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Sacramento Daily Union, Volume 3, Number 327, 8 April 1852 — Arrival of the Olilo—Startling News from 'Z:ZZ^C':.Z7 the Gila ! [ARTICLE]

**Arrival of the Ohio—Startling News from
the Gila !**

The steamer Ohio, Capt. Hilliard, which left San Diego on the 2d instant, arrived at San Francisco at noon yesterday. We are compelled to give but a mere condensation of the important intelligence which she brings.

On the 14th ult., Major Heintzelman dispatched Major Fitzgerald, with sixty men, with order to proceed to the mouth of the Colorado, and ascertain whether the Sierra Nevada had arrived. At a point 22 miles down the river, a party of seven men, hunting up some pack-mules, were surprised and inhumanly killed, by a very large party of Indians armed with clubs. The Indians, after possessing themselves of the arms belonging to the murdered party, amused themselves that night by firing into Camp. The following are the names of the men killed :

Serg. T. B. Taylor, and Privates Knorth, Simmons, McCluan, Betts, Beories of Company E, 1st Dragoons; D. B. McCoy, teamster, Quartermaster's Department. Private Mullins, Company E, wounded.

Finding the Indians in great force, Major Heintzelman determined on forcing a passage to the mouth of the river, which he accomplished after great hardships and difficulties. For ten miles the troops were compelled to wade through water thigh deep. The mule train is well used up, owing to the scarcity of forage. The grazing is next to nothing, and the Yumas do not fail to pick off any wandering animal in search of grass. The detachment of recruits that left here a few weeks since, arrived at Camp Yuma on the 25th ult.

on the 20th ult.

The abandonment of Camp Yunra last winter has entailed a series of difficulties upon our suffering county, from which we will not easily recover. The Indians boast to the Sonorians that they drove the Americans from the river, and killed their soldiers. There is much truth in the first part of their story, and a fearful responsibility rests somewhere.

“There were six soldiers and one citizen teamster, who were herding the animals of Major Fitzgerald, cut off from the camp by a body of more than two hundred Indians, and killed; after which they made an open attack on the camp, and were repulsed with the loss of four and many wounded.”—*San Diego Herald*.

THE GREAT RACE.—The great race between the Sydney mare “Black Swan” and California horse “Sarco,” came off at Los Angeles on the 21st inst—distance, nine miles—the “Black Swan” winning by 75 yards. Time 19 min. 20 sec. About fifty thousand dollars changed hands on the occasion.