

THE STANDARD.

NIL VAM ADULAM, NIL VERB NON
"ADAM DOGNA". (Cicero.)

WEDNESDAY, 13th AUGUST 1861.

Review for French Packet

The Capital Question in Congress.

REVOLUTION IN CORRIENTES.

August is a stormy month in the River Plate, and the festival of St Rose (30th inst) always heralds terrible reminiscences. It is not strange that our political temperament should be affected by these atmospherical influences. We accordingly find the public tranquillity, which has reigned since last May now rapidly disturbed by a combination of discontented politicians in the design of making Buenos Ayres, Capital of the Republic; and latest despatches report an outbreak in Corrientes which is however more of a local than general character.

General Mitre, to whom we owe the happy pacification of the Argentine provinces, saw, from experience, the necessity of having the National power on that of Buenos Ayres, and proposed to federalize this province, its Governor becoming President of the Republic. This would cut off at one blow the many-hundred monster of petty factious. Hence the project excited the hostility of several hot-headed youth more remarkable for demonstration than wisdom. A young doctor, of good family but no means, gained some notoriety by proposing in the Provincial Chambers, a vote of censure on the President, which had the effect of damning the opposition and increasing Mitre's popularity.

The debate on the Capital has been very stormy during the last three days. Don A. Alisina, son of the eminent lawyer, opposed the bill signed by his father, who has conformed to the Government programme. This young man is a good soldier and eloquent speaker, but so intemperate as to forget the dignity of the Chamber and Ministry. The principal speaker, Dr. Ricarte, made a brilliant oration in the course of which he declared the Constitution unsuited to the country, and such is the prevailing opinion. In the Chamber of Deputies Government is sure of a majority; the vote was about to be put on Monday evening, when the opposition demanded a further discussion. On Wednesday (to day) the voting it is expected will be for the Capital—19—Against—15. We will give in next impression the actual result. Meanwhile the Provincial Chambers are reported to have rejected the bill, which is difficult to foresee. If the decision of Congress be check-mated by the inferior Legislature, we incline to think Government intends to appeal to the people for a new election. Our European friends may be assured of two things—Buenos Ayres shall be the capital and General Mitre, President of the Republic. This is sufficient security for the peace of the nation.

Some slight disturbances have occurred in Catamarca, where 2 persons were slain the night before. The province of Santiago interfered improperly, and as dangerous complications might ensue, the President elect has despatched General Rojo to arrange pending difficulties. Still it is feared that the Governor of Santiago may

invade Catamarca, as the distant provinces from Buenos Ayres are not yet fully constituted, that the provincial rulers often infringe on the National prerogatives.

The revolt in Corrientes is not against the Nation, but merely a conspiracy of the actual party in power to substitute another Governor in place of Pamplona. Even the rebels, if successful, would help the Executive in its measures, but General Mitre has thought it necessary to indicate order, and sent to the Minister of War, with troops, to the scene of action. General Urquiza has, moreover, promised to aid in suppressing the mutiny.

The Spanish news-paper in this city has made uncomplimentary jibes in "Opposition to the Capital." The "Revista" once a genuine public organ is now at right angles with the declared wish of the people. The "Revista," although the official paper of Government, is also opposed, the editor voting as one of the anti-capitalist Deputies. The foreign press, impartial in political disputes, is entirely in favor of Buenos Ayres. The "Daily Standard," Weekly Post, &c., & La Press represent the Horatius, who must necessarily triumph over the opposition. The chief of the Vice-president will result either for D. Marcos Paz, actual Chairman of the Senate, or General Talavera, Governor of Santiago. There is no candidate in opposition to General Mitre.

Industrial Review.

Since the sailing of the British packet, Congress has been so engrossed in the Capital question that all measures of an industrial or Commercial nature are brought to a stand-still.

Sr. Ricarte, responding to the appeal of the Government, and of the whole commercial body, both foreign and native, in this City, has received office as Minister of Handicrafts.

Specie immediately fell and remained its former value owing, however, to the prolonged discussion in Congress as to the seat of capital, and the efforts made by a party whose actions are in direct hostility to the interest of every business man in town, the money market has been subjected to considerable fluctuations, and we doubt if even the plausibly efforts of government to raise the value of currency, and put a fixed value on specie, would be attended with any success, so long as we are the victims of a discussion, which is as disastrous as it is unpopular.

