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Within a few days there will be a sufficient number of Senators and Deputies from the Upper Provinces to form a quorum, and then President Sarmiento will inaugurate Congress with the accustomed flattering remarks about the improved prospects of the Republic and the reliance that all classes of the inhabitants may place upon the good intentions of the Government and the superior wisdom of the Legislative Chambers. For one day in the year we should like to occupy the place of President Sarmiento, and our inaugural address would be something to this tenor:

Senators and Deputies of Congress. At no previous period of our history have the National councils been interrupted by so stupendous a calamity as that which has recently visited Buenos Ayres; more than 20,000 citizens have perished in a few brief months, and the extent of the calamity cannot yet be fully appreciated. The ordinary session of Congress had to be postponed owing to the prevalence of the Plague, which even still lingers among us, but now that the National Chambers can commence business it is earnestly to be hoped that you will make up for lost time by redoubled diligence in all matters of public interest, and specially in those which force themselves on our attention by reason of the late awful visitation. There are numberless orphans for whom no adequate provision can be made, unless your Hon. Chamber take them under your immediate protection, to educate, maintain and provide for them in that spirit of liberty which becomes a generous and enlightened nation. Next let me recommend you to constitute a committee which may devise, in harmony with the Government and Municipality of Buenos Ayres, such measures as are conducive to public health. The action of the National Executive is so fettered, especially in matters of local interest, while on the other hand the question at issue is so all-important as regards the future and welfare of Buenos Ayres and the whole Republic, that it is imperative Congress should devote to the subject a preferential attention, even before railways, schools, or any other branches of moral or material progress.

The successful negotiation of the 30 millions loan authorized by your Chambers last session is a flattering proof of the high esteem in which this country is held on the London Money-market, moreover showing that our punctuality in meeting all our engagements brings with it its own reward. The net proceeds of the loan will be over 5 millions sterling, and with this sum we shall be able to undertake and carry out some of the greatest works ever projected on this Continent. Before the close of the present session I hope to invite your Hon. Chambers to accompany me to the inauguration of the works on the proposed line of railway from Cordoba to Tucuman. The Rio Cuarto branch railway will also take a portion of the new loan, the works being at present under the direction of an eminent English contractor. The port of Rosario, every-day rising in commercial importance, will be provided with docks and wharves; but as the sum set apart for the construction of a port in Buenos Ayres is insufficient it may be advisable for Congress to deliberate whether the cost can be supplemented in some other way or the sum in question devoted to purposes of an auxiliary nature, such as building new Customs-stores, Capitania, Immigrants Home, Post-office, Public baths, Wash-houses, Lazaretto, &c.

The next matter of importance on which I have to speak to you is the happy termination of the war in Entre Rios, which devastated that fertile province for almost a year. The assassination of Gen. Urquiza has now been vindicated as far as in us lay, and a new Provincial Government is installed in Entre Rios under the direction of Sor. Duporal.

For the first time in a long lapse of years the Argentine Provinces are at peace with each other and all mankind. A change of Government has taken place at Cordoba and some minor provinces, unattended with symptoms of revolution. The authority of the National Government is everywhere paramount, the Federal jurisdiction holds undisputed sway. The inhabitants of the Interior are gradually beginning to see the benefits of peace, and learn to fix their happiness on the maintenance of the present order of things in the Republic. Works of progress are steadily going forward on all sides, new railways opening up the provinces of the west and north, and placing them in immediate contact with Buenos Ayres and the seaboard; telegraph lines spreading out like a network all over the country; schools and industrial establishments multiplying themselves in the remotest parts; steamboat companies opening up rivers (like the Vermejo) hitherto almost unexplored; and all this time a spirit of enterprise robust and flourishing in Buenos Ayres, radiating in every direction to the utmost limits

of the Republic. Even while I address you, Hon. Senators and Deputies, the Transandine engineers are laying a snow cable over the Cordillera to connect our telegraph system with that of Chili; similar projects are on foot to connect this city with the sea ports of Brazil. The Government of Buenos Ayres has brought out a corps of distinguished scientific men to study the route for a prolongation of the Western Railway from Chivilivoi across the Andes to Valparaiso. All these are flattering auspices for the inauguration of your session of 1871, but there are also some less-pleasing subjects to which I pray you lend me an attentive ear.

