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ALL THE WORLD OVER.

*"I must have liberty,
Withal as large a charter as the wind—
To blow on whom I please."*

AUSTRALIAN politics, if we are to believe the following incidents related by a contemporary, are not of the highest character. Rumors of jobbery are not uncommon, while squabbles take place which would be worthy of the most vulgar pot-house. A little affair has recently taken place in the Legislative Assembly for New South Wales between Sir George Dibbs and some of his fellow members which certainly has no equal, in the Imperial Parliament at least. Sir George Dibbs is a man of immense frame and commanding presence, who, at the time that the Colonial Conference in London was suggested, was a Republican of a strong type. He felt that the Premier of New South Wales (himself) should be present at such a conference as this; but at that time it is said his personal affairs were in a somewhat unsatisfactory state. Be that as it may,

an extraordinary story has been generally told to the effect that the sum of £1,000 was borrowed or granted (by himself) from the colonial treasury for the purpose of this journey. The great Sir George came to England as Mr. Dibbs, duly attended the Conference, was made much of as the premier of the great colony, and was eventually honored with the dignity of a Knighthood. On receipt of this news a great howl of disgust went up from Sydney; this man who had expressed such strongly Republican principles, who had been an Australian of Australians, had allowed himself to be bribed by a mere knighthood, and for the time the brand new "Sir" George was a most unpopular person. On his return to Sydney a considerable fuss was made about the thousand pounds, which eventually, it is understood, was made good by some friends of his. Sir George Dibbs went on his way quarrelling with this man and using very expressive language to that until at length he fell foul of the Governor, whom he had tried to coerce into an action against the latter's better judgment and sense of right, and at last Sir George and his party resigned. At the election result Sir George's party were defeated at the polls, and the formation of a Government was entrusted to Mr. Reid. Sir Geo. Dibbs is very much alive still politically, and occupies the position of leader of the opposition. Now for the incident. Sir George is the member for Tamworth (N. S. W.), and during the election some fifty copies of "Hansard" were ordered by him from the

Government printing office for distribution in his division. A question was asked in the House about these copies and courteously replied to by the Colonial Secretary, when Sir George Dibbs enquired "Any more of your dirty work about the late Chief Secretary" (himself). "You ought to be ashamed of yourselves." He afterwards told the Colonial Secretary that he ought to have been hanged long ago, and on being asked by the Premier whether he was going to repay a sum of £14 for telegrams, he retorted that this was like some of the Premier's other lies. Later on Sir George Dibbs told another member that "he wanted no 'lip' from a — thing like him." This is the late Premier of New South Wales, and it is possible that after the next election he may be Premier again. Surely, however, the good taste of the people of the colony must see that such a man, full of "bounce," and one who does not hesitate to bully and use his great size to frighten his opponents, cannot be of service to them or raise them in the respect of the eyes of the world. Sir George Dibbs should be told, and told plainly, that he must make up his mind either to behave a little better or efface himself from Australian politics, which at present he cannot be said to adorn."

Is the U. S. bent upon becoming the arbitrator in the quarrels and troubles of the rest of the world? Directly a squabble happens between nations the American President, in a most dignified fashion, tenders his services "with a view of inducing an amicable