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THE VENEZUELAN CLAIMS.

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Discialmer from the Venezuelan Charge "Affaires to the United States-How the Hixed Commission was Constituted. From La Opinion Nacional, of Caraceas,

Venezuela, of March 22, we translate the following in reference to the commission for the admatment of the claims of certain citizens of the United States upon the Venezuelan Government:-

With pleasure we insert below the letter that fr. Florencio Rivas has had the kindness to ddress as with reference to his intervention in the appointment of the umpire, who formed part of the North American mixed commission. The erplanations that Mr. Rivas gives are, in our judgment, completely satisfactory, and have left, beyond doubt thoroughly proved, the good faith with which he proceeded in this business, and of which we never harbored the slightest doubt....

Messrs, Editors of La Opinion Nacional:-In the columns of No. 40 of your enlightened journal I find in the article headed "Mr. Villafane and the North American Claims" the follow-ing paragraph:—"When Mr. Machado was appointed umpire by the Minister of a neutral power, nobody could explain to himself the motive of his election. Time has taken upon itself to reveal that such appointment was the work of some intrigue on the part of Mr. Tal-mage, or of the American interests involved, from the moral responsibility of which the Russian Minister became free, since he consulted, as to the appointment, with our Representative at Washington, Mr. Florencio Rivas, and ob-tained his approval." The dignity of my charac-ter and that of the office which I had the honor to discharge, obliges me to give a statement of the facts that occurred in this affair insomuch as it has any connection with my person. By the convention entered into between the Government of Venezuela and the United States of America, the Russian Minister was left in absolute liberty to make the election of the umpire who was to decide in case of any disagreement between the Venezuelan and American Commissioners. As soon as I was informed that he had acceded to make the election of the umpire who was to decide in the American claims, I addressed said Ambassador the following note, of which I have taken a copy from the files of our Foreign Relations:-

"WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, 1868.—The undersigned. Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the United States of Venezuela near this Government, has the honor to sainte his Excellency, Baron Edward Stoecki, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of his Majesty the Emperor of Russia near the Cabinet of Washington, and to state to him his having already given his acquiescence in making the appointment of the arbiter who will have to decide in case of any disarreement between the Venezuelan and Anglodisagreement between the Venezuelan and Anglo-American Commissioners; as expressed in the con-vention entered into between the United States of Venezuela and the United States of America, the 22d of April, 1866, and with the contents of which he is duly acquainted. You might perhaps desire to have information of other persons of my country besides the Venezucians you know residing in this country, where they are distinguished for their acknowledged abilities, honesty, and respectabilityindispensable qualifications in conducting suitably, unerringly, and uprightly, the interests of both par-ties in the important position of umpire. I beg, in the first place, to suggest to you the members of the Diplomatic Body accredited near that Government and residing in Caraccas. The English and the Spanish Ministers, the Consul General of Denmark, Spansin Ministers, the Constan General of Denmark, with the exception merely of F. D. G. Rolandus, Consul General of the Nether-lands, who, having been already rejected by the Venezuelan Commissioner, is quite out of the list of these candidates, without any possibility of his again being any more thought of. I have the honor, then, to present the names of those Vene-zuelan gentlemen, to whom I have already referred, residing in that capital, and who present all the qualifications that could be desired to enable them to ably fill the post of umpire, as well for their acknowledged good judgment and intelligence, know-ledge and integrity, as for their well-established respectability, which give them a distinguished rank in the Venezuelan community. Herewith are their names:-Dr. Nicanor Borges, Dr. Mariano de Bri-ceno, Licdo, Juan Pablo Rojas Paul, Dr. Angel Maria Alamo, Dr. Wenceslao Urratia, General Francisco Mejia, and General Gabriel Ochoa. There is no doubt, sir, that, for reasons which will not escape your clear judgment, the election of a person residing in Caraceas, the capital of the republic, would cer-tainly be more convenient, in order to facilitate the labors of the Commission. Far from me the idea of wishing for any motive to pretend to influence in the least the decision of your impartial indgement in this important business. But I ought rather to express

er Canada and America. It would do away with the foolish prejudice of sentiment because of British connection, which makes the Americans misjudge Canada, and retards American investmisjudge Canada, and retards American invest-ments. It would, wisely conducted, lead to the Zollverein, where the profits are five to one in our favor. It would swamp provincial discon-tents. It would bring to full fruition the in-dustries of Canada, her carrying trade and manufacures. It would place the two countries on the same footing materially, and thus arrest the exodus. It would make the property-holder more secure, and his property more valuable more secure, and his property more valuable, give the workmen higher wages, the employer a etter business. Then why not ?

Mendelssohn and the Maid.

