

SURRENDER.

equal to the demand, they sent a present of 100 blankets on board the Junata, for which they declined to accept any remuneration.

The Delivery of the Prisoners to the United States.

The Pinta arrived in Santiago at noon the same day, with despatches for Commander Braine, ordering him to proceed immediately to New York with the prisoners.

OUT OF THE JAWS OF DEATH.

The suffering of the prisoners during their confinement, as described by themselves, tells a tale of refined cruelty hardly credible in these days of advanced civilization. It appears that their jailers, not satisfied with reducing their physical condition to the lowest ebb by starvation and brutality, kept them in perpetual mental torture by

THE PRISONERS PREPARE FOR EXECUTION.

On Wednesday evening they were visited by a Spanish official who told them to prepare for death, as they were to be shot next morning.

Even to the Last Torture is Kept Up.

The priests came in soon afterwards and passed the greater portion of the night with them, administering the comforts of their religion.

Unbounded Enthusiasm of the Rescued Under the Stars and Stripes.

They were told they were going to execution. They were huddled into the flat that was to take them to the Junata. They were told they were going to execution.

CHEERS AND EMBRACES ALL ROUND.

The volunteers also made a demand on Wednesday morning that the United States flag should be hoisted down, a request which was answered by Consul Young in person, who stepped out and told them they would have to take it down over his dead body.

Prison Record of the Virginius Prisoners.

The volunteers in Santiago are still in a very unenviable condition, and protested so violently against the giving up of the prisoners that Governor Burriel finally told them that in order to hold the prisoners they must first kill him, as he intended carrying out the commands of his government.

THE DAILY MURDERS.

The brutal murders committed daily in Santiago by the Catalan volunteers are literally horrible, as not a day passes without some suspected Cuban sympathizers being marched off to trial who are never heard of again.

THE BRITISH BROTHERHOOD.

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THE JUNIATA AND KANSAS.

The Junata left Santiago at seven P. M. on Thursday, bound for New York, where she will probably arrive next Friday.

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Jose Hernandez, Havana, aged 20, single, merchant.

Nicholas Ramirez, Puerto Principe, aged 23, single, farmer.

Ignacio Q. Beltran, Andago, aged 35, single, clerk.

Perfeto Bolo, Havana, aged 24, married, doctor.

Benito Clobes, Franco, aged 24, single, cook.

Nicholas Ruiz, Matanzas, aged 26, single, cigar maker.

Juan Alvarad, Havana, aged 34, single, cigar maker.

Richardo Crujello, Cienfuegos, aged 20, single, student.

Ramon Calvo, Havana, aged 40, single, no profession.

Rafael Pacheco, Havana, aged 29, single, cigar maker.

Alexander Carvo, Havana, aged 39, single, commerce.

Cameto Guerra, Melina (Cuba), aged 22, single, cigar maker.

Cameto Sans, Havana, aged 25, single, mason.

Leon Bernal, Puerto Principe, aged 25, single, agriculturist.

Emilio Garcia, Cardenas, aged 20, single, carpenter.

El Monte, Guines, aged 23, single, cigar maker.

Rafael Cabrera, Havana, aged 20, single, no profession.

Arnado Rosillo, Bayamo, aged 18, single, agriculturist.

Ignacio or Francis W. Lapa, Havana, aged 24, single, commerce.

Mauclia Silveria, Bayamo, aged 18, single, commerce.

Santiago Rivera, St. Thomas, aged 17, single, gold trimmings.

Antonio Gomes, Havana, aged 39, single, cigar maker.

Andreo Eneverria, Holguin, aged 24, married, agriculturist.

Jose Marin, Havana, aged 34, single, carpenter.

Louis Martinez, Cuba, aged 13, single, baker.

Domingo Salazar, Havana, aged 27, widower, cigar maker.

Pedro Pajaren, Cardenas, aged 26, single, cigar maker.

Manuel Padron, Havana, aged 17, single, cigar maker.

Alex. C. Estrada, Canary Islands, aged 20, single, blacksmith.

Felix Fernandez, Havana, aged 20, single, commerce.

Juan Soto, Havana, aged 28, married, mechanic.

Manuel Pinez, Havana, aged 20, widower, farmer.

Jose A. Varneo, Havana, aged 18, single, cigar maker.

Ramon Barrios, Havana, aged 19, single, cigar maker.

Ignacio Valdes, Havana, aged 23, single, commerce.

