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NOTICE

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The Express.

MONTEVIDEO, JULY 12, 1889.

SOUND DOCTRINE.

We give an extenso translation of Deputy Bauza's concluding speech at the Borghini-Herrera interpellation. It is sound and patriotic doctrine, and both Deputies Bauza and Mendilaharsu deserve civic crowns at the hands of their fellow citizens.

THE SPEECH.

Señor President, I am sorry that the turn given to this debate has been such as to deprive it of its strictly constitutional character, and twist it into a polemic upon intentions and personal merits, certain to rouse political susceptibilities. Fortunately the Hon. Deputy who began this discussion and others who later on seconded his efforts have strictly kept within the question, leaving to the Minister a chance of explaining what he meant by his first reply.

Any how it is necessary to say in plain words that it is not the intention of the Commission, nor much less mine, to take up despicable arms to be used against a certain person. Such tactics would be moreover quite useless.

It is not at all our object to create a ministerial crisis, the fitness of which might be discussed and to which we are not entitled, as the Executive Power names or dismisses the Ministers, and the Legislative Body has no right to interfere in this, excepting in cases where accusations are merited. The only question is to enquire whether the real privileges of the Commission are violated with a motive which might vitally affect public interests.

The Permanent Commission has asked certain explanations respecting the Borghini-Herrera affair, for its moral authority has been certainly diminished by incidents which are known to all, and the only way to arrive at this end is by the defence of its undoubted prerogatives; which are ours, as delegated to us by the Legislature during the period of its recess, we cannot, nor ought we to disassociate ourselves, from so lofty a purpose without lowering our characters and betraying the confidence of which we are the depositaries (Bravos and applause).

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As has been well said by Deputy Aguirre: This Executive Power of the State does not possess more liberty of action than that described in the three chapters of section 7 of our political code, and as was explained by Deputy Mendilaharsu: The separate action taken by each Administrator is included in a common responsibility.

Applying this reasoning to the present case, it results without any sort of doubt that the Executive Power has exceeded its prerogatives, having granted to a certain person Fiscal lands and building powers without other right than his own free will. (Great applause).

I do not know to what point this note of opposition, this revindication of principle of right, will be carried; which in the name of the Permanent Commission we have made in this instance. But whatever may be the cavillings with which we are judged, I declare that I am not capable of proceeding in any other manner, even should I be more

disposed than I am to sacrifice Official politics as a holocaust to public peace.

It has always been my opinion that a low level of principles leads to the ruin of Governments and of their partisans who pretend to help them on these grounds. (Applause).

The elaborate explanation that the Minister has given does not at all modify the irregular conditions of the contract we are discussing. Notwithstanding this, the donation of fiscal lands to Dr. Borghini exists as before, with the additional privilege of his industrial monopoly. With regard to this neither the profits of the gift, nor the extension of the industry alarms me because I believe with Lafitte in the doctrine that it is necessary to expend much in order to produce much—to give largely to gain centuple—but what does alarm me is the infraction of constitutional means, which transfers to the Executive power, rights which should, be exclusively reserved for the Legislature, and which under no free Government could be taken from it without injuring the independence of the powers which is the solid foundation of liberty, (applause).

The entire affair rests upon this simple question.

Has the Executive Power the right to give away public lands, or exceptional privileges, or ports of entry?

It has no such right either to give these three things or even one of only them.

For which reason having given three separate concessions in the Borghini contract, it has three times violated the Constitution of the Republic. (Loud applause).

This sentiment is so very rudimentary that it would offend common sense to pretend to explain it.

If it was requisite to give a lengthened explanation to this case it would be as good as saying that in the Uruguayan Republic, there did not exist, or had ceased to do so, the most elementary notions of constitutional right (applause).

I am sorry, Mr. President, for the manner employed by a man of intelligence and gifts of the Minister of Government to sustain doctrines such as those which we are opposing. It is an undoubted sign of latent perturbation in the political sphere when we see the application of violence and force of constitutional dictums; because every thing which tends to place the will of the mandatories before the law, conduces later or sooner to tyranny (applause). I fear much more, than a military tyranny, that kind of tyranny that kills the spirit of legitimate opposition with honeyed phrases and which teaches to subdue such at any price, even of such price as that of public liberty. (Great applause).

I believe also that our attitude is well defined. That in no manner can the Permanent Commission be accused of having fallen into the meshes of common intrigue, and that in order to fulfil its mission, at this moment it is accomplishing it by guaranteeing the constitutional regime in a sure and certain manner so that it would be better to escape the peril of a bourgeois which violent interpretations would let loose.

The Minister of Government with his habitual talent has cleverly defended this question—he has shown in all its phases which his gift of speech allows and which he knows how to elevate to eloquence; but in regard to the constitutional point, as I have said, it remains exactly where it was. The debate upon the irregularity of the conduct of the Government cannot in any case be turned into the favour of the Minister, because, precedents, learning, clear precepts, the very letter of the Constitution, absolutely condemn the Borghini contract that is under notice.

Mr. President I consider it is indispensable to finish this debate which has become of a disproportionate length, beyond the custom with this Commission

which should act briefly.

I therefore desire to now propose the following motion which I presume will be approved:

“Seen the Minister's explanations that the Permanent Commission should lend this question to a special committee consisting of three members, chosen from themselves who will report upon the definite resolution to be taken, (approved).”

The names of the committee appointed were Señores Bauza, Mac-Echen and Freire.

EXPRESSIONS

—The South American Journal of June the 15th has the following:

This revised edition of the Compañia Nacional de Crédito y Obras Públicas de Montevideo, show that the powers of this institution are exceedingly comprehensive. It is well described by a contemporary as a sort of financial “universal provider”. Not only can it undertake works of the most colossal magnitude, but is likewise at liberty “to realize and liquidate the goods of private persons and to collect rents”. It is like the trunk of an elephant, which can pick up a pin or move an anchor with equal facility.

Quite right, so say all of us colleagues. Jack of all trades and master of none.

—The finding of the Board of Trade inquiry into the loss of the S. S. Colopazi, completely exonerates Captain Hayes, and his 2nd Officer, (who was on the bridge at the time of the accident) from all blame. At the same time the Court highly complimented Capt. Hayes and his officers and crew on the fine seamanship and discipline which evinced all loss of life although so short a time elapsed between the catastrophe and the sinking of the vessel. We are glad to hear that the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's Directors will make an exception, and give Captain Hayes another vessel.

Pen-Ultima-Hora

A FURTHER EXPLANATION.

—Although we published an explanation in our last issue, as to our feelings as regard to Mr. Edward Casey, we were far from wishing to insinuate that we feel as did David, or Jack the Giant-killer or that Mr. Casey finds himself in the predicament of Goliath, or Fe, Fo, Fum. In fact our case more resembles the story of the Gull and the Fisherman as told in that delightful story book “The Arabian Nights Entertainments.”

ULTIMA HORA

We salute the advent of our new patent double action cotemporary and colleague (vide Webster) THE RIVER PLATE TIME-SERVER, and sincerely hope for our readers sake that Mr. Casey's new venture will endure a little longer than the unfortunate whose funeral notice was brought us yesterday for publication (see advertisement).

N. B.—This is not a puff.



In Memoriam.

(A correspondent has sent us a polite note written on the National Company's paper, requesting the publication of the following verses. We accede to his request, but some how they look familiar although our correspondent says they are original after Ovid.)

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Fiebilis indigenos, elogia solve capillos
Memento si mater, mater plebs ait Achil-
lon.

Et tangunt magnas tristitia fata deos
Fiebilis indigenos, elogia solve capillos
In nimis ex vero, nunc tibi nomen erit.
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