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Foreign Intelligence.

UNITED STATES.—In our number of the 10th inst. we could rarely glance at the President's Message; and must content ourselves with a few detached extracts. In consequence of the passages we saw an evident allusion to the European interventions in America, the late attack upon Cuba, and the operation of the fugitive-slave Bill, &c.; passing events, that give point and interest to the general principles of our foreign policy.

Among the acknowledged rights of nations is that which each possesses of establishing that form of government which it may deem most conducive to the happiness and prosperity of its own citizens; of changing that form, as circumstances may require; and of managing its internal affairs according to its own will. The people of the United States claim this right for themselves, and therefore insist that the others—Hence it becomes an imperative duty not to interfere in the government or internal policy of other nations; and although we may sympathize with the unfortunate or the oppressed, every where, in their struggles for freedom, our principles forbid us to become any part in such foreign concern. We make no wars to promote or to prevent associations of nations; to maintain a balance of power, or to carry into the actual government, which any country chooses to establish for its own.

We investigate no revolution, nor suffer any hostile military expeditions to be fitted out in the United States, or to be sent to any of the provinces of a friendly nation. The great law of morality ought to have a national, as well as personal, and as well as a political, application. We should act toward other nations as we wish them to act toward us; and justice and conscience should rule the real, as well as the nominal, reasons, instead of mere power, self-interest, or the desires of aggrandizement. We should strike a strict neutrality in foreign wars, to cultivate friendly relations to re-eliminate every hostile and dangerous act, and to perform mutually and scrupulously every treaty obligation—Hence are the duties which we owe to other States, and by which we are distinguished to best exhibit ourselves to the treatment from them; or, if that, in any case, be refused, we will enforce our own rights with the most clear conscience.

In our domestic policy, the constitution will be our guide; and in questions of doubtful aspect look for its interpretation to the judicial decisions of that tribunal, which was established to interpret it, and we will in every instance meet, sustained by the acquiescence of the people. I regard all its provisions as equally binding. In all its spirit is the will of the country, expressed in the most solemn form, and the constituted authorities, and all agents of the Government, are to be bound by it, which has been granted to us for the benefit of the public good; but no pretence of utility, no pretext of necessity, or of emergency, can be precedent, can justify the assumption of any power not granted. The powers conferred upon the Government are to be referred to the several departments, as an clearly expressed in that sacred instrument as the imperious of human nature, and we will not deem it my first duty, not to question its wisdom, add to its provisions, evade its requirements, or qualify its commands.

I am happy in being able to say that no unfavorable change in our foreign relations has taken place since the opening of the 25th session of Congress. We are at peace with all the nations, and we enjoy in an eminent degree the blessings of that peace in a prosperous and growing commerce, and in all the forms of amicable national intercourse.

The rapid growth of the country, the present amount of its population, and the increasing immigration, assure for it the respect of all nations; while it is trusted that its character for justice, and a regard to the rights of other states, will cause that respect to be readily and cheerfully paid.

A convention was negotiated between the United States and Great Britain, for the purpose of facilitating and protecting the construction of a ship canal between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and for the purpose of settling the boundary, the exchange of ratifications has been effected, and proclamation has thereof been duly made.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office of Congress, for carrying into effect the convention with Great Britain, of the 27th of July, 1845, has been directed upon the petition of the States imposed upon him by that act. It is hoped that those duties may be completed within the time

which is prescribed. The documents, however, which the Imperial Government, by the third article of the convention, stipulates to furnish to the Government of the United States, have not yet been received. As it is presumed that these documents will be essential for the correct disposition of the claims, it may become necessary for Congress to extend the period limited for the duration of the commission. The sum stipulated by the 4th article of the convention to be paid to the Government has been received.

A high tariff can never be permanent, but will excite dissimulation and will be changed. Protection is a temporary expedient, and thereby invites the investment of Capital in manufactures to the extent, that when changed it brings distress, bankruptcy, and ruin, upon all who have been made by its fallacious inducements. What the duty, that may for a while be a confidence that it is not to be altered by sudden changes. It is not only necessary that the law should not be altered, but that the duty should not fluctuate. The effect, that all duties should be specific, whether of the nature of the article is such as to admit of it.

All various duties fluctuate with the price, and offering temptations to fraud and piracy. Specific duties, however, are permanent, equal and uniform in all ports, and at all times, and offer a strong inducement to the importer to maintain a regular and steady balance of trade, than upon an inferior quality. I therefore so strongly recommend a modification of the present tariff, and the enactment of some of our most important and necessary manufactures, and that specific duties be imposed successively, until the requisite amount, making such discrimination in favor of the industrial pursuits of our own country as to encourage them, and to give them a fair and equal competition. It is also important that an uniform provision in the present tariff, which is to be made, should be made, so that the material that enters into our manufactures than upon the manufactured article, should be reduced.

