

THE HERALD.

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RUMORS OF WAR.

If we may believe the ingenious people, who supply America with European news, England is surrounded with difficulties. We give on another page a few extracts from recent despatches; but wish to remind readers that very much of what is given as news concerning the doings and intentions of the European powers is the merest guess work. Salisbury, von Capri, Carnot and the others do not issue a bulletin every morning, nor do their respective governments propose doing, nor do they take foreign newspaper correspondents into their confidence. So much that was utterly unfounded has been cabled across the Atlantic, that the man who has read none of the prognostications of correspondents during the last year or two has really lost nothing.

The alleged sources of trouble to England are various, and can be so ingeniously arranged as to bring her into collision with nearly every nation in the world. First, there is the old Eastern question. Russia wants the money which Turkey owes for war indemnity, and she is unable to pay. Hence Russia is alleged to be about to take possession of Armenia, a country in Asia Minor, which England is under certain treaty obligations to preserve for Turkey. It is not certain that Russia proposes doing anything of the kind, and it is probable that other great powers are equally pledged with England to maintain the integrity of the Sultan's dominions in Asia.

France is alleged to be excited over the Anglo-German African treaty, and the extent of the demand for Egyptian land is stated to be making, are limited apparently only by the ingenuity of the correspondent. Before she will consent to England taking the protectorate of Zanzibar, Egypt must be given up, all British treaty rights in Tunis surrendered, France's sovereignty over all the countries between the Moorish states and the Niger recognized, and various unascertained things are to be yielded up in Newfoundland. But if England yields to France's alleged demands relating to Africa, she will have to settle with Italy and Spain and the acknowledgment of the Newfoundland claims will mean a colonial rebellion. Thus the circle widens. Then in America, the correspondents insist, the British minister to the contrary notwithstanding, that there is imminent danger of a collision with the United States over the Behring Sea matter. Denmark is stated to be likely to make trouble about Heligoland and so is Belgium. Portugal is only half satisfied with the way she has been treated in South Africa and only wants her opportunity to make trouble; and so on. Switzerland has yet to be heard from and the correspondents have only to tell us what Estagnon thinks about it; but that the cup of difficulties may be full we are assured that the English public are enraged at the surrender to Germany and the German ditto are ditto at the ditto to England. The novelists, having dropped romance and become realists, the newspaper men are becoming romanticists.

AMATEUR LOYALTY.

The officers of the 8th Prince Louise, New Brunswick regiment of cavalry, have passed a series of resolutions, based on the alleged facts that when a French flag was presented to the club National "the Marsellaise was sung with frantic enthusiasm," and the toast of the Queen was received with "unmistakable hisses" and Mr. Laurier "outlined a policy which if followed would strike at the foundations of the dominion." The resolutions are three in number, the third being the most comprehensive and being worded as follows: "Resolved, That the time has arrived when Canadians should firmly set their faces against any disloyal demonstrations, that the world may know that Canada is a nation for Canadians, who glory in their British connexion, and who were ready to maintain that connexion at all hazards." Since the three talons of Topsy street wrote their famous letter to Napoleon the Less, nothing so good as this has been evolved in the name of patriotism. It is of course in the most minute importance, what a half-dozen young fellows, who are distinguished from their neighbors only by the amount of gold lace they wear may declare to be their convictions; but there is a notion underlying the whole business that needs to be set on, and that is, that the volunteers of this country are one grain more bold or one tittle better able to pronounce upon what patriotism requires than anybody else is. Patriotism and gold lace do not necessarily go together, and a uniform may cover a patriot, who fights better with his mouth than with his rifle or sabre.

The Queen's name was received with "unmistakable hisses." Well, this, if true, would prove only that there were some unmistakable geese among those present at the banquet; but it is not true, and the young men have simply made themselves ridiculous. And the Marsellaise was sung. Well, it is a grand old anthem. The man who wrote it, as no one else has ever done, the heart throbs of the people against oppression, the consciousness of growing power, the resolve, too often dormant in the popular mind, to achieve the fullest possibilities of citizenship. There is no occasion to be afraid of the Marsellaise. About the presentation of a French flag, it happens that one was not presented. And Mr. Laurier struck at the foundations of the dominion. "Wicked Mr. Laurier, how could you? When you see these resolutions you will feel very badly. What Mr. Laurier did say was that we should be a united people. But will the officers of the P. L. N. B. R. of C. take the public sufficiently into their confidence to tell them what they are going to do about it? They need not hope to be able to check the development of the spirit which found vent in the Marsellaise or in the liberal leader's speech. Canadian sentiment must be virile enough to assimilate it, or Canada will cease to be a name. The namby-pamby patriotism that holds up its sickly hands in assumed horror at every expression of nationalism has no real place in the development of this dominion.

