

interrupted this morning with a fall of snow, which continued for an hour.

Washington.—It is reliably ascertained that the instructions of the government to Minister Motley do not suggest any mode of adjusting the pending questions between the United States and England, nor do they require him, at present, to oppose the re-opening of negotiations for the settlement of the Alabama and other claims.

Rochester, N. Y.—This evening a fire was discovered in the tower of the First Presbyterian Church; the tower was destroyed and the interior of the church badly damaged, before the flames were suppressed.

FOREIGN.

Auckland, New Zealand, advices state that a terrible massacre occurred at White Cliffs, Taranka, Feb. 15, during which Lieut. Gascoyne and his wife and family and six settlers were killed.

Geneva.—It is rumored that the Swiss government has requested Joseph Mazzini to leave the country; Mazzini lives at Lugano, near the Italian border.

London.—Captain Carleton was shot at Athlone, yesterday.

At Newmarket, to-day, the 1,000 guinea stake, for 3-year old fillies, was won by the Duke of Beaufort's Scottish Queen; Maria was second, and Brigantine third.

Key West.—The following important dispatch has been received here by mail from Bayamo, Cuba: The Count Valmazedo, commander of the Spanish forces in the eastern department, has issued a proclamation, whereof the following are the chief features:

First.—Every native male over fifteen years of age found away from his residence without sufficient cause shall be executed.

Second.—Every uninhabited dwelling, and every inhabited dwelling where the white flag is undisplayed shall be reduced to ashes.

Third.—All women away from their houses will come to Bayamo or Sigauri, or they will be brought by force.

Londonderry, Ireland.—Riots occurred here yesterday between the Catholics and Orangemen; during the collision, the police charged upon both.

Texas has begun to grumble loudly over the crop prospects. The grasshoppers are already destroying the corn by wholesale, and there is little hope that cotton can be successfully planted.

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the United States had been present during the proceedings, but they say "We are convinced that that great and noble nation, one of the foremost of the world, and one which has rendered such great service in the work of humanity, sympathizes deeply with this move."

The vote of the Mexican Congress in favor of recognizing Cuban belligerency stood a hundred to twelve; advantage will at once be taken of this step. Arms have been shipped to Mexican ports intended for Cuba.

Governor Seymour, of British Columbia, will proceed to Nootka Sound in the gunboat Sparrow Hawk to thoroughly investigate the circumstances connected with the wreck of the bark John Bright, and the murder of the crew by Indians.

Five sailors, belonging to the British ship Kelsington, in a drunken spree, became embroiled with the armed police of Aspinwall, on the 14th, the result was, that the police fired upon the sailors, wounding four of them, one seriously.

A private letter says the English have burned three Chinese villages, near Swatow, and killed fifty-five Chinamen.

London.—Advices from Paraguayan sources represent that Lopez, with ten thousand men, is preparing to take the offensive.

Madrid.—The debate in the Cortes on the new Constitution ended on all the amendments proposed being rejected. The Cortes has voted an amnesty to all participants in the insurrections at Cadiz, Malaja and Xeres.

London.—Instructions have been sent to Commodore Phibbert, commanding the British West India squadron, to demand of the Spanish authorities of Cuba the restoration of the brig Mary Lowell and an apology for her seizure.

St. Petersburg.—The Russian Council of State has proposed to grant more power to municipal councils throughout the empire, that they may enlarge the number of voters and modify the press law.

About eight millions of dollars are in the beer-brewing business in New York city and the annual product of beer is nearly a million barrels.

The proposed bridge over the East river, at New York, is estimated to cost \$7,000,000, and to require six years for its construction. It will be a mile in length.

Mrs. Hannah French of North Pembroke, 84 years old, recently spun five skeins of woolen yarn between nine o'clock in the morning and three in the afternoon. She keeps house alone, and does all her work.

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