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The Week of the War.
The past week's operations in the far east have produced nothing spectacular or sensational. This is doubtless due in part to the necessity of recuperation and reorganization after the terrific combat at Liao Yang, and in part to that preparation in the minutest detail before an attack that has distinguished the Japanese in the present war. This was the case before the battles of the Yalu and Liao Yang. When Oyama moves to an assault it may be taken for granted that he is prepared to meet any possible contingency that may arise.

During the week various movements from both sides are reported, but they have been of the nature of reconnaissance and outpost skirmishes. The Russians are reported as holding the mountain passes through which Kuroki must pass to drive in their left flank. An attempt to force a way through the Da Pass, which lies northeast of Mukden, was blocked by Kuropatkin, but the battle was really a small affair, strategic rather than physical. Oyama, according to latest dispatches, is within a few miles of the Russian front.

The Russians have strongly fortified the Tie Pass through which they would move in the event of a second retreat. They have evidently recovered from the demoralization following Liao Yang. Strong forces of cavalry and infantry have been thrown out on all sides, in one instance as far south as Yentai, which was shelled. This confidence may be accounted for by the heavy reinforcements said to have reached the Russian commander, one estimate placing the numbers as high as 55,000 men. As a single army corps of 10,000 men, being moved at the rate of six trains a day, would take 44 days to reach Manchuria from Europe, these figures are doubtless an exaggeration. Stossel's gallant little band still clings tenaciously to Port Arthur, but surely, if slowly, the besiegers are making headway. At the moment of writing another general assault is in progress. The fruitless attempt of the Russians to recapture Fort Etsehan last Sunday is significant. With a force of scarce 8,000 men, the Russian commander would not have made this sortie were it not a position from which the Japanese could ultimately hammer the defense into submission. The possession of Fort Etsehan gives the Japanese the opening for a wedge that may drive through to the harbor, cutting the remaining redoubts asunder. The Japanese may be expected to push the siege with increased vigor. They are supposed to have 80,000 men before the stronghold, the fall of which would release at least 50,000 to swell the ranks of Oyama's armies.

Provincial Politics.
There is naturally much speculation among Liberals, as among Conservatives, as to the future course of the Provincial Government. Will the Ministers bring on bye-elections, and let the result determine whether they shall go to the country or not? Or will they order a general election instead of the bye-elections?

The public will not be long in doubt. At the last session of the Legislature the following clause was inserted in the statute amendment act:

"In case the seat of any member of the Legislative Assembly is vacated for any cause, if the writ for the election of a new member has not been issued within three months after such vacancy occurred, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the crown in chancery to issue the writ forthwith, and all courts, officers and persons shall give full effect to the writ so issued."

The first bye-election, if there is to be one, will probably be in North Perth, and must be held before the middle of December. The Sault Ste. Marie and North York bye-elections would have to follow in close order. If the Dominion Government and North Grey, North Norfolk and North Renfrew are still before the courts, West Algoma and Dufferin will be vacated when the Dominion general election comes on, the present members (Conner, Liberal, and Barr, Conservative) having accepted federal nominations. If the Dominion elections are held this autumn, there will be at least five Provincial bye-elections, and eight if all the petitions now before the election courts are successful. That is, if the Provincial Government does not appeal to the country instead.

North Middlesex Conservatives.

North Middlesex Conservatives met yesterday to nominate candidates for the Provincial and Dominion Houses, but completed only half the programme. Major Beattie, of London, who seems to be the Handy Andy of his party in this district, a sort of stand-by for the Conservatives of every sitting member in the Dominion House, and was tendered the nomination. He asked time for consideration on the ground that there was a prospect of his nomination for the city of London. No one begrudges the major the honor paid him by the North Middlesex Conservatives, but his party friends have given him a hard time. He must know that to run against Mr. Hyman will be like trying to take a king with a two-spot. In the north riding the Conservatives practically admit that the present member would have no show against Mr. Boston, and they took advantage of his absence from the riding and the convention to re-nominate him. The managers have been unable to induce any other local Conservative of prominence to face the music, and they turn to Major Beattie as a forlorn hope. Which horn of the dilemma will he choose?

A Questionable Resolution.

