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

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## Editorial Outlook

### THE WAR.

The bombardment of Port Arthur has been going on in the past week. The Russian lines have evidently been much weakened.

On Wednesday Gen. Kuroki resumed his advance against Gen. Kuropatkin at Lia Yang. News is meagre, but the Russians are apparently being hard pressed.

### A GREAT TUNNEL.

The completion of the Simplon Tunnel through the Alps is one of the important events of the time. It is the fourth time the Alps have been pierced and is the longest of the four—the Mont Cenis being 30 yards less than 3 miles; the Arlberg 6 miles and 404 yds.; the St. Gothard, 9 miles and 564 yds.; and the Simplon 12 miles and 456 yds. Work on the one just completed was begun in August, 1898. It was the joint work of the Swiss and Italian governments. The new tunnel brings France and Italy close together and will prove a powerful competitor with the German railway in the St. Gothard.

### AN AMBITIOUS SCHEME.

The most ambitious architectural project devised since the Tower of Babel, and somewhat in the same spirit, is a tower designed by a Prof. Desporadelle, to be a perpetual monument at Washington to the glory of the United States people. His idea is to make his tower 1300 to 1500 yards high (four or five times the height of the Eiffel Tower), on a base 225 feet square! Steel and Portland cement only would be used in the construction. All the designer wants to carry out his glorification scheme is \$15,000,000. The dream is not very likely to become a reality till some multi-millionaire come forward with the needed millions. What a chance for Carnegie. Of course he would want his name on it.

### POLITICAL NEWS.

The Northwest Territories' Legislature is to meet Sept. 23rd.

A general convention of the Liberal Conservative party is under consideration.

It is now rumored that the general election will take place early in November.

Archibald S. Mitchell has been appointed Collector of Customs at Halifax.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is holidaying at Metapedia. He is to be banquetted at the county seat, Bonaventure, in a few days.

It is reported that Mr. Wm. Murray, formerly a member of the Provincial Legislature, will be a Liberal candidate for Parliament in Restigouche Co.

### AMUSING.

The New York Times, referring to the achievements of the Japanese fleet, makes this statement:

The complete job performed by Dewey at Manila and our fleet off Santiago has not been paralleled by the Japanese, but the result will probably fully satisfy the Mikado and his people.

The statement is made as seriously as if the Manila and Santiago affairs were real achievements in naval warfare. As a matter of fact, as the Star puts it, "at Manila Dewey hammered a lot of worthless Spanish hulks, and at Santiago an escaping Spanish fleet, in no condition for fighting, was de-

ed workmen returning from the capital to their homes for the harvest lest there should be a sowing of revolutionary ideas. In Finland and Poland the prisons are crowded with political suspects. Finnish sailors, who hate Russia, are pressed into the service of the navy. "Sitting on the safety valve" is a policy which usually ends in explosion, with disastrous results to the sinner.

### IN TIBET.

Until the English force entered Lhasa, but one Englishman and a very few Europeans had ever seen the city of Lhasa, which was founded in the

and then each drinker takes a piece of rancid butter and drops it into the steaming bowl! He describes a dance in which both males and females joined. A dozen lamas—their heads enclosed in the most hideous masks, representing various birds and beasts—sembled in the open space in the centre of the apartment, with fifes and flutes constructed of bone and argali horns, and after several preliminary flourishes, started off on a wild and dismal chant which ever increased in vigor until the noise was deafening. The Tibetans are passionate gamblers. The men will cast dice for hours for the most trivial gain. He says the Tibetans appear to be possessed of a deeply religious spirit, such as it is, and the thought which first strikes one traveling in their midst is that much of this earthly existence is given up to active preparation for entrance into the next world. But, unfortunately, their religion is made up principally of mere mechanical performances.

### INDIA FIGURES.

A British government Blue Book, just issued, contains instructive facts about the Indian Empire. The population is over 294,000,000. Nearly 3,000,000 are Christians. In an analysis of the population according to "occupation," nearly 4,000,000 are supported by servants engaged in the administration of the State; 130,000 by sport; 2,250,000 by herdsmen; 2,340,000 by barbers and shampooers; while tailors, milliners, and dressmakers have to find support for over 1,000,000 people. A glance at religions shows that Hindus number over 200,000,000, Mohammedans 61,500,000, and Buddhists less than 10,000,000. The complex work in India is further evidenced by the great number of languages—there being no fewer than forty-two Indian, eleven Asiatic, and nineteen European languages spoken in the Empire, besides a greater number of dialects. There are 25,000 lepers and 150,000 deaf mutes, while no less than 350,000 never see the light of day. Those who can read Indian languages have 7,081 newspapers to glance at, and 1,312 are in English.

