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MINISTER McLANE IN MEXICO.

The Vera Cruz correspondent of the New Orleans Picayune, gives the following description of the reception and recognition of Mr. McLane as Minister from the United States, by President Juarez:

But to return to what I started out simply to describe—the ceremonies of recognition. Of course, we had the military out on the occasion; nothing important takes place in Mexico except under military patronage. The battalion detailed for this purpose was the "pipe" or city troops—a handsome, soldierlike body of men, comprising ten companies, fifty bayonets in each. They extended in double line from the hotel, where Mr. McLane was lodged, to the National Palace, where the ceremony took place. First came the President and his Cabinet, followed by the Municipal Council, and other distinguished citizens, who took their seats in the large saloon set apart for such assemblies. Mr. McLane left his apartments at precisely one o'clock, attended by the Secretary of Legation, Mr. La Bendix; the U. S. Consul, Major Twyman; Captain Farragut, of the sloop-of-war Brooklyn; Captain Jarvis, of the sloop-of-war Savannah, and a number of invited American citizens, making up a very handsome party, though it might have been rendered much more imposing by the presence of all the officers of the two vessels in port. As Mr. McLane entered the saloon, all respectfully arose. Mr. Ocampo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, coming forward to meet him, conducted him, in a very gracious manner, to the further end of the room, where the President stood, the Ministers of Justice and Finance on one side, and the Governor, Commander, and Commander-in-Chief, Iglesias, on the other—the Minister of Foreign Affairs retaining his position at the left of Mr. McLane. An exchange of recognition all around, and the Minister at once proceeded to read his speech, which will be found below, first in English and afterwards in Spanish, in an emphatic and rather lawyer-like manner. Judged by the rules of Rhetoric, it would be obvious if the English part of the performance was not better done than the Spanish; but not so, evidently thought the audience. For though all, and especially the President and his Cabinet, listened respectfully to what they could not understand, yet I noticed a remarkable brightening up of the countenances around me when the Spanish part of the speech came on.

The President's reply was one of the handsomest efforts of the kind I have ever seen. Though an Indian, Senor Juarez is a remarkably well appearing man, easy way, indeed, among the large number of distinguished gentlemen composing his Assembly, he would easily have been singled out as the man of the occasion. In light he is only about five feet five, but firmly knit together, with broad, heavy shoulders, and an open, honest face that at once won your confidence. Its manner he is very quiet and self-possessed, resembling much a lawyer in daily forensic practice. He also read his speech, the manuscript of which looked very much like a lawyer's brief, and was evidently not much depended on. The President has a clear, subdued voice, and his well chosen Spanish fell like sweet music on the ear.

As will be seen by the circular of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, which, with the speeches, I append below, the constitutional government are counting largely on this recognition as a moral aid to their cause. And in this it is hoped they will not be disappointed, though it would be strange if the opposing party did not raise the old cry of "cozening with the Yankees." It is a material point of view, however, that this recognition is at this moment most important to the constitutionalists, as it will enable them to raise money at home, for which they have been in great distress. Indeed, they would not have been able to carry on the war thus far but for the municipal council of Vera Cruz, honored them for credit for this purpose. Now, however, there will be money enough. The very day even of the recognition merchants of the city, to whom other has before applied in vain, came forward with the offer of very liberal loans. These loans are secured by an advance on future duties. They of course bear the usual rate of interest.

I find myself here again, away from my subject proper, but therein I have but little to add, except that the success of the "coup de main" a very handsome affair came from the fortifications, which the castle answered back, the heavy bells rung out, and every countenance became bright and with hope.

But the affair was not over yet. "A few moments after retiring to his apartment Mr. McLane was requested to receive a visit from the captain of one of the companies which escorted him to the palace, who, with drawn sword in hand, made a formal address to the minister on the occasion