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MONTEVIDEO, MAY 14, 1898.

THE NATURALISATION OF FOREIGNERS.

In the discussion of this question, our native contemporaries, in their new found haste to welcome the foreign resident to citizenship, are rather apt to lose sight of the other side of the question, namely, whether the change of status would be equally welcome to the foreigner. The *Siglo* in the remarks which we quoted yesterday, had something to say on this head but by no means all, which is not surprising remembering that it does not and cannot write from the foreigner's point of view. We will endeavour to supply some of the deficiency.

Uruguay, like several other of the South American Republics, is in a very anomalous situation, for the solution of which there is not yet any definite historical or international precedent. In all these Republics foreigners occupy a unique position in that they represent a very important portion, ranging from a half to two thirds or even more, of the wealth, the economical activity, the progressive and the tax-paying elements of the country, and yet they remain without vote, voice or direct influence in the government or administration. From the economical point of view, it is little exaggeration to say that foreigners constitute the backbone of these countries; take away foreign capital, enterprise, skill and labour, and there would be precious little left. Yet in policies they are nothing whatever, and their interests and opinions are far more often thwarted than consulted. If representation were based on taxation, they would form the predominating influence, but as it is we see the largest contributors to the national revenue without voice in its application. The anomaly, not to say injustice, of this is too obvious to need discussion. This has long been recognised by the foreigners themselves, and at times we find it recognised by the more intelligent and liberal-minded of native politicians and legislators, though they have not yet succeeded in finding a remedy. Some such feeling is probably at the base of the present agitation here in favor of naturalisation, though it may also arise from the desire to incorporate into political life and activity an element which is known to be strongly in favor of the new situation. We do not think the same anxiety would be shown if it was thought that foreigners were in opposition to the present political revolution.

But we doubt if the remedy is to be found in naturalisation, at all events on any lines yet proposed. Compulsory citizenship may be put out of the question as dangerous and offensive, and it is doubted if measures to make voluntary citizenship more easy of acquisition would have the desired end, because, as shown by the *Siglo*, the sacrifices demanded are greater than the inducements until the country has reached a higher stage of political development and institutional stability and effectivity.

We intend no offence to the country or to our native friends when we say that it means a considerable sacrifice for a Frenchman, Spaniard, German, Englishman, or other European to cease to be such and to proclaim himself an Uruguayan. There is not only the sacrifice of national sentiment and tradition, but also the sacrifice of the material

advantages derived from diplomatic or consular protection—a protection which, if not very often invoked, is still very necessary in such a country as Uruguay. It must be confessed—the *Siglo* itself admits as much so we cannot offend by repeating it—that the laws and customs of the country, as at present administered and practised, do not afford such guarantee to life, person and property, that it is possible or advisable for foreigners generally to forego the diplomatic protection to which their nationality entitles them. This is especially true as regards the law, which is defective alike in system and in administration. On the other hand, the compensation offered for these sacrifices is little more than visionary. The number of foreigners seeking public office is and always will be small, and the suffrage has not yet been converted into a sufficient reality to make the exercise of the vote a temptation—on the contrary, the suffrage has hitherto been rather more of a danger than a privilege.

The remedy, then, must be found in other measures than have yet been proposed, but, not to make the discussion too long, we must leave these for another day.

NEWS OF THE DAY

MONTEVIDEO
SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1898.
Saints Bonifacio and Pascual.—134 days past, 221 to the end of year.

THE WAR.

The important news of yesterday was the taking of San Juan, capital of Puerto Rico, by the United States fleet under Admiral Sampson, and which appears confirmed both from New York and Madrid. Details are still rather vague, but it would seem that the bombardment, in which nine U. S. vessels took part, commenced on Wednesday, lasting some 8 hours. During the last hour of the fight the «Iowa» and «Detroit» discharged 800 shots from their large guns. The ports and batteries were reduced to silence and the Castillo del Morro (principal fortress) completely destroyed. The city was greatly damaged and there is believed to have been great loss of life including women and children (7). The losses of the Americans were only 1 killed and 7 or 8 wounded. Two of their vessels were struck but not seriously damaged. The city is said to have surrendered, but it is stated that the Americans have made no attempt to occupy it.

