

WHEN Mr. Harrison determined upon doing the "jingo" act, in the hope of a favorable effect upon republican prospects in the State elections to be held this fall, he should have selected a country that was stronger than prostrate Chili, which has just passed through six months of devastating war. The threats that have been made against the temporary government of that country by the administration must result in making the United States appear to the nations of the world in the role of the overgrown school boy "bully" among a lot of little boys. It will take a great deal more than the reports of Minister Egan, who has made himself obnoxious to the Chilians by meddling in their local affairs, to convince sensible and unprejudiced people that the present government of Chili, which certainly has enough trouble at home, would deliberately and intentionally slight the United States in any way, notwithstanding its knowledge that that Minister Egan should have so far forgotten his position as to openly take sides in the civil war which recently ended there, and it is believed by those who are familiar with Chilian affairs that it will be fully shown upon an impartial investigation that Minister Egan has purposely exceeded his legal authority, with the intention of goading the Chilian authorities into taking some step that could be considered by the United States as an affront, and it is further believed that in this Minister Egan has been acting in accordance with the wishes and instructions of the present administration. This is not a pleasant thing for a patriotic American to have to say, but appearances certainly indicate its truthfulness.

IT WILL not be the fault of the administration if the political machines known as "State associations" do not make the department span out well in "voluntary" contributions for use in the important states this fall, and lest there might be some misunderstanding on the part of the poor clerks as to how the administration views the efforts of these associations to compel them to come down with their cash, officials just a grade below cabinet officers have been put in charge of the various state associations. Sixth Auditor Coulter is the grand mogul of the Ohio association; he prides himself on being known as a "practical politician." The New York association has elected Gen. Cyrus Bussey, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, president, and on its campaign executive committee are A. J. Davidson, Deputy Attorney General, and a number of minor departmental officials, care being taken that not more than one of them comes from the same department. Thus every department is covered and no "voluntary" contributor escapes.

NEPOTISM and republicanism have long been synonymous terms in Washington, but a sensation was nevertheless created a few days ago when it came out that three employees of the Pension Office had made affidavits and submitted them

to Secretary Noble charging that they had been approached by the same son of Commissioner Raum, who was some months ago allowed to resign his position as appointment clerk in the Pension Office when he should have been put in prison for having engaged in the selling of appointments and promotions under his father, with a promise to have them promoted by his father if they would pay him a certain amount of cash. After the affidavits had been made and Commissioner Raum had been called upon for an explanation that official had the cheek to ask Secretary Noble to dismiss the clerks who made them on the ground that they were engaged in a conspiracy to injure him (Raum) and the Pension Office. It reminds one of the old saying: "Did ever a criminal think well of the law?"

SENATOR Morgan, of Alabama, who has been observing, with interest the situation in Chili, says of the popular question involved in Minister Egan's conduct. "The right of hospitality in such cases is undefined, except by precedent, and is not provided for by the treaties, but by public law as recognized by the powers. The less civilized the powers the greater need for extending hospitality, in order to prevent abuses after civil war in those countries. It is a matter which we are compelled to decide for ourselves after a just view of all the circumstances, assuming, of course, responsibility for our conduct. Until Mr. Egan's report is made no correct judgement can be formed. When our minister gives the shelter of our flag in any country to political refugees no force can be permitted to violate that hospitality. The Government in such case must proceed diplomatically, not by force or coercion, to raise and settle the question involved. It certainly is apparent now, at least, that the proper conduct of our relation with the republics on the Pacific coast would be greatly facilitated by the Nicaragua Canal. It takes forty days to send a steamship to Valparaiso, and in that time even a mistake of an American minister might cause the loss of every seaport of ours in the ocean."

THE success of the Alliance leaders in South Carolina in replacing Gen. Hampton with Mr. Irby in the Senate has led them to a determination, to name, if possible, the successor to Senator Butler. Gen. Hampton relied very largely upon his prestige and upon the memories that clustered around his name. The result was disastrous and Senator Butler has decided to profit by the lesson. He will take his coat off, figuratively speaking, and will begin at once to organize his friends in every county in the State. The fact that Senator Irby, practically an unknown man, could win a Senatorship, has stirred the political ambition of many young Democrats in the State, and Senator Butler realizes that he has no small fight on his hands.

In the joint debate between Campbell and McKinley, Thursday the 5th inst, Campbell had the opening and closing arguments and will lay the high tax gentleman on the shelf with his other vanquished opponents.

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