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THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

The Argentine War.

Time wears on, but the pacific negotiations instead of creating confidence are looked on as a sham. No doubt the Foreign Ministers are doing their utmost; no doubt peace is the true interest of both parties, and foreigners regard the indulgence of these ephemeral hostilities as a foolish disposition on the part of Creoles "to knock their head against the wall to please themselves." Yet there is a moral certainty that one party must win, and the other run away before an accommodation can really take place. Even those who are loudest for peace have a secret misgiving that as long as each party professes such contempt for its opponent, no treaty will be anything better than a patched-up compromise to be converted at will into a bone of contention for which "the dogs of war" shall again have a fight. After the usual amount of barking, they are beginning to show their teeth: Buenos Ayres has captured a barque and an Italian schooner laden with contraband of war, consisting of 2400 muskets, 200 swords and 350 tons of coal. This is a great prize; but possibly the gringo may demand compensation, alleging that war has not been formally declared, no active hostilities begun. Otherwise it must appear strange that Urquiza, who generally knows what he is about, should send two small vessels to run the gauntlet with the Gibraltar of the River Plate. This interlude has not, however, damped the hopes of our mediators: the diplomatic trio embarked, on Sunday last, in H. B. M. Steamer "Ardent" with the view of meeting General Mitre at San Nicolas, and it is rumored that the latter is to confer with the Captain General on board an English man-of-war; so that they can make a pleasant whist-party on their trip in quest of Urquiza.

In proportion as the fortifications advance, we see the growing probability of a protracted contest, and although "birds of ill omen" are not favorably received, there are certain signs of a siege with undefined anticipations of the nine years of Montevideo, and the famous walls of Troy. Of course it will be very difficult for Urquiza to do more than besiege, or even as much [for he took Buenos Aires.] But it is possible that the Argentine army if they gain one pitched battle may verify the threat imputed to Derqui of remaining in our province as long as there are cattle to compensate the trouble of his expedition. Men of semi-military experience describe our work as imposing, but in our plain judgment the less extensive such works are, the stronger they must prove. The horns of a dilemma are an unpleasant seat for any man however thick-skinned. Does General Mitre consider himself stronger in the open field or behind trenches? If the former why spend so much toil and money on the weaker point of reliance. But if the latter, as we frankly think, in the name of Vauban and the Faubourg St Antoine, stick to barricades. These require no extended lines, no immense forces; in a street fight, a handful of men stands together better than a whole legion, and cavalry is rendered useless. It is said we shall have the pleasure of barricades beset by fortifications, but slipping between two stools must be avoided, for if the enemy once seizes the outworks, then it is more difficult to defend the barricades. However as we have not yet received commission from government and shall not be paid for our advice, it is gratuitous and ill timed.

Latest news from San Nicolas mentions the arrival of Urquiza at Cor-

doba, in the province of Santa Fé, with 4000 troops, 12 light field-pieces and two mortars. There is moreover a strong force at Rosario and Derqui's army is differently stated at 4 and 8,000 men. Nothing can be more uncertain than the respective estimates, as there is a due amount of exaggeration in inverse ratio; but we may, safely calculate the forces of Buenos Ayres at 15,000, and those of Urquiza, rather under than over 20,000. In the hostile fleets, too, the National Government exceeds in number of ships, but some of them, like a portion of their soldiers, are defective in arms. It is said coal is very short at Rosario, and this is an important weapon. Contrary to custom, we shall, probably, have no blockade, so that if the invading army respect the flocks of the Irish shepherds we shall not suffer so much as might be dreaded, and the whole of the direct injury inflicted will fall upon the Portefios. Nevertheless some foreigners intend leaving, and commerce will experience a great check. All talk of peace will not be abandoned until the united armies of Derqui and Urquiza commence the crusade, and as the former was still, on July 11th, at Cordoba, at least a fortnight must elapse before the combatants come to a brush.

In any other country this loss of time on either side should have tempted the adversary to make a surprise, but, in South America, as many weeks are spent in talking of the fight as sufficed for Napoleon to conclude his Italian campaign. We are nowise anxious to see "a good row," but we are naturally impatient to see it all over soon, since we are so indifferently whether Mitre pulverizes Urquiza or vice-versa. Our local press has made much of the apparent desertion of one Colonel Baigorrea from the Federal lines, who on pretext of going to visit his relatives forgot asking the usual permission without which, he runs the risk of being sent to the other world, without a passport; 500 men are said to have accompanied him. Similar desertions are reported as taking place in both armies, for the obvious purpose of damping any excess of animal spirits in their opponents. On our side to compensate for those who as Mitre says "have run away at the sight of peril" there are several volunteers, chiefly citizens: in Alsina's battalion 14 youths have enrolled themselves and merited the applause of that portion of the press devoted to Mitre. The number of our troops encamped at Villa Mercedes is about 5,000; in town a company of Italian rifles has been raised, but as yet they are not formidable in numbers or discipline; the police, of whom it was asserted that they did not hold the gun properly, are now mobilized into a corps under D. Mariano Gache, clerk of the Department, who has laid aside red-tape and goose-quill for the ash and sabre. The Minister of War, Gelly Obes has deputed the head-clerk to sign official documents, as he must now look after the active prosecution of the outworks. A bill has been proposed to the Chambers, restoring to Buenos Ayres the title of "State" instead of "Province". This looks very like a determination to have no more union with the 13 provinces in any form; and indeed many are of opinion that peace should prove more durable if an absolute independence were once established. But this is a state of things inadmissible to Urquiza, and beyond the original grounds of contention.