The annual meeting of the Union of Canadian Municipalities this week was marked by profitable discussion and an interchange of ideas which should send delegates home better equipped for their public duties. The Union showed an aggressive spirit in dealing with the stations of municipal and franchise corporations. Some of the lines of policy advocated by it are perhaps impracticable at the present time, but they show a wholesome regard for popular rights. One resolution, however, calls for criticism. It demands for municipal councils the power to construct pavements, under the local improvement system, against the wish of the majority of the ratepayers. This was advocated—no doubt, with the very best intentions—on the ground that it could prevent the agent of one paving company from annulling petitions for rival pavements by inducing ratepayers to withdraw their names. The resolution, in correcting one evil, is inflicting a greater one. It gives a municipal council a large amount of patronage, which might expose it to corrupt approaches from paving contractors. The activities of the paving agents, which the Union deprecated, would be multiplied if they had to negotiate with a small body of aldermen, spending other peoples' money, instead of with the ratepayers, who are required to spend their own. So long as the owners of property on a street are required to pay the greater part of the cost of improving it, they should not have improvements thrust upon them against their will. If the local improvement system were abolished, the selection of streets for permanent improvements would devolve on the council, but as it would be spending the money of every ratepayer, every ratepayer would jealously scrutinize its conduct.

A Loose Contract.

The supreme court is asked to interpret the contract made between the C. P. R. and the Dominion Government 25 years ago, with respect to the vital clause which was intended to give the Government control of rates when the road earned 10 per cent on its capital. The looseness with which the clause was drawn is a sorry reflection upon the administration of that day, and amounts to a betrayal of the public. No one can blame the company for claiming every advantage that can be wrung from the letter of the contract. The only ones blameworthy are the ministers of that day who seem to have deliberately left an opening for the proverbial coach-and-four. The capital upon which the 10 per cent may be earned before interference with the rates begins is not defined. The court is asked to determine whether it is the par value of the stock, the amount realized from its sale, or the actual cost of the railway. Is it the capital of the railway which the company originally contracted to construct, or does it include other portions of railway which the company was afterwards authorized to construct? Does the clause embrace the railways which have been acquired by the company? Is the capital expended after 1886 to be included? Is the money expended to the betterment of the road to be included? Are municipal subsidies received by the company to be deducted from the aggregate of the capital mentioned in the 10 per cent clause? Are some of the questions to be asked the court, and they serve to show an almost criminal indifference, or incompetence, or worse, on the part of those who were supposed to safeguard the country's interest when the contract was framed.

Not Guilty.

[Exchange.]
"Your husband seems to be losing his hair very fast."
"Yes."
"What do you suppose is the cause?"
"I don't know. When I see it is, I haven't had any hand in it."

Reason for Pride.

[Boston Transcript.]
Grimes—Person is awfully proud of his wife.
Grant—And why shouldn't he be? A woman who had the courage to marry a Grimes is deserving of being proud of.

The Peopling of Western Canada.

[Printer's Ink, New York.]
The Dominion Government campaign for population is practically the creation of one man, the Hon. Clifford Sifton, the able and energetic minister of the interior. A westerner, he believed that the west possessed the physical conditions for an agricultural empire unapproached both in richness and extent. Indisputably associated with this belief was another—the hard-headed, practical, commercial common sense belief that publicity was the foundation of a successful business enterprise.

He organized a huge campaign. He established agencies in all the central states. He had his agents exhibit the produce of this country. He had practical farmers tell of their progress, and kept photographers, engravers and printers, busy making up records of individual agricultural prosperity, which were given the widest possible circulation. He had excursions organized by which large and frequent parties of Americans and British editors viewed the West and other excursions, by means of which land and home seekers personally inspected the country which they had heard. He used space in hundreds of agricultural colleges to come to the West, and the reports they gave of all they saw were published and used in the states where they were best known. The cleverest magazine writers on the continent came and entertainingly described the rolling plains that were just beginning to be dotted with farms and dotted with dollars. But Canada never spent money more wisely.

In the Smart Set.

[Judge.]
"The Uppertens lead an ideal family life."
"They never quarrel?"
"Never. She is in Europe, he at Saratoga, and the children are with their grandmother."

John Morley, M. P.

[Toronto World.]
Mr. Morley has found himself at variance with popular sentiment on some important questions; he has been flinched, and he has never gone into hysterics, but has held his own course coolly and firmly. He would be satisfied to remain in opposition all his life rather than compromise a principle, or say that which he does not believe.

Lute Comers at the Theater.

