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The sale of public lands in the Argentine Republic.

The Government of the Argentine Republic are about to offer in Europe, public lands to the extent of 24,000 leagues. Does this Government really flatter itself that it is going to sell those lands at once? Because, having had experience of something similar in Australia, we consider that the amount is excessive to be made on offer. The price is about the same as that in Australia and sufficient time is not given for investigation.

To prove what we advance we will take the case of a great extent of land which has been lately for sale in Western Australia called the Hampton Plains. This it must be borne in mind, was before the land boom came so signally to grief.

The extent is 1,340,000 acres, with a railway in course of construction through the centre of it, and bordering on the sea, in one of the most healthy districts of Australia, and where drought is unknown. This land about 225 leagues, has been on offer at 2½ pence per acre, almost the same price as £2 gold per hectare now mentioned as the price of 24,000 leagues in the Argentine Republic.

Therefore we fail to see, from what source the \$120,000,000 gold is coming from, and who is to buy and colonize these lands, in a hurry.

It is in no carping spirit that we make these remarks, but simply taking the common sense view of the subject. We can perfectly understand that big figures and large capital letters, may be tried on to effect the price of gold, but unless the scheme is well arranged the extra size of the proposal only makes the collapse more apparent.

The B. A. Standard says that:

"May be we are now on the eve of another such reaction, and if so, the President of the Republic and his Ministers of Foreign Affairs may lay claim to having opened up horizons so vast, potentials so great, in the shape of a great human current and the colonization of a fair-sized empire, so to say, that one nation at the present time, may probably be the result of such a policy. The Government deserves warm support for its move in this direction. It has fifty thousand square leagues of fiscal lands half this area is thrown on the market at an inviting price, and Europe will avail of the opportunity to buy up every square yard offered. The success of this mammoth land sale will lift us out of all monetary difficulties and may throw millions of men on the virgin plains of the Chaco and Pampa, on the smiling banks of the Rio Negro and Paraguay, and on the rugged, weather-beaten coasts of the South Atlantic. This is all very fine and large, but if a few minor details, such as \$900 leagues of land—are gone into, we beg to doubt the success of this mammoth land sale."

It is proposed in the Government decree issued by the President of the Argentine Republic, among other offers of sale of land, to open special offices for this purpose in the principal cities of Europe. And that 8000 leagues shall be colonized by English families. We presume that these leagues will be offered in London.

We have mentioned above that a modest 225 leagues of fine land in Australia is practically going begging at the same price as these lands are offered. The question we should like to have answered is, why should English families sufficient to populate 8000 leagues of land, be found, when they cannot be induced to take up a large area of equally good land in a country speaking their own language and under their own Government and religion? We therefore dismiss the question of an enormous immigration from the British Islands as chimerical.

The next item is on the same scale for Italy. Such an immigration is within the possible bounds of a dim future.

The Italian race has taken kindly to the Argentine Republic, but the financial part of the arrangement is very doubtful. Italy is now undergoing an acute monetary crisis, and it must be remembered that the principal reasons for the Italian exodus are twofold. The first because taxation is so heavy that the burden is too great to bear, and secondly because of the severe military conscription. Two avoid these incubuses, the population flees the country and the immigrants are justly welcomed here. But very same reasons make it almost impossible that land should be purchased on a very large scale by Italy. The Spaniards are offered 4,000 leagues; Probably Spain has nearly as much spare land of her own, and we are perfectly certain that the Government and moneyed classes of Spain are against the emigration of her population.

The French may buy the land offered them on speculation, but not to colonize, only to sell again at a profit.

Having summed up the principal Nations from whom the bulk of the \$120,000,000 gold is expected to come, and from whom we do not see how or when it is to come, that is to say, in a hurry, we will give a cursory glance at these assets of the Argentine Government.

The Government owns really over 50,000 square leagues of territory, which is an undoubted bona fide property of future enormous value, and which if treated on less heroic terms, will eventually enable that immense country to evolve great prosperity, but the fault is in trying to do everything and realize every asset at once.

It would be much more statesmanlike to raise a loan of fifty million gold dollars on the security of the Government lands, and reduce the paper currency thereby than to offer over the same lands to such an extent that they cannot be bought. If land companies are formed which will buy up a portion, that is only another way of raising a loan and not so advantageous to the Argentine Government, because the companies will get the profit and not the Government, but the Great Decree as it is called, seems to us to be an inflated effort to control the gold market which cannot succeed, from its bombast and mammoth proportions and the effects of which will only react upon the promulgators to their own detriment.

