

Spanish viceroys! It rolled over the valley, as if the sky was peopled with men and their voices came forth from the clouds—so it appeared to those in the valley below. Worth's men caught up the *jubilante* and re-echoed it, wildly and long.

Mayer states that "the onslaught had been so rapid and resistless that the Mexicans stood appalled as the human tide foamed and burst over their battlements. Men who had been stationed to fire the mines either fled or were shot down. Officers fell at their posts, and the brave old Bravo, fighting to the last, was taken prisoner with a thousand combatants." The victory was entire and complete. The entire hill was in possession of the invaders, and the Mexican people, from their look-outs in the city, gave up all as lost.

Santa Anna was engaged watching Twiggs, before the *garita* of San Antonio, when informed of the sudden movement on the Castle. He was thunderstruck and mortified, seeing the *ruse* so artfully and successfully practiced. But, before he could fly to its aid, the American standard was unfurled from the ramparts of the stronghold. The retreating men from the batteries on the hill, and many from the Castle, dropped down the steep declivities, under cover of the rocks and bushes, to gain the causeways and meadows below. There, gathering in companies, they courageously strove to cut their way through to the gates. Santa Anna's fresh troops poured out to receive them, while from steeples, roofs and outlying intrenchments both troops and the populace fired upon the pursuing regiments of Worth. Worth seized the highway and aqueduct of San Cosmo, while Quitman, hastening from the heights, proceeded to seize the Belen entrance. Scott had followed the columns closely, and was in the Castle almost at the shout of victory. Mounting the battlements, glass in hand, he spanned the whole magnificent panorama below. In a few moments he decided upon the further movements of his army.

Worth pursued the enemy to the very gates of San Cosmo, and was soon engaged in a terrific combat. Cadwallader's brigade, with heavy howitzers, preceded by pioneers, soon breached and forced the outworks, and gained commanding positions to open his batteries on the city. Only the *garita* of San Cosmo now stood between Worth and the Plaza when night came on.

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