The President was to march from Cordoba on the 26th and leave Olmos as Governor of that province. A deputation of Cordovese nymphs had begged of Francia the liberation of Marcos Paz, who was, however, sent in chains to Rosario and thence to Paraná, his companions having been already set at liberty. Urquiza's two sons-in-law, Santa Cruz and Victoria have been named, the first, commander of artillery; the second, military secretary. Bartolo Cordero, captain of the "Pampero" is second in command of the Argentine fleet, which has been reinforced by the "Argos" and "Hercules"; the latter has run aground. A skirmish between pickets at the Arroyo del Medio resulted in favor of Buenos Ayres; but there is no return of the killed, wounded or missing.

From this city another body of troops marched yesterday for head-quarters; the battalion "Sud" counts nearly 600 men, and is commanded by Major Galvan; they went by rail to Moreno, and are said to be well drilled. Our fleet is still at San Nicolas; it comprises 4 steamers and a brig, and is to be reinforced by two more steamers. Mitre arrived at Rojas on the 19th and addressed an order of the day to the army, congratulating it for its good morale. The old story about Tucuman, Salta and Santiago is revived, representing these provinces as waiting the signal for revolt. Taboada, they say, will not give Derqui a single man; and the three liberal provinces are busily preparing to side with Buenos Ayres [?] Yet it is remarkable that the government organ of Tucuman has not published any Philippics against the President, on his arbitrary conduct in Cordoba. Letters from the last named city give a miserable picture of the national army; Derqui had ordered a public ball, but found some difficulty in finding the necessary cash. At length some Mr. Funes having paid the piper, the university boys were treated to a dance. Bushental, says the same oracle, brought peace-proposals to Derqui, whose troops were lamentably short of beef and cigars. At the same time rich gold mines have been discovered in San Juan, one vein called "Moradito" presenting a superficial 2 yards wide and 8 or 900 long. If the report be true, it is possible the belligerents may forget politics and warfare, and make off to the diggings, leaving the Generals to fight it out between them, or arrange matters through that very convenient go-between called, foreign mediation.

SOUTH AMERICA.

The Chilean *Mercurio* gives the following particulars of the Pacific Republics:

Central America.

In Honduras the existing authorities had gained some slight advantages over the irregular bands of insurgents whose cause is now annihilated. The Congress of Costa Rica, up to May 13th was still in session, but passed no acts of any importance. At San Salvador there had been abundant rains, which gave reason to hope for a good indigero.

New Granada.

The revolution has been completely triumphant. Mosquera, Obando and Gutierrez had united their forces under the walls of Bogota. Arboleda was hemmed in among the mountains of Babacoas; he made an irruption with his heavy artillery, but his prospects had grown hopeless.

Ecuador.

The fortifications of Guayaquil were actively carried on, as an invasion was hourly expected. Garcia Moreno has proved himself a traitor. Aviles and G. de la Torre, members of the provisional government published a manifesto against the French protectorate.

Peru.

This republic and the adjoining States are at present tranquil, and offer no news of interest.

Chile.

The great failures that recently occurred have led to others of lesser mag-

nitude. The crisis of money matters still continues, but the efforts to establish a bank were redoubled.

Another National Calamity.

First San Juan, next Mendoza, then the war. All these have not sufficed to verify the old proverb "misfortunes never come single." We now read of an alarming conflagration that has destroyed lives and property, devastating a great part of the province of Tucuman. The origin is unknown, but the consequences have been truly terrible. At Mancocha and Condor Guasi twelve or fourteen persons have been burnt alive, three sugar-factories destroyed, and all the houses and properties around, reduced to ashes. Several victims overtaken in the open camp are dead or dying; to these latter the government at once despatched relief; the full extent of the damage caused by this prairie-fire is yet unknown.

Montevideo.

An amnesty for political offences has been published. In the University there was an election for the President and Vice, which resulted in the continuation of office, on the part of the gentlemen hitherto in possession. The petition to restore the Jesuits was still spoken of. At Cerro Largo it was stated that a revolution was on foot, in which the Chief of Departmental Police was prime-mover and General Flores accessory; and that a wagon-load of arms was expected from Brazil, by the imaginary insurgents.

LOCAL EVENTS.

