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#### THE PATRIOT LINCOLN.

This is Abraham Lincoln's birthday It should be celebrated throughout th United States and honored by lovers liberty in every nation. The grea emancipator of the colored race in th's country, occupies a niche in the templ of fame that is most unique, and prora itent, and striking. When we conside his lowly birth and humble surround ings, the struggles he had to make to a living and an education, the gigantic strides by which he reached the goal of his ambition, outstripping competitors believed to be invincible, and behold his wonderful adaptation for the high place which he occupied with such mas terful ability, the courage he displayed in grappling with momentous issues and in cutting the gordian knot of the slavery problem, we cannot but con clude that he was destined for the position he filled and the work he accomplished. When that was done he was numbered with the martyrs. His tragic death profoundly stirred the souls of men throughout the world, and brought into strong relief his numerous deeds of worth, his striking peculiarities, his wise and witty sayings, his kindness of heart and his no. billty of character. His personal appearance was of the rough and rugged type, but the memory of it only em phasizes the rare qualities of the great and magnificent man. As "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church," so the slaying of Lincoln was a sacrifice on the altar of freedom that become an evangel, proclaiming the gospel of liberty to all the races of mankind. We of Utah honor Lincoln with all the patriots of the republic Our admiration for blm and our veneration for his greatness, is mingled with the conviction that he was Godordained for the special mission that he fulfilled so grandly. We join in the moration of his natal day, and thank the Giver of all good for his life and labors, and the splendid impress they have made upon all the nations

## DID LINCOLN'S WORK FAIL?

of the earth.

Secretary Root, in a recent address before the Union League club made the statement that the effort to elevate the colored race in this country by suffrage had failed, and that other means must now be employed.

His argument, in substance, was this: The nation first provided that slavery should not exist in the United States. Then it determined that the black man should be free and equal in citizenship, and finally it declared that no man should be deprived of the right to vote by reason of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

"These," he said, "embodied the scheme of thoughtful men for uplifting the slaves. You remember how difficult this question was. The question was what to do with the black man who had been a slave from his infancy. The answer formed was: Give him citizenship, equal rights and he will rise. And included was the implied opportunity to exercise these rights." The speaker continued:

"I fear that we are compelled to face conclusion that this experiment has failed. The suffrage has been taken away from the black man in most of the states where he composes the larger part of the population. The black man of the south, in general, no longer has the privilege of the suffrage. The right to aspire to office is disputed and in a great measure denied."

Secretary Root strengthened his conclusion by referring to the fact that President Roosevelt has appointed fewer black men to office, than did Mc-Kinley. And yet the outcries against such appointments are louder than ever. There has not been a time, he said, since the Civil War, when colored officials have not attended receptions by the President, and yet, when some nights ago, such an official was present at a reception in the White House, this was the signal for an outcry as if an insult had been offered to

the white attendants. The facts stated certainly prove that the feelings in this regard are changed But they do not prove that emancipa tion is a fallure. Clearly it is not, if the wonderful progress made by the race, since the Civil War, counts for anything. They demonstrate rather a retreat of the white race from the nohle position of justice and love for human liberty, which was held by the generation that fought for the rights of

the black race. It is 94 years today since Abraham Lincoln was born, the man who under Divine Providence was chosen to live and die for the great principle of human liberty in this country. It is curious to contemplate at this time, the retrogression that is clearly taking place on this question. How will it go? Will the work of 61-65 be undone? What other plan is there to adopt for the elevation of the negro if the one for which so many died on battlefields is to be abandoned? This is one of the serious questions of the day.

THE ANGEL WITH THE GOSPEL.

We have received a letter of inquiry oncerning the identity of the angel spoken of in Revelation XIV, 6, 7, who was seen by the prophet in vision. "Flying through the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to very nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, ear God and give glory to Him for the hour of His judgment is come, and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

It appears that there is a difference of pinion among some students of theolocy, and they desire to have it sittled. The idea has been entertained by a few individuals, that the vision of the revelator on this point was fulfilled in the ministration of John the Baptist, when te came and restored the Aaronic Priesthood by ordaining Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, and conferring upon them the keys of that authority. others have expressed the opidion that loseph Smith. Was Prophet, was himself he angel having the everlasting Gospe o declare to all nations, but the doc trine that has been held and which has binined almost universally in the thurch of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints is that the Prophet Moroni, who

isited Joseph Smith and revealed to

him the record of the ancient inhab-

tants of the American Continent, con-

aining the fuliness of the everlasting lospel, was and is the angel spoken of the scripture which we have quoted. Morani did actually come from heaveo earth for the purpose of manifesting the truth contained in the Book of Mo non. He visited Joseph Smith three lmes on the auth of Sunday, Septemher 21, 1823. He showed him the spot where the plates containing the record were concealed. He had guarded the treasure for centuries. He met the boy prophet for four successive years after the first manifestation of their place of leposit; he delivered them into Joseph's nands; he guided and directed him through the work of translation, and he subsequently received them when the work was completed, being li charge of them until they shall again be brought forth, that the sealed and reerved portions of them may be trans-

In a revelation concerning the Sacrament given in August, 1830, and con tained in section 27 of the Doctrine and Covenants, the Lord said: "For the hour cometh that I will drink of the fruit of the vine with you on the earth, and with Moroni, whom I have sent unto you to reveal the Book of Mormon, containing the fullness of My everlasting Gospel." We regard this as evidence supporting the view that we have herein expressed.

