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Reform Difficulties in England—Mr. Gladstone and Disraeli.

The struggle over the Reform question in England has produced extraordinary confusion in the ranks of the chief political parties. Individual members of Parliament must find it hard to say positively on which side they really stand.

Mr. Disraeli proved too shrewd and expert for him. He has profited by every mistake, by every error of judgment, by every defect of temper which the leader of the opposition was betrayed into.

It is impossible not to perceive, even at this distance from the scene of contention, that the result of the Reform debates thus far has been moulded, in no small degree, by the personal character and qualities of these two eminent men—Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Disraeli.

He will take up a wrong issue, and stake the fortunes of his party upon it. He did so in the recent instance of the foolish "instruction" to Mr. Coleridge, and he underwent the mortification of seeing it withdrawn amid the jeers of the whole House.

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The relation in which Mr. Disraeli stands towards the Reform question is too large a subject to enter upon here, but it is perfectly evident that he was placed in circumstances of very great embarrassment, and that he is emerging from them with skill and credit.

In seeking to arrive at conclusions upon these points, we are met by many difficulties. The Ministerial bill is being discussed on theoretical grounds. We do not believe that any party understands precisely what will be the full effect of its working.

which a good bill may be shaped. We regard it as immensely more liberal than Mr. Gladstone's plan, which is to confine reform to a five pound suffrage. Why five pounds? Why not four pounds or three pounds?

On all probability the bill will yet be considerably altered and amended before it becomes law. It has already consumed the greater part of the session.

Luxembourg—Its Importance to France and the Position of Prussia. Luxembourg was exacted as one of the guarantees for the peace of Europe when the powers were in a temper to fancy that peace could never be threatened by anybody but the great disturber, France.

Between Alsace and the sea, following down the Rhine, there are three zones of country of primary importance in view of any military operation against France. They open on the Rhine at one end and into France at the other. They are formed by the relation that the Meuse and Moselle bear to the Rhine.

But in the hands of the Prussians this important scrap of territory is a foreign wedge forced in at the vulnerable point of French defense. This point in hostile hands, and France lies almost naked to her foes.

France, having once mooted this point, very naturally hesitates to recede. It is a topic too vitally important ever to have been started until the determination had been reached to carry it to a settlement by diplomacy, if possible, or war, if absolutely necessary.

Our Great National Approach—The Italian War. The statement recently published by Mr. Boggy, late Commissioner of Indian Affairs, substantiates the view which we have all along taken of our difficulties with the Indian tribes and of the management of our Indian

affairs generally. According to his showing the impending war is due, not to the unreasonable demands of the chiefs, nor yet to the rapacity of the Government agents or traders, upon whose shoulders the blame has been so freely laid, but to mismanagement in Washington.

The expedition sent out under General Hancock is, Mr. Boggy thinks, a great mistake. All that was wanted was the sending of a small number of men to the Yellowstone to chastise the chief Red Cloud and his adherents.

In all this there is but too much truth, and it is a melancholy reflection that, repeatedly as it has been urged, it has failed in producing any impression. If we wage a war of general extermination against the tribes—and we do not see what else is the result from Hancock's expedition—the world will, in view of these statements, hold us responsible for blood unnecessarily shed.

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