From the interior of the provinces, we are happy to remark large reductions of specie, and produce, and few merchants have reason to complain of depreciation, or even default, a thing by no means improbable in a country where civil war has done much damage.

Nearly all of our importers are holders of Federal obligations, which have been hypothecated to them as security for the goods they sold, to the Provincial shopkeepers; these documents, or evidences of debt, by a default Government, are now recognized by the present, and in a few days we expect, the interest, and 2½ per cent of the principal will be paid.

The honest, straightforward manner in which the present government has met, not only its own liabilities, but also those of Paraguay, has gained for it the count names and support of all the intelligent foreigners, and probably the petition signed by our city merchant in favor of Sr. Ricarte,

financial scheme, is unprecedented in the history of the Argentine Republic.

During the past fortnight we notice the arrival daily of numerous immigrants principally from France and Italy; they are mostly of the aged class, and already the wages of laborers show a decline, owing partly to the number of fresh hands amongst us.

The San Fernando railway has already given its locomotives running on a part of the road and the following letter from the contractor will show how matters stand.

To the Editors of the Standard.

Gentlemen.

I have much pleasure in informing you that we have this day put the Locomotives and Carriages on the track, and further that we have tested the Locomotives by running them several times over a portion of this line, and I am happy to say the Engines work admirably well, without having to alter my engine-pipe, or bearing. In a short time, I promise the public that they shall have both a safe and a comfortable conveyance to San Fernando.

Eugenio Murray.

The water scheme, Glascoom, Godalas, and Eisenmunda, Riffard companies are all in "statu quo," and likely to do so for a while owing to the heterogeneous state of politics of this country; nothing is more required in this city, than a good supply of clean water, meeting more feasible nothing else than the proposal of Mr. Murray, and yet the Municipality have apparently laid it on the shelf. We hope that some soul will move in the matter, as we are immediately in danger of some fearful epidemic so long as the inhabitants are compelled to drink undiluted water, and the dirt and filth of the city has no sewage to carry it off.

The city trade is beginning to revive; the farmers have come in to make their purchases for shearing, and the provincial merchants of the interior are sending down orders for the coming season. Mutton is very abundant, and the odds owing to the ice weather are now in a payable state. A large stock of dry hides is known to exist in the country districts, which before the arrival of the English mail will probably be brought in for sale. Our port is glutted, with foreign shipping as will be seen by a glance at our shipping list; as a matter of course, freights are down and cargoes very difficult, at present, to obtain.

Congress—Senators.

The Chambers met yesterday at 12—40.—There were 20 members present.—The bill declaring Corrientes in a state of siege, was submitted to Committee, and the Chamber withdrew for consultation.—After a brief delay the session was continued, and the bill again recommended by the Committee without alteration, it was passed on a general reading.

Dr. Rawson said.—The Committee considers the bill as being introduced in a spirit of hostility, in order to give a more powerful hand to the Government demands, since it can evoke the National Guards of the Argentine Rioja, besides those of Corrientes.—We made no modification in this item, to prevent abuse.

Dr. Elizalde said.—I think the declaration of martial law is intended for it is enough to mobilize the National Guards of both provinces.

Dr. Alisina said.—I have been

always opposed to martial law, and when Government of Buenos Ayres, admitted it only for the last month. In fact, to us it is tantamount to a tacit admission to this word "señado de sitio," and they will say that this Republic is condemned to eternal squabbles and fighting. Let us not send alarming news by this packet, for a mere matter of form.

Dr. Rawson said.—I am not inclined to defend this point. Still we must consider that the Provincial Government has already ordered a state of siege without power to declare martial law.

Dr. Elizalde said.—The province in self-protection has a right to suspend Habeas Corpus, one of the measures calculated to strengthen the action of G. uruguay.

Dr. Rawson replied.—The only faculties empowered by the Constitution are the levy of troops, calling out militia &c.

Dr. Navarro said.—The delay in this law, may be more prejudicial than any harsh measure.

Dr. Alisina said.—We cannot sit as judges on the conduct of Governor Pamplona, since it is a question of treason. Nevertheless, the chief of the opposition sometimes upsets the Constitution, and we should practically teach them by our reserve, to make circuitous.

