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EXPRESSIONS

—The "Ley de Patentes" or taxes upon industry for the economic year 1888-89 has been published and will be found at length in yesterday's *Siglo* and *Proca*. It is far too long for us to reproduce in full, but we will take an early opportunity of making some remarks upon it.

—According to a recent number of the military organ *El Centinela*, we learn that efforts have been made in certain quarters to prevent soldiers subscribing to it. We know that military discipline prohibits any public expression of opinion on the part of the members of the service, but it is quite new to learn that they can be prohibited from reading any publication they choose, at least, out of Russia.

—Although we have frequently had to compliment Col. Salvador Tejes who is as good a Chief of Police as the established system will allow, we cannot congratulate him on his recent edict concerning the daily registration of visitors and lodgers in hotels and lodging houses. It will give a deal of trouble to very little purpose. It will prove a decidedly offensive measure to decent and respectable persons, whilst it will throw little or no difficulty in the way of the immoral or criminal classes, nor will it prevent them changing their name or habitation whenever they wish to do so.

—Even if we could grant the utility of the edict, which we cannot, there is one clause in it that seems to us to overlap the powers of the police. It says the information respecting lodgers must be

taken daily to the station of the section by the proprietor or manager of the establishment concerned. We always thought that if the police wanted information, especially of this statistical class, it was their duty to go and get it, not to expect others to bring it to them. What else are they paid for? We would like to hear lawyer's opinion on the subject.

—Referring to this edict the *Siglo* of Wednesday afternoon does its best to defend it, acknowledging at the same time that it requires defence, and says that a similar regulation exists in all populous capitals. Our contemporary is quite mistaken here. No such regulation is heard of in Great Britain or the United States, nor would the people there tolerate it. There every one is free to move as he likes or when he likes without reference or report to any police or authority whatever. Moreover, there when the police want anybody, they are expected to find them without any inquisitorial registration, and when they want information they are supposed to go and fetch it, not to order other people to bring it to them.

—We are sorry to hear of unpleasantness arising in our valued Rowing Club, especially so soon after their recent triumph. The general meeting to be held next Wednesday will give an opportunity for explanation on all sides, and the revision of the rules will, we trust, remove all present difficulties.

—Those who wish to combine pleasure with charity can do so by attending the benefit performance at S. Felipe theatre this evening.

—We should not be in the least surprised if the weather interfered with the races once more, next Sunday.

—The *D. A. Standard* claims that Rosario de Santa Fé has eclipsed Montevideo in importance as a port. Our contemporary is strong in figures and we would therefore ask it to produce some in proof of this statement, which, we trust, was not made without due consideration.

—The Press Association at Buenos Aires has pushed itself to the front very rapidly and has already made itself quite a power. It must also be added that press matters seem to be the last affairs that claim its consideration.

—We have received a batch of English papers by the R. M. S. Nova, but, as is generally the case, they were delivered too late to be of use for today's issue.

—It is interesting to trace the evolution of words and expressions. Cultivated people say, "How do you do?" Those who are less precise say, "Howdy!" In the backwoods of Pennsylvania they say, "Howdy!" The noble real man of the West says, "How," while the cat on the fence says, "Ow!"

BUENOS AIRES LETTER

(From our own Correspondent.)

November 21.

The close of the year 1888 will be a noteworthy epoch in the social history of this Republic, for it has demonstrated to an astonished plutocracy the power of the working classes. Hitherto the supply of skilled labour has equalled the demand, but with the encouragement afforded to manufacturers by a paternal Government, which has freely taxed the general community for their benefit, and with the creation of capitalists out of the plunder of the nation (by means of concessions of public property, by the grant of monopolies and by the creation of state banks which scatter the public money among needy political friends,) there has been a feverish development of industry which gives work to all the artisans who can be induced to come here. In the meantime, the very measures which have caused this demand have greatly augmented the cost of living, while wages have remained at the level of the pre-industrial period. But the capitalists, the manufacturers, the merchants took no heed of this. What mattered it to them whether the duties on imported articles were 10, 20 or 50 per cent? Every addition of duty put money in their pockets because they added the same percentage to the price of their goods, though they paid it only upon a portion of the price. What does it matter to them that the premium on gold is 50 per cent? The whole of this, though they pay it only in respect of the portion of the price remitted to Europe. And so of municipal taxes and of increased rents. These are distributed among the prices of the goods sold, and the manufacturer or tradesman will expect to receive the same interest upon his capital, whatever his outgoing may be. All these additional charges fall upon the workman—the man who works with hand or brain. He receives what is absolutely essential for keeping him fit for work; and as much more as he can force his employer to give him. The artisans strike and the masters have to give what is demanded. As regards unskilled labourers, the hewers of wood and drawers of water, there is no such necessity, because they are coming into the country at the rate of 10,000 a month but, up to this time, the superior workmen have honourably insisted upon the inferior grade being treated as themselves. Well, as I have said, the plutocrats were astonished at the discovery of their helplessness, and some of them are vainly attempting to forestall what they are pleased to call the "workmen's" "unmotivated demands," and they have held meetings and passed resolutions and formed

