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Editorial Outlook

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

During the past week the despatches gave the impression that war between Russia and Japan could hardly be averted. Feeling in Japan is high, and has appeared to be anxious for a fight. Russia, as usual, is cool and most exasperating in its course. The latest word at this writing points to the probability that war will be avoided.

POLITICAL NEWS.

It is stated that Mr. Blair has been appointed chairman of the railway commission.

The North Renfrew, Ont., election, Saturday, resulted in the election of Mr. Dunlap, the Conservative candidate.

Charlotte County Conservatives will meet in convention January 7th, to nominate a candidate for the federal election.

THE DRUG HABIT.

A recent report by a committee of the American Pharmaceutical Association, appointed to investigate the drug habit, shows that the use of opium is increasing at a quite alarming rate. The majority of habitual criminals, it is stated, are opium users. The cocaine habit is even a worse evil, and amongst certain classes is very general. The laws regulating the sale of these drugs are said to be very unsatisfactory, cocaine and some others being sold almost openly in many drug stores.

VALUE OF ABSTINENCE.

Speaking at a meeting of the Canadian Temperance League, in Toronto, a few days ago, Hon. Geo. E. Foster said: "Give me one generation of people who were total abstainers, and with a five per cent. tariff I would undertake to show the greatest regime of prosperity that has ever come to this country." He went on to speak of the necessity of educating each generation in the principles of total abstinence and said that while he recognized the great place that questions of a material character occupied in the development of a country, back of all that, and of vastly more importance, were the manhood and womanhood of any nation.

UNDESIRABLES.

A bill to restrict alien immigration will be introduced into the British Parliament at its next session. The report of a commission which investigated the subject shows that there is every year an immense influx into England of paupers, criminals and weaklings of almost every nationality, but chiefly of Russian, Austrian and Polish Jews. These undesirables are steadily ousting the English from their employments and residences, underselling native labor, and increas-

ing crime and immorality in many districts in London. Whole districts of the city are now monopolized by them. The necessity of legislation that will check the evil is generally acknowledged.

PREFERENTIAL TRADE.

The Chamberlain policy has scored another victory at the polls. Rowland Hunt, a warm supporter of Mr. Chamberlain, was last week elected to the House of Commons. The campaign was fought exclusively on the fiscal question. Both sides are doing their utmost. Two gentlemen, Messrs. Herbert and Montague, representing the anti-Chamberlain party in England, arrived in Canada a few days ago. They have come to obtain knowledge of Canadian sentiment in regard to Mr. Chamberlain's proposed fiscal policy. They will, doubtless, after the manner of Englishmen, make a thorough investigation.

THEY DON'T LIKE IT.

German money is being contributed to fight Chamberlain's preferential trade policy. German trade in Great Britain is endangered, hence the readiness of German business men to put money into the fight. For the same reason Carnegie, representing the United States, takes a hand against preferential trade within the Empire. The fact that Germany and the United States see danger to the existing conditions by which they profit so largely at the expense of the Briton and her colonies, is the strongest proof of the wisdom of the Chamberlain proposals. It is about time we were looking out for ourselves, and this is just what Mr. Chamberlain proposes we shall do.

THE WICKEDEST CITY.

The growth of crime in the large cities of the United States is quite appalling. Chicago seems to take the lead. It is stated that that city had one hundred and twenty-five murders this year, and only two or three convictions. There were three hundred and ninety-four burglaries in October, and only eighty-eight arrests. In four days twenty persons were 'held up' on the streets and robbed—one was shot. Two men were beaten into unconsciousness and robbed. One of the highway robberies was by girls. Several places of business were held up.

Speaking in Boston the other day, Commandant Herbert Booth, of the Salvation Army, answering a question as to which is the wickedest city in the world, said:

"Of those that I have been to, I should say that it is a race between London and Chicago. I think that Chicago leads, because Chicago is more up-to-date. In Paris sin is a fine art, in Chicago it is a grim business. In London crime is the after-effect of misery and poverty; in Chicago it is more of an enterprise.

I believe that in crime as in commerce, Chicago is right on time. The latest invention in hell is telephoned straight to Chicago.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The teachers of New Brunswick have organized a Teachers' Association. The organization was effected at Moncton last week. The objects of the association are to aid the cause of education; to exalt the character and efficiency of teachers; to lengthen the period of service for teachers; to increase the salaries of teachers and so render the profession more attractive and permanent; to use all honorable means to secure the passage of laws beneficial to the profession and to improve the condition of teachers and schools.

