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"THAT GOD IN ALL THINGS MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST." -Peter.

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Editorial Outlook

THE G. T. PACIFIC.

The government's plan is to build a road from Moncton to Winnipeg, and to have the Grand Trunk Company build from Winnipeg to the Pacific coast. The government will guarantee the bonds of the G. T. Co. for the part of the road it builds, and will give the Grand Trunk Co. control of the Winnipeg-Moncton road. The scheme is not received with universal favor, and is being criticized by such papers as the *Montreal Witness*. There may be modifications before the scheme is finally determined.

A PROPHECY.

Before the end of this century many countries now undeveloped will be rich and populous. Dealing with this fact, the *London Leader* makes a prophecy concerning this country: Canada, for one example, has an area greater than that of the United States, with a population smaller than the population of London. And Canada, endowed as she is with almost every source of wealth, will before long become perhaps the richest country in the world. By this time next century it will also be one of the most populous.

THE YUKON.

During his recent tour, President Roosevelt, speaking in Seattle, said: "The men of my age who are in this great audience will not be old men before they will see one of the greatest and most populous States of the entire union in Alaska." Whereupon the *Christian Guardian* remarks: "Maybe." But the best part of "Alaska," that is the richly productive gold-bearing placers and reefs of the Yukon, belong to Canada, and its future as "one of the greatest and most populous" Provinces of the Dominion is involved essentially, and even a-fortiori, in the President's prophecy. For although it is the gold in the Yukon that has dazzled the eyes and attracted the attention of the world, there is much more than gold in that great territory. And developments are doubtless ahead of it in many industrial directions. For the course of empire not only takes its way westward—it trends northward, too.

MURDERED RULERS.

The following partial list of rulers assassinated, shows that murder as a political weapon has figured quite largely in the history of both Europe and America:

- 1801—Paul, Czar of Russia.
- 1808—Sultan Selim of Turkey.
- 1854—Charles III of Parma.
- 1859—President of Hayti.

- 1860—Danilo, Prince of Montenegro.
- 1865—President Lincoln.
- 1868—Prince Milos of Serbia.
- 1872—Colonel Balta, of Peru.
- 1872—Mereno, President of Ecuador.
- 1873—Guthrie, President of Peru.
- 1876—Sultan Abdul Aziz (Turkey).
- 1881—Czar Alexander III. (Russia).
- 1881—President Garfield.
- 1894—President Carnot (France).
- 1896—Shah of Persia.
- 1896—Queen of Korea.
- 1898—Empress of Austria.
- 1900—King Humbert of Italy.
- 1901—President McKinley.
- 1903—King and Queen of Servia.

LESS THAN USUAL.

Commenting on the recent destruction of a million gallons of whiskey by fire, in Glasgow, Scotland, in which the wall of an adjoining flour mill was blown down by the exploding casks, and three boys and a woman were killed and several persons injured, the *N. Y. Advocate* says it is doubtful "if as much whiskey was ever disposed of before with so few deaths and injuries. Over the bar, it would have produced ten times the number of deaths and injuries, besides uncountable minor infelicities, unkindnesses, criminations and recriminations, with not a few cases of delirium tremens. The destruction of the flour mill was incidental; but it symbolizes the far-reaching collateral effects of whiskey, and the turning of wholesome fruit and plant products into manhood destroyers.

EDUCATION IN JAPAN.

The government of Japan is making extensive provision for the education of the children of the country. The latest report of the education department shows that the percentage of children of school age receiving elementary instruction is over 90 per cent. for boys and 71 per cent. for girls. The total number of pupils in elementary schools is nearly 27,000, and the number of children in all the schools exceeds 4,683,000. The teachers number nearly 93,000. The appliances of the schools are being increased. Seven secondary schools offer courses preparatory to the universities. There are, also, several special schools where languages and fine arts are taught; and there are schools in which instruction is given in the practical applications of knowledge in agriculture, etc. There are two universities.

A WISE JUDGE!

