

their Federal catalogue. The islet when first occupied by the British army was a useful station in the struggle with Napoleon, especially in the commercial war against his Continental system. The possession afterwards lost all its value while it retained all its invidiousness. Yet insensate Imperialism shrieks with rage at the cession. So it did at the cession of the Ionian Islands, the possession of which was of no use whatever, and in which England would have had to lock up a small army in case of war. We were then told that with the first relinquishment of territory the sun of England's glory and power would set. It is still somewhat above the horizon. Germany is evidently pleased with the cession and is disposed to requite it by amicable moderation in Africa. The friendship of Germany is not only the sheet-anchor of British diplomacy in Europe but it carries with it the good-will of the Germans of this Continent which in certain contingencies might be of the highest value. The German Press in the United States is not anti-British, nor does it pander to the Irish vote.

—The question of compensation to publicans whose licenses are to be taken away still rages in England. Cardinal Manning comes forward to play the demagogue, and in true demagogic style accuses the Government, because it fears to do injustice, of being a partner in the drinking trade. The Cardinal is a conspicuous instance of the incipient tendency which we have noted in the Roman priesthood, now that they have no longer any kings or kings' favourites with whom to intrigue, to intrigue with the multitude. He was, as is well known, originally an Anglican archdeacon, and was strongly pressed by his brother-in-law, Bishop Wilberforce, on the Court for nomination to a bishopric. The Court smelt mischief and refused. Archdeacon Manning went over to the Church of Rome. The Prince Consort then said to Wilberforce, "You see in what a scrape we should have been if we had taken your advice and made Manning a bishop." "Ah!" was the incautious reply,