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CICERO.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 1869.

MAGELLAN'S MAILS.

The Magellan arrived in Montevideo on Saturday, bringing us files of Chilean papers and a descriptive catalogue of the great Agricultural Exhibition building and the articles exhibited.

The "Mercurio" of the 13th of May gives the following:—

The captain of the British barque Nauphanta reports having spoken the British ship Aeuleo, bound from Liverpool to Valparaiso; also the Grace Darling, from Bremen to San Francisco; also the Hoang Ho, from Liverpool to Arica, and the city of Lima from Newport for Peru.

On the night of the 12th a great fire occurred in Valparaiso, and a large tienda burned down. The place was insured in the Bremen and Hamburg Insurance Company.

The great exhibition still monopolised the attention of the whole of the West Coast.

People from Peru and Panama were arriving by the steamers.

The department which attracted most attention was the English agricultural machinery quarter.

A very neat and comprehensive pamphlet with a minute description of the building, and the speeches, &c., on the inauguration, has been published. We received one copy from our esteemed friend, Don Santiago Estrada, the Secretary of the Argentine Legation.

The shipments of flour from Chile for the month of April amounted to half a million lbs.

Business is represented as extremely dull—freights, 40s to 42s 6d—7,000 tons disengaged.

Rain was much required, and the country suffering much from drought.

The wheat export had greatly fallen off, and the banks, which had been so liberal last year, had commenced calling in their outstandings, which had tended to increase the difficulties of the market.

The Exhibition Committee had received proposals from a French firm to purchase the building for a large steam boiler and machine factory.

General Kilpatrick is expected from the States shortly as United States minister.

Don Mariano La Torre has exhibited a splendid sample of wine made at his vineyard, declared to be equal to the very best claret.

The Cuban question attracted much notice, and the Government had determined to recognise the rebels as belligerents and acknowledge Cuban independence.

On the Sunday previous to the leaving of the Magellan, two murderers were publicly executed at Angeles, which shows that the Chilean authorities are not so remiss as the Argentine.

The relations between Chile and Buenos Ayres have not been of a friendly nature for some time back, owing to the diverse sentiments held by the two republics respectively, concerning the Paraguayan and Spanish wars. Complaints have been constantly made against Chile that she has allowed the introduction of arms in Buenos Ayres territory, destined for the use of the rebels. This being officially denied, President Sarmiento has named a Minister to Chile, Mr. Felix Frias, who is already here. This appointment is received here very favourably, and there can be no doubt of a speedy return to those amicable relations so necessary for two republics so closely united by position and interest as these.

Mr. Blest Gana, the Minister of Chile to Brazil, has been making himself highly obnoxious to the Court of San Ildefonso, and his conduct is generally censured here. It appears that he thought proper to complain about the continued stay of the Spanish squadron in the port of Rio, although that squadron was not sent out for any aggressive operations, but simply for the purpose of looking after the rights of Spanish subjects. The Minister of Foreign Affairs replied that Brazil considered the war between Spain and the allies of the Pacific as virtually settled, and that she could not request the vessels of a friendly nation to leave her ports. The Chilean Minister insisted in his demand, and was answered by a note, stating that the subject was disagreeable. Apropos of the Spanish war, it is doubtful whether Chile can make her mind up to accept the peace conference proposed by the United States. All the other allies have signified their willingness to enter into the arrangement, and Mr. Flores, the Ecuadorian Minister to Peru and Chile, has notified the diplomatic agents of his own country in Europe, that the ports of Ecuador are open to Spanish commerce, and asking that the like favor may be extended to Ecuador.

The Government contract with the P.S.N. Co. for the conveyance of the mails has been renewed for five years, commencing from the 10th inst., the annual subsidy, however, being only \$12,000 a year, or \$4,500 a year less than the amount paid under the contract, which has just expired.

The population of Chile is about to receive a vast increase, the Government having entered into a contract with Godeffroy & Son, of Hamburg, to bring out one hundred German colonists, the Government agreeing to pay 40 dollars passage-money for each adult, and 20 dollars for each person under 10 years of age.

