

red expedition. Those who are concerned in it seem to think as little of manufacturing a false report as of committing an act of piracy. The steamer Tennessee brings back the mutilated remnants of Lockridge's band. They have found the service a hard one; they speak of Lockridge as a severe and tyrannical master, and esteem themselves fortunate in finding their way back to this country. After this we incline to think the number of those who seek to join their fortunes with those of Walker will be small.

DISASTERS OF THE NICARAGUAN EXPEDITION.

Walker, the pirate, has now no chance of relief from the Atlantic side. The attempt of Lockridge to penetrate to his camp has proved a most disastrous failure. Lockridge, one of the coolest and most determined of the leaders who are engaged in the enterprise of getting possession of Nicaragua, has been obliged to retreat from before Castillo, which, on the 28th of March, he found so strongly fortified that he did not venture to attack it. The heights beyond the castle bristled with defensive works, and everything was ready to give him a warm reception. He saw no alternative but to march back again, and as he withdrew demolished all the fortifications below Castillo, as posts which he was not strong enough to hold, and which would be sure, if he left them, to be occupied by the enemy. In this he tacitly confessed their strength to be so great that any further endeavor on his part to open the river was hopeless.

On their return, Lockridge disbanded the two battalions of which his army was formed, and proposed to his men the scheme of a volunteer expedition to join Walker by way of Panama. He had taken three hundred men with him in the expedition against Castillo; of these only one hundred and twenty-five—less than half—now consented to follow him; the rest had become sick of the service.

This band of 125 was broken up and dispersed by an unexpected and calamitous accident. On the 2d of April the steamer J. N. Scott, in which they were, blew up and killed sixty men, disabling many others. Of those who survived, and were not rendered unfit for further service, many were so discouraged by the last stroke of ill-fortune, that if Lockridge should leave Greytown for Panama with a dozen followers, it is thought that he may esteem himself fortunate.

The reports of the late successes of Lockridge, circulated here, prove to have been the grossest of frauds upon the public credulity. They were got up with a view to lure other adventurers into that ill-star-