

[From the N. O. Delta, 17th.]
The Prisoners of Mexico.
His fair Promise—The Hussars—Striking Contrast—The Mexican Army on the March to Buena Vista—Campaigns between the Prisoners and the Mexican Soldiers—Santa Anna's Plan of Operations—Great hopes of the Mexicans—Capt. Riley's Company of Deserters—The Prisoners' Arrival at Mexico—Santa Anna's Feud between the Americans and the Consists—Revolution in the City—Gloomy News from Buena Vista—Santa Anna's Despatches—Three Cheers—Arrival of the Prisoners—Suffering of the Prisoners—Their release from Prison and Journey to Huajuclayta, Gen. Garay—They are detained at Huajuclayta—Santa Anna's Escape and Arrival at Tampico.

After the escape of Capt. Henric, the prisoners were closely guarded, and proceeded on their journey to San Luis. They had not gone far before met Gen. Santa Anna on his march to Buena Vista to attack Gen. Taylor. The General was in a large and showy carriage drawn by six beautiful mules, and escorted by a battalion of hussars most superbly mounted. As the prisoners passed, his carriage was stopped, the hussars drew up, and at the request of Santa Anna, Major Gaines was introduced to him. The wily Mexican was all smiles, and he warmly expressed his regret to find the Major and his party in their unfortunate situation, but promised them the most kindly treatment and hoped that they would soon be exchanged and would be able to rejoin their friends. The manners of the Mexican general were certainly very fine and prepossessing, but the prisoners would have been better satisfied with coldness and severity of his kindly disposition. The contrast between the prisoners and the magnificent retinue of Santa Anna formed a picture which would have been as striking as that of a Martin or a David. The ill-dressed, ragged, unarmed prisoners, with their staff frames and hold and many countenances, without shoes or hats, and many without coats, but in the hands of the Indian fashion, stood with erect and unswerving before the array of the elegantly accoutred and well armed hussars, mounted on choice steeds, and wearing spears and heavy sabres. Indeed there was one of those proud but unfortunate representatives of the Anglo-American race who would not have given all his prospects in life to have had one chance more of entering rifle and deadly bow knife against the serried ranks of these bearded and whiskered hussars. But this interview was soon terminated, and Gen. Santa Anna and his retinue resumed their journey and proceeded onward with great rapidity.

The prisoners passed for several days large bodies of Mexican soldiers, who seemed to be pushing on with great rapidity. They were in fine condition, well equipped and supplied with all the necessary supplies. As they passed the prisoners, many of the soldiers would insult them by gross and obscene epithets, and they were to be cut, or that they were to be hung up. The only reply our boys made to these cowardly remarks was a very significant gratuity, which was a thumb applied to the apex of their nasal appendage, and a hint that Old Zack would give them a dose which would make them laugh on the other side of their faces. At night the prisoners were separated from the divisions of the Mexican army, and from the soldiers they learned what were Santa Anna's designs. He had intercepted, they said, letters from Gen. Scott, showing that Gen. Taylor's army was reduced to a few thousand ill-disciplined troops, and that the whole valley of the Rio Grande was without an adequate force to protect it. Santa Anna had but a few thousand men to annihilate Taylor, recapture Saltillo, Monterey, Camargo, and the whole valley of the Rio Grande, possess himself of the immense supplies of our army, then push on to Corpus Christi and the bay, and take the valley of the Mississippi and lay waste that whole vast country. Certainly this design was worthy of the Napoleon of the West.

In the rear of the Mexican army, the prisoners met Capt. Riley, with his company of deserters from the American army. He had already eighty or ninety men, who constituted the main force of the Mexican army, and said he was picking up more every day. He made a great effort to persuade some of the prisoners to join him, promising them as much as money as they wanted, and declared that it was impossible for Gen. Taylor to resist Santa Anna's army, which was thirty thousand strong and that the whole of the valley of the Rio Grande would be divided among the troops. It is necessary to say that the traitor's proposals were received by our gallant volunteers with scorn and contempt. "The prisoners were more than satisfied with their situation afterwards in the Carol St. Jago, that Capt. Riley's company was all cut to pieces and but twenty ever returned to the city of Mexico. This twenty, together with other American deserters, were accompanied from our army at Tampico and Vera Cruz, became so disorderly and unruly in their habits that they were ordered out of the city, and on their way, were attacked by a large Mexican force and all put to the sword. On the first of March the prisoners arrived within nine miles of the city of Mexico, when the Colonel in command of the guard received orders to detain them at the place where they then was until the revolution, which was then raging in the city, had abated. But the revolution continuing longer than was expected, the prisoners were marched into the city on the night of the 4th March, and were lodged in the secure prison-fortress of San Jago. Here they found themselves surrounded by the principal malefactors and convicts of Mexico, and a more rascally, filthy and villainous set, were never before congregated. Their impertinent and disgusting behavior excepted out of the town in ten days should give them a little disciplining. Sev-