[New York Times.]
The habit of coming late to the theater is one which is naturally discussed at the opening of the season, but it cannot be corrected by any amount of talk. To state the obvious proposition that those who come early have rights which those who do not are under obligation to respect would be futile. Furthermore, there is no objection to a ticket holder coming as late as he or she pleases, and there may be a thousand good reasons why it is impossible to arrive on time. But there is great objection to seating late comers during the act then on the stage, and the difficulty could be minimized, if not directed altogether, by establishing and enforcing the rule that those who come into a theater after the curtain is up, shall wait in the foyer or stand behind the orchestra chairs until the next intermission.

Just Like a Woman.

[St. Louis Star.]
Husband—My dear did you notice that gentleman who just got off the car?
Wife—Do you mean that dark, heavy-set man in the light gray suit, brown derby hat and low tan shoes, wearing a turn-down collar, with a narrow black tie and diamond pin, carrying a book and a silk umbrella, with a heavy gold-headed cane?
Husband—Yes, I guess.
Wife—No, I didn't notice him. Why?

No Repudiation.

[Toronto Globe.]
Has there been any repudiation of Nelson and Mulloy on the part of the Opposition press? Have those who employed the Buffalo perjurers been denounced? Has Dr. Beattie-Nesbitt been asked for an explanation of his connection with this miserable business? Has responsibility for the whole thing been placed on Mr. Whitney, by whose workers and in whose interest the thing was done? The attitude of the Opposition newspapers, high and low, to this Wright-Nelson-Mulloy scandal discounts all their heated clamor about electoral corruption. Plainly, their object is to show that the standard of morality cannot be adjusted to partisan exigencies of personal prejudices their agitation can be of no avail.

The Proper Capor.

[Philadelphia Press.]
Elsie—Let's play house. I'll be the lady.
Ethel—All right. I'll be another lady calling on you.
Elsie—Oh, yes! Now I must pretend I'm glad to see you.

His Drawback.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"My husband neither drinks, chews nor smokes."
"I know. But he thinks he can sing tenor."

Bless the Babies!

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
This is a fine year for heirs to thrones.

Dinkelpiel's Eppyrgrams.

[George V. Hobart, in the New York American.]
Some men will arise in the street and gift a pretty girl dear seat and denounce her because she is not on an ankle because dinner is delayed in transmission.

A Titled Fool and his Money was soon parted.

Kind words can never die, even though they pass.
A man runs in debt, but he comes out on the crawl.

An honest confession was no good for lawyers.

Habit is a wonderful gift, but it never yet made me look for a towel before he got der soap in his towel.

Der man dot tries to please every body is der some fellow dot can take a drink of vicky or let it alone. He don't do neither.

Der trouble mit some peopoles is do dey always dink a goot fellow is also a goot dink.

Those G'rls.

[New York Sun.]
Stella—He wore my picture right over his heart, and it stopped the bullet.
Bella—No wonder, dear; it would stop a clock.

The Inference.

[New York Tribune.]
Rabbi Hirsch, of Chicago, was riding in a street car and was asked to surrender his seat to a lady. Before she could take it a young man plunged himself into the seat. The rabbi looked at him in disgusted silence. "What's the matter?" demanded the man. "What yeh glarin' at me for?" "Yeh look as if yeh'd like to eat me." "I am forbidden to eat you," answered the rabbi. "I am a Jew."

A Change of Tune.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]
Mrs. Fritters—And how does your new girl suit?
Mrs. Frazzle—Not so loud, please. She is a perfect incompetent. Why she doesn't even know the first thing about waiting on the table.
Mrs. Fritters, smiling—Oh, you need not be afraid, I don't want to take her away from you.
Mrs. Frazzle—Don't you, dear? Then she's really the best girl I've had since Mary Ann Raglet left me four years ago.

A Pretense of Knowledge.

[Washington Star.]
"I hate to see a man pretend to know more than he actually does." "He habitually pretends to know more than he does." "So do I," said the unassuming friend; "so do I. But when your wife insists on knowing you read the war news out aloud and the children are sitting around listening, what are you going to do when you come to all these Japanese and Russian names?"

Not at All Stylish.

[Philadelphia Press.]
"They are an extremely fashionable couple, aren't they?"
"Gracious, not why, they have several children."

SCOTCH CHURCH FIGHT

"Wee Kirk" Threatens to Stop the Salaries of U. F. C. Pastors.