Emigrants.—The *Esperador* conveyed, on Saturday, 100 Italians to this port, who had arrived at Montevideo on board the *Chalabrea*: 150 have come from Bayonne and 50 more Italians in the barque "Ernest."

Martin-Garcia.—It is asserted in the "Pueblo" of Montevideo that this island belongs to the Banda Oriental, and the foreign ministers are invoked to guarantee its neutrality.

Pastor Obligado.—This gentleman, at present Minister of Government has set out for the encampment, with the view of giving Mitre a wrinkle about the peace conference. Dn. J. M. Cantillo accompanies him as secretary.

Hector Varela.—The chief of the "Tribuna" excuses himself from active service, for the present, on the grounds of illness, and special commission from Government. In proof of his intrepidity he refers to his engagement in Italy on October 1st under General Garibaldi. Anyone who doubts his valor, he will seize by the nose and chin, and spit down his throat.

"La Verdad."—The editor of this puny production has been lodged in close confinement. In his last number he indulged in a lampoon against Irish papers that were not aware of his existence, and will suffer little from the exuberance of his Carbonari sentiments. *Dios le castigo.*

Mendoza concert.—The net proceeds of this philanthropic enterprise amount to 60,000 m/c, and have been deposited with Wanklyn & Co Bankers.

Fortifications.—No less than 1,000 men are employed in the works progressing at the Retiro, Convalescencia &c. It is proposed to form an effective battalion of the workmen.

Missions.—D. José Marmol had passed through Montevideo en route for Rio Janeiro; and D. Lorenzo Torres arrived at Rosario and continued his voyage to Paraguay.

River Pilots.—Lieut. Bertora, who captured the coals at Martin Garcia, complains that the pilots and quill-drivers in government pay, are not enrolled, and ascribes this favor to the fact of their having *compadres* and *comadres*.

Medical Staff.—Dr Parrott, late of Cranwell & Co. has received a surgical appointment on board our fleet.

Excommunicated.—His Lordship the Bishop has refused a funeral Mass to be sung for the late Count Cavour. The man who declared he should never rest till the Pope was expelled from Rome, is not a fit subject for the pious honors of the Roman Catholic Church.

Captain Manzano.—Our worthy friend has received command of the Rio Banha which is now ready for sea, and will sail to-morrow or after.

Admiral Warren.—This distinguished naval officer who replaces Admiral Keppel on the S. American station has arrived at Montevideo on board the "Forbes." We understand the late Admiral was accused of *omission*, which led to a disagreement with Sir George Grey.

Mon ovide Lottery.—As usual the great prizes have fallen here: 500 ounces has come to the fortunate player.

French Charity.—His Majesty Napoleon III. has contributed 2,000 francs to the Mendoza fund.

Marshal McMahon has given a like sum for the construction of a statue to St. Patrick, in the city of Lille, on the French frontier of Belgium.

Irish College.—This institute of education will be shortly opened under the auspices of our esteemed pastor Rev. Mr. Fahy, who has already identified himself with the best interest and advancement of our Irish community in this country.

English Packet.—The "Mersey" leaves this port on Sunday next at 4 p.m. with mails and passengers for Europe.

The weather.—During the last few days, some rain has fallen both in the city and country to dispel our fears of a continued *seca*; but the frost which has since set in will not favor vegetation.

M. Navarro Viola.—This eminent lawyer is lodged in the public prison, on account of some correspondence attributed to him, but which he declares a forgery.

Galway Packet Station.

The English government has withdrawn the subsidy from the Irish Transatlantic steam Company. Never before has any act of an anti-Irish administration produced such universal discontent. All the hopes of an afflicted but struggling nation were anchored in this great enterprise, and the ruin of our proudest aspirations must cause a terrible reaction against an oppressive legislation.

Ireland pays twenty-two million pounds sterling to England, every year, in this manner:

National tribute . . . 5,000,000
English imports . . . 15,000,000
English Church Establishment . . . 2,000,000

a revenue far exceeding that of any state in Europe, (in proportion), and not including the enormous rentals held by English noblemen and Irish absentee landlords which drain our very hearts blood to fatten our neighbours. Still a pitiful £70,000 is grudging us, and report says that a certain Mr. Baxter has more weight with the English Parliament than the interests of seven millions of Irishmen.

Of course there is a pretext for this arbitrary spoliation, as Cromwell had a pretext for the massacre at Drogheda, and William for violating the Limerick treaty. It is pretended that the Galway line had not vessels to fulfil the postal contract. For this purpose the enemies of Galway pitched on two worthy surveyors who certified that the vessels were not sea-worthy, and by a stroke of the pen annulled the contract. Thus the speediest communication with America is cut off at the very time that direct intercourse is most desirable. It may be said, cannot the line continue still? but we have Mr. Cunard's testimony that no such company can hold out, without a parliamentary subsidy. It is just to observe that the House of Lords has nobly protested against this tyrannical act; but, as the Commons are supreme, there is no hope for Ireland unless in a change of Ministry, for the Derby party is strongly in favor of this one act of justice to Ireland.

