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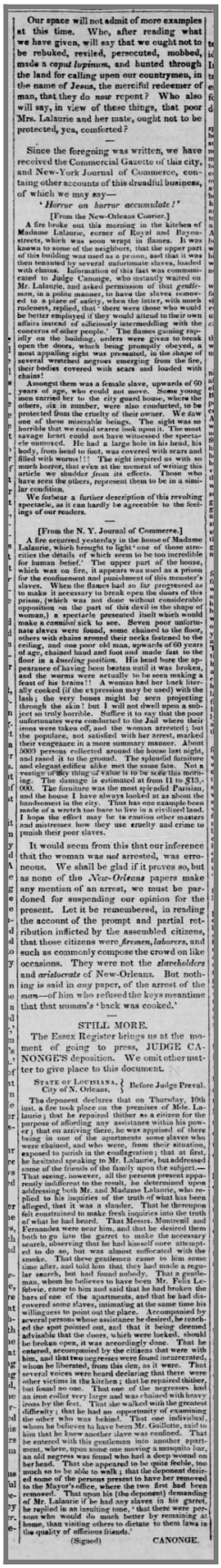

Our space will not admit of more examples at this time. Who, after reading what we have given, will say that we ought not to be rebuked, reviled, persecuted, mobbed, made a *caput lupinum*, and hunted through the land for calling upon our countrymen, in the name of *Jesus*, the merciful redeemer of man, that they do *now* repent? Who also will say, in view of these things, that poor Mrs. Lalaurie and her mate, ought not to be protected, yea, comforted?

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Since the foregoing was written, we have received the Commercial Gazette of this city, and New-York Journal of Commerce, containg other accounts of this dreadful business, of which we may say—

'*Horror on horror accumulate!*'

[From the New-Orleans Courier.]

A fire broke out this morning in the kitchen of Madame Lalaurie, corner of Royal and Bayou-streets, which was soon wrapt in flames. It was known to some of the neighbors, that the upper part of this building was used as a prison, and that it was then tenanted by several unfortunate slaves, loaded with chains. Information of this fact was communicated to Judge Canonge, who instantly waited on Mr. Lalaurie, and asked permission of that *gentleman*, in a polite manner, to have the slaves removed to a place of safety, when the latter, with much rudeness, replied, that 'there were those who would be better employed if they would attend to their own affairs instead of officiously intermeddling with the concerns of other people.' The flames gaining rapidly on the building, orders were given to break open the doors, which being promptly obeyed, a most appalling sight was presented, in the shape of several wretched negroes emerging from the fire, their bodies covered with scars and loaded with chains!

Amongst them was a female slave, upwards of 60 years of age, who could not move. Some young men carried her to the city guard house, where the others, six in number, were also conducted, to be protected from the cruelty of their owner. We saw one of these miserable beings. The sight was so horrible that we could scarce look upon it. The most savage heart could not have witnessed the spectacle unmoved. He had a large hole in his head, his body, from head to foot, was covered with scars and filled with worms!!! The sight inspired us with so much horror, that even at the moment of writing this article we shudder from its effects. Those who have seen the others, represent them to be in a similar condition.

We forbear a further description of this revolting spectacle, as it can hardly be agreeable to the feelings of our readers.

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[From the N. Y. Journal of Commerce.]

