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A SMALL SOCIETY AFFAIR.

In an age of humble and devout money worship, when gold spelled with a big "G" king, and commands the unquestioned and absolute worship of countless millions, the Bradley-Marten ball, which was recently given in New York, at a trifling cost of \$200,000, is a fitting and appropriate exhibition. The description of the affair itself is sufficient to dazzle the ordinary mind and imagination, although ostentation and vulgarity, are visible beneath the shallow veneering that newly acquired wealth always covers itself withal. All the trappings and gilding which wealth could conjure, were not sufficient to hide that wealth was still a novelty, and turned the heads of its owners, if it has not turned or opened their hearts. Readers of romance well recollect the old usage among grandies of ancient days, when a flourish of trumpets announces the entrance of some great king or other victorious leader. It went with the day, and it has had its day. But when Mrs. Bradley-Marten (a hyphen must be used now-a-days) and Mr. John Jacob Astor, two very wealthy people of New York, enter the room where the ball is, dressed in gorgeous attire, amid a flourish of trumpets paid for in much gold, the effect is not so ludicrous, while perhaps not without some effect.

Take a few blocks from this scene of grandeur, this ball costing a quarter of a million, and you find little children dying for sustenance, mothers and fathers, broken with hard work and no pay—poverty and riches—side by side. Then, it is said, vice brought this poverty. Possibly, seeing we are all as human beings, tainted with vice; but did virtue bring the wealth of the millionaires? To be economical and acquire a medium of riches is well and right, but can people call themselves christian who revel in luxury, while their brothers are dying for a loaf of bread?

The French revolution did not come all with a rush. Readers of Carlyle and Balzac and others who treat of the awful act of national purging will remember that by degrees did the poor attain to the excesses that made them all powerful and all avenging. The American nation exhibits a lot of millionaires increasing rapidly who do not treat their country right. With England great wealth is associated with the soil, and the wealthy landlord at least takes an interest in affairs of the soil. The American millionaire seems to have no interest in life, but to ape old country ideas, and instead of leading an example of simplicity and culture, to establish an ideal, if so it may be called, wherein money-loving, money-worshipping, and pure and unadulterated selfishness, are the virtues which shall characterize the "greatest nation in the world."

WHAT ABOUT DREAMS?

In olden days much stress was laid upon dreams, and we are told in biblical lore of the interpretation which was placed, by those capable of interpreting, on dreams, relating to some great man or event. Very superstitious people say that dreams have a distinct bearing on the events of every day life, and that to dream of this means that, and to dream of that means the other. Yet, there are cases in which events seem to be foretold, vaguely indeed, through dreams. To dream that some utterly unexpected event will come off, and then to actually experience that event, cannot but be a rather startling phenomena, for evidently the event was not in the mind of the dreamer, before the dream. A recent case of a dream by an eminent and talented man, Mr. Bob Fitzsimmons, great at punching heads, has come to the knowledge of the innumerable array of newspaper readers. It appears Fitz was given a big dinner by his admiring friends. On the night after that big dinner he dreamed a dream, and the dream was that he beat Corbett, who is to fight him, in the ring, during March.

Some people say that dreams always go by contraries, and if what they say be true Fitz has a hard look out.

Anyway, we give Fitz's dream to the consideration of those who think that dreams are to be taken seriously, as indications of coming events.

We would certainly write a long editorial on the Farmers' Convention, duly instructing the farmer how to run his farm, only we would get irate if the farmers who take THE DISPATCH all retaliated and to the number of some 2000 came into this office, and told us how to run this journal. A good many editors are like Urijah Hopps, to whom the author of the Bonnie Briar Bush introduces us, as advising the Scottish agriculturist in these words:—"You must 'ave henterprise, or bit his ball hup with you farmers."