The Immigration question is one which has never yet been properly handled by Congress; it seemed to be judged enough to employ immigration agents in Europe, and let the new comers do as they best could for themselves on arrival. In vain has the Executive solicited from Your Hon. Chambers suitable land grants on the model of the Homestead Law of the United States. The tide of immigration now averages several thousands monthly, but their power of production and utility is wasted, and these poor people are condemned to eke out a wretched livelihood in a crowded city, themselves the origin and first victims of one or other malignant epidemic. Immigration in its present form is a curse, and unless we imitate the States or Australia in land grants we had better prohibit Europeans from coming hither, except subject to special conditions.

The Welsh colony of Olchupit, in Patagonia, is in a distressed condition, and when we consider the courage and perseverance of that hardy handful of Britishers, we have to regret that all the immigrants who come to this country are not of the same stamp. It may be advisable for some member of your Hon. Chambers to introduce a bill for a special vote to bring up the Olchupit colonists and distribute among them a square league of land near the new town of Las Heras or other suitable locality.

The Indians have of late been very troublesome, especially at Rio Cuarto, where the inhabitants had to remain some days locked up in the church. As soon as the railway shall reach that far it may be well to employ these Indians in the cultivation of chacras, to raise Indian corn for the trainway horses of Buenos Ayres. My honored predecessor General Mitre had a project of employing these same Indians as 'navvies' on the proposed railway by Mr. Meiggs from Chile to B. Ayres; this, however, does not seem feasible.

As regards the Cordoba Exhibition it is my pleasing duty to report that nearly all the Provinces have sent large contributions of articles of production or manufacture, and several foreign countries will figure with distinction in the list of exhibitors. The delay caused by the Plague in Buenos Ayres has been unavoidable, but there is now no reason why the Exhibition should not be duly inaugurated on Oct. 12th, the anniversary of the discovery of America, and of my accession to office.

The Ministers of the various departments will give your Hon. Chambers more detailed accounts of their respective branches in the Informes annually prepared for Congress. Let it be now my brief duty to congratulate you on the happy future which seems in store for the Republic, and to trust that you will bring your accustomed patriotism and enlightenment to the study of those questions which affect the welfare of your fellow-citizens who have confided their interests to your high keeping.

Messrs. Senators and Deputies, the Tenth Session of Congress is opened.

THE BRAZILIAN DOCTORS.

The two River Plate papers that have the largest circulation in Rio de Janeiro are the Siglo of Montevideo and the STANDARD of Buenos Ayres. We feel, therefore, a moral responsibility to take up this question of the Brazilian doctors, and set it right before the Brazilian public, for great as is the obligation which a man owes to his native country, still greater is the debt which he owes to the land wherein he lives. Had we less Argentine patriotism, or fewer readers in Rio, we might leave the question in the hands of our colleagues; but situated as we are, with a country to defend on the one hand, and readers in Rio to enlighten on the other, there would be impropriety in leaving so severe a task to our native friends.

We bear no great affection to the Nacion, a journal that even steps before the bounds of decorum to attack us, and a paper which, although printed almost next door to our office, is always a week behind us in giving the news. Yet we feel bound to say that when the Brazilian doctors arrived at this port the Nacion, in a very sensible leader, took the same view of the question as ourselves, with this quite allowed difference: that the Nacion expressed its sound and temperate views when the doctors had left, while the STANDARD pointed out the line of conduct to be pursued the moment their arrival had come ashore.

There are circumstances connected with the arrival of the doctors at this port which bear very much upon the question, and which seem to be entirely overlooked in Rio. The steamer with the doctors anchored in front of Colonia, notwithstanding that a gentleman on board suggested to the captain that it would be better to anchor

the vessel lay out there, and finally the captain adopted the plan proposed by our friend, and came alongside the ponton, when a letter, corked up in a Martell brandy bottle, was let down and sent ashore.