London, Sept. 24.—The seriousness of the fight between the United Free Church and the old Free Church of Scotland is becoming alarming, and is now no less than a great national question. The threat of the "Wee Kirk" to stop the U. F. C. Church ministers' salaries is equal to a declaration of war, which would end in the destruction of a great national church. The Scottish people are very angry with the "Wee Kirk" and with the House of Lords, which, having regard to the strict legal technicalities, and without regard to consequences, upheld the claim of the twenty-eight Highland ministers to appropriate the property and revenue of the United Free Church, with its hundreds of churches. In England more calm and reasonable and no less serious view of the situation is held. This view has been well expressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and by Dr. Gore, Bishop of Worcester. Dr. Gore's letter to the Times is altogether admirable and shows the fine spirit which should animate all the churches. Dr. Gore insists on the point, which might, without departing from strict legal rectitude, has been regarded by the U. F. C. as a mere technicality, and upon a process of normal, intellectual and spiritual growth in an important and noble religious community.

FROM ROME TO SIBERIA

Russian Minister at Vatican Aids the Czar's Secret Police.

Rome, Sept. 22.—M. Bissolati, a member of Parliament, has given notice that at the opening of the session he will ask the Government why the Russian representative at the Vatican, who as such enjoys the privileges and immunities of a diplomatic agent, has been allowed to act as the agent of the Russian political police. Bissolati's question was brought about by revelations in the Italian papers that the Russian police had been interfering with the movement of Russian refugees in Rome. The authorities ordered a judicial investigation, which resulted in a report that the Russian representative at the Vatican had undoubtedly acted on several occasions as head of the secret police of the Russian empire, and had caused the arrest and deportation of several Russian subjects, who had a right to protection from the Italian authorities. M. Manuiloff is the personage thus accused, and since the newspapers' revelations he left Rome hurriedly for Paris, where he is now. The Osservatore Cattolico, of Milan, one of the most influential Catholic journals in Italy, admits the truth of the accusations, and denounces the act of the Russian representative at the Vatican as a violation of the law of hospitality and that the police committee of Amsterdam will soon be dismissed.

TRAIN HITS DYNAMITE

Explosion Follows, but Driver and Horses Escape Uninjured.
Cumberland, Md., Sept. 23.—A wagon loaded with dynamite was struck by a Baltimore and Ohio fast freight train at a road crossing at North York, N. Y., near here, today, and an explosion followed. The engine and nine cars were for a distance of 100 feet. Two men were killed and several others injured. The driver of the wagon, a resident of North Branch, who was in the vicinity was slightly hurt. The tower interlocking plant were practically destroyed. The driver of the wagon containing the dynamite, and the horses, were uninjured. Several residences in the neighborhood were demolished, no building for a considerable distance escaping damage. The horses attached to the wagon were blown 50 yards into a field. According to eye-witnesses, James Laing, driver of the wagon, was on the train, became terrified and stopped on the track. The wagon was within three feet of clearing it when the engine struck the rear end, carrying it fifty feet before the explosion occurred.

AILSA CRAIG.

Ailsa Craig, Sept. 24.—Miss Verna Quance has accepted a position at White & May's store. Miss May Parker, of White & May's staff, is holidaying this week. Miss Jean McKay left on Tuesday for Guelph, where she will take a two-years' course in the Macdonald Institute. Mrs. Brandt and son, of Hensall, spent a couple of days in Craig this week. Miss Cunningham, teacher of modern languages and literature, spent Sunday here, the guest of Miss Lily Bell, Rev. and Mrs. Diehl and family left on Thursday for Paisley, where Dr. Dieters, successor, Rev. Mr. Bloodworth, with his wife and family, arrived on Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Baird, of Toronto, who spent the past week visiting friends and acquaintances in the village and vicinity, returned to their home Monday. Mrs. Rachel and Miss Annie Bell have returned home after spending a few weeks with friends at Forest, Sarnia and other points.

CZAR AND CANADIAN BOY

Emperor Sent Him a Collection of Postage Stamps.
London, Sept. 24.—In spite of the grave preoccupations caused by the momentous events in the Far East the Emperor of Russia found time to perform a remarkable act of kindness to one whom he had never seen—A Canadian boy of 11, living in Hamilton, Ont., says the Express.

Greatly daring, writes our Toronto correspondent, this youth, who is an enthusiastic collector of world, boldly wrote to the Czar asking for a collection of postage stamps.

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