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THE VIRGINIUS AFFAIR.

HOW WAR WAS NARROWLY AVERTED BY DIPLOMACY.
The Matter Was Never Settled Satisfactorily to the People of the United States, However—Cold Blooded Butchery of Their Helpless Victims Without Giving Them a Dog's Chance—The Good Offices of an English Naval Officer Put a Stop to the Bloody Proceedings.

(Chicago Record.)
It is less than twenty-five years since another vessel whose crew met its fate in a Spanish port in Cuba was the subject of an intense public interest in an agent of the Cuban cause in the United States, toward the Maine. The case of the Virginus had in it elements of tragedy that made it more spectacular and dramatic than that of the Maine, and American spirit was worked to an even higher tension than it is now before diplomacy and caution averted a war between the United States and Spain. In the case of the Virginus the facts of Spanish aggression were in no way denied, but on the contrary, avowed for a time with pride until the authorities at Madrid stated that their people, who were making a sentiment more difficult by their talk. The only controversy was as to whether or not Spain's action in the matter was within its rights. But the settlement, however it may have left the rights of those still in dispute, was a setback to Spain, and for its execution of American citizens with scarcely a formality of law it has never been forgiven by those who remember it, whatever diplomacy decided as to being satisfied.

The Virginus was originally an English-built side wheel steamer called the Virgin, and during the war between the States was one of the most famous blockade runners until captured by a vessel of the United States. In 1870 she was sold in Washington to an agent of the Cuban Junta at New York, her name was changed to Virginus, and she cleared for Curacao in the West Indies. From that time until her unhappy fate she was never in the United States waters. At Aspinwall and in the ports of Venezuela, and the West Indies, she was known for a time as the most daring and most successful of filibusters, making repeated landings on the Cuban coast with supplies of arms, ammunition, food and clothes for the insurgents who were then fighting the ten-year war. In all her filibustering it was claimed, however, that the Virginus never lost her character as an American ship, though the Cuban flag was kept at the masthead whenever that practice served any good purpose. The vessel sailed on the fatal voyage from Kingston, Jamaica, October 25, 1898, and was intercepted at the United States consulate as a United States vessel bound for Port Simon, Costa Rica. The commander was Captain Joseph Fry, a citizen of the United States. The cargo was made up of munitions of war for the Cuban insurgents, and the crew was part of Cuban and part of American citizens. There were also on board a number of enlisted men on their way to join the insurgent army.

It was not until October 31 that the Virginus approached the coast of Cuba to make her landing, and was intercepted by the Spanish gunboat Tornado. The Tornado had been built by the same English firm that constructed the Virginus, also for blockade running, but in the race that followed the Virginus was unable to equal the speed of the Spanish vessel. The chase lasted eight hours, during which the men of the Virginus threw overboard all the munitions and guns they carried, to destroy evidence of their intentions. Finally at 10 o'clock at night, the Virginus was stopped and the Spanish vessel fired the cannon shots of the Tornado, which had come in range. The captain protested that his papers were regular and that the Virginus was an American ship, carrying American colors and papers, with an American captain and American crew. In response he was told that he was a pirate, his flag was lowered and trampled upon and the Spanish flag hoisted in its place.

When the Tornado and the Virginus reached Santiago de Cuba the next day the 155 men captured were taken to the city and held in a court martial was convened at once. The various courts-martial condemned most of them to death, this summary proceeding being, as it was alleged, in accordance with Spanish laws, so far at least as the character of the men and the nature of the judicial forms were concerned. The first executions were on the morning of November 4, when four men were shot one of them being Brigadier Washington Ryan, who claimed British citizenship, as a Canadian, although he had served in the Union army during the late war. The other victims were shot in the back, their bodies were afterwards beheaded, the heads displayed on spikes and the trunks trampled by horses. George W. Sherman, the correspondent of the New York Herald, tried to sketch the scene and was imprisoned for four days for his attempt. A guard kept the American Consul in his house, so he could not appear to protest.

