

IN CENTRAL AMERICA

ARMY RESOURCES OF THE FIVE REPUBLICS.

Salvador the Smallest in Area, But Physically Able to Make a Good Stand—What Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Guatemala Can Show in Case of War.

The New York Sun's Washington special says: Although we speak of "Little Salvador," in comparing her with the more powerful neighbor against whom she is arrayed, the term is deceptive. Smallest in area of the Central American republics she certainly is, having a length of about 275 miles and an average breadth of 43, and containing only 7,228 square miles. This is more than a third of the area of Honduras, less than a sixth of that of Guatemala, which contains 46,774 square miles, and less than a seventh of Nicaragua's which contains 51,660. Salvador, however, is much the most densely peopled of the five republics. While the population of Guatemala at the beginning of last year was 1,427,116, that of Salvador must have been at least about half as great at that time, since a count in 1887 had given her 664,513 inhabitants. She is easily the second of the five republics in population, and has for a long time disputed the efforts of the latter to leadership in Central America. Perhaps she aspires herself to be the keystone of the arch, holding an intermediate position between the two northern States and the two southern. She is the only republic of Central America, which in the census of 1887 showed 331,917 inhabitants, and of course greatly surpasses Nicaragua, which the year previous was credited with 202,272, and also Costa Rica, which about the same time had 213,785.

While these figures reveal the extreme numerical possibilities of the five republics for recruiting their armies, their existing military forces show results relatively somewhat different, in consequence of the different degrees of importance attached by them to standing armies, and also to the differences in their financial condition. Guatemala, which has nearly as many people as the four other republics combined, has a still greater preponderance in her regular army, yet is not in good financial shape for going to war. Nominally the active troops of Guatemala are 12,500 strong, which would give about half as large an army as our own; but actually the number may be less. Her militia is put down at 20,000 men, and this force might fairly be increased by taking in such numbers as are not actually ascribed to the regulars. Salvador contains an active army of only 2,000 men, with a militia of 12,000. The reports of her army are that she has actually mobilized a much greater force than is ascribed to her active establishment.

Honduras is said to keep up an army of only 500 men, with a militia of 3,000; and she is justified in incurring no greater military expense, in view of the condition of her finances and her large foreign debt. Besides, since her policy is so closely allied with that of Guatemala, whom she is backing up now as in 1885, she can leave to her more powerful neighbor the task of furnishing the bulk of their combined military resources. Nicaragua, which has a special need of troops in view of her relations to the inter-oceanic canal, maintains 1,200 men, with a reserve of 10,000 more, and a national guard of 5,000. In proportion to her population she is in good military trim, and, having a very small debt she is in good financial circumstances, with excellent prospects in the canal. Costa Rica has 600 men on her active list, with a militia of 12,000. This little state has of late years several times bristled up in a belligerent way toward Nicaragua, in spite of the larger military force of the latter.

The late president, Gen. Bernardo Soto, probably one of the best of the Central American soldiers, and took a lively interest in the military affairs of the republic, having under him Carazo and Fernandez as general officers. Should Salvador receive the hearty support of Costa Rica and Nicaragua she would evidently be able to make a good stand against Guatemala and Honduras, fighting on her own soil. But the question of their attitude in the present difficulty is not quite clear. They are likely to stand together in most matters affecting the Central American union, concerning which they are palpably inclined to temporize. They supported the cause of Salvador against Guatemala five years ago, but Zaldivar, who then successfully resisted the invasion of Barrios, was, beyond dispute, the lawful president of Salvador, and had been so for years, whereas Ezeta, her provisional ruler now, governs in virtue of his sudden overthrow of Menendez, who had been his friend, and his title is not unquestioned.

The Guatemalans aver that there is now a faction in Salvador fighting Ezeta, and that it was this faction, perhaps aided by Guatemalan sympathizers, which was concerned in the battle recently reported. They cite the fact that the commanding general was Villirioncio, a Salvadorian, to support this view. They also speak confidently of Costa Rica and Nicaragua uniting with Guatemala and Honduras in calling upon Ezeta to resign. But in that they evidently take counsel of their wishes, Ezeta's banner is that of opposition to Central American union. Now, although Nicaragua and Costa Rica have accepted the project of union through their respective presidents, yet both have postponed until 1891 legislative action upon it for its ratification or rejection. Costa Rica, however, has courteously declared that she does so without prejudice to anything that may be effected under the plan for starting the machinery of the union this year.