F. P. SHARPE.

At the meeting of the provincial farmers, association held at Woodstock on Thursday a resolution was passed directing that correspondence be opened with the minister of agriculture asking that an appropriation be made to defray the expense of preparing and publishing a work on fruit culture by F. P. Sharpe, of Woodstock. It will be conceded by all who know him that Mr. Sharpe is entitled to the first rank among practical orchardists; while his habits of observation have been such that he has studied out the reason of nearly everything which ought to be done in connection with successful fruit growing and is able to give full explanations. As an original investigator he is entitled to a very high place. Few men possess the faculty of investigation to such an extent as he. His experiments have extended over many years. He takes nothing for

granted, and is not one of those who are deceived by mere coincidences. It would be greatly to be regretted if the valuable food of information which he has accumulated should be lost, as much of it must necessarily be if care is not taken to collate it. A publishing house would doubtless find it to pay to arrange with Mr. Sharp to write a work on fruit culture.

SUBSIDIES FOR SUPPORT.

The above is the heading of an article in Tuesday's Gleaner, which discovers another corrupt transaction of which Mr. Blair has been guilty. This time he is buying up Victoria county by giving a subsidy to the Tobique valley railway. The announcement is made that at the recent session of the government this railway was subsidized to the extent of \$70,000. Of course the Gleaner discovers in this transaction the clearest evidence of the most scandalous corruption, just as it does in the other case of the government, since it lost the patronage. The Gleaner does not stop to consider, perhaps its leader writes on local government topics does not know, that the government has no power without an express act of the legislature to grant a railway subsidy, and therefore could not possibly have granted such a subsidy at the last session of the government. But we pass this by as a minor consideration. What we are chiefly concerned about is that the just claims of a most important agricultural section of the province may not be prejudiced by the community by the changes of corruption which are already being made in anticipation of provincial aid to this work. We have reason to believe, that at the next session of the legislature authority to assist this work will be asked for and a more deserving enterprise, either a provincial or local stand-point, cannot be promoted. There has been a standing proposal for two years past between the government and the Tobique valley railway, that the government would ask the legislature to assist the work to the extent of \$2,500 per mile conditional upon the whole amount being completed to Plaster Rock, a valuable quarry owned by the crown, and upon the railway company giving a lien to the crown on the railway and for a royalty of ten cents per ton upon every ton of plaster hauled over the company's line. There is a very large deposit of gypsum at a point twenty-eight miles from the mouth of the river, which is admittedly of great value when ground and spread lightly over some soils. Its peculiar properties are much appreciated by the farmers of the Aroostook country and others within a distance of the rock, and it has been estimated that the demand for the article for agricultural purpose would be immense if railway connection were secured so as to admit of its distribution over a large area. A moderate estimate places the royalty upon the plaster which would be payable to the crown at a sufficient point to meet the interest upon the provincial subsidy and provide a sinking fund. Even if the financial results should not fully realize this estimate, the farming interest would reap a substantial benefit therefrom sufficient to justify the legislature in making the grant, and it is to be sincerely hoped that the company may be sufficiently encouraged to push the work on to early completion.

The railway as we have said is 28 miles in length and the first fourteen miles well advanced. Although the dominion government has given a double subsidy of \$8,400 for the first fourteen miles, the cost of construction has been so heavy, that the work is now suspended and the subsidy exhausted. Under these circumstances the company made application to the government last session, urgently pressing for aid, and the merits of the undertaking impressed themselves so strongly upon the members of the house, that there was a unanimous feeling among the friends of the government, who were consulted on the subject, in favor of assisting the road. At that time, however, the dominion government had not extended any aid beyond the fourteen miles, and there being no early prospect of further assistance from that quarter, it was, on consideration, decided advisable to defer action by the legislature until next session. We trust that encouraging assurances with which this proposal was received by the members of the house may stimulate the company to renewed effort, and that it may not be long before the farmers of our county, as well as all sections of the province, may be enabled to utilize this valuable fertilizing medium upon their farms.

