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**Later from the South—Intelligence from  
Sonora.**

The *Ohio* arrived from San Diego and the Southern Coast yesterday, bringing two weeks later dates. She experienced light winds and very foggy weather on her upward trip.

We have before us the *Los Angeles Star* of May 29, and the *San Diego Herald* of the same date.

A party of Americans, Frenchmen and Mexicans arrived at San Diego from Sonora.

Major Heintzelman's command was well. Major Andrews, with thirty men, had gone on a scout up the river. They report the Indians as being all quiet on the route, with the exception of the Yumas, with whom they did not come in contact. The Mexican Government has sent large reinforcements to the troops in Sonora, to effect, if possible, the reduction of the Apaches, and compel these savages to cease their accustomed predatory invasions. Some seven hundred soldiers had already arrived in Guaymas, and more were expected.

A line of frontier posts will be established on the northern boundary of Sonora, taking in every possible pass by which the Apaches can enter, or have been in the habit of escaping with their plunder. Intelligence from New Mexico announces that the U. S. troops in that region are actively engaged in hostilities with the same Indians, who, it is probable, will now take refuge in Chihuahua, where they are received with open arms by the inhabitants and Government troops in that State.

The fact appears rather startling to an American, that one State of a Federal Republic should openly receive and countenance the deadliest foe of a sister State and of the General Government. Yet, not only is this the fact, but they are publicly known to distribute rations to these Indians, once a month, in the town of Jannos. They also offer a market, not only for the horses, mules and cattle stolen by these savages from Sonora, but even go so far as to purchase their fellow-countrymen and women, who may have been carried off from their homes by the Apaches, not for the purpose of liberating them and restoring them to their homes, but in order to make peons of them—a state of bondage worse than slavery, and from which they never disentrail themselves.

All these facts are fully known by the General Government in Mexico; but yet nothing is done to prevent it, or to correct the abuse, from which the American reader can draw his own inferences as to the moral leprosy that taints the whole political existence of that unhappy nation.

Large numbers of Americans and French were going into Sonora to work the extensive mines of that State. A number of parties were already out prospecting for mines, and our informant tells us that a new and extraordinarily rich silver mine has recently been discovered. There is scarcely a mountain in the State (and it is nearly all mountains) that does not contain a mine of some kind or other, which is and has been for many years lying unworked from the dread the inhabitants entertain of the Apaches.

It is confidently asserted that in two years from this time the state of Sonora will equal California in mineral wealth and commerce. That she has within her own borders the means to do so, we ourselves feel confident, and we flatter ourselves that we speak not unadvisedly on the subject, as we have traveled leisurely over nearly the whole State; but that such will ever be the case under a Mexican administration is very much to be doubted. Everything is done there by favoritism. Señor Fernando Cabilias, the present Governor of the State, was educated in France, and is a gentleman of talent, education and accomplished manners; but unfortunately his hands are tied by old Manuel Gandara, who in reality guides the helm of State, and whose only desire is to enrich himself and maintain the power and influence of his family. The Government do not object to foreigners working the mines, *with the exception of Yankees.*

**BAJA CALIFORNIA.**—The news given in our last issue relative to the revolution in this State, has been confirmed, and the following additional items have been handed us. Alvarez is not dead, but lies in a very precarious condition. Dominguez, the murderer of Van Ness, has been killed, and his body laid unburied three days on the field. The insurgents have taken Santo Tomas, carried the Padre and all the principal persons off as prisoners, in chains, and are committing wholesale robberies on the property of every one who has anything to lose. As a number of American citizens possess property in that place, we are of opinion that some means, if possible, should be taken to secure them in their rights by the proper authorities for that purposes.

It is said that the Melendres party have since attacked Guadalupe. This, however, has not, as yet, been confirmed, nor has Capt. Castro yet returned from Los Angeles.

The *Herald* of the 29th contains later intelligence from the Gila. It says—

We learn from the *Gila Express* that the Yumas are still giving plenty of occupation to the gallant Major Hintzelman and his command. Major Andrews had just returned from a trip up the Gila, and had succeeded in killing four Indians. The chief, Pasqual, was wounded by Major Andrews in the right shoulder. Lieut. Hendershott, with his party, is reported to have killed two more of the enemy.

**MEXICAN BANDITS.**—There is a regularly organized band of Mexican highwaymen infesting the roads in our vicinity, leading to the lower country. We have heard of two instances lately, where the unwary traveler had been knocked from his horse with a heavy club, his person robbed, and his horse taken. Travelers cannot be too careful, and no one should attempt to go alone, ten miles from the city, without being well provided with arms.—*Herald.*

**INDIAN TROUBLES.**—Under this head a correspondent of the *Star* thus writes from Santa Barbara: