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ARGENTINE NEWS.

BUENOS AYRES, SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1850.

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The present week was ushered in by an event of a pleasing and grateful character. On Sunday morning the French steamer "Fleamar" bore in sight, having on board H. E. Rear-Admiral Le Prodour, commander-in-chief of the French naval forces in the Plate, and actual Minister Plenipotentiary of the French Republic. The flagship of the national squadron welcomed the gallant and respected Admiral on his arrival, with a salute of 17 guns; which was fully acknowledged by the French corvette "Astrolabe," to which the Admiral's insignia had been transferred. The "Astrolabe" in her turn saluted the town with twenty-one guns, and the command was returned by the Battery "Liberté."

About 1 o'clock, H. E. Admiral Le Prodour disembarked, attended by his Secretary, M. Gouy de Rohan, and accompanied by the Oriental Charge d'Affaires near this Government, Don Antonio de los Reyes. The Captain of the Port and Aide-camp of H. E. Don Pedro Ximeno, and citizen Don Maximo Teraero, were in waiting to receive and welcome the illustrious visitor on his landing. The mutual greetings and felicitations were cordial in the extreme.

The weather being fine and the air breathing and exhilarating, the Promenade "Plaza" was thronged with an extra attendance.

As to the result of the Negotiations, nothing that we know of, has transpired; but the economy and courtesy alluded to are favorable indications. The course of the money-market has been done at as low a figure as 22 1/2 cents current dollars per ounce; and reports say that various contracts are pending at considerably lower rates. Leaving the Bulls and Bears of Change to adjust their own affairs as best they may, we congratulate the community at large on an improvement, that must ultimately prove advantageous to all, though the transition has its inconveniences, and must necessarily derange many calculations. At the same time it affords the most conclusive evidence that can be desired, of the credit and stability of the Government.

EUROPEAN INTELLIGENCE.

(Continued from our last.)

GERMANY.

It would be difficult to fancy a more serene intricate, than the labyrinth of German politics. "Falls from her high estate," she presents a mournful yet instructive illustration of the dangers of indefinite suspensions. The machine is too large, or rather too complicated. Unity of design and mutual adaptation and subordination of parts are the grand desiderata; and the whole languishes, from the want of a self-moving principle, or runs into inextricable confusion, from the absence of a self-regulating power. The best simile that occurs to us, is that of a whale foundering in shallow water. The vital principle may be intact, the muscular energy and mental decision all that can be desired, and still, like the stranded whale, the greatest efforts may be worse than useless, and only precipitate self-destruction.

Recollections of past greatness and glory haunt and disturb her lethargic sleep, and she gives many unstartable indications of an early effort at renaissance. In the movement to be conducted under the auspices of the Peace Association, or the sword of some future Napoleon I. We do not hazard an answer to the question. Meanwhile Prussia and Austria are keenly contending for the leadership of the future German Confederation; a contest that may easily degenerate into a much more comprehensive struggle than the parties themselves intend. In the event of such a collision, neutrality on the part of the major

States will be impossible, from their local position and other self-evident causes. The only choice that remains for them, is that of a side or party, to aid and participate in the horrors and disasters of a civil war. Were the German States left to themselves, the chances at present seem rather in favour of Prussia; but the Czar evidently watches her progress with a jealous eye, and when the crisis arrives, may probably throw his influence, which is by no means small, into the scale of Austria. It might meanly, though States may not be actually in war, they cannot be said to enjoy that settled repose and tranquillity, requisite to industrial enterprise and national prosperity; a description that applies to Germany, Italy, and various other European communities.

In Prussia, military preparations were being made on a grand scale; the precise object unknown, but generally supposed to be in the prospect of renewed hostilities with Denmark. 30,000 men were said to be in an advanced state of readiness.

On the 22d May, at 12 o'clock noon, a magnificent cannonading, with firing and darts, & attack on the life of his Prussian Majesty. Disguised in the uniform of a gunner officer, he advanced close to his Majesty, and treacherously discharged a pistol at his Royal Person, the ball of which inflicted a slight flesh wound in his right arm, and grazed the breast of his coat, providentially without further injury. Much speculation is afloat as to the object of this attack; and as usual in such a case, the madman plea of insanity is brought forward in defence of the assassin. It seems absurd that a mere legal offence should be allowed to screen so diabolical a crime. It must necessarily become fashionable, if treated with such lenity.