Public men and the press of all shades of politics have hitherto been agreed as to the desirability of promoting the settlement of the Tobique valley. Here is a magnificent domain extending completely across the province, and with the impetus which railway construction will give, it is reason to expect that settlers will occupy it much more readily in the future. The agricultural progress of Carleton county may be repeated in this as yet little known part of New Brunswick, and every project calculated to produce such a result ought to, and in fact will, command the support of right-thinking people.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The opposition organ professes to be greatly pleased with the result of the proceedings in connection with the election petition. If this satisfaction is genuine, the very unusual result has been achieved of satisfying both parties. We must, notwithstanding the outward and visible signs of delight, take leave to doubt whether everything passed off agreeably to the wishes of our opposition friends. We doubt this, because while the opposition are trying to smile, their facial expression is of the saddest and most mournful description. Their surroundings generally, and if happy over the result, why should the opposition organ be so full of anger? Its gorge rises to a fierce height, and it charges us with "a hippy braid of an utter disregard for truth," a most shocking charge, and says we gave a great big hurrah over the petition having gone by the board. Now all this is very unkind of the organ and betrays a spirit which is not entirely devoid of offence to all men.

To say that we hurraed over the result is to exaggerate the tone of our reference to the collapse. We thought our exultation fell far short of what we might be expected by the public under the circumstances to exhibit. We spoke of the incident with the most studied mildness. We had always doubted whether Mr. Gregory would walk into the pit which he had himself dug, and therefore the squirming and wriggling proceeding of the 2nd inst. were no surprise to us. The pretence that the postponement was obtained on account of Mr. Barry's absence deceived nobody, out of the hundreds of bribery charges, which Mr. Gregory has preferred against men who have been his supporters in two elections, enough to witness could have been obtained to keep the court in session six or eight weeks at least if desired. The true reason was not revealed nobly, out of the hundreds of us; but it is clear the true reason has not been assigned by the petitioners. THE HERALD has never pretended or believed

CANADIAN NEWS.

The Week's Events in Brief. The Cream of our Exchanges.

Mrs. Howe, the widow of Hon. Joseph Howe, died at Halifax, N. S., aged eighty-four years. Parliamentary divorce appears to be growing in favor. One Ottawa barrister has already heard from five or six individuals who propose filing applications shortly. The two torpedo boats which arrived at Halifax have a speed of nineteen knots. They are 125 feet long with an armament consisting of four Hotchkiss and Nordenfeldt firing guns each. They also carry electric search lights. And now the sea serpent has made its appearance at Lunenburg, N. S., so the Argus says. It was seen by a number of fishermen while employed in overhauling their nets. It was also seen by a gentleman from town, who states that it was upwards of sixty yards long. The Halifax graving dock (limited) is advertising in England for the sum of £250,000 sterling by a mortgage on its property here. They are now offering first mortgage debenture bonds to the extent of £157,000 sterling and the new issue is to cover these, the holders of the first issue being offered good terms to make the exchange.

At Mount Hope, Ont. Joel Smith, an undertaker, hoisted the stars and stripes over his residence in honor of the Fourth. A detachment of neighboring farmers requested its removal, but Mr. Smith declined to accede, whereupon the flag was riddled with bullets, and divided amongst the crowd. A second flag was raised by Smith to meet a similar fate. Two Toronto boys made a deliberate attempt to cremate a six-year-old girl on the street. One of them threw a quantity of coal oil over her, the other set her clothing on fire. The girl started to run and the flames leaped as high as her head, but an Italian threw her down and smothered the flames with his heavy jacket before the girl was fatally burned. The boys, who are unknown, escaped.

The conjugal relations of Bartholomew Fowler, a Toronto baker, have not been happy, and they seem to have reached a climax when a fortnight ago his wife packed up her trunks and left for Michigan. On Saturday Fowler, who has been dependent for some time past, took a dose of strychnine. He was sent to the hospital where the usual remedies were given and the patient died. He was found in a fair way to recovery.

William O'Donnell, a sailor, was inhumanly drowned at Parry Sound, Ont. Two other sailors, with whom he was in company, kept pushing him back into the water he essayed to emerge, until finally he sank exhausted, without an effort on the part of his companions to save him. The villains left in a vessel shortly after. The body was recovered, and a verdict of manslaughter, returned, against the two sailors, who are yet at large. The miracle season is now at its height. Twelve hundred pilgrims have just returned from St. Anne de Beaupre jubilant over the miracles that have been worked. One girl, Elvina Proteau, has for three years been a victim of paralysis and was considered incurable. After attending the shrine and praying to St. Anne, she has been cured. Auguste Heiss, living at 109 Wolfe street, Montreal, was cured of a neurotic affection, and Stanislas Lafrenay, 303 Maisonneuve street, was cured of inflammatory rheumatism of long standing.