A detachment of the U. S. squadron has also made an attempt on Cardenas (N coast of Cuba 40 miles E. of Matanzas) versions differing as to the result. The three torpedo boats Wilmington, Winslow and Hudson entered the bay (it is too shallow for large vessels) and the gunboat Mathias (7) shelled from outside. The battery of Cayo Indiana was silenced and destroyed, and a party landed and hoisted the U. S. flag. Great damage was done to the town of Cardenas, many buildings destroyed or burnt. A shell fell in the British Consulate. A Spanish gunboat in the bay (name not given) was burnt, and it is believed two Spanish torpedo chasers were destroyed. The Spanish version is that the U. S. vessels were defeated and had to clear out after a determined and «bloody» fight on both sides. The «Winslow» suffered the most severely, being disabled by a shell falling down the funnel and exploding the boilers (1). Five men were killed and many wounded including the Commander Lieut. Bernard. There were also casualties on the other vessels, which also suffered some damage. Ensign Bagley of the «Winslow» was killed. There is no account of the Spanish losses.

There is very contradictory news as to the Spanish fleet from St. Vincent under Admiral Cervera, which three days ago was reported to have returned to Cadiz. Some of the telegrams report it as having appeared at Port au Prince (Haiti) which is also apparently confirmed from Madrid. Others again, report it at Martinique and others at the Canaries. Some of the vessels are said to have been sighted off the Belgian coast (entirely incredible). Anyway, there are again expectations of an encounter between this and Admiral Sampson's squadron. In addition to this, the Spanish torpedo flotilla is reported to have been sighted off Rhoda Island and Nantucket, between New York and Boston, causing no little excitement in those ports. All these statements, however, are open to doubt.

One message states that an encounter has already taken place between the fleets of Admiral Sampson and Cervera, resulting in a crushing defeat for the latter. This obviously requires confirmation.

A message of Spanish origin states that an attempt of the U. S. forces to effect a landing at Cienfuegos was defeated, after a bloody combat in which the Americans lost heavily. As no details are given, the statement may be doubted.

The name of the Spanish gunboat sunk at Cardenas was the «Antonio Lopez». Another gunboat is said to have been sunk by the «Concord» off the Philippines.

There is no news of importance from Manila. Admiral Dewey maintains a strict blockade, awaiting the arrival of reinforcements before taking further action. The cable has been mended but is still in his power. The alleged murder of Admiral Montojo still requires confirmation.

The Spanish Cortes have voted another 500 million pesetas for war expenses. Sr. Sagasta finds difficulty in reforming his Cabinet (not surprising.) There is no account of fresh disorders of importance.

The latest is that the Spanish fleet is at Port de France, Martinique, not Port au Prince, Haiti, there having been some confusion in the names (We have never heard of «Port de France». The capital of Martinique is St. Pierre on the N. W. Coast.)

The «Belgica».
We find the paragraph quoted below in the *B. A. Standard* and from it we infer the loss of the «Belgica», though it is the first statement we have yet seen on the subject. Unfortunately our contemporary omits to mention its authority for the inference that she is lost. It is also quite mistaken in imagining it to be the end of Antarctic exploration, for the explorer Mr. Borchgrevink is now preparing another expedition, the funds for which are being furnished by Sir George Newnes. The following is the paragraph.—

