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LONDON, TUESDAY, SEPT. 12.

**The Late Colonel Leys.**

The late Col. Leys played a large part in the activities of the city for many years. This was inevitable, from his temperament, his energy, his enthusiasm and public spirit. He was a man of strongly marked characteristics, positive in his views, with the courage to express them and stand by them under any circumstances. He was impulsive, strong both in his likes and dislikes, direct and plain-spoken, candid and open in his disposition, and generous almost to a fault. His unaffected geniality and native kindness of heart made him a popular figure, without the small arts of popularity which some public men feel obliged to practice. His benevolence was boundless. He had a melting heart and an open hand for every appeal to his sympathies and his charitable instincts. Many a poor family in the city will mourn the loss of a friend and benefactor. He was constantly seeking occasions to do these acts of kindness which were known only to himself and the objects of them. His death removes from the community one who made its interests his own, and who spared neither himself nor his means to promote its progress and prosperity.

**British Cotton Growing.**

The cotton manufacturers of Great Britain are making great efforts to release the industry from dependence upon the cotton fields of the United States. They have been impelled to do this, not only because of the fluctuation of the American crop, but because of the facility with which speculative rings can manipulate prices. The cotton industry the world over was disorganized a year ago by the operations of a combine in the Southern States, and is only now beginning to recover from a serious depression. The British manufacturers have formed themselves into the British Cotton-Growing Association, and are conducting experiments in cotton-growing on a large scale in Africa, principally in Nigeria. Mr. Isaac Wayne Chandler, an American expert, who has been for nearly a year directing a model cotton farm on the Gold Coast, under the auspices of the association, has returned to England with very hopeful reports. Asked by the London News whether he thought it possible to produce sufficient cotton in West Africa for British manufacturing demands, Mr. Chandler, according to the News, replied: "Certainly I do; there is land and to spare in British West Africa to make Lancashire independent of America for its cotton, land as good as any in Georgia, and some of it producing now cotton quite equal to American 'middling.'"

He said he had traveled throughout Northern Nigeria. It has an area of 330,000 square miles, a gently undulating country with sparse scattered bush, for the most part open, and having a climate as well as a soil admirably suited to cotton-growing. There are millions of idle acres owned by nobody. The rainy season there lasts but three months—from July to October—and the rainfall is only moderate, compared with certain other parts of West Africa—that is to say, it is about sixty inches annually, instead of about thirty inches in places where the rainy season lasts nine months.

Mr. Chandler says the country is healthy for whites. He was not once sick, and after a visit to his home in the United States he expected to return to Nigeria and settle down as a cotton planter on his own account, with as many Georgians, whites and negroes, as he can persuade to accompany him. He declares that property is as safe as life in Northern Nigeria, although there are now at the most but 300 Europeans there, living among millions of blacks. The natives are being taught cotton culture scientifically by means of experiment stations such as Mr. Chandler has been directing. He thinks that West Africa would be a paradise for the blacks in Georgia, and even says that they are beginning to find it out and to return in increasing numbers to the land of their forefathers. He says the work is lighter, the wages are relatively, if not actually, higher, "and there is no color line in British West Africa; at any rate, if there is, it is the blacks who are exclusive and not the whites."

The first Nigerian cotton crop under the new conditions is expected to arrive in England about Christmas. It may be the harbinger of a revolution in the cotton trade. During the American civil war the British mills were closed and scores of thousands of operatives were reduced to starvation. A recurrence of such a state of affairs is highly improbable, but so long as Lancashire relies almost exclusively upon one source of supply the greatest British industry will be liable to periodical derangement. An increasing proportion of the American product is also being consumed by American factories. An increase of the area of cotton cultivation will place the cotton spinning industry in every country on a firmer basis, by securing it against the disturbance which now follows a shortage

