as the firing was heard by Col. Curtis, he made a desperate charge and effected a junction with Col. Drake, which enabled them to gain a decisive victory. Urrea retired precipitately, and the line of communications on the Rio Grande is thus entirely re-opened."

That this was reported in Matamoras on the 12th there is no doubt. Our informant still believes that the report is absolutely true, but the Flag of the 13th makes no mention of it; on the contrary, it has this article on the subject :

"Col. Curtis' merch from Camargo, to offer battle to Gen. Urrea, appears to have operated powerfully upon that general. Without ricking a battle, the gallant Mexican, with his 3,-000 chosen troops, 'all dressed in yellow buckskin, precipitately retreated towards Tula Pasa We have expected better of Urrea; and that the gallant 3d Ohio boys might have an opportunity of distinguishing themselves; much desired he should try their mettle."

We mentioned yesterday that it was reported that Santa Anna was falling beck on San Louis. The following is the article of the Flag of the 18th inst., on the suthority of which we so

We understand from reliable authority that there are letters in town from Mexicans stating that Santa Anna is in full refreat to San Louis Potosi. The letters also state that he held a consultation with his principal officers after the ries from the enemy; yet not a murmur has first day's engagement, and that a retreat was been heard. Anything can be effected with then strenuously advocated. Before the battle commenced, the Mexicans firmly believed that Gen. Taylor would retire before their vastly superior numbers, and that in his retreat they could supply themselves with provisions, of which they were much in need, almost starving. Finding the Americans obsticate and determined to fight for their eatables with the forocity of bull dogs, they despaired of getting a dinner from them, and deemed it prudent to retire.

It will be recollected that Dr. Turner informed us that the better opinion at Camargo was that Santa Anna had moved from Agua Nueva upon Parras. It does not appear credible that he should attempt to recross the desert to San Luis with his army. It is said that on their first march, 4000 pack mules, laden with watet, accompanied the army, and that the greater part of them have been lost by dispersion.

Capt. Monaghan, of the Subsistence Department, commands a company which he has raised on Brazos Island, intended for the defence Buth Fight in Mexico.—The Mexican Mo. of that port. They are called the Taylor Guards. When the firing at Matamoras in honor of Buena Vista was heard at the Brazos, the Guards were called out. Capt. Monaghan selected twelve men, and with them pushed on to Matamoras in the night, expecting to find the town attacked. He was, of course, very agreesbly surprised at learning the true state of af-

Buena Viera - Along the whole line of the Rio Grande, there is but one tone-that of exultation-pervading our troops and fellow-citizens, sojourning for a while, or located on its many points of occupation, in convequence of the late glorions news. In Texas also, the whole country is alive with joy and triumph. Gen. Taylor seems to have put the crowning stone to the fabric of the National fame, in this war, and is cited by 'initeld thousands, as the

General Taylor, daring the battle, sent five hundred men round to occupy the pass in the mountains in the rear of the Mexican army. Santa Anna, with 250 men, was the first to retreat, and had barely time to escape this detach-

The remainder of the Mexican army, by the accounts, were hemmed in on this side of the pass, and can only effect their retreat by desperate mer, sures, as besides the difficulty of effecting the pass in the mountains, the desert lies beyond them in the direction of San Luis Potosi, without water or other supplies. The battle ground lies about sixteen miles this side of the position ir the mountains where the Micr prisoners were retaken in 1849, after having overpowered and escaped from their guard.