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## THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND US.

## Seale Post-Intelligencer.

It is impossible too much to expect that the French newspapers should ever obtain any adequate conception of the American character of the objects and purposes of the American government which is so quickly responsive to the wishes of its people. If there ever were any such expectations, they are doomed to be disappointed. A curious instance of the obliquity with which the people of the Latin races glance at everything American is seen in the comments of the newspapers of Paris upon the present difficulties between Colombia and Venezuela.

Almost without exception the entire French comment upon the trouble is based upon the theory that here is the opportunity which has been greedily awaited by the United States to intervene and establish practical protectorates over the countries involved. It is accepted as an axiom that the United States is only awaiting a decent pretext to step in and seize the route of the Panama canal, for example, if not the whole of Central and South America. The French newspapers talk of the dispatch of American squadrons to the scene of trouble, and seem to expect, with perfect confidence, that the United States will proceed to land marines on some pretext and that a protectorate will thus be established.

The mighty squadron which the United States has dispatched to the Pacific ports at which trouble is expected consists so far of the little Ranger, one of the oldest and smallest ships in commission, rated as cruiser but really inferior in strength and armament to any of the modern gunboats built for the navy. It is true that it is contemplated, in the event of serious disturbances on the Isthmus, to dispatch a battle-ship there, but this is only because there are no vessels of inferior rating available for the purpose. If the Philadelphia returns within time it is quite safe to say that she will be dispatched to the Isthmus instead of any battleship. One vessel in a port will in any event be the extent of the American naval force there, and her duty will be confined to the protection of American interests.

Among those interested in the Panama railway, which forms part of a line of communication from one part of the United States to another. Under our treaty with Colombia, the United States has the right to land armed forces to protect the railroad line when its operation is disturbed by war or revolution. Under that provision, this country has on two separate occasions been compelled to land a considerable body of marines on the Isthmus to protect the railroad during times of public disturbance, and it will do so again should the occasion arise. When the occasion passes away, the marines will be withdrawn in the future as in the past.

The newspapers of continental Europe may dismiss their fears. The people of the United States, who are the government in a sense which the French are utterly unable to comprehend, have no ambition for territorial acquisitions in South America, Central America or elsewhere. They recognize that we have sufficient troubles of our own without encouraging the accumulation of any more. The territory taken as a result of the war with Spain was not retained through any ambition to enlarge our territorial boundaries or to become a colonial power, but because no other course seemed possible to pursue in safety, in honor and in justice to all of the inhabitants of the former Spanish colonies.

So far as the states of Central and South America are concerned, the United States has no ambitions or desires touching them save to put our trade relations on a rather better footing. With their domestic troubles or wars, much as they may be deplored, the United States has no desire or intention to interfere, save when its services

as a mediator may be requested. The rights of Americans resident in those states must, of course, be protected, precisely the same as in any other country; and the vessels of the United States are going to those countries during the present disturbances for no other purpose.

To intimate that the United States would deliberately encourage dissension between two of the Latin-American states for the purpose of advertising its own interest in the height of absurdity. The United States has been for years and is now engaged in endeavoring to promote the best of good feeling among those states. It is earnestly striving to make a success of the coming Pan-American congress, in the hope that future wars and misunderstandings among the Latin-American states may be prevented; that a warmer spirit of cordiality may pervade all of their relations, and that all future disputes may be settled without recourse to arms.

The United States would not accept any country in South or Central America as a gift. It is ready to go to the extent of war to protect them against any unjustifiable European aggression; it is striving to the utmost of its power to encourage comity and good feeling among them, and it earnestly desires to see each of them make better progress along the pathway of self-government on the democratic-republican plan than it has in the past. But it certainly does not want to take up the role of compulsory instructor in the lesson of orderly and democratic government to any more alien race who have practically given up in that direction yet to learn. It has enough work of that kind on hand to last for another generation.

Why should the anarchists want to kill King Edward? He is perfectly harmless.

## TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets, No.

At the same time it isn't safe to rely heavily on Professor Triggs' judgment of Poetry. His "Song of the Prairie Dog" was doggerel.—Chicago Tribune.

A disgraceful incident occurred recently in Kentucky. Two rival crowds fought a feuille battle, firing over 100 shots and nobody was killed. What miserable shooting!

## TO HEAL A HURT.

Use Banner Salve, the great healer. It's guaranteed for cuts, wounds, sores, pustules and all skin diseases. Use no substitute. Hart's drug store.

