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Mexico.

The inefficiency of our administration, and the imbecility of our diplomacy, were never so manifest as in the present condition of our affairs with Mexico. The Government of that country has fallen into anarchy, and the Republic is on the point of dissolution. The crisis which has been contemplated by every sagacious statesman for the past twenty years, has arrived, when the interests, honor, and security of the United States, demand an active and energetic intervention, to prevent our neighbor falling under foreign control, and again becoming virtually a European colony, and thereby placing her long line of contiguous boundaries, with us, in the power of an inimical and dangerous European potentate. While England and France are present, with their fleets and ministers, imposing their authority upon our natural ally and protege—intruding in her domestic affairs—dictating to her public functionaries—seizing upon her revenues; setting up a European faction, and putting down the liberals or American party—the United States have no representative in the country, or scarce a ship to this critical juncture, when a day or a week may decide the fate of Mexico. Mr. Buchanan and Secretary Cass are standing upon punctilio, undecided which faction to recognise as the *de facto* government. They cannot discern which party embrace our friends, or they have not courage to make the decision and support them. If the Cabinet, instead of soliciting a formal grant of increased powers from the Legislature, would use those which circumstances confer upon them in such a crisis, the country would justify and applaud them. In our foreign diplomacy the country desires bold, decisive course; but timidity, pusillanimity, and indecision distinguish the management of all our foreign relations.

The two hostile factions now struggling for ascendancy in Mexico, are the Church or European party, and the Liberals, or American party. At the head of the latter is Jauréz, who now holds Vera Cruz with his forces, and claims to be legitimately the constitutional President of the Republic. He succeeded to that office by virtue of his election as Vice-President, on the ticket with Comonfort, the deposed President, who is now an exile in this country. After the expulsion of Comonfort in the Zulanga rebellion, Jauréz claimed that he was the legitimate acting President by the provisions of the constitution. As such he is recognized by the liberals and supporters of the Federal constitution. He is himself a strong liberal and a warm friend of the United States. His minister, Mata, has been for months at Washington soliciting to be received and acknowledged as the minister from Mexico, but Mr. Buchanan and Secretary Cass have not yet decided to receive him.

Zulanga, who overthrew, by the aid of the Church, the administration of Comonfort, was the head of the Tacubaya movement, and claims to be President *ad interim*; he was the puppet of the Anti-Liberal, or Church party. He was driven from office by a faction of his own party, and found shelter and protection under the flag and in the hotel of the British Minister. He was restored, but a few days afterwards, deposed by the young military adventurer, Miramon, who found him incapable of filling, and unworthy of the office to which he had been elevated. He is now a wanderer, without power or party.

The new military dictator, Miguel Miramon, who is a young military adventurer twenty-seven years of age—publishes his edicts as “President Substitute,” having substituted himself—in violation of the law and constitution—in the place of Zulanga. To give color to his usurpation and title, when he deposed Zulanga he made the impotent old man sign a decree appointing him (Miramon) his successor, or substitute in the Presidential chair. Miramon now holds the chief sources of strength. He is supported by the Church and the European and aristocratic factions; he is at the head of the principal army, and has possession of the Capital; he is also supported by the influence of France and Great Britain, whose fleets are co-operating with him on the coast and seizing upon the custom house revenues, which formed the only reliance of Jauréz, his opponent, and head of the Liberal party.

SALARIES OF STATE OFFICERS.—The bill before the Legislature fixing the future salaries of State officers proposes to give the Governor \$3,000, State Treasurer \$2,500, Secretary and Controller each \$1,500, Governor’s private Secretary \$500, Superintendent of Public Instruction \$500, State Librarian \$800, Superintendent of Insane Asylum \$1,200, of Deaf and Dumb \$1,000, of Blind \$800, Warden of State Prison \$1,500, Moral Instructor and Physician of same (each) \$500, Judge Supreme Court \$2,000, Circuit Court \$1,500, Common Pleas \$1,000, Prosecuting Attorneys \$500.

NEW COMMON PLEAS SYSTEM.—The bill to reduce the number of Common Pleas districts and judges to twenty-one, and fixing the salaries of Judges at \$1,000, has passed both branches of the Legislature. The State *Sentinel* says this change in the organization of this Court will save some cost to the State, but it is doubtful whether it will increase the efficiency of the Court.

Ex-Governor Pollock, of Pennsylvania.—President of the National Sabbath School Convention, which met in Philadelphia, a few days since, delivered an address on the occasion which called forth *decided applause*—so say the Philadelphia papers.

Legislative Proceedings.

The Senate, on Monday, passed a bill submitting the question of calling a constitutional convention to a vote of the people on the first Monday in April.

In the House the following provision, prohibiting county and State officers from loaning any of the public funds, was adopted as an amendment to the appraiserment act, passed December, 1858, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading. It will cut off some of the perquisites of county treasurers. It provides:

If any officer charged with funds, securities, and other property belonging to this State, or of any county thereof, shall commit the same to his own use by way of investment or loan of interest, except as allowed by law, he shall be deemed guilty of embezzlement, and imprisoned not less than one, nor more than 21 years, and fined in any sum not less than double the amount so used. A failure to pay over such money, &c., when required by law, shall be held as prima facie evidence of embezzlement, &c.

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