

THE NICARAGUA TREATY.

Opinions of Prominent Army and Navy Officers in Regard to its Ratification.

Some Very Plain Words Spoken on the Subject by a Prominent Southern Gentleman.

[Special Telegram to the Globe.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The army and navy are naturally pleased with the Nicaragua treaty, and hopeful of its ratification. That event would add something to the importance of the land service, and it would make the maintenance of a modern fleet absolutely necessary. The officers talk freely about the treaty when they are sure their remarks will not get into print, or at least that their names will not be published. Professional etiquette closes the mouths of most of them to regular interviewing. A general officer, who is a member of the Great South fort, said: "It will be a great thing for both the army and the navy, and for the following reason: Two strong forts will be required, one at each end of the canal, and perhaps a third midway between the two. These will need to be of the best modern type known to military engineering science, otherwise they would be perfectly useless; and a special garrison of not less than 3,000 men, perhaps more, will be needed to properly man them. You see, this action of the president and his secretary of state is a pretty audacious piece of business. We have notified all the world that we intend to control the future of the Oceanic canal route, to build it ourselves, and regulate the passage of commerce and war ships through it as we may see proper. There must soon come a final struggle between Russia and England for supremacy in the east, and the fleets of the latter will certainly attack the fleet of the former in the Pacific. That nation, in view of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, which we cordly propose to disregard, would declare that so long as that treaty was not formally abrogated by the powers making it, it held good, and under it she would demand an equal right in the control of the great intercontinental waterway. If it were denied, we would be pointed out as that nation which had violated the solemn obligations of a treaty made and ratified by both nations. A British fleet would then levy an indemnity on our great seaports to compensate for the damage done to Australian and Tasmanian cities by Russian cruisers, and of course we would have to pay. I am for the canal. We need something to stir up the military spirit of the nation which all the prevailing anxiety among our people to get money has somewhat stopped, and this would do it. We are very rich and very weak. The president has done a wise thing, and we cannot go back on him now."

VANDERBILT'S TROUBLES.

Said to Be Greatly Worried Over the Action of His Sons, Who Have Become His Pensioners. [Special Telegram to the Globe.] New York, Dec. 21.—The World says a cloud rests upon the house of Vanderbilt. While the whole world is ringing with glad tidings of Christmas, gloom and disappointment fill this family of mighty wealth. Wm. H. Vanderbilt is infirm in health, and disappointed in ambition. His great railroad has been seriously impaired. His sons, to whom his vast property is to pass, have disappointed him. Two of his sons have made such bad hay of the millions left them by their grandfather, that the greater riches to be inherited from their father. One of the sons is already a pensioner on the head of the house, and another is also receiving assistance from the same hands. Both have squandered their substance in riotous speculation in Wall street. W. K. Vanderbilt, his son, is living very quietly with his family in his magnificent palace close to the parental mansion. There has been some talk that he would go to Europe, and in case his house is sold he may do so. It is generally understood that the marble house is for sale. Of course no bill with "For Sale" on it is displayed, and it would be beneath the family dignity to place the property in the hands of a broker, but there is no doubt that if anyone will make a fair offer for it a purchase can be effected. For the first time in his life Wm. H. Vanderbilt has been called upon to render pecuniary aid to his son. Wm. K. it is generally understood, is a

EUROPEAN LABOR.

Secretary Freilinghuysen Gives Some Information of the State of Labor in Europe.