"Don't you ever feel that you would like to have a husband?" asked the young girls. "No I don't," snapped the spinster. "I've got a parrot that swears and a hired man that comes home drunk so what more do you want?"—Philadelphia Record.

A. R. Bass, of Muncie, Ind., had to get up ten or twelve times in the night and had severe backache and pain in the kidneys. Was cured by Dr. Foy's Kidney Cure. It's guaranteed. Only 25¢ at Hart's Drug store.

It seems almost unfriendly insulting to call the man who goes away with \$200.00 in the Sabay Smelting works a thief. "Napoleon of France" would be more respectful.

## WHAT'S YOUR FACE WORTH?

Sometimes a fortune, but never, if you have a sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moth patches, and blotches on the skin—all signs of liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills give Clear Skin, Rosy Cheeks, Rich Complexion. Only 25¢ at Hart's Drug store.

I assume that it is the civil service law that keeps Laborer Massey from being kicked out of his \$145 a day job. That is so, let's set up a movement for civil service reform.

## WHITE MAN TURNED YELLOW.

Great consternation was felt by M. A. Hogarty of Lexington, Ky., when he saw he was turning yellow. His skin slowly changed color, and he became very sickly. His malady was Yellow Jaundice. He was treated by the best doctors, but without benefit. Then he was advised to try Electric Bitters, the wonderful Stomach and Liver remedy, and he writes: "After taking two bottles I was wholly cured." A trial proves its matchless merit for all Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles. Only 25¢. Sold by Frank Hart, Druggist.

The Conger boom and Santos-Dumont's airmanship seem to have exploded about the same time.

## WOULD HAVE COST HIM HIS LIFE.

Oscar Bowman, Lebanon, Ky., writes: "I have been using Foley's Kidney Cure and take great interest in it. It gives me excellent cure of kidney disease, which certainly would have cost me my life." Take note but Foley's Hart's drug store.

The rumors of a cotton famine are not annoying the dear women any. They prefer dresses made of silk.

A. H. Davis, Mt. Sterling, Ia., writes: "I was troubled with kidney complaint for about two years, but two dollar bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure effected a permanent cure." Hart's drug store.

## SAVED TWO FROM DEATH.

"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis, writes Mrs. W. K. Hawley of Albany, N. Y. "But when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our doctor, who had consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery, as to no other medicines on earth. Infallible for Coughs and Colds. \$6 and \$10 bottles, guaranteed by Dr. Hart's Drug Store. Trial bottles free.

O. O. Buck, Birney, Ark., says: "I was troubled with consumption until I bought Dr. Witt's Little Shiny Risers. Since then have been entirely cured of my old complaint. I recommend them." CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

If General Alger prints that book prior to the conclusion of the investigation of that court of inquiry he deserves to be court martialled.

If the action of your bowels is not normal and regular serious complications must be the final result, Dr. Witt's Little Risers will remove this danger.

Sure, pleasant and effective. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

The city council's "court of inquiry" failed to develop as much as expected. Evidently Congressman Haskell is not a worthy successor to Admiral Schlesinger.

James White, Bryantville, Ind., says Dr. Witt's Witch Hazel Salve healed running sores on both legs. He had suffered six years. Doctors failed to help him. Get Dr. Witt's. Accept no imitations. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

A new book on "How to Treat Servants" is announced from the pen of a Boston woman. Advance proofs have not been received, but it is probably safe to announce that her receipt is to freeze 'em.

Ladies, transatlantic ladies. When you're finished with the masses, Will you take a trip to England and the speech refine and add to the ebony wigs? To the ebony wigs? Response is to be made.

Do you think from mournful gesture You could force them to desist?

When we choose the brand of claret that is lower on the list.

Ladies, transatlantic ladies. When you're finished with the masses, Will you turn attention to a section of society?

From experience I know you could make many improvements.

Or the play and party goes with the policy of Showet?

Punch.

## MEXICAN CROESUS.

Peon Laborer Finds Rich Mine and Revises in Wealth and Luxury.

Austin, Texas.—People in western Mexico are talking about Pedro Avila. Less than one year ago he was a peon. He lived at Parral, a mining town in the state of Chihuahua, in a dilapidated shack, and there was nothing about him to distinguish him from hundreds of other Mexican laborers in the mines. He wore sandals on his feet, and his belt was big, ragged, something which is the delight of the poor.

Today he is living in luxury. He has a monthly income of more than \$2000.

