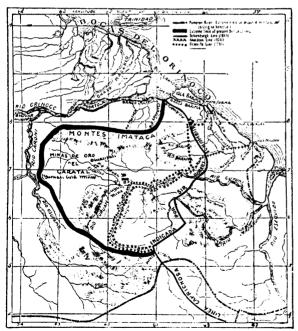
been thought. Edison's Cyclopedia of 1891, page 222, says "that of the 2,018,200 soldiers enlisted in the late war, only 144,200, or 7.14 per cent., were Irish. Whereas, 99,000 were English and Scotch, and 177,808 were German." The same cyclopedia states that "104,000 of the Irish soldiers, or seventy-two per cent. of their total enlistment, deserted from the army."

WHICH IS THE REAL SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM?

The Outlook prints side by side with the above heading the truculent utterance of General Lew Wallace, the author of "Ben Hur," a tale of the Christ—the Prince of Peace—who undertakes to organize an Indiana regiment for the conquest of Canada, and the utterance of Dr. Hall of Brooklyn, urging that above the starry flag of the Republic which they love shall be the peace flag of Christ. "It were better," he said, "for America that they had never been born than to have lived to curse civilization with uncalled-for war."

THE VENEZUELA QUESTION.



THE DISPUTED TERRITORY.

tion in a nut-shell for our readers. The boundary line has been an unsettled question for a hundred years. For fifty years thousands of British subjects have occupied these territories claimed by Venezuela. They ask for British protection and the enjoyment of British institutions. Great Britain is not willing that these should be surrendered to the alternating tyranny and anarchy of Venezuela. The region beyond the Schomburgk line, with its rich go d-fields, she is not willing to submittoarbitration, northe rights of British subjects to the protection which they have so long enjoyed.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

The Monroe Doctrine, as held by our American friends, strikes us as like the handle of a jug, all on one side. The United States virtually claims to be the only nation that has a right to extend its boundaries on this continent. At the close of the Revolutionary War in 1783, all of what is now the United States west of the Mississippi and south of Canada belonged to France and Mexico. The great province of Louisiana, added in 1803, extended from Puget Sound to the mouth of the Mississippi. The vast

region of Florida was ceded by Spain in 1819. As a result of the unrighteous war with Mexico in 1848, California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona were ceded. In 1845 and 1850 the vast region of Texas and New Mexico, in 1852 another Mexican concession, and in 1867 the great province of Alaska by Russia, and all the while Britain had and still has more territory on this continent than the United States.

The admission of the Monroe Doctrine as taught by Mr. Cleveland would prevent Great Britain from settling the disputed French shore question in Newfoundland; would prevent acquiring the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, now a nest of smugglers in the very mouth of the St. Lawrence; would prevent the rectification of her frontiers with either Dutch Guiana, Brazil, or Venezuela in South America, or acquiring a coaling station

The map given above places the ques- on any island on the Gulf of Mexico,