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ST. HELENS, OREGON, JAN. 21.

THE MEANING OF MONROISM.

One of the most lucid and satisfactory of the many definitions of the Monroe doctrine is that furnished by Prof. McMaster, the well-known American historian. He draws an analogy between this doctrine and other declarations which our country had previously made, such as that government derives its power from the consent of the governed, etc. These declarations were once denied and condemned, but they are now accepted, and the Monroe doctrine rightly stands with them. The immediate impetus of President Monroe's declaration was England's opposition to the Holy Alliance, but it was not intended simply for that occasion. It was the expression of a general and continuous policy with regard to European interference in the affairs of the New World. The doctrine of non-intervention, which declared that no government in Europe should be allowed in any way to control the destinies of the republics on this side of the Atlantic, was perfectly plain and rested upon the same basis as the declaration of independence, to-wit: the necessity of defending republicanism on this continent against the attacks and machinations of European nations. That is what it meant then, and that is what it means now. It has not forfeited its vitality or its applicability with the lapse of years, but is still a living and very important part of our policy of self-protection.

As for England's contention that territory once settled by her subjects belongs to her, even if the boundary line be disputed, Prof. McMaster declares it to be the illogical and inequitable, and shows that she has not herself insisted upon it in previous and similar instances. He points out in the case of Maine, England had declared that the watershed between the Atlantic and the St. Lawrence should be the boundary, and though a watershed is comparatively easy to find, she located it away down in the Maine lakes; but she subsequently withdrew the claim. In the case of Oregon the settlement of her subjects in the disputed territory was asserted as her right to said territory, but she receded from that position, if not entirely, at least to an extent that implied its practical relinquishment. These conditions both obtain in the Venezuela controversy. That is to say, England seeks in the first place to extend a boundary according to her own interests and wishes, as in the case of Maine; and if that will not answer, then she claims that the disputed territory is hers on the ground that it is occupied by her subjects, as in the case of Oregon. The Monroe doctrine is a protest against claims of that kind on this hemisphere, and a warning that any attempt to enforce them will be resisted by the United States. It was a good and timely doctrine when it was originally promulgated, and it is just as good and timely under present circumstances, not in a narrow interpretation, but in its broadest sense.

REPUBLICAN VOTE OF THE SENATE.

The reorganization of the senate committees in such a way as to give the republicans control of their proceedings does not mean that the control of the senate itself has passed into the same hands. There is not a republican majority in that body at present, but only a plurality. The reorganization of the committees was a necessity, and the apparent advantage gained by the republicans in the matter was due to the non-action of five out of the six populists who hold the balance of power. It is not possible for the republican plurality to pass any measures by its own votes alone; and on all questions of importance, particularly such as relate to the revenue problem, it will be antagonized by the combined democratic and populist elements. Therefore, there can be no such thing as republican responsibility for the actions of the senate, and all talk to that effect by democratic newspapers and politicians is uncandid and misleading. The situation is a mixed one, and the control of the committees does not carry with it the power of legislation on republican party lines. There is no assurance that any bill formulated according to republican doctrines and policies can be passed; and when such bills are presented and defeated, the fault lies in a predominance of anti-republican members.

This unfortunate condition will not last much longer. The time is closely approaching when there will be a clear majority of republican senators and they will not hesitate to assume all responsibility, and to shape legislation as to make the principles of their party effective. Meanwhile the people should be patient. The work of restoring the republican party to full control of the government has not been finished. It is in steady and encouraging progress, with no doubt about the ultimate result, but there is still a period of waiting to pass through before the country can rejoice over the return of the good times that prevailed when the democratic party was out of power. The republicans in the senate will do all they can, of course, to promote the prosperity and welfare of all classes, and to mitigate the evils

WAR SCARE PASSING AWAY

Arbitration in the Venezuela Boundary Dispute.

English Newspapers Comment Favorably Upon Chamberlain's Position in the Matter.

London, Jan. 20.—The Chronicle, in an editorial on the Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's statement in the Venezuela speech at Birmingham, Saturday, says:

"We must regard this statement as expressing the deliberate conclusions of the government, and it seems to render arbitration in some form or other unavoidable."

An article in another part of the Chronicle declares all the recent evidence of approach between England and America leaves the essential part of the matter untouched. It adds:

"The effects of the increase of mutual kindness are being allowed to evaporate, and while from every point of Europe's horizon grim anxiety and possible peril confront us, the golden moments for permanent peace with America are slipping by. If the government, of which Mr. Chamberlain is so brilliantly successful a member, would forget minor matters and boldly conclude an arbitration treaty with America, the spectacle Mr. Chamberlain pictured of the two peoples rescuing Armenia, instead of being an ideal, might become a reality within a short time a world-shaking fact."