Louis Morajon, Matanzas, aged 16, single, silver smith.

Jose Sanhestaban, Coire, aged 30, single, carpenter.

Francisco Pacheco, Puerto Plata, aged 15, single, tinsmith.

Ramon Gonzales, Matanzas, aged 18, single, commerce.

Antonio Chacon, Havana, aged 30, single, cigar maker.

Sueno Otero, Cohn, aged 17, single, student.

Carlor Pacheco, Havana, aged 34, married, cigar maker.

Antonio Padilla, Puerto Principe, aged 27, single, machinist.

Henry Canales, Bimale Rio, age of Picoes, aged 22, single, commerce.

Indubar Trujillo, Guines, aged 21, single, farmer.

Domingo Diaz, Trinidad, aged 23, single, student.

Pedro Sanz, Havana, aged 21, single, cigar maker.

Pedro Lacz, Havana, aged 23, widower, student.

Minguel Sayers, Santiago de Cuba, aged 18, widower, farmer.

Serero Mendive, Regia, aged 20, single, student.

Patricio Martinez, Havana, aged 18, single, no profession.

Henry Agala, Havana, aged 23, single, commerce.

Manuel Sammel, Manzanillo, aged 13, single, no profession.

Domingo Rodriguez, Havana, aged 30, single, cigar maker.

Jose Rebel, Trinidad, aged 19, single, commerce.

Arthur Rivera, Porto Rico, aged 20, single, machinist.

Carlos Marin, Havana, aged 24, single, student.

Ramon R. D. Armas, Puerto Principe, aged 22, single, commerce.

Manuel Monases, Philadelphia, aged 25, single, surgeon, dentist.

Philip Metzler, Charleston, U. S., aged 22, single, cigar maker.

Phillips Abecocer, Charleston, U. S., aged 22, single, cigar maker.

William Curtis, Jamaica, aged 22, single, tinsmith.

Samuel Hale, Jamaica, aged 15, single, no occupation.

ter in the name of Patterson, testified positively that he had seen an agreement between Quesada, Mora, Patterson and others, at which it was distinctly understood that the Virginus belonged to Quesada, Mora and others, and that the latter had exhibited to him receipts for the purchase money and for the repairs and supplies upon said vessel at an inn between Quesada, Mora and Patterson, who were raised among the Cubans in New York.

Adolpho De Varona, who was the Secretary of the Cuban Legation at the time of the capture of the Virginus, and afterwards sailed in her as Quesada's Chief of Staff, testifies that he was acquainted with all the details of the transaction, and that the Virginus was purchased with the funds of the Cubans, and with the understanding and arrangement that Patterson should not obtain a United States register for the vessel.

Francis Brown, Charles Smith, Frederick Wood, John McLean, Matthew Murphy, Ambrose Rawlings, Thomas Gallagher, John Farlow, Thomas Anderson and George W. Miller, who were employed upon the Virginus in various capacities after she was registered in the name of Patterson, testify clearly to the effect that they were informed and understood while they were upon the vessel that she was the property of the Cubans represented by him, and that he navigated, controlled and treated such vessel in accordance with the laws of the United States.

With the oath for registry the statute requires a bond to be given, signed by the owner, captain and crew, and that the vessel should be registered upon the bond given by Patterson and Shepherd. Pains have been taken to ascertain if there was any agreement to the effect that the Virginus had been bought by Quesada, Mora and others, and the other Cubans who took passage upon the Virginus, instead of going on board Quesada, Mora and others, and that the latter had taken a tug after the vessel had left the harbor of New York.

It is not to be understood that the Virginus was a vessel of the United States, and that the register obtained in her name was a fraud upon the navigation laws of the United States. Assuming the question to be what appears to be the correct one, the vessel was not a United States vessel at the time of her capture had a right, as against the United States, to carry the American flag, because she had not been registered according to law; but I am also of the opinion that she was not a United States vessel from interference on the high seas by another Power on that ground as though she had been lawfully registered.

Spain no doubt has a right to capture a vessel with an American register and carrying the American flag, found in her own waters, assisting or endeavoring to assist the insurgents in Cuba; but she has no right to capture such a vessel on the high seas upon an apprehension that in violation of the neutrality or navigation laws of the United States she is being used to assist the rebellion.

