

THE CENTRAL AMERICAN CONTEST

THE little Central American Republic of San Salvador is now, owing to the sanguinary conflict being waged between it and Guatemala, an object of general interest.

It is difficult to glean from the dispatches a clear understanding of the cause of the struggle, but it appears to have been occasioned by an attempt on the part of Barrillas, President of Guatemala, to interfere with the internal affairs of San Salvador. He undertook to dictate as to who should be President of the little republic, and, as a natural consequence, this meddlesome conduct was resented as a flagrant encroachment upon the prerogatives of the nation. Hence the war of which the telegrams have furnished a sort of desultory account.

San Salvador is of limited area, embracing only about 7,500 square miles. It has a delightful climate, and the soil is highly productive, its fertility not being excelled by many parts of our globe. It is picturesquely broken up by rivers and mountains, numbers of the latter being volcanic, frequently active. Its population probably does not exceed 280,000, while that of Guatemala approaches 1,000,000. The Salvadorians have always been considered the most civilized and industrious people of any of the Central American Republics.

It looks from this distance that if Guatemala receives no assistance outside of itself San Salvador will bring Barrillas to his senses and to terms. General Ezeta has adopted offensive tactics and is carrying the war into the heart of the enemy's country, having been victorious from the beginning of hostilities.

It is asserted that in case Barrillas is driven to the last extremity Honduras will step forward to his rescue. In that event San Salvador would be placed at a great disadvantage, as Honduras bounds the frontier on the northeast and could throw her forces over the border and work great havoc while the courageous Salvadorians are invading Guatemalan territory. Costa Rica and Nicaragua, on the other hand, are friendly disposed to the people who are fighting for their freedom, and promise to maintain a neutral attitude. Mexico announces a similar intention.

If telegraphic announcements are to be credited on the subject, unofficial aid has been tendered Barrillas by parties in this country. The offer is in the shape of 2000

fighting men, mostly composed of tried fighters who have been under fire.

If this be correct, the tender reflects no credit upon those who make it. There is nothing of the sentiment of the true soldier behind the movement, as the struggle so far as they are concerned is not inspired by any element of patriotism. Neither love of freedom or country have any connection with the subject in their case. Should they enter the campaign to assist Guatemala they would fight against liberty and human rights, according to the best information attainable as to the origin of the strife between the two Central American Republics involved. Such a body as that referred to, raised in the United States, would simply go to Guatemala in the capacity of "hired assassins." Should they enter into the murderous contract and be annihilated in the conflict the general verdict would doubtless be that the world would be no worse off on account of such a result.

THE WORKING MEN HAVE EYES.

The working men of this city, who, in convention assembled, adopted a ticket representative of their class, must feel highly complimented by the epithets hurled at them from the smut machine of the "Liberal" party. The *Tribune* cannot do better service to the cause of the majority of the voters in this county than by continuing its abuse of the laboring element that will not jump at its dictation.

Gentiles who have been employed by "Mormon" employers and by the City Council or by officers appointed by that body, must smile at the recklessness of that organ in affirming again and again, that "Mormons" do not give work to "Gentiles" and that no "Gentile" was ever employed by the "Mormon" city government.

The workingmen who attended the open air meeting of their party on Tuesday, July 29th, if they saw the report of the *Tribune*, which completely reversed the facts in regard to the relative numbers present at that assembly and the small gathering of the opposition, will know how much reliance to place on other assertions of the organ of slander and falsehood i. e. "Liberalism."

Salt Lake workmen must have observed the fact, that a large number of hands are put to labor on the sewers and other public works who

are strangers and some of them pretty tough looking citizens. And also that they take things very easily so as to put in their time. Such observers will note how "Salt Lake work has been found for Salt Lake workmen" and appreciate the "Liberal" cry of last winter.

They will also see through the thin pretence of assailing an orator who has had nothing to do with the formation of the Independent Workingmen's party or the Independent Workingmen's ticket, as though he was the head and front of the whole matter. They will also understand that the smut machine is turned on him without stint because he will not be a tool for the "Liberal" party.

The workingmen are not fools and therefore none of the abuse heaped upon them, or the glittering but shallow inducements held out to them to go back on their own party and their own candidates, will have any effect except to make them unite and with their friends carry the election Monday Aug. 4.

LET JUSTICE BE DONE.

WE are informed by a gentleman who was present most of the time during the examination of voters objected to before Mr. Kahler, that the Registrar appeared desirous of acting fairly, and that in a number of instances he rendered his decision promptly without taking the matter "under advisement." That when the right of the voter was made clear to his understanding, the Registrar overruled the objection and said the name would not be stricken off by his act. As we desire to do justice to all, whether friend or foe, we cheerfully make this statement.

Let public officers do their duty according to their best understanding of the law and the facts, and no matter how much they may be opposed to our views, we will endeavor to do them justice. We believe Mr. Kahler has acted fairly. We do not desire to see one name of a People's Party member on the registration list that ought not to be there, under the election laws of Congress and the Territory. We do not wish to see a single illegal vote cast by anyone who supports the People's and Workingmen's ticket. Equal rights and a fair and free election we will do all we can to secure. We ask for nothing more, and will be content with nothing less.