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We copy from the *Liverpool Chronicle* of 16th March the following interesting article on the STATE OF EUROPE.

Although we have not, until now, been writing received from Paris the official result of the elections in France, we know sufficient to fill us with the most dismal apprehensions for the future history of the divided country. We learn that the three Socialist candidates have been returned for Paris, the other three moderate candidates being in a minority. M. Poy, the highest moderate candidate on the poll, was several hundreds lower than the least moderate Socialist. It is no use, therefore, our eyes to this most alarming event. All the hopes of the moderate party are failed, and that city, which claims to be the most intelligent in Europe, has deliberately chosen three candidates to represent her in the National Assembly who symbolize the principles of ignorance, and of blood. If Paris is thus lost to all sense of its own dignity and safety, what must we expect from the departments? The telegraphic accounts from some of the departments certainly assure us that some six or seven moderate candidates will be chosen, but we are not very sanguine about the matter. Paris has spoken. This city, the organ and leader of all France, has declared that Carnot, who made himself infamous by his circulars and resolutions, and who was the line of the Provisional Government, is its representative; one of his colleagues is Vidal, who was Louis Blanc's partner in the Lyonsberg folly, and the third, De Floate, is an officer without character, who was transported to Belle Isle by Cavagnac for his deeds of blood during the June revolution of 1848. It is needless to say that the effect of this election has been to strike consternation in the minds of every rational friend of liberty. It is pretended that the Orleansists have contributed to this result, as they believe that a restoration of the Bourbons can only be effected after the order of another bloody restoration. This we deem perfectly delusive; but view it how we may, more than 230,000 votes in Paris have declared that three pure nays, whose principles are of the most odious character, are the representatives of their deliberate opinions. Of course, certain has received a serious blow. The funds declined three or four per cent.; and as no mortal man can conjecture how it will affect the rest of the world, we can only be for any length of time fully restored. Well indeed, may the Paris journal say, to what else may we expect? In the excitement which prevails and the general uncertainty which hangs over the departmental elections, it is scarcely probable that any election is likely to happen. A struggle of the most fearful kind is impending, but what shape it will assume, whether the Socialists will take the lead, or the President, counting upon the army, will again make some offer at a coup d'etat, remains hidden in the mystery of fate.

President visited the *Place de la Bastille* on Wednesday, and the people generally received him with enthusiasm, especially the women, who were shown to him. In any other country but France we might notice some prohibitions, but in France, in the present crisis, but with our capricious neighbours all opposition is set at naught. France seems on the verge of a precipice, and the world will see in order to see what step she will next take. Of course, the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly, at such a moment, are of little interest; the President's proposals are of no consequence.

The Swiss question appears likely to terminate satisfactorily. A vast body of French troops have already crossed the frontiers, and, as the refugees still in Switzerland were to be distributed throughout the different cantons of Switzerland, tranquillity would probably be maintained. The election of the Socialists in the Paris elections may, however, give a fresh impetus to the Red Republicans throughout Europe, and especially in the mountains of Brussels is significant. He is carefully watched by the Government.

The Swiss question has not yet been brought to a point of adjustment. The Greek Government, admitting that they have been quite wrong throughout, hang back, in the vain hope that

Russia and England will interfere to save them from the consequences they have brought upon themselves. Count Nesselrode has written two notes from St. Petersburg, vapouring about the rights of Russia, but carefully abstaining from interference. The second note, written after the news reached St. Petersburg that the French had offered their good offices, is much less insolent than the first. There seems very strong evidence to prove that King Otho may be driven to do not actually commit—the late rebellion in the Ionian Islands; and Lord Palmerston, with the proofs of this treachery in his pocket, is reading His Majesty a lesson which he will not forget. As for the interference of France, much less of Russia, to prevent the English Government from exercising her rights as an independent power, it is all moonshine. Lord Palmerston says he shall keep the detained Greek vessels in *place* until our just claims are satisfied, and not a word is raised against him in the House of Commons.

Whether the report has been circulated to influence the French elections we know not, but certain it is, that it is generally stated that the main body of the French troops are to be withdrawn from Rome, leaving a garrison at the Castle of St. Angelo, and another small body of troops at Civita Vecchia. In the meantime the Austrians are forming an entrenched camp near Spolito. If the French should really retire from Rome, it will be a most important conclusion of their most ill-judged intervention.

