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RIGHT TO KEEP THE PEACE.

The right of Uncle Sam to recognize the new republic of Panama is now being extensively discussed. The New York Tribune, one of the great newspapers of the day, states plainly our country's position. It says that the paramount responsibility of the United States in Panama is for the peaceful and uninterrupted use of the railway by the commerce of the world.

That is a responsibility which, as Secretary Hay phrased it, "runs with the land." We have held that responsibility, with the consent of all parties in interest, ever since the railroad was built and opened by our citizens. We held it when New-Granada claimed the sovereignty of the isthmus, when Colombia had it, when the State of Panama seceded, when it returned to the Colombian confederation. We hold it now, when the State of Panama again seceded.

There is not the least mystery or doubt about this latest secession. The people of Panama, long discontented, gave repeated warnings of their intention to cut loose again from the Bogota government if it jeopardized their interest in the canal. The Bogota government threw what interest away in a crazy effort to "hold up" and blackmail at the French company and the United States. Then the people of Panama simply rose, asserted their independence and threw the Colombian army into jail. That was all there was of it. There does not seem to have been a single citizen of all the isthmus, so far as yet heard from, opposed to the secession inaugurated at Panama. But the United States had to do business with somebody in the isthmus,—had to deal with some authority. So it did what every civilized nation in the world does, under such circumstances,—recognized the de facto government.

So far there is no dispute; and there is no critic, friend or foe, whose opinion is worth a rush, that will question the absolute correctness of our attitude. But now come the men who always seek to find their own government in the wrong, protesting that at least we have no right to interfere with Colombia's belated efforts to reconquer the isthmus. Let us see. If our relation to the territory were that of any other nation we might perhaps stand still and watch the disorder, pronouncements and counter pronouncements, spasmodic fighting, long range riot and general paralysis of business that mark the usual Spanish-American civil war. But we alone have an obligation to perform—to keep the railroad open to peaceful transit. We are not at fault that Colombia has lost her sovereignty; and we cannot abandon our duty in order to let her interrupt peaceful transit and fight all over the route in trying to regain the sovereignty she recklessly imperiled and yet failed to protect.

The time for Colombia to protect her sovereignty in a region where we were bound to keep the peace was when she had it. But at that time, on the contrary, she merely gadded the isthmus into revolt, without taking a single precaution against the inevitable outbreak. When it came, the insurgents indelibly marched her "army," "generals" and all, to the calaboose, and so on and so on. Now the United States simply says: You shall not send in troops here as a peaceful community to precipitate disorder in an effort to reconquer what you did not protect when you had it. Settle your dispute somewhere else. You shall not fight it out over this railroad, where we have guaranteed peaceful transit. You shall not even come anywhere near it with troops for that purpose." Is there a civilized government in the world that, under

similar circumstances, would not say and do the same thing?

The Southern Pacific has again raised the rate for lumber shipments from Portland and East Portland to California points to a prohibitive figure, says the Pacific Trade Journal. The tariff has been advanced to \$7.50 per ton and affects mills at Portland, East Portland, Astoria and intermediate points shipping through Portland. The Southern Pacific freely admits that the new tariff is meant to be prohibitive, and that it is intended to relieve the car shortage on their Oregon lines. The interior mills have but one method of transportation, while those on the river and at Astoria have the alternative of water shipments. The valley mills must feel duly grateful to the Southern Pacific for the fostering of their industries in allowing them to live and do business. But this action is not without precedent. It has the earmarks of the old days of the Collis P. regime, California was dictated with carish devilishness by old C. P. Huntington and the freight charges were "all the tariff would bear." Since the Harriman administration of affairs, there has been no relaxation of the death grip, although the latest raise in the Portland rate is a strong reminder that the tricks of the trade have not been forgotten.

Press dispatches indicate that Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, will be given full sway, if the wishes of the president are gratified, says the West Coast Lumberman. It is the intention to place Mr. Pinchot in charge of the bureau of forestry, giving him authority to handle the vexed problems of forestry. The chaotic condition which has been prevailing for sometime has come to the ears of the president and it is hoped that something like order will be wrought out by a different system of management.

The promise of Charles Becker, the most infamous and the most clever of forgers, that he intends to earn an honest living seems likely of realization, says the San Francisco Call. He intends to demand the thousand dollars reward offered by a corporation to any person who could alter the figures made by a patent check perforating machine. Becker did the trick and paid several years of imprisonment in penalty. His nerve appears now to be equal to his craft.

Investigation has demonstrated that the responsibility for the Wyoming Indian outrages rests upon the white officials, whose indiscretions, injustices and tyranny drove the red men in desperation to revolt, says an exchange. This information is interesting simply because it is unusual. It is one of those isolated cases where the truth is told in reference to the treatment of Indians by Americans.

The small boys are going to lose a hero when Col. William F. Cody, otherwise known as "Buffalo Bill," disbands his Wild West show and retires from business, says the Seattle Times. Col. Cody announces that he is going to quit, but Patric did the same thing twenty years ago and look at her prices now.

A. Skyles, who returned yesterday noon from a trip through the Willamette valley, reports that there is no established price on hops and prunes in that region and that both are being withheld from the open market until things are settled sufficiently to allow the growers to realize something on their labors. The prevailing conditions are not occasioned by the market being glutted, especially with regard to hops, but are due to the manipulations of those who control the output.

John Thomas, who signs himself "the ragged bard," came over from his Skippanon home yesterday and called on a number of his old friends in the city. Mr. Thomas is a poet of no little ability and had his environments been different would doubtless have won for himself a name in the world of letters. As it is, he has written poems of a high order, and often delights his friends reciting them, which he does in a manner entirely original and very entertaining. His writings have never been issued in book form, but if they ever are, will likely suit the popular taste. Mr. Thomas is now past 50 years of age and has lived for 30 years in Clatsop county. In the early days he served in the Indian wars, and was recently granted a pension for his service on the frontier.

NOTICE.

Ladies of Holy Innocents' Guild will hold a sale of fancy articles, Saturday November 21, in the building east of Schofield & Hauke's store. All are invited.

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Most people have an idea that rheumatism is contracted like a cold, that the damp, chilly air penetrates the muscles and joints and causes the terrible aches and pains, or that it is something like a skin disease to be rubbed away with liniment or drawn out with plasters; but Rheumatism originates in the blood and is caused by Uric Acid, an irritating, corroding poison that settles in the muscles, joints and nerves, producing inflammation and soreness and the sharp, cutting pains peculiar to this distressing disease.

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