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THE ABOLITION OUTBREAK IN VIRGINIA.

The Negro Insurrection at Varper's Ferry.

SEIZURE OF THE A'RMORY.

Arrival of Troops from Virginia, Maryland and Washington.

FIGHTING IN T'AE STREETS.

PATTLE AT THE BRIDGE.

Nine Citizens and Fifteen Insurrectionists
Killed and Wounded.

The Insurrectionists Taken in an Jengine House.

Attack of the Troops on the Building.

One Marine Mortally and One Slightly Wounded.

Two Insurrectionists Killed and One Seriously Wounded.

Captain John Brown, the Leader, Reported Mortally Wounded.

SKETCH OF HIS CAREER.

Gov. Wise Actively Engaged in Suppressing the Revolt.

Between Thirty and Forty, in all, Killed and Wounded.

Stampede of Two or Three Hundred Slaves.

END OF THE OUTBREAK.

Views and Opinions of the Black Republican Organs.

The Virginia Insurrection of 1831 and the Tennessee Unibroak of 1856.

THE VERY LATEST,

&c., &c., &c.

The insurrectionary movement at Harper's Ferry, the news of which caused such intense excitement wherever it was known, is at an end. It was suppressed promptly and finally, thanks to the energy and determidation of the President and of the State authorities of Virginia and Maryland.

At first the accounts received were so confused, and the whole affair was so incredibly strange, that no rational theory of the origin and object of the movement could be arrived at. A strike among the laborers at the Armory, or some discontent at the stoppage of the works-if such causes had existed-might have accounted for a riot, but could not have accounted for the serious and alarming proportions which the affair took. In fact, the whole scheme, and the reckless and determined manner in which it was persevered in, could only have been referred to the wildest and maddest fanaticism. That has proved to be the case. It was a movement of a party of insane abolitionists, increased by runaway slaves, and headed by that determined firebrand who was known by repute to the whole country as "old Brown of Ossawattomie." It is supposed that the design was to form a rendezvous for discontented slaves, and then to arm them and turn them loose upon the community; but it is also said that, through some inadvertence, the plot exploded prematurely.

Be that as it may, we know that last Sunday night the United States Armory, at Harper's Ferry, was stealthily, and without resistance. taken possession of by some score of white men and some half dozen of free negroes; that arms were sent into the interior, trains stopped and railroad, employes fired at and killed, the telegraph wires cut, the bridge across the Potomac defended by cannon, and the federal and State authorities set at defiance; and we also know that quick as the news reached Washington, Richmond and Baltimore, troops were despatched to the scene, and that the earliest rays of yesterday's sun saw the stronghold of the insurgents carried by the federal troops, and the insane fanatics who were collected therein shot and bayoneted-all save two being either killed or wounded. Among those who were killed or mortally wounded are Ossawatamie Brown and his son.

So much for the general facts of this strange occurrence. The details are copious. We give the following:-