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ENGLAND'S ATTITUDE.

With a war cloud hanging over this country the latest or Chinese phase of the Eastern question becomes of the highest importance to America. The present situation is not so very unlike that which prevailed when our war of independence was on, only the relations to this country of the European powers involved are reversed.

At the time Great Britain was trying to forge anew our colonial chains that country had complications on hand with continental Europe. They may well have seemed, on that side of the Atlantic, incalculably more important than the revolutionary war. Benjamin Franklin, that peerless diplomat, grasped the situation, and set about turning it to our advantage. He met with wonderful success. As matters now stand, the problem may prove to be: How can England's necessity be our opportunity? Or, to put the case from the British point of view: How can the strained relations between Spain and the United States be made helpful to England in thwarting the tripartite alliance now threatening British interests in the far East?

In itself considered, the Eastern question does not fall within America's "sphere of influence." It is no concern of ours whether Russia holds Port Arthur or not, or whether the Chinese empire stands or falls. But our international policy must be shaped and directed with a view to the carrying out of the international policy which dictated the fifty-million-dollar bill, or act, as it has now become.

From the standpoint of governmental history our allied sympathies should be with the continental powers, but in the present condition of affairs it is London, and not Paris, Berlin or St. Petersburg, which can help or harm us.

We ask no assistance of any alliance in confronting any army or navy Spain can command, however formidable, but we might be sorely wounded by raids on American securities. The great bulk of them are held in England. They are our "heel of Achilles." If, as now seems probable, England is particularly anxious to have the moral support of the United States in her Chinese policy, she can hardly fail to see that it would be an egregious blunder to allow a bear raid upon our securities. Such a raid could make no difference with the final result, but it could enormously increase the actual cost of defending and promoting our national interests.

The tone of the London press is remarkably friendly to this country. It was never more so than it is now. The fair supposition is that the great molders of British public sentiment not only recognize the justice of our position, and have confidence that we will make no unreasonable demand upon Spain, but that they see in the present condition a great opportunity. Ever since our second war with England that nation has been profoundly impressed with the magnitude and variety of our rapidly developing resources. It is the part of statesmanship to recognize and improve all favorable international circumstances, following with clear perception what is, not blindly subservient to what has been.—Inter Ocean.

It is not strange that the merit system in civil service should strike the mind of Tammany as a very objectionable limitation of its political power. It is not that Mayor Van

Wyck, like Governor Black, desires less "starch" in the rules; but he evidently wants no starch at all. He appointed a commission for New York likely to agree with him, and this commission has revised the rules, and the mayor has promulgated them. If they stand the test of the courts, Tammany will be happy, for the barriers to the spoils system are substantially broken down. The exceptions to the classified list are so numerous as to embrace nearly all the more desirable positions. Those which are subject to competition are not properly safeguarded. The appointing officer may object to any eligible person, and, if he can sustain his objection before the commission, another eligible person must be certified to him. Practically, he will be able to get the man he wants. It is to be hoped that the courts will decide that the new rules are not valid without the approval of the state civil service commission.

NEWS NOTES.

The Penneyer men carried the Democratic primary in Portland yesterday.

At present Madrid is quiet and the Spanish show no great desire for war. It is expected today that the naval court of inquiry will report this week.

A special received this morning states mountain troops are ready to overrun Cuba if hostilities commence.

Skaguay is at present under martial law. The town is more orderly than it has been during the entire winter.

Advices state that submarine mines have been placed in the channel at Sandy Hook, and the presence of naval ships is not considered necessary for the safety of the port.

Three prominent insurgent leaders, Colonel Alvarez, Lieutenant Colonel Nunez and Major Espinosa, decided to surrender to the Spaniards in Santa Clara province and to accept autonomy. They also prevailed upon a considerable number of their followers to agree to accompany them. Before their plans could be executed, General Bermudez, commanding the insurgent forces in Santa Clara, learned of the plot. A secret court-martial was held without the knowledge of the guilty officers and the latter were sentenced to death. This sentence was executed by the insurgents.

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The Dalles March 1, 1898.
 C. L. PHILLIPS, Secy.

NOTICE OF IMPROVEMENT OF STREET.

Notice is hereby given, by order of the common council of Dalles City, that Court street will be improved between Main and Second streets by grading and filling said street, and that the cost of said proposed improvement shall be assessed upon property adjacent to said street, unless within fourteen days from the final publication of this notice the owners of two-thirds of the property adjacent to said street file with the recorder a written remonstrance against said proposed improvement.

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Dalles City, Oregon, Feb. 23, 1898.
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No. 3, from Spokane and Great Northern, arrives at 6:50 a. m., departs at 6:55 a. m. No. 1, from Baker City and Union Pacific, arrives at 3:20 a. m., departs at 3:30 a. m.

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