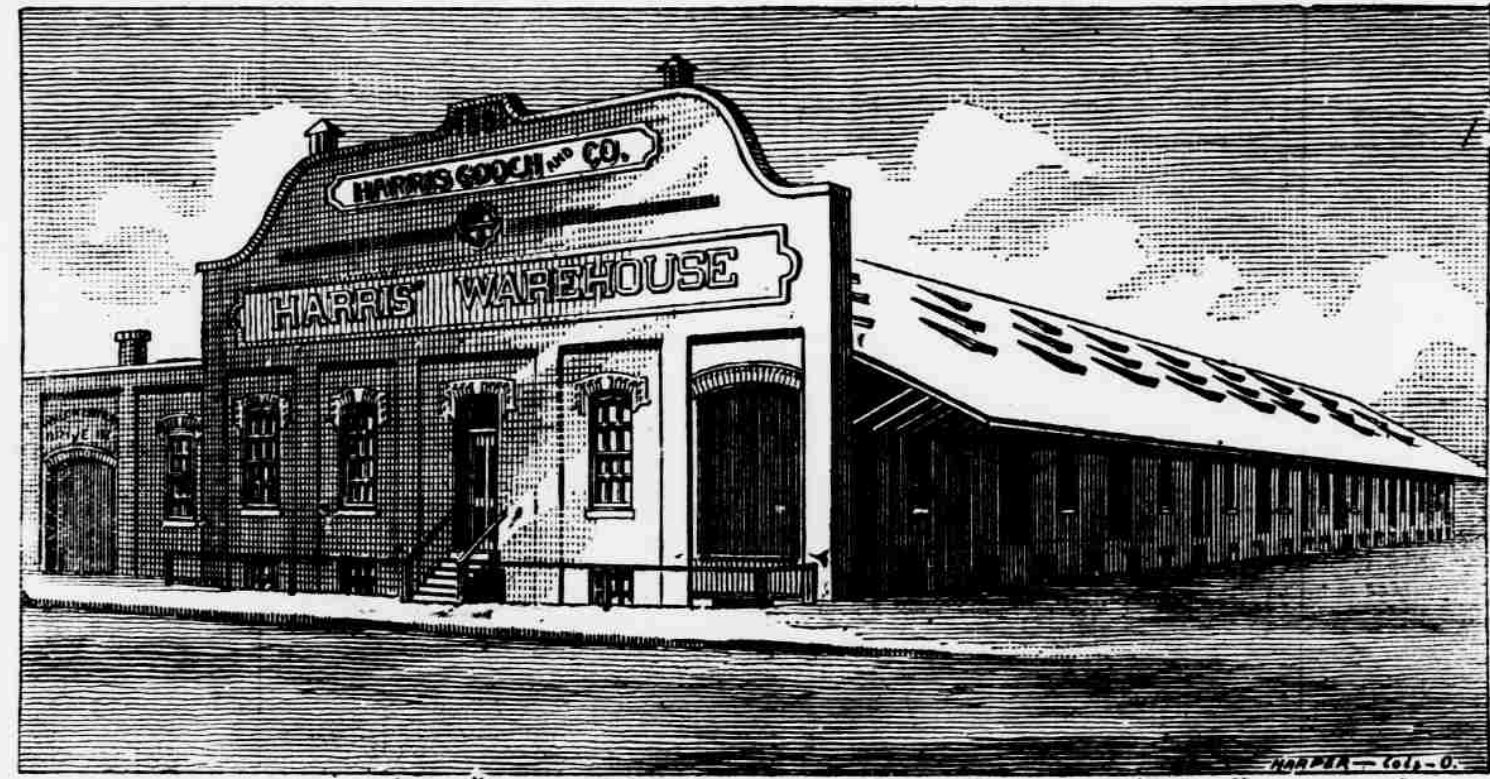
On November 8, twelve more men were executed, and November 13 thirty-seven were executed. This last batch included the officers and crew of the Virginus and most of the American citizens. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the condemned men were marched to the place of execution, passing and saluting the American consulate, where the flag was not flying. The first man to be shot was the only man, though the soldiers stood but ten feet away, who fell dead at the first volley. The majority of the poor-fellows, as the firing continued, were wounded and killed as they lay

