

Domestic Intelligence

Mexican Diplomatic Correspondence.

The steamship *Mokim*, arrived at New Orleans on the 11th inst. Mexican papers have been received, giving interesting intelligence. In the "Diario del Gobierno," of the 26th of June, appears an important diplomatic correspondence between Mr. Buchanan and the Mexican government. The first note is from the Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Secretary of State, referring to that body a communication from Mr. Buchanan which announces Mr. Trist's appointment. We learn that this note was communicated to the French by or through the British Minister at Mexico, Mr. Balfour, who has exerted himself to bring about a negotiation for peace between the two nations.

Mr. Buchanan's letter is dated April 15th. It acknowledges the receipt of the Mexican Minister's letter of the 22d February, declining to accede to our proposition to send Commissioners to Jalapa, Havana, or any other point, before the blockade of the Mexican ports should be lifted and the Mexican territory evacuated by our troops.

Mr. Buchanan writes that the President holds such condition absolutely inadmissible, neither demanded by national honor nor sanctioned by the practice of nations. He urges that such a preliminary condition would render war interminable, especially between contiguous nations, unless by the complete submission of one of the belligerents. He shows how people a course it would be for a nation which had sacrificed men and money to gain a foothold in an enemy's country, to abandon all the advantages it had won, and withdraw forces in order to secure negotiations, without any certainty of security that peace would ensue from such negotiations.

He then cites the cause of our last war with Great Britain to show that we never thought for a moment that our nation required us to insist upon a withdrawal of British troops before consenting to treat for peace. We sent Commissioners to Ghent when portions of our territory were in possession of British troops, and it was only after the war was terminated by the terms of the Mexican treaty upon Gen. Taylor. The President had reiterated propositions with a view to open negotiations which should put an end to hostilities. He had declared to the world that he would exact no conditions that would be honorable to both parties, and yet the Mexican government had refused to receive the Minister sent to him, and after declining to accede to the opening of negotiations, Mexico had never made known upon what basis she would consent to the opening of the differences between the two Republics.

There will never be a termination of hostilities, Mr. Buchanan proceeds, if Mexico refuses to listen to overtures which had been proffered, and which led to the re-establishment of peace. The President will not thereupon make further overtures for the opening of negotiations until he has reason to believe that such will be accepted by the Mexican government; nevertheless, such is his desire for peace, that the evils of war shall not be prolonged one day longer than the Mexican government may be absolutely necessary, to carry his determination into effect.

In conclusion, Mr. Buchanan forbears from commenting upon the closing passage of the last letter from the Mexican minister, lest it should give to his present note a less conciliatory character than he desires for it. He returns with pleasure to another passage in the same letter, wherein he expressed the pain with which the Mexican government had seen altered the cordial friendship which had cultivated with the republic, and its renewed advances of which it had always admired, and whose institutions had served as a model of its own. Such sentiments continue Mr. Buchanan, the President desires, in his strongest desires are that Mexican States, under such a government as prevail with us, may protect and secure the liberty of their citizens, and maintain an elevated position among the nations of the earth.

Such is the outline of Mr. Buchanan's letter of April 15th. We have not translated it, as the original will no doubt be made public. The President has indicated in the basis upon which Mr. Trist is authorized to conclude a treaty.

This letter the Mexican Minister acknowledges on the 22d of April, saying that the President had instructed him to reply that the whole subject of the opening of peace negotiations was reserved by the sovereign Congress of the nation for its own control, and that the letter would be at once transmitted to it for its action.

We learn by the Mexican papers that Congress was once convened to take the matter into consideration, but up to the 29th of June no quorum had been procured.

From the Army.

Veracruz dates to the 9th, Tampico to the 10th, and Brazos to the 11th, have been received at New Orleans by the arrival of the steamship *Galveston*. The New Orleans papers had been rejected by the Mexican Congress. The dates from the Capital are no later.

El Republicano of the 28th states that a council of war had been held by Gen. Scott on the 24th, to discuss the question whether the army should advance on the capital or not. A general whose name is not given, expressed the opinion that it would be imprudent to advance with less than 20,000 men. General Worth differed from these views.

General Scott and the rest of the officers agreed with Gen. Worth's views, and it was forthwith resolved to take up the line of march for the Capital on the 28th, but would halt at Rio Frio a few days, to give time to the Mexican government to determine its answer to the proposition for negotiation of peace. The American force is estimated at 8,000 men.

The Commercial Times has authentic intelligence of these details, almost literally correct. The Republican remarks upon this intimation that it believes the Americans have committed a blunder, in their decision to advance, and even if they triumph upon triumphs, those victories will cause their ruin.

The Republican of the 30th, publishes letters announcing the declaration of troops at Rio Frio, that Gen. Scott had ordered to advance 15,000 troops, with 10 guns and a mortar, towards the capital, but learning that the train was detained this side of Puebla, had countermanded the order and despatched assistance to the rear.

It also states that Gen. Scott had probably postponed his intentions of reaching the capital to the 10th of July. The same paper thinks it probable that Gen. Taylor will abandon Saltillo.

A letter from Major Gates, one of the prisoners taken with Major Borland, Caginas Mr. Clay, and their commands, dated at the city of Mexico, on the 26th ult., states that the train and file of American prisoners were released and sent to a camp, but that the officers were still detained at the city.

Major Gates had power, received assurances from General Scott, that a permitory demand would be made for the release of himself and his command as soon as they were in the vicinity of the city. General Scott has exerted himself in vain so far to procure their release.

General Pierce's command was to march from Vera Cruz to join General Scott on the 24th inst. The train was the largest, yet sent into the interior, consisting of three thousand five hundred men, guarding one million of dollars. It is composed of the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 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