

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29, 1873. The Virginus Viewed by Spain in the Same Light as the Cruiser Alabama. Analogous Ground for a Demand of Indemnity. Fruits of the Timid and Time-Serving Policy of the State Department.

Pacific Offices to Be Proffered Spain by the United States in Relation to Cuba.

The Recommendation to Abolish Slavery To Be Renewed.

Spain's View of the Virginus Like America's View of the Alabama—The Analogous Ground for a Demand for Indemnity.

The sinking of the Virginus is regarded in administration circles, not as an irreparable misfortune, but rather as a timely warning to the government of the trouble and expense which otherwise it would have been called upon to meet in the final disposition of the ship.

The cabinet meeting to-day was almost two hours in length. During the session a telegram was received by the Secretary of the Navy announcing the sinking of the Virginus.

The United States Agency to Offer Pacific Offices to Spain in Relation to Cuba—The Abolition of Slavery and Other Returns to Be Recommended.

The appointment of General Cushing to be the successor of General Sickles as Minister to Spain continues to excite comment concerning the character of the instructions he will receive from the Department of State after the confirmation of the nomination by the Senate.

Official Correspondence Between Secretary Fish and Minister Sickles Regarding the Resignation of the Latter.

Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State, Washington, D. C., to Mr. Sickles, Madrid, Dec. 16, 1873.

Sickles, Madrid, Dec. 16, 1873. Your resignation was only hypothetical, and your telegram referred to alleged publication of your resignation, which has not been published.

Sickles, Madrid, Dec. 20, 1873. Your resignation will be accepted. Letters of resignation, with instructions, will be forwarded by post.

False Statements Regarding Mr. Cushing Contradicted. Some persons, dissatisfied with the course of the administration respecting the Virginus, are inventing and propagating false and groundless statements, which deserve contradiction.

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20 of January. It is thought at the Treasury Department that the increase will be somewhat less than that of last month. From the present indications it will be about \$8,000,000.

Honor to the Veterans of '46. The Associated Veterans of 1846, survivors of the Mexican war, will be received by the President at a quarter to one o'clock on New Year's Day, with the veterans of 1812.

Removal of a Land Office. The President to-day issued an order that the Peninsula land office be removed to Fargo, Dakota Territory.

General Spenser Going to Florida. General Spenser will leave this city on Friday for Florida. His health is somewhat better than it was in the early part of the winter, and he is most anxious to attend to his duties in the department.

EVILS OF OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—It will be gratifying to the many readers of your valuable paper to witness the generous manner in which you devote its columns to the publication of correspondences, by which expression of individual and public sentiment is elicited on the many live subjects of the times, which to the reader are both interesting and instructive.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28, 1873. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—It will be gratifying to the many readers of your valuable paper to witness the generous manner in which you devote its columns to the publication of correspondences, by which expression of individual and public sentiment is elicited on the many live subjects of the times, which to the reader are both interesting and instructive.

THE BODY OF A SUICIDE FOUND. A boy out gunning in the woods to-day found the dead body of Charles G. Jacoby covered with snow. A wound in the head and a pistol beside the body indicated that the deceased killed himself. He was aged 69 years, and leaves a family living near Heliottown, Pa.

THE CLINTON BRIDGE. DUNQUE, Dec. 30, 1873. Petitions are in circulation through Northern Iowa asking Congress to extend to the Clinton Bridge, across the Mississippi, the law authorizing the construction of bridges over that river and other similar rivers.

PRINT CLOTH MARKET. PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 28, 1873. Printing cloths steady at a 6c. for best 64 squares.

SHIPPING NEWS. WHITESTONE TELEGRAPH. The New York Herald has constructed a telegraph line from New York city to Whitestone, LI, and the same is now open for the transaction of business.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS. DATES OF DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

MINNESOTA, Dec. 31, Liverpool, 25 Broadway. HALL, Dec. 31, Glasgow, 25 Broadway.

AMMANA FOR NEW YORK—THIS DAY. SUN AND MOON. HIGH WATER. SUN RISES... 7 24 Gov. Island... morn 6 14

PORT OF NEW YORK, DEC. 30, 1873. CLEARED. Steamship Italia (Br), Greig, Glasgow—Henderson Bros.

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PAYING FOR SEAT IN CHURCHES. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—Those men who are contented with one of the hundreds of seats of Protestantism for their religion, when writing a paragraph for the Herald, should not become apostates to their religion, and set for the sake of signing themselves "Catholic."

PAPER MAKERS ON HALF TIME. SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 30, 1873. The Connecticut Valley Fine Writing Paper Makers' Association at a meeting to-day voted to make only half the usual production for six months from January 1.

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Guano. Dec 15—The India Co touched the ground near the shore of the island of Guano, on the morning of the 15th, but got off same night, and after calling at the Tail of the Bank last night, sailed for the coast of Peru.

Guano. Dec 23—During the storm of Saturday night a ship anchored near the coast, and at a little past 10 o'clock yesterday morning the people of Gloucester discovered that she was lying at the distress.

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