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THE NORTHERN MAIL failed yesterday from beyond Washington.

A CHAPTER OF SECRET HISTORY.

Every body has heard of Gen. GIDEON J. PILLOW, and his exploits during the Mexican war, not forgetting his original strategical discovery applied to the defense of Camargo, of digging a ditch inside of the breastwork. Of late years the redoubtable Gideon has been rather sunk in obscurity, but he has not reappeared in full military proportions, and in a very imposing form. Seriously speaking, Gen. PILLOW is a candidate for the office of United States senator before the Tennessee Legislature, and in order to support his claims to this exalted station, he has written a long letter, recounting his exploits with a superfetation of egotism that is quite characteristic of that champion of MARS, and which would probably deter seven-eighths of the people from ever reading it, but for certain really interesting and important revelations it contains. As a part of history, the statements made by Gen. PILLOW should be duly chronicled.

Gen. PILLOW tells us of the active and conspicuous part borne by himself in the Mexican war, of the praises bestowed on him by the Commander-in-Chief, of the agonizing wounds he received, and, finally, of his arrest by the orders of Gen. SCOTT, and confinement in the city of Mexico for ninety days, and his triumphant acquittal of the charges preferred against him. But he says there is a secret history connected with these facts which has never been understood, and which he now proposes to reveal. In substance it is as follows:

The President desired to appoint a mission to travel with the army and treat for peace. The grade of duty and emoluments offered made it impossible to find a statesman who would accept the place. Mr. TRIST was consequently selected; but as Mr. POLK rather distrusted him, Gen. PILLOW was associated with him in a semi-official position. Arriving at Puebla, Gen. PILLOW proceeded to confer with Mr. TRIST and Gen. SCOTT, and there learned that Mr. TRIST had opened negotiations with SANTA ANNA for peace; that the one legged hero was to receive $10 000 in cash, and our army was to march to the valley of Mexico, and fight a battle before the city. Iwon, an armistice was to be granted, and commissioners appointed to treat for peace. When peace should be concluded, SANTA ANNA was to receive a million of dollars more. The $10 000 had been already paid by Gen. SCOTT.

Gen. PILLOW was opposed to this arrangement. He considered it unauthorized by law, that it was dishonorable and disgraceful. Gen. SCOTT defended and justified it as a usage of governments, and on the ground that SANTA ANNA being already corrupt, was not subject to further contamination. PILLOW was rather staggered, but claimed a day for reflection, came to the conclusion that he was in the right, called again on Gen. SCOTT and Mr. TRIST, and protested solemnly against the whole matter, that they agreed to abandon the negotiations. In a few days the armies marched into the valley of Mexico, fought at Contreras and Churubusco, and the heroic PILLOW had almost reached the gates of the city, when he was recalled by Gen. SCOTT, and informed that it was his intention to grant an armistice to the enemy, if they desired it. PILLOW, accompanied by WORTH, protested, but to no purpose. The next day Gen. PILLOW wrote to Gen. SCOTT in a state of high excitement, but again withdrew at once, fearing that the Commander-in-Chief was acting under the influence and wishes of Mr. TRIST, and that an armistice would enable SANTA ANNA to recruit his beaten army, complete his defenses, and increase his resources, he (PILLOW) wrote to the President giving a full account of the negotiations. Mr. TRIST was immediately recalled.

It is contended by Gen. PILLOW that during the armistice SANTA ANNA accomplished everything he desired, extracted upon the Americans the necessity of fighting two more bloody battles at a sacrifice of two men, and secured to the advantages previously secured by our troops. So far the history of the negotiations. Now for PILLOW'S private grievances.

Up to this time he declares that Gen. SCOTT had treated him otherwise than cold and hostile, and the rules officials do not publish, and the deep influence of the Commander-in-Chief, is evidence of his assertion. But from until Gen. SCOTT was superseded in the command, PILLOW says Gen. PILLOW, was one long series of persecutions. The pretext on which he was arrested, he says, was a letter of his to Gen. SCOTT, which he now proposes to reveal. In substance it is as follows:

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