At all events the foregoing are the forces and resources which the countries concerned can immediately rely upon. Many of the troops are well armed with modern rifles of excellent pattern. The talk of Salvador having 15,000 men and Guatemala 20,000 on the frontier would imply the mobilizing already of a large part of the second line, or militia reserve; but these reports are doubtless exaggerated, and neither country is likely to have to put more than a few thousand men into the field. The situation is complicated by the fact that both countries may find all they wish to do in taking care of internal dissensions; for Guatemala harbors malcontent Salvadorians, who find their opportunity now to make trouble, Mexico

has long had her colony of Guatemalan refugees. And this consideration leads to another point of importance, which is the possibility of Mexico's taking a hand in the fight. Should she do so, it would be on the side of Salvador. She has a chronic boundary dispute with Guatemala, and her aid, if given, would be an invasion of the latter from her own southern side of Chiapas, where several thousand troops are said to be stationed; then, should she be successful in the war, she would probably indemnify herself by a slice from Guatemala's northern border.

A MAD HOG'S BITE.

The Victim Treated in the Pasteur Institute—A Curious Case. Mrs. Rosensthal, a resident of the river village of Hamburg, ten miles west of New London, Conn., in Lyme, is the latest hydrophobic patient to go to New York for treatment by Dr. Gibber, of the Pasteur Institute. The hydrophobia scare continues in Connecticut, and half a dozen dogs, believed to be mad, were shot this week in different country districts, after they had run through several towns, frothing and snapping at every one. Mrs. Rosensthal was bitten by an infuriated hog that had behaved queerly in its pen. The woman went into the pen, and the vicious animal sprang at her and severed two of her fingers. Then the hog savagely pursued her about the sty, and her screams were heard by the hired men, who rescued her, after she had been bitten again on the leg. Then the hog bit several pigs in the pen, and all together, the drove of furious hogs then broke down the enclosure and rushed into the neighboring lots. They bit several cows, and ran amok through the Hamburg district. The people rallied, and with guns and pistols, pitchforks and clubs, hunted them down. Mrs. Rosensthal suffered greatly from her wounds, and in a few days showed symptoms of hydrophobia. She went to the Pasteur Institute, and was successfully treated. Her case is the first one of the kind treated there in which rabies was communicated by a mad hog.

JOHNSTOWN FUND REPORT.

Several Items Involving Thousands of Dollars Charged That Look Suspicious. An awful howl is being raised at Pittsburgh and in Johnstown over the publication of the report of Secretary Kremer, of the state flood commission. W. A. Cramer, one of the leading citizens of Johnstown, has started a movement for an investigation, and the indications now are that before the matter is finally laid to rest more very unsavory incidents will be laid bare. Some of the items of the report cause great indignation: \$17,176 for transporting flood sufferers; \$30,000 for burials, and similar items causing the trouble. It is known that the sufferers were nearly all carried away free of expense, and the same was the case with the burials. Office expenses of the commission appear in the report as nearly \$15,000, and no one can understand what they were. There are numerous items of this sort. The big kick comes over the \$67,205.47 still held by the commission. The latter body say this money is to be used for building bridges and making improvements about Johnstown. The people, though, claim that this should be paid out to sufferers, as it was given for them, and threaten to take the matter to court if it is not done.

SARAH ALTHEA.

Further Steps in the Unsavory Sharon Divorce Case. The old Sharon divorce case came up again at San Francisco, Mrs. Terry's counsel arguing that the decree canceling the marriage contract shouldn't prejudice the court against the introduction of testimony proving that the parties were actually married. Judge Shafter granted this, and Sarah Althea told of her relations with Senator Sharon. But all this was ruled out when counsel for the Sharon estate obtained from her the admission that she had no written testimony except the marriage contract, that had been annulled. On motion, therefore, the judge ruled out all oral testimony. Five volumes of testimony taken at the first trial were admitted; also letters written by Sharon to Sarah Althea. These she was forced to leave with the court, although heretofore only photographic copies have been produced. Sarah Althea was in deep mourning, very nervous and all her old audacity gone.

THE JEWS MUST GO.

The Russian Government Puts Severe Edicts Into Force. The Russian government has ordered the application of the edicts of 1882 against the Jews. These edicts have hitherto been held in abeyance. Accordingly these Jews must henceforth reside in certain towns only. None will be permitted to own land or hold it for agricultural purposes. The order includes within its scope towns and hundreds of villages that have large Jewish populations. No Jew will be allowed to hold shares in or work in mines. The law limiting the residence of Jews to sixteen provinces will be enforced. No Hebrew will be allowed to enter the army, practice medicine or law, to be an engineer, or to enter any of other professions. They will also be debarred from holding posts under the government. The enforcement of the edicts will result in the expulsion of over 1,000,000 from the country.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

The business part of Travers, Cal., has been practically wiped out by fire. The loss is fully \$100,000.

