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### ST. JOHN N. B. SATURDAY NOV, 9

A PICTURESQUE POTENTATE.

ABDUR RAHMAN, the late Ameer of Afghanistan, was a picture que and powerful figure. It is no easy thing to be the ruler of a 'buffer state' separating such jealous neighbors as England and Russia. Nor is it a small contract to maintain authority over four million fierce tribesmen, to whom fighting is a pastime and the perpetuation of tribal feuds a part of the mor al law

In the case of ABDUR RAHMAN, both difficulties were increased by the circum. stances in which he came to the throne, twenty one years ago. His uncle, SHER All had been driven from the country by England; and YAKUB KHAN, who succeed ed him, was almost immediately dethroned and carried away to India. as a punishment for the massacre of a British mission at

ABDUB RAHMAN, who had been living an exile in Russian territory, supported by the tsar, crossed the border and proclaimed himself ameer. He had to conquer the allegiance of the Afghana, and to overcome the distrust of England; he did both. He was, of course, a despot. He could not have maintained himself otherwise. Viewed only as he sppeared when dispensing rough justice among maletactors at Kabul, ordering this one to be hanged and that one to be beheaded, he might have seemed a cruel deepot; bath he ways of the Orient are not the ways of the Occident.

He had the national spirit of a patriot and the far-sightedness of a statesman. He some how contrived to cement the warring tribes into a nation. He had them drilled after European methods. He built cartridge factories and rifle factories, and set up also more peaceful industries. Foreigners who met him found him a courteous and facinating gentleman. He even ventured into letters and his autobiography has recently been published.

Habibullab, the ameer's eldest son, who has been proclaimed his successor, is the son of a slave women. He is about thirty years old. He has an impediment in his speech, which is an awkward infirmity for a man who will have occasion to speak quickly as well as to act resolutely. Much depends upon his ability to maintain his father's prestige. His accession opens the way to domes ic intrigues and foreign complications of the gravest sort.

## SMALL POX

The spread of small-pox in the city has given rise to considerable alarm. The number of cases have been gradually increasing and it looks now as it it would be sometime before the epidemic were stamped

The one encouraging feature is that all the new cases reported in the first two weeks have come from quarters under quarantine. The general public hos pital is by far the place most officted and the disease in that institution seems to have obtained quite a toothold. This is most regretable and has lead to considerable criticism. It was hoped that this building had got rid of the small pox as it was fully two weeks between the last case reported from there up to Tuesday of this week when another patient was discovered,

There have been many complaints abou the way the disease is being handled as far as the quarantine arrangements are concerned. Many of the criticisms are no doubt unjustifiable. There may have been some mistakes made, but the public believe that the Board of Health bave done as well under the circumstances as possible. The disease is a most contagious one and so a very difficult enemy to fight, and persons should remember this before making any

fault finding remarks.

The epidemic though becoming numerous is of a mild type and all the patients are doing well. The public not being accustomed to the disease has quite naturally become alarmed, but there is no occasion for any great excitement.

The doctors and the nurses who have to gallantly given themselves up to looking after the iffl cted deserve much commen" dation. Their werk is a noble one and it is work that cannot be over estimated.

The public should lend every assistance to the putting down of the disease and this they can do in no better way than by seeing that vacination is thoroughly carried out. Everyone owes it to himself, his peighbor and his country to be vacinated at once. If this is done, small-pox cannot make much head way.

Tammany received a bad whipping on Tuesday last, when it failed not only to elect its mayor but also a single member of its ticket. It will be sometime before the tiger will be able to recover from its severe defeat. And if it be true that Tammany only hoped to retain power by corruption its beating is all the greater as it will not have an opportunity again to put its operations into effect. Mr Low who was elected mayor has a good reputation. He is learned, independent and rich. New York may naturally feel quite hopeful of better government in the future.

The death of LI HUNG CHANG, which occurred on Thursday, removes from the world's stage of statesmen a leading and shining light. LI HUNG will be regarded by Christian nations the greatest man that the Chinese Empire has yet produced. As a diplomatist he stood in the very front ranks and considering the d fficulties under which he had to labor, he may well be regarded as a great man. For a Chinamen he was exceptionally great.