More than three-fourths of our population are engaged in the cultivation of the soil. The commercial, manufacturing and navigating interests, to a great extent, depend on agriculture. It is, therefore, the most important interest of the nation, and has a just claim to the fostering care and protection of the Government, so far as the law can extend, consistently with the provisions of the constitution. As the canals have been authorized, it is respectfully recommended, the establishment of an Agricultural Bureau, to be charged with the duty of giving to the farmer, the best and most judicious encouragement that he is well deserving.

In view of the immense natural resources of our country, provision should also be made for the employment of a competent mineralogist and chemist, who should be authorized to make dissections of the bowels of the earth, to collect specimens of the various minerals of our country, and to ascertain their uses, and their respective elements and properties, and their adaptation to useful purposes. He should also be authorized to examine the various mineral qualities of different soils, and the minerals best calculated to improve their productiveness. By pointing out the various uses of the minerals, with suitable explanations, and by the collection and distribution of rare seeds and plants, with the means of their successful cultivation, much may be done to promote this great national interest.

It is a duty, that the various reports, and resolutions passed at your last session, with the view of meeting the sectional differences of the country, and the various agricultural questions, should at once have realized their beneficent purposes. All mutual concessions and accommodations, which are necessary to be unwelcome to men of extreme opinions—And though without such concessions and accommodations, the country would not be permanently sustained, yet we have seen them made the subject of bitter controversy, and the result has been a loss of time, and a waste of money.

It required many months of discussion and deliberation to secure the concurrence of a majority of Congress, in a measure, which, in its progress, had been received with universal approbation by people and states; and which, if carried into effect, would have done more for the interests of our country, than all the measures of our representatives. I believe those measures to have been required by the circumstances, and that the delay, which has occurred, they were necessary to allay suspicions and authorities that were rapidly alienating our country from the measures, and were thereby trying those fraternal sentiments which are the strongest supports of the constitution—

They were adopted in the spirit of conciliation, and for the purpose of conciliation.

I believe that a great majority of our fellow-citizens sympathize in that spirit, and that purpose, and in the main opinion, and are prepared, in all respects, to sustain these measures. I cannot doubt that the American people, bound together by kindred blood and common traditions, still cherish a paramount regard for the rights of their fathers; and that they are ready to rebuke any attempt to violate its integrity, to disturb the compromise on which it is based, or to forestall the laws which have been enacted under its authority.

We extract the following summary of European news from *Wilmot and Smith's "European Times"* of the 9th January, "PUBLISHED EXPRESSLY FOR DISPATCH BY THE STEAM SHIP COMPANY," and containing a vast amount of important and interesting matter. If the stock price could be the same, we have no hesitation in predicting that the "European Times" will command an adequate patronage in Buenos Ayres.

DENMARK and the DUTCH.—Hamburg correspondence of the 29th inst. contains an address from the King of the Netherlands, in which the news of an armistice between a strong force of Danes and the army of the King of the Netherlands and the 7th battalion of foot, supported by two field pieces. The Danish entrenchments were taken, and the Dutch were taken by the Holsteiners, who, it is stated, captured 21 Danes. It was impossible to ascertain the loss which the Danes suffered, and which was wounded, and this statement proves that the Holsteiners were either not allowed to keep possession of the ground, or that they were driven out. Danes effected their retreat in such excellent order that they were enabled to carry all the wounded and sick with them. The Holsteiners quote their own losses at two men killed and from 12 to 14 wounded. Among the latter is Lieut. Nassau, of the 4th Jagers, who has since suffered amputation. The news of the approach of the federal troops of execution is received by the Danes.

Timorous were the of the impending resignation of the Minister.

SWEDEN.—The intelligence from Sweden is important. Our dates go to the 17th of December. The project of a reform in the representative system, which has for a long time past been a subject of general interest throughout the country, had that day been rejected by the Congress, and the question is therefore now considered as definitely settled, because, according to the terms of the Constitution of Sweden, any proposal relating to a change in the fundamental law requires the sanction of each of the four States which comprise the Diet—the nobles, the clergy, the burghers, and the peasantry—before it can be adopted.

The conduct of the King with reference to the important subject has been uniformly advised by all parties, from his firm adherence to the terms of the Constitution.

