



THE WAR.

Silently and surely, with that fatal regularity which has marked all the movements of this campaign, the German army corps are advancing to their posts around Paris. Every regiment has its appointed place, as if it were rather moving from Berlin to Potsdam than operating before an enemy's capital. The advance is practically unmolesed. Vinoy's corps, although, as a Paris correspondent informs us, it has four hundred thousand men at its back, does not venture to dispute a single road with the invader.

Perhaps General Trochu is waiting until the German forces, having been distributed over a longer line, will offer more inviting points of attack. In the meantime Paris has lost its last railroad. The Western line to Rouen and Havre was cut by the Prussians on Sunday at noon near Couflans, about 14 miles out of Paris.

The plan of the German investment of Paris is thus becoming pretty clear. We hear of collisions here and there, but on examination they prove to be unimportant; fighting there must and will be, but the Germans will not in the first instance seek to hasten its date, provided only—and it is a large proviso—General Trochu will let them make his garrison close prisoners. The German army is an open forceps: a strong invisible hand pushes it forward; in a day or two the hand will close the instrument upon Paris, and the faces of the nippers will meet somewhere about Mont-Valerien. The manner in which a capital in the position of Paris is treated by the army of a Government which seeks satisfaction and guarantees, is determined partly by political and partly by military calculations; and on such a matter Count Bismarck must be heard as well as General Moltke. It happens that on this subject we have the precise views of M. Bismarck supplied to us. Our contemporary the *Evening Standard* publishes a letter containing the report of a conversation with the powerful Chancellor at Rheims. Being asked if he thought the French would defend Paris, Count Bismarck replied, "We shall not attack it." "What would they do then?" "We shall enter it without attacking it. We shall starve it out." But it would require 1,200,000 men to invest Paris. "True; but we would not invest it in that sense: we shall post our armies round it, according as is thought best, and we have 50,000 cavalry who will answer for the rest. They will perpetually sweep and scour the parts not actually occupied by our troops, and not a morsel of food will be able to enter Paris. Why should we attack, and undergo fresh sacrifices gratuitously?"

"There are fighting persons in Paris, who might give us trouble the first, and possibly the second day, if we attacked. The third day, if we leave them alone, they will be more troublesome to Paris itself, food becoming scarce. We will begin with the third day. Why run our heads against a wall?" But was there not danger that, whilst Paris was being thus starved into submission, time would be given for the formation of a new French army south of the Loire? "Not an army; only numbers of armed people. We took 1,500 of such near St. Menehould with a single squadron of dragoons. It is possible that the Frenchman may be made a good soldier in three months; but we shall not give him three months, and in any case the so-called army will be without officers deserving the name. If they insist on fighting, well and good. They will be slaughtered. But it is a pity." The conversation then turned upon the aim and policy of the war on the German side. Count Bismarck disclaimed all desire of increase of territory or population for mere increase sake, and said it was a nuisance to have German subjects who spoke French. "But," he continued, "the present is the twenty-fifth time in the space of a hundred years that France has made war on Germany on some pretext or other. Now, at least, our terrible disease of divided unity being cured, we have contrived, by the help of the hand of God, to beat her down. It is idle to hope to propitiate her. She would never forgive us for beating her, even if we offered the easiest terms in the world, and forbore from asking for the expenses of the war. She could not forgive Sadowna, though it was not fought against her, and she will never forgive Sedan. She must therefore be made harmless.

We must have Strasburg, and we must have Metz, even in the latter case we hold merely the fortress, and whatever else is necessary to improve our strategic position against attack from her. We do not want the terri-

tory as territory, but as a *glacis* between her and us. At the commencement of this war, had the Emperor displayed energy, he might have attacked Southern Germany before we could have done anything. Why he did not do it we do not know to this day. He had an army of 150,000 men, ready to be moved in a day. We cannot do that—we are too poor. But France can afford it; and having missed doing the energetic and daring thing once she would know better next time, and would do it if we do not take precautions, and make it impossible by improving our frontier. Had the attack been made at once on South Germany we should have lost its assistance, not because the South Germans are not well disposed, but because they would have been crushed. Such a situation must always remain if we do not make ourselves strong against French attack on that side. That is why we must have Strasburg, and an improved frontier. We will fight ten years, sooner than not obtain this necessary security."