The German and European prestige of Austria has suffered considerably, from the mere fact of her accepting Russian intervention in her domestic broils. It was a tacit admission of her relative weakness or want of confidence; a capital error in Governments, more easily committed than rectified. A compulsory submission, with the aid of foreign bayonets, can only be regarded as a hollow truce, and the Austrian Authorities seem little disposed to act on Lord Palmerston's advice, by tinously adopting a conciliatory policy.

ITALY.

Many of our general remarks on Germany, apply with equal truth and force to this section of Europe. Five IX occupies the Chair of St. Peter, but the streets of the Eternal City are still desecrated by the presence of foreign legations. In such circumstances it is impossible to entertain any real hope of national progress; the ultimate result of the struggle, in which the enlightened and liberal views of the Supreme Pontiff are thwarted and overpowered, by external influences beyond his control. The mutual jealousy of France and Austria at least, is quite as strong as their religious zeal, or sympathy for His Holiness; and where parties meet with views so discordant and interests so opposed, it is needless to expect harmony of counsel, or unity of action. The prospects of this fair and interesting portion of the globe, are shrouded in gloom and mystery, impalpable to human vision.

SPAIN.

Madrid, by the latest accounts, enjoyed an unperturbed amount of internal tranquillity, though the partisans of Don Carlos are currently reported to be on the alert. Queen Isabella was expected shortly to present an Hereditary Prince to the Throne of Castile; and there parties met with views so discordant and interests so opposed, it is needless to expect harmony of counsel, or unity of action. The prospects of this fair and interesting portion of the globe, are shrouded in gloom and mystery, impalpable to human vision.

The projected expedition against Cuba had created considerable excitement. We have had the usual display of special notices, unless it be the report that France, nothing daunted by her alleged refusal in Greece, had again volunteered her good offices to the unfortunate British and Neapolitan Governments.

THE REV. DR. BROWN.

In the Session of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, of the 27th May last, the Rev. Dr. William Brown, of the Scotch Presbyterian Church of this city, bore the following pointed and emphatic testimony, to the social and political prospects of this country:— "I have heard my public and unequivocal testimony to the fact, that during twenty three years in which I have exercised my ministry in Buenos Ayres, I have never encountered any opposition, or been subjected to any difficulty on the part of the Government or people, in my professional character. With the exception of the amicable relations between England and Buenos Ayres, I may also add, have been recently restored to their ancient footing as established by treaty, and there is every prospect of long continued peace and prosperity. In these circumstances there are few difficulties or obstacles to be met with in numbers, in wealth, and influence; and what I ask of this Assembly, and this Church, is to extend their fostering care to its moral and spiritual interests; to see that the means of education and the inheritances of religion be maintained to an extent, and in a state of efficiency, equal to what the country can bear. We ask no pecuniary aid—we ask your countenance, sympathies and prayers." (Supplement to the Edinburgh "Evening Courant" of the 30th May last.)

We will not condescend on this occasion, to contrast such testimony, and in such circumstances, with the clumsy and self-contradictory fabrications of General O'Brien, Pacheco, Ober, & his great ones; or with the Timon, Davy and others of his note, have attempted to hold up the Government, and people of this country as utterly vile and degraded, and fit only to be trampled on and enslaved. In this age of free inquiry and free discussion, "Truth is great, and must eventually prevail."

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

We have received Montevideo papers dated to the 12th instant. They contain no European news later than those by the Packet Scargill. As the foreign policy of the British Government in its dealings with the Montevideo arches, every thing tending to designate Lord Palmerston is reproduced with a peculiar complacency. The motive and object of such conduct are all transparent. Their gorge rises at the recollection of the Galloway Convention; and the anticipation of the Leproduit one exasperates their rage. Report represents the excess of his lordship's orders to a close, and a blow to the falling Minister may serve as an introduction to the good graces of his successor. A "kick under the table" is doubt an innoxious pastime; but gratitude and good policy, say nothing of good taste, might suggest the caution, beware lest his lordship prove a "live lion." At all events, in the actual circumstances, it were ungenerous, especially in an Englishman, to deny them the regrettable consolation of the echo of the Montevideo press may not unaptly be compared to the buzz of a mosquito amidst the roar of cannon.

