

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

DECEMBER 30, 1895.

THE DIFFERENCE.

While Christianity, civilization and commercial interests are combined in a strong protest against the idea of war between Great Britain and the United States, there is a remarkable difference in the opinions held concerning the positions taken about the Venezuelan dispute by Lord Salisbury and President Cleveland, respectively. The enlightened opinion of Great Britain, the United States, and the world at large emphatically supports the British Premier; and it is unitedly declared by the press and people of Great Britain that, in view of the tone and language of the Olney note and the President's message, Lord Salisbury has no option, short of national humiliation, but the maintenance of his position. Upon the other hand, even those whose sympathies are with Venezuela and who would fain uphold President Cleveland, are compelled to admit that the pretensions of his government are inadmissible, the Monroe doctrine inapplicable, and his treatment of the case a blunder. Thus Harper's Weekly, hitherto an admiring supporter of President Cleveland, says that it was not expected that he would leave "to Great Britain no escape—at least no escape visible at present—from the bare alternative of direct submission to our demand or fight." "This message," it continues, "seems to thrust upon British statesmen the momentous question whether, on the one hand, they can afford to yield to a peremptory demand of the United States under circumstances of humiliation; and to push a foreign power, with whom it is our wish as well as our interest to live upon terms of friendly intercourse, in a case of difference, to the point of humiliation, is in our opinion a thing which should be avoided until it becomes absolutely necessary." The belief that the President's action has been hasty and foolish seems to have reached even the Capitol itself. We are told in a despatch from Washington that there is an uncomfortable feeling in official and political circles "that the Venezuelans may have concealed some facts relating to their evidence, or that they have not investigated their title as carefully as they should have done. There is, also, it is said, just a bare suspicion that Lord Salisbury has some surprises in store for this government concerning the evidence which his agents found at Madrid. It is remembered that in his note Lord Salisbury mentioned briefly the records found at the Spanish capital, but did not give copies of them or do more than to say in a general way that they upheld the British contention. It is surmised that he has by this time carefully examined those records and from them adduced a pretty strong support of the claim that the western limits of the Dutch possessions were at the Orinoco, and not at the Essequibo. If Lord Salisbury is now at work upon a second communication to this government, as is hinted in the despatches from London, it is believed the new evidence forms the topic of his note. The statement is positively made by responsible members of the Government that if the commission finds evidence supporting Great Britain's claim, it will so report. If Venezuela has no rights within the disputed territory, the commission will certify to that fact, and thereby bring the entire subject, so far as the Government is concerned, to an end." It is fortunate that this loophole of escape from the untenable position occupied by President Cleveland has been provided; and we may indulge the hope that advance of it will be taken. It is significant that "the Washington public has settled down to the conviction that the Great Britain-Venezuela controversy will be amicably settled, and without any serious friction between England and the United States." We are told that "the only feature of the Venezuelan question now of concern to the officials at Washington is the attitude of the Venezuelans themselves, as shown in despatches to the Herald from Caracas. The report of war preparations in Venezuela is seriously deprecated at the Capitol. Intimations have, it is said, been made to the Venezuelan Government of the necessity of keeping the war spirit down. It is not the intention of the United States authorities to permit Venezuela to drag the United States into war. Should that country inaugurate hostilities, she would have to abide the consequences, without support, moral or otherwise, from the United States Government." This is the gist of a Washington despatch embodying the latest conclusions of the politicians. The difference between Lord Salisbury and President Cleveland lies in the fact that the former is in the right and the latter in the wrong. We may safely conclude that the right will, in the end, prevail.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Mr. Laurier will have a Happy New Year. He has been given Jimmy McShane. —It is no wonder that Montreal is suffering from bad government and over taxation when its citizens prefer such men as James McShane before Sir William Hingston. —Lord and Lady Aberdeen have sent as Christmas remembrances to their friends in this city and elsewhere, floral tributes from Scotland, plucked on the family estates—carefully arranged and representing the badge of the Gordons. —The Guardian ought not to permit the mere "insinuation" of an anonymous correspondent to disturb its Christmas joy. If another insinuating editorial should appear about the "insinuation" people will begin to think that there is something in it. —The population of Montreal and Hochelaga, the county in which Montreal is situated, in the three census years, was as follows: 1871. 118,811. 1891. Montreal..... 107,225 140,747 182,636 Hochelaga..... 25,540 40,079 80,998 Total..... 132,865 180,826 263,633 Those figures seem to indicate that the great commercial centre of Canada has not been ruined by the N. P. —The new tariff bill for increasing the revenue of the United States is now prepared to come before Congress immediately after the holidays. It is understood Canadian products of all kinds are to be heavily taxed, more especially fish. The bill provides for a duty on canned lobsters of 25 cents per dozen cans. This cannot fail to seriously affect the lobster canning industry. A duty of 25 cents per dozen, or \$1.00 per case, will have the effect of throwing a large quantity of canned lobsters on the English and European markets which would otherwise be consumed in the United States, and a decline in price will be the necessary consequence. —A writer in the Boston Transcript, who starts out on some notes on Africa by the remark that Great Britain has a covetous eye on the "beautiful" country of Ashantee makes a slight break a few paragraphs down and says: "The Nyasaland country has made progress under the British administration. There are now seventeen steamboats on Lake Nyasaland throughout the country there is a vast extent of peaceful and prosperous villages, and a happy, contented people, who are saved from the horror of cannibalism and the slave trade." Upon this the Boston Standard remarks: "What a dreadful lullaby and tyrant and grabber John Bull is to be sure. Is there any wonder that the virtuous New York Sun condemns such British aggressions?"

