

AMERICA'S FLAG ABROAD.

It Affords No Protection to Our Citizens.

How England, France and Germany Protect Their Citizens at All Times.

Among the many strange features of the foreign policy of the United States during the last few years, there has been nothing more incomprehensible to foreigners than the neglect on the part of the Executive at Washington to insist upon proper respect being paid by the Spanish authorities at Washington to the rights and privileges of American citizens in Cuba.

The Spanish authorities in Cuba appear to believe that they can maltreat Americans with perfect impunity, and it is a somewhat significant fact that although there are large German, Italian, French and English interests in the colony, they do not seem to have suffered to any extent, save from the paralyzing of trade and industry due to the insurrection.

That such a condition of affairs as this is calculated to anger and excite the people in this country is only natural, and under the circumstances it is possible to make allowances for men who, boiling with indignation at the shocking sights which they have witnessed in Cuba, and at the inaction of the authorities at Washington in behalf of their countrymen on the island, declare that they are considering the advisability of securing English naturalization in order to get themselves respected abroad.

It is not because the latter is any way inferior in power and rank to England or to Germany—the contrary, America surpasses the latter, at any rate, in size, population and wealth, and because it is known that the Governments of Great Britain, and particularly of the United States, are ready at all times to champion the rights of their respective citizens, and that an outrage perpetrated on any one of the latter, for which immediate reparation is refused, is likely to result in war.

IN ROMAN DAYS. In olden days—in the times of the Caesars—three significant words, "Civis Romanus sum" ("I am a Roman citizen"), were all that was necessary to insure deference and respect to the man who uttered them no matter whether he found himself in Palestine, in Gaul, on the banks of the Danube, where King Chauli of the Hunnians ruled, or in Spain.

WHAT THE FRENCH DID IN CHINA. In 1860 an Anglo-French army marched from the Chinese coast to Peking, and after having besieged and captured the capital proceeded to destroy by fire the famous summer palace of the Emperor—an entire city in itself—as a penalty for the murder of the French Ambassador, Mr. Legation, the special correspondent of the London "Times," and of Mr. de Norman, who had been beheaded by the Chinese after their capture. And of the four or five other campaigns against China that have been undertaken at enormous expense by the British Government during the reign of Queen Victoria three at least have been organized for the purpose of punishing outrages of one kind and another perpetrated against English merchants and missionaries established in China.

From the point of view of equity and justice, this was probably wrong. But so far as patriotism was concerned, it was all right. It appealed to the heart of every British citizen throughout the vast Empire of Queen Victoria, endowed them with additional backbone, energy and pluck, and increased their boldness and their enterprise, since each one of them was able to feel that he had at his back the immense resources and the vast force of his Government, and that the latter would be ready at any and every moment to come to his assistance, to defend his cause and to extricate him, if need be, at the point of the sword from any scrape or difficulty into which he might have landed himself. It made Englishmen proud of being able to describe themselves as such, and, moreover, caused them to be treated abroad with a greater degree of respect by the authorities than any other foreigner, since it was known that Lord Palmerston would at once, without a moment's delay, demand reparation and redress for any wrong or indignity placed upon one of his countrymen.

A SOURCE OF ENGLISH PRESTIGE. That was the source of "Old Pam's" strength both at home and abroad, and the fact remains that England never enjoyed so much prestige in foreign countries as she did when he was at the helm of the Ship of State. He has been dead now many years; but his policy in this respect, at any rate, is still adhered to, though in perhaps a slightly modified degree, and it is worthy of note that since the war of 1870 Germany has, figuratively speaking, taken a copy of this particular leaf of Great Britain's book, since it is known throughout Africa, the Orient and the regions of the Pacific Ocean that any indignity placed upon a German citizen is at once followed by the appearance upon the scene of German men-of-war, for the purpose of exacting immediate reparation.

One has only to look through the long list of England's wars since the beginning of the present century, and in particular during the reign of Queen Victoria, in order to perceive how many of them have originated in wrongs done to British citizens abroad for which redress was refused. Thus the Abyssinian expedition of 1867, which was undertaken at a cost to the English treasury of some \$80,000,000, was organized solely for the purpose of punishing the Negus for his imprisonment of some missionaries and of a Consul who had been imprudent enough to visit the dusky potentate in spite of the most explicit and peremptory commands of his Government not to do so. If ever England was warranted in doing people to their fate it was the captives of Emperor Theodore of Abyssinia.

PROMPT VENGEANCE BY ENGLAND. Yet without hesitation or dissent from any quarter an army was sent to secure their release—there were only eight English subjects among them—and soon as ever this had been accomplished, the Negus killed and his stronghold of Mandala stormed and destroyed, the British troops re-embarked and left the country, for the purpose of thoroughly impressing upon the world at large that in punishing the captives they had no idea of conquest or territorial aggrandizement in view, but only the redress of wrong done to English citizens. Each one of these English captives of the Emperor Theodore may be, therefore, said to have cost the British Government in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000. Would to-day the United States Government be prepared to unhesitatingly and without discussion spend a similar amount in order to secure reparation for wrongs done to American citizens who had become involved in difficulties with a foreign Government through their own fault?