Expressions

We have been requested to state that there is no foundation for the telegrams which have appeared in the Buenos Aires press, purporting to come from Montevideo, and announcing the imminent appearance of the British squadron in these waters. Unless yellow fever or some other infectious disease should break out at Rio H. M. ships will not in all probability, return here before the middle of November. The report that H. M. Minister at Buenos Aires has ordered the squadron down is equally baseless.

We are sorry to notice that our venerable colleague the *Buenos Aires Standard* has not been able to find a reliable telegraphic correspondent here, Baron Munchausen or Jules Verne (perhaps both) seems at present to be filling the position.

There is such a thing as rigging a market—perhaps our contemporary's correspondent belongs to a financial ring.

The Transatlantic Bank will commence discount operations on Saturday. The payment and delivery of shares will be completed to day. The Bank will also commence work in the departments as soon as possible by opening branches and sucursales.

The Great Yorkshire Stakes

The unlooked-for change which has come over the prospects of the great race at Doncaster will invest with new interest the meeting at York this week, and it really seems as if the Great Yorkshire Stakes will once more be what it so often used to be in the brave days of old, as much a trial for the St. Leger as the Two Thousand Guineas was for the Derby. But there is more than that, as the new interest which the St. Leger is evoking resides mainly in the probability of its resolving itself into a battle between North and South; and, great things as Donnan has done this season, it is not too much to say that he will not have many more friends than Chitabab, should Mr. Perkins's bid to unlucky Colt come off and well to the post.

The style in which he won the first race he has contested this year makes it appear very probable that he will do so, and it so happens that two other Yorkshire trained horses have, also within the last fortnight, given their friends reason to believe that the South is not having things all its own way at Doncaster on the eventful Wednesday. Both of them are, like Chitabab, engaged in the Great Yorkshire Stakes on Thursday, and their presence at the post will be a fresh inducement, were any needed, for the horse loving north countrymen to find their way to the historic Knavesmire, rich with the memories of some of the best races which ever took the turf, and, above all, of that marvellous match between the Flying Dutchman and Voltigeur, which is talked of in many a Yorkshire home even to the present day.

Princo Dontrico in a Coal Mine.

Corwen, 27 Aug.

According to the official programme the first thing to-day should have been the Queen's visit to Llangollen, but a special train with Royal saloons conspired in the centre was seen steaming up the line from Llandudno before eleven o'clock bearing the Princess Beatrice, her husband, and Princess Alice of Hesse, with a few people in waiting. They were bound for Ruabon to begin with, and from that station they drove to the Wynnstay Colliery in the neighbourhood. The Princess had expressed a strong desire to undergo the, to her, perfectly new experience of going down a coal mine and seeing the poor fellows who are condemned to a gloomy life underground, engaged in their ordinary avocations.

Major Evan Morris, the Mayor of Wrexham, happens to be chairman of the company which works the colliery, and he and other members of the managing body received the Royal party. Their Royal Highnesses were without much loss of time handed into the cage at the pit's mouth, that special means of locomotion being for the occasion comfortably draped. The mine is about three hundred yards deep, and quite far enough from the surface to give the visitors that peculiar sensation experienced by everybody of ascending rapidly when all the while you are dropping at giddy speed to the bottom. The first thing to do was to go to the lamp room to don makintoshes, be equipped with safety lamps, and get accustomed to the darkness of these subterranean abodes. The visitors after a brief stay here,

entered the small waggons called tubs by the miners, and were pushed along the trolley ways into the workings, the underground manager preceding the party, doing duty as a pilot engine. Numbers of men, prone upon the ground and black as the mineral around them, were engaged hewing coal from the face of the long working, and the Princesses held up their lamps and watched this singular phase of human existence with intense interest. A brand new pick was then produced, and Princess Beatrice did a little mining on her own account. She picked industriously away at the black wall, and dislodging a goodly lump of shining coal, exclaimed "That's mine." As it fell to the floor, Princess Alice and Prince Henry followed this example and the coal so hewed will be sent to Osborn for preservation in a glass case together with the miner's pick used.

