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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

President Cleveland and Secretary Gresham are having as much trouble with the influential jingo element in the United States as with the Pandora's box of applications which has been dumped upon the Department of State. The jingoists can see no excuse for Spain not having made the apology demanded (although it is patent to all cool heads that the delay is caused by the change of minister) and would like to see the President send a fleet over to seize Cuba at once. The same hot heads also interpret the Monroe doctrine to mean that the United States should attack Great Britain, if that country carries out its threat to compel Nicaragua by force to accede to its demands. Fortunately for the country neither the President nor his cabinet has any touch of the jingo fever; consequently the numerous foreign complications are being handled in a business and common sense way.

No further demand will be made upon Spain until its new ministry has been given ample time to reply to that already made; then the demand will be renewed in a tone that will neither bring the apology by cable, or war. As to the Monroe doctrine: President Cleveland does not interpret that doctrine to mean that this country will prevent a European power from assisting upon honorable and proper treatment in its dealings with the countries of Central and South America. President Cleveland thinks it was originally intended by President Monroe to insure fair play for the comparatively weak countries of South and Central America, and to prevent the absorption of their territory by European nations and Ambassador Bayard has been instructed to inform the British government that the United States would maintain that construction of the doctrine. The general belief here is that Great Britain was making one of her usual bluffs in dealing with weak nations when she threatened to bombard the Nicaraguan seaports if her demands were not acceded to by a specified date; but should that threat be carried out there is a wide difference of opinion as to whether it would be regarded by this country as a violation of the Monroe doctrine, with the majority in the affirmative.

The only unfortunate thing about Secretary Gresham's demand for the recall of the Hawaiian minister, because of his repeated violations of diplomatic etiquette, is that it has re-opened the whole tiresome Hawaiian question. The U. S. is on the eve of a diplomatic victory in the controversy with Germany over its claim that American cattle were diseased and were solely for that reason shut out of Germany, and the prohibition is expected to be

shortly removed, the German government having been convinced of its error. When Germany removes the prohibition, the other European countries which followed her in adopting it will do the same. This victory will bear testimony to the wisdom of President Cleveland in refusing to order tariff retaliation against the countries which shut out our cattle.

One of the busiest bureaus of the government just now is that of Internal Revenue. Secretary Carlisle has had two clerks from other bureaus to assist in handling the income tax returns, which are pouring in by every mail. Already it is apparent that the estimates of the receipts from this tax, made while it was before Congress, were very much too low. The returns are required to be made by April 15, with a penalty for failure, but the tax is not due until July 1, next. Notwithstanding that more than \$40,000 has already been paid in.

It is now about settled that a new treaty concerning the Bering Sea seizures shall be negotiated between the United States and Great Britain. It is understood that Sir Julian Paunceforte, the British Ambassador, assisted by Sir Charles Tupper, minister of marine and fisheries for Canada, and other Canadian officials will represent Canada, and that the negotiations are to be carried on in Washington.

Secretary Carlisle has just returned from New York, where he went to meet his son who has been to Europe for his health, and incidentally to give a little personal attention to several official matters connected with the Federal offices under his department in that city. The Secretary has entirely recovered from his own indisposition, although he still shows the effects of the hard and continuous work he did during the past winter.

Good Times Coming.

Richmond State, Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, one of the most astute business men in Richmond, and one of the most cautious of men in his statements, gives it as his deliberate opinion that the country will now have at least two years of prosperity. He believes that the new era will begin with an active business during the spring months, and that the business of the year will be very satisfactory.

It is the first time since the panic began that Mr. Ellyson has seen daylight's head and the first time that he has felt like advising his friends to invest their money. But he believes that the danger line has been crossed and that the way is now clear.

Those who know what excellent judgment Mr. Ellyson has and who know how conservative he is in all his statements and predictions, will take comfort in this word of encouragement, and we give it prominence because we have faith in the man and in his predictions.

Beware of Them.

Statesville Landmark. The Savior of mankind when on earth warned the people to beware of the false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravening wolves. There never was a time in the history of the world when this warning needed more to be heeded than now—not only in matters religious but matters political. And we say unto you now, beware of those who come to you in politics in the guise of "reform." It was this self-same cry that swept the Democracy of North Carolina off its feet last fall, and behold the result! Those who cried reform in sheep's clothing proved to be ravening wolves. In the city and State of New York theory of "reform" found resounding. Democrats headed the song of the siren and voted for Republicans under the specious plea of "reform," and the wolves in sheep's clothing swept the city and State. Now here the *New York Evening Post*, the organ of the mugwumps and the reform crowd:

We pointed out at the beginning of this session [of the Legislature] that if the reforms which the people voted for last fall were defeated in the Legislature the consequence would be the return to power of Tammany implies, including, of course, David B. Hill. Now events are moving that way more rapidly than we had conceived to be possible. The Legislature is more subservient to Platt, more deaf to public opinion, more brazen and more unwholesome than we had ever imagined.