One of the chief grievances of the doctors is, that they were allowed to remain so long at anchor in front of Colonia, without any one coming off to see them. Now we all know how tiresome it is to be on board a steamer at anchor for several days in sight of land, and yet unable to go ashore. We can, therefore, well understand the irritation of the doctors; but it is also necessary to bear in mind the terrible state of Buenos Ayres at that very time. The yellow fever, it is true, had abated, but only the week before it had also abated, and run back in three days from 89 deaths daily to 190. When the doctors came the mortality was down to 40 daily, or less, but still even at the busiest hours not over a score of people could be seen in the streets. At night time the city was a tomb, everyone slept outside: the trains in the morning brought into town all whom business compelled to come, say at 11 a.m., and at 3 p.m., everyone left again; thus the business hours of the day were reduced to three, or at most four hours; and we can safely say that what at other times could be done in a day would at that period require four or five to accomplish. President Sarmiento was at Almagro, Dr. Yelaz Sarsfield at Arrecifes, the Brazilian Minister at San Isidro; in fact, as well as we can recollect, the only two men in town to look after the affair, when the news first reached us of the doctors arrival, were our friend Mr. Luis Varela and Mr. Amorim of the Maau Bank. Now to get a small steamer to go out to Colonia, is of course nothing for the Port Captain in normal times, but at that melancholy epoch it was attended with every difficulty—engineers dead, lands wanting, and coal 'quien sabe' where. Had the steamers with the doctors come into the roads a whaleboat could have been sent off at the moment, but to send out a whaleboat to where she was anchored might be a voyage of a week; for it is on record that some years ago a German gentleman who went out in a whaleboat to the flats was four days and nights getting back. All these difficulties and inconveniences are overlooked in Rio, and we as impartial observers of what has occurred, must say that if the doctors were delayed four days outside, they themselves and the captain of the steamer are more to blame than the Argentine Government or people.

The delay of the doctors in port as a charge against the Government of the Argentine people is without foundation; it was caused by the extraordinary distance which the steamer anchored, and the widespread affliction and confusion that reigned in this city at the period.

Now, as regards the second charge for the non-reception of the doctors, we confess to more difficulty. Already we have expressed our opinion on the matter. The doctors should have been welcomed on shore, well received, and after a week or fortnight sent back in an Argentine war vessel with every demonstration of thanks; but as the question has become a serious one it is right to look at it in another light. The medical gentlemen who came here were engaged by the Argentine Legation in Rio; they came less as the representatives of a great, kind, and generous people, than as public employes of the Government; they were engaged for a special service which, in the opinion of all, no longer required them. Were they lauded they would have been subjected to a lengthened quarantine on their return in the following week to Rio. The mortality was diminishing daily—the families were returning from the country—all that a Government could do to restore confidence in the minds of the people it was called upon at that moment to do, and perhaps no measure was more calculated to assure the public mind of the returning health of the city than to publicly announce to the Brazilian doctors that their services were not required. The note of the National Government was dignified and affable; it was presented to the doctors not by a mere officer of the Port Captain, but by the then acting Prime Minister of the country, Mr. Luis Varela, in 'propria persona.' There was nothing rude in the note, and still less in its delivery, and we must, in justice to the Argentine Government and the Argentine people, say, that whatever charges may be made against it or them, their reputation for politeness and affability is above imputation.

Now it is a fixed principle that where there is no intention there can be no offence. Not even the most indignant Brazilian can show that there was the slightest intention on the part of the Argentine Government or people to offend the Brazilian people. Had such been the object Mr. Varela would not have gone out in person to see the Doctors, still less, would the Argentine Government have accepted the charity of Brazil in the shape of beds, medicines, &c. which were received from the steamer in question, and are now in this city. The most that can be made of the matter is that the Argentine Government not being bound for any fixed period by General Pauro's contract with the Doctors, thought that as the yellow fever had so much diminished it was unnecessary to continue the obligation. The contract in question was regarded by everyone as onerous, the salary contracted for was five times that paid to the Argentine and English Doctors of this city—but whatever may have been

the details of this contract, they were honorably ratified by the Argentine Government, and the contract cancelled when the objects for which it was entered into had ceased to exist.