Upon being taken to another working Princess Beatrice, by touching an electric button, fired a blast which brought down a lot of stuff round the corner, and before leaving the mine she had, in consequence, to sign the certificate signifying that she was a duly qualified shot fire. The Royal party walked through the earthenware through a lane composed of six hundred grimy colliers, to each of whom will be presented, as a memento of the day, a new shilling fresh from the Mint, and Sir John Pustefson having been deputed to ask whether the men of the Wynnstay Mine might not go on holiday for the rest of the day, Major Evan Morris said the suggestion should certainly be acted upon.

URUGUAYAN NEWS

THE LOTTERY.—The following are the principal winning numbers of the Caridad lottery drawn yesterday:

1557.	...	\$ 25,000
4155	1099	5439 590 6384 500
1005	200	12073 200 7374 200
6651	100	10623 100 13437 100
7825	100	4773 100 7048 100
4585	100	10184 100 2478 100
10100	100	3489 100 5397 100

Approximations

1576 . . . \$ 300

1578 . . . \$ 300

THE CRICKET CLUB.—At a general meeting of the Montevideo Cricket Club held on Wednesday evening it was proposed to alter rules 9 and 11 and the resolution to effect the alteration was carried with opposition. The rules as amended will stand thus:

Rule 9.—That shareholders and subscribers shall have equal rights of voting at all General or Extraordinary meetings, except on matters affecting the property of the Club, respecting which shareholders alone shall be entitled to vote: no shareholder to be entitled to more than one vote.

Rule 11.—That an entrance fee of \$10 to town members and \$5 to camp members be charged only to those who have been members of the Club and having retired, with to resign. That officers of H. M. M. and U. S. Navies be admitted on the same terms as camp members.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.—We are informed that the annual Athletic Sports will be held this year on Friday 1st November, which is a public holiday, we shall publish the full details in a few days.

GENERAL SANTOS' BOAT.—On Wednesday young Lorenzo Santos was detained at the police office until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, he having been arrested the night before at the instance of Col. don Salvador Tates on behalf of Señora Santos to his mother, because of his misbehavior at school. It is less than a month since this boy who is only 14 years old, came back from Germany where he had been sent to college with his brother, but both were sent back on account of ill health. It appears that he refused to submit to the school regulations and when told to do so attacked one of the masters furiously.

He will now be sent to the military college where it is to be hoped that the strict discipline will tame this youngster. OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.—The commander of the National Gunboat "General Rivera" has telegraphed to the Minister of War that he has arrived at Paysandu and disembarked the 2nd Battalion of Cazadores and requesting orders for the embarkation of the 4th battalion of the same regiment which is to return to Montevideo.

PURCHASE.—Sr. D. Horacio Arcego has purchased the large house in the Plaza Independencia fronting calles Ciudadela and Colonia. The purchase price was \$150,000.

SEÑOR ARCEGO intends to inhabit the principal floor and let the remainder.

ARGENTINE NEWS

LA VELOZ.—Is the name of a new Company formed, with a capital of \$1,000,000 for acquiring and working tug steamers on the River Plate and its affluents. This ought to be a lucrative business if well managed, as no doubt will be the case, looking at the composition of the Board of Directors, viz: President, Sr. Carlos Sudblad; Vice, Dr. José H. M. Rincón Castro; Treasurer, Sr. Angel Silva; Directors, Engineer Luis A. Huergo, Sr. Santiago Buratovich, Dr. Adolfo F. Olinari, Sr. Gilberto Lerena, Dr. Julio N. Rojas, Secretary, Sr. José H. Huergo. Two thousand shares of \$100 each have been already subscribed, and 800 are now offered to the public, payable as follows:—

10 o/o on application, 20 o/o on the approval of statutes, 20 o/o two months afterwards and 50 o/o in instalments of 10 o/o

with 30 days' previous notice.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Monday afternoon, while the pupils of the second year were pursuing their studies, the silence was suddenly disturbed by the discharge of a firearm, and one of the pupils, Ricardo Remell, was seen to throw a revolver on the ground and to take up in his arms the cadet Prudencio del Castillo, who had been sitting behind him, and run with him to the infirmary, where it was at once seen that Castillo had received a bullet wound in the head which must inevitably be fatal, and, in fact, he died shortly afterwards.

