

LIVERPOOL NEWS.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Wednesday, Dec. 30.

**SERIOUS STABBING CASE ON SHIPBOARD IN THE RIVER.**  
—At the Police Court, to-day, a Malay sailor, named Orlean San Francisco, cook on board the Spanish ship Maria y Vincenta, was brought before Mr. Raffles on a charge of stabbing James Henry Irvine, a pilot belonging to this port, while in charge of the ship, which had just arrived yesterday evening. As Irvine was not in a fit state to attend, the prisoner was remanded for a week. It appeared that after the ship had come to an anchor, and while waiting to get into dock, Irvine ordered the prisoner to get him tea, and, along with it, some sardines. The prisoner, instead of attempting to carry out the order made a sulky remark, which was but imperfectly understood, and the order for the tea was repeated, again eliciting some improper observation from the prisoner, when Irvine gave him a push, and turned away. Almost immediately on doing so Irvine felt something flowing down his leg, which, on examination, he found to be blood, which was issuing copiously from a stab wound in his thigh. Intimation of the outrage was given, and the prisoner was taken into custody, and conveyed to Bridewell; Irvine being also carried ashore, and conveyed to the Northern Hospital. On the wound being examined, it was found to be a formidable one, although not of an immediately dangerous character. The prisoner, on being questioned as to why he stabbed the pilot, said he was cutting chips, and that the pilot fell upon his knife. The knife was found in the fore-castle of the ship, covered with blood.

**UNITED STATES MAIL—NEW COMMANDER OF THE FORCES FOR CANADA.**—The Liverpool, New York, and Philadelphia Steamship Company's screw-steamer City of London, Captain Petrie, sailed to-day for New York, with the United States mails, a valuable cargo, and about 40 cabin passengers. Among these latter were Major-General Napier, and suite. General Napier, who served with distinction in the Crimea, goes out as Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in Canada.

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