The O'Donoghue Banquet in London.

At this patriotic assemblage several noble sentiments found expression. We extract the following:

Mr. J. W. Foley, who, on rising, was greeted with great cheering, said:—Mr. Chairman, ladies, and gentlemen, your committee have done me the honour of confiding the next toast to my hands for proposal; and, although I could wish it had to be entrusted to one more able than I am to do it amply justice, still I have not the affectation to say it could have been committed to one who sympathises more with the subject it revives (hear, and cheer). The toast is "The Irish Political Exiles" (great and enthusiastic cheering). What man, with Irish blood coursing through his veins, does not feel emotion at the announcement of the words, "The Irish Political Exiles"—what man, worthy of the name of Irishman, does not feel indignation against the rulers of a country who cause the exile of Irishmen—

who, above all other people, cling to the home of their forefathers with an enthusiasm holy as the Saints—devoted as the Martyrs—and tender as a woman's love? (Great cheers). What Irishman, worthy of the name, does not burn with the desire of eradicating that no effort shall be spared—that no sacrifice too great—be made to free the land which it terminated on the scaffold—until these exiles are restored to Ireland? (Cheers) Why, sir, are Irishmen exiles? The answer is written in the tears and blood of our countrymen—

—it is told in their ruined homes, their razed altars, their desecrated altars. It is given in the sappings, I deep despair which reach us from the mountains of Donegal and the hills of Connemara, from the decks of hundreds of emigrant ships, and from those vast poorhouse prisons which the O'Donoghue has so touchingly described, and which alone attract attention in our deserted cities (sensation). The answer is written in seven centuries of unjust invasion, unjust law, and cruel and ruthless confiscation (cheers). That green island of ours, on the morning of creation, was destined by nature and nature's God, for the enjoyment of every blessing; but it has been cursed by the wicked and perverse designs of man (cheers). It is the land, and the only land, where, neither withers but humanity; it is most subject for the poet's praise and the freeman's contempt (hear, hear). Oh! yes, my friends, for many a long century a deep and blighting gloom has covered that fair country and fertile land on which the kind and benignant gifts of Heaven seem to have been poured forth in vain. But a light once shone on that gloom—it was a bright, brilliant, and glorious light—but, alas, it was of short duration! It lasted long enough only to show the darkness that had gone before, and the greater darkness that followed after. Need I say that I allude to the glorious epoch of the armed Volunteers of 1792? (Immense cheering). That light, as history attests, was extinguished by the foulest means that hell could devise, and man's treachery accomplished—it was extinguished in the tears of widows and orphans; by the gibbet, the triangle, the pike-pole, and the sword. It was extinguished by purpling the green fields of Erin with the blood of her children (sensation). History, that sings many a sublime canticle to the genius of Liberty, records on her pages no more glorious deeds of heroism and self-sacrifice than the records of those men who rose up amid the gloom and desolation to rekindle that light (cheers). Within our own day we have seen a glorious band of martyrs and confessors rise up to put an end to Ireland's degradation, and we know the penalty they have paid for their devotion to fatherland (hear, hear). Forget, my friends, if you can, this present hour and happy scene. Come with me on "a mission of love" across the boisterous seas that leave their mighty barriers between the Irish exiles and the land of "their birth, their passion, and their destiny" (cheers). Mark them, each day and night, with eager eyes scanning those strange bright heavens, watching for the rising in the zodiac of Ireland's day-star! (Great cheering). See that glorious young triad, Meagher—(here the whole company rose and cheered for several minutes)—see Thomas Francis Meagher pour forth, in words that should kindle in the coldest hearts the fire of freedom, to his brethren in exile his passionate longing for the redemption of his dearly-loved Ireland! (Cheers). Behold, in the antipodes, another exile, Charles Gavan Duffy, ruling almost with kingly sway, that new world beneath the

southern cross! (Great cheering). Come nearer home—look yonder, beyond the white cliffs of Dover—there is John Mitchell! (Here the scene was most exciting; the entire meeting rose simultaneously, and, with great enthusiasm, the ladies waving handkerchiefs with the greatest enthusiasm.) Look at Mitchell—how, with burning heart and longing eyes, he is waving the ancient sign in the political horizon that is to announce to him the freedom of Ireland, and his return to the land he so passionately loves! (Immense cheering). Oh! my friends, it will be a great and joyous day when liberated Erin presses the exiles to her breast, particularly those who have suffered in her "good old cause!"

The good old cause! our own and days have seen a hero band March forth, like armed cherubim, to free this Irish land;

And thou bereaved, our country mourns, her bravest and her best; There's something tells—"Free Erin yet shall clasp them to her breast."

Great cheers. Sir, is there anything to relieve the dark page of our history? Oh, yes! The O'Donoghue has told us in bitter irony, that there is. There is that thing called the "British Constitution"—the envy and admiration of surrounding nations (cheers and laughter), upon which the ejected exiles of Plunket of Parry, and Adair of Donegal, may be told to gaze with rapture and deign, and to exclaim with the poet:

"The distance lends enchantment to the view."