The Chief Justice is perpetually engaged with the violation of the articles of the atrocious murder, reported in our number of last week. The criminal prosecution of the delinquents is delayed. Two of the accused, an Englishman, and a private soldier, Romero, have been shot, pursuant to the sentence of a court martial. The superior Officers of the regulars, man, apparently have most deeply implicated, had contrived to escape from the hands of justice, after having been placed under arrest, and secured with a view to their being taken to expurgate the Montevideo author-

ties; and the residuum of demerit zeal is lavished on President Oribe; who is formally declared to have had neither art nor part in the melancholy fate of the victims; who suffered in consequence of their own voluntary act; and the stern severity of Montevideo justice.

To the fishermen and whaling-voyager it may be some consolation to hear from the lips of the "Comercio" that the brig *Alcibades* sailed on the morning of the 9th inst., carrying to France a copy of the treaty ad referendum, agreed upon between President Oribe and Admiral Leproduit. May she also have a prosperous voyage and a speedy return may we.

We have also the satisfaction of announcing, on the same authority, that the Brazilian Cabinet and the British Authorities in Rio had come to an amicable understanding, as to the recent fracas at Farinango. The Imperial Government seems at last decided on putting down at once and for ever, that abomination of abominations, the slave-trade. A Bill for the purpose was progressing in the Chamber of Deputies; and for the sake of peace, for the sake of humanity, and for the sake of Brazil herself, our prayer is that it may become the law of the land.

On the other hand, we are told that active military preparations are being made in Rio Janeiro, and that there is to be a concentration of forces in Rio Grande del Sud. An equal mystery hangs over the origin of the report, and the object of the movement; and still satisfied as we are to the motives, we are unable to speculate on the intended. But assuming the fact of an actual or intended concentration of forces in that quarter, it may be tolerably accounted for by the recent rebellion of the Baron Yrujo. But the probability is that it is a mere ruse de guerre to inspire the legionaries; an effort to divert the Legislature from the consideration of some of the last moments of the intervention.

MARRIAGE WITH A DECEASED WIFE.

Most of our readers, we presume, are aware that a Bill is pending in the British Parliament, intended to legalize such marriages. The measure, as a matter of course, is undergoing the ordeal of public discussion. In these circumstances the following article from the London "Times," appears to us entitled to a careful perusal.

"We seek not to argue its merits upon religious grounds. For such a mode of argument the present is not a fitting occasion. But looking at Mr. Wortley's proposal with reference only to its probable effect upon the temporal welfare of society, we unhesitatingly resist its adoption.

"Among many reasons which induce us to believe that persons in this relation ought to be permitted to marry, the effect which would be produced upon every man whose wife has sisters come first to be considered, and its effect upon the happiness of the wife must next be ascertained. The relation of brother and sister is certainly that of all the relations of life most fraught with constant, unrequited, and long continued pleasure. It adds to fraternal affection something of the sweetness of love itself. It is love without desire; but the difference of sex throws a charm and warmth and softness upon its feelings, which is not to be denied, without their being in reality aware of its influence. And although this affection does not and cannot bring with it the robust and exuberant emotions of conjugal love, yet it is—beginning in infancy, continued through childhood up to age, and closing only with death itself—more something of the sweetness of love itself of longer duration, and not so liable to great vicissitudes. It is pure and disinterested, and its influence is not so liable to be extinguished. And every man who has learnt on what true happiness is founded, and who wishes in his passage through life to have tender and earnest and constant and faithful affection, will not hesitate had given his sisters—or would permit him to acquire them. The present law of England seems to us to be a very unwise and unjust one, and we believe that the measure proposed makes his wife's sisters his own. The benevolent operation of the law throws art and mystery upon that invisible but real and potent sanctity which is the bond and the relation of brother and sister. All that is present with, all that is absent from, the natural relation and secured with the most perfect present with and absent from the conventional

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