

### LATER FROM THE RIO GRANDE.

The U. S. mail steamship Indianola, Captain Flanders, from Brazos Santiago the 2d inst., reached her wharf on the 5th. She brings \$57,670 in specie.

The Indianola was detained six days at Brazos, by a very heavy norther. She left in port, on the 2d, the U. S. revenue cutter Henry Dodge, Capt. Harby; schooner Tamaulipas, Capt. Ackley, from New York.

### The Guerilla War—Movements of Cortina up the River.

The Brownsville Flag, of the 29th of December, sums up the events since our last as follows:

On Wednesday, the 21st inst., our entire regular and ranger force moved up the river in pursuit of Cortina, who, with his whole guerilla band, it was reported, had left for Rio Grande City. On the day following, Thursday, the 22d, Col. S. A. Lockridge, with several friends, started out to overtake our little army and tender their services in any capacity in which they might be needed.

On Monday, the 26th, a courier arrived with dispatches from Gen. Twiggs, for Major Heintzelman, but finding the Major had left, he started the same evening up the river. He stated that the dispatches were of great importance, and, in addition, said ten companies of U. S. troops had been ordered to rendezvous at San Antonio, preparatory to marching for this place. On the morning of that day one of the rangers, John Thorp, from Gonzales, wounded accidentally after the conflict on the 14th, died at the rangers' hospital in this place. His wounded arm was twice amputated, but he could not be saved.

On Thursday evening, the 27th, John Graham, Esq., late Sheriff of Nueces county, returned from Edinburg, which place our forces left on Sunday, 25th. Capt. Ford started about 10 o'clock A. M., followed by Maj. Heintzelman at noon, and Capt. Tobin, with the rear guard, an hour or two later. When Cortina was at Edinburg, he numbered three hundred and fifty men, as counted by several parties.—His force was there divided into three parts; the advance, under his immediate command, was three days ahead of our troops; the second two days, and his rear about twenty hours. It is stated that dispatches reached Edinburg that Cortina was within ten miles of Rio Grande City on Saturday the 24th; the merchants of which place as well as Roma, had passed their goods over the river, preferring Mexican protection to American security. Mr. Graham is of the opinion that Rio Grande City must have been reached and taken by the bandits on Christmas quite likely followed by the fall of Roma the next day.

At Edinburg Cortina entered the store of J. N. Trevino & Bro., and helped himself to two or three hundred dollars in goods.

### Capture of Rio Grande City—Robbery of the Town and several Americans Killed.

In a subsequent issue the Flag adds the following:

Yesterday our worst fears were confirmed by authentic information from Camargo, of the taking of Rio Grande City on the 24th inst. by Cortina, at the head of four hundred and twenty-five men.

Every effort possible was made to get up a force to meet him, but without avail, there being at the time but thirty-six armed men, who unanimously decided not to fight twelve times their own number.—Whereupon several Americans, with their families, left for the Mexican side of the river.

On the 25th, Cortina sent a force down to Ringgold Barracks, where they found and killed Mr. Robertson, Mr. Box and Captain Spears, all of whom are highly esteemed on the Rio Grande for their sterling qualities; besides these, two others, whose names are unknown to us, were also killed.

Cortina is reported to have declared his intention to take Roma, thence march directly to Laredo, and effect a crossing of the river.

### Latest from Rio Grande City.

We learn from Purser Alexis, of the steamship Indianola, that the steamer Express, from Brownsville, brought down the gratifying news that the U. S. troops and rangers had met Cortina at Rio Grande city, and that a general fight took place, in which 60 Mexicans were killed. Their arms, ammunition, horses, &c., fell into the hands of the Americans, none of whom were killed. It is added that Cortina made good his escape to the other side of the river.

A private letter also states that every kind of depredation was committed by the banditti while in possession of the city.

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