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THE MISSION OF AMERICA.

Since the greed for empire and the hunger for spoils has seized the advocates of expansion in this country we hear much about the "mission of America," the sum and substance of which is to carry civilization and progress to the benighted, where our flag may be temporarily planted, and to lift them up whether they want to be lifted up or not...

The preacher who believes in expansion and whose conscience justifies the rape of territory on the plea that "the end justifies the means," exclaims that it is the mission of this country to carry Christianity as well as liberty to the people whom those preachers believe to be in a deplorable state of heathen-darkness.

The Attorney General of Ohio has for some time been fighting the Standard Oil Company and trying to bring it within the pale of the law of that State. Whether he is making any progress or not we do not know, but he is throwing considerable light on the monopoly that institution has, and how it is coining money out of that monopoly.

"Attorney General Monbett shows from official figures that the uniform cost of oil per barrel to the Standard Oil Company is twenty cents, and that in three years the raw material cost them \$2,747,247. With all our oil produced in Ohio during the last three years, the value of all the wool, cattle, sheep, hogs, corn and oats produced in Ohio during the same period was \$1,000,000,000.

What does all this talk about kinship between Americans and Britons, and these frequent expressions on both sides of the ocean favoring an alliance between this country and England, mean? Not content with this there are those who think of and favor a triple alliance—America, Great Britain and Japan. Here is a double entanglement, which would never have been thought of if it had not been for the war with Spain, and the territory-grabbing spirit which the war bagged and stimulated.

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She has seen that, probably for centuries to come, all the contents of that Acoland, the European world, will be contents between the cotton and the wool. The standard of freedom and independence has been or shall be unfurled there. She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is the champion and vindicator only of her own cause.

This reiterated in other phrase what the other father enjoined when he said "beware of entangling alliances," which may be very easy to get into, but very hard to get out of, and the end of which no man can see.

There are, it is true, a good many men to-day who, carried away by the expansion mania, close their ears to all the sober counsels of the past, and rush into territorial aggrandizement regardless of consequences, and reckon little as to the dangers there may be ahead.

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It is thought that there will be a material reduction in the cotton acreage of South Carolina and Georgia this year. Opinion in South Carolina is based on the reduced receipts from the inspector of fertilizers, compared with last year, the receipts so far this year being only \$34,583, against \$60,162 last year.

CURRENT COMMENT.

It is believed that the Administration will overhaul the block and tackle very carefully before attempting to lift Tom Reed out of the Speaker's chair. A colored editor who was a delegate to the last Republican National Convention from one of the Southern States announces that he has finally succeeded in securing a supply of garden seeds to distribute among his friends.

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THE GOLDEN STATE.

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SELECTING PICTURES.

The value of a picture depends upon where there is in it for its possessor. writes William Martin Johnson in The "Landscape" and "Framing Pictures."

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WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, March 16. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing. ROSIN—Market firm at 95 cents per barrel for strained and \$1.00 for good strained.

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FINANCIAL MARKETS.

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WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

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