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The Monroe Doctrine.

The President of the United States, on his own initiative, has interfered to restore order in San Domingo, and compel the island republic to respect its financial obligations. There is no warrant in international law for this intervention, the creditors of the little republic being European, and the President is charged with exceeding his constitutional powers in framing a treaty or protocol with the San Domingo Government, which became operative before the United States Senate had been consulted. On the latter point the President may be censured, but in disciplining San Domingo the United States is accepting the logical conclusion of the Monroe doctrine as interpreted at Washington. The United States undertakes to say that no European power shall acquire a foot of soil, or extend its possessions, in the new world. Some of the Spanish-American republics have presumed upon this assurance to play high jinks with their foreign creditors, or with foreign investments. It has been necessary on several occasions within the past ten years for European powers to seize Spanish-American ports and impound the customs revenue for the satisfaction of their claims. Great Britain and Germany made a joint naval demonstration against Venezuela two years ago and took possession of the customs house at the principal port. It was their only recourse, after their overtures for a settlement had been flouted. They had no intention of treading on the coat-tails of the Monroe doctrine, and gave the Washington Government assurances to that effect. The United States, however, was suspicious of Germany and tendered its good offices to bring about a reference to arbitration. This action established a precedent, which is being followed in the case of San Domingo. The United States has assumed full responsibility for the future good behavior of the Spanish-American republics. It is a large contract, and may involve the United States in no end of trouble, but it is the corollary of the up-to-date version of the Monroe doctrine. If the powers of Europe may not take the usual and proper steps to secure their rights, it is incumbent on the big republic to see that these rights are maintained. President Roosevelt has distinctly intimated that Uncle Sam will play the role of the big policeman in Spanish-America, and compel the lesser republics to preserve internal order and respect their international obligations. This is a purely arbitrary decree, but so is the Monroe doctrine, as expounded by the United States. While other nations may dissent from that doctrine, they must give the United States credit for accepting its consequences by becoming sponsors for the good conduct of its troublesome little wards.

New Features of Assessment Law

It is not generally known that the new assessment act carries an extension of woman's franchise. Unmarried woman will qualify as voters in municipal elections, if their income assessments are \$400 and over. This taxation of women's incomes is also an original feature. There is no distinction of sex in the income schedules. A woman who is not on the assessment roll as a householder will be taxed on her personal earnings, subject to the exemption of \$400. If she earns \$600 she will be taxed \$4 if the tax rate is 20 mills on the dollar. If she earns \$800 she will be taxed \$8, being a 20-mill rate on \$400.

The new assessment act is a great improvement on the old one, especially in the abolition of the personality tax, but it is not a finality, and one year's experience of it in operation may suggest further improvements. It is conceivable that some injustice may be caused by a too liberal application of the income tax provisions. The person whose name is on the roll as a householder is exempted on income to the extent of \$1,000. The presumption is that he is the head of the family and pays taxes through his rent, if he is not the owner of the house he occupies. The income of a person who is not entered on the roll as a householder, is exempted to the extent of only \$400. This discrimination against non-householders is intended to reach a large class who paid no taxes under the old law, such as unmarried persons, and married persons who are not householders, but boarders and lodgers. It is not fair that they should altogether escape. The Legislature had the bachelor particularly in view in lowering the exemption on non-householders, and took the position that the man who has no one to keep but himself should pay more into the civic treasury than the man who undertakes to support a family. At the same time there are many instances where single men and women are the breadwinners of the family, perhaps the only breadwinners. They pay taxes by means of rent, but they may not be assessed as householders. Such persons should get the benefit of the \$1,000 exemption, and if the present law does not give them this protection, it should be amended to cover their cases.

The Forestry Movement.

A welcome visitor is the first issue of the monthly magazine established by the Canadian Forestry Association, which has now a membership of one thousand, though only five years old. The Forestry Journal will carry on an educational campaign and endeavor to arouse the public to the importance of afforestation. In this vicinity we

have an annual reminder of the disappearance of the forests in the freshets of the Thames, and in the diminution of the rainfall over a wide area of the most fertile portion of the Province.