We take note of these declarations of Count Bismarck. He has two plans, one for immediate use and one in reserve. In the first place he will rely on the decomposing operation of discontent upon the garrison of Paris. "If we attack at first they will be troublesome to us; if we wait they will be more troublesome to one another and to Paris itself." Already, to a certain extent, the Count's expectation would seem to be justified by the letters which continue to arrive from Paris. It is remarkable that the Paris journals do not seem to have contemplated a total isolation of the capital and the cessation of all food supplies from without, and the prospect of being cut off from Normandy has come upon them as a surprise. The one thing useful for the relief of Paris is an active field army, having its own base of operations from which it can approach Paris, manoeuvre, fight, and retire in order to advance again. But no such army exists nor is even in course of formation. The stories told to the Parisians about an army at Angers and Saumur are patriotic fictions, if it can ever be patriotic to deceive. Intelligence such as that we published yesterday from Paris will tend to confirm the German commanders in the view of the garrison of Paris.

No more is to be expected from the departments. Their open towns have offered no resistance; they have continued sending their Mobs to Paris until its gates were closed, and having supplied the capital with a fine young army, they feel that they have done their duty. A rising of peasants is every now and then mentioned, but that is the very last thing the peasants are thinking of. The Paris journals continue to publish statements dated Tours, promising new armies to be raised by M. Cremieux, as until a fortnight ago they promised an army from Lyons. But M. Cremieux cannot guarantee the safety even of the Diplomatique Corps which has followed him to the Loire, and might be driven away without a moment's notice by a squadron of Uhlans. The scarcity of arms would alone prevent the equipment of many troops at the present time. The price which a Chassepot rifle with 100 cartridges commanded in Paris last week was 300 francs, and cartridges alone were not to be had. At Caen, in Normandy, it was found that only 3,000 rifles were available for the defence of the town, and only 10,800 cartridges. There are very few arms of any kind in all France.

The operations before Metz, as our readers will have gathered for themselves, are changing their character. It is now just a month since the fortress was regularly invested. The strength of the German works has since been put to severe tests in a series of continuous sorties from the fortress, planned with judgment and executed with bravery, and since the failure of those attempts new batteries have been erected and the position improved. How close and effective the investment is, we learn from the extraordinary devices resorted to in order to communicate with the outer world. As no bag of letters can pass through the German barriers, the besieged have resorted to extraordinary means of conveyance. The story of the letter-carrying balloon from Metz, given yesterday in the latest telegrams, was not a fiction, nor was it the first balloon which had been sent out of the fortress with letters. One was picked up in Baden last week; it was a small air balloon, about three feet high, manufactured of light waterproof material, and inscribed, "Poste aerostatique. Ballon de pharmacien. Ville de Metz, 9 Sept. 7m. Balloon." There was also a sentence begging the finder to give up the letters fastened to the bal-

loon to the nearest post-office. The senders were unlucky, for, contrary to the intentions of the post-master, the balloon landed on German instead of French soil; it was delivered to the Grand Ducal authorities, and may possibly supply information which may prove of use to Prince Frederick Charles. The balloon which has reached its destination was found in the department of the Vosges, a few hours after it had been despatched. We refer to these balloons as showing how strict the investment must be, and how impossible it is that the garrison of Metz can receive supplies unless they are conveyed by army strong enough to raise the siege. At the same time, while entertaining no doubt that Metz must surrender before very long from sheer want of supplies, we are not inclined to place the date of surrender so near as the reports seemed to render probable a fortnight ago.

The German Commanders have evidently modified their own expectations somewhat on this point, and are gradually adding the stimulus of bombardment to the compression of the blockade. They are getting nearer to the enceinte of Metz, and in order to do so are preparing to batter down the forts which stand in front of it, and form its entrenched camp. When the girdle about Metz has thus been tightened, and the town and fortress itself can be bombarded, we anticipate that the siege will be maintained in that manner until the surrender. Two armies of nearly equal strength will then be in close proximity, each well fortified against attack, but one communicating freely with its reserves of men and munitions, and able to receive provisions and supplies of all kinds, the other confined to resources which must rapidly diminish under the demands of the defence, and the necessity of filling 200,000 mouths. These conditions of themselves point to the termination of the siege in a crisis which, although it may be postponed is inevitable. But we do not expect to hear of any attempt to reduce Metz by the usual method of opening parallels and breaching.

But every one sees that whereas it is well worth the while of the Germans to employ 120,000 men in keeping Bazaine and Canrobert safe in Metz, they have nothing whatever to gain by resuming the battle of Gravelotte on the ramparts of that fortress where it could only be fought to infinite disadvantage. We therefore expect that the blockade will be maintained and made more insupportable by a bombardment, but that any further encounters of infantry that may take place must originate in sorties which Marshal Bazaine will feel compelled to make from time to time.