MR. FERGUSON AND THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

(St. John Sun.) Dr. Montague, on taking over the department of agriculture, gave some intimation as to the policy which he proposed to pursue. Among his other announcements was this: "I have asked the leader of the government to request the Hon. Donald Ferguson of Prince Edward Island, who is a leading farmer of that Island, to represent the agricultural department in the upper chamber, Mr. Ferguson has kindly agreed, if requested, to do so, to take the work over, as well as to give his hearty cooperation in connection with the various lines which it is intended should be undertaken by the department." We should like to see Mr. Ferguson in charge of a portfolio, for he is one of the ablest men in the Senate. But while he will not fare so well with a share of the management of the department of agriculture as he would in control of another and less important branch of the public service, he will be able in this position to perform letter service to Eastern Canada, and especially to the interest of his own province. The dairy industry of Prince Edward Island owes a great deal to the influence and attention of Mr. Ferguson, who has been untiring in his efforts to help the farmers to meet the conditions that now prevail. The province has in two or three years been brought to the front rank as a cheese-producing district. The department will not cease to promote and encourage this industry until making other important departures. Last session the Minister of Agriculture sat in the Senate, and Dr. Montague was the representative of the portfolio in the House of Commons. Now the Doctor has been promoted, and Mr. Ferguson takes the position in the Senate that the present minister took last year in the Commons.

PERSONAL.

Mr. L. H. Davies, M. P., will leave for Ottawa on Thursday morning. Mr. H. A. Woodworth, of the Guardian, has returned from his holiday trip to Nova Scotia. Mr. W. O. Rielly left a day or two ago on a holiday trip to his home in Melrose, N. B. Before his return he will probably visit Boston and other cities of the United States. Prof. D. S. McLeod, of St. Vincent, Minn., who has been visiting friends and relatives at Kierross, registered at the Revere Hotel yesterday. He left this morning on return to his adopted home. Mr. James C. Leane, well-known in this city, has recently passed a successful examination in the training school of pedagogy at Regina, N. W. T. Congratulations. The St. John Gazette says: "Rev. J. A. Gordon will be remembered on Christmas day by the congregation of the Main Street Baptist church of which he is pastor. Members of churches of which Mr. Gordon was formerly a pastor also remembered the Rev. gentleman, particularly the Charlottetown Baptist church congregation."

THE DAILY HERALD.

The Daily Herald, of Fredericton says concerning one who is about to become a citizen of Charlottetown: "Miss Sayre, who is leaving this morning to engage in kindergarten work in Charlottetown, carries with her the best wishes of all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance. She was the pioneer of kindergartens in Fredericton, and by her indefatigable labors has given it a standing and reputation here which will ensure its continuance on a permanent basis. Miss Sayre was simply dolled by the little ones who came under her instruction, and their parents express every confidence in her as a teacher. She has made a deep impression on the minds of her youthful charges, and they part from her with feelings of very great regret. Socially, too, Miss Sayre was a favorite, and the Daily Herald only expresses the general feeling of this community when it says good-bye to her with a sincere expression of the loss kindergarten work and social circles feel at her removal."

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GREAT BRITAIN AND THE STATES.

Extraordinary Interference of the States for Venezuela

Comments of the American Press.

A QUESTION OF REPUBLICS.