Castillo was unable to speak before his death, and Remell, who was at once arrested, explained the incident by stating that during the time of recreation he had got back the revolver which he had lent to Adolfo Zavaleta, and that while in the school he was engaged in taking out the cartridges (which he had to do without being seen, because the use of firearms is prohibited when he accidentally discharged the revolver, Zavaleta was thereupon also arrested. Castillo was the son of a widow.

WOUNDS.—Señor Francisco Saborito was found by the police on Monday night in a wretched condition, at the corner of calles Zaballos and Venezuela, having been shot in the left arm and neck.

About the same hour, and a couple of squares away, the police arrested Miguel Marrone, who had a wound in the forehead.

In neither case were the answers satisfactory. Dr. Cigorraga is investigating them.

RAILWAYS.—The E. P. has notified the Southern Railway of the intention to send by that line from the Linojo quarries 1,700,000 paving stones to the Lomas de Zamora station, to be used in the paving of the principal streets of the new town which Mr. Meeks recently created.

The E. P. has approved of the plans of the new line in which Messrs M. A. Remell and Co. are the concessionaires which will start from Bampami, via Estacion de la Cruz, G-les and Cacuabuco to Lincoln with a branch from Gies to Salto, via Carmen de reo.

RESIGNATION.—It is rumored that next month several station-masters and employees on the Provincial lines will send in their resignations.

POSTAL.—The Minister of the Interior has approved the contract made by the General Post-office and Sr. Julio Acha-val for the making of a telegraph line from Rioja to Villa Argentina, via Tucuman and Vichigasta, on a another from Chilecito to Famatina, Tinogasta, Belen and Andalgalá.

DUEL.—In consequence of the sharp exchange of words between Dr. Del Valle and Sr. Zavaleta in the Senate, the former demanded an explanation from the latter which was refused, and therefore a duel was arranged to take place between the two senators, yesterday afternoon, up to the time of going to press we had been unable to ascertain the result of the encounter.

STRIKES.—On Monday all the bricklayers struck work because the masters would not agree to advance their wages by 80 o/o.

A committee of builders, consisting of Enrique Pinaroli, president, Sr. Bonasico, Alejandro Guiberti, Luis Rasetti, Virgilio Bolzoni, Sr. D'Oro, J. B. Aliberti, Pedro Bascia and L. Zimiro, was appointed to consider what steps should be taken. The committee held a meeting on Monday night which was resolved that the men's demand must be partially acceded to and that notice must be given to persons with whom building contracts had been entered into that the agreed prices must be raised.

Yesterday the peons in the Southern Railway produce stores struck work.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS

London, August 27.

In the House of Lords yesterday, the Royal Assent was given by Commission to the Prevention of Cruelty to and Protection of Children Act, the Local Government (Scotland) Act, and other measures. Several Bills were advanced a stage.

In the House of Commons the order for the second reading of the Western Australia Constitution Bill was discharged. After some discussion on a motion for reporting progress the consideration of the Technical Instruction Bill was commenced in Committee. In the course of discussion Sir W. Hart-Dyke indicated certain amendments which the Government would accept. Several amendments of private members were disposed of. On the motion for the second reading of the Appropriation Bill, Sir Swinburne called attention to the charter which the Government proposed to grant to certain private individuals over an enormous tract of land in South Africa. The Bill was read a second time.

Yesterday the Queen visited Llangollen and Corwen, and took tea with Sir Theodor and Lady Martin at Bryntysilio. On the Royal train entering Llangollen Station, Mr. David Thomas, of Gwestry, threw himself under the engine, and received such severe injuries that his condition is said to be hopeless. Just before the Queen arrived at Corwen a stand on which were a number of school children broke down, but nobody was seriously hurt. In the morning the Princess Beatrice, with her husband and the Princess Alice of Hesse, descended Wynnstay Colliery, near Ruabon.

No movement of importance was reported yesterday in connection with the

naval manoeuvres. Our Special Correspondent with the English fleet considers that the commanders of the 'Achill' fleet have completely turned the tables on their opponents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, in continuation of their golden wedding celebration, yesterday gave an 'at home' to the tenantry at Hawarden. More than a thousand guests were present. During the afternoon Mr. Gladstone, in briefly addressing the company, referred with satisfaction to the cordial relations that had always subsisted between them and himself.

The trial of Mr. W. O'Brien, M