A captain in the Prussian army, whose duty it was one day last week to conduct French officers, prisoners of war, to Metz for exchange, had an interview with Marshal Bazaine. They talked for a considerable time, and the marshal said he had no thought of capitulating. The day before the French had driven 200 half-starved horses out of their lines. The correspondent who sends this information adds that, with the aid of his glass, he could see oxen grazing in the meadows of the Moselle between Metz and the detached forts.

It is announced from Berlin that heavy-guns are about to open on Toul; if this be true, the brave defence of that place will soon be brought to a close. It does not detract from the gallantry of the commander and garrison of Toul to remark that nothing that can pretend to the regularity of a siege has taken place there, the cannon employed in its reduction being merely field-guns.

The remarkable decision and promptitude which characterise the movements of the Germans now that they have arrived before Paris—the evidence of all kinds that they are working upon a plan in which everything has been foreseen and provided for—has deeply impressed the Parisians, and rendered them more sensible than ever to reports of the presence of spies among them. It is stated that during last week as many as a dozen Prussian spies entered Paris in the character, well sustained by dress and men, of fugitives from the beaten army of MacMahon escaped from Sedan, and have talked with the Mobs, and gained information respecting their arms, ammunition, numbers, orders and officers. Others, of a superior class, have similarly entered Paris in the guise of French officers, dressed in uniforms, and provided with papers taken from the field of battle, and have reconnoitred the defences of the place, noting where a new earthwork or palisade has been established, or a road cut. These men write no letters, make no notes, and especially avoid the use of ciphers;

all is done by the unaided power of observation and memory.

The five classes of the Institute of France have unanimously resolved to draw up a protest in view of the possible bombardment of the monuments, libraries, and museums of Paris. The protest will be addressed to every academy in the world, inviting them at the same time to give their adhesion to it. This appeal will encounter sympathy even where it cannot meet with entire approval. It is monstrous that a city like Paris should be subjected to the perils of bombardment. We gather from Count Bismarck's expressed opinion concerning the operations against Paris, that he does not expect that a bombardment will be necessary for its reduction. When, however, the present excitement has passed away, it will be perceived more clearly than it is at present that the persons who exposed Paris to such a fate are those who, contrary to the dictates of humanity and common sense, made this beautiful city a tortress. We have several times called attention to this subject, and will now only quote the opinion expressed in the last number of the *Economist*:—"It is very like a crime to fortify any great capital." Libraries, monuments, and museums are only in danger when soldiers instead of either fighting their battle or yielding in front of them, retreat to them for sanctuary.

PARIS AND ITS ARMAMENT.

(From a Correspondent.)

Paris, Sept. 17. Communications, it is thought, will never be entirely cut off from Paris; for an enemy would require, to completely invest the circular range of 84 miles of the exterior forts, or even the twenty-six miles of ramparts of the town, an army thrice as numerous as even the vast hordes which the King of Prussia could throw against its battlements, and even, under such circumstances, the gunboats could always preserve communication by the river. Paris is at the present moment most admirably fortified, and calmly and confidently awaits the enemy—in fact, some are thinking that they are kept waiting unjustly long, and begin to be sick of waiting. Every commanding and strategic point around and in Paris has been made use of—redoubts have been thrown up, and places cleared all round for range. The spots chosen are chiefly those formerly sought by tourists and sight-seers for a good view of Paris and its environs, such as the Observatory at the top of the hill in Parc de St. Cloud, which so many visitors to Paris will recollect as commanding such a splendid view of Paris; also the elevation upon which the manufactory of Sevres is built, and which commands a bend of the river; another redoubt is at the hill of Courbevoie, where formerly stood a statue of Napoleon; it is at the end of the Avenue de Neuilly, a little way over the bridge, and must have been noticed by all visitors to the Bois de Boulogne; it is a connecting link between the Fort Mont-Valerien and the Fort Genevilliers, which, with gunboats on the double bend of the river, will render that part of Paris unapproachable, and will prevent any attempt to take Paris in the rear, or even to cut its communications with the west. The interior of the town has also been rendered formidable; the hill of Montmartre is bristling with cannon, and a balloon is held captive at one base of the hill in the Place Saint Pierre. But apart from all this, at each gate of the city, besides the drawbridge and ditch, there is an outside bastion thrown up some hundred yards from the gate, outside of which bastion is first a palisade and earthwork, next a plankwork road with nails uprising three inches high and a quarter of an inch thick, in fact, pointed pieces of iron like bristles, and next, and farthest from the ramparts, are three rows of wires, two feet from the ground and about three feet apart from each other; and the authorities are now beginning a second line of fortifications where the circular railway runs round Paris, just within the first line of ramparts. All these forts and bastions are armed with the best guns from Cherbourg, Brest, L'Orient, &c., and are manned by sailors and artillerymen, who have been long in training. It is astonishing what has been done in a week. An influential person, from whom I receive much information, stated that he went round the forts ten days ago, and nothing was done, but that now, thanks to the new Government, he would defy the takenemy to e Paris. The army also is getting into a better state of discipline, and the Bretons Mobiles, and all from the western departments, are