The conduct of the Brazilians in the hour of Argentine sorrow was great and noble, and every way worthy of their splendid history. That a mere question such as the present should spring up to loosen the bonds of friendship existing between the two nations is utterly and absolutely impossible; the affair is too small, too insignificant for such a sequel, and when thoroughly sifted and explained, the Brazilians themselves will see how absurdly far too much of. The Argentine people can never overlook the spontaneous friendship of Brazil in subscribing so liberally for our poor widows and orphans. Difficulties may arise, and angry questions crop up, but the heart of the Argentine people is round at the core, and amidst the haze that hangs round this question of the Doctors, the noble charity of our friends in Rio shines through all—

How far that little candle throws his beams, So shines a good deed in a naughty world.

COMMUNAL INSURRECTION IN PARIS.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Louisa, Friday, April 28.

On the 10th inst. I wrote via Lisbon per Hector, and via Liverpool by Lamport and Holt's steamer. Since that date the only progress made by the Versailles Government is in an attack on Asniere's, where the insurgents fancied themselves secure, but taken by surprise in flank and front they were driven across the Seine. The contest has for the last week consisted of artillery duels with occasional sharp engagements between the outposts. According to the circulars of M. Thiers to the prefects, General MacMahon makes steady progress and on the expected fall of one or all of the three forts, Issy, Vanves and Montrouge, the final assault will be made; and we have been daily expecting the end, but it has not yet come. In the meantime efforts at conciliation have been made by the republican Union in Paris and by the fraternity of Freemasons. The replies of M. Thiers were not satisfactory. He does not seem inclined to make concessions, and the consequence is that many moderate men have joined the Commune. Strong as he may appear M. Thiers cannot trust all his troops, and it is quite certain he makes less way than he counted upon when he gave the command to MacMahon.

"From all I can see," says a correspondent, "the warriors of France (including MacMahon) are a long way behind the men of Germany in almost everything that makes a good soldier." "The storming of the city wall, the approaches to which are mined for hundreds of yards around, is an undertaking which neither Thiers nor MacMahon can ever seriously consider." "Even the returned prisoners are not so eager to expose themselves as the Assembly would wish." "Who," they say, "would ever believe M. Favre again?" "It is more than doubtful," we are assured, "whether the Government at Versailles has strength to take Paris. Deficient in numbers, the quality of the troops gives no great promise of success. The German army could enter last enough; but what reliance can be placed on French troops? There seem but two possible methods; one, to use the German army; the other, to starve Paris. Has the Government daring enough to adopt either? If not, the Commune has a long life before it." "If," remarks another writer, "the Commune deserves to die, does the Government at Versailles deserve to live? And will it live long after the Commune succumbs? Like all the rest of the world, I imagine the Commune must give way; but every day makes it more clear that the Government at Versailles is not likely to put it down and survive afterwards. In the act of putting it down, it will destroy itself."

A twelve hours' suspension of arms between the Royalists and the Federals took place on Monday in order that the non-combatant inhabitants of Neuilly, and other villages exposed to firearms, might remove themselves and their goods. It would have occurred sooner, but for the determination of M. Thiers not to seem to acknowledge the Communists as anything but rebels. Notwithstanding his protests, however, he has virtually recognised their belligerency, the mere agreed suspension of arms involving the principal of an armistice, which means a pause in fighting.

The Germans near Paris make required distinctions between active and passive aid to M. Thiers and his armed forces. They neither help the Royalists nor attack the Communists but they also serve who only stand and wait." It has suited the purpose at Versailles to say, that Germany is prepared to assist by force of arms; but the Germans deny the statement, and declare that they shall not stir unless the interests they guard be seriously threatened. In that case, according to the Berlin semi-official paper, they would be supported at once by half of the half million German soldiers on French soil. Prince Bismarck, still at home, has added his authority to this sort of statement. On Monday, in his place in Parliament, he declared that Germany would not intervene in French affairs, unless German rights and German interests should be endangered. But the German forces will not withdraw from the forts, un-

less it be thought best, until peace is finally concluded between Germany and France. The first instalment of the war indemnity may be paid, but that alone will not send them away. On the one side, they strengthen the hands of M. Thiers both by their presence and their forbearance; but, on the other, the Chancellor plainly declares that the preliminaries of peace shall be insisted upon, and that Germany having been forced into financial sacrifices and obliged to maintain an armed force in France equal to any eventualities, postponement of payment is made at the risk of further requisitions for food and forage.

