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The Monroe Doctrine

For a political principle over which there has been such recent controversy and which is the object of widespread reference, the Monroe Doctrine is probably less understood than any other political document ever issued in the history of the American nation.

The statement of Sir Frederick Borden are based upon an entirely incorrect premise. His conception of the Monroe Doctrine is so erroneous as to lead to the conclusion that he never read that very important document, and if he did, he certainly failed to grasp its basis, principles and purposes.

The Monroe Doctrine was first proclaimed in 1823 by Monroe in his seventh message to Congress. At that time the indications in international diplomacy were that the so-called "Holy Alliance" might intervene to assist Spain to reconquer her lost colonies in the American hemisphere.

The Holy Alliance was the outgrowth of the overthrow of Napoleon and France in 1815. The sovereigns of Russia, Austria and Prussia formed a compact, agreeing "to regulate their conduct by the precepts of the Gospel."

The Monroe Doctrine was directed primarily against Spain and members of the Holy Alliance, for those four nations represented political thoughts that were abhorrent to the freedom for which the people of the young republic, the United States, had fought and suffered.

The following is the full text of the famous doctrine: At the proposal of the Russian imperial government, made through the minister of the emperor residing here, a full power and instructions have been transmitted to the minister of the United States at St. Petersburg, to arrange, by amicable negotiation, the respective rights and interests of the two nations on the northwest coast of this continent.

observers. The political system of the allied powers is essentially different in this respect from that of America. This difference proceeds from that which exists in their respective governments. And to the defence of our own, which has been achieved by the loss of so much blood and treasure, and matured by the wisdom of their most enlightened citizens, and under which we have enjoyed unexampled felicity, this whole nation is devoted. We owe it, therefore, to candor, and to the amicable relations existing between the United States and those powers, to declare, that we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety.

It was stated, at the commencement of the last session, that a great effort was then making in Spain and Portugal, to improve the condition of the people of those countries, and that it appeared to be conducted with extraordinary moderation. It need scarcely be remarked that the result has been, so far, very different from what was then anticipated. Of events in that quarter of the globe, with which we have so much intercourse and from which we derive our origin, we have always been anxious and interested spectators.

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which is, not to interfere in the internal concerns of any of its powers; to consider the government, de facto, as the legitimate government for us; to cultivate friendly relations with it, and to preserve those relations by a frank, firm and manly policy; meeting, in all instances, the just claims of every power, submitting to injuries from none. But in regard to these continents, circumstances are eminently and conspicuously different. It is impossible that the allied powers should extend their political system to any portion of either continent without endangering our peace and happiness; nor can any one believe that our southern brethren, if left to themselves, would adopt it of their own accord. It is equally impossible, therefore, that we should behold such interposition, in any form, with indifference. If we look to the comparative strength and resources of Spain and those new governments, and their distance from each other, it must be obvious that she can never subdue them. It is still the true policy of the United States to leave the parties to themselves, in the hope that other powers will pursue the same course.

Some slighting comparisons having been made between that Pompeii affair and the present eruption, Vesuvius has decided to prove that she still has sand.

Isn't it strange that no matter how patriotic an American may be, he never has any scruples about trying to smuggle in whatever spoil he may bring back from a foreign trip?

No doubt the proposal for a republic in Russia would be popular if it was given out that it was only another name for vodka.

In the course of an editorial in its news columns this morning in advocacy of putting Hawaii back into the insular possession class, the Advertiser says: "The Philippines get all the money they want, get all the troops they want get everything they want. They have never been turned down in Washington, save on this tariff business. And there is no assurance that that will be a permanent turn-down."

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writing of "tacking" in it, is disposed of by the following explanation:

Tuesday Night. Editor Advertiser: We meant "tacking" all right, just as it stands; slightly stitching on, a bit more, to the "serious column," etc. if so minded. What's matter, Stars? No plikie, all clear. D ar in e sue! ANNE M. PRESCOTT

Mr. Bryan, in his communication to the County Board last night, asking that such an arrangement be made between the equity and the Honolulu Library and Reading Association as will enable the library to become in a real sense a public library, and to make distribution of books all over the country, is one that contains an immense amount of important information. It is to be hoped that the request will receive very careful consideration. There seems to be no legal difficulties in the way of carrying out the project. The extension of the usefulness and influence of the library ought to be one that will appeal to every citizen.

One would imagine from the fuss the circuit judges, or some of them make about it, that the principal business of the grand jury is to keep secret its proceedings, rather than to investigate violations of the law and indict offenders.

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