very highly thought of. For instance, the Breton Mobiles, when first called out, instead of grumbling as the Parisians did at the reglementary four hours daily drill, petitioned for eight hours daily, and are at this present moment continuing the same; consequently they are in the most perfect state of drill, and I myself heard some regular troops who were watching them confess they could not have done better themselves—a great deal for a French trouper to confess, especially when said of a Mobile. They are so delighted with their guns too; where the Moblot is, there is his gun. They may have dirty boots, &c.; but all day long they are rubbing their guns with their blouses, coats, handkerchiefs. In short, the gun is their pet child. These men are all armed with Chassepots, and in less than a week all will be armed with the same gun. These country fellows may touch their hats when a priest passes them, and be consequently mocked at by Parisians, but they will fight none the worse for believing in a God and having a conscience, and the Parisians are obliged to think so, and respect them accordingly. Good, orderly fellows they are, walking by twos or threes, and gazing in wonder at Paris, and are all housed and quiet by nine p.m. Paris never was quieter or more orderly than it is at this moment, although filled with such masses of soldiery as were never seen before. The men of all arms in Paris at present are reckoned at 400,000 men, of whom 250,000 are men fit and ready to take the field. All these facts make France very confident, but with a quiet and calm unusual to their character, which mean, I think, great things.

THE SIEGE OF STRASBURG.

(From the *Daily News*.)

Carlsruhe, Sunday. The Germans have succeeded in erecting a battery on the left bank of the Rhine, opposite to Kehl. Last night a sortie was made from the citadel against this battery, when 1,600 French were engaged on one side and 400 Badenians on the other. The latter held their ground until reinforced by the Prussians, when the French were driven back with heavy loss in killed, wounded, and prisoners. The crowning of the glacis is completed, and the breach has been made.

ITALY AND ROME.

General Cadorna crossed the Tiber at Casale. Notwithstanding two refusals returned to his offers of truce, the General, upon a request from Rome, has consented to delay his operations for entering the city for 24 hours. General Cadorna yesterday sent an officer with a flag of truce to General Kanzier, at Rome, demanding permission to enter the city with his troops. General Kanzier returned a negative answer. The Italian troops were received with enthusiasm at Civita Vecchia. Tricolour flags were hoisted, and cries were raised of "Long live the King of Italy." This result, obtained without a drop of blood being shed, is due to the energy of General Bixio during the negotiations with the Papal authorities. The *Independance Italienne* says—"It would appear that the Pope will not leave Rome if the Castle of St. Angelo and the Leonine city are not occupied by the Italian troops. It seems certain that both the castle and the city will be left free." The *Opinione* says it is only the Zouaves who wish to resist the Italian troops. The streets of Rome are crowded with people. The citizens have decided to oppose any resistance to the entry of the Italian troops, and have sent a deputation with an address to Cardinal Antonelli, expressing the hope that bloodshed may be averted by preventing the Zouaves from fighting. The Papal authorities are said to have declared that the Zouaves refuse to obey their orders, and the population are in consequence very uneasy. The *Official Gazette* publishes the following telegrams:—"Monte Rondo, Sept. 17. "To-day, at noon, Baron Arnim, the North German Minister at Rome, went to the headquarters of the Italian troops to tender his good offices, and at the same time to learn General Cadorna's intentions. He informed the latter that the military element was master of the situation in Rome, and that consequently resistance was inevitable. General Cadorna, in reply, assured Baron Arnim that he had no other intentions than those already manifested on the part of the King's Government. As to himself, he had shown the greatest forbearance and all possible regard for the adversaries



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THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

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THE HENLY COLONY.

GENERAL BREAK UP.

The general break up of the Henly Colony will not surprise the public: for the last few months there have been the most unpleasant rumours current about it.

On the arrival of the last Southampton mails, Mr. Henley finding that no fresh money had come out for the colony, and only having to his credit a very small sum in the bank, and further credit amongst merchants and dealers of Rosario being difficult, a committee of ten was formed to go into matters and see if affairs could not be so arranged as to keep the thing afloat until Mr. Henley's money would arrive from England.