**The West and the Tariff.**

The tariff commission is holding its first sitting in Winnipeg, but will shortly adjourn and resume the inquiry at a season more convenient for western farmers. The manufacturing and commercial interests are being heard at present, but the farmers have given notice that they do not intend to be a negligible quantity. In Manitoba and the Territories free trade or low tariff sentiment is more intense than in the Eastern Provinces. If the eastern farmers feel strongly on the tariff question they give little evidence of it. Perhaps the realization that the American market is no longer indispensable to them has reconciled them to a protective policy. In the east also the manufacturing interests foster a strong protective sentiment. In the west there are few mechanical industries as yet, and agriculture overshadows everything else. The farmers are doubly taxed on their purchases, first by the long rail haul, and second, by the tariff. The customs duties compel them to purchase in Eastern Canada many things that could be imported from the United States at lower prices and at less cost for carriage. It is not surprising that they are more sensitive than their eastern brethren on two issues, tariff and transportation. They can have no protection on their wheat and other staple products, the bulk of which are exported, and the prices of which are fixed in the world's market. The tariff affects them only in what they have to buy.

Some strong pronouncements may be expected from them during the progress of the tariff inquiry. We must not burden the west, and retard its development by overtaxing it, not for the purposes of revenue, but as tribute to eastern industries. At the same time, the western people must bear in mind that the obligations are mutual, that the Eastern Provinces have paid and are paying to give the west transportation facilities and settle the prairie country. The only compensation of the Eastern Provinces is the western market. There must be a compromise between the east and west, and the present tariff was framed in that spirit.

Fair weather for the Fair tomorrow, says Old Probs.

September is again proving that the best summer weather is in autumn.

The destruction of the Russian oil industry should prove a lucky stroke for Chicago University. Mr. Rockefeller has another excuse for boosting the price of kerosene.

Germany and the United States, it is said, intend to make a trade treaty. This would be more probable if they could make an arrangement by which each could sell to the other without buying.

The Pioneer, the organ of the Dominion Alliance, edited by Mr. F. G. Spence, says the right thing to do in Ontario at present is "to limit the number of licenses and rigidly enforce the law." Has a change of government brought a change of view on the part of the alliance? "Abolish the bar" was its slogan not so long ago.

**Love-Making of the Lion.**

[Washington Post.]  
One of the sweetest, most moving sights in nature is the smile of the British lion when he is in an amorous mood. Just now he is not only at peace with all the world, but he is carrying on a dozen flirtations at once. France has been captivated, although she has a somewhat threadbare alliance with England's great enemy. Japan is the latest to fall a victim to the seductive wiles of the lion. It is officially announced that a treaty of alliance was signed on Aug. 12, whereby England is bound to aid Japan, and Japan England, in the event of aggressions against them by any other power. The scope of the treaty is supposed to be confined to Asia and India. The British journals are full of reminders to Japan, emphasizing the inestimable service performed by Britain in keeping France and Germany at arm's length during the late war. Japan's gratitude to England is, and ought to be, boundless, and in due time Great Britain will use it to good advantage. America in a modest way claims to be the friend of all nations, but she is utterly eclipsed by England in the science of working affection. As a frezied Lothario the British lion is the king of beasts.

**Courting.**

[Chicago News.]  
How lovely they sit!  
How sweet it is to watch them!  
They do not care a bit,  
Although her nose may catch them,  
She listens with delight  
To every word he utters.  
The big electric light  
Close by the couple sputters.  
Her hand is in his hand,  
Her head is on his shoulder,  
His arm is—well, good land!  
They couldn't be much bolder.  
The people passing stare  
And make remarks ungentle.  
But, bless you, they don't care  
A single continental.  
But, seated in a park,  
I would not woo a lady,  
I like it where it's dark,  
At least where it's shady.  
It's not that I would mind,  
I think it would be grand to,  
But I'm convinced I'd find  
I hadn't got the sand to.