LATEST FROM MONTEVIDEO.

THE BELLIGERENTS IN THE FIELD.

THE BISHOP OF MONTEVIDEO.

UNPROMISING STATE OF AFFAIRS.

Public attention is about evenly divided between the revolution and the expected visit of the Bishop. The revolution has not taken anybody by surprise, nor is there any feverish excitement among either natives or foreigners as to the likely upshot of the business. President Battle has taken the field with an army of a few hundred men, and Caraballo is mustering his forces, probably without the least intention of coming to a fight. When we remember that Flores carried on his campaign with a handful of men for two years, it appears quite possible that Caraballo may do the same: the result, whichever side wins, must be the total ruin of the country. If even the Government could count on much larger forces than it has, the character of the country is such that a small body of gauchos might keep the rural departments in confusion for any length of time. On the other hand it will be difficult for Caraballo and his friends to attempt any movement in the capital. They may cut off supplies of cattle, and make the price of beef and mutton inconveniently dear, besides impeding all traffic between town and country. Meantime the Government will find a pressing need of ready money, without which it is difficult to carry on even a semblance of war. The revolution will prove a good send-to-crowds of vagabonds that at present infest every part of the 'campagna': in this respect the Banda Oriental is now a counterpart of Mexico. The revolutionists at first counted on the support of Gen. Goyo Suarez, who has resigned the Ministry of War and Marine, but it seems the General has declared that he will remain neutral. In like manner they expected that Maximo Perez would at once "throw up the poncho," which is yet doubtful.

If the prospects of a decent pitched battle, to end the difficultly one way or another, be unfortunately very small, there is even less hope for an amicable settlement. Caraballo writes to the Government that he is under the painful necessity of defending the constitutional rights of the Republic, and insists that President Battle shall dismiss his ministers and the Curso Forzoso Deputies be restored to their vacated seats. The President in his reply shows how impossible are such demands. At the same time the official decrees deposing Caraballo and declaring penalties upon his followers are couched in the wildest language, and another decree calls out the 1st Reg. of National Guards for service in the city, under the orders of Sr. Bustamante. It is rumored that the sons of the late General Flores have joined Caraballo, as also Captain Clarke, who commanded the garrison of Union.

The Chambers met yesterday [Friday], as usual, and it is an amusing feature of South American legislation that not a word was spoken about the revolution, the Senate and Deputies going through the same dry routine as ever.

The only matter of any interest was a petition from some Frenchmen who are about building bridges over the arroyos of Canelones, Matajojo, and

Colorado: they seek a right of toll for 30 years.

The President has delegated his authority to Senator Chucarro, the President of the Legislature. Don Adolfo Rodriguez is named Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The motion of D. Pedro Varela in the Senate, to declare the expulsion of the Curso Forzoso Deputies illegal, was thrown out, there being only eight Senators present, viz., two for, and six against. D. Pedro Varela was at the time in the rooms of the Spanish minister at the Hotel Oriental.

It is not likely that the Curso Forzoso-Deputies will be able to assemble at Florida nor is it clear that they really meditated to get up an opposition legislature there, as at first rumored.

This morning a deputation of English residents, comprising the churchwardens, went down to receive the Bishop, who was expected by the French packet, but it turned out His Lordship remained in Rio to come by the Flanstead, probably owing to the crowded state of the Amis. Every one is talking about him, and the Rev. Mr. Adams has prepared a large number of persons to receive confirmation.

The Arno takes home a good many passengers this time; she sails to-morrow.

The Foreign Club will shortly be auctioned off; it is to be regretted that the institution should cease, but for some time back it was frequented by few, except for an occasional game of billiards.

The new wing of the Oriental Hotel is in course of construction: when completed it will be a splendid building.

Behrens, the "Standard" Agent, has taken large and convenient premises for his books and pianos, along side the present office.

