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## THE MORNING GUARDIAN

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The New York papers now to hand show that there was no deliberate discourtesy to the British flag in the incident which occurred at the centennial celebration in Washington a few days ago, and referred to at that time in our despatches. It was intended by the committee in charge that only the colors of the United States should have a place in the House of Representatives on the occasion referred to. But the local supply of national flags gave out and an order was made on Philadelphia and New York for more. Among those sent from the navy yards at those places were the flags of all nations. The marines who were doing the work of decoration gave the British flag the place of honor over the Speaker's chair. Other national flags were also placed about the wall. Never before had other than United States flags been shown there except in a single instance—in 1814 when the Capitol was taken and burned by British troops. Perhaps it was this incident, as well as the conspicuous place assigned to the Queen's flag that led Speaker Henderson to order the British ensign to be covered by U. S. signal flags. Be that as it may, it appears to have been only by the mistake of some under-strapper that any foreign flags were shown within the building.

On the part of the Opposition in Newfoundland it is argued that the recent triumph of the Bond Government there is a bad thing for the Island. The argument in substance is this: That Mr. Reid, who is now growing old and is not in good health, was entitled to receive a charter to place his very large business in the hands of a company; that had he been permitted to do so he would have expended vast sums in improving his property, in developing his mineral and lumber properties, in the erection of smelters, pulp mills, hotels, etc., thus giving very large employment to labor, and giving a progressive impetus to the entire Island. Moreover it is contended that the object of the Bond party is to practically compel Mr. Reid to surrender his contract, in which case the Province would be in a bankrupt condition. In common with many Canadian newspapers THE GUARDIAN has for various reasons sympathized with the Bond Government, but there are always points to be considered on both sides in matters of that sort.

A correspondent of the Manchester Guardian gives an interesting sketch of Hon. Mr. Tarte at home, from which the following is an extract:

"I am but a vieux habitant," he said the other day in a speech I have described "and my house is open to you all." It is a pretty little gabled villa, with verandah and staircase, such as the French here love to build and to adorn with pretty trivarties of wooden ornamentation. The same love of pretty niceties is shown within. The room into which I was shown was gay with bright colors, and had that piquant prettiness which the Gaul loves in his exteriors. After a few moments Mr. Tarte came in, courteous, friendly, simple. I have already described him, with beard, hair, and brows of a thick curly iron grey, speaking rapidly with twinkling eyes and lively gestures, a man plainly with the salt of humor in him, and therefore not easy to beat. He speaks English with a strong French accent and a certain charming originality, but quite correctly and fluently.

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The New York Tribune, whose articles are usually of a high class, proclaims to its readers that the United States, with a population of 76 millions is the greatest nation in the world. The claim is mainly based on the number of civilized inhabitants. It is admitted that the British, Russian and Chinese Empires are more populous than the Republic, but it is claimed that only 5 per cent of the Russian people can read and write. "China is scarcely superior to Russia intellectually," the Tribune says, and is inferior to Russia industrially. That India is more populous than Russia, and more highly civilized, the Tribune also admits.

But when comparison is made between the United States and Great Britain, only the British Islands, or at most the British Islands, Australia and Canada are included. Any comparison between two powers as to national greatness based upon such a partial and inadequate view of the facts is simply absurd. In area the British Empire is more than three times as great as the United States and its possessions; in population nearly five times as great; in shipping and commerce vastly greater, in naval power at least four times as great, and in wealth far the greater. Surely these are elements that cannot be altogether overlooked in an estimate of national greatness.

There are still other elements of national greatness which ought not to be omitted in any fair comparison. The relative weight of the British Empire and the United States in the affairs of the great world; what the two nations have done to uplift and civilize Asia, Africa and the islands of the sea; their relative creations in literature and art; the relative perfection of their governmental and judicial systems, etc., in all of which the advantage must rest with the older nation. It is to be observed that among the 76 millions of so called "civilized" people in the United States nearly 10 millions are colored, and these, from no fault of their own, cannot compare very favorably in intelligence with the population of Canada or Australia. And the negroes are being lynched in such numbers annually as affords a sad commentary upon the moral greatness of the great Republic.

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