**Destiny.**

[L. C. Gilmore.]  
How beautiful is destiny! That subtle force  
That draws two souls far from their chosen course  
O'er waste of waters over hill and dreary plain,  
Headless of tropic sun, of cloud, or beating rain,  
No light breaks on their lonely road so they may see  
Unfolding, step by step, the march of destiny.  
Yet on some fateful morn their lone paths meet,  
And these twin souls at length each other greet.  
They learn, in one swift look, the fact  
"It is not good for man to be alone";  
And in each other's eyes, with joy divine,  
The love that represents to them Eternity.

**Friendship.****Food that Builds**

Some folk never think of Mooney's Crackers as food. They class them as delicacies, because they are so dainty and delicious. Wrong!

**Mooney's Perfection Cream Sodas**  
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ship," said Uncle Eben, "is usually de man dat is tryin' to use friendship as an invest'ment."

**Philosophy of the Orient.**  
[The Sketch.]

Once when the Shah of Persia was a guest of English royalty he went to see the Derby run. The dusky ruler noted the intensity of the enthusiasm when some thoroughbred in a close finish beat his field. He was quite curious about it. "Why are the people making all this noise?" he asked. "Why don't you see that Soandso won the Derby?" answered the prince.

"Then with gravity observed the potentate: 'Were they not already aware that one horse can run faster than another?'"

**King Edward Playing Croquet.**

[London Truth.]

The King has taken up croquet again and his majesty played on three afternoons during his stay at Goodwood, on the grounds in the private park behind the house. The royal croquet ground on one of the lawns near Balmoral Castle is to be put into thorough order during the next month. At one time the ground was played over nearly every day when Queen Victoria was residing at Balmoral, but croquet gradually went out of fashion at court—and elsewhere. However, there has been a general and successful revival of the game of late years.

**SHOCK WAS FELT 20 MILES AWAY**

**Details of Rand Powder Works at Fairhance, Pa.—19 Lives Lost.**

Connellsville, Pa., Sept. 11. — The Rand Powder Mills at Fairhance, six miles south of Uniontown, were entirely wiped out by the explosion yesterday. Of the 32 men who went to work in the mills in the morning, nineteen are known to be dead. Of these, thirteen have been identified.

**Dead and Missing.**

The list of dead and missing is as follows:  
Fred Waterstraw, jun., William McIntyre, Albert Woods, Oliver Humphries, George Llewellyn, Harry Unwood, Elmer Hughes, Clyde Woods, James Breckinridge, George Martin, Charles Barclay, died at the hospital; Gilbert Mitchell, a small boy; Anawalt Gribble, Fred Waterstraw, sen., Chas. Fritz, William Llewellyn, Isaac Metcalf, Omer Swaney.

Among the seriously injured are: Zenas Winaught, shock and burns; James Smiley, foot crushed and burned; C. M. W. Rand, manager of the plant, foot crushed and suffering from shock; Orville Swaney, arm broken and shock; Russell Strouthers, serious burns; George Goldsborough, burned and internally injured; George Mitchell, burned; John Humphries, burned and hurt internally; Ray Hevener, burned and suffering from shock.

The shock of the explosion was distinctly felt in Connellsville 20 miles away, buildings being rocked on their foundations. At Uniontown hundreds of panes of glass were broken. In the town of Fairhance there is scarcely a house that did not suffer damage.

**Ten Buildings Gone.**

Not a vestige of the ten buildings that made up the big powder works remains standing. There were seven explosions in all. The debris that was strewn over the ten acres of ground where the plant was located took fire soon after the explosion and added its terrors to the disaster. The dismembered parts of the dead were burned in many instances. Identification of many was made by parts of clothing alone. The first three explosions were not as serious as the last four.

Then the packing house, pressing room and magazine blew up followed by two cars of dynamite standing on a nearby railroad siding, which were set off by the concussion from the powder mill explosions.

The hole where the magazine exploded is about fifteen feet deep and 50 yards square.

Workmen are trying to get trace of more bodies.