It appears from such figures as are obtainable that the investigation of Special Census Agent P. T. Wood will add about 400 names to the census of Buffalo, making the population of Buffalo approximately 254,000.

Two weeks ago Col. John F. Tyler, of St. Joseph, Mo., was appointed receiver for the Sells & Andrews circus and menagerie. Saturday somebody, thought to be Andrews, stole the elephant, two camels and five horses.

The miners of Lancashire have notified the mine owners that they consider themselves entitled to an advance of 5 per cent. in their wages, owing to the present market conditions. If the demand is not promptly acceded to the men will strike.

The Russian minister of the interior has ordered the local authorities to prevent foreign missionaries from carrying on their religious propagandas among the Jews to the detriment of the exclusive right of conversion possessed by the orthodox church.

"The Boomstick Train."

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes has discovered the motive power of the electric railways. In the Atlantic Monthly for August he describes "The Boomstick Train," telling how the Salem witches, impatient at their long imprisonment, petitioned to be released, and how, when the Evil One allowed them their liberty, they played such mad pranks that he called them together and, for punishment, made them pull the electric cars.

Since then on many a car you'll see A boomstick plain as plain can be: On every stick there's a witch astride—The string you see so loose is tied. She will do a mischief if she can. But the string is held by a careful man, And whenever the evil-minded witch Would cut some mischief on a train, As for the hag, you can't see her. But hark! you can hear her black cat's purr, And now and then, as a train goes by, You may catch a gleam from her wicked eye.

Often you've looked on a rushing train, But just what moved it was not so plain. It couldn't be those witches above; For they could neither cut nor shove; Where was the motor that made it go, You couldn't guess, but now you know.

Remember my rhymes when you ride again On the rattling rail by the boomstick train!

A Popular Society.

One of the most popular societies in the French colony is called the Societe Anthropophagi, or cannibal society, says the New York Sun. The annual meeting and election of officers, together with the interesting dinner, took place last evening at the restaurant Le Canard, in a university place. On the wall was a large water color drawing by Marc Gamber, representing a French cook taking the cover from a huge dish and discovering beneath an infant roasted and wearing a seraphic expression of countenance. At the top of the bill of fare was printed a skull with a knife and fork thrust through it, while beneath the design in French was the motto of the society, "Mangeons nous les uns les autres." The names of dishes were named after different parts of the human body, but with a humorous rather than a horrible suggestiveness.

The Birth of Christ.

We have no proof that Dec. 25 is the date of the birth of Christ, says the St. Louis Republic. At one time the beginning of the Christian era was supposed to conform with the date above mentioned, but that notion was abandoned by all Christian nations. It is now generally conceded, by the best authorities in the world, that Christ was not born on Dec. 25, or any other time during the winter. The date now unanimously agreed upon is April 5, not April 5 of the year of our Lord, but April 5 of the year of the mode of reckoning time is supposed to have arisen from the fact that the dating of time as "A. D." was not introduced, until the church at least, until about the year 527 A. D.

Unmeaning Relics as Charms.

I have known men to carry about unmeaning relics in my time, but Joe Jasper, a member of the Indianapolis council, has a watch charm which is enough to give some people the horrors, says a Vandallian conductor. Several years ago he had two of his toes amputated, and he preserved them in alcohol. The watch chain was accidentally broken, and Joe threw the toes into a box in his garret. Not long since he ran across the toes and found that they were mummified completely. Though greatly shrunken, their forms were still perfect. He had them mounted in gold in unique designs, and he wears the watch chain to his watch chain, and claims that the strange charm has brought him good luck.

Wants to Teach Him a Lesson.

About six months ago an Athens, Ga. youth, aged 15 years, disappeared from home, and his parents after a few days were informed that he had decided to try his fortunes in Texas. It was the old, old story of the boy that read the 10 cent novels. The lad thought he was out to be a robber chief. A few days ago his father received a letter from him, stating that he would be back in his home home once more, and requesting money to return on. His father refused to send it, and says he wants to teach his son a lesson.

A new shell has lately been invented by an Austrian for the purpose of scattering oil over the waves during a storm. It is a wooden cylinder, lined with shellac to keep the oil from penetrating the wood, and it carries in addition a calcium light, which illuminates the water for a considerable distance.

People in the heated sections of this country are consulting themselves with the satisfaction that they do not live in Muscat, Amhara where the people are reported to have recently succumbed to a simoon.

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