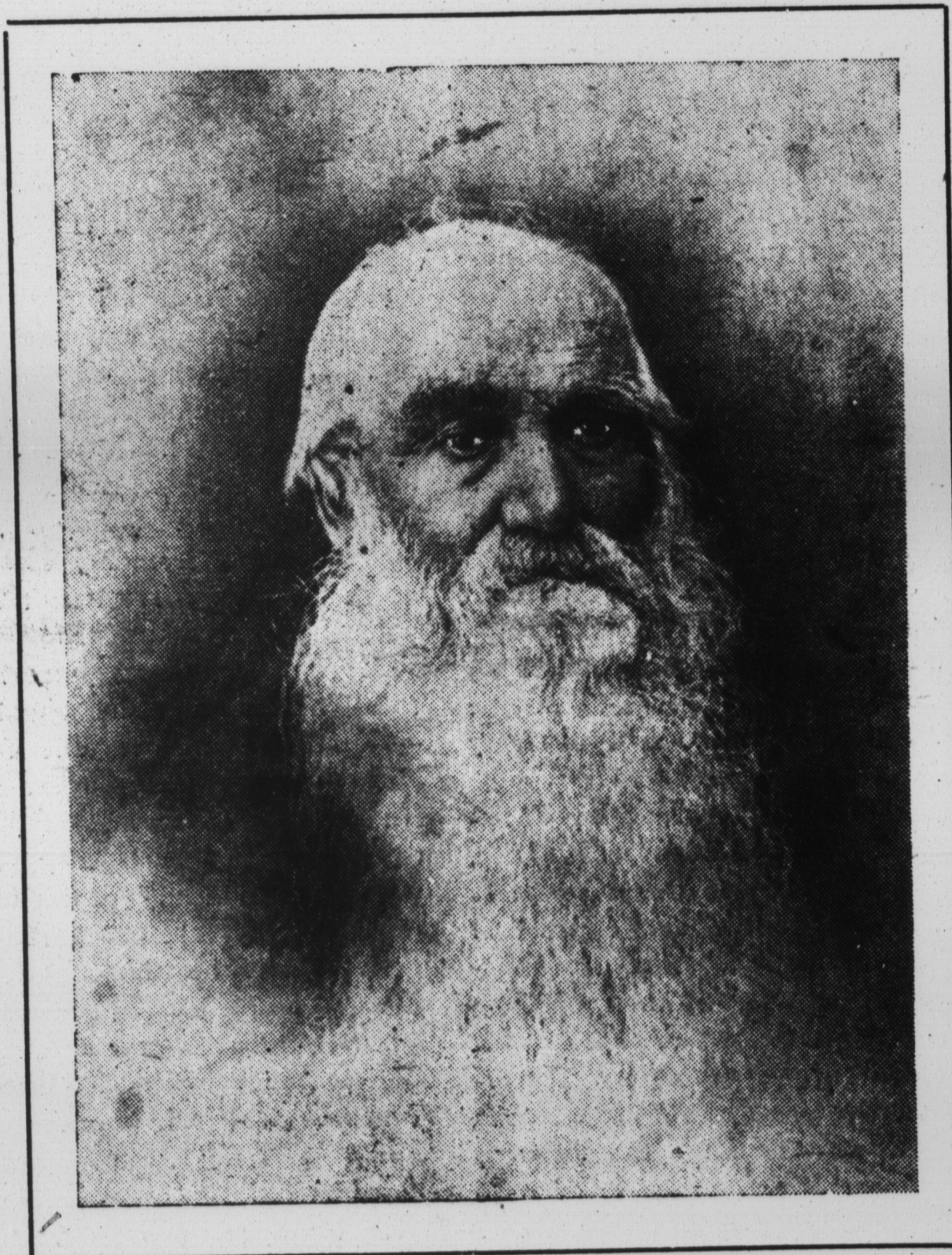
### BRIEF MENTION.

Another lot of Trappist Monks, numbering over one hundred, arrived in Montreal a few days ago, and have been distributed throughout Quebec. They are of those who had to leave France because they would not submit to the laws.

The rumor is revived that the Duke of Marlborough may be the next Governor General of Canada. Let us hope not.

Hon. Edward Blake is in Canada for a short visit. He is in good health.

Sir Charles Tupper is on his way home from England.



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stroyed by a vastly superior American force, one shot only from a Spanish vessel striking a United States ship. These are the performances which the Japanese have not yet paralleled. They never had such a "cinch," if we must use slang for once. That's why.

### REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA.

Of Russia's troubles the internal ones are not the least. According to a Russian writer, who is said to be exceptionally well informed, the country is seething with the revolutionary spirit, which is very active among the middle classes and the ill-paid laborers in the government workshops at St. Petersburg. The government, in a panic, is secretly arresting large numbers of persons suspected of being members of revolutionary societies. Legislation is being prepared to prevent the disaffect-

seventh century. The Englishman, Thomas Manning, who succeeded in entering the city went in the guise of a physician, and stayed seven months, and had an opportunity "to gaze upon the sacred features of the Dalai Lama." A writer in the *Monthly Review*, who traveled in Eastern Tibet, relates some of his experiences and describes the people. He says their habits are not attractive. They are mighty eaters and huge drinkers of areki and tea. Their gluttonous appetites seemingly know no limit. Women are excluded from the society of men at meals. The men dip their hands to the elbows in one dish, and neither dish nor hands are clean. "They will eat at any and all times till they are gorged, and then lie down and sleep like brutes." Tea is imported in bricks. These are first ground to powder. When the tea boils, salt or soda is added. The tea is poured into bowls,