Now things remained in statu quo, for some time, Mr. Henly living at his town residence in Calle Comercio, Rosario, and the pupils, between forty and fifty, passing an anxious life outside. All the visions of flaxen prosperity had vanished.

The pupils had really nothing to do; to till the soil or care the flax was now a work of supererogation, since even the cook of the establishment was aware that the place was going to be wound up.

Most of us leave thee, Paradise, thus leave Thee, native soil, these happy walks and shades Fit haunts of gods.

The insubordination of the cook, who refused to stop, brought things to a crisis. After a deal of persuasion,

he remained, the colonists themselves paying him. But this was a mere temporary arrangement; the stores of the colony could only hold out for a few days more, after which the pupils would have to live on meat alone.

'Something must be done,' was the conviction of all: things had arrived at such a pass that immediate steps were called for, and another meeting was convened. It took place at the London Tavern, Rosario.

There was a very desiring desire expressed by many in Rosario to act as agent for the pupils. The day of the last assembly of the colonists was truly an anxious one in Rosario.

It will take years to obliterate from the memory of the Rosarios this Flax Colony business, perhaps it will require even a more lengthened period to erase the names of the colonists from their books.

R. B. G.

EXECUTIVE NEGLECT.

The escape of another batch of criminals from the prison of San Nicolas awakes us to the fact that the Executive of Buenos Ayres sleeps, and what is most to be regretted there seems not the slightest hope of improvement.

support criminal courts, criminal judges, prisons, vigilantes and alcaldes, and for what? For the melancholy continuation of a sham, a farce, a humbug—such as in no other civilized country would be for one moment tolerated.

San Nicolas is a large and populous town; it is the seat of the Criminal Judge for the surrounding district; malefactors and prisoners are brought from far and near to this town for trial; the place is what is termed in England a town of Assize, and yet this is the very place where either the guards are corrupt or the locks on the prison cells are broken.

The man responsible to the public for all this is Emilio Castro, Governor of Buenos Ayres. Had His Excellency thought proper to have all the prisons in the country looked to, when the prisoners escaped over Gibson the tailor's shop, in Calle Victoria, the villains of Mercedes would have been spared the chance of murdering the bullock-cart boy, or had H. E. even profited by the escape at Mercedes the prisoners of San Nicolas would not have to be loose upon society.

But the whole system is so rotten at the core that, to speak up manfully the truth, one must confess that the prisons in this country, from beginning to end, are but a sham. Instead of having well built, orderly and self-supporting prisons, we have but miserable sheds, where crime not only is not punished, but is positively fostered.

To write all that this subject calls for, would be indeed to place all the public men of this country in the pillory of public censure. Who talks of Indians or civil war, revolution or anarchy? They are trifles, compared to this seething corruption which pervades the whole prison system of the country.

We have newspapers 'ad nauseam' in Buenos Ayres; we have long leading articles on every passing trifle and nonsense; but where is the man to fill his columns with a leader against the Government and the judges for this scandalous prison escape?

Blest will be the Argentine who has the forehead to stand up in the Provincial Chambers and demand all this. The contemplation of the demoralization which oozes through every branch of criminal judicature causes one to doubt in the future of this country.

THE PORT OF BUENOS AYRES.

Mr. Luis Dominguez, besides the mission of raising the Provincial loan in London which he negotiated so advantageously, had also been entrusted by the National Government with the commission of contracting with an engineer to survey the port of Buenos Ayres and make the necessary plans of the works.

By advices received by the French mail we now learn that Mr. Dominguez has satisfactorily fulfilled this commission and has finally signed an agreement on account of the National Government with Mr. Bateman, C.E., who

is to leave England on the 9th of next month. The following is the letter by which Messrs. Murrieta & Co. report to the Provincial Government on the matter; while Mr. Dominguez has addressed to the National Finance Minister a note with the same information.

London, 21st Sept., 1876.

We have the honour to confirm to Y. E. our communication of the 8th inst. in which we reported to you the steps taken in conjunction with Mr. Luis Dominguez for the purpose of making an arrangement by which the engineer Mr. J. T. Bateman F.R.S. engaged himself to go to Buenos Ayres and make the necessary surveys of the proposed works for a port.

We have to-day the satisfaction to inform Y.E. that this arrangement has been satisfactorily concluded.

As Y. E. will see by the enclosed copies of the correspondence that has taken place between the above named gentleman and ourselves, it has been agreed that he is to receive 150 guineas a week, and his assistant 35 a week, besides their travelling expenses and one thousand guineas payable in advance to Mr. Bateman which, in case his plans are not accepted, or the works of the port are not carried out, will not be discounted from his salary.

