

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAM-SHIP CITY OF MEXICO.

The steam-ship *City of Mexico*, from Vera Cruz and Sisal, via Havana April 28, reached this port Monday night. Purser BENSEL has our thanks for favors.

The Financial Position of the Island— The Spanish Bank and its Strength— Forgery and Attempt to Murder—Sus- picious Craft.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Thursday, April 28, 1870.

The Board of Commissioners, appointed as a kind of Finance Committee for the general Treasury, have just handed in an additional report, which is of great interest, as it demonstrates, not only the position of the Spanish Bank, but also the peculiar confidence of the people, and in addition, gives us an idea of the expenses caused by the war. When I say idea, I mean idea in the full sense of the word, as those unacquainted with the peculiar management of financial affairs in this island would be misled if they accepted the statement of the Commission as a true one, and as including all outlays. The Government contracted, on the 22d of February, 1869, a loan of twenty-five million dollars with the Spanish Bank, of which amount twenty millions have been spent to meet the extraordinary expenses caused by the war, and the remaining five millions are now called for. But these twenty millions expended, do not by any means include all the war expenses, as the regular military budget, amounting to eighteen millions annually, is a separate affair. All duties and taxes which have been collected during the year have also been swallowed up by the war, and the entire expenses will not fall far short of forty to forty-five millions of dollars. The Spanish Bank will issue five millions more of currency, and for the present there is little doubt but that the bills will pass current, and that the premium against gold will not pass beyond two and a half per cent. Two causes account for this: the great confidence felt by the Spaniards regarding the ultimate result of the present struggle, and the fact that nobody would dare to refuse the notes of the bank; but the first is the principal reason. The continuous increase of the revenue, and the fact that under the present and only honest administration, excepting the short term of the last Intendente, the Island has ever enjoyed; old debts are being paid, and no new ones contracted according to that peculiar swindling system hitherto so current in Cuba, also contributes materially to maintain the credit of the Government, and consequently of the Spanish Bank. The latter institution offers no other guarantee than the good faith of its principal debtor, the Government of the Island, its capital and other resources being but a drop in the bucket, against the immense amount of notes in circulation.

FORGERY AND ATTEMPT TO MURDER.

A young man named CASTELLANOS, only nineteen years of age, and clerk of GONSE & Co., presented himself yesterday at the counter of the Spanish Bank with a draft for ten thousand dollars, purporting to have been drawn by his employers. The fact that said firm had only six thousand dollars on deposit, and the signature looking suspicious, aroused the suspicion of the paying teller, who requested the young man to step into the private office of Mr. RIZO, the Vice-President, he sending for his employer, in the meanwhile, to investigate the matter. Mr. GONSE came to the bank and pronounced the document a forgery. Mr. RIZO then made some remark to the young man about his attempted crime, when the latter took out a revolver and fired at Mr. RIZO. The latter would undoubtedly have fallen a victim to the would-be assassin, had not the Treasurer, who was standing by, thrown up his arm, the bullet lodging in the wall immediately above Mr. RIZO's head. CASTELLANOS had quite a large sum of money and some cartridges in his pockets when he was searched, previous to being taken to prison.

SUSPICIOUS CRAFT.

On Friday last the Spanish gun-boat *Concha* saw a fine-looking schooner at a distance, flying the colors of the Bahama Light-house Board. The commander of the gun-boat went alongside, and not having the right to search, merely went on board to inquire into affairs. He found aboard about forty men and two cannon. The schooner being too far away from the Cuban coast, and her papers appearing to be "all right," the commander of the gun-boat had to let her go. The Captain of the *Richmond* was a very bright mulatto, with an intelligent face, who appeared to enjoy the confusion of the Spanish officers very much. All the gun-boats along the coast are notified to look out for the *Richmond*, but nothing has been seen or heard of her since. The impression here is, that although she may belong to the Light-house Board, she has been making trips to the Cuban coast to land or take away passengers.

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