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"RIGHT OR WRONG"

There is great searching of hearts among public men and newspapers of the United States over the action of their Executive in the Panama episode. The New York Herald devotes an article to the subject, the opening and closing sentences of which we quote:

The die is cast. President Roosevelt has decided to virtually recognize the independent existence of the new Republic of Panama.

The country is at what may prove to be a turning point in its history. At such a moment there can be neither Democrats nor Republicans, neither supporters of the Panama project nor advocates of the Nicaragua route—there are only Americans, and it is their duty to support the Government, right or wrong.

There is something said by The Herald between the paragraphs above cited, something of "the excessive self-confidence" of the President, something about the people at the polls ultimately deciding whether his course has been "just, prudent and statesmanlike, or iniquitous, short sighted and reckless."

But there is no argument or contention that this action is right. We are left to infer that The Herald thinks a wrong has been done. So that the sum of the entire article is that the thing being done, it is the duty of all Americans "to support the Government, right or wrong."

There is a startling frankness about this avowal, especially when made by a newspaper that is professedly independent and without party prejudices or obligations. For obviously The Herald speaks on this matter in the language of partisanship in a national sense. It is all too common for men to uphold their country or their party when country or party are in the wrong, but in such cases they usually save their consciences

by forcing a conviction that party or country is in the right. The sort of thing is not confined to the United States. It is only less common in Canada than it is across the border. But The Herald goes beyond this in asserting that it is "a duty to support the Government right or wrong." This does violence to the English language as well as to the basic principles of morality. It can never be a duty to support a wrong.

But if a party or national leader is to be supported in wrong doing, we open wide the gate to future wrong-doing. The constitution of the United States gives the President great powers, quite beyond those which are held and enjoyed by most constitutional sovereigns. In President Roosevelt the Republic has a ruler who has already exercised his powers to the full limit, if he has not exceeded the limit. Is there not danger that he or some of his successors may yet set the constitution at defiance, or seek to overturn it? Would it then in The Herald's opinion be still the duty of all good citizens to support the Executive? The line laid down by The Herald, if produced would inevitably lead to a dictatorship or an autocracy, in which the will of the many would be subjected to the will of one.

There is a right and a wrong course of conduct for nations as for individuals. And with this difference, that the individual may escape the due reward of his wrong-doing in this life, but the nation cannot escape. There is and can be no punishment beyond the grave for an unjust nation. Its punishment must come here in time, and in the open sight of all men. So the crime of slavery brought civil war in all its horrors, till the river ran blood. Wrong-doing debases a nation as righteousness exalts it. And ever in the verdict of history, in the common judgment of mankind there comes that judgment of the nations which sets the sheep on the right hand and the goats on the left. National punishment always follows national wrong-doing, and there is no escape from it. Israel, Egypt, Carthage, Spain are a few of many examples.

The duty of the individual citizen of any country is to be a keeper not only of his own but of the national conscience, to support the right and condemn the wrong alike in civic, provincial or national affairs. There can be no double standard for nations and for individuals. A nation may not oppress, or rob, or defraud a neighbor nation without national sin, and to condone such act on by supporting acts of national injustice is worse than to condone a like act done by an individual. Equally there can be no two standards of morality for the political party and the individual. The man who supports his party in wrong doing makes himself a partaker in its corruption and must share the responsibility.

Mr. Lord, Agent of the Marine Department informs The Patriot that the Minto is all ready for winter service with the crew aboard, also that the Stanley has been fully repaired, is coaled and ready for sea. This is satisfactory.

We are greatly pleased to learn that the services of Prosecutor Jenkins have been again secured for the enforcement of the Prohibitory Law. To assist him in that good work should be the desire of all good citizens. Money is needed for other varied expenses in connection with the work and we are glad to be able to acknowledge two handsome donations this morning. The acknowledgment appears in another column. Other donations are awaited by the Temperance Committee and will be acknowledged as received.

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W. K. Rogers. Manager P. E. Island Branch, Charlottetown.

E. R. Brow, Special Agent Charlottetown.

John Charlton, M. P. has been talking reciprocity again. Mr. Charlton is a good old Presbyterian elder and a worthy man personally, but if he understood the difference between Canadian sentiment he would know that any desire for reciprocity with the States which existed twenty years ago has since been steadily diminished. Our people have learned that they can get along very well without reciprocity and they have no hope of making any trade treaty with Washington that would be equitable.

The Right Honorable Joseph Chamberlain represents Birmingham in the House of Commons, and the fact adds to the significance of the resolutions adopted at the mass meeting in that city on Wednesday evening. We are told that 40,000 persons were present and were addressed by Wineson Churchill and Lord Hugh Cecil in opposition to Mr. Chamberlain's policy. The meeting was naturally divided in sentiment, and the protectionist leader's name was greeted with cheers by his admirers whenever it was mentioned. But the resolution adopted by the majority was against the proposed protective tariff. There was the important admission however, "of the right of the Government to impose retaliatory duties in certain cases." The principle involved in retaliatory duties would seem to be broad enough to cover almost any amount of protection, and we are therefore led to think that the majority may have quite broken away from the old free trade doctrine.

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—The last issue of the P. E. Island Magazine, containing U. S. Consul Valls' article on P. E. Island and the biographical sketch of Hon. B. Rogers, etc., etc., is on sale by A. Brown in the Post Office.

—Rev. Mr. Winfield, Kensington will repeat his lecture on "A Ramble Through the Isle of Man," on 23rd inst, at French River and at Sea View on the 24th. These tours through various parts of the Empire are very instructive and of an educational character.

—W. E. Dennison representing the G. F. Harvey Druv Co., has kindly donated the sum of \$15.00 in gold for prizes at the whist party and social to be held in aid of the City Hospital, in the Lyceum's new hall on the 18th Nov., to be distributed as follows: \$5 each to the lady and gentlemen for first prize, and \$2.50 each for lady and gentlemen for second prize.

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