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LOAD UP!

We cannot have a war raging right outside our doors, without the smell of powder penetrating to our innermost rooms.

By the time this paper gets to its readers, affairs between the United States and Spain will have advanced either warward or peace-ward. The present state of uncertainty cannot be for long.

Aside from the Maine incident, there is the Cuban question. The United States seems determined to have a finger in that pie, even if war be the result.

War is terrible, and the most of us who have grown up without experiencing even, indirectly its results, can scarcely form an idea of the desolation and misery that follow in its wake.

War is Hell on Earth.

Still it has been unavoidable and will be unavoidable, as it has been.

Supposing a war between the United States and Spain. Will it end as it began, with these nations, alone, concerned. It is not likely that other nations will be involved.

At all events should such an event occur, which is greatly to be deplored, our interest in it cannot be trifling. Scarcely a family which has not one member living across the boundary line.

It was Artemus Ward, who expressed the willingness that all his wife's relations should serve their country, under arms, in the civil war. Possibly we are not all so indifferent to the ties of affinity, even, to say nothing of the more natural ties of consanguinity.

If war be the result our gallant soldiers will do well to be prepared for any emergency. The 67th had a good drill last year, and perhaps they will turn out again this season. We do not wish to alarm any of them needlessly, but perhaps, it would be well for them to do a little target practicing, on the sly.

Semper paratus is a good motto.

THE CLOSING DAY.

Gladstone has returned to England. It is plain that darkness is setting in. The great life draws to a close. When he arrived at an English station, he was greeted with loud cries "God bless you sir," "God's choicest blessings fall on you." These cries came from the people, whom he had always loved and constantly served.

Late reports tell us that he asks as a special favor that the newspapers do not discuss details of his illness. It would be a wretched journal, that did not regard this simple wish.

Gladstone is dying. Disguise the news as we may, he who reads between the lines can see this.

What a full, ripe life has been his! What a name he leaves!

His true greatness is shown in his voluntary retirement from office, when age and infirmity rendered him less able than formerly. It is rarely that old men can be brought to believe that their places should be filled by younger.

As a speaker Gladstone was unexcelled, as a statesman he was incorrupt. He represented the best element in England. A man of strong convictions, only one force could change his opinions, and that was force of argument.

Aside from his knowledge as a statesman, and man of affairs, Gladstone is a student. And he was as industrious a student at eighty, as at eighteen. He has a strong bent in favor of theology, that queen of studies as it has been termed. While according all the honor due to critical investigation, and thoroughly weighing the arguments of agnosticism, Gladstone remains a firm believer in the truths of the Divine Revelator. Unlike many students, who have found Holy Writ faulty, he studied Holy Writ, as well as read the arguments against it.

His declining days are full of honour. Not the curses of a drunken people, but the blessings of a noble race, follow him to his sick bed.

"O world, O life, O time!
On whose last steps I climb."

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I was not able to stand alone. I was under the care of several doctors in Ottawa city, but their treatment did not better my condition. After coming to Montreal I was a patient in the Western Hospital, but after three months treatment I left there no better. I thank Heaven that I was advised to use Paine's Celery Compound. This great medicine commenced to do its good work from the time I used the first bottle, and now, after having used six bottles, I am a cured man."

CANADA AND UNITED STATES.

Freer System of Reciprocity Advocated.

LOWELL, March 21, 1898. Mr. Osborne Howes and Charles S. Hamlin of Boston were the principal guests at the annual banquet of the Lowell Board of Trade tonight. The affair took place in Mechanics' Hall, with President Shepard presiding and about 400 business men of Lowell were present.

After an opening address by President Shepard and an encouraging speech by Mayor Bennett, Mr. Howes talked on trade relations between the United States and Canada. He showed that an enormous trade was developed between the two countries, the trade of the great lakes coming to almost equal the entire trade of the Mediterranean, vastly exceeding the volume of our trade with Germany and France or the South American states.

He then went on to show that in recent years, by reason of the policy adopted in this country, a large proportion of our trade with Canada had been replaced by England. This Canadian trade, he declared, would be of especial benefit to Lowell, and he looked to his hearers to aid in promoting it.