(Sensation) Our Chairman has told you to-night what Lord John Russell's ideas of that constitution are—and, coming from such a pillar of the State, they must, no doubt, be constitutional (laughter). Lord John has propounded the doctrine, which I accept, that it is wise and just of a people who desire to change their government, to seek the aid of powerful neighbours to effect that purpose, and that it is legitimate for those powerful States to give the aid required and sought after by the weaker people (hear, hear). Following his lordship's advice, I now invoke the sympathy of every free nation for the struggle which we are now entering upon, and which has been lengthened to us by our martyrs and exiles (cheers). Particularly I invoke the sympathy of our gallant Celtic brethren of France—France that has been united to us by ties of kinship and blood on many a battle-field, and whose flag has often waved proudly side by side with the green flag of Ireland. And I am certain, the gallant French nation will not refuse us sympathy, or despise our flag, for it was an emblem of hope to their fathers ages ago, and waved over many a hard-fought field of glory (great cheers). Brave warriors and glittering steel of Irish exiles flashed round it; and when its folds were floating in the breeze, upon it could be described the name of many a glorious victory (enthusiastic cheering, and cries of "Fontenoy"). I shall not weary of reminding me of that far-famed field, but previous to our flag waving with St. Patrick on the heights of London, and was borne in triumph in front of the Irish exiles at Cremona and Fontenoy (tremendous cheering). It was never "faded in glory," it was never "faded in glory," it was never "faded in glory," and it shall yet proudly wave over a liberated nation (hear, hear, and cheering). Then will come, from the four winds of heaven, myriads of Irish exiles to sit down in peace and joy amid the peace and glory of their native land; when that time comes, will it be too much to expect that a pilgrimage will be made to a grave that is yet fresh by the waters of the Southern Pacific—a grave that contains all that was mortal of as brave a soul as ever saved Ireland, and that a reath of Irish shameless entwined by the fair daughters of Erin will be laid on the grave of Terence Bellew M'Manus (emotion). I may be called disloyal for such language as this; but if I be disloyal to love my country and her people more than the world beside, I glory in that disloyalty (cheers). Sir, I am loyal to the Queen of Ireland, but I am loyal to the Barons of Runnymede when they compelled King John to sign the Magna Charta of English Liberty. I am loyal to the Queen; but I am loyal to the armed volunteers of Dunganon, when they declared "that no body of men save the King, Lords, and Commons of Ireland had power to make laws for Ireland" (cheers). And if we are allowed to approach the throne of her Majesty, and state the grievances under which Ireland groans in anguish and despair, I am certain she would pre-

loyalty of satisfied slaves (cheers). We would say to her Restore to Ireland her exiles—repeal the Union—repeal that Act which has been a source of misery and disgrace to a once-glorious nation—repeal that law which, in the language of him whose genius we admire, and who prematurely yielded up his spirit amid the congenial associations of immortal Florence shortly after he carried the wages of political apostasy. "Converts the island that ought to be the most fortunate in the sea into a receptacle of degradation and suffering, contracts the designs of Providence, and enters into a conspiracy for the frustration of the beneficent designs of God." Mr Foley sat down amid applause which was again and again renewed.

Travels in France and Italy.

BY THE EDITOR.

CHAPTER VIII.—VERSAILLES.

The garden of Eden must indeed have been a pretty spot, yet one thing was wanting, for architecture was unknown. If our first parents had lived till the days of Louis XIV., they should have said that Versailles was a decided improvement on the terrestrial paradise. Here the art of man has wrought its masterpiece, lavishing enormous treasures to outvie Nature; here stands the finest palace, here are the most magnificent gardens, and water-works ever constructed by man; here the rich sylvan scenery is broken by artificial lakes, terraces, and statues that seem more like the creation of a fairy's wand than a reality. Standing in front of the grand portico and yet down, the pilgrim is wrapt in admiration of the sublime beauty that almost intoxicates his vision, and the mind at intervals recurs to those days when the "grand monarch" looked on this same picture, as he beheld the various charms rise up at his command to grace this favored site.

The middle terrace extends, as through a forest opening, to a splendid lake margined by trees. On either side are winding alleys which suddenly burst on some ornamental fountain or shady arbor, and here and there occur niches holding statues of the rural deities or heroes of mythology to whom the place seems sacred. No tedious sameness, no fantastic extravagance, jars on the harmony of arrangement, and the sight-seer involuntarily rambles on amid new wonders until his limbs grow weary, and sitting on a rustic bench he would fain gaze for ever enraptured at all around him, did not the recollection of the Palace call him at length away.

