

17. Printed No. 75, Part I, Defense, and published every Saturday, except on public holidays, by the Chief of the Office, Don Juan Calvo y Sotomayor, who also receives the advertisements and communications as may be left.

Price 30¢ per quarter, delivered by Town by the Carriers and 35¢ per quarter when remitted by Express. For the advertisements published in this paper, they will be charged by every opportunity. Single Number 3¢.

(No. 1371.)

Foreign Intelligence.

FRANCE.—The friends of peace and social order look forward with intense interest to the policy of the Emperor and well they may, on seeing at a time so busy of the following dispatches admitted to the absolute will of a new man, an evidently aspiring man, and a Bonaparte.

The French army just now (in November, 1852) consists of 600,000 men, 539 officers of the general staff, 21,491 gendarmes, 7,793 non-commissioned officers, 13,608 artificers, 1,100 regiments of line, and 25 light regiments, each regiment of 6 companies, and each company has 125 men. Next come the Cavalry Regiments in 19 battalions of 8 companies each, a total of 140 men—making a total of 8,000,000 francs. There are also three regiments of Zouaves, now in Africa, each regiment of three battalions, and each battalion 9 companies; and 3 battalions of Light African Infantry, and 13 brigade companies. Besides these, there are 2,600 Legion, two regiments each of 2,600 Legion. The Cavalry consists of 2 regiments of Caraballiers, 19 regiments of Hussars, 9 regiments of Light Cavalry, 12 of Dragons, 9 of Hussars, 4 of African Mounted Rifles, 2 regiments of Spahis, and 12 regiments of Artillery consisting of 15 regiments each, of 10 batteries. There are 3 regiments of English Cavalry, and 2 battalions. The total is—foot, 275,000; horse, 100,000; and 12,000 of the Foreign Legion and bands of Africans in Africa. There are also 100 frigates, 40 corvettes, 50 brigs, and 15 transports—total 100 vessels. There are also 100 efficient steam navy of 10 frigates and 20 corvettes from 320 to 400 horse power, and 70 small steamers. There are also 100 other 325 vessels—viz, 226 sail vessels and 102 steamers, commanded by 2,000 officers and 300 cadets, and manned by 27,000 gunners, marines, and sailors—*Kaiser Zeitung.*

The modifications to be made in the Constitution of 1852 will, it is said by very slight, little more than matters of form, and will fit in with the new order of things; and these modifications will not be made by the Senate, but left by that body to the consent of the President himself. A change likely to be made is with reference to the duration of the President's term, which is now for a partial, so that every senator shall receive an annual allowance varying from 25,000 to 250,000 francs.

It is considered almost certain that Prince Napoleon [Lorenz] will be named Viceroxy of Sicily.

It is now stated that the President's marriage will take place, not in the month of January, supposed, but in the month of May.

FRANCE.—The "Opinion" of the 26th ult. announces that the Senate had adopted the Sanitary Convention without the amendments introduced by the Chamber.

FRANCE.—The "Opinion" of the 26th ult. announces that the Medias will be liberated by the Duke of Tuscany on the 1st of December; it mentions that it is of the direct interest of the King of Prussia, through Count Arnim Blomberg.

FRANCE.—The French Government has received the following dispatch from General Yusuf, who had been dispatched by General Goussier, Governor General of Algeria, to suppress an insurrection of the Laghouates excited by the Cheik Abdallah:

"After forced march of 24 hours, with my movable column, I fell on the Cheliff's camp, occupied at El Ker. We have killed 200 men, carried off 200 camels and 20,000 sheep. It was a magnificent stroke of war. Our losses were insignificant."

FRANCE.—Accounts from Madrid of the 25th Nov. published in the "Republ" have published an erroneous account of the meeting of some of the Ministers, and several journals have repeated that article, the Minister of the Interior, the Minister of the Navy, and the Minister of the War, were the "Esperanza," "Nacion," "Prensa," "El Comercio," and the "Clausur Publico." On the 27th, the

only paper allowed to appear in Madrid will be the "Official Gazette" and the ministerial journal "El Espana." The Ministry will consequently present itself before the Cortes free from all the difficulties the press might raise in its way. All the editors of the above journals were in prison.