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on the ground by the usual Spanish fashion of firing rifles in the mouth. The second engine of the Virginus was among those executed. He had made a declaration to the Spanish which he had tampered with the engines and cut down the speed of the vessel, so that he could be captured, and was marched with the rest to prevent his comrades from knowing what he was to be spared for. He was shot by mistake, while making frantic protests and explanations, but, as he was a traitor in one way or the other, his death was the only one of all that was never regretted. During all this time the consuls at Santiago were not idle, but they were helping E. G. Schmidt, the American Vice Consul and Theodore Brooks, the British Vice Consul, who made all sorts of protests that were unavailing. Schmidt's flag was entirely beyond the jurisdiction of any other power on the high seas in time of peace; that if she had secured fraudulent entry or committed any other fraud against the laws of the United States, it was for her to be turned over to the United States courts for punishment by some other power. The Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs at that time was Admiral Polo de Bernabe, father of the new Spanish Minister, who succeeds Dupuy de Lome. He wanted to submit the matter to arbitration and Secretary Fish replied to him "that the United States was ready to refer to arbitration all questions of proper subject for reference, but that the question of an indignity to the flag of the nation and the capture in time of peace, on the high seas, of a vessel bearing that flag and having also the register and papers of the American ship, is not deemed to be referable to other powers to determine. A nation must be the judge and custodian of its honor."

Most of the men were executed after protests to Madrid began to be made. Madrid mobs made a demonstration against the American Minister, General Sickles, November 4. Secretary Fish cabled Sickles: "In case of refusal of satisfactory reparation within twelve days from the date close your legation and leave Madrid." Ten days later, when the executions were over, he telegraphed: "If Spain cannot redress these outrages, the United States will." Ten days after that he wired: "If no settlement is reached by to-morrow, leave." Next day Spain became

tractable and war was averted. By his conduct at Madrid at that time General Sickles made many friends of those Americans who wanted to see energetic action, and many enemies among those who wanted peace at any price. It was alleged afterward that the latter influence became dominant, and that his recall from that post was the result of their work to punish him for his energy that was not always diplomatic in its forms. The terms of the settlement of the trouble were that the Virginus should be surrendered to an American warship with survivors of those who had been captured with her, and that on December 25, the United States flag should be saluted by the Tornado. The surrender was made in the obscure harbor of Bahia on the morning of December 16, the Spanish having taken the Virginus there to avoid the humiliation of a surrender in Santiago or Havana, where it should have been made. Captain W. D. Whiting, the chief of staff of the North Atlantic squadron, was appointed to receive the surrender of the Virginus, and the gunboat Dispatch was sent to Bahia Honda with him for that purpose. Lieut. Adolph Marx was the flag lieutenant of the Dispatch, the same who is now the advocate judge of the Court of Inquiry on the Maine disaster. The Virginus was delivered with the flag flying, but she was unseaworthy, and struck by a storm of Cape Hatteras; was sunk on her way to New York. The salute to the flag that had been arranged was waived by the United States because the Attorney General gave an opinion that the Virginus had no right to fly the American flag when she was captured. No indemnity was paid for the lives of the American citizens who had been executed, and the incident was declared to be closed.

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(Geo. H. Hepworth, in N. Y. Herald.)
Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. —Matthew, vi, 34.
Here is a bit of philosophy too profound to be appreciated without careful and continuous study. It also contains a stern injunction not to worry over what cannot be helped, but, on the other hand to make the best of our circumstances. You are commanded to let the past go its way into the land of forgetfulness, and not to borrow from the future the troubles which you fear it may contain, but to live in the present as far as possible. It is a command very difficult to obey, and yet obedience is absolutely necessary, if you would get out of life all that God has put into it.

