

War of the Bankrupts.

War is just now raging in a mild sort of a way between Chile and Bolivia, and Peru has also joined Bolivia, and declared war against the former. The latin races of South America are unfortunate in their attempts to keep the peace, if indeed they ever make any persistent attempts in that direction. The trouble just now appears to grow out of a question about nitrate works in Bolivia. These works are situated at Antofogosta, in a strip of territory claimed by both states. But they were leased a long time ago to Chileans and have been worked by their capital. The lease was to run for twenty-five years, subject to no other burdens than local taxation. Recently Bolivia laid an export duty on all the nitrate sent from these works. The lessees refused to pay this additional tax, and sent to the home government for relief. Now Chile, while actually bankrupt, happens to have a formidable fleet, and in this respect is a greater maritime power than any other of the Pacific states of South America. Chile came to the rescue and blockaded the Bolivian coast, which is not very extensive, took possession of Cabija, the principal port, landing a considerable force, which took possession of the nitrate works and two or three other small towns. Then Bolivia suspended the export duty on nitrate, out of respect, it is said, for the claims of Chile.

But the trouble did not end there. The Bolivian government rescinded the lease, and declared that from that time the nitrate works were the property of the latter. This made matters worse. The Chileans, who had invested large capital, saw their interests melt away in a moment, and there was, therefore, new occasion for war. Bolivia asked the aid of Peru, which has some old unsettled grievances with Chile, and therefore, after forming an offensive and defensive alliance with Bolivia, has concluded to take a hand in the fight. The Argentine republic has also been solicited by Bolivia to aid her in her defense, so that just now there is a prospect of a prolonged disturbance in the states bordering on the Pacific coast of South America. Bolivia has no navy, but can muster a considerable land force. It is urged in defense of the latter that the contracts were originally made on the part of a revolutionary government in Chile; that the latter has since set aside all contracts made in revolutionary times which it was not for the interest of Chile to keep; and that having refused to keep faith touching a part of their contracts, Bolivia was under no obligation to respect others. Chile and Peru having gone to war, there will be a series of naval engagements. Both have a considerable number of formidable ironclads, which are rather expensive luxuries for bankrupt nations.

—Boston has a temperance reformer who claims to have drunk more liquor than any other man in that city, and to have squandered \$200,000.

—The ministry of public works at Rome has introduced on the Italian railways the Philadelphia and Reading railroad locomotives, on account of their superior power.

—Gen. Garibaldi has given his formal approbation to the scheme of his son Menotti to colonize New Guinea. Italy has many poor children out of work, but fewer tramps than any other country in Europe.

—The German Socialists published a paper in London which they called liberty. Its sale in Germany was prohibited. They changed the title to Bismarck, and now are amused to know that not even Bismarck is permitted to appear in the land of Teutons.

Not a Gold Field.

We have received private letters from old friends and strangers in California making inquiries respecting the new gold diggings up in the Palouse country, says the Walla Walla Statesman. All we know for certain about it is that the fact that a little gold has been found there in times past, is used by a few unscrupulous men to get up an excitement, and prey upon the wary miner when he arrives in the country. It is disgraceful that such men should be allowed to do such things. We have seen the time when men have been shot at sight for bringing miners less distances than these wretches are endeavoring to do. The Palouse country was prospected for gold years before any of these rutabaga miners had come into it. We advise them to try and make an honest living by hard work and not by bringing hard working men into their country by false pretenses. A little hanging from the disappointed prospectors would do such men a world of good.

Valuable Figures.

Dr. Otto Crummel, a celebrated European man of science has made the following calculations, giving the mean depth in fathoms, and area in square miles of the waters surface of the globe, as follows:

Depth	Area
Atlantic.....2013	29,514,275
Indian.....1820	28,369,595
Pacific.....3887	60,343,690
South Ice Sea.....845	5,264,600
Australian Archipelago.....487	3,046,000
Gulf of Mexico.....1001	1,765,940
Mediterranean.....729	1,109,230
Baltic.....36	159,680
Red sea.....243	170,820
Persian Gulf.....20	90,100
North Sea.....48	210,305
The Channel.....47	78,416
Gulf of St. Lawrence.....100	101,075
East China Sea.....66	472,220
Japan Sea.....1,300	283,305
Ochotsk.....830	533,080
Behring Sea.....550	864,555

Black Diamond Bullion.

Unless congress is going to stop immediately the buying of silver to be stored at the government expense in its vaults, says an eastern paper, it should pass a law to relieve the distress of another mining interest. The production of anthracite coal is so far in excess of the demand for consumption that it is being produced, if not at a loss, certainly not with any profit to the companies. But if the secretary of the treasury should issue bonds for the purchase of about 200,000 tons of coal a month, that might be safely stored on the waste lands along the Potomac, the interest in coal mining would immediately revive, and might prove as profitable as silver mining.

—Contagious peri-pneumonia, attributed to importations of cows from Italy, has appeared in the southeast of France.

—Virginia, no longer the mother of Presidents, is, however, the parent of senators, being represented in the United States Senate by six senators, to wit, Johnston, Withers, Hereford, Davis, Coke, Thurman. The two latter represent Texas and Ohio, but were born in Virginia, of Virginia parents.

The following nationalities live under the sceptre of the Czar of Russia: Great Russians, Little Russians, White Russians, Poles, Finns, Estons, Samoyeds, Laplanders, Ostiaks, Tunguz, Yakuts, Kamtchadales, Tartars, Bashkirs, Kirguiz, Kalmuks, Teherkessi, Ossetini, Lesguini, Armenien, Lithauer, Tehuvashi, Ugalenzi, Coloshen, Tchukchi, Grusini, Koriaki, Eskimos, Yucagniri, Lopard, Truchmen, Korels, Vaguls, Tchepogiri, Tehechenzi, Gypsies, Hebrews, and Mennonites. Each of these speaks its own language, which is foreign to all the others.

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