«The loss of the Belgian Antarctic expedition's ship the «Belgica» forbids all hope of the present generation ever knowing anything more of the South Pole. She called at Punta Arenas, coaled and then went on her way to Cape Horn, and was then to shape a course for the Antarctic ice barrier. She was to proceed along this until the longitude of Australia was reached, when she was to come northwards to Melbourne to refit and be equipped for the real work of the expedition next spring. As she was expected to reach Melbourne shortly it was believed that she was at present coasting along the edge of the Antarctic Continent. Apparently, however, the well laid plans went astray, and the *Belgica* met an untimely fate on some at present unknown part of Cape Horn, at the very outset of her voyage to Antarctica. Every one knows the great efforts made by Commander de Gerlache, the leader of the expedition, in raising sufficient money to purchase the vessel and equip her, and a better found ship for its purpose probably never left port. She seems to be another *Fram*, built for the express purpose of withstanding the shock and pressure of Arctic ice. Her inside frame was of extraordinary strength, and outside she was sheathed all over with very hard wood, greenheart and oak. She was 110ft long, 26ft broad, with a draught of 15ft. She could sail in a good wind ten knots an hour, and her auxiliary steam engines could drive her seven knots. In his recent letters M. de Gerlache described how already the members of the expedition had come to love her for her fine sea-going qualities. They recognised that on her depended the success of the expedition and the lives of all. «We have pinned our faith to her, and now our life is dependent upon her life. If the *Belgica* is buried in the Antarctic, we cannot long hope to survive her.» This is not turned out quite so badly as that, but the hopes of the supporters of the undertaking must be at zero, for the slow growth and tragic end of the first Belgian Polar expedition will probably have killed further enterprise in that direction for a long time to come.»

«Made in Germany»
Not everything marked as «made in Germany» is really made there. On the contrary, much of it is made in Manchester. Some interesting information to this effect is given in the latest Consular Report from Samoa. There, as in so many other places, German trade (in the statistics, at any rate), is gaining heavily at the expense of British trade. A clever German commercial traveller has recently visited Samoa and told our Consul some of the secrets of the trade.—

«He declared that most of many of his goods were originally made in Manchester. They were ordered by German firms, and marked in Germany with German trade marks. On being told, «Well, then, you Germans get the credit for many things «Made in Germany» which you never make at all.» His reply was: «That is quite true. The English manufacturers won't send out the goods, so we do it and make the profit.»
Why won't English manufacturers send out the goods? It is a mystery. Consular Reports from every part of the world make the same representations month after month and year after year. But they preach to deaf ears.—*Daily News*.

The Electric Field.
Vienna, April 14.
It is announced from Lemberg that Herr Jan Szczepanski, the inventor of the telephoto scope, and his financial partner, Herr Ludwig Kleinberg, have arrived there to negotiate for the purchase of the invention of a Lemberg electrician named Rychnowski. This electrician claims to have discovered the electric fluid, which he calls electroid. It appears that the discovery has already caused a great sensation among German and French oculists, but has not, so far, been scientifically examined. It seems that electroid is obtained by electrolysis, but it is not identical with electricity. Its effects are declared to be startling. It produces light, and causes Geissler tubes to show fluorescent rays. It works photo-chemically, will rotate objects in mid-air and produce whirlpools in water. When water is illuminated by it from below it rises and overflows. Electroid, so it is claimed, kills bacteria of disease. By its means metal and glass can be charged with electricity, and the magnetic needle changes its direction under its influence.

entirely unreliable and insist on its being reformed under threat of withdrawing their subscriptions. For our part, we do not subscribe and have not the least intention of doing so whilst the service is what it is at present. The complaint is no new one, but has been growing steadily for years past.

—The debut of the Ferrari Opera Company in Buenos Aires has raised the usual controversy. The newspapers that have received press tickets praise it to the skies, and those which are left out say it is worthless or nearly so.

—A most unhappy and tragic termination to a marriage feast took place in Cordoba recently. The newly married couple were Señor E. Heredia and Miss M. Iriarte. After the ceremony there was a large number of people at the residence of the parents of the bride, where a dance was in process, and the young couple were dancing together, when the husband suddenly dropped down dead, having expired from heart disease.

