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Great Britain's Demand Merits Consideration.

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WASHINGTON, March 23.—There is absolute authority for the statement, notwithstanding guarded denials, that Great Britain's demand upon Nicaragua is of such a character as to merit very grave consideration on the part of the United States. Barrios has brought a special copy of the demand to Washington, and it discloses the fact that the conditions imposed upon this feeble and impecunious republic are harsh in the extreme. Great Britain demands \$75,000 "smart" money, to be paid down within seven weeks; that is to say before April 10th next, for the affront to the British crown implied in the alleged wrongful expulsion of the British consul, Hatch, from Bluefields. Next, Great Britain insists that the claims of Hatch and other British subjects for damages shall be submitted to a commission of three, one to be appointed by Nicaragua, one by Great Britain and a third to be selected by them; but "not to be a citizen of any American republic." The United States' interests in Nicaragua, especially regarding the problem of the trans-isthmian canal, are so great that the presentation of excessive demands, followed perhaps by security of territory as a guarantee of payment, has brought the United States face to face with a complication which, in connection with the Venezuelan boundary question, assumes importance of the first magnitude. Knowing that Nicaragua can spare not one cent, it remains to be seen whether she can give

satisfactory assurances of its future payment. Little doubt is expressed that Great Britain will seize something, and by the Clayton Bulwer treaty the United States will have a right to know in advance just what Great Britain proposes to do. Discussing the matter, a leading official said:

Great Britain's exclusion of the United States from participating in the proposed Nicaraguan arbitration is a distinct recognition of the identity of Nicaragua and the United States, and of the influence of the United States on this continent, as well as a confession of Great Britain's weakness among the American republics."

Important Dispatches Sent to Admiral Meade by the Columbia.
WASHINGTON, March 23.—The cruiser Columbia is now on her way to South America. It is stated she carries important dispatches to Admiral Meade. Neither the state nor navy department will confirm this report, which, however, comes from a reliable source. It is asserted the dispatches relate chiefly to the Allianca affair. Meade is instructed to gather any additional information regarding the matter. He is also directed as to the use of vessels under his command in Cuban waters. A cablegram was received from Meade today announcing his departure from San Domingo for Kingston.

According to the programme arranged for the cruise of the North Atlantic squadron before it sailed from Hampton roads, the vessels were to stop at Port au Prince, after leaving San Domingo, and to proceed to Santiago de Cuba, on the south coast of the island. Just why Admiral Meade omitted these points in his cruise was not explained in his cablegram, and at the navy department the officials say he has acted in this without instructions. He is at full liberty, they say, to make changes in the programme. An explanation that finds general belief is that Admiral Meade has heard of the difficulty that has arisen between the United States and Spain over the Allianca affair, and is indisposed to complicate the diplomatic adjustment of the case by paying a visit to Cuban waters, which might be construed by the

Spanish press into a demonstration of force intended to coerce their government. At Kingston also that the admiral will be convenient to the isthmus and the Spanish main, so as to be in readiness to respond to any call there may be to strengthen the forces at Colon and to have a ship look into Bluefields. Assistant Secretary McAdoo, of the navy department, is aboard the Columbia. He goes south for a short tour, and may leave the vessel at Kingston, Jamaica.

Ezeta's Pronouncement.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—General ANTONIO EZETA, ex-vice-president and deposed dictator of San Salvador, is still bent on revolution, though he is somewhat handicapped in being obliged to direct his lieutenants in San Salvador at long range. Ezeta, safely housed in a big hotel here, is well out of danger. His latest card is a long proclamation issued "To all Salvadorencos." The fugitive general asserts that his "heart still beats with the ardent love of patriotism and sacred fire of liberty." He says he knows his friends in San Salvador are suffering on his account, and he assures them that they shall soon see him again contending with the enemy on the battlefield in defense of their country.

The doctory general refers to his release from custody by United States authorities and pays his respects to his brother, Carlos Ezeta, the fugitive president, as follows: "I am before the world after having been tried in the courts of this country. I have saved myself from certain death by a miracle, after the shameful retreat of the head of our nation and his cabinet, leaving my companions in arms, who were true to the last, to be the victims of our cowardly and infamous enemies. Adversity does not make me lose courage."

Examining Chang's Account.
NEW YORK, March 23.—The Herald's correspondent at Shanghai says: "Experts are at present engaged in the task of overhauling Li Hung Chang's accounts at Tien-Tsin. They have found a record of the purchase of 7,000,000 rifles, and, as these are supposed to be of the latest pattern, it is hard to explain the striking insufficiency of the modern rifles in the Chinese army, except on the hypothesis that the viceroy, like his son-in-law, Chang, has been guilty of peculation."

Formosa to Be Included.
LONDON, March 23.—A Hiogo dispatch says the peace conference at Simonosaki will last a fortnight. The cession of Formosa to Japan is inevitable.
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