An editorial in the Times on the American attitude toward Armenia, says:

"It is not to be expected that America will so far depart from the sagacious principles of Washington's far-sighted message as to draw the sword in behalf of the Armenians. But the American people are the only people, except ourselves, not perhaps wholly incapable of making war in behalf of the oppressed without regard to national interests."

The Times, in another article, says: "It seems unlikely that Russia has done more than establish good relations with Turkey on an understanding that she shall be no party to other than platonic remonstrances over the Armenian grievances."

The Standard, in an editorial, thinks Mr. Chamberlain's views of American feeling are rather optimistic. It says:

"We may be pretty sure that, if the United States wanted to pick a quarrel with us, they would soon devise some interpretation of the Monroe doctrine that would have the desired effect. Our best guarantee of peace is the consciousness in both countries of the horrible misery and losses which a conflict would involve."

Member of Parliament Talks.

St. Louis, Jan. 20.—"The fitting-out of the flying squadron was merely to show Europe that England was prepared to defend her corner against the nations. I do not think any one in Great Britain ever thought the squadron was placed in action to be used against the United States."

This was the statement of Sir Wheelman Pearson, M. P., from Colchester, Essex county, England, at the Southern hotel today. Sir Wheelman, who has contracts with the Mexican government for the construction of the harbor at Vera Cruz, is en route there, accompanied by Lady Pearson. He added:

"When we first heard of your Monroe doctrine declaration, we thought you had gone crazy. You gave us a terrible shock for a few days, for we thought, from the amount of jingoism aroused, that this country would become so unruly that grave complications would follow. England had not appointed a commission to consider the dispute, and I do not think this will be done till after Lord Salisbury has made the correspondence in the matter public by sending it to parliament. Then, if the foreign office has taken a wrong position, it will be rebuked. If the people think the position a proper one, however, the position of the foreign office will be upheld."

"There is no doubt that England recognizes the Monroe doctrine in its broad sense, and is willing to abide by it on all occasions except this one. This disputed territory has been claimed by Great Britain for years, and has been ruled by it. A large number of the inhabitants of the place consider themselves British subjects, and the dispute is merely over the boundary; surely not a sufficient cause for war, since this trouble has arisen there is a growing sentiment in England in favor of a permanent international commission, to which all disputes could be referred at their inception, and they would be settled without having the countries stirred up over them. The time will come when such a board will be found necessary, and I hope to see the agreement speedily arrived at."

To Divide Turkey.

London, Jan. 20.—The Daily News this morning prints a dispatch from Vienna asserting that news has been received there from Constantinople and Sebastopol, which agrees that Russia has a fleet lying at Sebastopol and at Odessa, and that the Caucasian armies of Russia are being concentrated upon the Armenian frontiers in readiness to move next spring to realize the plans of Peter the Great for the partition of Turkey between the powers, Russia taking Armenia and Constantinople, France taking Syria and Palestine and England taking Egypt and the eastern shores of the Persian gulf, the remainder of the Turkish empire to be divided among the other powers. The Daily News also has a dispatch from Sebastopol, which records the secret preparations going forward there, of shipping men and armaments for a volunteer fleet. It is the general belief, this dispatch affirms, that these preparations foreshadow some action in the spring.

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By virtue of an attachment-execution, judgment and order of sale, issued out of the above-entitled court, in the above-entitled cause, to me duly directed dated January 22, 1896, for the sum of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars, with interest thereon at 8 per cent per annum from the 15th day of November, 1895, and the further sum of Ten dollars costs and disbursements, also the costs and expense of and upon this writ, upon a judgment rendered on the 8th day of January, 1896. Now, therefore, by order of said attachment-execution, judgment and order of sale, I have duly attached the hereinafter-described real property on the 24th day of January, 1896, to satisfy said execution, to-wit: Lots 1 and 2, in the block of the County Courthouse in St. Helens, Columbia county, Oregon, set, subject to redemption, according to law, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for U. S. Gold Coin, cash in hand, all the right, title and interest of the within-named defendant, John M. Gove, in and to the following-described real property, to-wit: The north-west quarter (36-3/4) of section thirty-four (34) of township 35 N., range 12 E., west of the Willamette meridian, situated in Columbia county, state of Oregon, to satisfy said execution, and order of sale, interests and costs, and all accruing costs. C. F. DOAN, Sheriff of Columbia County, Oregon. Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, January 22, 1896.

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