According to the public accounts just issued the gross debt of the province is \$2,962,892.00. Deducting the assets the debt is \$2,374,069.00. In the race to increase the debts of the dominion, and the provinces, New Brunswick keeps pretty well to the front. The legislature of Nova Scotia is in session. The gross debt of that province amounts to \$3,443,769, and the assets to \$1,334,956, leaving the net debt at \$2,109,713. Nova Scotia's debt is not as large, New Brunswick certainly leading considering natural wealth and population. Its all in having a good time for the party's sake, but a day of reckoning, it would seem, must come.

Another argument against smoking! A man who smoked started the loss to the country of a cool half a million. And every one who smokes is bound to set fire to something, if not a parliament building,—his pipe for instance. But what are smokers to do? Macdonald makes tobacco, and keeps up McGill College, by his handsome gifts; if people didn't smoke, Macdonald wouldn't have his money to give. Yet, again a man smokes tobacco, paying money to keep up McGill, and with that same tobacco burns down the public buildings.

There is some interesting matter in the Public Works Reports for the province for 1896. Blue books are generally dull reading, and perhaps the politicians are just as glad for it is not always wise for the general public to know too much. During the year from Nov. 1st 1895 to Nov. 1st 1896 the expenditure on bridges in this county was \$5,607.00. On account of by-roads there was paid during the same period \$4,229.00. There are 134 miles of great roads in this county, in Victoria 155 miles and in Madawaska 119.

If King Solomon were alive now, he would probably say, 'of making many papers there is no end.' The last arrival in the provincial field is the Queen's County Gazette, published at Gagetown. It is an eight page, well edited, well selected and well printed paper. It has an advantage in being the sole representative of newspaperdom in Queens County, and being published by energetic men should, to use the very latest expression, "fill a long felt want." Queens County has good reason to be proud of its paper.

According to reports of the Toronto papers, the hydrants were all frozen up, the city firemen took a long time to get on the scene, and generally things were run so slackly that it is a wonder the fire did not burn up everything, even to the aged Senators taking snuff in the Senate chamber. The Woodstock fire brigade could have given Ottawa a wrinkle had they been on deck.

It is true that our provincial bonds sell at 4% easily. Governor Powers of Maine, in his recent inaugural said that State of Maine bonds readily sold at 3%. Why should Maine get money cheaper than New Brunswick?

This is about the time when powerful attacks are made on government leaders, and the arguments of opposition leaders are smashed into smithereens.

When Greek Meets Turk.

CANEA, Island of Crete, Feb. 14, Sunday evening.—The Christians occupied the heights surrounding the town this morning and began to bombard Canea. As soon as the firing commenced, Prince George Borovitch, civil governor of Crete, with thirty recently enrolled Montenegrin gendarmes, boarded a Russian man-of-war. The Greek consul also embarked on board another vessel. The Turkish from the fortress replied to the fire of the Christians. It is reported that the fighting was attended with bloodshed. The foreign consuls have gone on board the various vessels lying off the town of Canea.

The Greek consul at Heraklion went on board the Greek warship Naurchos Mialis. The Christians at Heraklion are also hurrying on board the Greek warships.

Fighting occurred around Halepa Saturday. After a brisk fusillade the Turks dislodged the Christians and have occupied Akriotiri hills. The French consul was obliged to visit his country house and Halepa and return to his official residence at Canea. A Greek warship yesterday fired on a Turkish vessel conveying troops from Cania to Canea.

The inhabitants of the Andaman islands are said to be the small race of people in the world. The average height of a full-grown Andaman is less than four feet, and the anthropological experts who recently visited them found but few that weighed over 75 pounds.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick at its present session for the passage of an Act to authorize the Town Council to raise by Debentures a sum sufficient to provide for the payment of the indebtedness incurred on account of an over-expenditure on construction of sewers. Also for the passage of any other Legislation that the Town Council may deem necessary.

Dated this 8th day of February, A. D. 1897.
By order of Town Council,
J. C. HARTLEY,
Town Clerk.

TO BE LET.

That pleasantly situated tenement on Park street, in Wellington Ward, now occupied by Fraser Grant. Possession given Nov. 1st.
R. K. JONES.

