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THE SAN JOSE OUTRAGE.

FLOGGING A BRITISH CONSUL.

The following circumstances have been briefly mentioned by telegraph. We give a letter to the New York *Times* with particulars:—

PANAMA, Sunday, May 3.

The arrival of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer Arizona brings to light a piece of official barbarity in Guatemala that has rarely, if ever, been exceeded on the Pacific coast. A British Vice-Consul has received 200 lashes, and narrowly escaped death by shooting, and the foreign residents of the coast without regard to nationality are deeply incensed. They take some consolation in remembering that there are several English war vessels on the coast, and they are confident, therefore, that the wrong will be amply and speedily avenged.

The Arizona left San Francisco April 11, and at noon of April 24 she arrived at San Jose de Guatemala. Soon after coming to anchor news was brought that Mr. John Magee, the British Vice Consul, had been arrested by order of the Commandante, Col. Gonzales, and sentenced to receive 400 lashes at 4 p.m. The rumour was not believed until Mr. Monnicelle, agent of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, came on board later in the afternoon and gave the details of the arrest. It appears that Mr. Magee holds a semi-official relation to the Government of Guatemala that rendered him independent of the Commandante. Hence there arose violent jealousy on the part of his latter, and a quarrel followed that finally became boisterous. Col. Gonzales announced Mr. Magee before him, and that gentleman unwisely blustered on the ground of having a very loose fork. The Commandante then sent a party of armed soldiers with orders to bring the dead or alive. They carried Mr. Magee on a cart to the Government office, and there the Commandante insulted him outrageously, struck him repeatedly in the face, and attempted to shoot him. Fearing the worst, he drew his friends, his issued orders that Mr. Magee should receive 400 lashes at 4 o'clock. The victim claimed the protection of his flag, and Mr. James, Consular Agent of the United States, presented an official protest, under the circumstances the Commandante would listen to no reason, but ordered his soldiers to proceed in carrying out the sentence. Meanwhile, both sides had been about to fire on each other, but cooler heads prevailed.