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THE TREATY OF WASHINGTON.

An article purporting to be an authentic or semi-official description of the treaty framed by the Joint High Commission has been telegraphed to all the leading journals of the country by the Associated Press, and it probably gives a tolerably correct but somewhat flattering outline of that document. British statesmen are good diplomats, and if anybody knows how to drive a hard bargain, or when concessions become necessary, to render them as insignificant and useless as possible, it is a well-trained Englishman. In a private trade a cute Yankee may outwit him, but in a public negotiation John Bull has rarely or never yielded up to Brother Jonathan anything more than force of arms or force of circumstances has compelled him to surrender. The new compact, which is to be called the Treaty of Washington, was framed at a time when John Bull was disposed to be amiable, amiable, gracious, and to exhibit a slight sense of justice, so far as such an essentially surly and grasping individual can be amiable, amiable, gracious, or just, and the treaty therefore contains some things which he will be disposed to regard as concessions. Thus it is said that "the British Government frankly expresses its regret for the occurrence of the incidents complained of by the United States;" and it is, furthermore, provided that five commissioners, one of whom is to be appointed by each of the high contracting parties, and three by three designated sovereigns of Europe, shall examine into the Alabama and kindred claims, "and award damages, either in detail or in gross," on the principle that the responsibility of Great Britain shall be adjudged under special rules of neutral duty and obligation established by the treaty, but which are not admitted by the British Government to have been in force during the Rebellion. If this version of the treaty is correct, the British Government has apparently gone as far on the point on which the American people are peculiarly sensitive as we could reasonably expect. The ground taken by Sumner in his speech against the treaty negotiated by Reverdy Johnson and Clarendon, viz., that we should hold Great Britain (on account of her premature indirect recognition of the Confederacy), responsible for a sum about equal to the national debt, is as ridiculous, untenable, and unjust as it is impracticable; and if this bunkum idea is thrown overboard there is little cause left to complain of the provisions of the new treaty so far as they affect our war claims against Great Britain. We may justly complain of the hot haste with which Great Britain awarded belligerent rights to the South, as well as of her passionate demand for Mason and Slidell, and of the immense amount of moral and material aid and comfort her citizens afforded to the Rebels during the war, but this is not a matter to be settled by dollars and cents, nor by a treaty; and if that part of the old score is ever to be wiped out, it must be repaid in kind, when favoring circumstances furnish a convenient and corresponding opportunity.

The wily British diplomatists, in making provision for our legitimate demands arising from the operations of the Confederate cruisers that were suffered to escape from English ports, did not forget to prefer, as offsets, sundry bills of their own countrymen which were also run up during the late war. The public is at present left somewhat in the dark in regard to the amount and character of these claims, but an assurance is given that they are restricted to the narrowest possible limits. It will not do for the treaty to leave any loopholes on a point like this. We should become a laughing stock among the nations if, after all our clamor about the Alabama claims, any system of diplomatic jugglery should bring us into Great Britain's debt. Fears have been expressed from time to time that we would be held responsible for the Confederate loan negotiated in England. If the treaty contemplates or permits any such trucking, it had better be burned up at once, and woe to the Senator who supports it.

On the fishery question and questions connected with the navigation of the St. Lawrence, etc., a fair and liberal arrangement seems to have been made in the treaty—the entanglements of reciprocity being avoided—and the worst feature of this part of the negotiations is the provision that they must be ratified by the Parliament of Canada and the Legislature of Prince Edward's Island before they become binding. This seems to us a trick on the part of the British Commissioners and a mistake on the part of the Commissioners from this country. Ratifications by the United States Senate and the British Parliament are essential, but we might as well require the consent of Oregon and Washington Territory to the provision of the treaty relating to the northwestern boundary line as permit Great Britain to compel us to await the tardy and factious action of a colonial parliament and the legislature of a petty island.

LET US HAVE PEACE.

Our usually amiable contemporary, the Bulletin completely lost its amiability yesterday, and made a melancholy exhibition of bad temper, which, considering the recent success of the anti-Penn Square ring in the Senate, was as unexpected as it was grief-inspiring. It always saddens us when the Bulletin gets into one of its wild moods, but if its bottled-up wrath must be vented, we are pleased, rather than otherwise, if THE TELEGRAPH made the object of it, for we know in that case that no harsh words calculated to disturb the serenity of the Bulletin's sanctum will be used, and that with judicious treatment the patient may be expected ultimately to recover. It is otherwise in the case of some of our respected contemporary's frantic attacks, and we can remember an instance when one of our judges was compelled to pronounce from the bench the opinion that the Bulletin was a "habitual liar." This has been a matter for regret with us ever since, for it is not judicious to speak the truth on all occasions, and we would have dealt more gently with our contemporary than Judge Stroud felt impelled to do. The cause of the Bulletin's wrath yesterday was doubtless our statement that its opposition to the Building Commission was rather remarkable, in consideration of the fact that it endorsed the much more obnoxious commission schemes started at Harrisburg last winter. Facts are facts, however, and the Bulletin would exhibit itself to more advantage by making an explanation of its conduct than by flying into a passion and using abusive language against THE TELEGRAPH. The ire of the Bulletin was also aroused by a previous statement in these columns to the effect that a number of the gentlemen who went to Harrisburg to protest against the irresponsible Building Commission were themselves members of irresponsible commissions created in the same manner that it was by the Legislature. It is really not our fault if these things are true, nor are we responsible for the fact—for it is a fact—that members of the Senate were paid in good money of the United States to vote for the abolition of the Building Commission. It is well known that all the property-holders in the neighborhood of Sixth and Chestnut streets were assessed to pay the expenses of the campaign against the Building Commission. Doubtless the Bulletin will deny this fact, as it has many others; but the public, bearing in mind Judge Stroud's decision, will know exactly how much credence to put in the denial. Now we are anxious to know what has been done with this money, for money has been contributed liberally for the good and sufficient reason that it is worth while for the property-holders in the vicinity of Independence and Washington Squares to pay handsomely to retain a permanent monopoly of their business of letting offices at exorbitant rates. We commend these items to the candid consideration of the Bulletin, and in doing so we ask it to keep cool, and not to strike out so wildly as it did yesterday. The credit of journalism is at stake when such an exhibition of bad temper as that of the Bulletin's yesterday is made, and we ask in the kindest spirit possible that we may not have occasion to reply to the like again. Let us have peace.

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