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Last pontical gensaThe politicel sensation of the
day is the reversal, by Fralinghuysen, of the South American policy
devised by Blaine. It is not pos. sible with the facts in our posses-
sion to distinctly outline what that policy was. Al that is apparent
to us on this const, is this: There is a strip of land lying between
Peru, Bolivia and Chile, rich in niter and guano. The total value of the deposits bas been set at an
almost fabulous amount. War almost Cabulous arnount. War lics-Chile against Pera and
Bolivia. The allies were defeated
 grapp of the conqueror. We were
represeted in Chile by Kilpa-
rick, since deceased, and in Peru by Hurlbut, who seemed to have
become rather the partizans of than the ministers to the repub-
lics to which they were sent. Such confusion followed that Trescot and Walker Blaine, in the early were dispatched en a mission to
South Americe to assure all of th
friendship of the United State and act as mediators, if allowed
between these jarring communibetwe
had time to digest this information which was only made public by place. The Trescott mission the Blaine policy were carried ou war. The immediate cause of the explosion appears to have been dispatch from Trescott, published in the Eastern journals, settin
forth that Chile is willing to admi the mediation of the United States that republic that Peru is to cede Tarapaca, and agree to pay $\$ 20,000,000$ in sixteen years, du ng which period Arica is to b
secupied by the Chileans. If thi sum is not paid within the peri to Chill. In addition, Chile ap propriates the guano of the Lobu
Islands. says the San Francisco Bulletin, that the mediation programme has
not been successful in the shape given to it. The United State
instead of mediating, is made th ally of Chile in the very onerou
terms set forth. There is here error of policy, and perhaps that time. It is urged by over-zealous ministration itself does not appea to be moving, that if Blaine's polhave involved the country in useless war. Blaine, on the other
hand, asserts that it is not to be regarded as exclusively his policy;
that President Arthur was fully cognizant of the instructions $t$ ments to them; further, that he made mention of the matter in his to that document we find that wh President Arthur said was as fol lows: "As in the present excited
condition of popular feeling in these countries (i. e., Chile, Per ous misapprehensions of the actio of the United States, as separate diplomatic intereourse with each
through independent sometimes subject owing to th want of prompt reciprocal commu nication, to causo temporary mis
understanding, I have deemed judicious at the present time send a special envoy, accredited to with geineral instructions, which
will, I trust, ensble him to bring


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