The issuance of local licenses was condemned, and the following minimum salary schedule was adopted. The sums named are exclusive of provincial aid: "1st, males, \$275 per year; 2nd, males, \$200 per year; 3rd, males, \$150 per year; 1st, females, \$160 per year; 2nd, females, \$130 per year; 3rd, females, \$115 per year. Each county and city association may adopt a local schedule not lower than the provincial scale."

The teachers are quite justified in organization for the purposes specified, and they will have the sympathy of all thoughtful people. They are very poorly paid. The schedule of minimum salaries they have agreed upon is much lower than they might very properly demand. If the people would retain good teachers they must be willing to pay them at least as much as they can earn in any ordinary work.

NOTES.

Rockefeller has given another donation to the Chicago University—this time \$1,850,000. Does this explain the latest rise in the price of oil, or will there be another increase to provide for the "donation?"

Chinese have been pushing into Canada at a lively rate lately. They are anxious to escape the \$500 tax which goes into effect on the 31st inst.

It is stated that 22 Canadians have already volunteered to fight under the flag of Japan against Russia.

The *Acadian Recorder*, Halifax, is in its 91st year.

Of the Boers, sent to prison in India, all except ten have taken the oath of allegiance and have been repatriated. The ten hug the conviction that Paul Kruger is still ruler of the Transvaal.

It is said that the Dominion government is considering renewing proposals to Newfoundland to come into the Canadian confederation.

The story of the discovery of \$9,000,000 which, it was alleged, had been entrusted to Cardinal Gotti by the late Pope Leo, is now denied. Pope Pius says he has not received any unexpected millions.

What Others Say.

CANNOT DO IT.

A boy cannot forget his mother's teaching and love 364 days in the year, and on the 365th remember her as he ought by strewing flowers on her grave.—*Free Baptist*.

THEY PROVE HIS BEING.

The fact that some men deny the existence of a devil is additional proof that there is such a being, and that his emissaries are not all dead.—*The Telescope*.

NOT THE MAN.

A minister who launches out as an "evangelist" because he is a failure as a pastor is a man to avoid. He is more likely to seek for shekels than for souls. Success in pastoral work is the best possible test of fitness for evangelistic work.—*The Examiner*.

MORE LIKELY

Senator Hale, of Washington, has little doubt that Canada will be annexed by the United States before this generation passes away. It is more likely that the balance of power on this continent will have passed to Canada before Senator Hale is a hundred years older. Uncle Sam will then cease to be the Monroe Doctor.—*Mail and Empire*.

ABOUT SPEAKING HABITS.

An exchange, recalling the fact that Dr. Lyman Beecher once said: "When I have nothing to say, then I holler," advises "young men just entering upon the ministry to avoid boisterousness in the pulpit. It is far better to cultivate a clear, distinct enunciation and a moderate tone, reserving loudness of speech for the occasions—which are infrequent—when it is appropriate and impressive." The counsel is good, but after all it is as important to avoid the use of too much noise as of too much noise in speaking. So-called holy tones are as objectionable as are unearthly pulpit howls.—*Cumberland Presbyterian*.

SUPPOSE.—The *Northwest Baptist* says: Suppose the world has but one Christian in 1903 who sets about and saves one more, 1904 opens with two Christians, who save each one more; 1905 opens with four; 1906 begins with eight, and so the process goes on till thirty and one-quarter years the 1,500,000,000 are gathered to Christ. That would be saving a generation in a generation. But if we start with the 4,000,000,000 now professing Christianity, how many years will it take to save the world, supposing each saves another? Just two years.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—Rev. W. B. Armstrong, of Petitediac, was presented with an address and a purse of \$100 as a token of their good will.

Rev. J. H. McDonald, pastor of the Baptist church, Fredericton, was presented with a fur-lined coat by the male members of his congregation.

Rev. G. M. Campbell, of Centenary Methodist church, St. John, received a cheque from the trustees.

Rev. B. N. Nobles, of the St. John, West, Baptist church, received several gifts, and \$23.00 in cash.