

Friday, March 19, 1875.

HOI FOR MEXICO.

A GRAND SENATORIAL EXCURSION AND FILIBUSTERING SCHEME.

WHO ARE IN THE RING.

Washington, March 7.—There is now being perfected in this city one of the most gigantic schemes for the invasion of Mexico. A ring has been formed of at least forty leading Senators and prominent capitalists in the East, to make a raid upon the northern provinces of Mexico. This project is to be disguised under the cover of a pleasure trip. Senator Cameron, of Pennsylvania, has been for several days negotiating, making preparations for a so-called pleasure trip of a party of his Senators. The following Senators have already promised to go: Cameron of Pennsylvania; Morton of Indiana; Clayton of Arkansas; Logan, of Illinois; Gorham, of Massachusetts; North Carolina; Oldfield of Illinois; Parsons, of Maryland; Sargent of California; Stevenson, of Kentucky, and Conkling of New York. This party will leave Washington at the close of the executive session, for New Orleans, with the ostensible purpose of making.

A PLEASURE TRIP THROUGH NEW MEXICO.

returning through California. Tom Scott will furnish free transportation for the party in special Pullman cars to New Orleans. At that city a government steamer will convey the party to Vera Cruz. From there they will proceed by land to Mexico, and then through the country towards Mazatlan, and inspect the silver mines of the provinces of Chihuahua and Sonora. All of the projects of this party have, up to the present time, been kept a profound secret, and it was not until last night that information regarding the trip should have been known until the party was ready to start. Then it was to be given out as a party going out for the sole purpose of pleasure. Of course the country would never accept any such absurd explanation of the departure of so many prominent men upon such a journey. The Times correspondent is able, however, through careful investigation, to give the exact facts in the case, the true explanation of this projected tour. For a long time, prominent American capitalists have been trying to get possession or control of the

RICH MINING PROVINCES OF NORTHERN MEXICO.

Three years ago a company was formed, with Wm. R. Traubens, son-in-law of Reverdy Johnson, as president, and Richard Schell as vice president. This company secured from the Mexican government control over Lower California, and certain concessions in the provinces of Sonora and Chihuahua. They are not satisfied with its present condition, and is now working in with this new project. The following railroad corporations are also in the scheme: The International Railroad, of Texas; St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad, controlled by Thomas Scott, and the Kansas and Colorado, of Denver, and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, controlled by August Belmont and the Rothschilds. The International Railroad has a projected line from its future terminus, opposite San Juan, to Mazatlan, on the Pacific coast. It had a concession from June 1, 1872, to build a line of 1,600 miles from the coast of Mexico for the construction of the road. Sixteen thousand dollars in gold a mile was to be given to aid the building of the road through Mexico, and \$14,000 in gold per mile additional when the road was completed. It was

THE OBJECT OF THIS COMBINED RING.

of railroads, among other things, to get the right of building railroads in Mexico to the exclusion of all foreigners. The subsidy given to the International Road by Juarez was taken back, under the administration of the present president, Loredo de Tejada. It is hoped that this and other companies will also be granted control over the provinces northwest of the projected line, from San Juan to Mazatlan.

General Rosecrans is one of the most active workers in this gigantic scheme. His brother is an archbishop in the Catholic church, and he is using

THE ARCHBISHOP'S INFLUENCE in the church in Mexico to further the plan. Just now there is a strong disaffection between the church in Mexico and the government. This disaffection is being used by the archbishops to perfect the arrangements for the concession.

It is said that the oldest of the prime movers in this project of the entire acquisition of the provinces named. It is very easy to stir up a revolution and drive all the profit from it.

It is not known whether all of the Senators who have promised to go out on this trip are aware of all the importance attached to it, but it is certain that they all have an idea of some of the objects to be attained.

SIMON CAMERON,

chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, was the first man approached by the speculators. He fell in at once with their project, and it seems, has received substantial remuneration from the administration as one of the government side-wheelers has been placed at the disposal of the party to go down from New Orleans to Vera Cruz.

Another prominent personage mentioned in connection with this project is E. L. Plum, late Consul General in Havana.

THIS PROJECT

is one that has been worked up very carefully, and with more than ordinary secrecy. The Times correspondent has interviewed several senators upon the subject, among whom are Mr. Clayton, of the Senate, and Mr. Cameron. They all admitted that there was a pleasure trip to Mexico contemplated, but said they had no authority to say a word about it. Senator Cameron was the only man who had any authority to give information upon the subject. Cameron declines to say anything of the way or where the plan for the trip may now go to a great extent fully developed, and the projectors of it may be classified as follows:

A party of senators led by Senator Cameron, semi-officially backed by the administration; a ring of railroads, generalized by Thomas Scott; and a party of speculators, with the offices of the Lower California Company at their head.

It appears that Simon Cameron is inviting nearly all of the senators to go with him upon his Mexican trip, with hopes of getting up a large party. There is no doubt but that several senators have accepted the invitation, with the other idea than of going on a pleasure trip. The remarkable opposition to Senator Cameron and a few of the knowing ones are seeking to entrap a large number of the senators in an endorsement of the scheme. — Special Cor. Chicago Tribune.

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