

THE SNEAK OUT.

The Virginian Leaves the Harbor of Havana Soon After Midnight.

NOT A VOICE DISTURBS THE STILLNESS.

Trumpet Notes Signal the Spanish War Vessels to "Let Her Pass."

ON THE OCEAN.

HAVANA, Dec. 12, 1873.

The harbor in which the Virginian was taken out of the water several hours before sunrise this morning shows that to the last the apprehension lingered that either part or all of the volunteers would make a demonstration against the surrender.

UNDER COVER OF THE MORNING'S DARKNESS, at a time when every honest citizen was supposed to be wrapped in sleep, and the voice of the watchman drawing out, "All's well" (altera), alone disturbed the silence of the streets.

Word was sent in the evening to the Navy Yard to have the Virginian prepared to leave two hours after midnight. There was little preparation to make for the condition of the vessel was almost the same as when she was captured on the coast of Jamaica, and everything was in readiness to take her away after midnight.

IN LITTLE STILLNESS, and under a calm, clear, starlit sky, a few men marched on board, ropes were thrown out from the pier and adjusted to the government tugboat, and without a word of command to be heard on deck or on shore, the Virginian was slowly drawn from her moorings and softly piloted through the maze of vessels in the inner harbor. At this moment the observer might perceive the huge bulk of the Isabel in the Catolica swinging slowly round and turning her prow towards the Morro. At intervals

THE LIGHT, QUICK NOTES OF A TRUMPET went flying over the waters as a signal to the volunteers and the Spanish navy to get to the vessel ready for her way. Soon the tugboat and the Virginian were abreast of the Isabel and both were moving at reduced speed towards the entrance.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE VESSELS at this time was scarcely perceptible. They were steaming away, as if drifting by the tide, and in half an hour were lost in the gloom that enveloped them as they entered on the broad ocean outside. The Isabel was last seen disappearing in the dim light of the morning with her convey in the direction of Key West. Not a sound of angry tumult woke the silence.

SHE HAS GONE NOW from the possession of the Spaniards. Her absence may give rest to the agitation that lasted while she remained in the harbor. The Captain General has won a peaceful triumph, and this morning, in a trying position, where he was compelled to exercise a painful and most unpopular duty, he soothes

THE RUFFLED PRIDE OF THE SPANIARDS and shows himself to have been precisely the man the occasion demanded. There is talk to-day, now that the news of the surrender has become generally known, of all the volunteers in Havana laying down their arms to mark their disapprobation of what they call the undignified and cowardly conduct of the Spanish authorities at Madrid.

Vinous Patriotism Preparing for a Demonstration—Deluded "Unconditional" Attempt to Carry Out the Program—Full Text of the Captain General's Proclamation to the Inhabitants.

HAVANA, Dec. 12, 1873. Faint sparks of resistance occasionally still break out—the last gasps, tears and groans; for the wires which have informed you that the Virginian was quietly taken out of the harbor, conveyed by the Isabel in the Catolica, during the small hours of the night, one of these fitful ebullitions happened the night before last, when, in a miscellaneous crowd at the Louvre Cafe, an excited individual, filled with rebellious patriotism and something else stronger than lemonade, leaped to his feet and indulged in an invective against the United States and a call for resistance, proposing

A MEETING EN MASSE the following day, between twelve and one o'clock, to go in a body to the Captain General and make a protest against the surrender. This was probably due to the lately received news and the increasing belief that the delivery of the Virginian to the United States was inevitable. Yesterday a few deluded "unconditionals" met at the Louvre, with the idea of carrying out the programme proposed the evening before.

SUCH A SORRY SIGHT! A few policemen, accompanied by the ubiquitous and active Chief of Police, Colonel Sanchez, appeared on the scene, and in a few moments the crowd melted away. But this occurrence may have had some influence in what was done yesterday evening. The Captain General came out in person to proclaim, address to the inhabitants of the island of Cuba.

HOW ARE THE MIGHTY FALLEN! How faded and gone by the power of the Captain General, who years ago had only to say, in the exercise of his almost unlimited power, "This is my will," and it was done.

This proclamation, which I translate, was widely circulated both last evening and this morning. Last evening several copies were pasted upon the door mirrors which adorn the saloons of the Louvre cafe and had constant crowds in front of them. I cannot refrain from saying that it seemed like casting reflections upon their patriotism.

JOVIAL PROCLAMATION. INHABITANTS OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA—I have again to direct you to a most troublesome matter. Hear it, for it is the expression of the purest patriotism, guided by reflection.

You already know that the agreement has been celebrated between the governments of Spain and that of the United States in regard to a question of international law. While it was in process of negotiation it was my duty to tell you that I did everything possible for me to do to make the result most satisfactory for the honor and general interests of the island of Cuba. The day was so; for I could not be wanting to the requirements of my charge nor to the favor of your confidence.