The total cost of this expedition has been approximately calculated as follows:—

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This amount would be increased in proportion if the time above specified should be prolonged.

The assistant will leave for Buenos Ayres by the Southampton packet of 9th October and Mr. Bateman will follow by that of 9th November.

The contract with Mr. Bateman will be signed by Mr. Dominguez, who tells us he will do it in the name of the National Government in conformity with the instructions he has received and the arrangement made between your Government and that of the Nation.

Knowing as we do that Mr. Dominguez fully represents the Province's Government in this matter, we have had much pleasure in placing ourselves entirely at his orders, as to all of the details of the above contract, and we have no doubt that our proceedings will meet with Y.E.'s approval.

God preserve Y.E. many years, C. DE MURRIETA AND CO. To H. E. Don Pedro Agote, Minister of Finance of the Province of Buenos Ayres.

THE RAILWAY TO RIO CUARTO.

ARRIVAL OF THE CONTRACTORS.

Amongst the passengers arrived per Agamemnon are Messrs. John Jackson and Peter Stuart, who have come out to construct the proposed railway from Villa Maria (otherwise Villa Nueva) to Rio Cuarto, in the Province of Cordoba. It will be a branch line from the C. Argentine, towards Mendoza and the Cordillera with a length of 82 miles, Rio cuarto being a central point where the trade of the Cuyo Provinces will be tapped, and it will also considerably shorten the journey between this Republic and Chile.

The total cost of the line will be £429,434, which we imagine will leave a handsome margin to the contractors, seeing that the only engineering works of any note are six bridges that have to be built. Meantime, the cost is 18 per cent. under that of the Central Argentine; nor is this strange, when the Government itself provides the funds; there is, of course, no land grant, nor any company in connection with the enterprise.

The line is to be completed in three years, under penalty of £2 00 a month for any delay (unless from unavoidable circumstances), and the Government, moreover, is to give a premium of £1000 per month, if concluded before that time. The materials and permanent way are to be similar to

those of the Central Argentine, and the bridges over the Tercero and Cuarto are to have a side passage five feet wide for travellers on horseback. There will be two intermediate stations between Villa Nueva and Rio Cua-to, leaving a stretch of 25 or 30 miles between each. The contractors keep the road in repair for twelve months after completion. Materials for the line are to be admitted duty-free.

The above are the terms concluded with the Government by Mr. Peter Bear as representative of John Simmons Esq., of Dartmouth-street, Westminster, London, in last February, and subsequently ratified by Congress. Mr. Simmons has associated with him the eminent contractors, Messrs. John and Thomas Jackson, Messrs. John Jackson and Simmons, for the construction of the line. Messrs Jackson have already executed contracts for the British Government to an amount of two millions sterling, during an interval of twenty years.

In such hands we have every confidence that the work will be well and quickly done. Mr. Jackson will shortly leave for the scene of operations, accompanied by Mr. Stuart, who is general manager and superintendent of the works. We need not solicit for these gentlemen a hearty welcome in the province of Cordoba, for their arrival has been a long time looked forward to with the utmost impatience.

The Argentine Republic has need of such visitors, and we give them the most cordial salutation.

OUR LISBON LETTER.

(Special Correspondent.)

NUMBER III.

September 27, 1876.

My last to you was on the 10th, per Patagonia, with a letter and telegram. I exceeded the 500 words in the telegram you desired me to send you, because I thought you would be anxious for all the news.

Great excitement still prevails about the war; everyone was in hopes that peace would have been made, but the news received here on the 24th and 25th tells us that Jules Favre has returned to Paris, after having an interview with Bismarck; the latter wants Alsace and Lorraine, with its forts, and the French will not agree. Toul has at last surrendered on the same conditions as Sedan, after a terrible bombardment. Strasbourg can only hold, it is said, for three days longer. The whole place is in ruins; they have held out bravely. Paris is completely isolated; all the communications cut off; several small villages in the outskirts burnt by the Prussians. The Provisional Government is in Tours. Mantes, a small town near Paris, but a place of some importance, was bombarded and taken by the Prussians; they met with great resistance; the population were all armed; two small villages near Mantes were also burnt. A telegram received here from Rothschild's chateau of Ferriere, near Paris, tells us that there was cannonading and firing of musketry going on in the streets of Paris, the population fighting amongst themselves, some fighting to let the Prussians into Paris and make peace. Another large corps of Prussians are marching on Nemours, Montargis and Orleans. General Vinoy's division made a sortie out of Paris and attacked the Prussians, and was repulsed with severe loss, 2000 prisoners, and seven guns; they were thrown into great confusion and driven back into Paris.