The old market is being pulled down. It is intended to build on the site, leaving a street in the centre opening into the Calle 18 de Julio.

The Liberator mentions the discovery of coal beds near Rocha. The machinery and horses for the Cuñapiru mines have been despatched in bullock carts for their destination. The camp diligences have been uninterrupted up to to-day; but many people are afraid to leave the city, as they may fall into the hands of marauding parties.

Gold is going up rapidly; quiet save where it will stop!

THE SUSPENDED RELATIONS.

Legation of the United States, Rio de Janeiro, May 13, 1869.

To his Excellency George Buckley Mathew, H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary, &c. &c.

My dear Colleague,

You suggested last evening, that according to my version of the circumstances under which I had considered it my duty to suspend diplomatic relations with this Government, all my colleagues were, both personally and officially, more or less interested in the subject; and possibly courtesy demanded that I should at once give them the facts in the case, instead of leaving them to be gathered from rumor until my official publication shall appear, which cannot be sooner than the 15th, in consequence of the necessity of having the correspondence translated into Portuguese.

Reflection has satisfied me that you are right in this view of the case; and therefore I proceed to address myself at once to you, as a friend of nearly twenty years' standing, with a request that you will make known to the Chiefs of Legation the contents of this note.

The substance of the 'imbroglio' is briefly as follows:—

Pending a friendly negotiation here with the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Paranhos) last summer, that Minister directed the Brazilian Minister in Washington to apply to my Government for a re-examination of the question under discussion, and a change of my instructions, studiously concealing from me, however, the fact of his having resorted to such an extraordinary proceeding.

The Hon. W. H. Seward, the Secretary of State (Foreign Affairs) to whom that application was made, promptly promised the re-examination asked for.

The Brazilian Minister in Washington reported to the Minister of Foreign Affairs here, that the desired re-examination, with a view to a change of my instructions, had been promised. That fact was communicated to me, and our negotiation suspended.

Mr. Seward, not doubting that I had been duly advised of the contemplated application for a re-examination with a view to a change of my instructions, ordered the re-examination to take place, as soon as my portion of the correspondence was received.

I arrived at Washington pending that examination, and assisted at it; and urged upon Mr. Seward a change of instructions far more favourable to Brazil than she had asked or could reasonably have anticipated.

Having thus redeemed my promise to institute a re-examination of the claim under discussion here, which never had been discussed at Washington, and of which Brazil's Minister there and our Government were equally

ignorant—it having originated in 1836 and been confined exclusively to this Legation, Mr. Seward issued favourable instructions to me exceedingly favourable to Brazil, based upon such re-examination; and with the written sanction of the claimants and at my request, under date of January 23rd, 1869, ordered me to propose a compromise for a sum equivalent to less than one-fifth of the original claim, and only \$30,000 more than Brazil had offered to pay.

On the 20th March I returned to this city, and duly advised the Foreign Office of the change which I had secured in my instructions. They appeared well pleased at what had been accomplished.

On the 31st of March I placed an official note in the hands of the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, in which I copied at length my renewed instructions, and the order to propose a very liberal compromise; and I then proceeded to make the proposal for compromise in the words of my instructions from my Government. This I read to the Baron de Cotegipe, who took no exceptions whatever to the instructions, or to the proposed compromise; but promised an early reply to the proposition.

An interview was ordered by the Minister to take place on the 14th of April; but being at Tijuca, and quite ill, the notice did not reach me until the evening of the day appointed for the interview.

On the 16th I made a personal application for an early interview, which was promised—i. e., authorising the Director General to say to the Acting Minister, that from five to ten minutes of his time was all I required, as I should never again discuss the pending claim, and only desired a simple acceptance or rejection of the proposal to compromise, made by the Government of the United States, under date of January 23, 1869.