—We quote from a B. Aires contemporary:—Although it was at first anticipated that the Montevideo Clubs might be able to take part in the League for Association Football this season, communications from that side show that it is impossible this year, owing to the fact that holidays do not fall on the same days here and in Uruguay. In exchange, three Buenos Aires Clubs will play friendly matches at Montevideo during the season the Clubs being Lobos, Lomas and Belgrano. One of the teams will go down early next month.

—Members of the Montevideo Rowing Club are advised that the Annual General Meeting will be held at Solis 65 on Friday, the 27th instant.

—A quadruple birth, says a London paper, was recently reported from Cork, but all four of the infants have since died. Such births are usually premature, and the children are still-born. But apart from that, the mere fact of a quadruple birth is, it need hardly be said, a thing of very rare occurrence. In this part of the world it is computed that twins are born once in a hundred cases. Triplets occur once in about 7,000 cases—that, at least, was officially stated a few years ago to be about the proportion in which they occurred in Dublin hospital. Huller ventured on the assertion—though upon what basis of evidence we do not know—that quadruplets were born once in 20,000 cases. This, however, has been emphatically disputed. One competent authority says that it is nothing like the truth, and that one in 100,000 would be much nearer. As to the chances of five children being born at a birth, though such cases—and even six—have certainly occurred, it is difficult to make any sort of computation. One specialist has found reason to believe that five children are born at one time once in a million times, but as he takes into account, or professes to take into account, the whole world, it is difficult to see how it can be more than a guess.

—Tomorrow (Sunday) there will be a football match between the 2nd Eleventh of the Albion and C. U. R. Clubs, commencing at 2.30 p. m. Teams as follows:—*Albion F.C.* Messrs. Calcraft, Bordoni, Calder, E. A. Shaw, Davies, Yubero, C. Swinden, Ramsay (captain) Williams, Thomas and Lodge.—*C. U. R. C.* Messrs. Fabre, W. Davies (captain) A. Jones, Trueta, Arteaga, Sanchez, Cabuto, Hooper, Ward, Best and M. Rios.

—A rather good story of Chinese readiness in the matter of pecuniary compensation for outrage reaches us. A mandarin was the bearer of a cheque for £6,000 to a British officer, the sum demanded by the British Government. He expressed himself in but indifferent English, the sum and substance of which, however, was as follows: «Here is the money, six thousand pounds. We have taken it from the funds which your good ladies in England subscribed for the sufferers from the Yangtze inundations.»

LONDON NOTES
FRIDAY, APRIL 15.
Without any decision having been taken at Washington yesterday there was a distinct improvement in the prospects of peace. A Correspondent learns that the resolution of the House of Representatives was drawn up in accordance with the President's wishes. It fulfils his desire as to the form in which the authority of Congress should be delegated to him, and if it is finally adopted by both Houses he will regard it as lending support to the peace policy hitherto pursued by him. His purpose is, while keeping steadily in view the object of securing peace in Cuba, to leave to Spain the onus of striking the first blow. Yesterday the Senate adjourned again without any decision having been come to. In view of the support given to the President by the House, many Senators are con-

—The protest against the falsehoods and rubbish contained in the war telegrams and the general unreliability of the service is now becoming general, and some of our contemporaries are at last finding out the advisability of submitting them to a certain amount of editing, rejecting those that are obviously worthless no small proportion—and collating the others so as to give them some appearance of sense and coherence. Even after this is done, the telegrams have to be received with the greatest caution as their contradictions have been such that it is impossible to know what to believe. It is nothing uncommon for them to mention some circumstance as «officially confirmed» half a dozen times one day and to deny it entirely the next. The papers here should unite in a joint protest against a service so

—Members of the Golf Club are reminded that the entries for the Golf Competition of Thursday next will close to-morrow, Sunday.

—At the Solis Theatre this evening will be given the drama «Luz Pobres de Madrid», adapted from the French. This is stated to be «both instructive and recreative.»

—The debut of the Company at the San Felipe Theatre is postponed to Monday.

—The Holmer troupe will reappear at the Oceanic Circus this evening and will give two performances tomorrow. Prices reduced.