Some Wholesome Reading for Dissatisfied American Laborers—How the English Laborer Lives. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Secretary Freilinghuysen has seen a voluminous letter to the house of representatives, reviewing reports from consuls of the United States, in relation to the state of labor in Europe. In his remarks the secretary says: "The British results are principally selected for comparison with English wages are, generally speaking, the highest in Europe. The trade conditions have more in common with American customs and usage than those of other countries. It appears, comparing the conditions of Europe with those of the United States, that bricklayers and masons in Chicago are paid very nearly three times the wages, plasterers nearly four times, slaters three times, plumbers nearly three times, carpenters twice, blacksmiths twice, bookbinders more than twice, brickmakers nearly three times, brass founders and cabinet makers nearly twice, confectioners twice, cigar-makers nearly three times, cooper one and a half as much, draymen, teamsters, and street railway drivers nearly twice, dyers more than twice, engravers nearly three times, fitters twice, horsehoes three and one-half times, jewelers more than one and one-half times, laborers, porters etc., more than twice. Bibliographers and thirty-one days from the same date. One gives the navy one-half the amount appropriated for the fiscal year of 1883 and 1884, that is year before last, and the other gives the navy one-twelfth of the amount appropriated for the year. This going back to year before last, instead of last year, is one of the points objected to by the senate. The senate has concurred in neither of these bills, but has passed an itemized naval appropriation bill in the usual form. There has been one conference which amounted to nothing. A new conference was ordered by the house, but has not been held, because Mr. Randall conferred with Senator Hall and assured him that a conference was useless, because the house would not recede one inch. There will be no quorum of the house Wednesday, or any other day before January 5, and there is likely to be no quorum of the senate next week. This row grew out of a determination on the part of Senator Hale and some other Republican senators, to appropriate money for the new cruisers, which the house determined to do nothing of the kind. This fight was made at the last session, and the senate got beaten. In view of that fact it was very foolish for Mr. Hale to repeat the experiment at this session. The senate was certain to get beaten and in fact it is already beaten. While the quarrel was originally between the Democrats of the house and the Republicans of the senate, the lines are broken in some instances. Gov. Long, of Massachusetts, a Republican, and Secretary Chandler, a Democrat, both support the house bill, and quoted Secretary Chandler as being of the same mind. On the other hand, in the debate in the senate yesterday, Senator Beck sided with his Republican colleagues on the conference committee, and against his party associates of the house. This has been construed by some as an indication of Kentucky's opposition to Mr. Randall. The Republican senators object to the house bill because it appropriates a lump sum for the navy, but this is a quibble, for the house bill copies the itemization of the appropriation for 1883 and 1884.

NAVY BILL SQUABBLE.

The Trouble in Congress Over the Navy Bill, and the Complications Growing Out of It.

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THE WORLD'S EXPOSITION.

Graphic Pen Picture of the Auspicious Opening.