It was not until the 24th of April that the Secretary of this Legation, the Hon. W. V. S. Lidgerwood, succeeded in getting access to the Minister, I being ill and confined to my room, and you may judge of his astonishment at being very coolly informed by the Baron de Cotegipe, that he could not and would not entertain the proposition for compromise submitted by the Government of the United States, because the Brazilian Minister in Washington had not advised this Government, that the matter has again been referred to this Legation.

The Secretary said that this was a virtual repudiation of my instructions. And when this was conceded, Mr. Lidgerwood begged that he might not be required to convey to me a message so exceedingly offensive to me and my Government; and by way of proving that the instructions embodied in my despatch, were genuine, he promptly offered to place the original instructions in the hands of the Minister, who is familiar with Mr. Seward's signature. Mr. Lidgerwood reports "this the Minister declined; insisting that because the Brazilian Minister in Washington, had not advised him of the existence of such instruction, and of their having been forwarded to Rio, this Government could take no action whatever in relation to them, until such information of their existence, as was received through its Minister in Washington. He the Minister, disclaimed, however, any personal disrespect to General Webb in thus repudiating the disrespect to their Minister by his Government."

I thereupon addressed a note to my secretary, instructing him to repair at once to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and point out to him how irregular had been the application to Washington; in what a friendly spirit it had been received and acted upon; how entirely unnecessary it was for Mr. Seward to inform the Brazilian Minister in Washington of the character of his instructions pending here; and of the absolute certainty that a perseverance in this most offensive proceeding, which ignored the right of my chief to issue to me such instructions as he pleased, without advising Brazil of his doing so except through the instructions themselves—must and would result in a suspension of all diplomatic intercourse between the two countries, and a demand for my passports. Because thus to ignore and repudiate the official instructions of our Government to its Minister, on the unheeded ground, that Brazil's Minister in Washington had not been advised of them, was not only exceedingly offensive to my Government, but a virtual suspension of my diplomatic functions.

This letter I required the Secretary to have translated into Portuguese and placed in the Minister's hands.

On the 26th of April, the Secretary again met the Minister of Foreign Affairs, explained to him fully how greatly outraged I felt at his proceeding, and did all in his power to persuade him to change his position; to recognise as genuine and formal Mr. Seward's instructions, and to entertain his proposal for compromise, without giving offence by repudiating my instructions.

The Minister listened attentively to the contents of the letter, but refused to receive it.

On the 27th of April, the letter was again placed in the Minister's hands and left with him, as a formal notice of what must follow adherence to the decision he had made.

In reply to my urgent solicitation for an interview, the Minister decided, that it was better that such interview, should not take place, until after he had formally replied to my note conveying my instructions and the proposal for compromise by my Government.

That reply reached me on the 1st of May; and having labored unceasingly to induce this Government to avoid all offence to the United States by simply acknowledging the receipt of my note of the 31st of March and Mr. Seward's proposal to compromise, and quietly rejecting the same, I was, indeed, surprised at the contents of that very extraordinary communication.

In that note the Minister claims that it was quite right, satisfactory, and courteous—an amiable demonstration of good faith—to make the application to Washington for change of my instructions without giving me notice of such application.

Mr. Seward having made the promised examination and changed his instructions to me without advising Brazil's Minister in Washington of what he had presumed, or been pleased to do, was guilty of an outrage towards Brazil and its minister!

I quote from the minister's despatches—

"The Canada question having arrived at such a point here at this court, when it would be very difficult of solution, the Government of His Majesty, as General Webb is aware, adopted the alternative of inviting the American Government to reconsider the points of the case, in view of the documents which illustrated it. This alternative, authorised by international custom, was a demonstration of good faith, &c."

"The American Government responded, as was natural, to this amicable proceeding, and promised the Brazilian minister that the case of the Canada should be reconsidered. The question being at this point (that is, we have no knowledge of Mr. Seward's promise having been redeemed, General Webb presents as his official instructions) the undersigned cannot pronounce either negatively or affirmatively upon the proposition made to him."

