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## Editorial Outlook

### P. E. ISLAND.

Prince Edward Island contended that its representation in the Dominion House of Commons should not be reduced by the census, but that it should continue to have six members. The question was submitted to the Supreme Court, and judgment has been given that the island province must lose a member.

### A "WHITE AUSTRALIA."

The anxiety of Australians to have a "White Australia," has led the Commonwealth to seek to debar colored seamen from employment on mail steamers. The subject having been brought to the attention of the Colonial Secretary, he has pointed out that as the colored seamen in question are British subjects it is impossible for the British government to join in such a measure of exclusion.

### THE REAL RULER.

The real ruler of Russia is said to be Von Plehve, the Minister of the Interior. The *Journal* says, "he is probably indirectly responsible for the massacres of the Jews. The Czar is permitted to pose as the lover of toleration, liberty and peace among nations; but the real rulers of Russia, Von Plehve and other nobles and officials, know what they want, and the policy of the Russian government is practically the opposite of that which the Czar holds up to the world as his desire."

### OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

The old-age pension system has not yet worked to the satisfaction of the promoters in New South Wales. It is stated that it has created a new class of state dependence, involving an annual expenditure of alarming proportions, without relieving existing charitable institutions to any appreciable extent. The act, it is said, has tended to encourage imposition and actual fraud, "besides loosening ties of kinship and weakening moral obligation." It is hoped, however, that the experience had in the practical working of the system will enable the authorities to correct the objectionable features of it.

### POSTOFFICE FRAUDS.

Extensive frauds have been discovered in the United States postoffice department. Several prominent of-

ficials are already under arrest, and there will, probably, be other arrests as the investigation progresses. It is stated that besides high officials in the department, several senators and members of the House of Representatives are involved. It is charged that the government has been defrauded of millions of dollars, that hundreds of clerks have bribed their superiors for salary increases, that tenderers for postoffice supplies have paid for being awarded contracts, and for securing private information as to estimates of their business rivals.

### PEONAGE.

In some parts of the South there is still a kind of slavery. An investigation of some charges in Alabama has shown that a regular system of peonage has been carried on by certain magistrates and persons who wanted negro laborers. The plan, it is stated, is to bring a poor negro before a magistrate upon a trumped up charge. Upon the conviction of the negro a white man offers to pay the prisoner's fine on condition that the negro consents to enter into a labor contract with him for a length of time sufficient to reimburse him for his financial outlay and the trouble he has taken to keep the negro out of jail. Whereupon the convicted negro is taken away by his alleged benefactor, and begins what is frequently a long term of cruel servitude. The department of justice has directed the prosecution of those who have been carrying on this form of slavery.

### THE HATED FLAG.

On Memorial Day, in Philadelphia, a citizen who had a British flag hoisted it, innocently thinking to do his part in the general display of bunting. He hadn't thought of the number of fools likely to be abroad that day in "the city of brotherly love." The flag had only begun to feel the breezes when a crowd of some hundreds of excited people were gathered demanding that it be pulled down. The man who owned the flag was out of the house; his wife was so frightened that she could not even attempt to explain the good intention in putting up the flag. The anger of the crowd increased, a rope was thrown over the flag-pole, and the offensive bunting was hauled down. Threats of violence were made against the man who owned the hated flag, and if the mob had found him he would, doubtless, have suffered. They are a great people over there—so big and broad.

### SERVIA.

Servia, which is brought into unpleasant prominence by the assassination of the King and Queen, concerning which there is a paragraph on another page, is a small mountainous country in Eastern Europe, separated from Austro-Hungary by the Danube. The whole country embraces but 18,000 square miles, and has a population of about two and a half millions. The country formerly owed allegiance to Turkey, but became independent in 1878. The late King Alexander was born in August, 1876, and was the son of King Milan, the first ruler of independent Servia. In 1889 King Milan abdicated the throne in favor of Alexander, then a minor. Four years later Alexander took the power into his own hands. Three years ago he married Madame Draga. Servia is governed by the king, with the assistance of a council of eight ministers, who are responsible to the people. The legislature consists of the National Assembly and the Senate, both of which must assent to any measure to make it legal.

### THE PAY OF TEACHERS.

The teachers in Albert County have organized an Association for mutual benefit, especially in the matter of salaries. Their platform is this:

We, the undersigned teachers of New Brunswick, hereby form ourselves into an association for mutual benefit, and furtherance of education in general, and pledge ourselves.

First—Not to underbid any other teacher in salary.

Second—Not to accept from any board of school trustees in Albert county a salary lower than the following:

For 1st class, males, \$275 a year.

For 2nd class, males, \$200 a year.

For 1st class, females, \$150 a year.

For 2nd class, females, \$130 a year.

The figures are, of course, exclusive of the government allowance. The promoters of this movement hope to extend it to every part of the province. Teachers in this province are very poorly paid. It is not surprising that very few of them continue long teaching; they turn soon to more remunerative employment. We hope the movement may be successful. It will be if the teachers stand together.

### NOTES.

To perpetuate the services of the colonial contingents in the South African war, the British war office has decided to present a British flag to each of the colonial bodies. One hundred and eight flags will be given.

The Pope is said to be failing perceptibly.

Lord Cruzon is likely to continue Viceroy of India.

Archbishop Langevin, of Winnipeg, is in Montreal in consultation with Archbishop Buchesi about the Manitoba school question.

The Barr colony seems to be getting along very well since Mr. Barr left it.

The Dominion Government has decided to increase the subsidy to the Northwest Territories. Last year the Territories spent \$250,000 more than was allowed them, and this amount the government will pay.

President Roosevelt is practically sure of the nomination of the Republican party for the next presidential term. Though the nominating convention will not meet for a year, enough states have already declared for him to assure his nomination.

Rev. Thomas Voaden, of Woodstock, Ont., resigned from the Methodist Conference, in session last week in Brantford, to become a follower of Dowie.

The Methodist Conferences in Ontario, in session last week, expressed strong condemnation of the failure of the government of that province to introduce advanced temperance legislation.

## What Others Say.

### WHAT HE IS LIKE.

The hypocrite is like the one who cleans house by painting the outside.—*Free Baptist.*

### SURE ENOUGH.

A little boy of Springfield, Tenn., with a small boy's talent for presenting hard problems, said to his mother: "If they vote whiskey out of Springfield, what will they do for men to put in jail.—"

### HIS REASONS.

"No," says the policy preacher, "I do not believe in bringing this Prohibition question into my pulpit, except on general principles. There are many reasons against such a course. When the proper time comes, I shall shout with you, but just now it would be unwise.—*Backbone.*"

### THE PITY OF IT.

The body of a richly dressed young woman was recently found in the Charles River, and exposed for identification in an undertaker's room in Cambridge. One of the most pitiful things concerning the event is the number of people seeking to identify her, indicating that many families mourn for a lost child of whose fate they are ignorant.—*Christian Register.*