Some reminiscences of Mr. GLATSTONE'S latter years, published in the Nineteenth Century and After, recall a remarkable conversation between the aged statesman and FISHOP WILBERFORCE They were speaking of the church, and of the fidelity and unselfishness of her servants. 'It has been my lot.' said Mr. GLADSTONE, 'to dispose of some fifty preferments in the church-higher preferments, I mean, such as bishoprics and deaneries. Not one of the men I have appointed has ever asked me for anything. That is the literal and absolute fact, and I don't know that anything could be said more honorable to the Church of England as a body.

In the Victoria History of the County of Norfolk, England, the author quotes a note concerning the cod, from an old work on British fishes, which says that on a midsummer eve one was esptured in Lynn Deeps and brought to the vice-chancellor of Cambridge. In its stomach was found a book in three treatises. The date of the discovery was 1625 Can it be that the scarcity of cod in the present year is to be explained by the fact that the fish have been indulging in a literary diet, as did their esteemed predecessor, and with fatal effect? A few yellow journals may bave been eaten by mistake.

When is a cigarette not a cigarette? When it is a pipe. The answer to the conundrum was given by English magistrates. The taking of a tobacco pipe into a certain mine was prohibited. A partly smoked cigarette was found in a workman's pocket. The man was arraigned and ficed. The judges held that a paper charged with tobacco was a pipe within the meaning of the rule. It was an instance of applied common sense. Human life is of more value than literal construction. The petty court was merely illustrating a working principal observed in tribunals of a more august organization and a larger jurisdict-

President ROOSEVELT'S independence of thought and action was illustrated recently in a manner pleasant to record. He bought three fine, high stepping horses for use in his carriage at Washington. 'He was particular about having long tailed horses,' said the man of whom be bought them. ·He insisted that they should not be docked. It made no difference to him that short tailed horses are considered more tashionable.

What is the advantage of knowing a foreign language, anyway P' demanded the

aggressively American woman. 'Why, it enables you to say unkind things about a great many people right in their presence,' answered the wise one .-

· You are the apple of my eye, declared the Fortune Hunter to the Wise Heiress. 'I think, mused the Wise Heiress, that I will keep my eye peeled, nevertheless. Naturally, this evidence of astuteness on her part thrilled him to the core.

VERSES OFYESTERDAY AND TODAY The Frotbell Casabianca.

The boy stood on the football field, Whence all but he had fl d; The rooters shoutings echoed o'er The dying and the dead.

His hair bung down into his eyes-Such of it as was left-For sad to state, at one fell swoop, Of it he'd been bereft.

One arm hung limp'y at his side, Aid flattered as he reeled; His teeth, like sno flakes to the wind, Were scattered o'er the field.

His shirt was torn across the chest, His pants r pped at the knees, His shoes clung sadly to his feet, Like misletce to trees.

Yet beautiful and bright he stood, While all around, alack! Were fragments of the centre rush, The rall and quarter back. The tackles on the goal pos's bung;

The gnards were borne away In ambulances which were called Quite early in the fray. And here and there ashoulder blade,

And ears on every side, With fingers, feet and locks of hair, All unident fi d. But still he stood amidst the wreck.

Oh, that this tongue could sell How bravely he essayed to speak, And give his college yell ! His father called him from the box,

Hi mother from the stand,

Yet ever nobly stood he there, A tootball in his hand. The other side was lining up, With husky boast and scream. 'Come on,' he mumbled toothlessly,

'I'll buck the ent.re team !' They formed a flring wedge, and hurled The gallant lad on high, And when they downed him shoes and legs Were waving in the sky.

There came a burst of thunder sound. The boy-Oh, where was he? Asked of the other team, that left With college chant and g'ee.

Ask of the other tesm, and learn ·He hasn't yet been seen. They don't expect to find him till They get some gasolene.'

the Mcdern Echoel Teacher.

'Twa: Saturday night, and a tracher sat Alone ler task pursuing; She sveraged this and she averaged that, Of all that her class was doing. She reckoned percentage so many boys, And so many girls all counted. And marked all the tardy absentees. And to what &: I the absence amounted.

Names and residences wrote in full, Over many columns and pages; Canadian, Seutonic, African, Celt, And averaged all their ages. The date of admission of every one, And cases of flagellation, And prepared a ist of graduates For the county examination.

