

THE VIRGINIUS AFFAIR.

The dispatches of this week bring to us the news of the capture and shooting of the entire crew of the Virginus by the Spanish authorities of Cuba. The total number shot was one hundred and ten, mostly Americans. This is without doubt one of the most outrageous and inexcusable massacres that was ever committed by any civilized nation; but it is in perfect keeping with the spirit and well known character of the Spanish people. As we read the account of the terrible murder—ten at a time marched up to be shot over the dead bodies of their brave companions,—the mind cannot help revolting at such barbarities, which are only equalled by those of the savage and untutored red men of America.

Not only does the deed itself, but also the manner in which it was transacted, cries loudly for retaliatory measures from the government of the United States. The American Government was not only not informed of the matter until the shocking deed was done, so that it might act in the premises and punish its own citizens should it transpire upon inquiry that they were guilty of violating the law of nations, but the American Consul, who interfered in order that he might stay if possible, the wholesale butchery of the unfortunate prisoners until he should be able to communicate with his government in respect to the affair, was replied to with taunts, eye with threats unless he ceased his interference. The British Consul who also attempted to interfere, fared no better. This kind of conduct in a nation that pretends to be civilized, and which today, is fighting for popular freedom and equal rights, is as degrading as it is barbarous.

If all the facilities for enlightenment afforded by this the noonday of the nineteenth century are not sufficient to raise benighted and priest-ridden Spain above the dark and damnable ways of the Inquisition, then we are of the opinion that it is high time that she be taught such a lesson of justice and humanity, as will serve to open her eyes to the important truth that she is living in that advanced age of the world when she can no longer chop off with impunity, the heads of those who should chance to be so unfortunate as to incur her vengeance, as she was wont to do in the more barbarous times of Cortez and Pizarro.

It may be said in behalf of Spain, that we should sympathize with her in her laudable endeavors to found and maintain a sister republic across the seas, and that the matter should be overlooked by our government as a necessary evil. While we would wish to see republican institutions triumph on the continent of Europe, still, at the same time, we must also bear in mind the fact that Cuba has been struggling for years to free herself from the galling burden of a foreign yoke, and that her citizens have been unceremoniously shot down and murdered wherever and whenever caught. If it be necessary to maintain the Spanish Republic in blood; if such horrid butcheries as the one which has just been perpetrated in Cuba are essential to her preservation and success; if she must indiscriminately slaughter her citizens in order that she may maintain her existence; then, certainly, it must be because a majority of her citizens are opposed to that form of government, and we, under those circumstances, could not wish her success.

Should the Government think proper to engage in war with Spain, as the present activity in the Navy Department seems now to indicate, it will without doubt, result in the annexation of Cuba, at least in her independence. For years have the United States been silent lookers on of the great struggle between Cuba and her despotic ruler, and although the patriotic Cubans have made several appeals to her for aid; nevertheless, restrained by her policy of noninterference, and her unparalleled

respect for the law of nations, she has scrupulously preserved her neutrality; but the moment has now arrived when, without infringing upon the laws of nations, or danger of bringing down upon her the wrath of jealous European powers, she can interfere in the behalf of the oppressed and outraged Cubans, and aid them in their so far glorious fight for liberty; and if the General Government decide thus to act, she will without a doubt, be supported by the majority of the lovers of freedom in America.

We do not believe in plunging the nation into a long and bloody war to avenge small or imaginary evils; but we do think that every government is in duty bound to protect its own citizens, and if it should in anywise fail in doing this, so far will it come short of the grand object for which it was framed. Hence, if upon due investigation it should prove true that any of our citizens have been watonly butchered by the inhuman authorities of Spain, we do hope that our government will exhibit pluck and nerve sufficient to demand of Spain all the reparation in her power for the insults and indignities thus openly and defiantly offered to our flag.

STATE ITEMS.

Scab is said to be prevalent among sheep in Southern Oregon.

The citizens of Roseburg have purchased eighteen hundred cords of wood this fall.

There were, it is claimed, in Baker County, 1,200 voters, while at the last election only 400 of them went to the polls.

Harvey B. Maxwell has discovered a quartz ledge near Ashland, Oregon, which he claims assays \$300 to the ton.

The Episcopal Society have commenced the work of getting the material for their church edifice at Baker City.

The amount of taxes to be levied by the County Court of Lane County this week, is as follows: State, \$17,800, poll (which also goes to the State), \$1,343; county, \$15,709; school, \$9,425. Total, \$44,277.

A Mrs. Bland of Douglas county, sat at the foot of a tree in the dark woods and watched a bear while her husband went six miles for ammunition to shoot it with. That woman has got nerve.

The Independent says: Jacob Hoover of Washington county met with a serious and painful accident lately. While engaged at work with a machine on his farm he was struck on the head with a stick which he had in his hands, and which by some means caught in the machinery and struck him on the head. One of his eyes has become blind, and the other is badly injured. Mr. Hoover is afraid he will lose it also.

A little daughter Mrs. Jos. McLaughlin, who resides a short distance from Roseburg, met with a serious accident the other day from the accidental discharge of a gun.

The Jury in the case of Kiblinger of Marion county, on trial for the rape of his own daughter, stood eight for conviction and four acquittal.

