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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

Czolgosz, the murderer of the late President McKinley, was executed Tuesday morning in the State Prison at Auburn, N. Y.

It is now all over, and, to use a common phrase, "justice has been appeased," or in other words the life of Czolgosz has compensated the nation for the life of McKinley.

Surely there is something vain in all human institutions. If justice is the word we must use for want of a better, what then is the greatest good to be found in capital punishment?

Possibly the deterrent effect, some will say. But we would need to look far and wide for this. A Toronto judge has this week restored here the red English robe of "the hanging judge," to improve the deterrent influence of capital punishment.

Are we much better in Toronto? Ask the crowd that last week thronged the Yonge street sidewalk and paid money to hear a phonograph reproduce the dying shrieks of a negro, who while being burned at the stake, was made the subject of a kinetoscope and phonograph speculation.

COMPETITIVE BARBARIAN LABOR.

S. O. Verner, in The November Forum, has an article on the future development of Africa, in which he shows that continent to be far and away the richest division of the earth.

This will test the wisdom of the dominant race to the highest degree. In the first place, the experience of the Southern States of America ought to be studied, that the mistakes made there may be avoided.

the subject of social equality ought to be allowed. Each race must keep to its own social lines. Miscegenation must be forbidden.

This plan is not original. The Raud syndicate had conceived it before the war. The Boer Government made it impossible of adoption by a mining law securing the rights of white labor.

MR. MASSEY'S DEATH.

The death from typhoid fever, at Dentonia Park farm, of W. E. H. Massey invites comment out of the ordinary lines. Mr. Massey had spent large sums of money upon his experimental farm, and he was disposed to give much kindly advice to his less opulent neighbors.

FEARED POVERTY MORE THAN NIAGARA.

Last week a woman went over the cataract of Niagara in a barrel and was taken out of the river alive. Her description of the trip easily eclipses anything described in Dante's Inferno.

CHAMBERLAIN IN A FRENZY. Joseph Chamberlain made a speech in Edinburgh last week, in

which he abused the Russians, Germans, French, Irish and Liberals, reserving for the Boers the only word of admiration uttered by him in a two hours' harangue.

With regard to the present Irish representation, that is a condition in the Act of Union. Legally, if the contract or treaty is broken by one party in defiance of the other the Union ceases to exist.

HOME RULE MISSION TO AMERICA.

Several of the more sensational Canadian papers are endeavoring to raise an anti-Irish cry in connection with John Redmond's Home Rule mission to America.

The blustering threats to curtail the Irish representation and muzzle the Irish members have been couched in the most offensive phrases. To be sure there was an excuse handy. The Irish members had opposed the war and consistently denounced the war party.

The present Home Rule mission to the United States affords an instructive lesson. The reception which Mr. Redmond and his friends will receive must necessarily discount the existence in the United States of a friendly feeling towards Great Britain.

HEALTH OF THE KING.

The persistent reports of the critical ill-health of King Edward receive no slight appearance of confirmation from the increasing retirement of the King himself and the constant attendance upon him of eminent physicians.

appearance a few months ago. In the best of times it is true enough that "uncanny lies the head that wears a crown," but King Edward has had enough worry for two or three crowned heads since he succeeded to the sceptre.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Sir Edward Clarke and Mr. Joseph Walton, K. C., have been retained for the plaintiff in the case of Gerard v. "The Methodist Weekly."

The Very Rev. F. Antrobus has been elected Superior of the Brompton Oratory, London, by the members of the Oratorian Order.

When Mr. Chamberlain refused to take the advice of gallant General Butler before the war, that fine soldier was dubbed a pro-Boer.

Professor Mommsen has celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his appointment to a professorial chair. The veteran historian of Rome received in his own house at Charlottenburg the congratulations of the Prussian Minister of Education, Dr. Studt, and those of the rectors and professors of the University of Berlin.

Rev. Francis Twenlow Royds, formerly curate of Heysham, Lancashire, England, has been received into the Church. By his conversion to the Catholic Church Mr. Royds has forfeited a fortune.

An attack has been made upon the Duke of Cornwall by a writer of a Toronto paper because venison was served to him out of season at the table of Lieutenant-Governor Mowat.

The Register is favored by the editor of The Kamloops, B. C., Wawa with a copy of the September number of that journal, which contains ninety odd pages.

There is a movement now on foot in France for bringing about a proper pronunciation of Latin. The French themselves admit that their pronunciation of the language

used by the Church is abominable. It is nearly as bad as the average English way of pronouncing the tongue which Cicero wrote and spoke.

It is announced that the new coinage now in course of preparation will all be issued before the Coronation ceremony of next year. One side of the coins will bear a miniature of the King, devoid of elaboration, with inscription, but the details of the reverse have not yet been decided on.

Holborn Town Hall, London, was crowded to the doors last week on the occasion of the conferring upon Mr. Lister Drummond, the well-known Catholic barrister, who was formerly secretary to the Irish Evicted Tenants' Commission, of the Order of the Knight of St. Gregory, granted him by His Holiness the Pope.

The ascetic character and habits of the late Cardinal Manning, says The London Free Lance, are still remembered, and by many people highly venerated.

Lord De Blaquiere, whose probable succession to the Earl of Minto, has been denied, is the descendant of Sir John Blaquiere, who obtained in 1800 an Irish peerage for "Union services."

Sir John Blaquiere, who was described by a trusted agent in a poem on his name as "a true black," was regarded as disgraceful. Lord Camden, a former Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, wrote from England that all the persons recommended for "Union services" would be made peers.

"C. King Irwin" writes to The London Daily Mail as follows: "Being an Orangeman, the grandson of a late Precentor of Armagh Cathedral, and nephew of the present Archbishop, I cannot be accused of heretical tendencies if I differ from Mr. John Ackworth Crichton in his forecast as to the result of the coming of the monks to this country."

"We have had for many years large monasteries of the different sections established throughout the country. With many I have been intimately acquainted, and in an active political career have failed entirely to trace any influence whatever. On the other hand, these institutions dispense an enormous amount of charity among the very poorest, and, indeed, enter into places in the course of true charity, apart from any religious interest (other than the Divine Master's instructions), where other religious denominations are chary of entering."

"I for one therefore prefer to accept the present undoubtedly great good they do rather than anticipate the evil which your correspondent future."

The Earl of Denbigh, opening a bazaar at Coventry last week for the restoration fund of the Catholic Church there referred to the controversy respecting the terms of the King's coronation oath. He said he was certain, unless they impressed the people that Catholics regarded this grievance as genuine, they would not get it remedied.

The actual circumstances of Lord Milner's parentage, showing him to be of German nationality, are published in The London Daily News from properly attested sources. The correspondent says, as already has been stated in these columns, that his father was Dr. Karl Milner, of Neugs, and was Professor at the University of Tubingen from 1867 to 1882.

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