How charming it sounds to hear of Felix seated at the plano, extemporizing one day in scated at the plano, extemporizing one day in his apartment at Rome, when suddenly a splendid contralto voice repeated a theme out of his Fantasia. His friends, too, listened. It was a voice that had often met their ear in all its melody; the young maid of the handlady was in the habit of singing popular Italian airs during her work. On that day, however, Mondelssohn started up in surprise. "She Mendelssohn started up in surprise. "She sang my theme quite correctly !" exclaimed he. They opened the window; she was seated on the stairs singing, while packing all sorts of fruit into a large basket. 'Oh! if I could only once hear her sing near.'' ''Call her in, then.'' ''The question is, will she come? The painters were bolder than the musician, and, after a short and playful negotiation, they persuaded her to come into the room. She was neither handsome nor graceful, and rather shy, but sold she was willing to sing her songs. They hurried her to the piano, while the joyous companions grouped themselves in a circle, and the rare contralto voice rose before them like a calm moon. Mendelssohn accompanied her extempore as she sang. It must have been a rich picture and a rich enjoyment. From that moment Mendelssohn provided for the unsical education of this girl in the most self-sacrificing manner, and the simple maid of the Piazza d'Espagna became an excellent singer. How often must she have re-membered with deep gratitude the youthful benefactor whose hand had led her out of obscurity into the oright warm light !- Reminiscences of Mendelssohn.

-A Cincinnati woman endorsed on her tax return "taxation without representation tyranny."

SPECIAL NOTICES

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY. TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT, PHILADELTHIA, PENNA., April 2, 1869.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE PENNSYL-VANIA RAILROAD COMPANY.

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Second. Fifty per cent, between the 15th day of November, 1869, and the 31st day of December, 1869; or, if Stockholders should prefer, the whole amount may be paid up at the time of subscription, and each instalment so paid shall be entitled to a pro rata of the Dividend that may be declared on full shares.

Third. That every Stockholder holding less than four shares shall be entitled to subscribe for one share; and those holding more than a multiple of four shares shall be entitled to subscribe for an additional share.

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sire to seek, the means within my reach, light and success in the election of the umpire which you are competently authorized to determine, and which, I doubt not, you will accomplish to the satisfaction of both countries. "I avail myself of the present occasion to offer you the assurances of my highest consideration and re-gard, with which I have the honor to subscribe myself "Your most obedient servant, "FLORENCIO RIVAS."

The candidates recommended having been reiected by the Russian Minister, assigning as the reason his not being able to acquiesce in making that election in a person that he did not know; and on adding that, without a knowledge of our men and of our country, it was very difficult for him, if not impossible, to accept any of our citizens, I then presented him the names of some of the Venezuelans residing in that republic, and of merchants who had lived among us, of whom,

on account of the ties of gratitude that united them to the nation that had enriched them, impartiality and justice in their decisions were certainly to be expected, and they were likewise rejected, alleging therefor the same reason. The only Venezuelan whom the Minister knew personally was Mr. Ramon Paez; and in respect to Mr. J. N. Machado, he informed me that he had heard him spoken of in honorable terms in Baltimore. Between Mr. Paez, whom I have known for many years, and M. Machado, whom I did not know, nor do I know yet, I have, without hesitating, recomwould mended the former; but the instructions l had received from the Government did not permit me to accept him. What Venezuelan could now have wavered one single instant between the recommendation of Mr. Machado, a son of this country, a compatriot of ours, and the American candidates recommended by Mr. Seward, more or less interested in those claims? Much less who, after having repaired to the city of Baltimore, obtained there, unfortunately, reports favorable to Mr. Machado, and whom (it is now compulsory to say) the respect for probity that his father enjoyed in this community recommended him beyond measure. At last, I resigned myself in that emergency, with an up-right heart, and prompted by the instincts of duty. Reason and justice never err. It was also authoritative in the Ambassador to make the election. By the convention entered into, I could only interpose my kind offices. I must frankly confess that I deemed, as all then deemed, the election advantageous to Venezue han interests. Nothing was more natural. My astonishment is equal only to my disappointment. The monstrous awards of that Commis-sion ought to fill every Venezuelan with indignation and all just and honest men. Were I to be placed again in an identical position, I would act in an identical manner. Who is there that can penetrate into the secret aberrations of the sould ach iniquitous decisions will be an eternal and

shameful protest against the sentiment of justice, the voice of conscience, and the duties due FLORENCIA RIVAS. one's country.

INDEPENDENCE.

The Cry in the British Provinces. The Montreal Star of the 26th has the followlog significant article:-

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If we had independence it would be best for England, since it would relieve her of the only England, since it would relieve her of the only weakness which exists in her American policy. She cannot act with independence in the Ala-bama claims, for instance, lest in asserting her-self she bring on us the terrible ravages of a hopeless war. Become independent, and free the bards of the mether county. We are how the hands of the mother county. We are host-ages now. If there must be high words, let it understood between America and Britain that they fight on even terms on sea, and that New York, not Montreal, is likely to be bombarded. We give England nothing, and barring a protection perfectly useless when it comes to be put in practice, and restrictions on American trade, she gives us nothing. It would be best for Canada. It would remove the only possible cause of discord between England and America,

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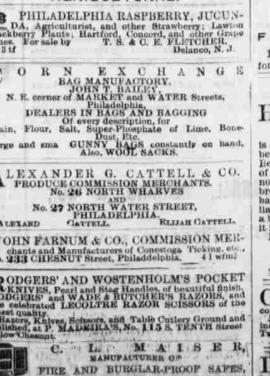
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