[Special Correspondence of the Globe.] NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—The great world's exposition is finally open to the people, and although it is as far from complete it is a wonderfully attractive exhibition. The day has been one of the most beautiful of the season, bright, and just cool enough to make a light overcoat agreeable. There were not less than 20,000 people on the grounds, each paying half a dollar in the solid coin of the realm, nothing being received but half dollar here, five dime here, two quarters don't go. The streets of the city put on holiday attire, and throngs of people from all parts of the globe jostled each other as they moved about in merry mood, while the buildings in all directions were brilliant with decorations, flags, streamers and festoons. Bands of music, of which there is a vast number in this city, were heard on every side, and the festivities surpassed in novelty and uniqueness anything I ever saw north. The legitimate excitement of the day was intensified by the semi-annual grand drawing of the Louisiana State lottery, the grand prize being \$150,000. Hundreds of agents, who get fifteen per cent. on sales, were vending tickets and immense quantities were disposed of. At the last moment every body is anxious to hold a chance, and pools are formed among the poorer people, clerks, boot-blacks, and newsboys, sometimes as many as twenty being interested in a single ticket. All the natives here seem to have some plan for selecting the lucky number, although they fail twelve times a year they hang to their superstition, and although they may "wear off," they are pretty apt to be again disappointed. The tickets are displayed for sale in almost every shop window, and small boys and old men are constantly soliciting you on the streets and in the hotels to buy of them, promising a magnificent result. One little hunchback boy, who works the St. Charles hotel, does a large business, being very popular, and having sold many lucky numbers. The procession, as it proceeded from the steamboat landing at the grounds to the main building, made a most imposing appearance, being largely composed of military and uniformed bands. The military bands forming one of the most attractive features. There were five large military bands, that of the Mexicans having sixty-five pieces and that from Cincinnati fifty instruments. The music was truly grand. The exercises were carried out according to the programme, and of the particulars the wire has informed you. Rather an interesting and certainly an attractive episode almost everywhere, after Major E. A. Burke, the director general, had concluded his brief address. Exhausted by his herculean labors of the past year, the final effort was almost too much for him, and he took his seat by the side of his wife, who was nearly overcome. Faint and weak, the effort to retain consciousness must have been painful. Then the devoted wife, fearing no curious eyes, supported him and gently chafed his hands and his feet. It was a touching sight, that started tears in the eyes of sympathetic friends. The music hall, where the exercises took place, is in the center of the main building, and although 15,000 people can be accommodated on the stage, the floor and in the galleries, its presence in the mammoth building is all but prominent. An immense organ located at the back of the stage, the yet completed, and I am quite curious to hear its effect—the largest organ in the world in the largest building in the world. The scenes on the grounds were intensely interesting. The ladies were elegantly dressed, and bright parasols illuminated the scene. Here and there were dark-eyed senoritas with high combs and conventional veils; pretty Mexicans, Spaniards and Creoles mingling with the richly-clad American ladies, Greeks, Russians, Japanese and indeed almost every costume of the known world was seen on every side. The cloudless sky and bright sun, the green lawns, the blooming rose bushes and the ripe golden oranges—indeed it was a scene long to be remembered, and the martial music and the sweet notes of the great chime of bells, will remain prominent among the recollections of the day. I have little to write about our own folk. The work of arranging the exhibit is progressing rapidly. Prof. Winchell is finishing his Minnesota. Mr. Young is getting his Junco made, and a place is being reserved for his newspaper department in working order, and by next week our weary workers will begin to have time for a little rest. The largest exhibit is a thorough inspection of the front and both of the land and on the river front and hope to give you some interesting information. The school teachers will have a good time next week and they will be properly received and cared for no matter when they come. Prof. Klebe, our state superintendent of public instruction, desired me to state that he was interested in particular excursion, but that he had no time to do so, and that he would all have a profitable, comfortable visit. Those in time for Christmas will have the most fun. Hows.

DESPERATE DAKOTANS.

Arson and Murder Threatened by a Mob at Willmot—Affairs at Traverse.

[Special Telegram to the Globe.] TRAVERSE, Dec. 21.—A spy has just arrived from Willmot. A conference of one hundred and fifty men was held in Mr. Mann's office in Willmot. The chairman was standing on top of the stolen safe, and he told that the combination of the safe had been telegraphed for. If it was not received by Sunday morning the safe would be blown open, and asked the question, "What shall we do if the books are not in the safe?" A motion was made and carried amid cheers and howls to go to Traverse. BACK AND BURN every building and hang every man that was found. The whole meeting was armed with Winchester and shotguns. The Traverse officers ordered the women and children to leave town. At this writing the women and children are rapidly leaving town. The mob is not expected to reach here much before dark. Buildings are being barricaded and men are out over the county for arms and men. The force in Traverse at present is rather small for such an emergency, but will be judiciously handled. The men on the ground are well armed and will make a desperate fight. All the week kneed have been asked to leave town, but none have left. Men from the southern part of the county are coming to the rescue, but may not get here in time. Gov. Pierce will have troops here by tomorrow evening, but they also may be too late. The officers here are cool and will make the most of the circumstances. Gov. Pierce has telegraphed the sheriff to summon the county to his assistance, and to note every man who refuses. Excitement runs high. The county records have been secured, no one excepting the register of deeds knows where.

A BRAKEMAN KILLED.

[Special Telegram to the Globe.] ROCHESTER, Minn., Dec. 21.—A brakeman on the Wisconsin & St. Peter railway, named Clarence W. Jackson, was killed while switching cars in this city today at 9 a. m.

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