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DISTRUSTFUL OF GERMAN.

The opinion expressed by a former minister of the United States to Venezuela, that it is undoubtedly Germany's design to see how far she can go without becoming involved in actual war with this country, and that she wants to force her hand on the Monroe doctrine, is undoubtedly shared by many.

It would be difficult to present any very substantial ground or reason for this distrust and suspicion of the nation whose government has in the most unqualified way declared and manifested its friendship toward this republic.

When last year Germany informed our government in regard to the claims against Venezuela and the method it was proposed to take to collect them, that government gave the most explicit and satisfactory assurances that it had no designs upon the territory of the southern republic. It has strongly and with evident sincerity disclaimed any desire to possess even so much as a coaling or naval station in this hemisphere.

The fact that many Germans have gone to South America and that in portions of that continent, notably in Brazil, there are considerable colonies of them, has created the impression that this was a movement on the part of the German government having for its object the gaining of a foothold which would ultimately enable it to acquire territory.

The notion that Germany wants to force the hand of the United States on the Monroe doctrine has nothing at present to support it. Whatever opinion the statesmen of that country may hold regarding the doctrine, they will respect it, because they know it would be futile to do otherwise.

STEEL TRUST EXPANSION.

The absorption of the Union Steel company by the United States Steel corporation and the reported negotiations for sale to the trust of the most extensive iron and steel corporation in Ohio, shows that the trust is making headway in removing competition and establishing a monopoly.

The trust must do a great deal more purchasing in order to secure the complete monopoly which it undoubtedly aims to establish, but if unchecked it may ultimately accomplish its purpose. It is suggested that what it has already done furnishes an interesting object lesson for speculators and promoters eager for large profits quickly won.

PROTESTING MERCHANTS.

The merchants of Germany trading with Venezuela, and particularly with Venezuela, are protesting against the policy of the government toward that country, which they reasonably think will result in a loss of business to them.

Germany has had a very considerable trade with Venezuela and it was steadily growing. A Berlin paper is authority for the statement that \$150,000,000 of German capital is invested in Venezuela, which may be somewhat exaggerated, though undoubtedly the amount is large.

perhaps wholly lost is a serious matter to them. Meanwhile the course of the United States in regard to the trouble promises to prove very favorable to our commercial relations with several of the southern countries. We think it will be very generally admitted that the policy of President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay has been eminently wise and judicious.

WHAT ABOUT CHARTER REVISION?

Public discussion of the proposed amendments to the South Omaha charter will begin this week under the auspices of the mayor and city council of that town, and will doubtless be participated in by taxpayers of all classes and all shades of political opinion.

While the popular mind cannot probably be diverted from the all-absorbing Christmas distribution, preliminary steps should be taken without further delay for public meetings to be held within the ten days between Christmas and the convening of the legislature.

The Iowa Board of Control recommends the creation of a fund, so that when a building of any of the state institutions is destroyed by fire or otherwise, it can be replaced without waiting for action by the legislature.

Making the Old Man Pay.

John Bull would do well to ask himself if it is wise in getting into such fast and reckless company.

But the Money Gets There.

Congress is divided into two parts. The house originates all appropriations and the senate appropriates all obligations.

Real Strenuous Life.

Venezuela has had 104 wars in seventy years. The number would undoubtedly have been larger if it had not been for rain and darkness and other circumstances that were beyond human control.

Where Do the Profits Go?

One of the most unbecoming mysteries of the age is: What becomes of the profits of the coal industry? The mine operators make nothing, nor do the carrying companies, nor the wholesale dealers, nor the retailers, nor the miners.

Plattering Vote of Confidence.

When President Roosevelt proposed to Great Britain and Germany that they submit the Venezuelan matter to The Hague tribunal they proposed in reply that he do the arbitrating himself.

Limit of Service in Philippines.

A recent report of the United States troops in the Philippines shows that there are none whose service there began earlier than September, 1900, and a considerable number who arrived there in 1901 and 1902.

Hamorist Touches Upon the Pathos of the Statesman's Death.

Mark Twain in Harper's Weekly. He wore no shawl. His ways were frank and open, and the road to his large sympathies was straight and unobstructed.

Twain's Tribute to Reed.

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penalties for willful neglect or delay to make it worth while conforming to the law. The expense within the various counties should be borne by the county and the expense of communication to the secretary of state should be borne by the state.

Under the new rules of the Chicago Board of Education teachers in the elementary grades in the public schools who successfully pass a promotional examination will be entitled to a raise of \$25 a year until their salaries reach a maximum of \$900.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched.

Half a dozen senators called on the president recently to talk about some important position which was about to be filled. The senators found Mr. Roosevelt more inclined to discuss "Bill" Sewell, the noted Maine guide, from whom he had just received a letter.

Representative Champ Clark of Missouri once gave some vivid verbal sketches of which the latter's friends recognized as true to life.

"In the greenback year in Maine," said Mr. Clark, "he escaped defeat by only 115 majority. When he went to supper he thought he was defeated. When he returned to headquarters he found the voters set up a mighty shout. Not having heard of his election, he said to them: 'You are making a tremendous fuss over the corpse.'"

Army and navy officers are enjoying a hearty chuckle over the disclosure of a well known retired officer who is a familiar figure at several clubs, reports a Washington correspondent.

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LIGHTS AND OUR EYES.

Medical Opinion Concerning Recent Statements.

AmERICAN MEDICINE. In our issues of March 8 and April 5, 1902, we noticed the newspaper's denotation that falling eyesight is a result of civilization, and that the proof of this is in the increased use of spectacles.

It is not always the material things which bring the most happiness, and surely there are some rich people who seem to be the most miserable on earth. Santa Claus brings the best things in abundance to all who want them. Surely there is a Santa Claus. When you find all the kindness gone out of the world, when all people hate each other and try to do all manner of evil, when the earth becomes unendurable, then you can believe there is no Santa Claus, and not before.

Senator Wellington of Maryland has a mysterious admirer. He is about as much surprised that anyone should single him out as an object of admiration as is anyone who has watched his erratic political course.

One day when he was sitting at his desk he found a large bunch of American Beauty roses. No card accompanied the gift. A few days later he found another and much larger sheaf of the same flowers, attached to which was a card bearing the words "Semper Fidelis."

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My SECRET. S. W. Gillilan in Baltimore American. Though you be wiser far than I, I cannot envy you.

The busy world's countless ways I may not learn, 'tis true. Yet one grand truth I've won at last, From which the love of all the past, And all the coin that e'er was cast, Could never make me part: 'Tis found the secret door that leads Into the human heart.

Mythology's a blur to me, All history's a blank. I know not who won Waterloo, The allies or the Frank. Yet while I know the hidden road Down which the ideas of care have flowed That lent a human heart its load, I'll say no word that leads Into the human heart.

For he who finds the path by which The heartache comes and goes, Who speaks the sympathetic word That lightens human woes, Will say he's loved by those who feel His tenderness about him steal; From him they care not to conceal The tears that fate would start. I'm glad I know the door that leads Into the human heart.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral advertisement featuring an illustration of a man and a woman, and text describing the medicine's benefits for coughs, croup, and bronchitis.