"To act otherwise, would be equivalent, on the part of the Imperial Government to undoing what itself had considered as necessary to do; and would also be an admission that the Government of the United States having engaged to reconsider the claim, could waive the necessity of advising the Brazilian minister of its having done so without offending the just susceptibilities of that minister and of the Imperial Government."

"When the Imperial Government, through its minister, addressed itself to that of the United States, it did not wish to be wanting in the consideration which General Webb merits. Hence the American Government not having announced to the Brazilian minister in Washington the result of the promised reconsideration, nor of the issue of renewed and modified instructions to General Webb, keeps the Government of His Majesty in the same state of expectation it was in before, and from which it cannot depart, except in such manner as shall have full consideration for the respect due to our minister, and from one to the other."

This is quite sufficient to show that it is my Government and not its minister to Brazil, that is held to be in fault, and is, therefore, repudiated and insulted. Of course with my instructions ignored, I could not, and I would not, continue diplomatic relations with this Government, and I would not receive from a position so offensive to my Government, which was nothing more than a very contemptible attempt to take advantage of their own wrong—for a very great wrong it was on the part of Sr. Paranhos, and so I told him to his face—basely, meanly, and surreptitiously to apply to my superior for a change of my instructions, and at the same time studiously conceal from me the fact that he had done so. The entire diplomatic course is liable to be similarly treated.

My despatch of the 3rd of May contains a full history of this affair, and which has been returned to me, in order to avoid laying it before Parliament; it is now being translated into Portuguese, and will be published next week.

Please bear in mind that the claim in controversy has nothing whatever to do with this question, and that I have urged, over and over again, a rejection of Mr. Seward's proposition as entirely acceptable and satisfactory because such a course would be the repudiation of my instructions in the States Minister in Brazil, such instructions as he pleases, without the knowledge or assent of Brazil's Minister in Washington—and would not be charging our Government with perpetrating a wrong against Brazil.

In view of falsehoods I know to have been widely circulated yesterday by officials, it may be proper to add that never during the (nearly) eight years that I have been accredited to this court, has there been any claim of any kind whatsoever against Brazil discussed or negotiated at Washington. I know that on three different occasions this Government has applied to me, to have certain pending discussions transferred to Washington; but I know, too, that every such application has been peremptorily rejected.

And in all human probability, Mr. Seward would as soon have thought of advising Brazil's Minister in St. Petersburg of his instructions to me of January 23rd, as to have communicated them to Brazil's Minister in Washington. That personage had nothing to do with the matter; he asked for a re-examination; it was promised and made, and the result communicated to me, and action ordered thereon. How ridiculous, then, to assume that Mr. Seward repudiated, and refuse to recognise as authentic and binding on me, these instructions, because not certified to and indorsed by her Minister in Washington! and well knowing, too, that Mr. Seward retired from office on the 4th March last.

Your note has just come to hand. I desire no action, direct or indirect, so far as I and my Government are concerned, on the part of my colleagues. If, in disregarding my rights, and grossly insulting my Government, the present reactionary and pro-slavery Government of Brazil has also violated the rights which by courtesy belong to my colleagues, they will doubtless, collectively, or each for himself, as I have done, do what is necessary in the premises.

Brazil has been admitted into the family of civilised nations, and, being within the pale, she must be required to discharge the duties she has voluntarily assumed, and be taught to practise the international amenities of the age.

In the meantime the United States will discharge her duty promptly and efficiently, and as the party of progress, who are the advocates of a liberal and enlightened administration of affairs, must very shortly come into power here, all friends of peace and of constitutional freedom may reasonably anticipate for Brazil a brilliant and prosperous future.

Very truly your friend,

J. WATSON WEBB.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

The Saturno arrived from Montevideo on Sunday, and the tone of the various Oriental organs leaves but slight reason to hope for a speedy conclusion of the miserable emute which, dignified with the name of revolution, will probably keep the country in a state of anarchy and disorder for many a month to come. There are

not wanting parties who affirm that interested gold has been lavished to bring about at this critical moment in the history of Uruguay, a movement adding to such an extent to the accumulated woes of that unhappy land.