The man who has a vivid remembrance of his past troubles and who cherishes that memory deliberately throws a gloom over his present. If he will confine himself to the duty of the moment he will generally find that he is quite equal to it, but if he collects all the miseries of yesterday and of the day before and adds them to the burdens of to-day he becomes disheartened, and his discouragement saps his moral strength and produces moral weakness. You have enough to do to face what is immediately before you, and if you conjure up the ghosts of misdeeds and of trials which have been outlived you do yourself a serious injury and interfere with your spiritual or business success. In like manner, if you think you can master to-day's work, but dampen your ardor by wondering how you are going to get through to-morrow, you produce a nervous tension which debilitates and brings about the very failure that you dread. No man can carry more than one day at a time. When Jesus asks you not to attempt to do so He gives you wise counsel, and you had better follow the advice. Life is not so smooth that you can afford to make it rougher by recalling the bad roads over which you have already passed or anticipating the bad roads over which you will have to pass before the end of the journey is reached. You may be cheerful, and therefore strong, if you will forget the things that are behind and let the future take care of itself; but if you prepare to do yesterday and to-morrow to-day you will do what God warns you against doing, and will certainly make a great mistake.

If the sun shines now, be grateful and contented. Suppose it did rain yesterday or suppose you are to have a blizzard to-morrow. You have got beyond the rain on the one hand, and, on the other, the time has not come to meet the blizzard. It is foolish to make yourself miserable now because you were miserable a few days ago or because you may be miserable a few days hence. One duty, one labor at a time is quite enough. If there is any enjoyment to be had, take it with an eager grasp for if you sit in the warm sunshine five minutes it helps you to bear the cold of the next five minutes. It is poor policy to spoil those five minutes.

Let me illustrate. There is nothing in connection with death more wearing than the regret that you did not do more for the one who has gone. This is a universal experience with those who have any broken heart. The fact of separation seems to have a magic in it, for it is suddenly revealed to you that there were many little attentions which you failed to render, and the remembrance pierces like a knife. No one ever parted with a loved-one without self-blame of that kind.

But as a general thing it is all an illusion conjured up by overwrought nerves. In very truth you did what-ever the circumstances suggested, you did as much as human nature is capable of doing, but in the presence of death you accuse yourself of things of which you are quite innocent, and in doing so you make the parting harder to bear. It may be well for the dear one that he has gone. He has sweet sleep for the first time in many months. He is glad that the burden of mortality has been taken that he is at last released, and in the lower depths of your own heart you are also glad for his sake. But there comes this thorny thought, that you may have been remiss, and your soul is wrung by it.

You do yourself a wrong. You loving that you could. You were loving, tender, gentle and more than kind. You have real burdens enough without adding imaginary ones. Your tears must not be embittered by an accusation which has no basis in fact. Life is too precious to be regretted nor to be wasted in regrets of that kind. The duties of the future demand your close attention, and you have no right to think of the dead except to recall a sweet relationship and to dream of a reunion. Live your life as quietly and as peacefully as possible. Live in each day as it comes. Other days, whether past or future, must not be allowed to press on your heart. This is the noblest policy you can adopt, the policy which comes to you as a divine injunction. Let neither regret nor anticipation intrude upon you to make you weak. It is evident that there is a plan according to which your life is arranging itself, and equally evident that if you are reposeful and trustful, doing the duty of the present hour and not fretting over the duty of the next hour, you are in a mental condition which keeps all your powers at their best.

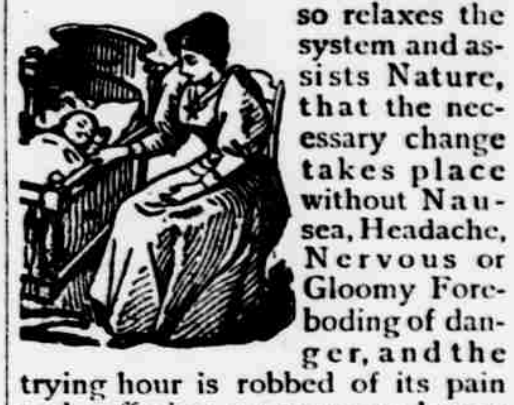
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