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NO DOUBT OF IT.

ON the 23rd of last December, Charles Gilmor, notoriously known as the "North Point Terror," shot and killed Joseph Walkey, a lad not quite seventeen years old. There were no witnesses to the bloody deed except the perpetrator and members of his family. After the homicide Gilmor came to town and surrendered, and subsequently returned to the scene of the tragedy accompanied by a couple of U. S. deputy marshals and a *Tribune* reporter.

Gilmor was committed to the penitentiary pending an investigation, and in the meantime the paper whose reporter proceeded to the scene of the homicide kept advancing defensive assertions in his behalf. Later the same journal—the leading anti-"Mormon" "Liberal" organ—was so short-sighted as to say that the North Point people intended to mob the slayer of young Walkey, as if the writer of the groundless statement knew in advance that he would be discharged by the Commissioner who conducted the examination. He was subsequently discharged, and as the testimony was conflicting, we took occasion to point out that he ought to have been held to answer, and that the Commissioner committed a grave error in dismissing the defendant.

Now that Gilmor has been at large for several weeks and the good people of North Point have shown no disposition to mob him, the malicious and unfounded character of the statement that they proposed doing so is thus far proved.

There appears at this juncture another phase of the mixture of ignorance and venom exhibited by the journal referred to simply because the man who killed Joseph Walkey is a notorious and bitter anti-"Mormon." Its issue of January 19, contains the following low-lived and disgusting statement:

"The Lord's anointed are reported to have done their proudest to have the grand jury over-ride Commissioner Greenman's turning Charles

Gilmor loose and indict Gilmor. But the game didn't work."

The baselessness of this venomous squib is proved beyond the possibility of doubt on the following grounds:

The last grand jury was dismissed on the 14th day of last December.

Charles Gilmor shot and killed Joseph Walkey on the 23rd day of December.

There has been no grand jury in existence in this District since December 14th, and will not be until the 3rd day of February.

Logical conclusion from the foregoing premises: The writer of the statement quoted from the chief anti-"Mormon" "Liberal" organ is an ass.

ENGLAND AND PORTUGAL.

THE finest harbor on the east coast of Africa opens into Delagoa Bay. Portugal has claimed this harbor for some years, and up to a short time ago her claim was generally recognized and respected. But a few weeks since a British man-of-war, on some pretense, the precise nature of which has not been set forth in the press dispatches, took possession of the harbor in the name of that government.

It seems that there were Portuguese troops in a certain district in Africa which England claimed, that the British government had demanded the withdrawal of those troops, and that the Portuguese government had promised to order them away. They had not, however, been removed as promptly as the British desired or expected, which is the only ground, so far as yet explained in the press telegrams, for England's action in taking possession of the harbor. Several European governments are much interested in Africa. Among them England leads in the area of her African possessions, and the finest harbor on the east coast of that continent is a prize which she might be expected to seize with eagerness at the first opportunity, even if the pretext for so doing were rather flimsy.

Portugal is greatly incensed against England. English merchants in Lisbon are being boycotted, and the Portuguese are severing their commercial and social relations with Englishmen at a rate which, if continued, will soon render the two nations strangers to each other. The Portuguese government has issued a note to the Powers, asking their friendly interference to prevent the consummation of the wrong threatened by England in

permanently claiming the harbor in dispute. The tone of advices from the different countries that have been thus appealed to is to the effect that, while the justice of Portugal's cause is recognized, none of the Powers care to enter into a contest with England in her behalf, for she is too poor, small and weak to repay such a service.

Portugal has the earnest sympathy of Spain. Indeed, the French statesman, Zorilla, predicted only a few days ago that the two would ultimately unite as a republic. But Spain is utterly effete, and is powerless to aid her friend. Owing to the precarious condition of European affairs, none of the stronger governments are likely to take sides against England in this dispute, and the latter will probably be permitted to deal in her own way with Portugal, unless she should go too far in the direction of menacing German, French or Italian interests in Africa, when one of these governments might call a halt.

This incident may not result seriously, that is, in an open clash of arms; but it adds another element of complication to the already perturbed and perplexing state of European affairs.

FROM UNSPLIT FABRIC.

The falsehood factory is now in full running order, having been supplied with new and improved spindles at the opening of the present municipal election campaign. The following, in unwashable colors, was turned out on Saturday, January 18th:

Editor Tribune:

From a very reliable source I have been informed that Dr. Isaacson has on Wednesday last married another wife, and I went to his residence yesterday morning and saw enough there. I found him with both his wives just as happy as happy can be. I expressed my astonishment to him, and he said to me without hesitation, "I believe in the laws of God more than in any law of man." I told him I would not keep it to myself, and he did not seem to care much.

Now, I have nothing personal against Dr. Isaacson, but believing myself to be a loyal citizen of my beloved country, I denounce this outrage on the laws and on society.

Speak about polygamy abandoned in our Territory! I call upon Dr. Isaacson, in the name of truth, either to deny or admit that he has been married on Wednesday last, the 7th of January, 1890, in the Temple at Manti, to Annie Bart. In the first instance, I will prove to him that he was in Manti and in the Temple there on Wednesday with Miss Bart, and since then lived with her as man and wife.

I have no fear of my name, either, for I know I speak the truth.

The United States marshal's attention is called to this fact, and I am