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THE PRESIDENT REITERATES THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

English Aggression Will Not Be Permitted on this Continent and Venezuela Will Be Protected.
England Must Back Down or There Will Be War.

Washington, Dec. 17.—To the Congress: In my annual message addressed to congress on the predicament of the pending boundary controversy between Great Britain and the Republic of Venezuela I recited the substance of a representation made by this government to her Britannic majesty's government suggesting reasons why such dispute should be submitted to arbitration for settlement, and inquiring whether it would be so submitted. The answer from the British government, which has been long waited, has since been received, together with the reply, and is herewith appended. Such reply is embodied in two communications addressed by the British prime minister to Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador at this capital. It will be seen that one of these communications is devoted exclusively to observations upon the Monroe doctrine, and presents a new and strange extension of the development of this doctrine as insisted on by the United States; that the reasons justified an appeal to the doctrine enunciated by President Monroe are generally inapplicable "to the state of things in which we live at the present day," and especially inapplicable to a controversy between the boundary line between the United States and Great Britain. The doctrine upon which we stand is strong and sound, because its enforcement is important to our peace and safety as a nation and is essential to the integrity of our free institutions and the tranquil maintenance of our distinctive form of government. It was intended to apply to every stage of our national life and cannot become obsolete while our republic endures. If the balance of power is justly a cause for jealous anxiety among the governments of the old world and a subject for our absolute non-interference none the less is an observance of the Monroe doctrine of great concern to our people and their government.

Assuming, therefore that we may properly insist upon this doctrine without regard to "the state of things in which we live" or any changed conditions here or elsewhere, it is not apparent why its application may not be invoked in the present controversy.

THE PRINCIPLES DISCUSSED.
It is also suggested in the British reply that we should not seek to apply the Monroe doctrine to the pending dispute because it does not embody any principle of international law, which is "founded on the great concert of nations" and "no statesman, however eminent," and "no nation however powerful, are competent to insert into the code of national law a novel principle, which has never been recognized, and which has not since been accepted by the government of any country."

Practically the principle which we contend for is not peculiar to international law. It may not be admitted in so many words into the code of international law, but since, in international councils every nation is entitled to the rights belonging to it, if the enforcement of the Monroe doctrine is something we may justly claim, it has its place in the code of international law as certainly and securely as if it was specially mentioned and when the United States is a suitor before the high tribunal that administers international law the question to be determined is whether or not we present claims which the justice of that code of laws can be found to be right and valid. The Monroe doctrine finds its recognition in those principles of international law based on the theory that every nation shall have its rights protected and its just claims enforced.

Of course this government is entirely confident that under the sanction of this doctrine we have clear rights and undoubted claims. Nor is this ignored in the British reply. The prime minister, while not admitting that the Monroe doctrine is applicable to present conditions, states: "In declaring that the United States would resist any such encroachment if it was contemplated, President Monroe adopted a policy which received the entire sympathy of the English government of that day." He further declares: "Though the language of President Monroe is directed to the attainment of objects which most Englishmen would agree to be salutary it is impossible to admit that they have been inscribed by any international law in the code of international law." Again he says: "They (her majesty's government) fully concur with the view which President Monroe apparently entertained that any disturbances of the existing territorial distribution in that hemisphere by any such acquisitions on the part of any European state would be an impending charge."

CLEAR AND DEFINITE.
In the doctrine for which we contend it was clear and definite that it was founded upon substantial considerations and involved our safety and welfare; that it was fully applicable to our present conditions and to the state of the world's powers, and that it was distinctly related to the pending controversy and without any contention as to the final merits of the dispute, but anxious to learn in a satisfactory and conclusive manner whether Great Britain sought under a claim of boundary to extend her possessions on this continent, whether it may be fairly included in the Monroe doctrine, and whether this vexatious boundary dispute between the two countries and our exact standing and relation in respect to the controversy might be made clear.

It will be seen from the correspondence herewith submitted, that the proposal was declined by the British government, upon grounds which seem to be to me far from satisfactory. It is particularly disappointing that such an appeal, actuated by the most friendly feeling toward both nations concerned, addressed to the sense of justice and to the magnanimity of one of the great powers of the world and touching its relation to one comparatively weak and small.

