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THIS MEANS BUSINESS!

President Cleveland has sent to Congress a special message on the Venezuelan controversy, which is notice to Great Britain that the Monroe doctrine is a very live issue in affairs on this continent. The document will cause a thrill of patriotic enthusiasm throughout the Union, such as has not been felt for many a day, and Americans, independent of political party affiliations, will give their warm support to the Chief Magistrate in the stand he has taken. The diplomatic correspondence of the United States with Great Britain on the Venezuelan matter has been of the most conciliatory character; but now that the British government has seen fit to reject the peaceful overtures of the United States, notice is served that on this side of the water there shall be no trifling or delay.

In his message, the President calls the attention of Congress to the merits of the dispute, and states what has been done by this government, and Great Britain's response thereto. The latter the President regards as an intimation that the United States will be allowed no position as an arbitrator in the Venezuelan boundary controversy. From this standpoint the Chief Executive makes to Congress recommendations which are to the point, plain, decisive, and consistent with the national honor and courage. Britain will not arbitrate, therefore it is the duty of the United States to ascertain, upon its own responsibility, where the proper line between Venezuelan and British possessions is, and maintain that line, let the consequences be what they may.

This is carrying the Monroe doctrine to its full proper limit; and in harmony with the national sentiment, Congress may be expected to act promptly in accord with the President's advice. But far and above the bearing of President Cleveland's action on the Venezuelan dispute, is its portent as to the Alaska boundary question which has arisen. If Great Britain cannot rob Venezuela of territory without conquering the United States, she is not going to get a slice of Alaska on easier terms. Now is a splendid opportunity for the British lion to back down if he would not face worse. There is, however, one feature in the present position for which this country should be grateful to Premier Salisbury for his attitude. He has given this government an opportunity to increase its prestige among all countries, on the lines of Americanism, North and South, and to show that submission to injustice toward the American nations is not a cardinal doctrine of this Republic.

FAURE'S DESIGNATION.

The report that the French president has decided to resign his position in March does not seem to accord with the dispatches stating that President Faure, notwithstanding the attacks made upon him by his enemies, is the idol of the French people. But it is, nevertheless, possible that he finds his position so intolerable on account of the ever recurring assaults upon him, and his family, that he prefers retreat and peace. It is evident, however, that if every French president is to follow the example set by Casimir-Perier and resign under the fire of personal abuse, France will before long find itself without a chief executive and with the supply of material exhausted.

It is plain enough that the campaign of vituperation was inaugurated against Felix Faure for the purpose of forcing him to retire to private life. The first effort was made to injure him through the reputation of his wife. The story was circulated that her father's record was not strictly correct and that the president had sought her hand with full knowledge of the facts. Various versions were circulated in wide circles, but Faure's friends made a statement, and the people found that there was nothing in the attack but the venom of the slanderers. Another effort is therefore to be made to injure the president through the reputation of his ancestors, and of this we fain a stroke is to be aimed at his patriotism and an "inquiry" is to be made as to the share taken by M. Faure in preparing the expedition to Madagascar. The grievance against him in this connection is that he chartered an English vessel because, as his enemies allege, he did not have a subpoenaed to save the interests of his English creditors. This story, too, is said to be without the slightest foundation, for the president is in a position to prove that all French shipowners refused the freight, which was accepted by the English.

Such are, briefly stated, the methods by which the enemies of the French president are endeavoring to force him down. It is a campaign of disgrace, but entirely in the politicians who are engaged in it, and unless checked may have injurious effects upon the free institutions of the country.

LIQUOR FIGURES.

Commenting upon recent statistics as to the liquor trade, Mr. William E. Curtis, the well-known journalist, writes from Washington to the Chicago Record that Utah is as free from the whisky business as any other state or territory. There are less than 400 saloons, he says, or one to every 650 of the population, according to the last census. But even this ratio he regards as unfair to Utah, because her population has increased rapidly during the last five years, so that the relative number of persons to each saloon would be much larger. By way of comparison it is interesting to note the prosperous condition of the liquor traffic in prohibition Iowa, where something over five thousand persons are engaged in the business as dealers; even Kansas, also prohibition, has more than twenty-five hundred dealers. Kentucky makes no claims to the line of anti-saloon legislation, but enjoys, on the contrary, quite a reputation of her own in the liquor business; yet when it comes to a question of figures, the blue grass state, where the making of whisky is deemed an art and its consumption an accomplishment, actually has over six hundred less dealers than the prohibition state of Iowa.

The statistics tell a story which seems to require a good deal of explanation and which furnishes a fresh illustration that reformers have not yet acquired knowledge enough to make prohibition prohibit. In conclusion, going back to the starting point, we are pained to note that all the praise that Utah gets out of the figures given is that she is no worse than the rest of the states. She ought to be far and away better—prohibition is no prohibition.

