

Later from Vera Cruz.

We learn from the New-Orleans Picayune of the 21st, that the schooner Iona arrived at that place on the 20th, having sailed on the 8th. The news by this arrival, is but one day later, and is without much importance.

The schooner Vermont drifted from her anchorage in the gale of the 25th ult. and was wrecked about thirty miles North of Alvarado. Her crew were taken prisoners by the Mexicana, but upon the application of an officer of the United States dispatched for the purpose, they were subsequently released. The mate arrived at Vera Cruz on the 8th inst.

The brig Ellen Clare was sold on the 8th inst. as she was lying upon the beach. She brought \$1050. Sales were daily taking place of wrecked vessels.

The following is from the Eagle of the 8th :

The U. S. sloop-of-war Germantown, Com'r B. A. Buchanan, arrived at Sacrificios on the 2d inst. 15 days from Norfolk. Officers and crew all well.

The U. S. bomb-vessel Etna, Com. Van Brunt, arrived at Anton Lizardo on the 3d inst. from Boston. On her passage out she sprung her foremast in a gale of wind off Cape Hatteras.

All the bomb-vessels are lying in the river at Alvarado, Capt. Isaac Mayo being in command at that place.

The U. S. bomb vessel Hecla left New-York on the 10th ult. and arrived at Sacrificios on the 28th. Officers and crew all well. She carries one 15,000 weight gun, throwing a 10-inch shell.

The frigate Haritan and Germantown sailed from Alvarado the morning of the 8th.

The ship Charles was to sail from Vera Cruz for Old Point immediately after the Iona.

The following is from the Eagle :

Capt. Naylor of the 2d Regiment Pennsylvania volunteers, called upon us yesterday, and informed us that we have been led into an error in regard to a portion of the article published in our first number headed "Horrible." We relied upon our informant, who stated to us precisely the facts as given to the public; in doing which we stated that Jeff (or Jefferies, properly,) and Miller were among the killed on that occasion, and from the tenor of the article the reader would suppose their bodies had been found. Capt. Naylor assures us that such is not the fact; that the bodies of Jefferies and Miller have not been found, nor is it certain that they have been killed. They were of the party spoken of, and as their bodies have not been discovered in the neighborhood of the attack, they may have escaped or been made prisoners. If such is the fact we may still entertain hopes of beholding them again. We make this statement in order to prevent, as much as possible, the distress such an unfortunate occurrence must create.

Mr. Kendall, of the Pic. in his letter dated Vera Cruz April 7, states that the entire force which garrisoned the different forts and batteries of Vera Cruz, with the Castle of San Juan de Ulua, was a fraction less than 6000, although under 5000 marched out and laid down their arms. As soon as it became known that the place was to be given up, more than a thousand of the regular soldiers are known to have dispersed themselves through the city, and, after changing their clothes, marched out as citizens, or else are now living here.

In the meantime, those who scattered through the country, as I said in a letter written yesterday, are telling the most extravagant tales of the strength, size and prowess of "los Yankees." To justify their own defeat, they spread the story through the country that our horses are four times the size of theirs, run twice as fast, and are not only savage in their nature, but are trained to run down, tread under foot, and completely annihilate their enemies. Our 10-inch shells they describe as being as large as hogheads, filled with all manner of diabolical combustibles, make a noise in the air like the howling of a norther, and when they burst destroy and demolish everything around them. The effect of turning all these people loose upon the country, so long as they will continue to circulate such extravagant tales, must be advantageous. If they see fit, in order to hide the disgrace of their own defeat, to say that they have been contending with giants, centaurs, and the like, so much the better.

You must have noticed in the Mexican papers of late that the editors have ceased to term the Americans barbarians, infamous usurpers, land robbers, and other complimentary names of kindred nature, and have settled down upon the epithet of *Yankees* as the most opprobrious of all. This is funny enough.

I said yesterday, in a letter sent by the Edith, that Com. Perry intended to capture every place on the coast of Mexico. The first move is to Tuxpan. The fleet intended to operate against that place sail this afternoon or to-morrow morning. The next point will be Tabasco.—I hear a report—but as to its truth I cannot certify—that the Governor of the latter place has sent a letter to Com. P. inviting the latter to pay him another visit.—The Commodore will be down upon him sooner than he anticipates, perhaps.

The capture of Alvarado by Lieut. Hunter, as well as the other points higher up the river, was a most laughable thing from first to last—a perfect farce in every respect. I may send you on a description of it.