The relation of forest area to rainfall is well known, but the connection between forest area and river flow is not as generally understood, though it is quite as direct. The even flow of all and the very existence of some watercourses is dependent upon the preservation of the forests at their sources. In Southern France, in the beginning of the last century, the slopes of the Cevennes, the Pyrenees and the Alps were deforested, and left bare to the action of the elements. The results were the transformation of even-flowing streams into rushing torrents, the erosion of the slopes into gullies and ridges, destructive landslides, and the deposit of silt on the plains beneath to such an extent that some 8,000,000 acres of once fertile soil were involved in the disastrous consequences of forest destruction on 1,000,000 acres of mountain slopes. France has already spent \$20,000,000 to help repair this condition, and it is estimated that \$20,000,000 more will need to be expended before the area the state possesses, only some 800,000 acres, will be restored. A similar transgression in Canada against the law of nature will inevitably bring similar results. The need for the preservation of the forests at the great headwaters of Canadian rivers must therefore be apparent.

The necessity for the planting of trees on the western prairie country of Canada is increasingly recognized, not only by governments, but by municipalities and individuals. The aesthetic beauty and economical value, not merely in money, but in the protection given to crops, groves and shelter belts, is now understood by every farmer of the west, and the number of these being planted is increasing every year. In Ontario the Government has wisely set aside vast forest reserves, which will be a source of increasing wealth and will continue to materially modify climatic conditions. There is still much to be done in the older Provinces, as well as the new, and the Canadian Forestry Association will give a great impetus to the movement.

If the grand dukes are wise they will get out of Russia and take up land in New Ontario.

The latest war news indicates that the Japs have again got ahead of the Russians by getting behind them.

Senator Wark yesterday celebrated his 101st birthday. This country is not Russia, where few statesmen are allowed to die of old age.

Tomorrow Sir Wilfrid Laurier will make history by bringing down the bill for the creation of two provinces in the Northwest.

The city engineer warns people against walking on the street car tracks, but says nothing about the danger of walking on the sidewalks at certain periods.

Mr. Whitney on Friday received a deputation of farmers who urged that no more railway bonuses be granted. Mr. Whitney agreed with them "in principle," and said no bonuses would be granted unless the circumstances were exceptional. Mr. Whitney voted for a railway bonus three years ago, because the road ran through his own county. The circumstances were, of course, "exceptional," and the same argument can be advanced in favor of every railway subvention ever proposed. Mr. Whitney's answer to the farmers means anything or nothing.

Wanted—A Statesman or Two.
[Richmond, Pa., Times-Democrat.]
Russia is officially in need of a small assortment of grand old men.

Not Likely To Be Cossack.
[Kansas City Star.]
The great Napoleon has been credited with the prediction that within 100 years of the period of his supremacy Europe would be either republic or Cossack. But with the Russians covered with defeat in the Far East, with the Japanese crowding them back in Manchuria, with the Czar cowering in the face of the righteous ire of his suppressed subjects and trembling for fear for his life, with St. Petersburg and Moscow recently on the verge of revolution, and with uprisings in Finland and Poland, the prospect of Europe becoming Cossack may be regarded as distinctly nebulous.

Sounded That Way.
[Philadelphia Press.]
"For goodness' sake! What's that noise?"
"The girl next door is having her voice cultivated."
"Huh! Apparently the process of cultivation has reached the harrowing season."

Swiftest Snake Is Blue Racer.
[New Orleans Times-Democrat.]
"The swiftest snake I have ever known is the 'blue racer,' as we used to call the reptile in the Arkansas foothills, and I want to tell you, this particular snake can travel like a blue streak," said a man from Arkansas. "The fact is, the name 'blue racer' was given to the snake because of the member's fleetness. I have seen 'blue racers' dart across the road at such a rapid pace that you would only see a mere suggestion of blue, and if you did not happen to know the snake and its habits you would not know what it was. You could not possibly get the idea that it was a snake you had seen flash through the dust of the country road unless you knew something of the 'blue racer.' Just what speed the snake makes I do not know, but it is a rapid pace. The rattlesnake is supposed to have good speed, and as a matter of fact the rattler can whiz along at a pretty swift gait. But the rattlesnake is not in it with the 'blue racer.'"

One Irish State.
[New York Press.]
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loves to tell the story of the two Irishmen who discussed the "nationality of the American states." Said Pat: "Faith an' he jabbers, if this grate country ain't overrun wid th' Irish, an' vit out 'o thirty-two states in th' Union not wan has an Irish name." "Sure an' yer wrong," replied Mike. "What's the matter wid O'Regan?"

The Sidewalk!

[Chicago News.]
Shoveling snow is good exercise. You can confidently recommend it to your neighbors.

More Soft Cabinet Material.

[Forest Free Press.]
The Stratford Beacon says "Pyne is very soft wood for cabinet material." So would Willow-be.

Life.

[Paul Laurence Dunbar.]
A little dreaming by the way,
A little toiling day by day;
A little pain, a little strife,
A little joy—and that is life.

