

AMERICA HAS NO BRILLIANT MEN

According to Press and Public Opinion of England.

GOVERNMENT KNOWS BETTER

English Officials Do Not Wish to Affect American Legislation by Making Statements on Nicaragua Canal Question.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—"The United States have many able men but no one of conspicuous merit." This statement appears in the Daily Mail year book just issued to compete with Whitaker's Almanac under the section devoted to the world's chief statesmen.

While it is not an inspired or particularly erudite publication, it unfortunately represents the bulk of press and public opinion in England. Nothing so well explains the attitude of the English press toward American action in Nicaragua, China and other quarters of the globe as this crude revelation of its estimate of American public men.

How utterly this is at variance with the opinion of the foreign office and the highest government officials here is apparent from the fact that in almost every recent case where the English papers have attempted to advise or to forecast the attitude of their government towards propositions suggested by the United States they have taken exactly the opposite line from the course eventually pursued by Lord Salisbury and the Marquis of Lansdowne.

NICARAGUA CANAL QUESTION. A special cable dispatch from Washington complains that the London dispatches dealing with the Nicaragua canal do not give any indication of the views of Lord Salisbury, the Marquis of Lansdowne or any authoritative person. It may be said that Lord Lansdowne has been given every opportunity to communicate his views on the matter but he has definitely refused, remarking that he did not wish to attempt to interfere covertly or otherwise in the formation of American public or legislative opinion.

WRESTLING MATCH. Ernest Roeder and Paul Pons Will Compete for the World's Championship.

HOLIDAY GAIETY. The dreary prospect of interminable war in South Africa and increased taxation at home is no deterrent to Christmas gaiety.

SUBMARINE WARFARE. The British admiralty has thoroughly awakened to the importance of submarine and similar methods of warfare.

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MEMBERS CAME FORWARD TO CONGRATULATE MR. WILCOX.

The consideration of the war revenue reduction bill was then resumed.

The opposition sought to recommit the bill with instructions to report back the measure reducing the revenue at least \$70,000,000 and including a provision for an income tax so drawn as to escape an adverse decision of the supreme court.

The house committee on census began its consideration of the reapportionment bill today and by a vote of six to five expressed its preference for the representation of the house of representatives at 357 as at present.

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I expect to lecture occasionally, especially in college towns, where I can speak to students, but my principal work will be done with the pen, or perhaps I should say, with the pencil. The paper will be called the Commoner and will defend the principles set forth in the Kansas City platform.

SHIPPING LOGS BY RAIL. President Mellen Gets the Largest Contract Ever Given.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 15.—President Mellen, of the Northern Pacific, who has been trying for the past two years to convince the lumbermen of the Northwest that they can ship their logs by rail at no great cost and more rapidly than by the old-fashioned method of rafting them, is now going to put his theory into practice.

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