Art. I.—so yesterday's debate was then read. Alisina 15—Navarro 8.

Dr. Alisina said.—Touching the mobilisation of forces, I have understood that the Department intended to cast this into the bill, so that we cannot reform it, since it seems the Senate is afraid of vexing the lower Chamber.

The other articles passed unanimously.

The Customs Reform was then called on and the most of the audience withdrew.

Who hissed in Congress.

In one of the late sessions, Dr. Montes de Oca, who professed to be a popular champion, was frequently interrupted by his colleagues, who hissed him vigorously. Dr. A. Alisina threatened to name a gentleman whom he suspected, but if he were to guess the hundred toogies off, I believe he must have been a smarter f low than the wizard quoted by the speaker, who reviled feelings and blue-blit file.—Sr. Alenbasa, a clerk of the War-office writes in the "Tribuno," stating it was not he but somebody else who hissed Dr. Montes de Oca on the floor.

No doubt it is bad taste to hiss in public; it is a violation of the liberty of speech; it is an insult to the speaker, and it is a violation of moderation, when they please, and show their discontent by such moribund silence as occurs to Dr. M's discourse. Yet it is remarkable that nothing was said of the audacious intruder who hissed Dr. Costa from the Minister's box.—None but foreign agents or the gentlemen of the Press had a right to enter, and we may say the "Tribuno" was not of those.—He then goes on to introduce on the subject of punishing the Press and Consular body, how deeply did the latter resent the injury that they demanded a box to themselves and their *Páginas*.

Dr. Elizalde said.—I think the Press has been divided, the reporters being entirely cut off from their diplomatic friends.

Cotton in the Uruguay.

It is with pleasure we notice our friend at home at catch is at least beginning to like root in the soil.

Our small stock of seed has been completely exhausted—but that we gave to a gentleman who is the owner of a large island in the Uruguay, and who will be able to obtain seed world over until the harvest next month, very month. It is right to add that this gentleman is one of the largest capitalists in this country, and we have every confidence, that, if he undertakes the sowing of cotton it will do on no insignificant scale; Sinalt beginning, will lead to great results, and who knows what little bags of seed may yet, land.

The following are the names of the gentlemen who have been last supplied:

Mr. Thomas Becker Guardia del Monte.

" Paní Barros, Buenos Aires.

" Terencio Moore, do

" Boschetti, do

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Since the departure of the British mail steamer Mersey, the 30th July ultimo, the following vessels have arrived our port, from

Barcelona.—Spanish brig Cecilia; do

Barquisimeto; do Lucas

Habana.—Spanish brig Amable Basa.

Málaga.—Spanish schooner Pepa.

Mo Jardines.—National pohre Oh-

íntia, so barque Anna, do brig Phil-

Londo.—National schooner Reina del Sud.

Uritorco.—National barque De-

llore.

Glasgow.—British barque Campan-

na.

Liverpool.—British barque Heather

Hill, do do May-Lay, do do Par-

aguay, do do Velasco.

Vere.—French ship Cornille, do

do St. Paul.

Byron.—British brig Cornell.

Cardiff.—French barque Note Dame

do Bon Fort, British do Jane Franco

Martiniello.—French barque Susanne

Paraguai.—Brazilian brig California

Portland.—American ship Cumber-

land, do Oigan Favorite

New York.—American brig Europa

Plata do silk Ceres.

Brent.—American ship Jln Spears

Sociedad.—American ship Matilde.

“Azzaro”—Italian barque Arnolds, do

Ajollo, do brig Expresso, do do

Cecilia.

Amsterdam.—Dutch schooner Zura-

Vera.

Hamburg.—Danish brig Delphin.

English brig Eleonore, Dutch brig

Abdullah, Danish brig Union.

Hamburg.—American brig Urdia

Franz.—American barque Phoenix

Coty.—French barque Bellus.

Antwerp.—Dutch schooner Margar-

ita A.

Bahia.—Italian brig Serina.

Santa Catalina.—National brig Ma-

rcia.

Pernambuco.—Brazilian brig Mon-

ica.

Peru.

Prudential Report.

Our produce market, which had been considerably depressed by the unfavorable news from Europe, has shown greater animation this fortnight than for some time past, although with

