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A TROUBLESOME ALLY

Great Britain seems likely to find Russia is a very troublesome ally as the present Persian embroglio shows. The preserving of buffer states between India and the Asiatic possessions of Russia has always been one of the prime objects of British policy in Asia. The glacial approach of the Northern Bear has always been a sort of incubus to the British authorities, disturbing their dreams for more than a century. On the north and north west the frontier is protected by the tremendous Himalayan Mountain system, but the way from the westward across Beloochistan is comparatively open affording easier access to the invader and corresponding difficulty of defence on the part of those in possession. And now the Russian authorities have taken advantage of the temporary entente cordiale with Britain to take the first step—and a long step toward this comparatively undefended western frontier of Hindustan by seizing the northern provinces of Persia. Just at the present juncture with Germany competing so keenly in naval matters with Great Britain, the latter cannot easily afford to lose the support and friendship of the great Northern power, while on the other hand it is doubtful if it is possible to prevent that power from making such a stride in the direction of India. The Imperial are in a quandary over the situation and the outcome is not easy to foresee. It seems very evident now that the Russian regiments in Persia are there permanently and the alleged temporary occupation is a real conquest. Meantime Britain has lost prestige among Asiatics, while Russia has suddenly, and greatly gained. More than that Britain's hundred million Mohammedan subjects are likely to resent her passive or in their minds, her encouraging attitude towards the seizure of Mohammedan territory by a Christian power. The truth is that the present situation is fraught with grave possibilities and it is a great satisfaction to British subjects to feel that the management of foreign affairs is in such able hands as those of the cool, wary, cautious and courageous incumbent of the Foreign Office Sir Edward Grey.

Montreal Herald. Mr. Carnegie can turn muddy iron from iron into gold and welcome, but it is surely past his power to make R. L. Boraen a Scotchman. As a friend of international peace, Mr. Carnegie should be careful of the conventions. When we in this country are willing to put up with a cabinet that has no Scotchman in it, we cannot allow Mr. Carnegie to thus lightly make it over into a Scotchman's cabinet. A nice looking set of Scots forsooth and not a Presbyterian among them. It must be admitted however that there is something about the existing situation which gives warrant for Mr. Carnegie's idea that he ought to spend more money on Canadian libraries. So far as the truth about the elections in September can be got at there is no sign that "education done it." Quite the reverse.

An agitation is on foot to have the city council acquire Scully's Grove and convert it into a public playground. The city now owns Queen Square, but so far very little use has been made of it. Perhaps if Scully's grove were acquired some arrangement might be made by which Queen Square may be disposed of. The property will no doubt be needed in connection with the railway development about to take place here.

The coming week promises to be an exceedingly busy one with the merchants of Fredericton. As a matter of fact it will be the busiest week they have experienced in twelve months. Our merchants handle the best goods and it is their desire to treat their customers fairly and give them full value for their money. The merchants and their clerks are certainly entitled to fair treatment in return. They should not be asked to do unreasonable things and it is unreasonable at this busy season to ask them to send goods out on approval. If you want the goods, buy them and have them sent to your home; if you don't want them give the merchant a chance to sell them to somebody who does. People who go shopping these days should be able to make up their minds as quickly as possible.

The Toronto Telegram is still contributing hot-air paragraphs like this to the defence of the Empire:—"Every nation of the British Empire is interested in the maintenance of the sea power, which alone keeps the free waters of the world's oceans from being added to the territories dominated by military power." And down in Quebec Mr. Pelletier, one of The Telegram's honored leaders, says that as Laurier's naval policy has been abandoned by Mr. Borden, The Telegram will not even get the promised plebiscite on naval defence.

Edmonton Bulletin: Apologists for the retention of the tariff or its increase will be able to point out to the objecting farmer that he is paying more for his manufactured goods than he should pay, he is being aided in the construction of his road by the money derived from the taxation of imports. It is hoped no doubt to persuade the farmer that he is thus made a partner with the manufacturer in the division of the plunder derived from his own spoilation.

Saskatoon Phoenix:—Eastern interests very successfully appealed to sentiment in order to defeat a trade agreement which meant great good to the western provinces. The appeal to passion and prejudices succeeded even with the eastern farmers who voted like children that did not know their right hand from their left. But western men are not to be deceived and they are united and determined to support no policy except the one of low tariff and better trade terms with the United States.

Residents of the Parishes of Margerville and Sheffield would like to have the Gibson and Minto Railway located near the river so they will derive some benefit from it. Their request is not an unreasonable one and should be heeded by the government. Warden Perley, the new M. P. P., ought to be able to arrange this matter. He is a big strong man possessed of an independent mind and no doubt his advice will carry great weight with Premier Flemming.

Kingston Standard:—What is Christianity if it be anything but Christianity? And can it by any stretch of imagination be called Christian for a so-called Christian clergyman to assail Methodism, Presbyterianism, Roman Catholicism, Unitarianism, Christian Science, or any religion that is striving toward the ideal—toward perfection—toward soul salvation?

Regina Leader:—All that the common people in these western Provinces have to do is stick together and stand steadfast for lower tariff and larger markets, and they will, they must, gain the day; and, the battle once won for freedom of trade, there will be no taking that freedom away in succeeding years.

The individual who bored the public during the recent political campaign with anti-reciprocity letters over the signature of W. H. Bramley has not yet received a government appointment. His turn should come very soon.