The Italian troops occupied Rome. The Pope's troops made a very strong resistance; four hours' fighting; but the Pope, not wishing more bloodshed, hoisted the white flag. There is an insurrection in Algiers. The Cadadores d'Afrique [chasseurs] have embarked at Marseilles for Oran. It is said the Prussians are the cause of it. The Emperor and Prince Imperial are still sojourning at the Marine Hotel, Hastings; but it is said they intend going to reside near London. News received here last night by the cable from London say that the inhabitants of Paris intend fighting to the very last, and making a most heroic resistance; that in Paris there are supplies of all kinds to enable them to hold out all winter. The conditions proposed by the Prussians caused excessive excitement in Paris, and that France, in answer to such insolent pretensions, will defend itself until the very last. The same telegram says that Bazaine offered to capitulate Metz if the Prussians allowed him to leave with his men, with the arms, on condition that they would not fight against Prussia for three months. Thiers left Vienna for St. Petersburg; it is said to induce the assistance of Russia in exchange for concessions in the East.







HOUSE PROPERTY IN BUENOS AYRES.

The number of houses to let at present is attracting great attention; for the last seven years there has not been such a number of unoccupied houses as at present.

Table listing various streets and their corresponding house numbers for rent, including Corrientes, Talcahuano, Cuyo, Callao, etc.

Our informant promises to supply us with a further list of houses to rent in the South end of the town, which we are given to understand in the same area is much larger than the foregoing.

ON CHANGE.

There were several small sales of Argentine Bank shares to-day, in all 50 shares, at 8 per cent. premium.

Another lot of new wool, 700 ar, was sold to-day for \$47 mpc, and a smaller lot has arrived and is offered for sale, but as yet has not been sold.

A numerously signed petition has been sent by estancieros and residents of Parana to the National Government stating that some parties intended to make a large exportation of horned cattle by the Department of La Paz to Santa Fe.

The works for raising the Yi are soon expected to be brought to a successful termination. The wreck having now been cleared of almost the whole of its machinery will in a day or two be able to float, and will be towed on to the Palermo Bay.

The satisfactory arrangement come to between the Provincial Government and the Southern Railway, which was sanctioned unanimously by the Provincial Senate, has not yet been despatched by the Lower House.

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In exchange nothing done to-day. In discount there was a large business done, chiefly at 12 per cent. The suspension of a baker in a large way was announced to-day.

It was stated on 'Change this afternoon that the steamer Agamemnon was chartered to-day by Mr. Van Blarcom to load 3,000 bales sheepskins for New York.

The Bonita, on the new London and Antwerp line, Captain Peters, leaves on the usual day, Falmouth 3rd Oct. and is due here about the 1st November.

The Valdivia of the Chilean line was posted for 29th September and may be looked for in a few days with dates from Lisbon to 4th inst.

The largest sale of new wool yet made in the market was effected this morning, 4,500 ar. good mestiza wool at \$38 mpc, bought by Sr. Ocampo with 20 rs. per ar. additional for freight, deliverable in the Barraca.

Messrs Lemmi & Co. of Antwerp report as follows under date 17th Sept. last— In the midst of this sad state of things it is pleasant to note great activity in hides, the prices of which are from 1 to 2f. over the lowest point touched 3 weeks ago.

In the Stock Exchange to-day a firmer tendency was apparent, chiefly upon the announcement that there is a prospect of negotiations for peace being at once entered into.

The sale of the well-known steamer Villota to the Montevideo Government by Sr. Lanuz at reserved price was announced to-day; the business was done in connection with the loan which Sr. Lanuz has made to the Montevideo Government.

The telegraph wires were in working order for about 10 minutes this morning. They were soon cut at San Jose, to the mortification of the whole commercial community, who had hoped that the French mails had not come up, important advices might be received by telegram.

Some fresh lots of new wool have come into the South market, one lot 800 ar. from Dolores; a sample lot of 10,000 has been sent into deposit.

The Bank statement for the month is important, and shows the following figures— Cash on hand, specie 2,943,374 Do. paper 6,982,271 Deposits, specie 10,432,758 Do. paper 379,144,059

The Oficina de Cambio has in specie 6,222,811, which shows a very strong position. In fact the state of the Provincial Bank was never at any period more prosperous than at present.

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skin market may be said to be over, as this is the last opportunity for freight to arrive at New York in time to save the prohibition duties of 1871.