Her weary head sank low on her book, And her weary heart still lower; For some of her pupils had little brains, A: d she could not furnish more. She slept, she dream d, it seemed she di'd. And her spirit went to Hades, And they met her there with a question fair ' State what the per cent. of your grade is !

Ages but slowly rolled away, Leaving out partial traces. And the teacher's spirit walked one day In the old familiar places. A mound of fos il zed school reports Attracted her beervation, As high as the State House dome, and as wide As Boston since annexation.

She came to the spot where they buried her And the ground was well built over; But laborers di sing threw a skull Once planted beneath the cover. A osciple of Galen, wandering by. Paused to look at the diggers, And plucking the skull up, looked through

And saw it was lined with figures.

The Old Worldling. He shamb'es by each sunny afternoon; His portly form is shinken as a spectre His face is vacant as the morning moon; Quaff d is his nectar.

Out of his eyes the dancing light is gone; Out of his blood the wanton warmth that thrilles out of his air the charm that conquests won When fancy willed it.

Proud was his port and tasty his array; His days and nights o'e fi wed with song and laughter; He never dreamed that these would pass away And this come siter.

He courted pleasure and recured it still; He asked for friends and loves, and these were He craved all worldly good and had his fill; He sought not Heaven,

His trien de bave vanished rever to return; His ple asures, tressures, all his heart's desire; His passions only to their embers burn; Mute is his lyre,

For him the eventime has brought no light: Its sighing breezes p ty as they kis him; The dark will bear him to the wastes of night; Earth will not miss him

las, the life that has no upward look, No sacrifice of self, no high endeavor; Its taste becoming like the seer's book, Bitter forever

FOWARD N POMER Y.

Past - Future.

quarter cen ury sgo, we bed to telephone. and business men sere no beguiled by Cential's quarter contury ago the streets were lit at night By kerose ne or gas, and none foresaw the electric

A quarter century and the X ray was unknown. That shows you new you skele on in detail, bone by bone. A quarter century ago, the gay automobile Had not been dre med of and but few bestrode the cycle wheel. A quarter century ago, no sirship had been seen, And the record as a flor stood with poor Darins

A quarter certury age, no business firm out west Had said; 'You press the button, and we will do A quarter century ago. in the schools they bloomed And no sign of the New Woman on the far horizon A quarter century ago, in the schools they used the And Sundays almost every one dressed up and

In fact a quarter century ago, the world was rather Compared with what it is today, and is going to be, you know.
And that suggests the question; What prophet now The limit of the wonders of 1926 ?

But wasn't it an awful noise when the powder magazine exploded near your

house yesterday?' 'I didn't hear it. You see, the woman's club met at my bouse yesterday afternoon !'--



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#### News of the Passing Week. Š aasaasan sassaan eesaasaa a

Seth Low was elected Mayor of New York on Tuesday.

The Canadian Manufacturers in session in Montreal bave decided to ask for increase in cotton tariff.

Guy Fawke's day was celebrated on Tuesday by the orangemen holding ban-

It is announced that the duke of Cornwall and York will shortly receive the title of Prince of Wales.

In a quarrel Monday night at Marietta, Obio, between Harry Cooper and John Robinson, proprietor of the Court street hotel, Cooper shot and killed Robinson Cooper is under arrest. He is the son of a wealthy oil man of Waverly, W. Va.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says an urknown man gained an interview with Lieut. Gen. Kleigel, the prefect of police, under pretence of presenting a petition, and shot at him wice with a revolver before he was overpowered. The general was not wounded.

A negro whose name has not yet been ascertained, was burned at the stake in Perry county, Miss., Saturday night. The crime for which the negro was burned was committed early Saturday morning. Mrs For erberry, the wife of a prominent country resident, was the victim.

The pilotage commission of North Sydney, N. S., at a meeting held Monday, fined aeveral pilots and suspended others for neglect of duty, Pilot William Ratchford, who had charge of the steamer Man chester Stipper, when she ran aground on Petries ledges, handed in his resignation.

Orders have been issued by the militia department for a royal salute to be fired today in honor of the King's birthday at the following salating stations: St. John, Halifax Charlottetown, Quebec, Montreal, | death. Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, London and Winnipeg.

bas been elected by acclamation to succeed | notorious trio of Aurora bank buglars. the late Robert Ferguson (Liberal) as member of the Ontario legislative assembly last. Bord and another constable were tor E st Kent.

