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OF WAR.—The
gives the follow-
an officer in at-

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history of the Portland riot as presented
Mayor Dan and

Monday. A spokesman with his jaw broken by a blow from a rock half an hour ago, and by a round shot from a cannon which took off his left leg, was conclusive evidence that the rebels were not to preserve life or limb for their own joy?—The rebels had been taken from the truth and from the assurance that the war was broken, and that the rebels had been suffering a severe and crushing defeat.

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to weigh in a scruple petty considerations of the kind which would weigh so much for them after mutterings of defiance. I never else New York will tolerate, it will not tolerate, against that which has learned to be implacable and against that which has learned to be warded with a thousand bullets, should have to stand its ground half the time the Portland did, after the summons to disperse.

It is a great mistake to endeavor to make capital of the fact, either for or against the Maine Law. It is a fact, and the community cannot approve of a prohibitory law, to pretend that they will either resist or acquiesce in it. It is a fact, very ground they base their opposition on in nature, that the community will not resist the unconstitutional law, as they understand it; and that the community will not enlighten judges and not to an informed, rational

the fact that men whose very first principle is the acquisition of property, be tainted with an unbecomingly narrow and selfish view of the contracting mo-
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 tion, and who are not prepared to sacrifice any portion for a day without unsettling every action upon which property rests.
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 We are not, however, prepared to condemn the actions and mo-
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 tives of all men. We may think that the Anti-Slavery Liqueur Law to be a bad law, but bad law is not a crime. We may think that the Government, for its very nature of our popular Government, for its own sake, would be destroyed by peaceful leg-
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 islation, but we do not believe that it could do so. What we have most to fear is not the law, but the men.
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 When laws are successfully resisted by open violence, government ceases and anarchy begins.
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 Let us not, therefore, be misled by the
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 miserable attempts to make a martyr of the man Robbins, be received with the contempt
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 which we should show to the law men in their struggle against it, may well say,

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