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## MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 1868.

The Parazuayan War.
Tas news from the seat of war on the Parana
is, as nsual, onatradiotory, bat that received is, as usta, contradiotory, but that received
from both Paragaayan and Brazilian sources appears to agre on one point-the evaouation
of the fortress of Hamaita by the tronps of
Leper and its occapation by the Allied forces. Loper, and its occupation by the Allied forces.
The advioes from Rio state that the fortress
was finally reduced by the starration process which bas been so lovg under way; that two hundred and fifty oannon, and a large quantity
of ammunition and small arms, fell into the of ammunition and small arms, fell into the
hands of the Allies; that four thousand of the
retreating Paraguayans had been cut off from retreating Paraguayans had been out off from
the main body and surrounded in Gran Chacoo; that three of the Brazillan iron-olads had su-
oeeded in passing the obstructions on the oeeded in passing the obstructions on the
Parana, and had joined the flet in the bom
badment of Lopez's position at the moath of he Tebicuari;-in short, that all the indioa
tions pointed to an early termination of the confliot in tavor of the Allies. From Para maita has been evacuated; but it is claimed
that all the large guns were spiked and the
small stores removed, and that the stronghold was abandoned withont the knowledge of the
enemy, fimply because Loptz had completed Paraguayans are represented as being still
hopeful that the Allies will not attempt to laseitude, the war will soon be terminated
in favor of the former. one of the most unequas of modern times.
The following fifures show the resourves of

 By reason of this great inequality in extent
o population and resources, the sympatibies
of the civilized world have generally been regarded as a champion of trae demoorany,
opreesed by the ambitions monasehy of Bra2il. The history of Paraguay eflectively dis-
proves this theory. Dr. Francia, the founder
of the Paragayana nationality, was a model
despot, who had no sympathy whatever with
republican institutions. Under his sway
Pen Paraguay
population of slaves who were held in com--
plete subjection to the Ditator or Supremo. He controlled the entire indnstry and com-
merce of the conutry, and governed it solely
in his own individual interests. At his death, in 1840 , after having wielded the Dictatorship
for twenty-five years, he was succeeded by a
creole named Loptz, who, although he had been obiged to remain haden away for years,
to evoape murder at the hands of Franoia,
adopted in all its details the oppressive policy
of his predecessor. Lopez remained in power until 1862 , when he was succeeded by th To arrive at the origin of the present con-
ffict we munt go back several yearr. Rosas,
Governor of Buenos Ayres, having nasurped the supreme power of the entire Argentine owed him allegiance, and to enforos it blocked
ap the La Plata, thus materially interrapting
the commeroial enterprises of the eldar A ooaition between Lopez, Brazil, and Ura-
guay resalted, and atfer protracted figtitig,
Rosas was overthrown in 1852, and free commanication established with the ocean. The
Paraguay river, like the Parana one of the
principal streams which empty into the Prineipal streams which empty into the
Plata, had been previoasly olosed to Brazil by
both Lopez and Francia; but the former, in poturn for the material assistance received at the hands of Brazil, guaranteed henceforth to that
power the free navigation of all the streams was at once taken of this concession by the the leading commereial powers of the world. But
Lopez soon $\begin{aligned} & \text { bhowed his defiance of all tranty } \\ & \text { stipulations; the Waterwithh, an American }\end{aligned}$ man-of-war, engaged on a peaceful mission, was
wantonly fired upon and several of her crew killed; Brazililan vessels were refused passage
ap the streams, and the Brazilian Minister handed operations were carried on by the Dotator until a new, but only nomiaal settl-
ment of the difficulties was arrived at abon the year 1858 .
As mon as the present Dictator came into
power, he commenced to strengthen his posipower, he commenved to strengthen his posi-
tion, with a view to renewing the pretensions
of his predecessors, terial were freely imported from Earope, and
in 1864 he struck the first blow by seizing Brazilian mail steamer, and imprisoning a his oapital a zumber of Brazilian offioers,
civil, military and namal, none of whom, it is said, have as yet been released. Vessels of
War were sent ap the river and several Brazi-
lian towns seized upon, without any formal deolaration of war; and then the Paraguayan simply beoause it refased to join him in his
cruaade against Brazil. The pretext presented Was the alleged interference of Bcazll in the
iternal alfirs of Uruguay, with the view of
annexing that dining



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