A little short-lived summer's morn,
When joy seems all so newly born,
When one day's sky the blue above,
And one bird sings—and that is love.

A little sickening of the years,
The tribute of a few hot tears,
Two folded hands, the falling breath,
And peace at last—and that is death.

Just dreaming, loving, dying so,
The actors in the drama go,
A fitting picture on a wall,
Love, Death, the themes; but is that all?

A Criticism of Ban Hur.

[New York Post.]
The style, however, is merely the gilded vehicle for characters and incidents which make a dime novel about bandits and beauties seem dull and lifeless. The Queen of the Outlaws is nowhere when "Ethere's eyes were dewy with tears." Jesse James is a divinity student in a white choker when compared with Messala, who, in spite of his "air of passionate hauteur and reserve," and for your high-souled, dauntless hero, we back Ben Hur against any combination of Old Sleuth and Crimson Dick yet presented to the world. There is also enough and to spare of battle, murder, and sudden death. Perhaps Lew Wallace could not have written up to the speed and fiction for an historical novel — a hair-raising sensation in every five pages; but for the benighted days of 1880, when the art was yet in its infancy, he far surpassed the wildest expectations. The most intensely respectable man that ever passed the plate for the missionary collection got his money's worth when he paid \$150 — the "Garfield Edition" in three-quarter leather 140¢ for a book that recalled the fearful joy of reading his first volume. The shabby yellow-covered volume that carried him into a forbidden paradise.

Getting Monotonous.

[Chicago News.]
One cold wave, as the bard hath said, Upon another's heels doth tread. He hardly speed the parting guest Before brother from the west Has slipped in ere the door was shut And kindled us an upstart.

So It Does.

[Boston Post.]
A kick in time saves nine.

Served Him Right.

[Hamilton Times.]
A Montreal man was fined \$30 and \$2 costs for giving a false fire alarm. That is hardly as severe punishment as the London man got some time ago for the same offense. He was sentenced to jail for a year.

A Sense of Prosperity.

[Washington Star.]
"You wouldn't sell your vote, would you?"
"No, suh," answered Mr. Erastus Pinkney. "But if a gemmen what's rumm' for office was to give me two dollars, common gratitude would make me vote foh him."

ISLANDERS ANGRY WITH UNCLE SAM

Newfoundland May Once More Charge Yankees for the Inshore Fishing.

New York, Feb. 20.—The Tribune publishes the following from its correspondent at St. John's, Newfoundland: Premier Bond before the general election last fall pledged himself, if re-elected, to adopt an aggressive policy against the United States if the Bond-Hay treaty was not ratified at the present session of Congress. He contends that, on the plea that they were willing to support reciprocity, Americans have been enjoying for the last sixteen years, for a merely nominal license fee, baiting, outfitting and transshipping privileges immensely important to them, the colony acting in good faith toward them during that period. The Senate's present rejection of the treaty evidences bad faith on their part, he says, and there is no longer any reason why the colony should continue to support reciprocity. The colonial cabinet is now considering what policy to adopt when the

AMERICAN KILLED BY RUSS STUDENT

Professor in English in a Moscow Commercial School Shot Dead.

New York, Feb. 19.—The World prints the following cablegram, dated Moscow, via Vienna, Feb. 18: "An American named MacLeanland, a popular professor and English lecturer at the commercial academy at Moscow, was shot dead today by an academy student named Sisow for political reasons. Sisow immediately committed suicide."

BOMB-THROWING IN PARIS STREETS

A Spaniard Severely Wounded Attacking the Mexican Legation.

Paris, Feb. 18.—Inhabitants of the quarter known as the "Gare de l'Est" were alarmed by a loud explosion, and the police, who were hurriedly summoned, discovered in front of the Mexican legation a man severely wounded and lying amid fragments of a bomb. He was taken to a hospital and cross-examined. He claimed that his name was Garcia, and was a Spaniard. He asserted that he had been ruined by the Mexican Government, and in revenge threw a bomb, which exploded too soon, and he himself was injured.

The police found a revolver, a dagger, and some anarchist pamphlets on Garcia, and a search of his lodgings led to the discovery of two bombs identical with that which he had exploded. Garcia arrived in Paris two days ago. The prefect of police is assigning a detachment of Garcia declares that he was born in Santander in 1882, and denied that he is an anarchist. He is now in the arms and hands. Prompt action by the police prevented his being lynched. The bomb was filled with dynamite, and the stone walls of the legation were somewhat damaged.

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