

Two Weeks Later from California.

The Illinois arrived at New York Saturday morning with two weeks later news from California.— She brings the California mails of the 5th of March, 313 passengers, and \$1,137,128 in treasure. The Golden Age left San Francisco March 5th, at 2 P. M., with 280 passengers and \$1,445,579 in treasure on freight, (of which \$308,876, was on foreign account,) and arrived at Panama at 8 P. M., on the 18th.

CALIFORNIA.—The general intelligence from California is not of very great interest. The weather for the two weeks had been unusually wet, and much damage had been done to flumes, ditches, and similar property by floods. The roads also had been bad, but the prospects of the miners were esteemed exceedingly favorable.

A destruction of property to the amount of \$70,000, was caused by the breaking away of a reservoir on Deer Creek, near Nevada, on the 17th Feb.

From all parts of the mines the reports are most favorable. Water is now abundant everywhere, and is to be had in many localities where it could not be found for many years past. Owing to this, many rich places in the dry diggings are being worked that could not be before. Quartz mining is attracting much attention, and is generally remunerative. The same is true of tunnelling and other deep operations. New diggings are being constantly discovered, many of which are rich and extensive.

A rich deposit of coal had been found near Mormon Island, twenty-two miles east of Sacramento city, near the terminus of the railroad.

The Murphy's stage was robbed about two weeks since, of a large amount of treasure, belonging to Wells & Fargo's express. The robbers were arrested, and the entire sum recovered a few days after.

A large number of recruits went down on the Sierra Nevada to join Walker in Nicaragua.

FROM OREGON.—The advices from Oregon are to the 26th of February, but nothing of general interest had transpired since the previous advices.

Father Pandosy, the Catholic missionary, having been taken prisoner by Skloom, the Indian chief, demanded for his ransom two white women and two hundred sacks of flour. The Winter has been much more severe than for many years before, the snow being so deep in the interior as to impede the roads, and cause great suffering to the stock. Most military operations had, in consequence, been suspended.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.—Complaints are made at the great quantity of rain that has fallen in this region lately, being more than for several years past.

Two expressmen were frozen to death during the late cold weather, between Walla Walla and the Dalles.

NICARAGUA.—The steamer Panama, from San Juan del Sur, brought to Panama, 125 deserters from Walker, all in a very destitute condition. Their passage to the United States was paid by Costa Rican Government, and 100 were taken on board the steamer Grenada, for New Orleans, and 25 came per Illinois to New York.

The *Album Semanal* of Costa Rica publishes a long address from a number of deserters from Walker's army to their late companions, in which they are strongly urged to follow the example which has been set them.

Large numbers of this address, it is said, have been forwarded to the men remaining under Walker's command.

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The steamer Panama, Capt. Dow, arrived at Panama on the night of the 14th ult. from San Jose de Guatemala, with 125 deserters from Walker's army, whose passage has been paid by the Costa Rican Government to the U. States. She also brings as passenger Mr. Spencer, of Costa Rican notoriety.— These deserters are remaining in Panama until the arrival of the Golden Gate from San Francisco when they will come over the road and embark on board the steamers for N. Orleans and New York. Walker is strongly fortified at Rivas, and will defend it at all hazards, although he has only a force of 600 men, and is getting short of provisions. He is hemmed in with 3000 Costa Ricans, and the States of Honduras, Salvador and San Jose are furnishing and have forwarded 3000 more to join the Costa Ricans, making a total of 6000 troops of the allied army. Walker is in a critical situation, and unless he is immediately reinforced, his chances are small of gaining another battle. He will maintain his position and hold out as long as possible, and his men will sell their lives dearly before they will be taken, as no quarter will be given by the allies.— The news that went by the Tennessee was so conflicting that no reliance could be placed on the various reports. What I send now is derived from a disinterested passenger, and you will find it correct.