The affairs of Cuba have created such a sensation in Madrid that Count Mirasol is about to be ordered to Havana, where he is to proceed on an extraordinary mission to the President of the United States. A Spanish legion was being recruited in the provinces for the service of the Pope, and if the main body of French troops should evacuate Rome, leaving the people at the tender mercy of the Austrians and Spaniards, it certainly requires no foresight to predict that a fresh revolution will break out.

From Germany we learn that the interim commission of the German empire is to be prolonged for the period of three months, in order to give time for the Erfurt Parliament to organize its powers. The chief article of this additional act provides that the powers of peace and war are not to be exercised by the German States, which are not members of the said Union. There have been some executions at Arad, and Austria seems generally tranquil. The arrogant Count Nesselrode's notes about Greece indicate that the Russian Government is not much pleased with Lord Palmerston; and the appointment of Count Strogonoff as Russian ambassador at Paris, is viewed in Turkey with some degree of alarm as hostile to the Turkish interests. In this state of things, some *raisonnant* liberal papers affect to take the part of Russia as against ourselves, but the motives which they assign for this impudent attempt to deceive any one. In the meantime every day brings fresh news from the Duchies of a most insupportable character; and if, unfortunately for the Emperor, the Imperial army should find sympathy in Germany, we shall have a repetition, in some form, of the events of 1848, and the hostilities between Germany and Denmark will break out more furiously than ever. Count Fugger, a Bavarian artillery officer, has been tried for treason, and is to be hanged for his late intercession in the Palatinate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In the same sitting in which Dr. Baldomero Garcia delivered the speech published in our last, the bill sanctioning the annual estimates was brought forward. On this occasion, Dr. Lorenzo Torres, on the part of the Committee of Finance, introduced an amendment to the effect that the Executive should be authorized to dispose of all the revenues of the Province without restriction, in pending negotiations with France are brought to a successful issue, and the reincorporation of the Province of Paraguay to the Republic is finally accomplished. The learned gentleman supported his motion in the following speech—

As Gentlemen have just heard, the Committee proposes by Article II that H. E. the

Governor and Captain General of the Province, Brigadier Don Juan Manuel de Rosas, be authorized to dispose of all the funds, revenue and resources of the Province without any restriction whatsoever until the pending negotiation with France be brought to a close.

This article, regarded in its true light, is nothing more than a renewal of the offer which we have now made to H. E., when taking the Estimates into consideration in former years, and also on other solemn occasions arising out of the unjust Anglo-French intervention, in which offer we included our persons, property, fame and future welfare.

But as the intervention, although now at an end on the part of England, still continues on that of France, and the latter apparently betrays her ambitious views of conquest if not against both Republics at least against the Oriental, the independence of which we have guaranteed, the Committee is of opinion that it is highly expedient that that offer should be reiterated both in order that it may not be thought that because it was made against the combined efforts of the two Republics it is to be considered as having ceased since France now stands forth singly, and also that by H. E. accepting this offer, it be understood that our resolution is ever the same, and that we will repel France alone as we have repelled her in conjunction with England, by disposing of every thing without restriction.

It is highly important, Gentlemen, that whilst treating of resources we should add the clause "without any restriction whatsoever," because as we must assist, we must also defend, we should authorize the Government in such a manner that according to the circumstances it may be empowered to do what it deems in the choice of means which being within our own country are naturally subservient to its preservation, and without consigning the rights of H. E., without consulting any other body, to its necessity and convenience.

It is highly important, Gentlemen, since we are carrying on our expenses, the war which the foreigner sets up against us, taking care of and respecting the property of the foreigner as a thing sacred. We have never made use of it not even for the defence of that same property against the incursions of the predatory invader, and if France from her presumptuous belief that one Frenchman is worth a thousand men not born in France, wishes to continue the pending negotiation by means of a loan, we should be authorized in order to defend ourselves, that we should accept any sum. We need no one's aid to defend our native country. But ere the foreigner should trample her under foot, we should except no one. France, in order to continue the negotiation, manifests a necessity for an expedition; she votes millions of francs and whilst thereby revealing to us that she places reliance on force and not on justice excites us also to employ our means in opposition to her ambitious demands.