**COUNTY COUNCILS' ACT**

**Ontario Government Plans to Repeal the Present Law.**

Toronto, Sept. 12.—Hon. Nelson Mon-teith, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, is sending out to the clerks of county councils a circular stating that it is the present intention of the Government to introduce and to pass at the next session of the Legislature a bill providing for the repeal of the present county councils' act, and to provide that henceforth county councils shall

**EXHIBITION NOTICE!**

**No Exhibit at the Fair-- \$600.00 Saved**

In past years we have always made an exhibit at the Western Fair, and it never cost less than \$600, besides a heap of work and annoyance.

This year we decided not to make an exhibit and divide the saving of \$600 among our Fair Week Customers—and save ourselves the extra work and turmoil connected with the exhibit.

Intending purchasers will find this opportunity of making a selection of a piano tone exactly to your individual liking is preferable than if judged amidst the great noise and confusion (where quality of tone goes for naught), attached to the Exposition Building.

If you intend to purchase a piano you can save money by buying it this week at our warehouses at 188 Dundas street, where we have a complete assortment of both Nordheimer and Steinway pianos on view. The following list of slightly-used and second-hand pianos, which have been thoroughly repaired at our factory and are fully guaranteed by us, will give you an idea of the genuineness of this offer:

	Regular Price	Special Price
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Three Steinway Pianos at \$200, \$150 and .....	100 00	\$100 00
Two Heintzman Pianos at \$125 and .....	95 00	\$95 00
Nine other Square Pianos from \$25 00, \$45 00, \$65 00 up.		
Seventeen Organs from \$15 00, \$20 00, \$25 00, \$35 00 up.		

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**Western Excursions via Canadian Pacific.**

The Canadian Pacific Railway announce their annual excursions to all principal points, Detroit and west. The low rate of single fare for the round trip makes these excursions exceedingly popular and a great many should take them in. Tickets are good going Sept. 21, 22 and 23, and are good returning any time up to and including Oct. 9. Tickets are good for continuous passage only, and will not permit of stop-over. Destinations and rates are as follows: Detroit, Mich., \$3 40; Bay City, Mich., \$4 35; Grand Rapids, Mich., \$5 20; Saginaw, Mich., \$4 25; Chicago, Ill., \$9 25; Cincinnati, Ohio, \$10 70; Cleveland, Ohio, via rail, \$7 90; via boat, \$5 90; Columbus, Ohio, \$8 40; Dayton, Ohio, \$9; Indianapolis, Ind., \$10 60; St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., \$28 40. Call on W. Fulton, City Passenger Agent, 151 Dundas street, corner Richmond street, for further particulars.

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The Lehigh Valley Railroad make special rate of \$10.25 from Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls, to Philadelphia, and return. Tickets good going Sept. 15, 16, 17; tickets good for return to Sept. 25. For tickets and further particulars call on or address Robert S. Lewis, passenger agent, L. V. R., 10 King street east, Toronto.

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For Jarvis and intermediate stations, via St. Thomas, 3:45 p.m., Sept. 12. For Guelph, 10 p.m., Sept. 12. For Listowel, 10:40 p.m., Sept. 13 and 14. For Stratford, 10:40 p.m., Sept. 12, 13 and 14. For Sarnia, via St. Marys, 11 p.m., Sept. 14. For Sarnia, via Komoka, 10:45 p.m., Sept. 13 and 14. For

Wingham, 11 p.m., Sept. 12, 13 and 14.

Low rate western excursions, going Sept. 21, 22 and 23: Detroit, \$2 40; Port Huron, \$1 55; Chicago, \$9 25; Bay City, \$4 45; Cincinnati, \$10 70; Columbus, \$8 40; Dayton, \$9; Grand Rapids, \$5 20; Indianapolis, \$10 60; Saginaw, \$4 25; Cleveland, \$10 70; via Detroit and Lake Shore Railway, \$7 90; D. & C. steamers, \$5 90; St. Paul or Minneapolis, via North Bay or Chicago, \$28 40