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WHAT WAR MEANS.

It is to be hoped the "war fever" is passing away, with our neighbors over the line. Here is an excellent pen picture of what war means, taken from Carlyle's "Sartor Resartus."

"What, speaking in quite unofficial language, is the net purport and upshot of war? To my own knowledge, for example, there dwell and toil, in the British village of Dumdrudge, usually some five hundred souls. From these, by certain "Natural Enemies" of the French, there are successively selected, during the French war, say thirty able-bodied men; Dumdrudge, at her own expense has suckled and nursed them; she has, not without difficulty and sorrow, fed them up to manhood, and even trained them to crafts, so that one can weave, another build, another hammer, and the weakest can stand under thirty stone avoidupois. Nevertheless, amid much weeping and swearing, they are selected; all dressed in red; and shipped away, at the public charges, some two thousand miles, or say only to the south of Spain; and fed there till wanted. And now to that same spot in the south of Spain, are thirty similar French artisans, from a French Dumdrudge, in like manner wending; till at length, after infinite effort, the parties come into actual juxtaposition; and thirty stands fronting thirty, each with a gun in his hand. Straightway the word "Fire!" is given; and they blow the souls out of one another; and in place of sixty dead carcasses, which it must bury, and anew shed tears for. Had these men any quarrel? Busy as the Devil is, not the smallest! They lived far enough apart; were the truest strangers; nay, in so wide a Universe, there was even, unconsciously, by Commerce, some mutual helpfulness between them. How then? Simpleton! there governors had fallen out; and instead of shooting one another, had the cunning to make poor blockheads shoot.—Alas, so is it in Deutschland, and hitherto in all other lands: still as of old, "what devilry soever Kings do, the Greeks must pay the piper!"—In that fiction of the English Smollet, it is true, the final Cessation of War is perhaps prophetically shadowed forth; where the two Natural Enemies, in person, take each a Tobacco-pipe filled with Brimstone, light the same, and smoke in one another's faces, till the weaker gives in: but from such predicted peace-Era, what blood-filled trenches, and contentious centuries, may still divide us!

ABOUT MANITOBA.

As there is to be an election in the province of Manitoba the middle of this month, a few facts regarding the legislature may be of interest. The provincial executive of the present administration includes, Hon. Thos. Greenway premier, president of council, minister of agriculture, railway commissioner etc., Hon. Clifford Sifton, attorney-general and land commissioner; Hon. Robert Watson, minister of public works; Hon. J. D. Cameron, provincial secretary; Hon. D. H. McMillan, provincial treasurer. There are forty constituencies and as many members. The city of Winnipeg is divided into North South and Centre Ridings, and the south and centre ridings are now represented by Hon. Messrs Cameron and McMillan. The population of the province was in 1891, 154,442. The gross debt of the province in 1893 was \$4,398,258, which, as will be seen is more than covered by the dom. govt. debt allowance of \$3,707,196, and other assets amounting to \$3,232,340. The sessional allowance to members is \$600. The premier gets a salary of \$4000, and the other members of the cabinet \$3000 each.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

We have paid the last fond duty of affection and esteem to 1895, and now it is our privilege to welcome the new comer with all glad honors.

This is generally the occasion for a good deal of moralizing and gratuitous advice, and as there will be lots of both without THE DISPATCH's interference, it is not our intention to bother our readers with an exhortation, homily or sermon.

People have different opinions as to the proper way in which New Years day should be ushered in. With some excellent folk it should be inaugurated with prayer and religious exercises. Others again contend for the old custom of dancing in the new year. Praying is good at all times. Dancing is either harmless or evil; if it is harmless there is not the shadow of objection to witnessing the clock strike twelve at the dawn of the new year in the midst of a waltz, than at any other time.

There is a very praiseworthy feeling in our midst, that patriotism should be instilled into the minds of the young who attend the public schools. But, we must not make the mistake of teaching jingoism. Many wise minds say that this jingo teaching has produced a decidedly bad effect in the United States. Patriotism is a sentiment to be quietly entertained, not one to be loudly mouthed on all occasions. We can be truly loyal to our own land, and hold other countries in respect.

The government must needs accept the result of the Montreal Centre election as a straight defeat. It is always well to acknowledge a licking when there can be no doubt of it, and in this case, the opposition has certainly scored a tip-top victory. It looks as if the French Canadians were not vehemently interested in remedial legislation.

It is with almost a shock that one reads of Gen. Lew Wallace, the author of that beautiful book "Ben Hur" expressing approval of war with England. The Outlook quotes his sentiments, and one can almost notice the irony with which they are attributed to the man who wrote "a tale of the Christ."

