

## NEWS FROM NICARAGUA.

The following are the latest items of intelligence from Costa Rica and the scenes of war in Nicaragua, brought by the Illinois:—

[From the Panama Herald, Dec 19]

By the R. M. S. Trent, which arrived at Aspinwall on 7th instant, we have news from Greytown to the 6th inst.

The U. S. steamers Texas and Tennessee, the first from New York, arrived on the 3d inst., with about 350 passengers, chiefly for California, only 50 being for Walker's army, the latter from New Orleans on the evening of the 3d, with about 300 male passengers, all for Walker,—a most ruthless lot of fellows, chiefly Irish. They immediately proceeded by the river boats for the lake.

We have verbal news from Walker as late as the 4th; they had been fighting fourteen days, and it is said with some success, and were much elated. They were retreating from Granada to Rivas after burning down that city. Some of the allies occupied the latter city. The road was clear, and Walker is said to be about 1,000 strong. There was also news of a naval engagement off San Juan del Sur, in which a Costa Rica man-of-war brig, with about 150 men, was fired and her magazine blown up. The Captain and a few of the crew were saved, but are in a most pitiful condition.

At Aspinwall, on the morning of the 8th instant, there was a rumor of Walker having been defeated in some engagements; if true, probably at Rivas, in which case he will be quite hemmed in.

[From the same paper, same date]

Her Britannic Majesty's ship Pearl, brought a mail from Costa Rica, which gives us news to the 29th ult.

In the *Weekly Album* (San Jose) of the 20th November, the following is given as the latest news that had been received at the capital; but our readers will perceive that later intelligence had been received at Punta Arenas, which, if true, shows Walker's present position to be a most critical one.

The *Album* says:—By the courier of yesterday we have dates from Rivas to the 20th and from Masaya to the 18th.

A fierce conflict was going on at the latter place, which had already lasted since the 15th. Walker, with the accustomed celerity of movement, finding he could not dislodge Gen. Canas from his position at St. Juan, re-embarked for Virgin Bay on the 14th, and attacked Masaya on the 15th with such vigor that he effected a lodgment in the town, and burnt the church of San Sebastian and some houses.

On the 16th the battle recommenced, and the allies having surrounded his position, cut off and captured all his baggage mules and horses and two guns. This, it would seem, has brought him to a state of siege in a part of Masaya, and 800 Guatemalan troops were momentarily expected from Managua to cut off his retreat, who had slept there on the 17th.

The battle was still raging on the 18th, without any decided advantage being obtained, but General Echeverri writes in confident terms about success, and hopes to be in possession of Granada on the 20th.

General Canas was still in Rivas, with the division

under General Oceres, in all 500 strong, and expected to attack the filibusters who remained in Virgin Bay on the 21st.

Some 200 deserters had arrived in Punta Arenas from that place, who were engaged in the actions of the 12th near San Juan. They report some fifty more to be on the way, as their ill success had dispersed them, and they are more apprehensive of Nicaraguan vengeance than Costa Rica ill-treatment.

Walker's loss on the 12th was 14 killed and 27 wounded. Every thing appears to be going on prosperously, and we anticipate good news by next mail.

The operations of Walker already begin to wear a desperate aspect. He is evidently seeking a decisive engagement, and the heavy reinforcements he is receiving every fortnight enable him to make light of losses.

The Costa Rica forces are soon expected to be in the field, commanded by General Don Jose Joaquin Mora, or the President in person.

The *Boletin Oficial*, of same date, thus announces the latest intelligence from the seat of war:—

General Canas writes from Rivas on the 20th November:—In the action of the 12th, Walker had 14 killed and 27 wounded; Don Manuel Cardenas has been named Prefect of Rivas; General Jeres and his division continued under the orders of General Canas. Walker availing himself of the advantages which the steamers give him, left Virgin Bay on the 14th, and attacked General Beloso on the 15th at Massaya, destroying the church of San Sebastian, which incensed the natives very much.

among his men. On the 18th the fighting continued. 2,000 men were in Massaya, under General Beloso; they had suffered but few losses, and had inflicted considerable injury on the enemy.

On the 16th, Walker lost all his baggage-mules and two cannons, and suffered considerable loss.

On the 17th, 800 Guatemalan troops slept in Manages, and the next day attacked Walker's rear guard. On the 20th it was expected Granada would be taken, and the transit road fall into the hands of the allies.