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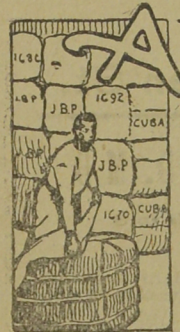
London, August 6.—Britain and Russia approached nearer the brink of war a few days ago than even the grave official statement in the House of Commons disclosed.

I was sitting in Lord Lansdowne's office talking to him the day of the Malacca incident reached its culminating point, said a prominent European diplomatist to The Star correspondent. He had just finished telling me that Anglo-Russian relations had developed in an unhappy phrase, when a telegram was brought him. His Lordship excused himself, opened the telegram and began to read. His face became deathly pale and his hands shook. I immediately arose and proposed to withdraw.

Very good, said Lord Lansdowne, we can renew our conversation at some other time.

I left the room and proceeded to call at once on my friend, Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador. What the Count said revealed the cause of the ultimatum and that Lansdowne had submitted what was equivalent to ultimatum and that Lansdowne had sent a reply to the effect that Russia did not intend to yield. Thus the case stood when I left Benckendorff. The Count believed Lansdowne would remain firm but subsequent developments showed that the French Government refused to support the Russian position. Hence the Czar's foreign secretary gave way.

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Wonderful Survival—Dog Lived 47 Days Without Food.

Mr. Thomas Curry, who lives four miles below Prescott, has probably the most remarkable collie dog on record. This collie being a household pet was not addicted to roaming, and never left the farm where he was useful rounding up cows in summer. But on January 28, Collie having got ponderously fat from lying round the kitchen stove, took a trip out around the premises. He sniffed around behind an old shed, and suddenly felt an earthquake. When he came to after his fright, he found that he was down in a nine-foot hole, half buried with snow and a few rotten timbers. Above him he saw the bright blue sky, and about him the walls of an old dry well that used to water the cattle long before he became a dog.

Collie had never been in a well before. He howled at the sky till the stars came out. Then he rolled himself in his fat and went to sleep, dreaming that he was behind the kitchen stove. He woke to find himself still in the well, with not even a toad or a worm to keep him company. He howled again till his lungs were sore and the stars came again! Nobody came.

Collie decided that he would peacefully glide off to the land where all good doggies go. But he didn't. He stayed hungry four days. Then his stomach went to sleep, and he began to live on the fat he had stored up round the kitchen stove. He kept on doing this while the moon got full twice and waned again. He didn't notice the moon. He just slept and let it snow on him.

Now this was a Scotch collie; but on the 17th of Ireland he heard a bumping sound. A little girl's face peered down the well. She was looking for a puppy that had got lost. By accident she had discovered Collie, whose peepers were just about done blinking. The farmer came and pulled him out. He was as thin as a washboard, but still breathing—after forty-seven days without food!

A Series of Continental Ifs.

Canadians who are worrying about the possibility of annexation to the United States may soothe themselves with the following ingenious chain of reasonings by Charles M. Harvey in The National Magazine:

"If at a certain critical juncture Presidents Madison or Monroe had shown a little less timidity or a little more historical imagination, the Alaskan boundary controversy recently settled would never have taken place, and all of the present British North America would probably be United States territory today. All this would have come about if either of these Presidents had given to John Jacob Astor the slight measure of recognition which he requested for his fur-trading post at Astoria, near the mouth of the Columbia River, and which he had good reason to assume ought to be furnished."

"To sum up the follies of the Washington Government and their consequence, had Madison in 1812 granted to Astor the permission to arm a vessel in his defence, the post at Astoria would undoubtedly have maintained itself throughout the war. Failing in this, had Madison in 1816 given to Astor the protection of the flag and a squad of soldiers, the Astoria post would have been re-established. Had Monroe done this when the appeal was made in 1817, the same thing would have taken place. In either case, the long wrangle with England about the title to the Oregon country, which lasted till 1846, when she withdrew from the region south of the forty-ninth parallel, would have been averted, and our claim would never have been seriously disputed. Another consequence would have been that Astor would have extended his posts up to the line held by his ally, the Russian Fur Company, up in the territory of Alaska; all of the present Provinces of British Columbia and Yukon west of the continental divide, with an area of 400,000 square miles, would have been United States territory, and England would have been shut out from access to the Pacific."

Singing of Telegraph Wires.

Dr. A. S. Thompson, Alvinston, writes: A short time ago I noticed a reference to the singing of telegraph wires, and surmises as to its cause. About nine years ago I made a series of observations in Toronto on the subject and noted the following facts: First, the sound was independent of wind; second, the humming of wires running east and west invariably presaged a fall of temperature, often ten or more hours in advance of the thermometer; third, the humming of wires running north and south advised a rise in temperature, almost always several hours in advance of the thermometer; fourth, wires running north and south never hummed together, not even when the same wires running along an east and west street turned down a north and south side; only that portion of them hummed that indicated a rise or fall in temperature, as explained above. If one part hummed the other part was silent. The deduction I came to was that the humming was due to electric currents in the air.—Toronto Globe.

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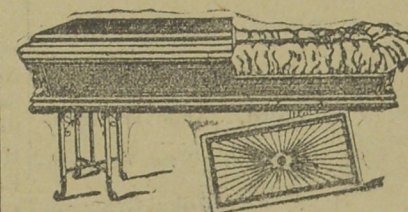
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