During the last week the cable dispatches have brought the news of the capture of Benin, a city situated in the most inaccessible and unhealthy portion of Western Africa. Yet it seems but the other day that the outrage was committed which has now resulted in the overthrow of one of the most blood-thirsty tyrants of the Dark Continent. Within a fortnight after the arrival in England of the news of the massacre of Mr. Phillips and his companions (who with every knowledge of the King's character had imprudently gone up the river in a large party, but utterly unarmed, thereby exposing themselves to almost certain attack and death) troops were on their way from England to avenge their countrymen; and now the storming of Benin and the overthrow of the King have demonstrated once again the well-known fact that England, at any rate, never permits her citizens to be maltreated or killed with impunity. Had not the King of Benin's knowledge of civilization been restricted to use of gin and of gunpowder he would have known this peculiarity of the British Government, and he would have been more careful about rendering himself guilty of unfriendly conduct toward the subjects of Queen Victoria.

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A SEALED VERDICT. Agreement by the Jury in the "Bee" Libel Case. Arguments in the libel case of C. H. Gilman against the publishers of the "Bee" were concluded before Judge Hunt yesterday afternoon and the case given to the jury.

Preparations Made for the Summer Trap Shooting. The Pelican Gun Club held its annual meeting on Tuesday evening, at which the officers were re-elected. They are: Vice-President, Frank J. Hulstater, Jr.; President, L. S. Upson; Secretary and Treasurer, E. Nicolaus; Captain, Fred C. York.

CHILDREN'S FRIENDS. Important Meeting of the Society This Evening. At 7:30 this evening there will be a meeting of members of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children at School Superintendent Erlwin's office. It is not an officially called meeting, but a regular one, but is to be a consultation of all members who can possibly attend, to consider ways and means for replenishing the treasury of the society, and for hearing reports of some committees already appointed to map out ways. Among these are: entertainments, a picnic, a bazaar and several other features, concerning all of which there is division of opinion. The members request a large attendance this evening, and say that it is to be a free conference and no limit.

PERSONAL MENTION. Superintendent of Schools James A. Barr of Stockton is in the city. Judge Budd, the Governor's father, came up from Stockton yesterday. Mrs. E. W. Meredith has gone on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Gould, at Marysville. Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Withers of San Francisco are stopping at the Golden Eagle. Officer J. A. Wilson, who had been in San Francisco for several weeks in ill health, has returned. Mrs. S. Katzenstein, Supreme Representative of the Rathbone Sisters, has gone to San Lucas, Monterey County, to institute a lodge there. Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Shuck will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding at the Brethren Church at 8 o'clock.

BRIEF NOTES. There is a letter at this office for Peter Schaffer, an ex-soldier of the civil war. Jos. D. Lane of Los Angeles, a deaf mute, is here using a small book entitled "A Brief Review of the Manual Alphabet of the Deaf."

Railway Postal Clerks. The date of the arrival of the railway postal clerks, now on their way to this coast, is Monday next, the 15th, not the 14th, as was inadvertently stated yesterday.

Six Months or Get Out. Seth Hart, a vagrant, was yesterday in the Police Court sentenced to six months in the County Jail, with the privilege of leaving town within a few hours. He preferred the latter.

Old-Time Sports. A New York preacher expresses the fear that modern New York is falling back into the reckless prodigality of heathenism, which he thus describes: Nero, Verus, and Hellogabalus expended from \$240,000 to \$400,000 on a single banquet. Marcus Gabius Apilius, after squandering \$1,000,000 on the pleasures of the table, took poison because, having only \$400,000 left, he saw starvation staring him in the face. Seneca is said to have had 500 tables, each of which was worth from \$40,000 to \$50,000.

A Natural Mistake. Little Brother (bedtime) "Why doesn't you take your stockings off?" Little Sister (whose mother buys cheap black kind)—"I's dot all of 'em off 'at will come off."—New York Weekly.

Throat troubles. To allay the irritation that induces coughing use "Brown's Bronchial Troches." A simple and safe remedy.

CHARGING THE HOSTILES. A Brave Little Fellow Rides Through a Band of Indians.

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Another Removal Needed. He-I met an old friend at the club who had detained me. He told me a story which took my breath away. She—Took your breath away? I wish he were here now and would repeat it.—Truth.

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EXCLUDED AND EXCLUSIVE. Why Madge Changed Her Mind About the Waypupes' Tea. "Shall I see you at Nell's tea to-morrow?" queried the girl in the picture hat.

"Certainly not," responded the girl in the velvet poke. "I am surprised that you ask."

"Why, have you fallen out? I thought—"

"Not at all," replied the girl in the velvet poke, "but really one must draw the line somewhere."

"Why," said the girl in the picture hat, "I always thought the Waypupes were awfully nice people."

"Did you?" said the girl in the velvet poke, pursing up her lips. "Oh, well, if you are satisfied, it's all right."

"Well, er—Nell does do rather queer things sometimes, still—"

"Oh, it's all right if you care to go; I am rather surprised, that's all. I suppose I am rather exclusive."

"Not any more so than I am," said the girl in the picture hat. "I really had not quite decided to go to the tea, anyhow."

"Of course, it is just as you feel, dear. Don't you think that Nell's gowns are rather impossible this year? And what a loud, undefined lace she has!"

"That's true; I've noticed it myself. I believe I shall not go to her tea, after all."

"Don't let me overpersuade you, dear," said the girl in the velvet poke. "As I said, I am, perhaps, too exclusive."

"I'm just as exclusive as you are any day," said the girl in the picture hat, reddening, "and I'd like to see anybody persuade me out of a thing I had made up my mind to do."

"Oh, well, if you have decided not to go, I am very well pleased, though I did not wish to influence you."

"You didn't!" said the girl in the picture hat. "My mind was quite made up when I came in. May I just sit down here at your desk and write my regrets?"

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