"All the glories of France" is the historic title given to a long succession of brilliant battles, on which are depicted the battle fields, of Gaul from early ages down to our day. Here is Francis the First knighted by the Chevalier Bayard; yonder is the Quatre à l'Ivy, winning his laurels of military fame. Next we have St. Louis the Crusader struggling with the Saracens for the rescue of the Holy Land; and then a crowd of hard fought fields and captured citadels above which the fleur-de-lis proclaims French valor and conquest. Some there are not alone interesting to the Frenchman, but also records of pride to the countrymen of those who bled and triumphed at Ramillies and Fontenoy. A corner in this temple of Mars is dedicated to the Irish Brigade. In forefront of the scroll of victory are the campaigns of Napoleon, now crossing the Alps, now charging at Marengo, here at Austerlitz, there at the Pyramids, the same great image stands forth from the canvas, engrossing all our wonder, and making us forget all else. Neither the past nor future can produce such a hero, and the other stars fade into obscurity before the blaze of this luminary.

Passing to the salon of Marshals we have full length portraits of all the great captains from Turenne to Ney, a collection which the whole world of cal can never rival. The host of generals who carried the name of the Republic over Europe occupies a prominent rank.

If we enter the Chapel we are struck with the simple tastefulness so well blended with the decorations of royal piety, and fancy we are far from those associations that render Versailles so licentiousness and bloodshed. Yet these palace-walls have echoed the songs of vassal and debauchery, and along those corridors has rushed the infuriate rabble bearing the severed limbs of the Swiss Guards, and thence for the blood of Marie Antoinette. A secret door is shown, through which the unhappy queen escaped for a time the human tigers; it is in the suite of royal apartments. The painting gal-

lery is greatly esteemed by connoisseurs, for the rare works of art it contains; it is very long, and the windows look out on those matchless fountains that cast their silvery spray to the height of 100 feet.

Two days are scarcely sufficient to explore Versailles, but even a hasty visit will convince the traveller that it is a paradise of earth, and that it is well worth a life going to France, tho' one saw nothing more than this.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LAW SUITS AND THEIR LININGS.

The experience of Hon. Mr. Elmore in law suits, is given in a speech, "on the abolition of laws for the collection of debts," before the Wisconsin Legislature. He had his experience in the law, and that was rich. He would give a history of it. The speaker then related how he had purchased a yoke of oxen about fifteen years ago—paid fifty dollars for them. A few days after, the son of the man of whom he bought the oxen, came to him and said the oxen were his. He insisted on having pay over again, and commenced a suit before a justice. The jury didn't agree. Finally, through the blunders of the Bushwood justice of the peace, the case went against him. He appealed to the Circuit Court in Milwaukee. There I lost again, and said to my lawyer, "I will give you ten dollars to quote Pennsylvania law to Judge Miller, and have a new trial ordered." He took the ten dollars, and performed the duty. A new trial was then granted. The case came to him and said the oxen were his. 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Dry cow hides, narrow	perado 115 to 125
Hides of all states	— 100 to 105
Calf skins	— 70 to 80
Hides of colts	each 22 to 30
Sheep skins unwashed	45 to 50
Do mixed	40 to 45
Mestiza, fine	80 to 100
Natras	lb 4 to 4 1/2
Horse hair North	arob. 95 to 100
Do south	105 to 115
Talk w pure	50 to 55
Grease wool washed	70 to 75
Do unwashed	40 to 45
Do mixed	50 to 70
Fine mestiza wool	80 to 100
Lambs do	40 to 70
Ostrich feathers loose	lb. 25 to 26
Do woven	thousand 70 to 80
Or horse	330 to 400
Infirior do	270 to 300
Wheat superior	240 to 260
Do middling	200 to 220
Do inferior	125 to 130
Indian corn	75 to 85
Barley	75 to 85

Doubloons.

Wednesday July 17th	\$388 392
Thursday " 18th	391 392 1/2
Friday " 19th	393 396
Saturday " 20th	394 396
Monday " 21st	393 386
Tuesday " 22nd	385 387

Gas shares	7 1/2 p. 3
Bolsa do.	7 to 10 p. 3 dees

Interest.

Market rate of int. rest at 3/4	to 1 1/2 per month.
Bank receives mpe. at 6 1/2 per an.	" " specie at 1 1/2 "
" advances mpe. at 8 1/2 "	" " specie at 1 1/2 "

Money market—specie—1 1/4 to 1 1/2 per month.	Do. mpe. 1 1/2
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Current Price of Cattle

Good horned cattle for saladeros	\$ 220 to 225
Do matadero, picked bullocks	250 —
Do Cows picked	220 — 250
Three year old males	250 —
Asses	15 — 20
Fat mares	85 — 90
Ordinary mestiza—	
Sheep	30 to 35
Fine do.	40 to 45

To Subscribers.

We regret to state that it is impossible for us to enlarge the *Weekly Standard* at present. The first quarter is about to expire, and yet our country friends have not supported us as they ought. No less than ninety have not paid a dollar to lessen our expenses and, as we cannot give longer credit, their names shall be blotted out if we do not receive half a year's subscription from each, before next month.