Spain may defend her territory and people from the hostile attack of what is or appears to be a United States vessel, but she has no right to capture a vessel on the high seas in violation of any law of the United States, or to seize the vessel or to raise that question as to the Virginus; but the United States may, and as I understand the protocol, they have agreed to do it, in order to capture a vessel without admitting that she would otherwise have any interest in the question, I decide that the Virginus at the time of her capture was not a United States vessel, and that she carried the American flag very respectably.

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS, Attorney General.

NEWS FROM HAVANA.

The Diario, announcing that the government at Washington has recognized that the Virginus was not entitled to carry the American flag, says:—After such an acknowledgment not the slightest doubt ought to remain that the Virginus was a legal prize, and that her crew were pirates who the Spanish Courts justly treated as such, and that she was a United States vessel in name only, and not in fact.

THE VIRGINUS NEWS IN JAMAICA.

The event of note during the past few weeks, entirely casting all others in the shade, has been the capture of the Virginus. I know of no occurrence that has occasioned so much excitement, or in connection with which excitement has lasted so long.

There are several circumstances that combine this cause. First and foremost, Spanish rivalry, in consequence of being based upon slavery, is hateful to the people of this country; and, therefore, they earnestly desire to see the Cubans victorious—establishing either an independent republic or becoming a State in the great Republic of the United States.

The capture of the Virginus and the other news of the terrible atrocities committed on the passengers and crew by General Burriel; but added to this is the fact that among the murdered ones were several British subjects, and notably among them a few natives of this island, whose friends and connections have manifested such grief as to awaken general sympathy for them, as well as for the relatives of the leaders of the expedition, who were all well known here, especially Ryan and Verona, and had contracted many warm friendships among the leading citizens of King town.

On the horror which the event created subsiding there was one generally expressed conviction, that it was the best thing that could have occurred for Cuba; for, say one and all, the United States government and people are not going to submit tamely to the massacre of Americans under the very shadow of the Stars and Stripes. It is certain now, from the pass to which affairs has been brought, that the Spaniards are not going to be satisfied with the capture of the Virginus and the other news of the terrible atrocities committed on the passengers and crew by General Burriel; but added to this is the fact that among the murdered ones were several British subjects, and notably among them a few natives of this island, whose friends and connections have manifested such grief as to awaken general sympathy for them, as well as for the relatives of the leaders of the expedition, who were all well known here, especially Ryan and Verona, and had contracted many warm friendships among the leading citizens of King town.

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rection he lived in Havana, where his magnificent residence, covering the entire side of the square fronting the Campo de Marte, is pointed out by visitors as among the objects of interest in the city. Before the breaking out of the insurrection he was the owner of very extensive and magnificent plantations in the vicinity of Matanzas and other portions of the island, and was regarded as one of the most wealthy citizens in Cuba.

By this action of the new government General Quesada is, of course, relieved of his representative character, as is Señor Carlos Castillo, his associate.

REPORTS FROM THE INSURRECTION represent that the patriotic cause is constantly increasing in strength. The letters, referring to the supplies, say that heavier artillery be sent them, the volunteers heretofore used in the guerrilla warfare are not sufficient, now that the insurgents are attacking the towns.

A letter received at the headquarters yesterday from Caracas states that the greatest excitement had been caused by the news of the capture of the Virginus and the massacre of her passengers and crew. The official Gazette of the 19th of November contains a telegram from Señors Huel, Calcaes, Grasa and Parola, prominent Cubans residing there, but temporarily in the interior. It is in answer to a despatch sent them, and is as follows:—

Sorrowful news. Upon the grave of our independence will rise the temple of liberty, notwithstanding our independence.

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BROOKLYN NAVY YARD.

Reinforcements Preparing for the Fleet in Cuban Waters at the Brooklyn Navy Yard—Officers of the Dictator and Minnesota—Monitors Castille and Puritan—Recruits—1,500 Men on the Receiving Ship Vermont.

Affairs at the Navy Yard of this station remain unchanged, despite the termination of the war on paper—and the surrender of the Virginus and the survivors of her passengers and crew. There is in the name actively managed in each department, and the same number of men are doing the payrolls of the government as during the height of the bellicose excitement upon the Spanish-Cuban-American question two weeks ago.

In order to promote this latter end further appropriations will have to be made by the federal Legislature, even though it read the economical heart strings of the Congressmen and Senators of the Great Northwestern Empire. It is said by many officers that the department intends sending every available ship in the navy, with the utmost despatch, to Cuban waters, in order to make a complete sweep of the sea.

