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**FARMERS IN A BAD FIX.**

Argentine Government Will Have to Help Them.

**RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE**

It Reports That the Only Salvation for the Province of Santa Fe will be to Issue Mortgage Bonds to Assist the Farmers in the Crisis—The Corn Crop in the Santa Fe Province is a Complete Failure.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 31.—The agricultural commission appointed to investigate the conditions of agriculture in the province of Santa Fe will make a report to the President Uriburu this week.

The report, it is said, will show a disastrous state of affairs among the farmers in the province. It will recommend as the only salvation, commercially, an issue of \$1,000,000 in mortgage bonds, to be used in assisting the farmers in this crisis. Other measures of relief will also be proposed in its report.

The commissioners say that the corn crop in the province will fall 50,000 tons short of the actual necessities of the people. Buenos Ayres is now sending grain to Santa Fe to relieve the distress. In ordinary times the yield in that province is 800,000 tons, but the whole crop this year is practically a failure.

The Buenos Ayres farmers will continue to send corn to Santa Fe for the relief of their countrymen, though that will prevent their exporting any grain.

A correspondent in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, telegraphs that the municipal elections were a triumph for the Federal party. There were disputes in several quarters and encounters with mobs of lawless persons. At one point in the city a conflict occurred in which some citizens were killed and others wounded.

IT SOUNDS RATHER BIG.  
Railroad Men Discredit the Story of the Pacific Short Line.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The announcement that arrangements were in progress for surveying a new transcontinental line from Sioux City, Ia., to be known as the Pacific Short Line, is regarded by local railroad officials here as "erroneous." It was stated that the work was in charge of Donald McLean, a railroad promoter, who was backed by \$22,000,000 of English capital. Vice President C. F. Crocker, of the Southern Pacific company, said:

"There is no truth in the report, in my judgment. It would not be a wise business move to parallel the lines now running to the coast from the Missouri river in any case. Secondly, do not believe this man McLean, of whom I never heard till now, could get capital of the amount of \$22,000,000 to engage in the enterprise. In the third place, the government is about to foreclose its liens on the Union Pacific system, in which case the road must be sold. Under such circumstances foreign capital could not be induced to invest in such a gigantic enterprise. There is nothing to the story."

Other railroad officials, when questioned, expressed similar views.

LIKE THEIR POSITIONS.  
Supervisors of San Francisco Holding on to Their Jobs.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—This city is thronged with two boards of supervisors. All of the outgoing board except three are so well-satisfied with their office positions that they desire to retain them for another term. To that end, Supervisor Wagner has applied for an injunction to restrain T. W. Hayes, the newly-elected supervisor from the Twelfth ward, from taking his seat. Wagner alleges that the recent election was illegal owing to irregularities in precinct registration. Judge Belcher granted the injunction, making it returnable Jan. 11. All the other supervisors except Diamond, Spreckles and Hobbs will follow Wagner's example and will try to hold onto their positions.

FORTY-NINE DESERTED.  
The Adams Returns From Honolulu With a Short Crew.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—When the United States steamer Adams got in from Honolulu she was minus 48 of her crew and 1 quartermaster. The sailors were all enlisted at San Francisco prior to the sailing of the warship, 10 months ago, and their destination had barely been reached before the men began deserting and heading back for San Francisco. Nearly all of them were back here a month ago and the vessel had to return short-handed.

The Adams was in a gale last Saturday and the men had a hard time of it. She leaked considerably and the pumps had to be manned. Nevertheless, the men consider her a very staunch vessel, and everyone of them left would ship in her again on a 3-year cruise.

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THE NATION'S FINANCES.

Report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

DIVERS RECOMMENDATIONS MADE.

Secretary Carlisle gives the amount of the Treasury for the year ending June 30 at \$25,303,315, and estimates the deficiency at the end of the next fiscal year at \$21,500,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. Secretary Carlisle, in his annual report on the state of the finances, shows the revenues of the government from all sources to have been \$109,475,408, and the expenditures \$139,678,651, which leaves a deficit for the year ended June 30, 1899, of \$30,203,243.

