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ENGLAND AND THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

The United States, in its determination to uphold the Monroe doctrine, will undoubtedly receive less trouble from England than from some of its big European neighbors. The colonizing fever has, to a great extent, died out in England. Comparatively speaking, the spirit of territorial expansion, so far as regards Great Rritain, is not manifested outside the African continent. Here and there along the eastern coast of Asia or down in the South Pacific, it is true, an occasional spasmodic and sporadic evidence of this desire to appropriate the earth is displayed. The old colonizing impulse, however, which a century or two ago planted the British flag and British influence in every clime under the sun, and encircled the globe with cordons of British communities, has long since become extinct. For years past English statesmen have been convinced that the British Empire is already so large as to be unwieldy, and that it would be a source of weakness rather than of strength to England if that county should become involved in war with a great maritime Power.

These are some of the considerations which make the possibility of complications with England in the Venezuelan controversy exceedingly remote. One other influence, in cases like this, must also, with England, always operate in the direction of peace, justice and fair dealing. This is the power which the people of Great Britain exercise in modifying and shaping governmental policy. All the points in dispute between England and Venezuela will soon be made public, and the world, including that part of it domiciled in the British islands, will be able to form an approximately correct judgment in the matter. If, as seems probable, the British pretensions are then shown to be unwarranted, the government will be obliged to recede from its position, and the disputed territory on the Orinoco will be surrendered to Venezuela. If, on the other hand, England's right in the premises is established, it may hold the territory by a title gained before the Monroe doctrine was formulated, or at least by a patent which that declaration was not designed to invalidate. But in any event, the danger that some time in the future the United States will be compelled to resort to war to defend its rights and interests on the American continent will undoubtedly come from Germany or France rather than from Great Britain.—Globe Democrat.

THE principal reason for Senator Chaces resignation is said to be that he can no longer afford to live in Washington on the salary a senator receives. This fact, and the discussion had in the senate last week, in which Senator Platt made some plain remarks, will direct the attention of the people to a subject on which action will probably not be long postponed. Members of both houses of congress ore reported to be sensitive about proposing an increase in their compensation, mainly because of the outcry over the back-pay grab. Nobody wants to see a repatition of that unsavory business but a proper addition to their salaries is a matter which the members of the national legislature and voters in general may discuss to advantage.—New York Tribune.

THE opinion is gaining ground that the Salisbury Ministry will shortly introduce a bill granting home rule on a modified scale to Ireland. Mr. Parnell is known to anticipate something of the kind, and there are other indications that Balfourism is on the decline. Since the election in 1886 the government has lost fifteen seats, some of which were regarded as Unionist strongholds.

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