—It is announced from London that Prof. Dewey has succeeded in liquefying hydrogen gas, which has hitherto resisted all efforts in that direction.

—Affairs in Italy continue to occupy attention. Officially it is stated that all is tranquil, but the telegrams try to make out that a serious socialist revolution is on foot, the headquarters of which is in Switzerland. What is not explained yet, is the object of it, for it does not seem to be aimed against the reigning family. The telegrams, as usual, only make confusion worse confounded.

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vinced that it will be useless for them to insist upon the adoption of resolutions in the form submitted by their Foreign Relations Committee and it is therefore likely that these will finally be set aside, and those of the Lower House, approved by Mr McKinley, adopted.

M. Zola has published a letter in the 'Aurore' calling the attention of all honest people of France and of the whole world to the action of the Government in limiting the charge against him to one isolated passage in his letter to M. Faure, and thus making his defence difficult.

It was reported at the Conference of Good Templars at Plymouth, yesterday, that the Executive had resolved to enter its solemn protest against the cowardly counsels of mere opportunists, and to look to Liberals to retain the temperance plank as an integral part of the party platform.

Mr. Paul M. Potter's play 'The Conquerors,' which has had a long run in New York, was successfully played, for the first time in England last evening by Mr. George Alexander and his company, at the St. James's Theatre.

Independent conferences of masters and men engaged in the South Wales coal trade were held at Cardiff yesterday. At the employers' meeting the action of the emergency committee in insisting upon plenary powers being given to the workmen's delegates was approved.

Yesterday at Bow-street Police-court, William Bufon Norris, a young solicitor, was charged with having uttered a forged affidavit, intended to be used as evidence in the High Court. Accused is the solicitor who early this year attempted to murder his wife and commit suicide at Tuffnell park, where they resided. He was afterwards sent to Broadmoor Asylum, and it was stated in court yesterday that he was released by order of the Home Secretary, as it was believed that the attempted murder and suicide were due to the fact that charges were pending against him involving sums amounting to 14,000. He was remanded.

COMMERCIAL

STOCK EXCHANGE

Montevideo, May 13, 1898. Business to-day was only moderate. Prices scarcely so firm as yesterday, closing with a slight fall. Sales as follows:—

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—The Custom House paid into the London Bank yesterday \$6501 on account of the Consolidated Debt and Railway guarantee service and \$794 on account of the 5% Loan service.

—Gold opened in B. Aires yesterday at 256.30 and closed at 257.30. —Yesterday being a holiday in Rio Janeiro there was no exchange telegram there.

—London, 13. Santa Fé wheat 48-3d for orders to St. Vincent. Linned 35s 6d. Maize 19/3d. —Antwerp. Wheat 26.75 francs, linned 25, maize 11.125.—New York. Wheat 163 cents per bushel, for May.—Chicago. Wheat 165 cents.

COMMERCIAL

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Table with columns: Steamer to arrive, MAY NAME FLAG FROM. Includes Greylands, Flaxman, Isleworth, etc.

Table with columns: Steamer to leave, MAY NAME FLAG FOR. Includes C. di Torino, Tania, Oravia, etc.

BIRTH. STANHAM.—On the 12th instant, at No 72, Calle Uruguayana, Montevideo, the wife of E. M. Stanham, of a son.

AMUSEMENTS

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M. V. Rowing Club. NOTICE. Members of the above named Club are informed that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on FRIDAY, MAY 27, at 6 p. m. Club to be taken at 8 p. m.

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"Every one has not done the same. If a few more of those who could have lent assistance had kept to their posts, some who have succumbed might have been saved."

"Self-protection is a very natural instinct," urged Margot, in excuse for the delinquents.

"And yet it was not yours. There are others more capable, more fitted for such work than a girl like you, and they thought only of themselves. The idea of lending a hand to lessen the suffering in their midst seems not to have entered their heads."

"You are surprised that it should have entered mine's with a keen, penetrating glance."