Accounts from Madrid of the 27th Nov. state that the day before the Queen presented at a cabinet council, at which it was decided to reform the electoral law and to dissolve the Cortes, should the Senate or Chamber of Deputies be the seat of any scandalous occurrence. The government, in that case, would modify the constitution and the electoral law. According to the new project the deputies will hereafter be required to possess a revenue of 20,000 reales in landed property, and their number is not to exceed 700. The number of electors is likewise to be considerably reduced. The rules of the Chamber will be altered, and their sittings and deliberations will cease to be public. The Senate is to be dissolved, and replaced by a political body composed of members named for life by the crown.

FRANCE.—The Senate has unanimously, and without discussion, adopted the project of law on the conversion of the Five Per Cent.

The Belgian "Moniteur" publishes the articles of the law. The following extracts are of interest:—The interest on the annuities of the Five per Cent. Bonds can obtain their conversion at par into Four and a Half per Cent. Bonds, and the interest per cent. will be maintained until the 1st of May, 1853, and will be enjoyed up to that date. The interest on the annuities of the reimbursement of their scrip. All proprietors who do not demand the reimbursement of their scrip, shall be obliged to have it fixed by royal decree, will be considered as having accepted the conversion. The government is authorized to effect the conversions at London and Paris. The expiration of the right of reimbursement of the New Four-and-a-Half per Cent. is suspended for eight years, dating from the 1st of May, 1850, until the 1st of May, 1858.

The decree of King Leopold, dated the 1st of December, then follows.

POLAND.—The border Krotzins, who, during the years 1848 and 1849, quagmared the country on the Prussia and Polish frontier, and against whom detachments of Russian and Prussian troops were frequently sent, in order to suppress the death, at Tarougen, having been condemned to receive 9,000 strokes with the stick between the ankles of a Russian battalion in the plain between Tarougen and the frontier, the principal theatre of his crimes. The sentence is not one of death, though equivalent to it, as no one has ever been known to survive even a moderate degree of this punishment. Who in the last week four robbers have been executed in the same district; they died before 6,000 strokes had been inflicted, and as the sentence must always be fully performed, it was in each case completed on their dead bodies.

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS.

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF BUENOS AYRES, TO THE SENATE AND TO THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

A few wicked men, falsely invoking the name of Federation, and instigated merely by their own passions, by an insane desire of appearing influential men, which they are insignificant, have dragged you from your homes to the theatre of a civil war, and a fight against your own brethren, in which you just receive or expect.

Comrades of my country, districts! That traitor Lagos, and his companions, as false and deceitful as himself, and as despotic and despicable as he, have sacrificed the interests, as if you were incapable of knowing that your efforts and your wishes ought always to be in the side of the existing and lawful Government.

It is now time, therefore, that the blind fall off from your eyes. Abandon them, for a brilliant, powerful and enthusiastic Army, composed of 7000 men, and of 100000 men, triumphant, commanded by virtuous Chiefs, such as Rosas y Belgrano, Acosta, Caez, and others, will fall on the traitor Lagos, and the peasants he has cruelly deceived, making them believe that they fight for the Federation, and will not be the victims of the designs of the traitors, who no longer exist, since all the Portenoes are now united, and there are hundreds of thousands of them, not in the Country

district, only that of peace, and of the liberty of the Province, which Lagos wishes to find over municipal, the same as yourselves, to a foreign power.

Inhabitants of the Country Districts! Do not fight between your brethren, merely for the caprice of an aspirant, who wishes to elevate himself at your expense. The Government extends to you six months arms. Those who do not promptly separate themselves from the criminal path which they have completed, you to follow, shall now or afterwards be tried and sentenced according to law.

Spain the Government, then, the painful necessity of punishing bad Portenoes. Disown the usurped authority of these miscreants, who have none. The Government releases you from the compromises you may have with them. It authorizes you to turn your arms against them. It will protect you with all its power, should you do so, or it will be under the painful necessity of punishing you, as it has told you, should you continue longer among these aspirants, who have neither Country nor rights in this land.

Buenos Ayres, January 15, 1853.

MANUEL G. PINTO.

LORENZO TORRES.

FRANCISCO DE LAS CARRERAS.

ENCOMENDADO, Laguna de Lastre, District of Chacabuco, Jan. 14, 1853.

To H. E. the Governor and Captain General of the Province, Brigadier General Manuel G. Pinto.