THE DANISH CONGRESS.—On New-Year's day the members of the Congress paid their respects to the King of Sweden. Prince Selwarzenberg addressed the King in a complimentary speech, to which His Majesty replied by expressing his best wishes for the labours of the Congress, and desiring that the committee of the Congress met on the 2nd inst. The strictest secrecy prevailed respecting their proceedings.

CASSEL.—By a message from Frankfurt and Cassel, of the 27th ult., it is stated, that the Elector returned to Cassel on the 27th. His Holiness would not precede him. A grand parade of the Prussian troops and Hessians troops was held immediately after his arrival, and the Elector, accompanied by his suite, has promised not to insist on the recognition by his functionaries of the decree of the 28th of September, and the recognition of the Prussian commissioner by the Prussian and Austrian commissioners, the Prussian corps, under General Thielmann, and the Hessians, have not yet advanced to within two leagues of Cassel. The Prussian troops retreated, however, when a proposal was made for the recognition of the decree of Cassel should be reduced in number. The Austrian commissioner at Cassel has published a declaration, in which he has expressed his indignation against any attempt to force a settlement upon his judgment upon the real position of the country, saying, you will be obliged to leave the Prussian army, and to return to your own jurisdiction, and from your patriotism.

Respectfully submitted to the will of their government, the undersigned have hitherto made it a rigorous obligation to abstain from every proceeding which might have exposed its views or its policy, even whilst they themselves were the victims. But, at the moment of this crisis, they are obliged to speak, and to state, they concur with confidence to represent to you their views and their fears, and to make you ac-

at Berlin on the 28th. It was stated that the Government intended again to prorogue the Parliament.

The two Houses of the Prussian Parliament met on the 3d inst. Count Schlieffen presided in the Lower House, where he has since been elected to the presidency. Count Kitzinger presided in the Upper House. In his address he protested against the late Ministerial measures against Hesse and Holstein. Baron Thun asked that the papers on the German question should be produced by the Ministers. The House resolved to adjourn the debate on the address to Tuesday, and resolved that a second report should be drawn up by the Address Committee.

A further report on the German question had been decreed. The two Houses met on the 4th inst. No resolutions were passed.

AUSTRIA.—Accounts from Vienna to the 22d inst. state that the present moment is expected to Holstein. The border battalions are on their march home from Holstein.

Prince Selwarzenberg arrived in the capital on the evening of the 1st inst. The regeneration of the Austrian finances had been entrusted to Baron Kuhnke, General Scholtze and eleven general officers had been pensioned. In a later Cabinet Council it was proposed to reduce the number of Generals. No decision as yet has been taken on this proposal.

Prince Metternich has been in the capital on the evening of the 1st inst. The King of Prussia will soon take up his residence at which city some of the Prussian troops will be sent to Holstein.

By advices from Frankfurt and Cassel of the 4th inst. we learn that the federal troops in Hesse were still called upon to march to Holstein. The courts-sarment were still actively engaged.

NAPLES.—Naples, Dec. 24.—The Neapolitan Government of the present moment is in a state of alarm, knowing that a considerable number of "addresses" have entered the Kingdom, which are calculated to excite the public mind, and arrests have taken place on this account, and the activity of the police is if possible greater than ever. The state trials have occupied much public attention during the last few days. The proceedings in the trial of some of the accused persons hitherto unknown, owing to the great confidence of the lawyers who are now defending the prisoners, have excited the curiosity of the Government, which presents a picture of immaturity on the part of the executive which is truly deplorable.

TURKEY.—Constantinople, Dec. 15.—The news from Bosnia is satisfactory. The Emperor has been very liberal in his offers, which he is endeavouring to introduce such reforms as necessary for the peace of that province. No measures have been taken to change in it has been re-established there.

An English schooner, the *William*, Capt. Maitland, laden with goods from Liverpool, bound to Brazil and Galatz, was being shipwrecked at the mouth of St. George's Creek, &c.

SOUTH AMERICA.—The political intelligence from Rio Janeiro is important, inasmuch as the various institutions of the Empire, which are still continuing, and that the Brazilian Government were collecting their forces in the south and making all preparations for a war with Russia.

FRANCE.
PETITIOES addressed to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, by 5439 FRENCHMEN resident in the United States, and in the Territory of the ORIENTAL TERRITORY; followed by a letter addressed to M. THIERS—

PETITION
TO THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
BUENOS AYRES, 31st AUGUST, 1850.

MESSES. REPRESENTATIVES.—At the moment when the new treaty signed by your Government has been published, it is about to be submitted to your deliberation, and when you will have pronounced upon this question, the French Republic will be at the mercy of your judgment upon the real position of the country, saying you will be obliged to leave the Prussian army, and to return to your own jurisdiction, and from your patriotism.

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