Ah! ha! and ha! ha! Beware of the lying hypocrite who asks your suffrage on the plea that he is a reformer, and flee from him as you would from a pestilence.

Trouble With England.

The Monroe doctrine will have to be asserted if England or any European Power attempts to get a foot hold on this continent. It is to be hoped in the interest of humanity and of the peace and prosperity of our own land, that no complications will result in a war between the U. S. and any foreign Power. A war with England especially would be most deplorable. Our people speak their language and are descended from them to a great extent. "We be brethren." To be embroiled in a war with Great Britain over Nicaragua would be inexcusable on the part of the nation causing it. But the United States have rights, have interest at stake and the Monroe Doctrine must be enforced as no foreign country can be allowed to menace our supremacy or to in any way endanger our existence. England has no right to Venezuela that warrants the seizure of territory and if it does it there will be a war or a retreat. England makes a demand that it will be impossible for Venezuela to meet. A seizure of territory will follow perhaps. Will the bullying business succeed, pass an

challenged?—*Messenger*.

VICTIMIZED BY AN OLD ROGUE.

Woodstock, Va., March.—Farmer Helsey, a prosperous young man, rode into Edinburg yesterday and hitched his horse in front of Holtsman's Hotel. A few minutes later an old man came around the corner and, seeing the horse, deliberately unfastened the saddle and disappeared with it. Farmer Helsey, an hour later, mounted his horse bareback, and set out to capture the thief. He overtook him four miles from town. The aged offender acknowledged that he took the saddle and had sold it for two dollars.

"If you don't believe me," said the old man, "I'll go back with you and prove it. But I shan't walk, he added. "Well, get on the horse and I'll walk," said Farmer Helsey, nighting. He was pleased at the thought of handing the thief over to the authorities.

The old man straddled the animal, and Helsey stepped in front, holding the reins. They started leisurely back to town. The old man entered the young farmer with stories of the hardships he had endured through life. He had stolen the saddle, he said, solely because he needed \$2. He might have got more for it, but did not try. He was so frank and apparently truthful that Helsey had half resolved to forgive him, when the old man suddenly applied his cane vigorously to the horse's side and the animal plunged off wildly down the road, and disappeared, leaving Helsey a victim of misplaced confidence, minus both saddle and horse.

He tooted it back to town, and then a systematic search was made for the aged thief, which was kept up for twenty-four hours. He was captured to day at Wheatfield, but had traded the horse for a \$10 gun. During the night he broke into a distillery and made merry. When locked in jail here he took things philosophically, and expressed indifference as to what became of him. He is sixty-five years old. The officer who caught him is seventy-five.

Farmer Helsey recovered his property.

Press and Carolinian: "Mr. Clerk, enter a fine of fifty dollars against Judge Bynum." Judge John Gray Bynum had been addressing Judge Timberlake on the bench in the Superior Court at Morganton last Saturday afternoon on a motion for continuance in a case. Judge Bynum had insinuated that the Court had something against him on personal grounds—did not like him. Judge Timberlake had sat perfectly motionless until the words were all uttered and the "contempt" complete, when he made the above remarks. Judge Bynum attempted to say something further when Judge Timberlake said: "Take your seat sir!" The incident has created considerable gossip.

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An Outside Opinion of North Carolina.

Dr. Clark Bell is the editor of the *Medico-Legal Journal*, of New York. All physicians and surgeons know who he is—know that he is one of the foremost men in the profession in the country. He will be remembered in Charlotte as one of the company of Northern physicians who made a tour of a part of the South last year and were banqueted at the Central hotel in this city. Dr. Bell writes a letter to a North Carolina acquaintance, and from this letter the *Observer* is permitted to make the following extract:

"I regard North Carolina now as the foremost State in the new South. Texas is a close second, and Georgia and Alabama next. I visited last year every Southern State except Florida and Tennessee.

"Your State is to be in the front rank in the future. You have not the marvelous resources of Texas, but you have ten times more than you use or recognize, and you are near market, and the blood that is at the bottom of the civilization of North Carolina is as good as any in the nation; and, what seems to you like a catastrophe, is like the working of water at sea and all will come clear, bright, beautiful and healthy in due time."

The allusion in the final clause is to the existing political conditions.

Who has paid the Old North State a handsomer tribute than the foregoing, and when?—*Charlotte Observer*.

Persons who sympathize with the afflicted will rejoice with D. E. Carr of 1235 Harrison street, Kansas City. He is an old sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism, but has not heretofore been troubled in this climate. Last winter he went up into Wisconsin, and in consequence has had another attack. "It came upon him again very acute and severe," he said: "My joints swelled and became inflamed; sore to touch or almost to look at. Upon the urgent request of my mother-in-law, I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm to reduce the swelling and ease the pain, and to my agreeable surprise, it did both. I have used three fifty-cent bottles and believe it to be the finest thing for rheumatism, pains and swellings extant. For sale by W. L. Bryan.

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