The rumour of divided councils in the Commune continues, matched, however, with reported changes in the Thiers Administration. M. Picard, nevertheless, has not yet retired, nor has M. Jules Favre been superseded by the Duke de Broglie. Several chief members of the Commune have indeed been arrested; but several also have been set at liberty, and have returned to their seats, and even to their posts of special activity, or to new ones. Thus, M. Assi has been sent on a mission to Brussels, for the purpose, it is thought, of promoting 'international' sympathy.

The Commune's measures evince a jealous watchfulness, and they are not always able to restrain the capricious excesses of the National Guards; but every now and then something turns up to prove that their policy is not so reckless and violent as their enemies describe it. They have shut up some churches, arrested priests, and seized money and plate; but not indiscriminately; for we hear of churches re-opened, of curés set at liberty, and money returned with apologies, as was the case with the Paris Gas Company, from whose strong box it had been taken by a party of National Guards, without authority.

The most desperate fighting takes place in the neighborhood of Neuilly, and the description of the suburbs between the lines must remind some of your old stages of Montevideo in olden times:—

"Among the ruins of houses in Avenue Foy were found several dead National Guards. The bodies had been there many days, and were in a state of decomposition. Most had received bullet holes through the head, apparently in the act of firing through loopholes in the walls at the barricades and the houses close by. There were people in the cellars, above whose heads all the fighting has been going on. They had been kept from starvation by occasional donations of food, sometimes given by the Versailles troops, sometimes by the Communists, as each side got possession of the house. The cellars were dark, close and damp. In one lay the body of a woman, dead from the effects of imprisonment, no doctor having been procurable for her.

Dombrowski is obliged continually to change his headquarters, as the peasants give information of the situation of his house, and a perfect storm of shells is the result. His last headquarters were struck by 16 shells in 24 hours, and two shells burst in his bedroom, without, however, injuring any one.

The appointment of Marshal McMahon to the chief command of the troops sent against the Commune of Paris, has been followed with an increase of activity and more evidence of 'plan.' Some approaches to investment appear, but with special concentration of artillery and men on certain points. There is an observable increase of communication between the Prussians at St. Denis and the authorities at Versailles. Courbevoie is one point around which armed men are being massed, and Meudon, on the other side, is another. As far as to Choisy-le-Roi, soldiery are visible. Against McMahon and his forces, what have the Commune to oppose? If we may believe a correspondent, there are only 50,000 at most willing combatants in Paris. The remaining 200,000 are half indifferent and half hostile to the Commune, but all overawed by the organization of the minority, an additional proof of the physical degeneracy of the French, bearing out the remark that the only parties prepared to risk anything are the Republicans and the Legitimists. Meanwhile, the siege draws close upon the city by the cutting off of its resources of supply. It is now some days since the only two railway lines open were the Northern and the Eastern, and both in the hands of the Germans, who can at any moment close them against Paris. If they should, will not that be an act of positive intervention?

A rumour having obtained currency in Paris that the Germans had evacuated the forts on the right bank of the Seine, the insurgent commander of the Vincennes Fort began to arm its ramparts. A Prussian 'parlementaire' soon arrived and demanded the strict observance of the Peace Convention. In obedience to orders from General Ciselet the ramparts were at once disarmed.

The Commune of Paris observes the rules of a regular government. For example, some disorderly and reckless members of one battalion of the National Guard dared to enter the Belgian Embassy in Paris. No sooner did news of the outrage reach the Hotel de Ville than the ringleaders in the outrage were arrested, to be tried by a council of war, and an enquiry was opened. The Commune have been accused of not merely convicting at, but ordering pillage. They had stripped the houses of M. Thiers and other absentees. It turned out, however, that nothing was touched except about

ments throwing light upon public matters. It is not questioned that a party of National Guards entered the Cathedral of Notre Dame, and had collected the principal valuables in a cart for removal; but, before it started, a delegate from the Commune came ordering everything to be put back in its place, and a guard was set to protect the place from further spoliation. The Commune has a chest containing thirty-eight millions of francs; but all lawful money. Unsold bonds of the city of Paris were found in the Hotel de Ville, and were regularly sold to the Bank of France. M. Thiers, nevertheless, in his circulars to the Prefets, allows himself to say, there is nothing to announce but rifling of houses and sales of the contents for the benefit of the Commune.