Our South Market reporter says— Very little attendance to-day; nothing doing. No arrivals of wool. Matadero sheepskins 150 to 165. Camp do. 130 to 145.

There was nothing whatever done in Bonds to-day, not a single sale on time or for cash, and many of those who formerly most dabbled in the market now keep away from the Bolsa.

The French pocket anchored early, but the mails were not on shore before 12 o'clock. Had the mails been sent up by a river steamer as is done with the English packet, they might have been delivered before noon; the mails were delivered at 3 o'clock.

Commercial advices from Rio are most favorable. The news from Europe has much affected both the exchange and coffee market. The battle of Sedan drove exchange up to 22 1/2; since then, however, it has fallen.

Our last report was of 22 ult. Late at night on the same day advices were received of the surrender of the Emperor Napoleon and MacMahon, and on the following morning the banks raised their rate of exchange in rapid succession.

7189 bales wool, Buenos Ayres. 2750 do Montevideo and Gualeguay. 132 do Russian. 119 do from Australia and Cape. 466 do Sundryies.

4182 bales, Buenos Ayres. 1833 do Montevideo. 35 do Russian. 65 do Cape and Australia. 28 do Sundryies.

Mr. Clark, of the firm of Clark brothers of Valparaiso, who went to England to purchase the materials for the Transandine Telegraph, is expected back about the middle of next month.

Mr. Luis Dominguez is not expected back before the early part of February next. The last instalment of the Buenos Aires loan is payable in December, so that Mr. Dominguez cannot well leave before the Southampton packet of January.

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Light dry hides for the American market are in good demand; heavy German hides and inferior river hides are weak; hair firm, 160 to 175. Cordova hair sold to-day at 48 1/2 rs. Tallow 14 rs. Maize still rising, 90.

The telegraph wires have remained cut since Saturday; for all practical purposes the telegraph line might as well be silent, and this serious inconvenience seems now to be beyond relief.

The great real estate auction of Sr. Madeno, one of the most important that has been announced for some time, and to be postponed owing to the rain, to the no small disappointment of hundreds who attended.

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The last mail has brought advices to the agents of the Royal Mail Steam-packet Co. of two magnificent new steamers having been added to the line, the Para and the Tagus, each 3000 tons, 600 horse power, and fitted up in a style of magnificence not surpassed by even the Cunard line.

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It was said on 'Change to-day that Judge Cueto has been named to proceed at once to Azul to investigate into the robberies of hides, &c by Indians. The embargo on all produce coming from that quarter still continues.

The telegram from Montevideo to-day announced that all the troops are under arms, Gen. Castro named in chief command outside, and Bustamante command in town. The Blancos are said to be coming and are in Colorado, Piedras and Pando.

The report of the Minister of Hacienda of Brazil for the present year shows features of much interest for the financial and commercial public of the River Plate. It gives the following respecting the debts due by the Banda Oriental and Argentine Republic to Brazil.

Table showing list of loans made by the Brazilian Government to the Banda Oriental and Argentine Republic, including amounts and interest rates.

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JUDICIAL AUCTION BY MADERO & Co. 4 1/2 MANZANAS in 200 LOTS. On Sunday 20th inst. at noon...

JUDICIAL AUCTION BY MADERO & Co. 13th CARRIAGE AUCTION. On Thursday 27th inst. at noon...

HOUSE AUCTION BY M. BILLINGHURST. On Sunday 28th inst. at 11 a.m. the fine property 562 to 566 Calle Victoria...

HOUSE AUCTION BY MADERO & Co. On Saturday 22nd inst. at 4 p.m. a fine new house No. 583 Piedad...

RAM AUCTION BY M. BILLINGHURST. On Friday 28th inst. at 11 a.m. of 20 Polos, 20 rams from the famous Cabaña de Olendorf...

HOUSE AUCTION BY MADERO & Co. On Wednesday 25th inst. at 4 p.m. at corner of Calle Comercio and Piedad...

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Attention Capitalists and Speculators! On Sunday the 27th inst. at 2 o'clock p.m. will be sold by auction...

BUILDING AUCTION BY MADERO & Co. A Manzana in the City. On Thursday November 1st at 1 p.m. the Manzana situated between San Juan, Olavarría...

GREAT LAND AUCTION BY M. BILLINGHURST. On Sunday Oct. 2nd at noon, 16 square of ground in South Barrios...

HOUSE AUCTION BY MADERO & Co. On Saturday, OCTOBER 22nd, at Four p.m. a fine new house No. 583 Piedad...

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