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MORE CHINESE OUTRAGES.

By advices from Singapore, we learn that the Carmen, Peruvian vessel, sailed from Swatoo, on 1st March last, for Callao, with 200 Chinese coolies and seven passengers on board. On the 8th March, when off the Great Natunas, the Chinese interpreter gave information that the Chinese intended to take the ship. The captain, therefore, was prepared for the attempt, which was commenced by the Chinese throwing some burning straw into the hold, with the view of distracting the attention of the crew by efforts to subdue the fire. The crew, however, were not misled, but beat the Chinese down below, and fastened the hatches. The attempt to extinguish the fire proving fruitless, the boats were lowered, and the officers, crew, passengers, and Chinese interpreter, embarked and put off from the ship.

The captain had in his boat twelve or thirteen of the crew, and having no sails, he was returning on board to obtain them when the ship suddenly went down, and it is feared that the boat, with all on board, was drawn within the vortex. The whole of the coolies perished in the vessel. The remaining boat, with the chief mate and six passengers, arrived at Singapore on the 16th of March, but not without encountering further danger and casualty. When off Pulo Tangi they were attacked by a Malay boat, containing three men and a boy, who killed one of the passengers and one of the crew, and wounded several others. These Chinese coolie or passenger horrors appear to increase with alarming rapidity.