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☞ The Northern Mail is still one day behind hand. Our latest dates from New York, Washington and Baltimore are to the 9th, and from Charleston to the 10th inst.

THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION.

We perceive from a correspondence in the *Delta*, that Gen. Woll has abandoned Matamoros, and proceeded to Reynosa, intending to make a stand at that point against the revolutionary forces. Matamoros is now left with but a feeble garrison, and will probably be compelled to surrender, if attacked. The patriots are said to number twenty-five hundred men, well armed, and provided with artillery.

This movement on the frontier is one amongst numerous evidences of the deep-seated and wide-spread detestation of Santa Anna's government, existing throughout Mexico. It has indeed been apparent for some months, that the ambitious and crafty despot who rules the Mexicans is for the third time in danger of being driven disgracefully out of the country. Santa Anna was recalled from his exile at Carthagena in the desperate hope that by his undoubted ability he would be enabled to extricate Mexico from the chaos of difficulties, political and financial, in which it had been involved by the previous administrations. He was one of the very few men of note in the Republic; he had during his chequered career, uniformly exhibited talent of a high order, administrative capacity, and great fertility of resources; and at no time had these statesmanlike qualities been more conspicuously displayed, than during the disastrous war with the United States. Although beaten by sheer pluck, and pursued from Buena Vista to Cerro Gordo, and thence to the gates of Mexico, and finally compelled to surrender the capital and take refuge in Queretaro, Santa Anna, it must be acknowledged, resisted long and valiantly, organized army after army to take the place of his defeated legions, and yielded only when left powerless and destitute. The Mexican people, with their proverbial fickleness, wreaked upon his head their disappointments and disgraces, and the sometime darling of the nation was forced into exile, too happy in escaping even a sterner doom.

Recalled about two years ago, upon the failure of half a dozen successive attempts to organize a stable and popular administration, Santa Anna was received with ... of popular idolatry. It is possible that at that period, had he sought patriotically and disinterestedly to build up a government based upon republican principles, and had he devoted himself to the welfare of the body politic, he might have retained his hold upon the affections of the country, and proved its most signal and noble benefactor. But the character of Santa Anna fits him for such a task. His intellectual eminence is degraded by moral vices of the basest hue. It is stained with cruelty, perfidy, rapacity, avarice, and intense and all absorbing selfishness. No sooner did he feel himself firm in his position, than the faculties of his mind were directed towards the criminal project of creating a large military despotism, of which himself would be the chief. He sought to ape the ... of Louis Napoleon. From plain President, he became His Most Serene Highness, and had not the revolution prematurely curtailed his ambitious aspirations, and constrained him to postpone them to a more peaceful and propitious moment, he would ere this have assumed the purple and invested himself with an imperial title.

The profligate designs of this bold, bad man were too palpable to be mistaken. The honest patriots of Mexico—for there are such—were determined upon resistance, and an insurrection broke out, at first confined to Alvarez and his peons of the South, but which rapidly spread in every direction. There can be no doubt whatever that this revolt would have long since assumed the proportions of a revolution, and that Santa Anna would have been swept away by the torrent, but for two circumstances which have singularly favored the tyrant. The first is, that the resources of the Republic are in his hands, and that the patriot leaders have little or nothing to offer to those who are desirous of enlisting in the cause, save conditional promises, and the excellent principles for which they are contending. Now the Mexicans have had so many revolutions, and have profited so little thereby, that they are not unreasonably distrustful of programmes and platforms. The conditional promises constitute an extremely vague source of payment—a sort of treasury in posse that may prove as impalpable as the golden visions of dreamland. The second and yet more important fact militating in favor of Santa Anna is the absence of a popular leader among the insurgents. Most of the officers possess a limited and local popularity. Not one—not even Alvarez—can claim to be everywhere known and everywhere beloved. Hence, the revolution has proceeded in detached places, and by spasmodic efforts. Hence, it has been protracted for more than a year; and hence, too, the Dictator may still for some time longer bid defiance to the clamorous hatred of his subjects. That he will ultimately fall seems altogether unquestionable, for slow as the progress of the revolutionary movement has been, and small as have been the actual successes achieved, there has been no retrograding. Day by day fresh portions of the Republic are involved in the struggle. Desertions among the Government troops are common; the finances of the dominant party are nearly exhausted, and not even the subtle genius of Santa Anna will suffice to confront and conjure away the perils which surround him.

While, however, we regard the deposition, banishment, flight or death of Santa Anna as inevitable, we are free to confess that we have not much hope in the future of Mexico. Her people for the most part are too ignorant, too prejudiced, too fanatic, too debased for the enjoyment of republican freedom. The amount of pure Spanish blood in the country is just sufficient to constitute the leaders—the rest is Indian or mixed. You cannot manufacture a law-abiding, self-respecting citizen out of the aboriginal materials comprising five-sixths of the Mexican nation. Under any rule they will prove themselves perverse, discontented and rebellious. To make republicans out of men who are deficient at once in elementary knowledge, the graces of humanity and civilization, and that habitual and wholesome reverence for law, which is the foundation of true freedom, seems to us a chimera and a dream.

MOTHER AND STEP MOTHER.—We are indebted to PETERSON, publisher, for the reprint of this pretty story, in twelve chapters, as it appeared originally in Dickens' "Household Words."

FATAL ACCIDENT.—We learn, says the Baton Rouge *Independent*, that about the first of this week a young man named Abram Smith was accidentally shot by a lad named Morris ... Wallace's Ridge, in this parish. It seems that the parties were out hunting, with a ... gun, the hammer of which would not stand when only half cocked; and that while Morris, either ... or being ..., ... the act of cocking the gun ... accidentally ..., and the entire charge entered Smith's side, causing his death in a few hours.

THE NATIONAL AMERICAN CONVENTION.—Our ... in relation to the ... American Convention that recently met at Philadelphia ought to be generally known. We were repeatedly ... that ... body was ... from the old Democratic party.—*Louisville Journal.*

☞ An Anti American paper in the upper part of the State ... "We expect our ... on the first Monday in August ... ourselves ... in the ... of election."—*Pro...*

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Large Land Sale in Vidalia, La.

The remainder of the Bringier claim, for which a United States Patent was obtained in 1839 by Messrs. Thomas Curry and Elias Gordon, was sold by Sheriff Vernon, of Concordia parish, at the Courthouse in Vidalia, on Saturday and Monday, the 7th and 9th instant. [illegible]

☞ The Washington correspondent of the Charleston *Mercury* speculates as follows upon the political ...:

The Administration has no party in New York, and has not a majority party in any of the Northern States. [illegible]

Thrilling ... Story.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Col. Oxford's majority for Sheriff of Charleston District is 687 on a very heavy vote. [illegible]

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

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COMMERCIAL.

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CANDIDATES.

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AUCTION NOTICE.

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NEW YORK ADVERTISEMENTS.

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