Sir Michael Hi ks Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a speech at Bristol, Monday, said that he might have to ask the people to bear even greater burdens and to make greater sacrifices next year.

E P Lyons of Montreal, has 'entered an action for libel against Capt. Frank Fisher, of the Victoria R fl s. Lyons had already entered on act sionfr \$15 000 against Fisher for slienstion of his wile'

Le Temps of Ottawa, and La Presse of Montreal referred to William Gibson, of Aylmer, as an Orangemen. He is a Catholic and sued them for libel. The judge afforded him \$100 damages in each case.

According to the census the French. Canadian population of the maritime provinces has increased nearly 50,000 in ten years

Rev. Mgr. Murphy, of Halifax, died Monday aged 58 years. He leaves six brothers, one a priest of St. Patrick's church, Halifax another & Redemptorist father in Ireland; two are in business in Halifax, and two others live in Ireland; one sister is superiores: of a convent in

John Patrick Parnell Cahill, a former basebali player, tamiliarly known as 'White Wings, and the original 'Casey and · Casey at the bat,' is dead at Pleasanton, Cal. His death was due to consumption,

No additional cases of the plague bad been efficially reported in Glasgow up to a late hour Friday night. Two hundred employes of the Central Station Hotel are confined to the hotel precincts for observ:

At Greenwood La., 14 miles trom Shreve port, Wash Rawlins, colored, entered the home of Victoria Anderson, colored, and found her in the company of Chas. Williams, colored. He shot Victoria Anderson dead and Williams was fatally wounded. Rawlins then killed himself.

The London Standard publishes the following from its Shaughai correspondent

As a result of the violent opposition to the viceroys to the Manchurian convention it is said the Empress Dowager notified Li Hung Chang of her resolution to denounce it and that Li Hung Chang, on bearing this became ill.

A man registered as W J Conley was found dead in a room on the second floor of the Crawford House, Boston, Friday. In the room was a letter addressed to E. C. Conley, Greenville, N H. Beside him was a 34 calibre revolver. Two bullets had pierced his left breast. The police know of no motive for the suieide.

John E Radmond, Patrick A McHugh and Thomas O'Donnell, the Irish Nationalists, who are visiting this country in behalf of the United Irish league, were tendered a formal reception in New York by the citiz ane' committee which has charge of the entertainment of the visitors. An elaborate address of welcome was read by Thomas H Ronsyne.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Wm McKinley national memorial arch association in Washington, it was dctermined on motion of Sec Gage, the treasurer of the association, to attempt to raise \$1 500,000 for construction of the proposed arch. Material progress was reported by the executive committee in the work of preparation for raising subscriptions.

The manifesto of Gen. Bartolome Maso in declaring himself a candidate for the presidency of Cubs, has caused a stir in political circles in Havana. It is generally admitted that he will prove a strong can idate if he receives the support of the autonomist party. El Diario de la Marina, the organ of the autonomists, commends the

At Pugwash, near Halifax, Friday morra ing a fatal stabbing affray took place, and as a result Charles McCaulay, 26 years, is dead, and John A. McCarthy, 35, is under arrest charged with murdering him. The men had been attending a Hallowe'en celebration and on their return bome they engaged in a fight during which McCaulay received the wounds which caused his

Fred Lee Rice was convicted in Toronto Friday on charge of murdering William John Lee, of Highgate, Oat., a Liberal, Boyd. Rice is the only survivor of the The murder occurred on the 4 h of June escourting the three prisoners to the jail when some-one threw two loaded revolvers into their carriage. In the fight which tollowed Constable Boyd was shot through the head.

> The name of "Sackville" is figuring in strange investigations which are occupying the attention of the courts in Madrid. A lawyer has applied to the courts to recogpize the legitimacy of a client, who claims to be the son of a certain 'Lord Sackville', secretary of legation at Madrid, about the year 1853. The claimant alleges that the diplomatist married a well known Spanish dancer, Pepita Auran, and had three daughters and a son by the marriage, but the marriage register was subsequently tampered with and the name of Pepita Duran's dancing master, Antonio de la Oliva was substituted for the original

A captive balloon which escaped from San Francisco with rine people aboard

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