The New York Evening Post publishes the following editorial: Whether the Olney-Cleveland doctrine is the Monroe doctrine, or even a necessary corollary of the Monroe doctrine, is a question likely to be discussed for months to come by publicists of all degrees of capacity. To the average citizen, much of the discussion will be simply confusing. A rational judgment presumes a knowledge of nineteenth century history, which few possess, and an appreciation of the value of historical facts which few are capable. There is one side of the question, however, which needs only to be stated to be at once comprehended. At the time the Monroe doctrine was formulated, the absolute monarchies of Europe, banded together in the Holy Alliance, were considering the re-establishment of Spanish authority over the independent South American Republics. In announcing our doctrine of opposition to any such attempt, we laid much stress on the antithesis between European and American political principles. The Holy Alliance was the champion of unlimited monarchy, and the United States was the champion of popular government in the Western Hemisphere. It is a remarkable example of the power of words to take the place of ideas that our Government should now revert to the old cry, an appeal upon us to stand by Venezuela, as a Republic, against Great Britain—our ally in the previous controversy—a monarchy. Of course Venezuela is called a republic as Great Britain is called a monarchy; but if we go behind the names and consider the facts, what do we find? It is notorious that in Latin America the majority of the so-called republics are military dictatorships, tempered by periodic revolutions. In the intermediate periods between successive dictatorships, their condition is one of anarchy. During the reign of each military tyrant the forms of republican government are observed, elections are held, but the "spirit of the ballot" is protected by troops, and the success of the government candidates is assured by the show of armed forces. During the periods of revolution anarchy reigns, and the people are at the mercy of the sword. There is no security for life or property, except in the case of foreigners, who are protected by the war-vessels of their respective countries. It is notorious that Venezuela is a republic of this sort. A revolution occurred there less than four years ago; ex-President Cespato attacked the government of President Palacios, and overthrew it. The struggle for power continued for several months, and at the close of the war the condition of the country was described in all the European and American papers as "appalling." This is the "republic" which we are called upon to protect in the name and for the sake of liberty. This is the sort of government that we are to aid in maintaining to the end that our good republican ideals may not be corrupted by evil monarchic communications. It is the result we reach by reasoning from phrases. The truth is, of course, that if we fear contamination, it is not against the constitutional states of Europe that we should first establish quarantine, but against our Latin-American neighbors. The danger which more seriously threatens our popular government today is not monarchy, but anarchy. And what kind of monarchy is Great Britain? Is its government less popular than that of Venezuela? Is it less popular than that of the United States even? Conservative English statesmen, including Lord Salisbury, have lamented the fact that England is becoming a more democratic country than our own; that she lacks the checks which our written constitution, interpreted by our Federal Judiciary, impose upon our elected representatives. Sir Henry Maine declares that we have preserved in our presidency, the monarchy of George III. Continental European publicists, including the French and the French political writers, M. Raoul Frary, declared that if we go behind the names of the two governments and examine the real character of each, Great Britain is a republic with a hereditary president, and the United States a monarchy with an elective king." The present exhibition of the power of our executive, by his personal decision in bringing our country to the verge of war, is a striking confirmation of Maine's assertion and Frary's paradox. The works of Frary from which we draw the passage above cited is entitled, "The Demagogue's Manual." The context explains that the demagogue shows that himself he is deceived by the names of things; he should only use them to mislead the people, who rarely distinguish between names and realities. The second article reads: America is one happy country in the world whose workable resources far surpass its disposable capital. We have not quarter enough of material progress, to get all we can from Europe. In sending her millions of emigrants here she has also to send the money to employ them. Any one, therefore, who treats the flow of European capital, or who frightens it away, is as much an enemy of the country as the invader who should block our railroads, trample down our wheat fields, and close our mines. Let him, also, be an anathema. There is a class of Juggos among us who have been, and are, to-day, the curse of the Old World, and a blot on our civilization, who maintain that the poor man ought to be glad to be out of work, and see his children starving, if his wages can be used in slaughtering the natives of some other country in defence of something which a small knot of gentlemen at the National Capital choose to consider the "national honor." To hear much of the current talk which precedes a war, one would imagine that "national honor" was something that we could handle, taste, or cut in slices, whereas, in nine cases out of ten, it is nothing but a notion of the Bill Chancellors or Cabot Lodges, to which no one would listen for a moment if it related to his private affairs. Most wars originate in some conception of a not very respectable brain. Hundreds of thousands perish, that some stupid or wicked politician may be glorified.

PLEASED WITH CANADA'S STAND.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Interviews with the leading Anglo-Canadian bankers and ship-owners men of business, all show a strong-

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