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## THE SOUTH AMERICAN TYRANTS.

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**T**HE experiences Castro is now making seem to be a favorite hook for magazine writers to hang their articles upon regarding the large number of tyrants that Latin America has produced. Articles have already appeared upon Santos and La Torre of Uruguay, Francia and Lopez of Paraguay and Rosas of Argentina. More are sure to come.

The point with all these historic personages is lost if they are looked upon merely as tyrants. Their tyranny was but an incident in their career. One and all represented a policy, a certain policy upon which the vast majority of their people were at one. That policy was Anti-Immigration.

Santos, and especially La Torre, in Uruguay; Francia and then Lopez for more than two successive generations in Paraguay; Rosas for as long, almost, in Argentina, were the exponents of a popular policy, which, adopting different slogans in the different countries, amounted in all of them to the principle that those Republics were and of right ought to be the exclusive property of those who freed them, together with their own descendants, and that all others were interlopers, who had to be kept out, if possible; harried out, if necessary. Taking the correct measure of these men, they will be found to serve the useful purpose of comparison with ourselves. They will be found to have had their doubles in the United States. It will then be seen that, unfortunately for their countries, they succeeded in that which, fortunately for this country, her would-be La Torreses, Francias and Rosases failed in.

Immigration, even into settled countries, may be called a RIGHT, in the sense that expressions of social laws are RIGHTS. Immigration into unsettled countries is the same RIGHT sublimated. It is at its peril that a country brace itself against Immigration; and double is the peril where physical circumstances rather make for

than against it.

The identical sentiment that in South America was felt against Immigration existed in the United States after the Revolution against Great Britain, and for the same reasons. The identical spirits that, in South America, turned up in the shapes of the La Torres, Rosases and Francias, turned up here as well. It so happened. however, for one, thing, that the Immigration from Europe found in the United States a latitude more akin to its own than were the latitudes offered by South America; for another, and not less important thing in matters of Immigration, the pleasanter latitudes happened also to be the more easily reached. The difference in these two circumstances determined, on the one hand, the luxurious growth of the Rosases, Francias, etc., in South America; and, on the other hand, the early ripening in the bud of their doubles in the United States.

Ignorance of social laws, plus the material conditions that favor such ignorance—that is the real tyrant of the human race. It is such Ignorance and conditions that are raising our tyrants at home; it was such Ignorance, aided by geographic conditions that really has tyrannized the South American Republics. Tyrants, so-called, may take unto themselves the flattering unction that they push. The fact is they are pushed.

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