The course to be pursued by this government in view of the present conditions does not appear to admit of any serious doubt. Assuming that the attitude of Venezuela will remain unchanged, the dispute has reached such a stage as to make it now incumbent to take measures to determine with sufficient certainty for its justification what is the true divisional line between the republic of Venezuela and British Guiana. The inquiry to that end, should, of course be conducted carefully and judiciously, and due weight should be given to all available evidence, record and facts in support of the claims of both parties. In order that such an examination should be prosecuted in thorough and satisfactory manner, I suggest that congress make an adequate appropriation for the expense of a commission to be appointed by the executive which should make the necessary investigation and report upon the matter with the least possible delay. When such report is made and accepted it will, in my opinion, be the duty of the United States to resist by every means in its power as a wilful aggression upon its rights and interests the appropriation by Great Britain of any lands or the exercise of governmental jurisdiction over any land right be going to Venezuela. In making these recommendations, I am fully alive to the responsibility incurred and keenly realize all the consequences that may follow.

I am nevertheless firm in my conviction that while it is a grievous thing to contemplate the two great English speaking peoples of the world as being otherwise than friendly competitors in the onward march

of civilization and strenuous and worthy rivals in all the arts of peace, there is no calamity which a nation can invite which equals that of giving a supine submission to wrong and injustice and the consequent loss of national self-respect and honor.

GROVER CLEVELAND,
Executive Mansion, Dec. 17, 1895.

JUDGE NUGENT's political mantle will probably fall on Jerome Kearby.

In the death of Judge T. L. Nugent the populist party lost the only really clean leader it ever had.

When Judge Allen G. Thurman passed into the great beyond a few days ago, the United States lost one of her grandest citizens. Great in statesmanship, great in legal learning, great in patriotism and great in pure and undeviled democracy. The world is better for such men having lived in it.

THURSDAY's papers brought the president's special message to congress on England's reply in regard to the Venezuela matter, refusing to arbitrate the matter as requested by our government.

It being a matter of absorbing interest we present the message to our readers to the exclusion of local matter, using about all the space for it we had unilled on its arrival.

ENGLAND has refused the request of our government to arbitrate the Venezuela boundary question and our government has taken such a position in the matter that there can be no escape from a war with England if congress backs up the president and England does not recede from her position or reopen the question with Venezuela and settle it to the satisfaction of latter, as Lord Salisbury's reply seems to intimate. It is only escape from war that we can see in the situation.

THE "sound money" people tell us that one of the disastrous results of the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 would be the driving out of the country of all the gold and leaving us with only silver. Noticing that gold has had quite a penchant for foreign travel, trans Atlantic flights, for some time past and that we have to buy all of it we get with interest bearing bonds and that when we get it it won't stay with us we would like to have it explained wherein we would be any worse off under a change of financial policy from so-called sound money to free silver. Would it not be better to do without the gold than to run ourselves everlastingly in debt buying it over and over again to keep our money "sound"?

A Voice From Palestine.
Palestine, Tex., Dec. 12, 1895.
Dear Free Press,
Having just completed reading the FREE PRESS, which is always eagerly looked for, could not resist the temptation of writing you a short letter.

Am glad to learn that Haskell county, the garden spot of Texas, is prospering again, and wish the fondest hopes of our most sanguine citizens may be fully realized, and that at no distant day, and there is no doubt but such will be the case.

By the way, it seems to be agitating the mind of the Jumbo district as to who shall succeed Parson Cockrell in congress. Bushels of names have been suggested through the daily papers, and we presume they are all good men, too, but why don't the FREE PRESS advocate the claims of some of her home citizens? Haskell has men fully capable of filling the position,—this no one will deny—for instance, there is Judge Henry G. McConnell, an able man and a truer nor better one never lived; then there is ex-senator J. C. Baldwin, what's the matter with him? He's all right. Last but not least, there's Judge Ed J. Hamner, the "Tall sycamore of the west," he would certainly be an honor to any constituency. There are others we could name but will not do so for fear of intruding on your space—and we know how that is.

Wishing the readers of the Free Press, especially our old friends in Haskell county, a merry Xmas and a happy new year, we are yours truly,
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Haskell County Slandered.

We are informed by one of our prominent real estate agents that a piece of unprincipled rascality has just been enacted at our neighboring town, Seymour. His statement is that a few days ago a gentleman from Wash. Indiana, a man of capital, after months of correspondence and labor had been induced by him to come to Haskell to close a deal for a large body of land in this county on which he expected to locate a colony from his state, but on arriving at Seymour some lying, unprincipled fellow, presumably to stop him and secure his location in Baylor county, told him that Haskell county was no good, that it never rained out here, but was very drouthy and that a living could not be made by farming, that the people here were starving out and leaving the country, etc., etc. This story succeeded but too well, as the Indiana man became suspicious of all western Texas and went home disgusted with his experience.

This is not the first time we have heard of this kind of lying and slander being perpetrated upon our county and people at Seymour and other points on the railroads through which immigrants must pass to reach Haskell county, and it is high time that this vile business should cease.