See also Doctrine and Covenants See 128, 20: "And again, what do we hear? Glad tidings from Cumerah; Moroni, an angel from heaven, declaring the fulfilment of the prophets-the book to be reevaled." This is corroborative of the revelation already quoted and supports the position we have defined.

Examining the missions of the several notable personages who have appeared in the present dispensation, conferring their keys and authority upon the Prophet, Joseph Smith, as head of the dispensation of the fullness of times, we find none of them who so fully answers the description of the angel, mentioned by John the Revelator, as Moroni, the guardian of the precious treasure, a part of which is brought to light in the Book of Mormon, and whose image stands on the summit of the highest tower of the Salt Lake Temple, figured, with his golden trumpet, in the attitude of proclaiming the everlasting Gospel to all the nations and peoples of the earth.

## TURKISH WAR CLOUDS.

According to reports from London the public is commencing to fear a serous crisis in the southeastern part of Europe. The mobolisation by Turkey of 249,000 troops for military operations in Macedonia is taken to mean that the Ottoman government foresees trouble, and this is confirmed by a Turkish staff officer who writes in the Pall Mall Gazette as follows: "There have been many false alarms, but this spring trouble will come. One convincing sign is to be found in the circumstances of Count Ignatieff's tour of the Balkans n commemoration of Russian victories, which were not sufficient motive for his speeches. These were of a sort calculated to make mischief. In fomenting trouble he was carrying out the solid policy of the Russian foreign office."

The revolt commenced last October, with some engagements between Mace donian patriots and Turkish troops. But the winter came, and military operations were suspended. It is now believed that they will be renewed as soon as spring comes. Thousands of Macedonians will rise, it is thought, and Servia and Bulgaria will join them against Turkey.

The probability is, if war breaks out now, that it will be a life and death struggle between Russia and Turkey; for it is not probable that it can be confined to the Balkan states. What the final outcome of that struggle will be, is not difficult to foresee. Turkey will be compelled to leave Europe. The Turkish possessions will be divided between the powers, or given independence, as the case may be. But it will be a long and flerce combat, Turkey may be the sick man, but its army when fired with fanaticism, will perform wonders of endurance and valor It did so in the war with Russia about 25 years ago, and it will do better this time, for it is better officered

than it was then, thanks to German It can be believed that the European rulers do not desire war, and that they would gladly avert a conflict, if it were in their power to do so. They know that a general war in Europe would mean the disruption of trade, and famine prices on the necessities of life; they know that there are millions living in extreme poverty, who would not be able to pay fumine prices, and that general discontent and perhaps bloody rigts would follow a great war, But, unfortunately, rulers and statesmen are not always able to avert con-

flicts between nations. They sometime ome in splie of the best statesman

As for Turkey, the conflict for posses sion of Constantinople and the gate to the Mediterranean must come sooner or later. The Turks had a special mission in the part of the world they overran. That mission ended, they nat urally will be sent back to the place whence they came, and preparations will be made for the future purposes of providence, with regard to that part of the world, and the human family in general. The termination of Turkish rule in Europe and Syria is the imme diate precursor of great and important events in human history.

### AMERICAN NAVY LEAGUE.

A navy league has been formed in this country, in imitation, we presume similar organizations in Europe. formany has one, of which the empero s the leader, and this league has in few years conducted a very successful agitation in favor of an enormous ex penditure for battle ships.

The purpose of the American leagu: is to strengthen the navy and develor our coast defense system, and thes ends are to be attained by providing lectures, by the distribution of literaure and all other legitimate means The cost of membership is nominal The league is to be non-partisan and the pledge is given that its name and influence shall not be used for political purposes.

In favor of such an organization it e urged that a strong navy is the bey safeguard of our peace. It must also be admitted that if we are to figure at all as a naval power, the ships must te built while the country is at peace, for a navy can not be constructed in a burry. At the same time, the United States should not aspire to the honor of a great military nation. Its alm should be to establish international arhitration, and to make large armies and navies superfluous.

However, the time has not yet come when all international quarrels can be referred to a peace tribunal, and as long us wars must be counted upon as possibilities, this country must be prepar ed. We may not commence a war upon any nation; but we may be drawn into one, and then, it is necessary to be ready at short notice.

It was a pillar of fire by night and snowstorm by day.

Sleigh fiding is one of the luxuries no one of the necessaries of life.

The Venezuelan negotiations seem t be sadly wanting in terminal facilities.