The warship "Thrush," commanded by Prince George of Wales, will cruise in company with the "Bellerophon," flagship, the torpedo boats No. 61 and No. 62 will remain in Halifax. The topship "Lynx" carries recruits for the West Riding regiments. After sailing and repairs she left St. John on Thursday and is expected in Halifax Friday. Prince George is expected at St. John on July 19th, in the "Thrush" with the "Bellerophon" and "Buzard." A grand ball has been arranged, the government voting \$1000 and the merchants subscribing \$1000.

The Ottawa despatch says: James Isbester, the well-known contractor of this city, has been offered by the English capitalists who are furnishing the money to build the Hudson Bay road, the position of superintendent of construction. Mr. Isbester has accepted the offer, and the draw their own conclusions. He is one of the best men in the country for superintending railway construction. Mr. Isbester is at present in Cape Breton making the final inspection of the new government railway, forty miles of which has been built by his firm.

The Chatham word of Wednesday says: The Miramichi brought up 125 boxes of salmon, but the left boxes were damaged and which she was not able to carry. She was literally loaded with fresh salmon. There were 2000 fish in the lot, averaging 10 lb. each, and worth about \$3000. The steamer brought up 105 boxes, about \$2500 worth, on her previous tri-weekly trip. This is the greatest salmon catch in the Miramichi for several years. On Saturday last 111 boxes left the station, and on Tuesday the shipment was 171 boxes, a large quantity having arrived by teams in addition to the steamer load. The gross weight of the boxes, as they leave the station, is 45 lbs. but the net weight is 35 lbs. The fish are materially, they are billed at 300 lbs. Tuesday's shipment was the largest ever sent from here in one day.

The writ for the election in Kent has been issued, nomination day July 24th, and polling day 31st. In the meantime all four of the candidates, Messrs. Jardine, McInerney, Sayre and Legere, are active canvassers, and if all of the above run, the chances of Mr. Legere, the French nominee, winning seems to be an assured fact. An effort is being made to have two of the English speaking candidates withdraw so as to leave the fight between the French nominees and one of the English speaking ones, and a committee consisting of Jacob Ferguson, Wm. Brait and John Taylor appointed for that purpose. They appear to have a hard task before them in the selection of who shall run, as Mr. Ferguson favors McInerney, Brait is for Jardine, and Mr. Taylor is in favor of Sayre. All but Sayre profess to be liberal conservative, while he hails as a liberal.

The Newcastle Advocate tells us: Inspector Brown and policeman Campbell visited the hidden hand port hole, the inspector gave a tapping signal, which he had learned from listening to others who do the same. A voice replied, "What do you want?" The inspector deposited his ten cents and said whiskey, (keeping well out of sight). The mysterious hand came out, took the ten cents and shoved out a glass of whiskey. The inspector took the glass and has not returned it. He then demanded of the inmate to open the door, he not supplying, inspector Brown and the policeman entered by a window. As they entered the inmate ran up stairs, and the policeman and inspector had the bar to themselves. They found some bottles of bad gin and whiskey on the counter, and they also discovered the secret trap where a number of bottles of whiskey, were found, also a jug of whiskey, which was being disposed of as the law directs.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Summary of the Press Telegrams From all Parts of the World.

Trouble is brewing in all the Central American republics over the proposed union of states. The Rome Tribune reports that England has offered and Italy has accepted Soudan and vicinity as compensations for Somalia. The prospects for the harvest throughout the whole of Russia are good. In the Baltic provinces the prospects are exceptionally good. China intends to borrow thirty million taels (300,000,000 ounces avoirdupois) of American silver to build strategic railways in Manchuria. The supervisor of the census bureau gives as an official estimate of Boston's population 437,243. In 1880 the population was 362,369. New York assessment returns show the value of real and personal estate in that city to be \$1,696,978,300 for 1890, an increase over last year of \$93,139,277. It is reported that Montenegro has crossed the frontier in large numbers and have been victorious in several encounters with the Turks. They now threaten the town of Spak. Governor Nichols, of Louisiana, vetoed the lottery bill. It will, doubtless, be passed over the Governor's veto by the legislature, which is entirely controlled by the lottery people. Austrian and Hungarian merchants through the Austrian export society, are preparing a petition to Count Kalnoky to take reprisals in the event of the McKinley bill becoming a law.

