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ARE WE TO SECURE THE BAD DEBTS OF OTHER PEOPLE?

As the tangled skein of European craft in regard to the Venezuelan difficulty unravels, the real aim and purpose of the powers in their onslaught on the little Republic seems to be revealing itself.

Some weeks before the situation approached the verge of war, Mr. Isaac Seligman of New York visited Washington, called at the White House and had an interview with Secretary Hay. He came there as the representative of a bankers' syndicate which proposed to underwrite the bonds necessary to enable Venezuela to pay her European creditors, provided satisfactory security for these obligations could be had. Mr. Seligman's mission got no further than the tentative stage, but the real purpose of it was to induce our government to endorse the projected bonds, or at least give some assurance of their ultimate redemption that would make them marketable. This rather cheeky proposition was based—so the argument ran—upon the consideration that if the United States must insist on the guardianship of the South American Republics, we ought out of sheer decency also to pay the debts of our dusky wards.

This apparently total misconception and perversion of the scope of the Monroe Doctrine was perhaps not as gross as it looks. Those who put it forward have found your Uncle Samuel so easy hitherto, when they have had any bonds to corner, or other privileges to ask for, that they thought, no doubt, that the required signature would be forthcoming.

Of the particulars of the Washington visit nothing was made known at the time, but it was understood that the benevolent offer was declined. But when an underwriting syndicate once gets a whiff of bonds, which are to cost little and pay much, it is not easily driven away from the carcass.

So the next wheel in the contrivance was slipped in gear; and it took the form at first of a "peaceful blockade," which was begun by the very unpeaceful act of sinking the Venezuelan shipping in the harbor of La Guayra. The short shrift given to the crews of these ships is found in the language of one of the attacking admirals: "I request you to lower your ship's flag immediately and leave your ship with your crew within ten minutes. This is not a measure of war. * * * * In case you disobey and wish to defend your ship, I shall be obliged to prevent you from doing so by the discharge of arms."

An armed force was also landed on Venezuelan ground, and yet the existence of war was disclaimed.

At this point the smaller European powers, as the next step in the programme, began to clamor for their pay also. Great Britain receded from her position of a "peaceful" blockader, and an actual blockade was announced, and since then has been proclaimed.

By this time the anxiety of the American government, which so far as is known had not intimated any displeasure at these warlike "pacific" measures, had been sufficiently wrought up, and the apparently expected and waited-for suggestion of arbitration was on hand.

The details of the correspondence are of course not made public, but it seems that when our good offices were proposed, the reference of the matter to the arbitrament of the Hague Commission was asked. This offer was declined by the powers,—why it is hard to see from the outside, since the machinery provided by the Hague treaty is adapted to just such a contingency, and has been extravagantly praised by those who now are rejecting it.

The counter-proposition is said to be that President Roosevelt himself shall be the arbitrator, but coupled with certain conditions, over which the powers seem disposed to haggle. The President is understood to entertain the project, although not yet fully committed to it; and the conditions annexed to the submission are not fully revealed.

The proposition, however, of leaving the claims of European monarchies to the award of the President of a republic is of itself so extraordinary that we must suppose some ulterior purpose to lurk below the surface of it.

Meantime the powers are forcing the issue by notifying a blockade, which must be disastrous to neutral trade, including that of our own country.

The probable plan on foot from the beginning has been, and still is, to induce our government to shoulder some sort of responsibility for the debt of Venezuela to the European powers. The acceptance by the President of the office of arbitrator will be a long step in that direction. If a specific assumption of the obligation is not forthcoming, still it will be claimed that by undertaking the mediation we have taken upon us the moral liability of securing payment. That hostilities are being pressed in Venezuela with this end distinctly in view is probable, and the inference is warranted by the dispatches, which yesterday were made to say: "With President Roosevelt acting as arbitrator, the serious objection in the matter of guarantees, which frequently have been mentioned at the foreign office and in these dispatches, would disappear. The foreign office has repeatedly said that the great difficulty in its seeing a way to agree to a pacific settlement of the Venezuelan trouble was its inability to ascertain to what extent the United States was willing to assume responsibility."