He is a noted tourist in his home town and in every mining camp in that part of Mexico than any other man in that country. President Diaz did not except.

Avila says his quick rise to fortune through discovering a mine of wonderful richness. He is not like Stratton, except that his wealth came probably more suddenly and in larger amounts than that of the Colorado millionaire. It is not his suddenness to affright that is causing the comment about him so much as his remarkable manner of spending his money.

He seems to have no idea of its value and his chief anxiety is to get rid of his income as rapidly as possible. Thomas Welsh, an American mining man who has just arrived here from Parral, relates a number of instances of Avila's reckless expenditure of the money.

"I spent several weeks at Parral and saw Avila almost daily. The interest of every man, woman and child in that city seemed to be centered in the man. Since last November his net profits from his mine, which is named the Palmito, have aggregated \$100,000 and prior to that time he had probably taken out \$50,000 of ore. He will not put this money in bank but keeps it at his home where it is constantly guarded by a large force of armed men.

"He has from \$200,000 to \$300,000 on his person whenever he goes out on the streets or elsewhere, and an armed guard of eight men always accompanies him. The members of this guard are dressed in uniforms Mexican costume, and Avila is always attired in the height of fashion. He pays a Mexican tailor a high salary to keep him clothed properly.

Avila spends his money with a lavish hand. A few days ago a traveling jeweler and diamond seller struck Parral with his wares. He was going the round of the towns when he attracted the attention of Avila, who, with his armed guard, happened to be passing.

He showed his goods to Avila and the latter asked how much he would take for his whole outfit. The peddler replied that it would sell out for \$15,000.

Without any quibbling over the exorbitant price asked, Avila drew out the money and came into possession of the elegant watch, ornaments and fake diamonds.

The man seemed as pleased as though he had got rid of his income as rapidly as possible.

"How many children have you?"

"Four."

"You get 700 francs. Here is your money!" And the official counted out the seven blue bills and placed them in her hand. How hard did it tremble.

As the woman moved away she burst into tears.

"Next!" shouted the clerk. "What was your husband's name?"

"Lo Breton, Joseph, shipped for Ireland on board the Maria."

"How many children have you?"

"Two."

"Five hundred francs?"

"Like her sister, she too burst into tears on hearing the money. With its weight the last ray of hope was gone.

They passed along the flower-bordered path holding handkerchiefs to their eyes.

An old Breton beggar on the road uncovered as they passed but asked for nothing. Misery asks nothing from grief.

Along the road shaded by great chestnut trees and oaks the commonwealth and myself drove in a wagon to the little town of Pueblojazón overlooking the sea. In the cemetery there we stopped in front of the tomb of Dáspides. Tablets in carved wood, medallions and crosses are ranged all along that wall. Here and there at the foot of the wall are rose trees, honeysuckles and ivy. The tablets have pretty nearly the same inscriptions. Here is a sample: To the memory of Antone Savian last of Ixcan hand from the Dáspides 24th of April, 1877. Pray for his soul!

At Poros-Hammon we saw the Chapel of the Shipwrecked where the pilgrims go in procession to pray to Notre Dame de la Vierge. Heaven only knows, said Commissioner Durand to me, the number of prayers that have been said in that little chapel and the number of petitions these presented which have never been granted."

"Faith and resignation are the leading virtues of the Bretons. Ask one of those poor widows what calling she would desire for her son and the answer is sure to be, 'He will be a sailor like his father.'

The love of the sea is strongly implanted in the race of Bretons."

SOME TIME YOU SHALL KNOW.

Last night, my darling, as you slept,

I thought I heard you sigh,

And watched a space thereof;

And then I swooned and kissed your

For, oh, I loved you so—

But some time you shall know,

Some time when, in a darkened palace

Where others come to sleep,

Your eyes closed, upon a face

Cold as eternal sleep;

The voiceless lips, the wrinkled brow,

The patient smile shall show—

You are too young to know it now,

But some time you may know,

Look backward, then, into the years,

And see me here tonight;

See of me die, now, now, now,

Are falling as I write;

And feel once more upon your head

The kiss of long ago—

You are too young to know it now,

But some time you shall know,

—Eugene Field.

There is no prospect of the wealth of

Alvarado being soon exhausted. The

## THE MISSIONARY OF MANNERS.

"A number of New York women have started a league whose mission is to entertain visitors from the guards or trains and conductors of electric trains."

Ladies, transatlantic ladies. When your mission is fulfilled, Will you take a trip to England and