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## AN EXAMPLE FOR US IN THE OLD WORLD—THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO.

Let us from Mexico show that the position of Maximilian there is becoming every day more and more precarious, the good feeling between the French and Austrians having lessened, whilst the hatred of the Mexicans is more intense and general than ever, towards both.

And at a time when events are justifying the expectation that ere long we will have to leave Mexico altogether, it becomes a serious question with the people of the United States, whether, instead of following the lead of certain restless politicians in a hurried and premature attempt to " vindicate the Monroe doctrine,"—in other words tooust Maximilian,—all our endeavors should not be concentrated in consolidating and making secure the immense territory we have already, and in paying off our national debt, or reducing it, before we enter on any new crusade for land; before we extend further that mighty area which is to tax the talents of the most capable amongst us to maintain intact.

Remembering that the war just closed grew out of a fierce purpose to subdue this very territory, and that hereafter we are uncertain what further trials inordinate ambition may have in store for us on the same account, should not all encourage every endeavor to inaugurate another spirit of conquest; should not even the most grasping be content with what we have?

We were led into this train of thought by a glance at the current news from Mexico, and afterwards at an old letter written by Washington Irving in 1820, giving the particulars of an interesting visit paid by him to the ancient Republic of San Marino, several years before; and which in the unchanging character of that wonderful stronghold of republican principles in the old world, is a measurably true picture of its fortunes to day.

Whilst we may, for many reasons, exult at the possession of the splendid territory yet sacred on this side of the water to the dominance of republican principles—whilst we may be glad that the oppressed of the whole human race are yet privileged to find a home here, all must admit the presence of that sense of uncertainty in our future, which, for four weary years, especially, has oppressed every heart, and the final absence of which would be hailed with acclamation and delight unspeakable.

The Republic of San Marino has lasted for fourteen centuries; how and why, we shall proceed to show. Cured with no mal purpose to acquire more territory; with none of the "reps of office" to struggle for on the part of her administrative agents, exciting no envy or enmity from its side, the diminutive State has flourished, has stood as the Bramble stands in the hurricane which uproots the oak. But let us hear from the brief act above referred to:

"The Republic is about ten miles (twelve by the road) southwest of Rimini, in that district of Italy comprised between the Apennines, the Po, and the Adriatic; a portion of the ancient Umturia, which was afterwards called by the Romans Galia Capadova—now Romagna; or more properly Homogonia."

"The original name of its mountain was 'Titan'; it has its present name from the first settler on it, one Marino, a stone cutter, from Dalmatia, who, in the fourth century, chose as a religious retreat, and in due time became a saint."

"It was his piety which first settled the place; his disciples formed a religious community; out of this grew a political society founded on moral principles, industry and equality, the most solid basis for just and rational civil institutions; and here we have the principal cause of the durability of the republic. In small territory was slowly and gradually extended till the twelfth century, by purchases from foreign States, and in the meantime, and formed in the same progress, its institutions, so as to ensure their permanence. When the Republic had such an extension of territory and increase of population as gave to it political importance, this, and its fortified position, made it an object for the ambition of its neighbors, and it was thus compelled for a long course of years to support a struggle for its independence; but its isolated position exempted it from a participation in the violent commotions which for some centuries agitated Italy."

"I have said that the actual territory of San Marino, is a circumference of forty miles; I learned from Don Antonio (a resident) that its population was then 7,000; there are no extraordinarily rich, nor any abjectly poor amongst them; strangers are permitted to settle, and

"after six years residence may be naturalized and hold interior offices, (but not executive.) The Executive—new called 'Captain Regent'—is chosen every six months by the representatives of the people, six in number, chosen also every six months by the people, who in every periodical assembly make all these reforms in their affairs as they may deem to be necessary. Every man capable of bearing arms, is enrolled amongst the defenders of the country and its laws; all the officers of the government serve unpaid; the Republic pays a doctor and a schoolmaster only; the taxes are consequently very light, exactly proportionate to the public necessities on the most economical scale; Don Antonio told me that a man of 40,000 dollars capital pays about two dollars a year (I presume direct tax). Besides San Marino proper, the city and seat of Government, there is at the foot of the mountain a large 'Borgo,' and at a small distance from that a village; the remainder of the territory presents the prospect of a rich soil, producing abundance of corn, wine and oil, all of the best quality—near farm houses, held well cultivated and well stocked, vineyards and olive gardens, compose a landscape the most enchanting, and the most gratifying to the heart of him who reflects that all these indications of happiness come from a wise and just social order, on all sides are seen the happy effects of equality, comfort and compunction, peace and harmony. Such is the Republic of San Marino, which through a long course of ages has preserved its independence and its wise institutions, the most of which it has been surrounded, and notwithstanding all the efforts of violence, corruption and injustice to destroy it, there it proudly stands uninjured, the prototype of a civil association, the most perfect and admirable, such as, before it was formed, existed only in the Utopias of philosophers."

Now although we may not, in many things, emulate the example of the little republic which has so nobly withstood the storms and the changes of centuries, it is not time for us to pause in our hurry and headlong career in order to consolidate and make more secure what we have, before adventuring everything in new directions! All but hindered by the terrible convulsions, it is not time to accept, or even credit, even the lessons given by the history of the little republic whose career above is briefly sketched; who we are, at this juncture, listen to those who in the wish for new causes of excitement would launch the country upon new perils! Let the people decide the question, so vital to our own welfare.

The Successors of Boas & Gossen published the following brief but pertinent note from General Grant:

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