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Asuncion Jan^y 16. 1889.

Dear friend. I am extremely glad to get one more letter from you before leaving Paraguay. Yours of Nov. 17 reached me this morning just as I was packing up my things for our long - day trip up the Pilcoways. We start this Am. about 4 oc. - expect to be gone ^{several months}. I shall not have opportunity to write you again for that time. Go with a well armed party of 20 men, 8 of them N. Americans & Europeans. Hope to have great success. Shall upon return go immediately to B. Aires, & thence by steamer to Chili.

Please communicate to Prof. L. H. Bailey the fact that I have enclosed a small box of seeds for him in my last box of specimens (the 9th) to Dr Britton, which will leave here Jan. 10th - & should reach the States in 3 or 4 months afterwards.

Also tell Coulter that the Act. in Para-
graph no. 2, but not the number ac-
counting part 1st ^{has misled me.} Quite a number of
verbal mistakes in it, of course, but
you need not tell Coulter that - typo-
graphical errors, I presume.

Please deliver the enclosed photographs
taken on one of my films, to Mr Barn-
hart. Ask him to get several prints
of it, as good as he can make, give
one to you & one to Mrs Murray.
Shows me with long hair & beard
which I wear to keep off mosqui-
toes. Shall have them cut in more
civilized ~~fashion~~ ^{fashion} when I return.

Butterfly I find that my films
work better, but the trouble has
been mainly in my manipulation,
& partly in the developer. So a
good photographer has assured me.
He says that this particular ~~photo~~
negative will work first rate in
printing, he thinks.

Excuse further writing, as I am in a hurry.
Yours, Dan Ball
Yours cordially Murray Murray.

find a pile of letters from you & others. Of course, I shall get no more here, & it will be a long, long time before I know anything about home affairs.

I am quite anxious to get away from Paraguay, as we are threatened with a revolution here, & you know what a bloody thing a revolution is in So. America. All foreigners would go to the wall at once, as the people dislike & suspect them. The opposition to the present Government is very strong, & inflammatory appeals in the opposition newspapers of Asuncion are quite numerous & violent. The only idea which the people have of a change in the Govt. is by force - & elements of dissatisfaction & discord are rapidly accumulating here. So I urge my commander of the Pilcomayo exped. to get away as soon as possible. I have closed up my ^{Capital} Paraguayan work, & got off all my collections to the States except one box. They are safe, therefore, whatever comes to pass. In the Argentine Republic, they are also in a great hurry financially & many mercantile failures are reported there. Gold had, at the last accounts, gone up to \$2.81, worse than it was in the worst days of our civil war. I am told that

in consequence many of the poor people are suffering badly, as the cost of provisions has gone up enormously. This state of things has come about, apparently, by the enormous over-issue of paper money by the Government banks, & the drainage of gold from the country to pay foreign creditors. I want much, therefore, to escape from Paraguay & the Arg. Rep. into Chili where things are more stationary and substantial. Still, we hope that the crisis political in Paraguay & the crisis financial in Argentina will pass by without revolutions & popular disturbances. The foreigners here, however, are much alarmed, & await the issue with much anxiety. Paraguay has been at peace internally & externally since the Lopez war which ended in 1869, & has been slowly recovering from her terrible losses in that war. If her people are foolish enough now to plunge into a revolution, it will put back her progress for 10 years at least. I sincerely hope that the next Presidential election, which occurs a year from next March, will pass over peaceably, but present appearances indicate a revolution of more or less magnitude. I know that the present Govt. is arming itself & taking other precautions, but the great question is which way will the soldiers go? & they are as likely to go against the Govt. as with it. I'm sure? — Don't have any fears for me, however, as I am likely to be away from here in a few weeks at farthest. Glad to hear of Mrs. B's continued improvement in health. With kind regards to her

I am very cordially yours
Thomas Moray.



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