The very latest accounts of this day seem favorable to the National Government. Since the capture on Wednesday of an important position at Montlencaux the bombardment of the forts has been terrific, and the defence of the Communal troops is acknowledged by their enemies to be superb. It is said again that the Versailles Government has made an arrangement with the Prussians to starve the Parisians, and that already people are dying from Paris in dread of famine. The same rumour of this cruel species of German intervention has often been made, and as often denied. It is probable that at the instigation of Archibishop Manning Prince Bismarck has threatened the Commune in case of ill usage of the Archbishop of Paris. This intervention is humane and proper, but needless, as the Archbishop is well treated, and his arrest as a hostage was certainly provoked by the Versailles people.

The veracity of M. Thiers in his answer to the Archbishop of Paris is seriously questioned by the special correspondent of the Daily News at Versailles. "The facts to which you call my attention," says M. Thiers, "are absolutely false; and I am really surprised that so enlightened a prelate should have imagined them true. The army never has committed, and never will commit, the odious crimes imputed to it. Our soldiers have never shot their prisoners, or sought to despatch the wounded. I, therefore, repudiate altogether the calumnies repeated to you. I affirm that our soldiers have never shot any prisoners; that all the victims have fallen in the heat of battle." "This letter," says the correspondent, "is a very insufficient reply. It was certainly the doctrine, when I came here a fortnight ago, that it was a praiseworthy act in loyal officers to shoot insurgent prisoners without mercy, form of trial, or delay; and there is an immense amount of evidence that for a short time (and, indeed, the hostage system was commenced in Paris) the practice of the Versailles army was in accordance with its precepts. One of my own colleagues saw a prisoner shot in cold blood. It has never been denied that General Vinoy, after a personal colloquy with General Davau, ordered him to be shot, with as little ceremony as a conquering hero does in a play. It has never been denied that General the Marquis de Gallifet having, without any fighting, 'surprised' the outpost of National Guards near Nanterre, consisting of a captain, lieutenant, and sergeant, had them all three shot without a court martial, and his order of the day, basing of the 'example' he had made, was published in all the papers."

EDITOR'S TABLE. A terrible affair occurred on Tuesday evening about 8 o'clock, at the corner of Calles Cangallo and San Martin. It appears that a conspiracy to rob the exchange office opposite the Nat. Telegraph office had been hatching for some time, and was considered ripe for execution on the evening named. The original plan was to murder the clerk who kept the keys and who was known to all the conspirators, four in number, then rob the office and escape. One of them, however, more humane than the rest objected to such a dreadful act; it was then suggested to invite the victim to drink with the party, administer chloroform to him, take the keys and effect their purpose. The conscience of the intended victim's friend again smote him, and he revealed the plot to the exchange clerk, who agreed to accept the invitation, but laid the whole affair before the police, and secured the presence of a posse of vigilantes to arrest the thieves. The party met in a cafe in Calle Cangallo near the exchange office, and after a time the supposed victim pretended to fall asleep. The police then entered and a terrible scuffle ensued. Two of the party were at once secured, but the remaining two made stout resistance, one of them escaping round the corner and flying up Calle Piedad. The other fled towards the beach, and as he reached the corner of Cangallo fired two shots at the Commissary who was pursuing him; the Commissary replied with a shot which wounded the fugitive, who at the moment ran bolt against the foreman of our printing office and his assistant, who were passing at the time; one of the balls grazed Mr. Huggard. The wounded man rushed past them but soon fell on the footway and having received a second shot died in a few minutes. It seems all the 1parties in the intended robbery were Spaniards and young men, some of them of very respectable connections. Another version of the story is, that the robbers were few in number, and that the police were too weak to capture them at the foot