"Frankly, I am." "I thought as much." There was a flash of resentment in the dark eyes; the small chin was raised proudly. "You thought I was a stupid, flippant, nonsensical little piece of goods, without a single idea beyond pleasure and amusement."

"No, no," remonstrated Jasper hastily. "I think it is true. Because we talked lightly together and laughed and were merry, you ran away with the idea that I was fit for nothing else. That is always the way with men. When they see a girl happy and light-hearted and jolly—oh, it's a slang word, I know, but it's expressive—they think she's just a— a gaudily-painted butterfly, and of no more use than one."

The words came quickly, almost incoherently. The girl's eyes were aglow with indignation, and her lips were quivering. "I have never said so; I have never thought so."

"You have not put it into exactly those words, perhaps, but that was the pith of your opinion."

"Who led you to believe that?" "Do you really want to know?" "It must know."

"It was Miss Roche."

"Ah!" The ejaculation came half in relief, half in anger. The reply was just what Jasper had expected.

"Will you not believe me when I say again that such a thought has never entered my mind, and certainly such words have never passed my lips?" Margot looked up at him. The brief indignation had already died away.

"If you say so, I will believe you, of course. But why should Miss Roche say such things?"

"I suppose she misunderstood me," he replied quietly. "We were speaking of you one day. I told her—of a certain thought that was in my mind. I—well, there is no harm in telling you what it was, and it will simplify matters to speak plainly. I had thought—foolish ones, perhaps, but very dear to me then—of asking you to marry me, and somehow Helen learned of my intention. She pointed out to me how improbable it was that a serious middle-aged man like myself could do otherwise than mar the happiness and spirits of a sunny-hearted, simple child—"

"Child!" Jasper smiled at the impetuous remonstrance. "Child," he repeated. "You seemed such a child to me then. Helen spoke of you as one, at all events, and I agreed with her in that. Hence her misconception. I began to think, then, that perhaps after all it was better that those sweet dreams of mine should remain only dreams; but still they have been with me all this time—until to-day."

"Until to-day?" The dark eyes were raised in innocent surprise. "Yes, I have heard to-day—from two separate individuals—that you—that Dr. Terrill—"

"I hope that Dr. Terrill will always be my friend; but he will never be anything more."

"There was no truth in that rumour—of your engagement?" "Not a particle. How could there be?"

Jasper looked puzzled. "The Rector seemed to think— he began, and when he appeared unable to explain himself further, Margot came to the rescue with a soft, low laugh.

"Lots of people 'think,' she said gaily. "Dr. Terrill 'thought' himself; but, you see, my own thoughts didn't correspond."

"Then there was some ground for the Rector's belief?" "Oh, yes; I don't deny that Dr. Terrill seemed to like me very much. I don't know why, but he does—or, at least, he told me so just now."

"He told you so—he asked you to marry him?" "Yes, not ten minutes ago."

"Then you refused him?" "Of course."

"Why do you say 'of course'?" "Well," meditatively, "I don't exactly know. But I suppose people generally do refuse a man when—"

"When?" repeated Jasper interrogatively, as Margot omitted to finish the sentence. But still she said no more.

"When one doesn't like him, were you going to say?" "But, no—no, I like Dr. Terrill very much."

"But you like some one else better?" "Ever so much better."

Jasper's heart sank again. For a moment his hopes had risen high, but they were crushed now.

"I suppose I must ask no more," he continued. "But he is a fortunate man who has won 'Princess Sunshine.'"

A quick, surprised glance from the sweet eyes.

"How that name does cling to me. Why do you call me by it?" "It seems so suitable. You brought such a bright ray of sunshine into my life."

"I am glad," she answered softly. And when she looked up at him, Jasper read in the shining eyes that which made him pause for a moment, and ask eagerly: "Was it only a transitory brightness, or will it stay always to lighten the gloom?"

He knew then who the fortunate man was; for Margot slipped her gloved hand within his arm, and still gazing up at him trustfully and lovingly, answered: "It was not transitory. The sunshine will be with you always and always."

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