We have already announced the return to our city of Dr. Velez Sarfield, Minister of Home Affairs. H.E. has now again taken charge of his portfolio, and we beg to offer him our sincere congratulations on his recovery, and re-assumption of his important and arduous duties.

Colonel Coronado's exploit at the Ibicuy mines has given rise to sanguine expectations as to the prompt termination of the war. It has been necessary to modify and change opinions so often during the course of this Paraguayan struggle, and events have so belied expectations, that we may perhaps again be at fault in supposing that the end is approaching, but we think it is—as it is evident that the scattered and scanty forces of Lopez, although they may, urged on by that heroism which has ever been their characteristic, obtain temporary triumphs at isolated points, must succumb before the preponderance of the allied numbers. The allied forces have been ordered to march; Aregua and Itagua are to be at once occupied; Gen. Alvarez to hold the line of the Yagueri, and the main army moves on the flank and rear of the enemy. We believe it is a mistake to suppose that the Prince will move his forces in three separate and independent corps; such a strategy might be dangerous in front of such an enemy. The different corps will all be in communication with each other, and under the personal command of the Royal Commander-in-chief. The weather in Paraguay has been very wet, and it is not improbable that the march of the army may be delayed for a few days in consequence.

At the sitting of the Senate on Saturday, after a short discussion, a motion was passed that all documents relating to the San Juan imbroglio should be printed. Some pensions were voted, and the House adjourned at 2 p.m.

In the Provincial Chambers Sr. Rom moved that the consideration of his proposal for a reduction of expenses should be postponed, as he believed the Ministers were engaged in considering how the deficit on the Provincial estimates for the year could be supplied. On such being put to the vote, the motion was carried. The report on the sale of public lands in Bragado, as sent down by the Senate, was passed, and the House adjourned at 10 o'clock p.m.

The ball given by the members of the La Plata Club on Saturday evening to their friends was one of the most successful held for a long time in this city. H.E. President Sarmiento honored the ball with his presence. Dancing began about half-past eleven o'clock, and was kept up with unflagging spirit till the cold, grey dawn chased the lingerers from the scene of pleasure. The toilettes of the ladies were remarkable for elegance and good taste, and their effect was increased by the brilliant lighting of the rooms, the secret for this most necessary ingredient in a successful ball seeming to be perfectly known to the ball committee of this popular club.

His Lordship the Bishop of Fouolou arrived in Montevideo on Sunday, accompanied by the Rev. Lord Chas. Hervey, and may be expected here within a short time. Numbers of our oldest and most respected citizens have already inscribed their names in the list of those about to be confirmed by the Right Reverend prelate, and every day new applications are inserted. The ceremonies in connection with this important event will be of the most imposing kind permitted by the ritual of the Church of England. If we are right in supposing that the English Church in this city has never yet been consecrated, would not the present be a most fitting opportunity for having this most necessary ceremony duly performed? His Lordship's visit is justly looked on by our Protestant fellow countrymen here as quite an event, from a religious point of view.

We understand that our esteemed countryman the Very Revd. Canon Dillon has been selected for the honor of accompanying His Grace the Archbishop of Buenos Ayres to Rome, on the occasion of the approaching Eucnemical Council. Canon Dillon's vast acquirements, both as a theologian and linguist, must be of most essential service to Dr. Escallada on this important occasion.

The Patagonia, one of the finest steamers as yet built by the Pacific and West Coast line of steamers, was to have left Liverpool on the 13th of last month, and may be expected at Montevideo on Saturday or Sunday next. She leaves Valparaiso on her return to Europe on the 13th of July. The Panama leaves Liverpool on the 13th of June, and on reaching Valparaiso will be used for coast traffic. The Magellan leaves Liverpool in July, starting from Valparaiso on the return voyage on the 13th September, which trip will be the first of the monthly runs home from Valparaiso. The Andes, another magnificent craft, leaves Liverpool in August, to be succeeded every month by one of the Company's splendid fleet.