eral of them were well lodged by the Americans, and they had sprung up in good sequence, which, notwithstanding the effect of the good natured, respectable old Governor, he came down one morning after one of the rows between the convicts and the American soldiers, and proceeded to give them many graces, much perspiration, and a face full of wisdom and gravity, to draw a chalk line across the floor of the prison, assigning one American to each Mexican, and the other. And as he completed this sage and ingenious scheme for preserving the peace, the jolly old fellow chuckled very heartily over his wisdom and self-satisfaction.

For fifteen days did this scene revolution rage in the city. The parties would rally in the morning, and while it was cool and pleasant, would fire at each other, very comfortably retiring for their coffee and lunch. In the heat of the day they would suspend operations altogether, but at dark they would begin the battle with great ferocity, and fight the whole night long.

Proposals were made by both of the parties to our prisoners to release them if they would fight on their side. The Mexicans and heard of the offer with great interest, they believed that it was only necessary for the prisoners to join either party, to secure its success in the strife then going on. The American prisoners, however, looking on, like a man at his own betrothed, and his husband and her not, caring a copper which way pleased.

In the midst of the revolution the first news of the battle of Buena Vista, reaching the ears of the American prisoners, of bells, and much rejoicing on the account of the joyful tidings. Bad news travels fast, and the prisoners were soon informed by the Mexican army of the route and capture of General Taylor's whole army, and of the Gen. Butler, and several of our most distinguished officers. Although but little disposed to rely in Mexican terms there was such an air of mystery, however, in the report, that the prisoners were forced to give some credence, and were overwhelmed with grief and mortification by the disastrous result. But soon other stories were circulated, conflicting with the first, and attending to throw doubt upon the story of Santa Anna's splendid triumph. At last the hurried despatches of the Mexican Gen. were received, and the news of the joining in the city subsided most precipitately.

A copy of this despatch was thrown down, by means of a twin-string, from the hands of the officers were confined to the main court-yard, and they were taken, and was eagerly and joyously perused by them. It was evident that Gen. Santa Anna had sustained a decided repulse, and the principal part of his army was in retreat. On the Mexicans were somewhat restored by the arrival of the trophies of the battle of Angostura. The three little cannon of Lincolnton, which, by the capture of the Texan, and the colors, together with a few markers, were brought into the city in a triumphal car, and were received with great rejoicing, as they were a noble trophy.

The whole story however, of the bloody fight of Buena Vista was soon as familiar to the prisoners as a "hired fool tale." Their only regret was their unfortunate exclusion from the honors which were so glorious victory. The party of Major's Gaines and Bortland had been afterwards judged by that of Capt. Heady, and also by that of Gen. Scott, showing that Gen. Taylor's army was reduced to a few thousand ill-disciplined troops, and that the whole valley of the Rio Grande was without an adequate force to protect it. Santa Anna had but a few thousand men to annihilate Taylor, recapture Saltillo, Monterey, Camargo, and the whole valley of the Rio Grande, possess himself of the immense supplies of our army, then push on to Corpus Christi and the bay, and take the valley of the Mississippi and lay waste that whole vast country. Certainly this design was worthy of the Napoleon of the West.

arrived here in the Home got safely into town, and they were not allowed to remain, they were routed back to Huajuclayta. One of the same party and two others of another party, also arrived at Tampico. The five who are now in our city, started from the night of the 21st, and were with their jack-knives and one-eiseknif among their effects. They had to travel through, and avoided all the towns and ranches. On one occasion they were overtaken by a ravine and suddenly found themselves in the very centre of it. They assumed, however, a very easy and indifferent carriage, and passed over the guard-house, and were several soldiers lounging about. The soldier on guard cried out "who goes there," in Spanish, but the men calmly answered "nosotros, amigos," kept on their course and got safely out of the town.