For peace we have ever felt disposed. The intervening powers never desired it with that sincerity with which H. E., the Governor and Captain General of the Province, has by every means endeavoured to bring it about. It is since France, ashamed of the inefficiency of her blockades and of her armed intervention, wishes now to enter into negotiations, we should do nothing in the country, nor even the country itself; for it is necessary to lay the country in ruins to preserve unimpaired our Independence and the rights of our people. It can only be the issue of the negotiation has ever been the desire of the Argentines.

Precisely they will not see disposed to discuss diplomatic questions in a rational manner. But if in discussion they seek not the triumph of reason but that of force, it is useless that civility should come for us to give them we never yield the triumph to aught else but justice and reason. France has learned this truth since 1838 and more than once which beheld us have also applauded it in the Argentine.

If the French Cabinet will not in its councils hearken to the voice of reason but only to that of force, it is much mistaken in believing that this will alter the course of events we were on July 1846 to be independent of all foreign domination. We will abide by it; and without recognizing in this question any other objec-

tion than those of our National Independence and Liberty, we will sacrifice all that is in the possession of us at the command of the Argentine nation.

The Committee on Finance is therefore of opinion that when France forgetting what she owes to a Sovereign Nation, such as the Argentine, and what she owes to other Nations which observe her proceedings, wishes to continue the negotiation with armed force, the Argentine Republic should also prepare herself and be in readiness to receive her in the same character as that in which the negotiating parties present themselves.

The intentions of France in sending out troops to accompany the negotiation may be strictly honest. But this step which alters the status quo during the negotiation may be even considered perfidious, because as we can only judge of facts and not intentions, we see by that fact which should obtain amongst nations visited because whilst an armistice is existing an innovation is made, and that too in an alarming manner from the introduction of armed troops.

The fact, I repeat, is that France is itself in a most alarming manner, because it violates that faith which is due to contracts between nations, altering the status quo of things, and because it implies a fresh attack against the independence of the Oriental State and we also the Argentine.

To prepare ourselves against this invasion would never be an act of hostility on our part, but the just and necessary defence which we are bound to make as guaranties and even for our own security as Americans and neighbours of the Oriental State.

It is not only with the valour of her soldiers and entertaining a very erroneous idea of what Argentines are, worth, serious troops to whom, without our part deserving the horrors of war, we offer our congratulations on their arrival, in order that they may learn with what tenacity we shall defend the land of our birth, but also, that European Governments may become aware that their armies from the moment they step upon our shores will give their Commander the same trouble as the crews of foreign vessels give theirs by their daily desertions, and which the authority of the Argentine Government can alone restrain.

The Committee also propose in Article III that H. E. the Governor shall be authorized to dispose of all the funds, revenue and resources of the Province without any restriction whatsoever until the reincorporation of the Province of Paraguay to the Argentine Confederation be accomplished.

This article is no wise in opposition to the overture made by the Government of the Province of Paraguay for a friendly settlement, because if that Government, free from the foreign influence which led it to commit so many excesses against us, should be authorized by the General Government is disposed to a settlement reconcilable with the honour and rights of the Argentine Nation, and that authorization can present no hindrance to such an arrangement, because it at present implies nothing but a preparation of organs, with the best right demanded by the frequent success of our arms, and the Government of the Province of Paraguay has made upon that of the Argentine Confederation.

The Government, when authorized to make a reply and enter into an arrangement reconcilable with the honour and the rights of the Confederation, will make use of that authority, and will not be bound to accept any authorization if it should find it expedient, and will therein meet no obstacle to those specific views which it may entertain, but on the contrary all the necessary liberty to see what course the Government of the Province of Paraguay to be just, if contrary to its own interest, it should not wish to do so.

The Committee consider that even whilst that overture for peace is still pending, the authorization is essentially necessary, because the antecedents of the Government of the Province of Paraguay obliges us to regard those recent acts with just indignation, and in a case it is now necessary that either the honor and the good rights of that which force and the good rights which the Argentine Nation has been for such a long time suffering from the reincorporation of the Province of Paraguay, be promptly seen.

Don BALDOMERO GARCIA. The ability evidenced in making these amendments cannot be surpassed. They are a simple and eloquent reply