Agents are requested to send in any sums on hand.

Agencies.

Buenos Ayres.	Messrs. Mackerns.
Rosario.	Robert Taylor Esq.
Villa Mercedes.	D. Silvestre Torrobas.
Lobos.	Mr. Patk. O'Neill
Zafuelas.	Mr. Griffin.
San Antonio.	D. Leopoldo Taboada
Giles.	D. J. Pichete.
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Villa Lujan.	Mr. Michael King.
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Pilar.	Mr. Bollaichini.
Chascomus.	Mr. James J. Graham
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Montevideo.	Messrs. Mackern Bros
Asuncion.	Mr. Nesbett.

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In the partido de San Antonio de Arco 2500 (more or less) mestiza sheep of the best class at a low price, also will be rental to the purchaser the camp on which they are at present situated with two puestos and new fine corrales, the whole camp will be rented, if required which is capable of holding two more large flocks—For further particulars apply at this Office.

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James Hastings.
102, calle L'edad.

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Two nicely furnished apartments with attendance, in an English family, the situation is very convenient, being only two squares from the Bolsa. No. 100 calle Maypá, in the *altes*.

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Mr. George Jeanes of 283 calle Buen Orden begs to acquaint his friends that he has on hand a great assortment of silver harness, domestic plate, jewellery &c. and solicits an inspection of the above articles which are offered at moderate prices.

NOTICE.

The undersigned have formed a co-partner ship under the firm of T. B. Coffin & Son for the purpose of continuing the business heretofore conducted under the individual name of T. B. Coffin. Buenos Ayres July 1 1861.

J. C. Coffin. — T. B. Coffin.

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SHIPPING LIST.