AS TO MASQUERADES.

"Inquirer" writes from Monroe, Sevier county, as follows:

To the Editor:

Many very excellent things are said and written touching the happiness and welfare of the rising generation. As winter, with its customary opportunities, is upon us, and the holiday festivities are approaching, the minds of the young of both sexes are already arranging plans for recreation and pleasure. It therefore becomes a question in the minds of parents and all others who have the welfare of children at heart, as to the kind of recreation that would be acceptable and not destroy. It cannot be denied that changes, properly made, tend to lighten the cares and break the monotony of human life, and that the character of amusements adopted has much to do in giving tone to the morality of a community.

Nothing that has yet been introduced during the ages past seems to afford the young people such an amount of pleasure as that of dancing; but even this seems to call for change, and the old time quadrille has checked so much pleasure for years ago, has lost many of its charms, the round or contra dance having taken its place. Now even this style of dancing with some is becoming monotonous, and a craving is manifested by some in almost every circle of society as a substitute, in which the participants assume strange characters.

Now, dear editor, for the benefit of many who will read your answer, will you please state, in plain terms, under what conditions (if any) masquerades be recommended to a community of Christian people such as Latter-day Saints?

Our correspondent requests an answer "in plain terms" to the question propounded at the end of his letter; and we have no plainer way to reply than to say that we know of no condition, time or circumstance when masquerades can be recommended to a Christian people, such as Latter-day Saints. At some time we may deem it advisable to discuss dancing parties, and the general subject of winter festivities at length; but for the present it will suffice to say that when the desire for amusements becomes so impatient as to contend that it demands the mingling of the public under conditions where the identity of the individual is concealed, as in masquerades, then it has assumed a form of intemperance that certainly is no less dangerous to the morals of a community than is intemperance in any other practice. "There is a time to dance;" and there may be such varieties of the exercise as are conducive to the happiness of those engaging therein, and are in no way injurious to good health or morals. But when participants in the dance contend as amusements therein unmentional acts or immoral sensations, or a weekly return as an adjunct to the dancing pavilion or marquee is said to be marked accentuation of the occasion, the desire is for something that a Christian community cannot approve. The young people among the Latter-day Saints should be afforded amusements sufficient in quantity and variety to provide a reasonable excuse for desiring restriction of an improper character; and it the role of excluding from all dancing parties individuals whose assemblies are objectionable from a moral and religious standpoint were enforced as it should be, there would have diverge of such affairs would find no difficulty in the way of satisfying the requirements of youthful society than is generally the case at present.

GOOD WORD FOR ST. LOUIS.

The New York World pays a high compliment to St. Louis, Mo., in an article on the selection of that place for the Republican convention of 1896. The reference comes with all the better grace from the great Gotham paper, when it is remembered that New York was a candidate for the honors of the notable political meeting. The World remarks that, "as for the capture of the convention by St. Louis, it represents a triumph of pluck, cooler and merit. The distinction was fairly won, and the result will more than justify every claim put forward by the advocates of that city. St. Louis is undoubtedly the most central of all our large cities. Its returns of business, building, bank clearings, postoffice earnings, growth and improvement show that during the past five years it has taken the lead in solid and substantial development. The panic of 1893 did not touch it. It holds an influential position in relation to the manufacturing, transportation, banking and mercantile interests of the country. Above all, its people, as individuals, are pervaded with the public spirit and civic pride which makes them spontaneous and guarantors of the success of any enterprise to which the city is committed."

To these words of praise the people of this section will give hearty approval. Frequently we read and hear remarks from the big cities of the East, lauding the thriving and hospitable municipality which carried off the prize on this occasion; and it has been quite common to make "the town in Missouri," the "village at the end of the St. Louis bridge," the butt of ridicule. It is high time for a change in this respect, as St. Louis has fairly earned more considerate treatment. Its broad hospitality and generous public spirit, as instanced to the entire West through the meeting of the Transmississippi congress last year, and specially to Utah in the reception of the Tabernacle choir in 1893, evoke a warm sympathy from this part of the country, and inspire feelings of gratification when leaders of public sentiment in the far eastern part of the country recognize some of the good features which characterize "the most central of all our large cities," and one of the most energetic and open-hearted.

A WASHINGTON correspondent with a fancy for figures announces in a Chicago paper that the present Congress contains twenty-seven editors. Among others he notes "Mr. Cannon, of the Salt Lake Herald." Our morning contemporary will hardly relish the irony; its editors, etc., have not been getting very much into either the lawmaking or the law-interpreting departments lately.

WITH THIRTY Republicans from the southern side of Mason and Dixon's line, the solidity of the South seems to have been entered by a very penetrating political wedge.

THE NEWS gratefully acknowledges the evidence of courteous remembrance on the part of Delegate Frank J. Cannon, in the daily receipt of the Congressional Record.

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