The revenue of the government for the current fiscal year has this estimate, upon the basis of existing laws at \$103,763,120. The expenditures for the same period are estimated at \$172,300,170, leaving an estimated deficit for the year of \$68,537,050. It is estimated that upon the basis of existing laws the deficiency for the fiscal year of 1898 will be \$45,478,074.

The secretary says: "It is believed that a careful consideration of the existing situation and a conservative reliance upon improved business conditions in the future, fully justify the conclusion that the estimated deficiency for the current year and for the year 1898 will not be realized unless our public expenditures shall be very materially increased by acts of congress, and that with proper economy in the administration and such reductions in appropriations as might be made without detriment to the public service, the receipts will be equal to the disbursements in 1898. But, however, this may be, the condition of the treasury is such that no revenue legislation is immediately necessary or can become necessary for a considerable time, in order to enable the government promptly to meet all its ordinary obligations.

"What is needed at present is not more taxes, but more economy in appropriations and expenditures."

On the subject of protection in this connection the secretary said in part: "So long as the income of the government from customs and internal taxes exceeded its expenditures, the fact that

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"The loss of these means of a circulating medium compels the government to provide a large gold reserve for their current redemption, and as they are issued when redeemed, such reserve must be replenished from time to time, in order to afford the public the double assurance that no default will be made in the discharge of our public obligations.

"The maintenance of a policy which necessarily imposes upon the government the burden of furnishing gold at the public expense to all who may demand for use on boarding at home, or for export to other countries, cannot be maintained, and the only sound financial principle, and even if the practical and frequently recurring demands for gold did not weaken the foundations of our entire currency system, thus impairing confidence and depressing business, it would nevertheless be the duty of all who are charged with any degree of responsibility for the adoption of proper financial methods to insist upon the reformation of our laws on this subject at the earliest possible day.

"The issue and redemption of circulating notes is a paper function of the treasury department, or of any other department of the government. While the government has a power to borrow, it is not its duty to issue public obligations merely for the purpose of providing a paper currency for use in the transaction of business, nor has it the constitutional power, in my opinion, to make its promises legal tender in the payment of private debts.

"We must not be deluded into a feeling of security by the fact that there has been a suspension of gold withdrawal during the last few months, and a large accession to our stock of gold from abroad during the same time, because there is no sufficient reason to believe that this condition of affairs will be permanent, or that our existing system is maintained.

"No system of exchange that can be devised will furnish the government with either gold or silver, unless it pays for it with means already collected by taxation or by contracting and indebtedness to be paid by the people in the future.

"While an act conferring express and plenary authority upon the secretary to issue bonds and use them of the proceeds of their sale for the purpose of retiring a certain amount of the notes each year would, in my opinion, be the most effectual and economical way to accomplish that object, it may be that so radical a measure would not receive the assent of congress in the present state of the public mind on the subject, and if so, it is submitted that the very least authority should be given to retire and cancel a maximum amount fixed by congress should not be retired and cancelled in any year by retentions out of the gold reserve, the secretary of the treasury should be clothed with authority to apply to that purpose any surplus funds in the treasury, and in addition if necessary to issue 3 per cent gold bonds to a sufficient amount to comply with the provisions of the law.

"No sudden or large contraction of the active currency could result from the redemption of such a plan, because the redemptions would be made from time to time with money already withdrawn from circulation and held in the treasury, except in cases where it might become necessary to issue and sell bonds in order to make the redemptions correspond to the amount required or authorized; and in all such cases contraction could be easily prevented by selling the bonds abroad and thus adding their proceeds to our domestic stock of money.

"Whatever plan may be finally adopted without retirement of United States notes and treasury notes it will work toward a complete protection against demand for gold in the future unless it includes a provision relieving the treasury from the obligation to redeem national bank notes except such as are worthless, mutilated, and the notes of failed banks, or requires these institutions to keep their 5 per cent redemption fund in gold and to deposit gold coin for the withdrawal of bonds when circulation is to be surrendered or reduced.

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