Near Tampico, they came suddenly upon a ranch, where there were fifteen or twenty Mexicans, all armed with that formidable weapon the *fucil*. Seeing that they were not the Mexicans, the Americans were notified, the Mexicans advanced making signs of their friendly intentions. The Mexicans looked threateningly, and seemed to be forming their rifles against the Americans, but the Americans showed their knives, and were permitted to proceed on their journey. After many trials and sufferings, the prisoners at last arrived within eight of Tampico, upon which they were met by our Union, as they saw the broad banner of our Union, with its broad stripes and bright stars, waving from the lofty flag-staff of Tampico" can be better imagined than described.

CAPT. GEORGE LINCOLN.—Interesting Correspondence.—We are happy to be enabled to publish the following affecting letter from the Regiment which we are publishing seems due to the noble-minded Kentuckians, who have in this case taken the steps most grateful to the friends of him whom they honored in his life and death. It is a noble and touching letter, and we think which they assumed to themselves.—*Daily Advertiser.*

NEW ORLEANS, 12th June, 1847.
 DEAR SIR—Your son, the Capt. George Lincoln, was for several months stationed with my Regiment in Mexico, and by his noble bearing and kindness of heart, won our affections completely. We looked upon him as a brother, and he filled them were leaving the country to return to our homes, we could not consent to leave his remains behind us. We brought them with us to this place, and will ship them to Boston, to the care of the Mayor of that city. Through the care of Mr. John Wheeler, we have been enabled to obtain transportation for them on the ship Norfolk, which will sail on the 15th inst. The horse which my brother soldier rode in the battle of Buena Vista, was sold after his death, but has been repurchased by the Gen. Wood's Division, and is being sent by, as soon as he arrives in this city, be shipped by Mr. Wheeler to you.

Believe me, Dear Sir, to accept him from us, as the true and honest testimony of our regard and sympathy. Be pleased to present us to the widow of our deceased friend, and to the other members of his family, and assure them that we are, as well as yourself, have our most heartfelt sympathy. I am, Dear Sir, Very truly, your friend,
 H. H. FRY,
 Late Major 24 Reg't Ky. Vol.

P. S.—My residence is Louisville Kentucky, at which place any communications you may wish to address to me will reach me.

I forgot to mention, that you may be assured, there is no mistake with regard to the identity of the remains, as they were disinterred by the same persons who buried him.
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 WORCESTER, (Mass.) June 25, 1847.
 DEAR SIR—I have received, with a depth of gratitude, the kind and warm personal invocation the power of language, inadequately to communicate, the manifestations of respect and attachment to the character and memory of my late lamented son, Captain George Lincoln, and the expressions of kind and touching sympathy with myself and family, in his loss, evinced by the Regiment of Kentucky volunteers, under your command, and from the great and noble friends, who were stationed in Mexico, which you have been pleased to convey to me, by your letter, from New Orleans, of the 12th inst. That my son served faithfully, in the line of his duty; that he fell gallantly in the field of battle, sustaining the honor of his profession, at the command of the Government of his Country—that, in so early a life, he was distinguished by the great esteem of wise and distinguished men, is now mourned by the good and brave, are considerations, which lose none of their force when addressed to a Parent's heart. I had hoped and indeed fondly cherished the hope, that in this manner the sympathy of his family, in a manner far different from that in which the generous sympathy of his Brothers Soldiers, would be extended to him to us. But the inscrutable providence of Almighty God otherwise appointed, and it becomes us submissively to bow to his holy will, and to cherish the consolations, which the eternal circumstances of his holy affliction, and the earnest consolation of friends, may suggest.

of your own distinguished and lamented son in command, and of other brave soldiers of the same army, who were honored and loved sons of patriotic Kentucky, which no time can efface, and I shall be proud to have each of you permitted to be recognized in each of the survivors of these heroic men, associates of my late son, a personal and valued friend. And what can I say, my dear Sir, of the heart of a Father, who is permitted to be permitted to recognize in each of the survivors of these heroic men, associates of my late son, a personal and valued friend. And what can I say, my dear Sir, of the heart of a Father, who is permitted to be permitted to recognize in each of the survivors of these heroic men, associates of my late son, a personal and valued friend.

Let the heart of parental affection speak to the sensibilities of a soldier's breast, in response to this affecting testimonial of genuine and delicate attention. To me the gift will be of priceless value, from the remembrance of the scenes through which the horse proudly bore his rider, and the reflection, that it was the mingled sentiment of respect for valor and sympathy for affliction, which prompted to the offering. To the Regiment which we are publishing seems due to the noble-minded Kentuckians, who have in this case taken the steps most grateful to the friends of him whom they honored in his life and death.

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