The trade of the people of Haskell county is an important factor in the prosperity of Seymour and the Wichita Valley railroad, and tier supporting the best interior town in north-west Texas, they annually spend many thousands of dollars at Seymour. But there is such a thing as resenting such treatment as we are complaining of and it won't take many repetitions of it to set on foot a movement to that end.

As a matter of fact, with proper care in Haskell county is also a health resort to Seymour and the other railroad points, Albany and Abilene, with which we do business, and their people should encourage instead of hinder the settlement of our county, and only a very shortsighted view would dictate any other policy to them.

We do not know the name of the particular person or persons in Seymour who are guilty of the slander complained of, but we do know that he or they are no good to their town—that they will do it more harm the good, for their methods will be resented. While we do not believe that the better class of people in Seymour would uphold such mendacity still they must with the others bear the consequences of it, or its repetition.

Haskell county is second to no portion of western Texas in the extent, fertility and productiveness of its agricultural lands and nowhere else can a more prosperous or contented people be found. This we assert without fear of successful contradiction.

It is to be hoped that we will have no further occasion to repel such slanders, and that if the Seymour agent, or whoever he was, can not locate a stranger in Baylor, he will at least not load him up with lies about Haskell and Haskell county.

The Largest Mail in America.
Chicago, Ill.—(Special)—Postmaster Washington Hising, referring to the Chicago post office, in a recent speech at the auditorium, made the following statement: "This office is not second to, but is equal to New York in its importance, in the character of mail handled, in the volume of the same and in the number of registered packages. Be not astonished when I tell you that the largest patron of the post office in the United States is in Chicago—Montgomery Ward & Co.

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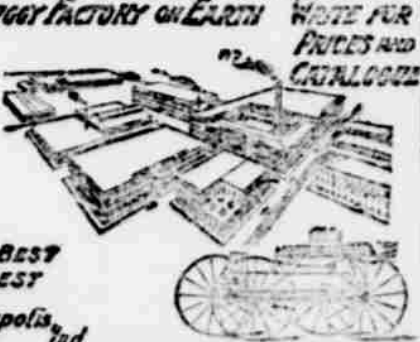



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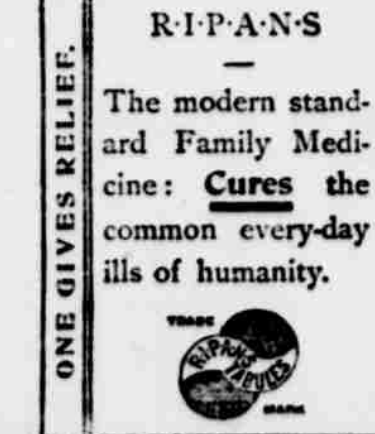
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Mr. J. G. Owens, proprietor, has moved the City meat market over to the west side of the square.

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It will pay you to scrape up a few dollars and go to Keister & Hazlewood's for your supply of dry goods. Carry your furs and hides to J. G. Owens and get the best market price for them.

We received a remittance this week from Mr. S. J. Preston, now of Brush Prairie, Wash., for a renewal of his Free Press subscription.

The Baptist ladies aid society will give an oyster supper on Thursday next for the benefit of the Baptist church.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY. November Term, 1895.

To Hon. Ed J. Hamner, Judge of the 30th Judicial District of Texas. We the Grand Jury of Haskell County, Tex., do hereby report the following:

We have carefully investigated all such violations of law as have come before us. We find a good many of our citizens entirely too careless about moving stock off of their accustomed range.

We earnestly call on all our officers and citizens and also on future grand juries to heed this admonition and see that this is stopped.

The report of the finance committee shows correctness and fidelity on the part of all officers concerned.

As the Code of Criminal Procedure makes it the duty of magistrates, peace officers, and prosecuting attorneys to preserve the peace and to suppress crime within their respective jurisdictions by the use of all lawful means.

J. S. RICE, Foreman Grand Jury, Haskell County, Texas.

The Bible in the School.

This government has to a certain extent provided the means by which the inhabitants of a given age may receive a secular common school education.

Mr. R. W. Tyson is another wanderer who sought greener fields away from Haskell county.

Mr. Joe Ferguson's team, attached to his buggy, ran away with him last Sunday and that he was thrown from the buggy and considerably bruised but not seriously damaged.

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and what shall be the infallible standard? Some will say the Bible. This necessitates a teaching of religious principles.

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Grant says: "Keep the church and the state forever separate."

Madison says: "A connection between them is injurious to both."

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