committees to investigate the causes and probable results of this phenomenon, and if possible, to devise measures for preventing any ill effects from it—to their own pockets! Some with more enlarged minds than the rest, perceive that the evil has arisen from their own neglect of their duties as citizens, from their permitting, without offering any opposition so long as they themselves were not sufferers, all kinds of municipal burdens to be imposed upon the working classes. It is to be hoped that the employers will now join with the employed in an agitation which will sweep away all taxes upon food and which will compel the municipal authorities to collect their required revenue by a single tax upon property, the most easy, certain and economical mode of raising it.

Among others workers, who struck for increased wages were the lightermen's sailors, boat men and labourers. Their demand was acceded to with the utmost alacrity and lightermen determined to recoup their extra outlay, with of course a fair percentage on the capital invested, by charging higher freights for the merchandise transported in their lighter!

All last week and on Monday the premium on gold was falling and loud were the congratulations of the Press to the Minister of Finance and the State Banks for throwing gold upon the market and for granting exchange on Europe at less than the market rates. The Press has been deluded by the Minister of Finance into the belief that he has sixty or seventy millions of gold in his pocket, and it has been urging him to sell it in order to bring down the premium. So, at last, in spite of the fact that at the end of September the two banks had, at the most only \$16,000,000 in gold between them; the signal was given to let it go, the result being a fall of the premium to 41 1/2. But, yesterday, a telegram came from London announcing that Argentine credit was exhausted, that no more loans can be obtained there for some months at least, and that the loan required for the Sanitary Works Company could not be floated. Now, this Company has to pay the Minister of Finance seven millions of dollars gold at the end of the year, as the first instalment of the purchase money payable under the iniquitous concession of the Works, and it was, doubtless, in anticipation of the receipt of this sum that the Minister consented to the sale of gold which, according to the Free Banking law by means of which he obtained it, ought to be applied in the reduction of the Foreign Debt. The telegram above mentioned caused the premium to jump up again, and my belief is that it will be again at 50 per cent by the end of the year. As for the failure of the loan, it will make no difference to the Company, because it is a company which has special claims upon the benevolence of the powers that be. Nothing more easy than to arrange the matter comfortably. The Company gives the Minister of Finance a cheque for seven millions payable in gold. The Minister pays it into his account at the National Bank, and the National Bank lends it to the Company upon its promissory note payable in gold, *Yá! Yá! Yá!* I make no charge to the parties interested for this brilliant idea, which, probably, has already occurred to such astute financiers.

There has been, recently, enormous dealing in gold on the Bolsa, and the excitement of the gamblers of that institution has been communicated to the sporting fraternity, for the betting upon the races has been prodigious, and the proprietors of the mutual betting and race auction houses are making rapid fortunes. In one of them, one night last week, the transactions amounted to \$10,000 so that the commission of the house for that single night was \$1,000. It was doubted whether more than one house would be able to afford to pay the license duty of \$20,000 which has been imposed for next year upon every establishment of this kind, except the three three hippodromes at Palermo, Belgrano and Lanus. These, belonging as they do to honourable Senators and Deputies, were naturally exempted from taxation. Doubtless it was hoped to compel the gamblers to take their money to the legitimate shop only, but the hope will be disappointed, for at least four houses can even pay the tax of \$20,000 each. We had races on the 11th, 18th and 19th (the last at La Plata) and very unsatisfactory the last three meetings were,

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