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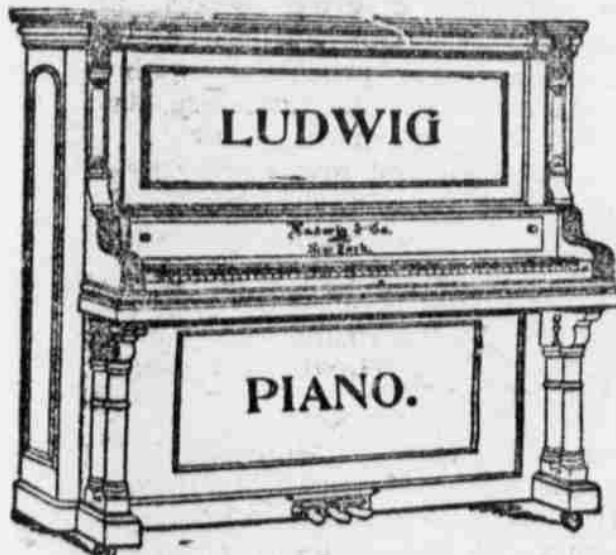
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**Readjusting the Monroe Doctrine.**

Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, recently printed an editorial which was interpreted as a suggestion that the United States abandon the Monroe doctrine. The Washington correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle interviewed a number of democrats on the subject with the following result:

Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, expressed the general opinion of democratic members when he said today in commenting on Mr. Watterson's editorial:

"I have a profound respect for Mr. Watterson's opinion, and his advice is generally to be followed with the utmost safety and satisfaction, but the Monroe doctrine is not a party declaration. It belongs to the government, no matter which party is in power, and it should be supported absolutely. The slightest deviation would be inadvisable, and we, as a united people, should see to it that it is carried out to the letter.

"I am not sure that we do not need the Monroe doctrine now more than before. It seems a safe one to tie to."

Representative A. S. Burleson (dem., Texas), member of the house committee on foreign affairs, said:

"I do not believe the Monroe doctrine could be expressed more clearly today than it was by President Monroe. Neither do I believe that the present situation requires any readjustment of the Monroe doctrine. I think Mr. Watterson has a mistaken idea of the object of the doctrine. It is not for the protection of the 'Riff Raff Latins,' as he says, but for the protection of our own government."

Representative John Sharp Williams (dem., Miss.), said:

"Colonel Watterson seems to think the Monroe doctrine was based upon some intent of the United States to acquire South American territory. Our reason for the promulgation of it was to protect our own people. I think Watterson's utterances are a little more jingoistic than the jingoism he denounces."

Hugh Dinsmore, of Arkansas, ranking democrat on the foreign affairs committee, said:

"It is folly to talk about abolishing the Monroe doctrine. No party will advocate such a course; instead we want to reassert and maintain it."

Representative W. S. Cowherd, (dem., Mo.), said: "I am not in sympathy with Mr. Watterson's article. The Monroe doctrine was timely when it was promulgated and is a wise policy yet. I think it would be a grave misfortune to the United States to permit Europe to apportion out South America as it has divided up India, Africa and China."

Representative S. B. Cooper (dem., Tex.), said: "I do not concur with Mr. Watterson's opinion. Aside from the benefit to the United States, the Monroe doctrine tends to the formation and protection of republican government in South America. Inasmuch as the republican government is the best government for the people, and as the Monroe doctrine tends to maintain and establish that government in the South American states, it ought to be enforced with vigor."

Representative Rice Pierce (dem., Tenn.), said: "I am an ardent believer in the Monroe doctrine and I disagree absolutely and completely with the idea expressed by Mr. Watterson. I do so because I believe in republicanism as against monarchism. Inasmuch as the Monroe doctrine sus-

tains republicanism as against the principles of monarchy, I am in favor of its provisions. I believe that the announcement of this doctrine by President Monroe was to keep the principles of monarchism from the western hemisphere, and this can only be done by keeping the old governments of Europe on the other side of the Atlantic. I believe this government should uphold the Monroe doctrine and let Great Britain and Germany understand they cannot hold territory in the western hemisphere."

Representative J. M. Robinson (dem., Ind.), said: "The Monroe doctrine should be upheld in all its vigor and strength. The reasons for it originally are fortified by an un-American colonial policy that is threatened. While we may be in a less advantageous position to maintain it by reason of our attitude in the Orient this supplies the strongest reason for upholding it. We are drifting fast enough and far enough away from our traditional policies without abandoning our safe and well defined landmarks."

Representative James M. Griggs, chairman of the democratic congressional committee, said: "I cannot give my indorsement to the proposition to abolish the Monroe doctrine."

Replying to these criticisms Mr. Watterson disclaims any intention of desiring a complete abandonment of the doctrine. He says that the question is, "Shall we readjust it to modern conditions and requirements?"

**How is This?**

"Both reason and experience show that there is but one way to maintain parity between different forms of money, and that is by exchanging one for the other at the will of the holder. But when the test shall come, if any doubt exists whether the secretary of the treasury will follow reason and experience, a panic will be precipitated as in 1893."—Secretary Shaw.

As in 1893? What does that mean? Was it the trouble in the treasury, the scarcity of funds and the doubt as to what course the secretary would take—was that what caused the panic of 1893?

What, then, becomes of the venerable contention, which is so often seen in republican organs, that the tariff of 1894, by some miraculous force, brought on a panic a year before it was born? Did Secretary Shaw intend to rob the organs of one of the choicest weapons in their arsenal? Does he not understand that the tariff of 1894 reached back about a year and brought on a panic which "cost the country more than our great war in the early sixties?" Have we a secretary who cares more for the truth than for the exigencies of his party's organs? It would seem so; and the Post congratulates him for his independence. Nevertheless, we expect to see that exploded fiction repaired and put on the road again in 1904.—Washington Post.

**The Hypocrisy of Chamberlain.**

Mr. Chamberlain, in his first speech in South Africa, praised the Boers for their bravery, and declared that they need not fear humiliation in their defeat. The Boers have already been sadly humiliated, and they must feel it for many years to come. Two well regulated republics, with as good warrant for their existence as any government ever had, have been knocked out; and the republic of the United States shares in the humiliation.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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