

The Somerset Herald.



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In the assignment to committees in the House, the Speaker has placed Mr. Hicks on the committee on Public Buildings and Grounds. Now, what that Altona public building drop into his lap.

It is thought to be the actual pinch of war with Johnny Bull, many of the patriots now yelling for war would be found, like Arden Ward, willing to sacrifice all their wives' relations in the cause, rather than risk their own hides.

All this war talk is unprofitable, and calculated to retard our existing industries and commerce. There is no probability of war unless these mad dog hot heads commit some overt act which will force it upon the nation. Now is the time for a calm consideration of the situation, not for long and loud blarney.

The flurry with England has brought to the front the Monroe doctrine, so much talked of and so little understood by the great mass of our people. The gist of the doctrine which has been maintained by this government since its first promulgation by President Monroe in his message to Congress in December, 1823, is as follows:

We wish, therefore, to see no European power established in any part of the Western Hemisphere. We wish to see no European power established in any part of the Western Hemisphere.

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almost universal declaration of the journals of that country was that it was only an electing scheme of the President to forward his plans for a third term; and this view is still measurably adhered to, as is also the declared determination to limit the course first mapped out by that government, come what may.

It does look "pretty sticky" if, as the English say, this government proposes to mark out a boundary line and compel them to accept it, but, as we comprehend it, the object of this commission is only to ascertain, if possible, for our future guidance, the true status of the affair, and not for the purpose of enforcing acquiescence in our present views. The shoe pinches principally, however, because of the steadily maintained determination to stand by and enforce, in all time to come, the Monroe doctrine, which European nations have heretofore looked upon as only a mere sentiment.

We sincerely hope, however, our opinion, although a spark might light the magazine, cooler counsels will prevail, and the tremendous consequences following such a war will not be willingly accepted by either party to the controversy.

The Blue Throat's Foe. A small bird, the Blue Throat, is the enemy of the larger birds. It is a small, blue bird with a white throat and a black cap. It is found in the mountains of the Andes.

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