LARGE AUDIENCE ATTENDED LAST NIGHT'S TEMPERANCE MEETING

A large audience listened to two splendid addresses on temperance in the Opera House last evening. The first speaker was the Rev. Sampson Cowley of England who painted word pictures from real life that he had seen in his own land. These pictures were most thrilling and gave an excellent idea of the great injury done by intemperance. Mr. A. C. M. Lawson gave an address full of wit and common sense. He wisely said: "Why take such a great interest in the live creatures that destroy apples, when very little attention is given to that which destroys humanity?" A sacred song, "Where will you spend Eternity," was beautifully rendered by male voices. Mrs. Brewer presided at the piano. These meetings will be continued after Christmas when those in charge of these meetings hope that the public will attend the same.

GAME WAS SEIZED

St. John Times: An important seizure of game was made during the last week and the owner will suffer not only the loss of the game which was valued at upwards of \$200 but will also face the possibility of having to pay some pretty heavy fines. The seizure included a large number of partridge, and ducks which had been placed in cold storage with the apparent intention of exporting them. As this is the close season and also because of the violation of the laws regarding the commercial handling of game the matter, it is said is liable to be pretty serious for the owner, who is said to be a prominent city merchant.

PERSONAL

Mr. H. S. Estrabrook of St. John is at the Queen.
Mr. H. M. Wyde of Halifax is registered at the Queen.

The following extract from a speech delivered by Hon. R. L. Borden at Halifax in 1907 is respectfully commended to the Tory patronage dispensers for York:
"To use the power of filling such positions as a reward for party service and WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CHARACTER AND CAPACITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL SELECTED IS A GROSS BREACH OF A SIL-BM-N PUBLIC TRUST."

It will be interesting to watch the attitude of the Tory flag-flappers at Ottawa, should the Liberals take it into their heads in the near future to move for an increase in the British preference.

Hon. Hugh John MacDonald son of the late Sir John MacDonald has been appointed police magistrate of Winnipeg in succession to the late Hon. T. M. Daly.

If the weather man would only spare us a few more inches of snow it would materially help Christmas trade.

Cold blooded Tory politicians are signaling the Christmas season by dismissing Liberal officials from office

"PEACE SUNDAY" TO BE OBSERVED NEXT SABBATH

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, through its Peace Department, sends out the following appeal for the observance of the fourth Sunday of December as Peace Sunday:

All pastors who believe that war is contrary to Christ's teaching, as set forth in the sermon on the Mount and elsewhere, and who consider that it is the duty of the church to maintain and declare these high ideals until they are realized, are asked to help promote the cause of "peace and goodwill among men" by observing Peace Sunday—the Sunday before Christmas.

For several years this date has been observed by numbers of pastors in Great Britain and the United States, who have made it the occasion of presenting some of the various phases of the Peace movement and of advocating rational and Christian methods of settling international disagreement.

Surely in this time of multiplication of armaments, when the spirit of militarism is rife and its manifestations various, it is the plain duty of the Church of the "God of Peace" to lift up its standard. Once a year is, in our opinion, not too often to present to Christian congregations the claim of the Peace reform and to bring home to their minds the great truth of the brotherhood of man of every nation and what time more fitting for such discourses than the glad season when the whole Christian world is preparing to celebrate the anniversary of the "Prince of Peace?"

We therefore, ask the co-operation of pastors everywhere with those who are more especially working to bring about that blessed time when "war shall cease unto the ends of the earth."

JOHN R. WALSH WILL' PROBATED

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 6.—The will of John B. Walsh, the former Chicago banker, who died early in November following his release from the Leavenworth penitentiary, was admitted to probate today. Mr. Walsh left an estate of \$808,600. The will named his widow, Mrs. Mary L. Walsh, as the sole heir.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Our greenhouses are in excellent shape for Christmas trade. This fall we have added a new house to our plant for growing carnations which has given perfect satisfaction on and we are able this year to offer to the trade a larger and better line of carnations than ever, and also a larger and better facilities for growing potted plants. Our ferns are exceptionally fine, also the Primulas, Lily of the Valley, Violets, Asparagus, Palms, Arancarias, &c., are up-to-date. We have a good supply of all the leading varieties of Roses. Holly is plentiful and in good condition. Now in buying your Christmas presents remember the Florist, as your friend would enjoy a dainty box of Roses or a nice plant. Give us your Christmas order and we will take care of it for you. Visitors all welcome at A. M. Schleyer, Char. St.

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HAD A MADMAN FOR COMPANY

A terrifying adventure befell the driver of the motor mail van which runs between Stirling and Bathgate, Scotland. While driving towards the former town at dead of night he was suddenly startled by the apparition of a white-clad figure rushing to and fro on the road in front of him. Impeded by the strange object, which paid no attention to his warning, the driver was compelled to stop at Linlithgow Bridge. He had no sooner done so than the figure which proved to be a man clad in white shirt and trousers, stepped to the van. The intruder was carrying a heavy chain, and, realizing that he was demented, the driver set the van in motion again, but failed to dislodge the madman, who jumped on the seat beside him. Roused to fury by his shadow on the glass screen, the lunatic screamed and swung his chain

TOWN OPERA HOUSE SCENE OF HANGING

Jackson, Ga., Dec. 15.—The scene of a legal hanging was hastily changed from the local jail yard to the town opera house here yesterday to prevent possible race trouble. Will Turner, a negro preacher, was to pay the death penalty for killing Jesse Singley, a white man, last August. A large crowd gathered in the jail yard, and, fearing serious trouble, the authorities quickly moved Turner to the theatre, and he was hanged on the stage, before but a few witnesses.

round his head in a terrifying manner. It was not until Falkirk was reached that a policeman was seen. The lunatic attempted to escape, but the constable, securing a horse, succeeded in capturing him and placing him under restraint.

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