The undersigned have the honor of addressing H. E. to acquaint you, that on the morning of the 13th inst., he and the Sr. Lagos, and detached the vanguard, consisting of 200 men, who were to cross the river during this operation there appeared a party of the enemy of forty four men on the opposite side of the river, who discharged a few shots, but on seeing the column of the law defenders of the National honor and its laws, they retired, and the Sr. Lagos, in pursuit of them, and in continuation the rest of the forces, and the friendly Indians. At the distance of two leagues appeared several skirmishing parties, that were immediately dispersed by ours. At the distance of three leagues, and on the same day, was Don Juan F. Olmos, with the rest of the forces under his command, composed of about 500 men, who on seeing the vanguard, initiated the first skirmishing party by attack. The vanguard and part of the friendly Indians pursued them for about three leagues, reducing them to the most miserable condition, and separated in several groups, carrying with them few horses and taking various directions.

The loss of the enemy consists of 15 killed, 8 prisoners, and a great dispersion, according to the data obtained by the undersigned, some he gave towards Doña Juana, others to Chacabuco, others towards the North.

On our part we have not had a single man wounded.

For this successful issue of our first operations, which entitles us to the gratitude for our beloved Country, and on account of the noble enthusiasm that reigns among its valiant defenders, I have the honor of congratulating Y. E. recommending to your high consideration, the meritorious and devoted deserting of the Sr. Lagos, and the friendly Indians, who have also taken an active part, but whose name is in the glorious account of this day.

God preserve H. E. many years.

ACOSTA.

PEDRO ROSA Y BELGRANO.

Ministry of Finance.

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 23, 1853.

The circumstances that determined the Government to also place the parts of the Boac del Riachuelo, and of the Concha River, having altered, it has accorded and decreed.

Art. 1.—The export of country produce, and of other articles of no rebanda that may be detained in the Saladeros and deposited in consequence of the decree of the 27th of last month, is allowed.

Art. 2.—The vessels in which they may be embarked shall be despatched in conformity with the regulations of the Customs, or on the parties interested presenting

a sworn account of the cargo they export, with previous permission of the Customs-house.

Art. 3d.—Let it be communicated to whom it may concern, published and given to the Official Register.

PINTO.

FRANCISCO DE LAS CARRERAS.

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 23, 1853.

Having observed that the signal of alarm, which is not heard, except in certain parts of the City, according to the direction of the wind, and successively to avoid the inconveniences that may arise from this confusion, the Government accords and decrees—

Art. 1st.—After the three gunned by the Fort, an alarm bell will be rung for two minutes by the Cabildo bell, and all the other Churches will ring in like manner for the same length of time.

2d.—The Curates and Churchwardens shall be held seriously responsible for the observance of the preceding article, and shall be subjected to penalties any misadministration of the same according to the laws.

3d.—Should the alarm be at night, all the doors shall be shut, the Sr. Lagos, and awaken the families, that all those compelled to observe the law may repair to their barracks or encampments.

4th.—Let it be communicated to whom it may concern, published, and given to the Official Register.

PINTO.

By order and authorization of H. E.

Pedro R. Rodriguez.

Ministry of Government.

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 23, 1853.

To the Minister Secretary of War and Marine, General-in-Chief of the Army of the Capital, General Don Angel Pacheco.

The undersigned has been instructed by H. E. the Governor to say to you, as he has been instructed to do, that the verbal excuse having been submitted to a consultation, and H. E. pronounced as to the office you discharged of General-in-Chief of the Army, in consequence of the state of your health, the Government has ordered the following to be made to Y. H. that appreciating, as it highly appreciates the important services which Y. H. has rendered to the Province, which it is entitled to expect from the practical direction of Y. H., the verbal excuse to the resignation which Y. H. has given to you, but on the other hand, it being just after so many years of your services, and as you are a person of high rank, it has decided to refer to you the honor of your resignation, and that may be requisite for its recovery; and that what this interesting office is being accomplished, H. E. will resume the office of General-in-Chief of the Army of the Capital.

By delegating it provisionally in Colonel Don Pedro Jose Diaz, and in the same intention, H. E. also provides that the Secretary of War and Marine, and the Minister of the Interior, in consequence of this resolution an unequivocal confirmation of the appreciation whereof the Government is so sensible, and that accepting of it, as such, you will preserve the continuity then when your health may allow.

It is to be desired that you be able to return to the Country in the distinguished capacity and valor of your Honor.

God preserve Y. H. many years.

LORENZO TORRES.

Ministry of Government.

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 23, 1853.

To Colonel Don Pedro Jose Diaz.

The Government has accorded to allow General Diaz to retire for a few days, so demanding, on which account H. E. has decided to allow him to retire for a few days, and to designate General-in-Chief of the Army of the Capital, and has ordered the undersigned to communicate to you the verbal confirmation of doing, that he delegates the command of the Army of the Capital provisionally in Y.

