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EDITORIAL OPINIONS OF THE LEADING JOURNALS FROM CURRENT NOTICE—COMPILERS WREYER DAY FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.

A Bull Against the Comet.

From the N. Y. Tribune. Lord Sydney, Chamberlain of the House...

This is a mild way of dealing with a mild topic. To any ordinary person, familiar with the pantomime and burlesque displays of London...

Why the movement, such as it is, should be made at this particular time, it is difficult to conjecture, excepting upon the principle laid down by Macaulay...

Reverdy Johnson on the Stamp Diplomatic.

From the N. Y. World. One of the stock objections advanced against Mr. Reverdy Johnson's peculiar manner of making himself at home in England has been that he is inclined to fawn upon and "toady" the British people...

Perhaps Mr. Johnson had grown somewhat weary of his little game; perhaps his great success at it had made him careless; perhaps he was resolved to see if no pill which he could prepare would be too large for the Eng-

lish gullet. At all events he "let himself out" at the little town of Luton, the other day, to a greater extent than ever before...

But this was not all. Mr. Johnson did not content himself with drawing comparisons between President Johnson and Queen Victoria...

Clearly, there is very little toadyism in all this. One would call it, on the contrary, the "most grave and temperate" irony on a subject of high English solemnity...

The Suffrage Amendments in Congress.

From the N. Y. Times. The controversy which has arisen between the Senate and House on a question affecting the alleged rights of the latter will not expedite the adjustment of differences in regard to the suffrage amendment...

The amendment as reported by the Reconstruction Committee and passed by the House is simple and moderate. It is merely a declaration that "the right of any citizen of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State, by reason of race or color, or previous condition of slavery, of any citizen or class of citizens of the United States."

account of race, color, nativity, property, education, or creed."

The House proposition, it will be seen, is limited to the suffrage, concerning which there is general agreement among the Republicans. That of the Senate, on the other hand, superadds an affirmation of the negro's eligibility to office, about which there is no like agreement...

The reasoning which conduces to this conclusion is, however, satisfied with an assurance of general political equality. It does not require the universal enfranchisement of the colored people; it only declares that they shall be subject to no condition in respect of voting which does not equally apply to white citizens.

But the Senate amendment travels over new ground, dictates terms for which the country is not prepared, and goes far towards extinguishing the vital forces of State authority. It deprives the States of the power of regulating qualifications for local office, and declares that neither on the ground of color, nativity, education, or property shall a citizen be debarred admission to the highest positions of trust and distinction.

The House amendment, if now submitted to the States, may receive the approval of the requisite number. It is designed to satisfy the national sense of justice, without any violation of State rights. The Senate amendment, on the other hand, if adopted by the House, will assuredly be rejected by the States, which will see in it an attempt to revolutionize the character of the Government, and to make important local concerns subject to the will of Congress.

The Approaching Struggle in Europe.

From the N. Y. Herald. Europe is just now under conditions which have had no parallel since the time when the States system began to struggle into that peculiar kind of existence which, with certain modifications, has lasted for some centuries. The first Napoleon disturbed it for a brief period. But the first Napoleon rose and fell, and Europe was not so different after his fall as Napoleon believed it would be.

What does it all mean? It can only mean that Europe is in no settled condition, and that an appeal to arms at no distant day is regarded as inevitable. The truth is Europe has come under entirely new conditions. The railroad and the telegraph have made the people of the old-fashioned boundary lines. Why should the nationalities remain what they are? Why should the great future be stayed simply in the interests of nationalities? No one can answer these questions in favor of the present order of things.

war with each other; for this armed peace, although it may breed fiercer bitter animities, is scarcely less grindingly oppressive and even destructive than actual war.

This state of things, however, cannot last. A change is necessary and imminent. Europe is on the eve of a great struggle. The struggle will be for the mastery of the Continent. Not immediately, but at an early day, Europe will be arranged in two hostile divisions. It will be the Latin races against the German races. Which will win cannot for a moment be doubted.

The United States and Hybrid Annexation.

From the N. Y. Herald. A few weeks since a number of zealous patriots in and out of Congress discovered a nice job in St. Domingo wild lands, mining grants, Samana bay speculations and a trill of a few millions in a public debt worth one or two cents on the dollar, and straightway a protectorate scheme was rushed into Congress in the hope that the American eagle would spread its wings and carry it into a state of hopeful existence.

But the trick did not succeed. The conscript fathers were in no mood to adopt new handlings, particularly of the hybrid breed. They had recently been trying to bring in a large black family as members of the body politic, to which the Northern mind exhibited unmistakable signs of reluctance.

This is as it should be. We have no time now, with so large a debt to provide for and an immense mass of corruption to purge from the Government, to foster petty jobs in hybrid annexation schemes for the benefit of a few sharp speculators. St. Domingo, Hayti, Cuba, Mexico, and Central America are all going through a natural process of ripening and rotting, and in due time will come legitimately within the pale of our control.

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