F. C. Burnard's new book burlesquing Mr. Stanley's "In Darkest Africa," has made an immense hit. Thousands of copies have already been sold and the demand for the work is unabated. The Turkish government has sent a new note to the British government, demanding that it fix a date upon which Egypt will be evacuated by the British troops without the right of again occupying that country. A Home despatch to London says: "The Home has become very fickle, and in anticipation of his end, is preparing written instructions for his successor. He has revised his will, and is arranging for a trusteeship of the church funds." The natives of Dongola in the Soudan have informed the Mahdi that they will furnish no more recruits for the army of the faithful, that they will make peace with the Egyptians and Europeans and that they will resume their coast trade. Prof. Samuel Black made a balloon ascent in Illinois. At the height of half a mile the balloon took fire and the professor had to jump before he was ready. The parachute had also taken fire and the ascent fell. When picked up he was a shapeless mass. The British foreign office has issued the text of the Anglo-German agreement and the official correspondence on the subject. There is nothing new in regard to East Africa. The Welsh law matter will be submitted to arbitration if the question remains unsettled at the expiration of two years. The Chicago stock yards will henceforth be controlled by the Vanderhills. These eastern money kings have secured control of them and the concern is to be capitalized for \$22,000,000 and the stock placed upon the market. It is understood that Chauncey M. Depew will be president of the company.

The retirement of William Henry Smith from the government leadership in the house of commons and his elevation to the peerage are no longer matters of speculation and conjecture. It is announced that the change will be made within a very short time. Mr. Smith assumed the title of Lord Walton. The magistrate sitting at the London Thames police court has before him a case requiring him to inspect separately 11,000 pictures which are alleged to be indecent, with the object of rejecting all that are not strictly classical. The pictures are photographs taken from life, and form a collection which was seized at the instance of the society for the suppression of vice. Advice from Jamaica state that Canada has applied for 50,000 cubic feet of space for the international exhibition there to be opened on January 27, 1891, by Prince George, now commanding the "Thrush." This has led to a discussion in the Jamaica press of the commercial relations of the two countries. Reciprocity with Canada is again urged, and the hope is expressed that the negotiations with the dominion government will be renewed.

Information has been received here of the consummation of the biggest land trade in the history of the American continent. The parties to the contract are John Hancock, of Austin, and Robert Summerlin, of San Antonio, acting for an English and Holland syndicate. The land lies all in one body in the state of Texas, comprising 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 acres and 75,000 head of cattle. The terms are private.

The "White Star Steamship company," said a prominent ex-official of the line, "have ordered the engineers on the fast steamers 'Tentonic' and 'Majestic' to turn their wheels three revolutions less per minute than they have been doing, in order that all suspicion of ocean racing may be removed from their ships at least. The effect of this is to add about an hour to the voyage, save a big lot of coal and increase the safety of the passengers many fold. It is a very wise and humane precaution, and fully in keeping with the well known reputation of the line." Further details from Fargo, N. D., state that the cyclone that struck the city blew down the electric light towers, unroofed whole blocks, and dozens of small houses were raised, and almost every plate glass window on Front street and Broadway was broken. Seven children were instantly killed. Two unknown tramps, sleeping in a box car, were killed. No 1 passenger train on the Northern Pacific was hurried bodily from the track, nearly twenty passengers being injured. Reports also show the storm did much damage to crops and farm buildings in the country for thirty miles about the city. The condition of Lehigh, Tenn., unfortunate fasting woman, Mrs. Adam Wucher, of South Whitehall, is exciting increased interest, particularly among the medical profession. The doctors now declare that the faster cannot survive many days. Mrs. Wucher has taken practically no substantial nourishment for 90 days. On April 4 she tasted food of a solid character for the last time. Since that time a sup of beef tea taken at intervals of several days has been her sole nourishment. She cannot even drink water now. When in normal health, about a year ago, Mrs. Wucher weighed 136 pounds. Now she weighs less than 55 pounds. Her body has scarcely a pound of flesh upon it and when that is consumed, her physicians say the end must come. Convulsions wreck her without warning. During these spasms her knees draw up to her chin and blood flows from her eyes and her face becomes dreadfully convulsed.

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