A Blizzard Struck Blizzard.

A great many people know Mr. B. B. Blizzard, of the Toronto Globe Works, who pays us personal visits. He has had an experience in Charlottetown, P. E. I. where they have the commercial travellers, tax. A paper from that town says. It seems that Mr. Blizzard arrived in Charlottetown with Mr. Ambrose, another knight of the gripsack, and not long after their arrival they met Mr. Joseph Warren. Mr. Ambrose introduced the two, and explained to Mr. Blizzard that Mr. Warren was the man to whom the commercial traveller's tax was to be paid. Mr. Blizzard then offered to pay the amount of the tax to Warren. The latter suggested to Mr. Blizzard that he leave the payment of the tax till he obtained his license. Mr. Blizzard then informed Warren that he was going to the country for a few days and when he returned he would pay the tax, and before they separated he and Mr. Ambrose gave their cards to Warren. Warren told Mr. Blizzard it would be all right when he came back, and the latter thought no more about it. Afterwards Mr. Warren explained the situation to the authorities at the tax office, and expected that everything would be all right. Messrs. Blizzard and Ambrose returned to the city on Saturday afternoon, and in the evening Mr. Blizzard was arrested by the sheriff for non-payment of the tax. Friends came to Mr. Blizzard's assistance, and he was released on bail. Mr. Blizzard's first act after he was released was to place his case in the hands of Mr. W. S. Stewart, and this morning the case was settled, the Provincial Secretary accepting the amount of the tax, \$15, without cost.

Another War Cloud.

A despatch from St. Petersburg to the New York Herald says: In certain diplomatic quarters there exists exceedingly speculative and nervous anxiety concerning the Black Sea Squadron, which is collected and ready to steam at any hour from Sebastopol. Here the admiralty staff has been busy calculating exactly the time in which the most rapid run could be made from Sebastopol to Constantinople, also how quickly the British fleet would be able to get to the Golden Horn. As alarmist rumors are gaining ground, it will be useful to publish the true situation as told by one who has the best reason to know. His words are: "The Russian fleet is prepared, not for the purpose of seizing Constantinople, but to start at once if England were to attempt any such movement, in which case it would mean a fight to the end." The feeling here is a growing impatience at the Cretan turbulence, and still more of the Greek intrigues, and this is reflected in the press. The Novoe Vremya says: The Powers cannot allow Crete to join Greece. The Glasvost pertinently remarks that Cretan disturbances are nonsense, as they have been granted autonomy, a Christian governor, a foreign gendarmery, etc., all in fact that the Armenians and Macedonians seek. Crete and Greece are wrong in their action, which threatens the peace of Europe.

What the Woman Said.

A Belfast woman took her bachelor brother-in-law aside the other day and said, "Say, do you know what the men are saying about you?" He allowed he didn't. "Well, they all say you drink to excess." "Hum," he grunted, "Do you know what all the women say about you?" "No," she gasped. "What is it?" "They all say you are a meddlesome busy-body, and that you had better look on your own clothes line before commenting on others." She wilted and his revenge was complete.

The Doomed Man.

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 14.—Deputy Sheriff Rankin of St. John, who was in Dorchester last week with a prisoner for the penitentiary, saw Sullivan during his stay. Mr. Rankin says he has assisted at the execution of four men in St. John, and from what he has seen of Sullivan, he believes that notwithstanding his air of unconcern, he will break down before the execution takes place. Sullivan is quite talkative to visitors, and complains of the failure to move for a new trial.

A Case for Acquittal.

Trial by jury is said to be unsatisfactory in Russia. In one case a burglar was allowed to go free because the man whom he had robbed had refused to lend him money. This, in the opinion of the jury, was a direct incentive to crime.—Toronto Globe.

His Barns Burned.

A house and barn belonging to Anthony LeBlanc, College Bridge, Memramcook, were destroyed by fire on Thursday night. All the contents of cellar and barn were destroyed, including hay, grain, one cow and a sheep, were burned.

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