

TROUBLES AT ST. PIER, CANADA—A band of fanatics, of the lowest class, at the head of which is Dr. Cote, a Deist, established themselves some time since at St. Pier, and molested the Catholics of the neighborhood. They were not content with preaching within their own meeting-house, and using the ordinary efforts to proselytize, but they proceeded to harangue in front of the Catholic church, and insult the Catholics by tirades against their faith. All this was long borne with patience, but at length the Catholics resolved to rid themselves of this annoyance, by giving the Doctor the honor of a *Chiriviri*, to which he is said to have often treated others. He and his followers fired on the party, which induced a retreat, the Catholics not being willing to engage in a contest, although with the advantage of superior numbers. A large fire had been kept up all the evening at the house of one Bertheau, where they were roasting Indian corn, and that night a fire break out in it, which was ascribed by the Doctor's friends to his design, and fifteen persons held to bail. The Magistrate declared publicly that the Doctor was the cause of all the disturbance and that the neighborhood would be in peace, if he were gone from it. The respectable Protestants of the neighborhood have separated their cause entire from his, and declared their entire disapprobation of the course pursued by him and his band. Everywhere else throughout Canada, Catholics and Protestants live in harmony.—*Catholic Herald*.

THE LATE REGENT OF SPAIN.—Baldomera Espartero, the son of an humble joiner of the village of Garunula, in the province of La Mancha, was born in 1793, and is consequently in the prime of life.—Being of a delicate constitution, he was educated for the priesthood—but on the invasion of Spain by the French, he, at that time only fifteen years of age, joined the army as a private soldier. He continued in that capacity several years: after which, he was through the influence of a relative, placed at a military school, near Cadiz, and in due course received the commission of ensign, when twenty-three years of age. Soon after this, he went to South America with the troops sent thither by Ferdinand VII. to reduce the rebellious colonists. In 1824 he returned from the New World, after having distinguished himself there in several engagements, with 80,000l. sterling, the fruits of his savings, and the rank of Brigadier General. Shortly after his return, he married the daughter of a wealthy merchant of Legroguo, named Sanz Cruz. When the royalist war under Carlos broke out at the close of 1823, he at once declared for the Queen Regent and her infant daughter, and obtained employment in the north of Spain. From that time up to 1836, he continued to rise by successive steps till he was at last appointed Commander-in-chief. In 1839—after the civil war had been brought to a close—he was created duke de Victoria; in the following year he assumed the Premier ship, and in 1841, the joiner's son was appointed Regent of Spain. On

the 25th July, 1843, Espartero was obliged to take refuge on board the *Malabar*, an English ship of war—the people of Spain having revolted against him; and on the 10th of August, he arrived at Fal-mouth.

The late revolution in Spain.

We observe in the National Intelligencer of the 20th inst. an article of great length, succinctly recapitulating the prominent political events in Spain since the death of Ferdinand VII., and giving the opinions of an evidently close and intelligent observer of those events. The facts and opinions of the writer are well worth the attention of the American public, and we regret our inability to make room for them in the Post. He traces with a master hand the fatal effects of English interference in the internal affairs of Spain, and shows conclusively, that most of the troubles, revolutions, and bloodshed with which that unhappy country has been afflicted, have been caused or stimulated by the British government for selfish and mercenary purposes. He shows, in short, that the course of the British government in Spain, as in Portugal and everywhere else, has been to sacrifice the peace & happiness of the people, that England might make merchandise of their sufferings. It was for this that she excited rebellion after rebellion to drive from power such patriotic ministers as she could not render subservient to her views, and finally excited and sustained the attempt of the unprincipled Espartero to drive the queen-regent from the country. A tool of England, it was not to be expected that he could retain the confidence of his countrymen, and now in his turn he is driven to seek refuge among those by whom he was originally seduced, and England has an additional name inscribed on her pension list.

From evidence furnished by the article itself, we think we cannot err when we return thanks to the Hon. C. C. Van Ness, our late minister to Spain, for this valuable disquisition.

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