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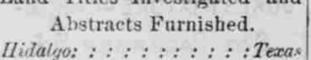
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SALISBURY'S SPEECH.

England, He Says, Advocates Monroe Doctrine as a Policy.

London, January 31.—The banquet of the Non-Conformists' Union at the Hotel Metropole tonight was the occasion of an address by the Marquis of Salisbury, prime minister and secretary of state for foreign affairs.

In the course of his remarks he said with regard to Venezuela: "I have been upheld as the denouncer of the Monroe doctrine. As a matter of fact, although the Monroe doctrine is no part of international law, my dispatch to Mr. Olney, the secretary of state of the United States, supported as a rule of policy in the strongest and most distinct terms. But when I stated in that dispatch and reiterate now that as a rule of policy we are the entire advocates of the Monroe doctrine, we mean the Monroe doctrine as per Monroe. (Cheers.)

"In that sense you will not find any more convinced supporters than we are."

Lord Salisbury then turned abruptly to the Armenian question and he reproached the religious communities with laboring under a mistake when they supposed that England had bound herself to succor the Armenians, which means to go to war with the sultan in order to force him to govern the Armenians well.

The Berlin treaty, Lord Salisbury said, merely bound the Signatory powers that if the sultan promulgated certain reforms they would watch over the execution of those reforms. Nothing more.

He did not think any one could interpret that as an undertaking to go to war. The speaker reminded his hearers that reforms which the sultan had recently accepted, although good reforms, could not be expected to produce good government in two months.

"They require time to work out," the speaker went on to say: "They would require time in a civilized community. I hope they will have a beneficial effect as time progresses."

Lord Salisbury then continued by saying: "Meantime, by spreading among the Turks the feeling that their dominion was threatened, these reforms have unfortunately led to the perpetration of horrors which can only be compared with the days of Gougha Khan and Tamerlane. I am aware that many influential people aver that this was done by the sultan and his government with set purposes. My own opinion is that the sultan's government is weak, wretched, impotent and powerless; but it is a dream to imagine that he ordered the perpetration of those cruelties.

"In my judgement there is no ground for thinking so. It was race faction and creed faction driven to the most highest point in their most corrupt and

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most horrible form which brought upon the wretched Armenians these terrible sufferings.

"If you ask why we have not interfered I can only answer for England that we could have threatened what I may call annoyance in the seizing of customs here and there, but when you are dealing with the rising of a whole fanatical population against a population with whom they have been at bitter enmity for ages, and who are situated in mountains far removed from the seashore, you are deceiving yourselves if you imagine that England's arm, long as it is, could have done anything in mitigation. Nothing but military occupation could have done it, and England does not possess the power of military occupation at this distance.

"Mr. Gladstone wrote a letter that we could cope with five or six Turkeys. That was most ill judged and rash assertion. If the sultan would meet us on the open area undoubtedly we could cope with five or six sultans, but it is not worth arguing those inaccessible provinces.

"I am not bound to answer the question why Europe did not interfere. I say confidentially that none of the powers wished to interfere and believe their view is that with patience the sultan's prestige, which is the only power left in the country, will ultimately re establish order and allow industry and commerce to take their usual course. That is their view, and it is our duty to give the sultan time. It is not for me to pass judgment on that view, but no other remedy has been suggested. It is some encouragement to find that already some degree of order is being restored.

"If you do not act with the great powers you must act against them and produce calamities far more awful and terrible than the Armenian atrocities."

In conclusion Lord Salisbury referred to the recent patriotic demonstrations of the threatened foreign complication and said: "I care not how much we are isolated, if we are united. An example has been set which will shed a beneficent light upon the generations of Englishmen."

As he finished his address and resumed his seat he was greeted with loud applause and prolonged cheers.

WANTS A SEPARATION.
South McAlester, I. T., Jan. 31.—The Osage Indians have passed a bill through their council asking for a separation from Oklahoma and to be annexed to the five civilized tribes.

A VILE WRETCH.

Outrages His Own Daughter, Confesses and Wants to be Hanged.

Alba, Texas, January 31.—Mr. Cameron, a prominent farmer, living four miles east of this place, has been arrested and jailed, charged with rape committed upon his daughter says it has been going on for four years, but it was never detected by any one until she was confined. The father pleads guilty and desires to be hung, but no sentence has been passed. Mr. Cameron's wife has been dead several years, and he has been living with his grown daughter and several smaller children. They were highly respected people and everybody was surprised on learning the facts.

A NEW SUPPLY.

Gold Paid it at Postoffices to Be Turned Over to the Treasury.

Postmaster John C. Hutchins of Cleveland O., has suggested a plan to Secretary Carlisle which will probably be acted upon and in a measure assist the government to maintain the gold reserve. A large portion of the receipts of the postoffice in that city is gold and Mr. Hutchins suggests that if the gold reserve received at all the postoffices throughout the country, amounting perhaps to millions annually, could be placed in the United States treasury and not deposited with the national banks, as is done under the present system, the scheme would result in materially helping the maintenance of the gold reserve. The postmaster has received a letter from Secretary Carlisle thanking him for the suggestion, and has also had considerable correspondence with Postmaster General Wilson in reference to the subject. The postmaster general has instituted inquiry among the larger postoffices as to the amount of gold received and where it is deposited.

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