Judge Ritchie, of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court, had twenty-seven criminals before him at a recent ses-

sion of the court in Sydney, C. B. He is reported to have remarked that liquor was blamable for all the cases, and then proceeded to denounce the Scott Act and advise the people to secure its repeal. As though the Scott Act is responsible for rumselling. The Scott Act prohibits. When rightly enforced it greatly reduces rumselling and the resulting crimes. If the judge had talked a little to the officials whose disregard of their oaths of office permits the violations of the Scott Act, there would have been more sense in his remarks, and probably some good effect. Instead, he chose to advise the legal authorization of rumselling as a cure of the evils of rum drinking. He seems to think that grog sold by license is a good thing, and that no crime would result. Doesn't he know that crimes multiply as the sale of intoxicants is encouraged by being licensed and protected? He ought to know.

"THE CREATIVE HOUR."

The latest speech of Mr. Chamberlain shows how much in earnest he is in his imperial unity scheme. The speech was delivered Wednesday to a meeting of the representatives of Colonial Universities, who were being entertained by Sir Gilbert Parker. Mr. Chamberlain said:

I delight to welcome you personally and officially, because you represent modern ideas of university life. I am chancellor of England's most modern university, Birmingham. We do not desire to compete with older Oxford and Cambridge; but I, at least, would multiply universities so that every employer and every foreman of the future would be equipped technically. You, as directors of the growing and best minds of the colonies, can add a stone to the imperial edifice. We must cement it with splendid sentiment to-day and with mutual interests to-morrow.

You know my heart and my daily labors are as much colonial as with the motherland. We must urge common sacrifice for common object, unity of empire, making for peace and prosperity of ourselves and all mankind.

The present empire is merely a series of scattered atoms, none of which can possibly predominate the world. United it can become the greatest empire in history and the greatest blessing to the universe.

Now is the creative hour. I feel we must unite now or the empire's epitaph will soon be written. My remaining years I will spend fighting for ideals common to breasts of colonials and motherlanders.

I do not expect to live to see my dearest hopes entirely fulfilled, but this unity must come. Let us be potent factors in bringing it about, thus earning the gratitude of generations of Britishers at home and over the sea yet unborn.

NOTES.

The President of France visited England last week. He was given a most cordial welcome.

Servia does not possess a crown, and King Peter accordingly has ordered a Paris goldsmith to make him a diadem for use at his coronation, stipulating that the cost shall not exceed \$10,000. He may not need it long.

In the old provinces of Canada the French population is increasing, and is steadily gaining on the English in Quebec. In 1871 the English had a majority in 8 counties of Quebec; in 1901 they have a majority in only three.

The surplus revenue of Egypt this year is two million pounds. Egypt has seen nothing as wonderful as this since Joseph was her Prime Minister.

At Charlottetown, P.E.I., Tuesday, a monument to the South African soldiers was unveiled. It cost \$4,000.

It looks as though England and Japan are determined that Russia shall leave Manchuria.

The Royal Tour of Canada, 1901, is the title of a volume in which Mr. Joseph Pope has recorded the journeyings of the Duke and Duchess of York. It contains the addresses presented, and there are many illustrations.

What Others Say.

THE BEST EXPRESSION.

Love of country is best expressed in the endeavor to do something that will minister to her higher life.—*The Presbyterian*.

A CANDIDATE.

A boy with a hat stuck on the back of his head and a cigarette in the front of it is a candidate for that which is unmanly and ignoble.—*United Presbyterian*.

FOR PARTY.

The man who for party forsakes righteousness, goes down, and the armed battalions of God march over him.—*Wendell Phillips*.

HAVE A MARK.

A sportsman who shoots at a venture may hit a partridge or a deer, but he isn't likely to. Much of the preaching of to-day, as much of it has been in the past, is of that aimless sort. The preacher should know his people, and thus be able to aim straight and shoot to some purpose. The world will never be converted by firing into the air.—*The Examiner*.