

Col. Titus, the Kansas bull\*, went to San Francisco on the *Sierra Nevada*, having, it is said, been cashiered by Lockridge for cowardice. The following account of his attack on Castillo I translate from the *Album Seminal* of San Jose. After describing the first attack of Titus upon the Castillo, which was defended by only 30 men, and the taking of the river steambot *Scott* by the fillibusters, which the Costa Rican commander says was so riddled with balls as to make her entirely useless, he says: "About mid-day Col. Titus sent in a flag of truce, and modestly demanded an unconditional surrender. I replied that this was impossible without the consent of the commanding General, and asked twenty-four hours to get his decision. I went down to the lines of the fortification and took a drink with Col. Titus.— He told me he had a large battery of cannon, of great calibre, mounted for the attack, and that his force consisted of 1000 men.

This appeared so gassy that I paid no attention to it, and resolved to resist to the last. At 10 o'clock on Thursday we heard firing in the hills and loud shouts and *vivas* for Costa Rica, which we answered, and in half an hour afterwards Captain Alvarez and Ortiz with sixty men came to our succor, having driven the enemy from his position at the point of the bayonet. The fillibusters fled, throwing away their arms, ammunition and provisions, so that the road two miles down the river was strewn with them.— Fortunately for Col. Titus, a steambot arrived at the *embarcadero* just in time to take them off. The fillibusters lost 40 men. Our loss was trifling, except that an officer, Salvador Rojas, was killed."