One should pay as he goes. But he should be very careful where he goes, February is the shortest month in the year, but it is putting a lot of snow

to its credit. Captain Hobson says that the Amer ican navy is totally inadequate. Since when, pray?

As the paths of glory lead but to the grave, people should forsake them and seek those of peace.

what a feast of fattening it would be for the pension attorneys!

And now Mrs. Carrie Nation has been arrested in California. Surely her days are full of troubles if not few,

Wasn't it a fing snowstorm? It did more to solve the water problem ne \$ summer than all the schemes yet de-

Guatemala is trying to butt in and secure a bit of public attention. Little countries, like little boys, should be seen

and not heard. Legislators given to reading Tacitus should remember his saying: "When

laws are most multiplied." Speaker Henderson says that he is in favor of anti-trust legislation. The anti-trust legislation cry is becoming as popular as "Hurrah for the Fourth of

the state is most corrupt then the

Every four years some man votes for Andrew Jackson, but down in Delaware some men vote every day for Addicks. The result is the same in each

Senator Morgan says that he would not oppose 'Mr. Smoot's entrance into the Senate because he is an apostle of the "Mormon" Church. Neither would

any other really just and sensible man. A list of 4,000 denors of gifts to the University of Chicago will appear in a decennial register which is soon to be published. But that which is of great-

est interest is the gift and not the giver, To make it symmetrical the Whit House should have a North, a South and a West room as well as an East room. This seems to have been overlooked in the renovation of the historic

Winston Churchill has succeeded in getting two bills through the lower house of the New Hampshire legislature. It must have been a rather novel experience to him, a novelist by pro-

A visit by the Legislature to State institutions is not a junket; it is necessary trip of inquiry authorized and required by law or by reasons of public policy. They ought to be officially inspected.

Americans cannot work themselves up to a frenzy of Indignation over the situation in Macedonia, owing to the fact that it is generally believed that to the Macedonia committee was due the capture of Miss Ellen Stone,

BOWEN AND THE "ALLIES."

New York Mall and Express. The settlement of the Venezuelar uble seems to depend just now on the adjustment of the relations of three men-Mr. Bowen, Sir Michael Hurber and Baron Speck von Sternberg. Mr. Bowen represents Venezuela; but the other two parties to the arrangement seem to be objecting that while the voice with which he speaks is the voice of the South American Jacob, the hand Esau. In other words, there is not enough of the humility proper to little Venezuela in the way Mr. Bowen conducts the negotiations, and there is too nuch of the conscious bigness of the \$WWW.

New York Evening Sun. The German press is howling about he necessity of Europe's demonstrat-ng to the "insolent Yankees" that she strange. We thought we were much be liftle trouble in Venezuela was only a trifling matter of a small bill that had nothing to do with the relations of Berlin and Washington. How easy it is to

New York World.

ake a mistake.

The cry, nevertheless, persists in ongress and outside of it that this Venezuela affair "shows the necessity for a navy as strong as the strongest." But if the attitude of the British and German governments proves anything, it is that without adding another ship or man to its present navy the United States and its Monroe doctrine are so thoroughly respected that at every stage of the coercion of Venezuela-before it was even attempted and right along to this present moment—our gov-ernment at Washington has been conto. It was to President Roosevelt that both nations offered to refer the difficulty for arbitration.

St. Louis Globe Democrat. Honduras is to join Venezuela, Hayti, Santo Domingo, Colombia and the rest of the Latin-American countries which have had civil wars. The war in Hon-luras' case is based on the familiar reason of a rivalry between two claimants of the presidency. These civil conflicts and the wars between the various states serve to cast contempt upon most of the Spanish-American countries. The alk of a union between those nations is seen to be vain when very few of them can agree among themselves for any considerable length of time.

San Francisco, Chronicle. It is announced that as soon as the protocols for arbitrating this question are signed the blockade of Venezuelan ports will cease. It is also stated that the 30 per cent of Venezuelan customs which is to be sequestrated will be dis-tributed by Venezuelan officials so long as they distribute promptly and fairly, but that upon the first lapse a Belgian official will be placed in charge. There is, of course, no objection to the selec tion of a Belgian for that duty, should any selection become necessary, excep hat it appears evidence of a studied de termination of our state department to assume no responsibility whatever in any South American affair in which European nations are involved. It would seem natural that an American official should be assigned to this duty, and if a wise selection was made we could, in a friendly way, render Venezuela most valuable assistance with financial advice.

Milwaukee Wisconsin. The news from Caracas is a little uncertain. Some reports say that the in-surgents are at the gates of the city, and that President Castro will have to be a runaway. Of course, confusion worse confounded naturally prevails there. If Castro should abscond it may change the face of affairs. Gen. Mates s supposed to be a man of more com-non sense than Castro, and therefore e will do his best to modify the situa-

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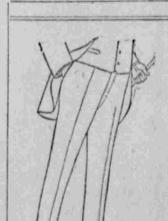
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