

MINIST R BAYARD TALKS.

No Idea of Serious Trouble Between England and America.

LONDON, December 18.—The annual banquet of the Actors' Benevolent Fund at the Hotel Metropolis tonight was the occasion of a notable public demonstration of good feeling toward the United States Ambassador, Thomas F. Bayard.

The United States Ambassador seemed to have lost the depressed air which he wore this morning, and chatted with his neighbors at the table and smiled and talked with great animation.

After dinner, when the time came for Sir Francis Jeune to propose the toast to the "Actor's Benevolent Fund," he said in the course of his speech that he hoped the only rivalry between England and America would be a historic rivalry and that there never would be serious differences between the two nations, which were, after all, brothers.

Sir Edward Arnold, in proposing the "Stage and the Drama," said he laughed at the idea of any difference between England and America, and Comyns Carr toasted the friends across the sea.

By way of illustration he repeated the Bible story founded on the judgment of Solomon over the dispute of two women, both of whom claimed to be the mother of the same child.

These inferential references to the current affairs were greeted with repeated cheers and with the greatest possible enthusiasm.

Mr. Bayard concluded: "The time is seasonable to invite you to name my country and join hands across the swelling main."

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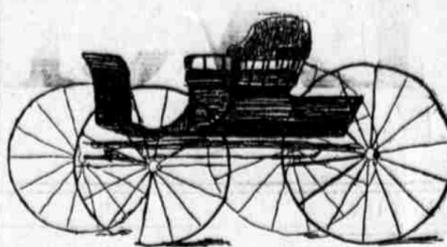
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