These dispatches are from London, and the "foreign office" referred to is the State department of the British government. They clearly foreshadow an attempt to make us stand as the guarantor of South American debts. We sincerely hope it will not succeed. There is no telling how far John Hay will go in truckling to England; but it would be in the last degree degrading to our diplomacy and humiliating to our people to have the Monroe Doctrine, by which we have stood for three quarters of a century, prostituted to the purposes of a mere collection agency for Lombard street and its suburb, Wall street, with our resources taxed to make good the worthless paper of aliens. A more gross perversion of a patriotic and time-honored tradition cannot be thought of.

But we have reason to suspect that this is what is in effect being considered in Washington.

Let the scheme succeed, and we shall stand in the amazing position of seeing our industrial competitors and enemies trading without limit with improvident and bankrupt customers, and sending the bills for us to pay. That this would be furnishing clubs to break our own commercial head with, is a mild way of putting it.

We trust the American people are not to be subjected to this humiliation.

NOTHING TO BRAG OF.

An Ohio minister proudly proclaims the fact that there are five men in his congregation that have not been absent from Sunday service for over four years. That's nothing to blow about! There are hundreds of men in here who have not been absent from Sunday's service for over five years and many of them for eight and ten years for that matter. Trot out another hoss, parson; that one's too slow!—Ohio Penitentiary News.

The penitentiary parson has the advantage of having his entire audience under conviction at once, which is better than anyone else in the state can say.

SECRETARY ROOT

May Retire and Gen. Taft Is Mentioned as Successor.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The retirement in a few months of Secretary Root and the rumored intention of the President to appoint as his successor, Governor General Taft, while, not at this time capable of official confirmation is looked upon by those closest to the administration as being highly probable. Pressure of his private interests has long demanded of the Secretary that he retire from official life.

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Wise and Otherwise

Lots of time yet for snow before Christmas.

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The Venezuelan war has apparently struck bottom.

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Short, heavy-set Christmas trees will be all the rage this year.

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Notwithstanding the Monroe Doctrine is a good subject for orations.

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The usual number of ear muffs has already been purchased for Christmas presents.

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Some "shameless Hun" may try to make Kipling eat those words one of these days.

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Santa Claus won't be the only pebble on the beach in Akron so long as Gen. Dick's at home.

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The only way to test a plum pudding is to eat it—and then it will do a little testing of its own.

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The story that the City Fathers will indulge in a Christmas tree at Council chamber is doubtless a canard.

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The young man who shuns his lady friends during Christmas time deserves to be made a target during ice cream season.

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Occasionally the Mayor orders a man to get outside of town inside of an hour. His Honor used to be a minstrel man.

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"Whose little boy are you, Willie?"
"I's oo's little boy if oo don't tell mamma I peeked at my Christmas present."

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It would seem that the speech of Council President Seidell against municipal ownership carried some weight with it, after all.

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If you're at a loss to know what to send that dear girl for a Christmas present just submit a check for $50 and see if she doesn't waive technicalities.

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It is said that "fox and geese" is a game that has taken great hold on Canton people, and that during the recent snow there were no less than 16 big rings on the more prominent streets.

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Correspondents seem to imagine that a murder story won't be accepted by out-of-town papers unless it is stated that "an extra guard has been placed at the jail where the murderer is confined."

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NEXT MORNING PHILOSOPHER.

It is better to take abuse in silence than reply in kind.

No man is probably quite as bad as others think he is.

Never invite a conflict when it may be avoided with honor.

If there were no cloudy days the sunshine would become monotonous.

Beds of flowery ease depend less on adornment than on a sound physical constitution.

There is no rest for the wicked, and the righteous are not troubled with a surplus of it.

Imagination is a good thing provided it runs in the proper direction.

If a man calls you a liar you may knock him down and yet not disprove his allegation.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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A GREAT GENERAL.

"What is that mighty clash of steel
That rings within my ear?"
"It is the fierce typewriter's note,
My son, that causes fear."

