

the halter strap to urge the horse to its greatest speed, and shouted recklessly :

"In the name of Ireland !"

Immediately on arrival of the messenger, who quickly dispelled any hope Col. O'Neil may have had of reinforcements, camp was broken, the Canadian prisoners set at liberty, and the march to the dock begun, determinedly, though there was no certainty that the heavy force of Canadians known to be approaching, would not intercept them before reaching that point. The rest is history. How the entire force succeeded in reaching the scow heroically brought for their use, and the start for the American shore began ; how they were intercepted by the vigilant Michigan, which had apparently been apprised of the plan of rescue, and had allowed it to proceed without interruption to the point where the force of Col. O'Neil was at its mercy ; the sufferings of the poor fellows for three days in that open scow under a boiling June sun before being transferred by the Federal authorities to the jail in Buffalo, have been fully chronicled by other writers. So also is the fact that the English Government with unheard of magnanimity, made no demand for the prisoners, and they were finally released, the United States Government furnishing them free transportation to their homes.

No one at this time attempts to justify the attack on Canada, but all must admit that never was an invasion of a foreign country conducted