The recall of the Hon. Mr. Worthington, United States Minister to the Argentine Republic, has caused much regret in fashionable and official circles here. This gentleman's varying affability and courtesy gained for him in society troops of friends, while his well known talents as a diplomatist secured for him the highest appreciation of the Government to which he was accredited, and of the Diplomatic Corps. Equally to be regretted is the removal of our old friend Judge Hollister, who, we understand, is to be replaced at the U.S. Consulate here by Mr. Dexter E. Clapp. No better representatives of their great nation could be found than Messrs. Worthington and Hollister, and although well merited promotion will no doubt await them at home, their departure will long be sincerely regretted by their numerous friends in Buenos Ayres.

The Hipparchus arrived in Fal-mouth on the 28th April, after a splendid run home. We are very happy to be able to state that Mr. Krabbe and his family were quite well after their voyage, the weather having been fine throughout, and the passage most agreeable.

On Saturday evening a worthy snip, carrying on his honest calling in one of the time-honored dens of the Recoleta in the Plaza Victoria, was victimised through a customer of his, a young Englishman, being suddenly attacked while in his shop with that modern disease, "kleptomania." Our smart countryman was seized with the temporary illness under the following circumstances. He entered the shop about dusk and asked to be shown a ready-made frock coat. He saw and tried on fully a dozen without finding one sufficiently elegant for his manly figure. At last he chances on one which he emphatically declares to be "in or about the thing," and is in the act of pulling out his purse to pay for it, when two fellow-countrymen, who have evidently been looking for him, enter in an excited state, and, having given him a few "facers," bolt from the shop. No Englishman ever yet stood a blow quietly, or ever will; so, seizing his hat, he starts in pursuit, with the new frock coat on his back, leaving in its place the threadbare garment he wore when he entered. Before the astounded "knight of the needle" could get to the door behind his counter the three worthies had vanished, and it is needless to say, have not since been heard of.

The contract signed by Mr. Wheelright and the National Government for the construction of a branch line of railway from Cordoba to Los Algarobos is of the first importance to the future of the upper Provinces. Tucuman, Santiago, and Catamarca must ultimately be benefited by this new iron way, which is sure to be well constructed under Mr. Wheelright's auspices.

We call the attention of the Captain of the Port to a very great abuse which has always existed, but which was more than usually apparent at the landing stairs on Saturday when the passengers by the Amis reached the shore. The boatmen who had brought them from the ship agreed on board the steamer to land them for a certain price, but on reaching the mole exactly twice the amount agreed on was demanded for the service rendered. Some of the passengers, strangers to the country, paid, others refused, others looked in vain for a policeman, but the scene of noise and confusion was most discreditably, and the dishonest propensities of these boatmen should at once be put under some proper official check.

Among the "petites miseres" that beset humanity, none exceed in intensity the sufferings from corns on the feet. How few among us escape paying our tribute of pain to the exigencies of modern fashion, and yet how general is the existence of a popular prejudice against chiropodists! A few days ago a friend of ours, who had been a martyr to his feet for a long time past, and was satisfied with laying the blame on Buenos Ayres bootmakers and pavement, resolved as a last resort to apply to that King of corn doctors, Mr. Raunheim, who, with a skill and readiness that nothing but his long experience could have given him, operated upon the patient, and at once removed the cause of pain. His gratitude to Mr. Raunheim finds no expression, and he begs us to advise others who are in the same circumstances to go at once and do likewise. For his part, he is ready to subscribe for the raising of a statue to Mr. Raunheim, as a benefactor of humankind.

We have reason to believe that an arrangement is about being concluded for the prolongation of the Montevideo Telegraph as far as Rio Janeiro, the Brazilian Argentine, and Oriental Governments having agreed to divide the expense in equal proportions.

On the occasion of the inauguration of the Great Pacific Railway in the United States, the town of Chicago has offered free lodging and board to all persons that will visit it for the time the festivities will last.