The Victoria Hotel, St. John.

The St. John Globe, who knows a good thing when it sees it, says of the Victoria Hotel, St. John. It has been established nine years, and today ranks among the foremost institutions of the kind in the Maritime Provinces. It is centrally located, easily accessible from all parts of the city, and occupies a commanding position which makes it doubly attractive to visitors. It is an imposing and strikingly handsome structure, five stories in height and containing one hundred guest rooms. Provided with every appliance known to modern hotel construction, including electric bells, lights, baths, steam heat, etc., and conducted with a generous appreciation of the requirements of first-class tourists travel, it has during the short term of its existence earned an enviable reputation among the thousands from all parts of the country who annually visit St. John. Its furnishings are new and elegant throughout and always in perfect taste, while the cuisine, it can be said without exaggeration, cannot be excelled. In brief, it ranks with the foremost hotels in the east. It is a delightful home, where every comfort is provided for tourists. Every department is cosy and cheerful, and the entire house is continually under the careful, experienced and critical supervision of Mr. D. W. McCormick, who keeps only an efficient and courteous staff of employees. The dining room of the Victoria has a seating capacity for 110 guests. It is a beautifully appointed apartment, and is fitted out most luxuriously. The bar appointments are a feature of the house, and rank among the neatest in the city, and are surpassed by none in so far as a diversified stock of the best imported liquors and cigars are concerned. Within the walls of the Victoria many of the most distinguished men of the universe have been entertained, and in every instance have they expressed themselves as delighted with the treatment received at the hands of Mr. McCormick and his chief clerk, Mr. Phil. Richmond, who are two of the best known and most popular hotel men in the country. Any information desired can always be obtained at the Victoria, travellers are given every convenience and comfort, and the rates are moderate. The popularity of the Victoria is entirely due to the extreme courteousness and keen executive ability of Mr. McCormick, who stands prominent among the caterers of the Maritime Provinces. He is one of the easiest approached men in the business, has a smile and a hand shake for everybody, and possesses all the qualities so requisite for the head of such a prominent, prosperous and representative hotel as the Victoria.

Armenian Massacres.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Times' Constantinople correspondent telegraphs that the officials and others at the Yildiz Palace have been much perturbed since Monday night, when a pistol was fired in the palace. A number of the officials and servants were questioned, but nothing was elicited from them. Many arrests have been made. Mamud Djelaleddin Pasha, Minister of Commerce and Public Works, and Riza Pasha, Minister of War, have been detained in the palace for nearly two days in connection with the incident. The guards, police and detectives around the Porte have been largely increased.

It is officially announced that the most obstinate fighting preceded the capture of Zeitoun by the Turks. The narrow pass between the hills, leading out of Zeitoun, is said to be crowded with Armenians—men, women and children, and it is feared they will be massacred. The ambassadors of Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany, Italy and Austria sent their dragomans to the palace today to make representations with the view of preventing the Armenians from being massacred, and pointing out the gravity of such action. Hope is felt, however, that the representations of the ambassadors will avail, and the general belief is that the survivors of the Armenians at Zeitoun have already been killed.

A popular and growing Christmas custom is the giving of different periodicals for Christmas presents. Of these the Youth's Companion offers the most for the cost, \$1.75 a year. The Companion for young and old for three generations. It comes just often enough, regularly once a week to keep up the companionship, bringing information and entertainment for every member of the family. The Christmas Number, just issued, is a good Christmas present in itself.

Li Hung Chang Shelved.

TIENTSIN, China, Nov. 22.—Li Hung Chang is now in Pekin, no longer Viceroy of the great Province of Chihli, no longer living in vice-regal splendor—not only the centre of glory of his Yamen here but also one of the central figures of the world. Relegated to a little temple at Pekin, a few followers and the members of his numerous family alone gathered about him. He is, we fear, this time really shelved. Were he a younger man he might hope for better days, but his health is said to be failing. One of the most skillful doctors from the Viceroy's hospital here has suddenly been called to attend him.

Li Hung Chang still retains his haughty title of Grand Secretary, but that in his case seems to be only an empty honor. A grand secretary who is practically ostracized has little hope.

His successor, the Viceroy Wang Wen Shao, is a man who has rather pleasantly

disappointed expectation in the way of moderation and fairness. He is, of course, narrow and conservative, according to Western ideas, but he is a better successor to Li than we had dared hope for.

Dominion Parliament.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—It is understood to be the intention of the government to ask parliament to adjourn immediately after the opening next Thursday, till the Tuesday, Jan. 7. Very few members will be here before Jan. 7.

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