IMPORTANT FROM NICARAGUA.

OPENING OF THE SAN JUAN RIVER.

Surrender of Serapiqui and Castillo—Capture of a River Steamer.

REPORTED CAPTURE OF SAN CARLOS.

PROCLAMATION OF COL. LOCKRIDGE.

Steamers Burnt by the Costa Ricans, &c., &c., &c.

The Empire City, Captain J. P. Griffin, left New Orleans at 5 P. M., for Havana and New York. She left here last evening, and brings details of the news mentioned to us from New Orleans by telegraph.

The United States mail steamer Granada, from Aspinwall on the afternoon of the 3d, arrived at Havana the preceding day, and sailed for New York with the Empire City, with her passengers and mails from New Orleans. The Granada left Aspinwall without, as usual, awaiting arrival of the treasure and passengers from California (not yet due,) and brought one week's later intelligence from Greytown, forwarded by the British West India mail steamer, Trent from that place February 20, also later advices from the South Pacific by an arrival at Panama on the 21st.

The Trent acknowledges partial successes gained by Costa Ricans and Lockridge over the Costa Ricans forces, and at various points along the San Juan river up to that city, which takes into consideration as emanating from the Walker telegraph sources would indicate that General Walker's cause is again in the ascendency.

The Aspinwall *Courier*, in its extra of the 3d March, informed that "Walker's party have forced their way down the San Juan river to the Lake, with but trifling loss, and the capture of very considerable amounts of arms provisions, and the saving of another steamer, the Scott.

We find in the Aspinwall *Courier* of the 24th ult., the following correspondence brought from Greytown by the British mail steamer Trent. Besides the letters the editor has the following in its editorial column:—

In a week we give to-day from Nicaragua, on the Atlantic, is of the Walker party, and makes the entire establishment of communication between the two divisions of their forces altogether probable, unless Walker meets with some reverse on the Pacific. We publish accounts—one from a looker on, one from a resident of Greytown, one from a shipmaster and one from the purser of the British steamer. We have also another statement in a private letter, which corroborates Walker and Carlos to have been taken by Walker's forces. This account gives the number of killed and wounded as follows:—Killed, 16 of the Walker party and Filibusters; 100 killed, and 150 wounded of the Costa Ricans.

We are informed that among the papers taken at the Serapiqui fortress, Mr. General Rudler, and Mr. President Mora, corresponding for reinforcements, and declaring it impossible for him to hold out in a manner without them.

LATEST DESPATCHES—CAPTURE OF THE FORT—TAKING OF THE SAN JUAN—CUTTING OUT OF STEAMER J. N. SCOTT.

Greytown Feb 17, 1857

On the 13th of this month, at 4 P. M., we opened the mail to the enemy in fine style, three brass six pounds, and 250 miles sending our friends in and about Sera piqui a pretty invitation to come down and see us. In an hour we threw 400 round shot among them, knocking fort and houses to pieces, and making it too hot for them. Courage to withstand. At dark they evacuated the fort, leaving behind them 352 muskets, a large quantity of provisions and ammunition, and all wounded. At daylight on the 14th we took possession and the same evening we left for Castillo, arriving on the 16th, when, started for Castillo, arriving on the 16th, cut off the greater part of the enemy from the fort, forcing them into the woods, and we took the fort, which in new so closely invested that there is no hope then but surrender. On the 16th we cut from under the enemy's nose the steamer J. N. Scott, the largest and best of all the river steamers, and the prisoners tell us the enemy have no provisions.

Our prisoners are as grateful for a good meal of fish and rice as can be imagined, and are receiving the attentions and treatment as our own men.

Our loss at Serapiqui was three killed and seven wounded—the enemy's loss, killed, about forty, and twice in the fort. The term were nearly equal, the enemy having been 410, and that of the enemy 430 we succeeded by their own master pieces.

Wounded and prisoners are well cared for, will be furnished canoes and allowed to go home, at the great expense of them have been pressed into the army. Torrey, Brown, Mr. Green, Capt. Mr. Mr. Mr