Mr. Hamlin gave an interesting description of his visit in 1894, as treasury agent, to the Pribylof islands, in the interests of the fur seal fishery, and to various points in Alaska together with an account of the international negotiations which followed.

Speaking of the final convention to ascertain the facts in the seal matter. Mr. Hamlin said that it was no breach of confidence to state that the unanimous report of the commission bore out the claims made during many years by the United States as to the evil effects on the seal herds of the methods which had been objected to.

In closing, he declared that a freer system of reciprocity with Canada is absolutely essential to the welfare of New England; and referring again to Alaska, said that its best development can come only by reciprocity between Canada and the United States. Under favorable conditions, he asserted Boston in 15 years may as a port rival New York, and Lowell will share the advantage.

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Russia Governed by a Scotsman.

Although not generally known, it is a matter of history that an alien, a British subject—a Scotsman, moreover—once held the reins of government in Russia for nearly a year and a half, and that not only in the absence of the reigning rule, but in the midst of those drastic reforms of Peter the Great, to which it may be truly said, without unduly straining facts, Russia owes her civilization, government and present position among the nations. Patrick Gordon was born on his father's estate of Auchleuchries, Aberdeenshire, March 31, 1635. His father was of the Haddo branch of the Gordons, and his mother was an Ogilvie. Consequently he, who was a mere lad, and had from choice thrown himself upon the world to seek his fortune, was related to the first Duke of Gordon, and connected by marriage with the Earls of Errol and Aberdeen. At the time Russia courted he was a soldier of fortune, having served some years in the Swedish army, fighting through their campaign the Poles. Being repeatedly made prisoner, he as often took service with his captors, eventually joining the Russian army in the time of Alexis I., and had now attained the rank of colonel. By his extraordinary bravery and success he had gained both the love of the army and esteem of the whole nation, and had under his immediate control 12,000 of the newly-formed soldiery, who quartered under foreign officers in the suburbs of Moscow. Gordon himself had the Czar's command not to leave the capital, but his authority extends over all provinces

except those in which the southern army were engaged under General Shein; yet the latter had express orders from the Czar not to undertake anything of moment without General Gordon's advice. Considering then the state of the country, and the autocratic form of government it was necessary to employ, to preserve any semblance of order among the people, actually what we should call martial law, it is clear that he who had the directing of the military power had the paramount control of the nation, and virtually represented the government of the country.

The Biennial Sessions.

The Legislature of the State of New York has just voted in favor of an amendment to the constitution providing for biennial sessions of the Legislature at its session next year, and if the vote should then be favorable to the amendment it will be submitted to a general vote of the electors of the State, and, if carried, will become part of the constitutional law. At the present time annual sessions of the Legislatures are held in only six states in the Union—New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and South Carolina. If the State of New York, which possesses a population nearly two millions greater than the whole of Canada, and forty other States in the Union, finds biennial sessions sufficient, there would appear to be no reason why the provinces of Canada should not find them equally satisfactory. Should special circumstances arise which would render an extra session of the Legislature necessary it could at once be called. The main objection would appear to be the placing of public affairs more completely under executive control. The New York Outlook states the principal arguments for biennial sessions to be: First, economy; second, distrust of the Legislature, third, a growing conviction that all necessary public business can be transacted in briefer time than is now provided for.—Boston Herald.

A good conscience is the profoundest source of this delightful calm. We shall attempt in vain to veil our faults from ourselves without it, or to listen only to the voice of adulation. An interior witness must testify that we have always welcomed those who offered opportunities to do good. But, unfortunately, this feeling of calm content, which is the effect of duty performed, does not take possession of us until many years of our lives have been thrown away in a vain search for the beautiful and the good.

DR CHASE'S KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS

MR. J. H. BERNETT, C.P.R. Act., Wincham, Ont., says he was troubled with Dyspepsia and Kidney and Liver troubles for about 3 years. He took Dr. Chase's K.L. Pills. They cured him, and now he recommends them to others.

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