A fire occurred yesterday in the house of Madame Lalaurie, which brought to light one of those atrocities the details of which seem to be too incredible for human belief.' The upper part of the house, which was on fire, it appears was used as a prison for the confinement and punishment of this monster's slaves. When the flames had so far progressed as to make it necessary to break open the doors of this prison, (which was not done without considerable opposition on the part of this devil in the shape of woman,) a spectacle presented itself which would make a *cannibal* sick to see. Seven poor unfortunate slaves were found, some chained to the floor, others with chains around their necks fastened to the ceiling, and one poor old man, upwards of 60 years of age, chained hand and foot and made fast to the floor in a *kneeling position*. His head bore the appearance of having been beaten until it was broken, and the worms were actually to be seen making a feast of his brains!! A woman had her back literally cooked (if the expression may be used) with the lash; the very bones might be seen projecting through the skin! but I will not dwell upon a subject so truly horrible. Suffice it to say that the poor unfortunates were conducted to the Jail where their irons were taken off, and the woman arrested; but the populace, not satisfied with her arrest, marked their vengeance in a more summary manner. About 5000 persons collected around the house last night, and razed it to the ground. The splendid furniture and elegant edifice alike met the same fate. Not a vestige of any thing of value is to be seen this morning. The damage is estimated at from 11 to $13,000. The furniture was the most splendid Parisian, and the house I have always looked at as about the handsomest in the city. Thus has one example been made of a wretch too base to live in a civilized land. I hope the effect may be to caution other masters and mistresses how they use cruelty and crime to punish their poor slaves.'

It would seem from this that our inference that the woman was *not* arrested, was erroneous. We shall be glad if it proves so, but as none of the *New-Orleans* papers make any mention of an arrest, we must be pardoned for suspending our opinion for the present. Let it be remembered, in reading the account of the prompt and partial retribution inflicted by the assembled citizens, that those citizens were *firemen, laborers*, and such as commonly compose the crowd on like occasions. They were not the *slaveholders* and *aristocrats* of New-Orleans. But nothing is said in *any* paper, of the arrest of the *man*—of him who refused the keys meantime that that *woman's* 'back was cooked.'

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STILL MORE.

The Essex Register brings us at the moment of going to press, JUDGE CANONGE'S deposition. We omit other matter to give place to this document.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, City of N. Orleans. } Before Judge Preval.

The deponent declares that on Thursday, 10th inst. a fire took place on the premises of Mde. Lalaurie; that he repaired thither as a citizen for the purpose of affording any assistance within his power; that on arriving there, he was appprised of there being in one of the apartments some slaves who were chained, and who were, from their situation, exposed to perish in the conflagration; that at first, he hesitated speaking to Mr. Lalaurie, but addressed some of the friends of the family upon the subject.—That seeing, however, all the persons present apparently indifferent to the result, he determined upon addressing both Mr. and Madame Lalaurie, who replied to his inquiries of the truth of what has been alleged, that it was a slander. That he thereupon felt constrained to make fresh inquiries into the truth of what he had heard. That Messrs. Montreuil and Fernandez were near him, and that he desired them both to go into the garret to make the necessary search, observing that he had himself once attempted to do so, but was almost suffocated with the smoke. That three gentlemen came to him some time after, and told him that they had made a regular search, but had found nobody. That a gentleman, whom he believes to have been Mr. Felix Lefolvie, came to him and said that he had broken the bars of one of the apartments, and that he had discovered some slaves, intimating at the same time his willingness to point out the place. Accompanied by several persons whose assistance he desired, he repaired the spot pointed out, and that it being deemed advisable that the doors, which were locked, should be broken open, it was accordingly done. That he entered, accompanied by the citizens that were with him, and that two negresses were found incarcerated, whom he liberated, from this den, as it were. That several voices were heard declaring that there were other victims in the kitchen; that he repaired thither, but found no one. That one of the negresses had an iron collar very large and was chained with heavy irons by the feet. That she walked with the greatest difficulty; that he had no opportunity of examining the other who was behind. That one individual, whom he believes to have been Mr. Guillotte, said to him that he knew another slave was confined. That he entered with this gentleman into another apartment, where, upon some one moving a mosquito bar, an old negress was found who had a deep wound on her head. That she appeared to be quite feeble, too much so to be able to walk; that the deponent desired some of the persons present to have her removed to the Mayor's office, where the two first had been removed. That upon his (the deponent) demanding of Mr. Lalaurie if he had any slaves in his garret, he replied in an insulting tone, 'that there were persons who would do much better by remaining at home, than visiting others to dictate to them laws in the quality of officious friends.'

(Signed) CANONGE.

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