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THE PLOT THICKENS.

The English journals were the first to commence the war on Blaine. They did not like the idea of the proposed congress of South American Republics at Washington. The effect could not fail to be the weakening of European influence among them. Many American journals thoughtlessly fell into the same line. But it is quite evident from Mr. Blaine's letter, published this morning, that attacks on that ground can do him no harm. He has the national sentiment on his side. That is something which is apparently slumbering. But often it awakes with irresistible energy. In calm moments we may philosophize about spread-eagleism, or Jingoism, or Chauvinism. But for all that it is a real and formidable power. There are times when nobody can joke about it. Probably there is no man in America who understands this more thoroughly than Mr. Blaine. The late Benjamin Disraeli was a professor of the art in England, and Gambetta, in France, is not ignorant of its canons.

The attitude which Mr. Blaine assumes is that, acting under the authority both of the late President Garfield and President Arthur, he had invited all the American Nations to meet at Washington in November next, to arrange some method of promoting peace among themselves. Even the Empire of Brazil was included in the invitation. Mr. Blaine has some historical facts at his hand which appear to justify the United States in taking the initiative in the matter. By the intervention of its friendly offices war was recently prevented between Chile and the Argentine Republic. Guatemala at this moment is relying upon the United States to save it from a complicity with its more powerful neighbor, Mexico. Mr. Blaine, also, is dexterous enough to introduce a little matter of business into the controversy which never comes amiss. Indeed the most exaggerated patriotism will always be found to have a little of what may be called the "shop" in the back ground. If Disraeli posed more or less effectively about Russia, there was always behind some material advantage, in the shape of a slice of Afghanistan, the Island of Cyprus or the Transvaal Republic. In fact, advantage of one kind or another is the complement of the policy. Our tableaux of the oldest and youngest civilizations embraced were attended with some dim notions of profit, not very accurately figured out, however.

In the case under consideration Mr. Blaine adverts to the fact that in our intercourse with the other American nations there is a balance of trade of about \$120,000,000 annually against us. He points out clearly enough the dangerous feature of that drain upon our resources. A large portion of the favorable balance in our dealings with Europe is absorbed by the adverse balance in this hemisphere. Mr. Blaine did not state that nearly \$100,000,000 of that adverse balance goes to Brazil for coffee and to Cuba for tobacco and sugar, leaving only about \$20,000,000 for the remaining governments. But taking the whole sum at the basis of his argument, he estimates, though vaguely, that some commercial arrangements might be made at the convention in question, by which the heavy balance now against us might be reduced. In this way, in the controversy which is now going on, he makes an effort to array on his side National patriot-

ism ingeniously compounded with trade advantages. The position into which he seeks to force the administration is that of a reversal of this somewhat dazzling programme by a weak subserviency to European sensibilities. That is pretty strong ground, if the Maine statesman can succeed in holding it. He dwells with more or less effect upon the fact that the European Governments get up these congresses, and never think of asking our leave, or inviting us to participate. The policy outlined by Blaine for the nations of this hemisphere is constantly pursued in Europe.

But there is a phase of the controversy which the Democrats have laid hold of which evidently had not before been considered. Springer has introduced a resolution in the House, calling for the facts, for the purpose of determining what authority the President has to invite conventions without the permission or direction of Congress. This seems to be a somewhat ticklish part of the business. We are not able at this moment to point out the law which confers this power; neither can we lay our hands on any precedent. The most formidable position to be solved in this connection is as to what such an invitation implied? If nothing more than the privilege of coming to Washington, calling for what the delegates wanted and paying for it, almost any private citizen could have done as much as the President. In the olden times objections might be raised to foreign governments holding a convention on our soil without permission. But modern practice is much more tolerant. Congresses of all descriptions in which all nations are represented, are held everywhere without restrictions. It is not within the power of the President to grant a congress of the nations of America assembled in Washington the use of the public hall, free of expense, without the consent of congress, and an appropriation from that body to pay for the gas.

But whatever the outcome, we hope that our contemporaries who, under the impression that the thing to do was to pitch into Blaine, have recently been "going" for that statesman blindly, will have a safe deliverance. Many of them did not clearly know what the row was about, as they mixed up the Peruvian nitre beds and the congress of the South American Republics in hopeless confusion. Blaine, if he can hold his position, is evidently fighting behind the very strong breastwork of national patriotism, with a chance for a nice stroke of business.—*Bulletin.*

Trouble in Arizona.

The Star of last Friday says that one reason assigned for the reign of lawlessness in Arizona, and very likely the principal reason, is that the U. S. civil authorities there are unable to do anything for want of means. The U. S. marshal there cannot get any money to pay the expenses of his office, and therefore can't make arrests. The law requires all U. S. marshals to turn into the treasury, at the end of every fiscal year, the government money which they may have on hand. This the marshal of Arizona has refused to do for the past two years, and until he does turn in such money the first comptroller of the treasury will not recommend that any money for the expenses of his office be advanced him. When the cowboy troubles were serious a short time ago some money was advanced the

marshal's office in Arizona, but it was not sufficient to do much good. The fact that the marshal has not complied with the law has been laid before the president with recommendations that a change be made.

The Vatican on Bavarian Beer.

A writer in the Duitches Montagsblatt gives an account of a recent conversation with a German Catholic priest, a member of a princely family, who has more than once been reported as having sanguine prospects of being made a prince of the Roman church. The talk turned upon the famous brew of the Munich Court Brewery. "Do you know," asked the Prince, "what they think of Bavarian beer in Rome?" Soon after the year 1860 I became parish priest of a Bavarian county village. One day the burgomaster came to me and said he wished to have my judgment upon a very serious point—namely, whether it was proper to drink Bavarian beer in Lent. It appears that the good old father of the commune had observed with consternation that the consumption of beer had increased to a great extent during the forty days of the fast, the peasants indemnifying themselves for their abstinence from flesh by extraordinary indulgence in beer. The pastor replied that he thought a moderate enjoyment of beer was quite lawful. The President of the Commune, however, was not satisfied. A few days later he again went to his princely reverence and solemnly asked him whether he could not make an inquiry in Rome as to the legality of the wholesale drinking of Baierisch during Lent. The clergyman gladly assented. "I received a notification from the highest authorities," he says, "that no judgment could be given on the beer question until the beer had been seen and tasted." A small barrel of the very best Bavarian was sent from the village to the Eternal City; it was probably the very first Bavarian beer which crossed "the threshold of the apostles."

The decision came back from Rome without delay. The wine-drinking authorities in the Vatican ruled that as much of this singular liquid might be drunk during Lent as a man could bring himself to drink! Not only so, but it was even added that it might be regarded as a sort of penance when a man drank a large quantity of so bitter and nauseous a concoction.

Does Not Believe It.

We welcome the prospect of opening Yaquina to our Valley producers as a shipping point; we favor competition from the Sound and from Astoria; in truth we have disappointed some carping souls who thought a man couldn't live here without being owned here, but we contend that this town has a right to defend its interests fairly at Washington, and do not believe that with all his fearful and wonderful smartness "Dave Thompson" can corrupt Congress and make the Columbia river run up stream—except at flood tide occasionally.—*Willamette Farmer, 10th.*

The senate committee on territories last Friday heard Paul Schulze of Oregon, president of the Alaska Trading and Fishing Co., and M. D. Ball, of Sitka, in advocacy of favorable action on the bill introduced by Senator Grover and Representative George to provide a civil government for southeastern Alaska.

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