CLASS.	NAME.	TONS.	CAPTAIN.	ARRIVAL.	FROM.	CONSIGNEES.	DESTINATION.
English.							
barque	Marcos	274	White	April 16	Glasgow	C. T. G. W. & Co.	Liverpool
barque	John Campbell	254	Hill	May 20	Hamburg	R. G. W. & Co.	Liverpool
barque	Dona	289	Stephens	June 8	Glasgow	R. Barclay & Co.	Without destination
barque	Robinson	183	White	June 8	Liverpool	Hove Brothers	New York
barque	Montesuma	396	Reussmann	March 19	Liverpool	C. G. Brownell & Co.	New York
big	Major	103	Lopez	June 13	Ugney	To Order	Without destination
barque	John Bagnay	298	West	June 14	London	J. R. D. y L. & Co.	London
barque	Sirang	418	Lever	June 19	Liverpool	Gas Company	Without destination
barque	Francis Corvill	338	McKellitt	June 22	Liverpool	Gas Company	Without destination
barque	Belle of Devon	128	Howe	June 24	Hamburg	Lovers & Co.	Without destination
barque	Avery	341	Girdar	June 24	Liverpool	A. Barber & Co.	With destination
barque	Edmund Peron	469	Chambers	June 27	Liverpool	P. C. Thomson & Co.	Without destination
barque	Shimmer of the Sea	254	Willis	June 27	London	Franchini & Co.	Liverpool
barque	Onia	323	Narvaez	July 11	Glasgow	B. Barclay	Unloading
big	Flying Cloud	221	Spence	July 18	Cardiff	Isac	Unloading
big	Lancashire Witch	287	Hill	July 18	London	Isac	Unloading
barque	John Arthur	349	Anderson	July 18	Liverpool	Gas Company	Unloading
barque	Belle Pontes	374	B. Wainwright	July 18	Liverpool	Nicholas Green	Unloading
big	Spartan	213	McCulloch	July 12	New York	Gunning	Unloading
Argentine.							
barque	Carolina	422	Napp	June 19	Cardiff	Freyer Brothers	Antwerp
Austrian.							
barque	Matilde	465	Milka	June 25	Liverpool	H. A. Green & Co.	Antwerp
barque	Epo	325	De Anjelo	June 25	Liverpool	G. & Co.	Unloading
Belgian.							
big	Antwerpia	223	Banning	July 5	Antwerp	Felix	Antwerp
Brazilian.							
barque	Tolerancia	373	Folza	June 30	Bahia	F. C. W. & Co.	Unloading
Danish.							
big	Hasbet	222	Willemsen	June 4	Rio Janeiro	V. Fernandez	Antwerp
big	Arenal	234	Deane	June 10	London	O'Connell & Co.	Antwerp
Spanish.							
barque	Siena	307	J. Amet	May 6	T. Tragona	J. L. W. & Sons	Cuba
big	Casilla	376	Savira	June 9	Havana	Order	Unloading
big	Espartero	144	Ribera	June 10	San Jacinto	F. R. & Co.	Unloading
big	María Isabel	178	Garcia	June 19	Matanzas	Zamorano & Co.	Unloading
barque	Recurso So	234	Aguiar	April 26	Havana	Liverpool & Sons	Without destination
barque	Pablo	259	Duiz	June 19	Matanzas	Liverpool & Sons	Unloading
big	Brotes	203	Oliver	July 6	Matanzas	Zamorano	Unloading
French.							
big	Elie	344	A. G. et	May 20	Colza	F. Siegfried & Co.	Matanzas
big	Lois XIV.	291	Gust	June 2	Marcelles	J. B. Vignal	Matanzas
barque	Celignia	173	Audart	June 10	Marcelles	L. Plan & Co.	Antwerp
barque	Condor	283	B. et	June 10	Bordeaux	S. R. et Co.	Antwerp
barque	Gustave d'Antio	478	Boussan	June 18	Bordeaux	A. Joly	Unloading
barque	Buffon	257	Veselin	June 24	Havre	J. B. Vignal	Unloading
barque	Emile	259	Chamblon	July 18	Cardiff	Unloading	Unloading
big	Pennant	521	Lahne	July 17	Havre	Heydecker	Unloading
Dutch.							
big	B. et	190	Meyer	June 18	Hamburg	R. G. W. & Co.	Antwerp
big	Manrix	238	Wassenaar	June 18	Amsterdam	C. A. Buth	Antwerp
big	D. T. V. et	305	Vander Linden	June 21	Batavia	D. T. V. et Co.	Antwerp
big	Walter	250	Walter	June 21	Amsterdam	Rotterdam	Antwerp
big	H. M. Elizabeth	319	Bouier	June 10	London	H. A. Green & Co.	Without destination
big	Spektra	130	Reck-aa	May 27	Havre	Rosenthal & Co.	Antwerp
big	Wilton Edward	181	Van Vliet	June 22	Amsterdam	Aving & Herts	Unloading
big	Cont. Maria	224	Joy	June 27	Sunderland	J. B. et	Unloading
big	De Vrede	200	Nicksa	July 1	Amsterdam	Antwerp	Unloading
big	Anne Catharina	183	Jones	July 6	Amsterdam	Antwerp	Unloading
big	Margaretha	174	Jonge	July 6	Amsterdam	F. B. Vignal	Unloading
big	Elizabeth	130	Moel	July 14	Hamburg	B. et Co.	Unloading
Hamburg.							
big	Eibe	118	Grote	May 6	Altona	J. Rick & Co.	Foreign Ports
big	Verseten	208	So et	May 7	Hamburg	Lutze	Unloading
Mecklenburg.							
big	A. von Francken	407	Von Francken	June 24	Bordeaux	Ferber	Without destination
Italian.							
big	Defensor	518	Revelino	June 7	Gallegrachy	Bernardo Delfino	Genoa
big	Hilda	188	Reynolds	June 10	Genoa	C. A. P. et Co.	Without destination
big	Adela	316	Lavarello	June 10	Genoa	Bernardo Delfino	Without destination
big	Avonclon	234	Gustafsson	June 12	Genoa	A. P. et Co.	Genoa
big	Orazio	236	Cassia	March 15	Glasgow	P. J. et Co.	Genoa
big	Giovanna	195	De Biaso	June 17	Genoa	H. A. Green & Co.	Without destination
big	Guillermo Mameli	210	Duman	June 28	Genoa	Schiffoni	Genoa
big	Maria Eugenia	323	Pirelli	July 6	Genoa	Bertelli	Unloading
big	Marina	349	Selisco	July 15	Genoa	Foggo	Unloading
Norwegian.							
big	Osmer Odd	298	Faa	April 2	Rotterdam	A. Berber & Co.	Without destination
big	Argenta	198	Giam	July 12	Tarragona	Armstrong & Futz	Unloading
N. American.							
big	F. S. Mease	375	Mease	June 5	Cadiz	Broth Brothers	Without destination
big	Alexander	398	Robins	June 22	Hull	J. B. et Co.	Without destination
big	Salvia	451	Burley	June 22	Born	S. B. H. et Co.	Without destination
big	Conroy	295	Woodward	June 24	Patagonia	D. G. W. & Co.	Without destination
big	Queen of the South	333	Weeks	June 27	New York	Francis	Valparaiso
big	Nancy	225	Goodman	June 27	New York	Zimmerman & Co.	Unloading
big	Coast Pilot	225	Harsh Riss	June 29	Patagonia	Elvira	Unloading
big	Mary A. Jones	225	Lander	June 29	Patagonia	Gas Co.	Unloading
big	Fanny	273	Henrik	July 18	Liverpool	Berber	Unloading
big	Belle	265	Hopper	July 18	New York	Coffin	Unloading
big	Lexington	295	Wilkin	July 18	New York	Armstrong	Unloading
big	Cherwell	513	Anderson	July 18	New York	Armstrong	Unloading
Swedish.							
big	Bianca	360	Nordstram	June 26	Hamburg	Bieber & Co.	Unloading
Prussian.							
big	Peter, Bagent	440	Fischer	July 17	Hamburg	Stock	Rio Janeiro