The Baker city Herald says: "The eastern bound stage on last Sunday night was stopped about fourteen miles below this city by two desperadoes and robbed. The robbers compelled the driver to hand out the treasure box, and without further molestation ordered him to drive on, which preemptory command he was not long in obeying. There were three passengers on board, two of whom were asleep inside, the third being outside with the driver. The box was taken about fifty yards from the road, smashed to atoms with a stone and the contents extracted. Sheriff Shinn and his deputies, accompanied by H. R. Carwell, early Monday morning repaired to the scene of the robbery. They traced the robbers some fifteen miles west of the road, at which point they lost all trace of them, as a great many trains had passed over the road. We learn that there was not to exceed \$1,50 in the treasure box. The mails

were not disturbed."

Yesterday morning we gave an account of the arrest of William Clark and wife, charged with selling liquor without the required license. When arrested they gave bail for their appearance before the Police Court in the sum of \$30. When the case was called yesterday morning the defendants could not be found, and the bonds were forfeited, the surities paying the amount. As it became known that the parties had left the city, the baker, the butcher and other tradesmen might have been seen about the saloon lately occupied by Clark and wife endeavoring to find out what effects had been left behind, what they were worth, and what the chances were for securing their pay therefrom. It was found however, that the effects were not worth much and are all mortgaged; so they left the place in no very amiable frame of mind.—Bulletin of the 20th.

We were informed last evening that a man had been drowned at the Stark-street Ferry. We repaired to the scene of action, and beheld him stretched out in the cabin, awaiting the action of the Coroner's Jury. From a bystander we learned that his name was Patrick Lynch, more familiarly known as "Scotty." He stepped on to the ferry boat about 7 o'clock, apparently under the influence of liquor, and when about thirty yards from the East Portland landing walked off the boat into the water. A fellow passenger endeavored to catch him before he went under, but was unable to do so. He was almost immediately picked up, and efforts were made to resuscitate him but without avail, life being extinct.—Bulletin of the 20th.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

New York, Nov. 17.—A meeting, attended by about 3,000 Americans, was held at Steinway Hall this evening, Wm. Everts presiding. He made a long speech, which was received with great applause and cries of "War!" "War!" at the close. S. S. Cox also addressed the meeting. Resolutions were adopted calling on the President to use any prompt and decisive action consistent with the dignity and precedents of our Government.

The Juniata is ready for sea. Two hundred and fifty men were added to the force at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and 100 were added at the Philadelphia yard.

The Steamship Cleopatra arrived today, with the American newspapers which she took to Havana, but which the Spanish authorities would not permit to be landed.

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Grant says the Government has acted on such information as has come to it, and is collecting more from available sources. Upon the meeting of Congress all these facts will be presented.

New York, Nov. 17.—President Grant, in his annual message, will recommend further legislation for Utah to relieve judicial matters from present embarrassments.

New York, Nov. 17.—The heavy decline in stocks to-day is attributed to the fact that a telegram has been received from General Sherman saying that he is opposed to war and inflation.

New York, Nov. 18.—A Washington special says orders have been issued for opening recruiting offices throughout the country. The navy is to be recruited to its utmost capacity.

The United States steamer Worcester, flagship of the North Atlantic squadron, sailed from Fortress Monroe to-day for Santiago de Cuba.

Pittsburg, Nov. 18.—Secretary Robeson, now in New York, has summoned his chief clerk to his department in that city in connection with fitting out vessels for Cuba.

New York, Nov. 18.—Testimony in the Tweed case was concluded yesterday.

Robert Parton, one of the jurors in the Stokes case, was arrested to-day for bribery in that trial.

Matamoras Nov. 17.—The mail from Mexico brings the news that the Federal troops are occupying Monterey and Sattillo to maintain order.

New York, Nov. 18.—Edwin K' Winship, Government claims broker, of this city, is announced as a defaulter to the extent of \$400,000. He is believed to be out of the country.

New York, Nov. 18.—A special statement of the condition of the Pacific Mail Company shows the receipts from May 1 to October 1, 1873, to have been \$3,012,300; expenditures, \$2,950,555—leaving a balance of \$60,000, earnings for the last five months. It is said no accounts is taken in this statement of the insurance, wear, and tear, etc. It is also stated that recent investigations into the disposition of the millions earned annually by the company showed fraud, corruption and mismanagement and the necessity of reorganizing the concern.

Paris, Nov. 17.—McMahon sent a message to the Assembly to-day, in which he stated that it has been decided to ask a prolongation of the President's term to seven years.

Havana, Nov. 17.—The report that 57 more of the Virginus prisoners had been shot is not confirmed. There have been no more executions, but trials are proceeding.

Panama, Nov. 9.—The American filibustering steamer General Sherman entered the harbor of Aspinwall on the third instant, under the name of General Azera, and was at once seized by Captain Cushing, of the United States steamer Wyoming, for using illegal papers and sailing under the flag of Honduras, while it is claimed she is an American vessel.

General Zepeda, the deposed Governor of the State of Coahuila, is at Sattillo, and has organized several hundred State troops, and another conflict between Zepeda and the friends of the State is anticipated.

Five hundred Federal troops have been dispatched to escort a conductor of silver from Zacatecas to Monterey, to prevent it from falling into the hands of either of the opposing parties.

New York, Nov. 18.—There are 2,347 men employed in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and probably 1,000 more will be added. Secretary Robeson says he will have an official fleet in about three weeks.

The Liberal Republican Fenian Committee met to-day and resolved that the Cubans ought to be recognized as independent at once by our Government. They denounce in strong terms the Virginus outrage.

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