"Those ruddy stains upon your hand—
Why do they make me shrink?"
"I've just come from the war, my son,
And these are spots of ink."

"What caused these wounds which I behold
With feelings of unrest?"
"My son, I scratched my hand against
The medals on my breast."
—Washington Star.

Building Permits

E. H. Wolf, frame house, Garfield st.

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Jos. Glatthar, frame house, Wheeler st.

"Marley's Ghost" illustrated tomorrow evening in the Universalist Sunday school rooms.

Hear the "Children's Messiah," embodying the Christmas story reverently and impressively interpreted by the great composers and artists, First Presbyterian church Tuesday evening, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p. m. Admission, members of school free, others 10 cents.

MR. RITCHIE

Expects to Spend Christmas at His Home.

Mr. S. J. Ritchie, who has been in at the Empire House for several weeks, is rapidly recovering and Monday morning he dressed himself and came down stairs for a few minutes. However, he will keep in close for a few days, although he expects to spend Christmas at his home in Tallmadge.

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FRIENDLY RIVAL.

General Dick Would Meet Herrick In That Capacity.

When General Charles Dick left Washington for Akron last night, it was with the expectation of issuing a formal statement to the Republicans of Ohio before the holiday season ended of his candidacy for Governor, says a Washington dispatch. That the General is an avowed candidate for the nomination was announced authoritatively in these dispatches a week ago, after he had had a two-hour conference with Senator Hanna. The absence of a quotation from him to some such effect as "I am a candidate, and you may say so," did not alter the fact that he was in the race. Some of the General's friends do not understand why he did not make use of some such expression, but their curiosity doubtless will be satisfied during the holidays, after the conference, which Senator Hanna, Colonel Myron T. Herrick, and Mr. Dick, and perhaps one or two others, will attend, is held in Cleveland.

This conference will be of primary importance to the three men named, but more especially to Messrs. Herrick and Dick. As was explained last Sunday night, when the General's candidacy was announced, the chief topic to be discussed is the availability of the two men as candidates. The ramifications of such a discussion may readily be imagined. It is to be presupposed that chicanery, of any sort will have to be avoided, and that sincerity will characterize the observations and suggestions of each and all the conferees. The outcome of the meeting will be awaited with deepest interest by Ohio politicians—Democrats as well as Republicans—in Washington. In their judgment, the result must be that both will stay in the race, or one or the other will withdraw.

None of Colonel Herrick's friends here was able to speak for him authoritatively, but persons close to General Dick do not hesitate to predict that he will not withdraw in favor of the popular Cleveland banker. When the Akron Representative permitted the announcement to be made that he was an avowed candidate, he had reached the point where the die was cast. He then became a candidate in earnest, and his friends say he is in the race to stay. It is understood that the General would welcome Colonel Herrick as a friendly rival, and be willing to abide by the result of their respective canvasses.

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BAD ROADS.

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The warm weather has made the roads in the country and outlying districts of the city very bad. The frost is entirely out of the ground, and teamsters and milk wagon drivers find getting about very difficult.

Occasionally a wagon can be seen stranded in the mud to the axles. The earth in the new sewer ditch on East Voris st. has settled down so that it is dangerous, and the same may be said of all sewers put in last fall. In some places they make the streets almost impassible.

From Cleveland To Canton By Trolley

The Northern Ohio Traction Co. has issued round trip tickets between Cleveland and Canton to go into effect today. The round trip fare will be $1.60 and fare one way 95c. Tickets are on sale in Cleveland and Canton. Direct connections will be made at this point. This is by reason of a traffic arrangement made with the Canton-Akron Co.

NEW METHOD

Discovered For Treatment of the Heart.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—After a series of experiments covering a period of over five years, Dr. W. Byron Coadley, has just discovered that to administer local treatment to the heart is not the impossibility the world's scientists have held it to be.

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Thus far, Dr. Coadley has been compelled to confine his experiments to dogs, rabbits, and similar animals, but so certain is he of his ground that he will attempt to secure a human subject for a demonstration which he has been asked to make before the International Medical Congress at Madrid, Spain, in 1903.

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