Whether our venerable wooden ships, and a few unworthy monitors will be able to lend us a favorable impression in the eyes of the naval commanders of the more advanced European powers is a question of doubtful question. The fleet at Key West will shortly be reinforced from this station by the monitor Dictator, the monitors Minnesota and Florida.

The work of preparing these vessels has never flagged. Night and day, Sunday not excepted, the labor has been recondensed on these engines of war. The total force employed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard is 3,100. Besides this number there are 500 men working on vessels in the yard under contract with the Government.

The contractors pay their own men and send in the bills for the labor, their time being kept in the yard under contract with the Government. We are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. Yardley, secretary of Vice Admiral Rowan, for the following list of officers reported for duty on the Dictator:—

Commander—James E. Conitt. Lieutenant Commander—B. P. Lamberton. Master—J. K. Eaton, C. H. Stockton. Engineer—First Assistant, Edward Olsen and R. L. Bennett; Second Assistant, A. B. Bates. Surgeon—A. Oberly. Paymaster—M. P. Cushing.

The following officers have reported for the Minnesota:—Quartermaster—Stephen B. Luce. Lieutenant Commanders—N. B. Robeson, executive officer; G. F. Wide, navigator. Lieutenants—R. H. Remy. Masters—H. W. Shaffer, J. M. Hawley. Ensigns—M. C. Dimmock, C. F. Emerick. Midshipman—A. A. Mitchell. Medical Inspector—John McLean. Acting Assistant Surgeon—W. W. Meyers. Paymaster—J. Adam Smith. Chaplain—Stephen Forney. Second Lieutenant of Marines—H. C. Fisher. Chaplain—James J. Kane. Boatswain—Ames J. Kane. Carpenter—John Gaskins. Carpenter—S. M. Whitehouse. Acting Sailsmaker—A. W. Stevens.

The monitor Puritan, gun 1,500 tons, which has been laid up at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, since she was built, is to be taken to Chester, and there to be casemated. When this work is completed it is estimated that she will weigh 2,000 tons, and prove the strongest iron ship in the navy.

The work of raising the coal from the broken barge Upland, in front of the dry dock in the Brooklyn Yard, is progressing slowly—very slowly—in the minds of the Spaniards of the Arapiles, who are very impatient to get away. It will require a week longer at least to raise the barge.

A court martial convened yesterday at the house near the main entrance to the yard, to try the charge of insurrection preferred against Gunner Peter of the Vermont. Commander Ralph Chandler presided in the court.

Surgeon Tryon was yesterday relieved from duty at the Marine Hospital and placed on "waiting orders." On Saturday a draft of 22 men arrived at this station from the Chicago rendezvous, and yesterday Pa. 48 from New Orleans, and yesterday 100 men arrived from Key West, Fla. There are 1,500 men now on board the receiving ship Vermont, awaiting orders to proceed to Cuba.

It is understood that Governor Dix will appoint a successor to the late Judge Peckham after Christmas.

THE EAST RIVER BRIDGE.

Meeting of the Commissioners Yesterday—\$3,294,698 Expended on the Work and \$6,094,516 Required to Complete the Undertaking.

There was a meeting of the Commissioners of the Bridge Company held yesterday at the office in Water street, Brooklyn. The by-laws were amended, reducing the Finance Committee from five to three members. Comptrollers Schroeder and Green and Commissioner H. H. Wheeler were elected as the committee. The Executive Committee submitted the annual report concerning the cost of construction of the bridge.

The Executive Committee have caused a detailed statement of the cost of the bridge, including both land and structure, to be prepared, and a re-examination of the Board at its last meeting. They requested the engineer to revise and re-examine the previous estimate of the expense of the structure, and in accordance with the actual expenditure to the present time. This he has done, and the result is here submitted, from which it will appear that there has been upon the two towers a saving of \$1,000,000, or, exclusive of the cost of land and materials and machinery on hand, \$3,294,698, and that there will be required to complete the bridge, according to the terms of this report, the further sum of \$6,094,516, making the total cost \$9,389,214.

The committee directed an estimate of the cost to be made by the assessors upon the following basis:—The value of all the lands and buildings lying within the lines of the bridge, as well as those lying under the superstructure of the bridge, according to the assessment actually used for the foundation of the towers, including, also, the value of the land and buildings lying within the lines of the bridge, and under it, including parts of lots outside those lines, to be taken at the present value in New York.

Total of land to be taken \$2