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THE STEAMER EDGAR STUART. An account of the Cuban filibuster steamer which is now lying in Baltimore appeared in a letter in yesterday's HERALD. The owner of the vessel, Colonel Melchior Agudó, gives the following statement:

This vessel was bought by me in March, 1872. I went with her to Cuba, and landed fifty arms, ammunition and some men, putting all into the hands of the Cuban patriots. I have five times crossed the straits of Florida with arms, arms and munitions of war, and three times I was chased by gunboats of the Spanish "Moscúto" fleet, but escaped with only the loss of a few arms and munitions. The Clara was fired into by the gunboat Mosquito, upon firing into us, sprung a leak, her guns being too powerful for her to bear, and she was obliged to stop. The night night my vessel was chased by the "Moscúto" fleet, and I was obliged to stop. The Clara was fired into by the gunboat Mosquito, upon firing into us, sprung a leak, her guns being too powerful for her to bear, and she was obliged to stop.

PIGEON SHOOTING IN NEW ORLEANS. Captain Bogardus Displaying His Skill in the Crescent City. [From the New Orleans Times, Dec. 14.] The announced match between Captain Bogardus, the American champion pigeon shooter, and Mark Y. Charolotte, sufficed to attract to Oakland Park yesterday afternoon a numerous assemblage of spectators, including nearly every notable patron of the sport of pigeon-shooting. The day was cold and the north wind too lively for a satisfactory display of the contestants' abilities, despite which, however, the shooting on one side, at least, was noteworthy.

BRAZIL.

Customs Duties Decree for Levy of New Taxes on Foreign Goods and Merchandise.

RIO JANEIRO, Nov. 8, 1873. By decree of November 5 the government has declared that on the 1st of January next the following tariff provisions shall come into force:

The abolition of the additional duties of five per cent and of the percentages of 25 per cent and 30 per cent, respectively, now added to the tariff duties on goods imported from the above a percentage of 20 per cent will be added to the duties on goods taxed at 20 per cent and 50 per cent; and on goods taxed at 10 per cent and 20 per cent, now paying the 21 per cent percentage, and of 40 per cent upon all others. These percentages are to be reduced to the extent of the following table:

Second—All foreign vessels carrying goods to the Empire, with or without cargo, from or from foreign ports, shall from January 1, 1874, pay 20 per cent on the value of the cargo, including the duty on the cargo.

Vessels exempt by subsisting contracts. Vessels putting in for any cause duly proved. Vessels bringing colonists, to over 100, of seven years of age and upwards. Cabin passengers, of seven years of age and upwards, shall not be reckoned as real colonists not being reckoned. Vessels not bringing 100 colonists, but bringing at least one for every 100 tons of cargo, shall pay the duty on the cargo of two tons to each colonist.

Vessels calling, or entering for a market, neither taking cargo, shall pay 10 per cent on the value of the cargo, shall pay 10 per cent on the value of the cargo, shall pay 10 per cent on the value of the cargo.

Fourth—In collecting, guarding and auctioning goods, the Government shall be bound to observe the laws authorized, and no charge shall be made for the pay of soldiers employed as guards.

HOSPITAL DUTIES. By another order the government has given instructions to levy hospital dues in every port of the Empire wherein is a hospital which receives sick soldiers gratuitously.

THE RELIGIOUS QUESTION AT PERNAMBUCO. The religious question at Pernambuco has taken another phase, the interdicted brotherhoods not only having in most cases sent back the notice of interdict, but also having signified their determination to attend all religious ceremonies in their brotherhood dress and with all symbols.

THE NEW QUARRY. This is a brick building, 40 by 70 feet inside dimensions, is being rapidly fitted up and in a week's time will be ready for castings and repairs for the entire fleet. A force of 50 men will be at first employed, which will be increased to 100 as the necessities occur.

ESTIMATES FOR A NEW POWDER MAGAZINE. By orders from the Bureau of Ordnance, Commander Benham, of the Saugus, has surveyed the island for a large powder magazine, and estimates have been made for the building of it and forwarding the same.

THE RUMOR OF AN ARMED REVOLUTION. The rumor of an armed revolution has been greatly strengthened by the Emperor having invited a noted liberal Senator and had a cabinet of liberal ministers, and it has been suggested that some of the old Confederate "back-beds" now lying idle at New Orleans could be towed into the inner harbor and turned into floating powder magazines.

THE INFANTRY BARRACKS are located at a point which commands a wide view over the sea, and as far as the accommodation of the officers and men is concerned the appointments are admirable. The heavy armament looks upon the Gulf in a large central area or court running down to the water, but in its present condition it would serve as a poor protection in case of war.

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"THE CERAMIC ART," for sale by Scribner, Welford & Armstrong, No. 654 Broadway, deserves, without question, principal mention as one of the masterpieces of the year. We are speaking now principally with reference to the harmonious union of those arts and technicalities included in the first class publication of an artistic work.

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