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Miscalculations in War.

In his reminiscences of the late Henry Villard, newspaper correspondent, prospector, railway builder and millionaire, in the Review of Reviews for January, Murat Halstead gives some interesting experiences of Villard, as war correspondent in the civil conflict over the border. Villard was representing the Cincinnati Commercial in Kentucky, Gen. Sherman being in command, when the State was visited by Simon Cameron, Secretary of War. What Sherman had to say to Cameron about the necessities for more troops seemed to the War Minister so extravagant that the Secretary reported him "crazy," and was quite serious about it. The specification of Sherman's insane talk was that it would take a well-provisioned and disciplined army of at least two hundred thousand strong, plus garrisons, to march through the western south. Sherman was the first man to approach in his estimates the actual fighting strength of the southern people. But he had to run up against much strong sentiment in the north, which pooh-poohed the lasting qualities of the southerners. The experience in Great Britain of the last twelve months has been but a repetition of history, as made in the first years of the war between the north and south. There can be no doubt that the northerners and the British alike vastly underestimated the advantages possessed by peoples fighting on their own ground, every inch of which was known to them, choosing their own battlefields, and only risking an encounter when pretty sure of victory. One would suppose, however, that the generals of today would profit more by the experience of the past.

Methodist and Presbyterian Union Funds.

Rev. Dr. Potts reports the 20th century thanksgiving fund of the Canadian Methodist Church up to Jan. 5 amounted to \$572,963 57, not far off the million aimed at. The Presbyterians are also well on towards their million. If these large funds are judiciously employed, the results cannot but tell on the spiritual and moral interests of the 20th century. Occasionally the idea has been suggested that these two great Canadian denominations should unite their forces. Why not? The last half of the 19th century saw consolidations of the various Methodist bodies and likewise of the various Presbyterian bodies. No doubt the 20th century will see the healing of other and larger divisions.

A "Spot" in Sight.

Unless there is an improvement very soon, there will be serious trouble between Japan and Russia with regard to Korea. The plucky island kingdom of the east has never made it any secret that it considers it ought to have a predominant influence in the strange little country, while in recent years, Russia has been equally persistent that she should extend her influence within its borders. The latest triumph of Russia is the granting of a permit to increase her military strength in Korea and construct a large harbor at the port of Masampo. From these developments it is but a short step to demanding the right to interfere in the domestic government of the kingdom, which the Russian Minister has already been accused of doing, but which he has denied. The Japanese ambassador at the court of Korea is the former consul-general of that empire in Canada, and it is understood that he looks upon a conflict between Russia and Japan over this territory as inevitable. To Russians, it seems to be the natural result of their recent expansion policy in the east not only to seize the Manchuria provinces of China under one pretext or another, but to get possession of Korea. They did not invest many hundreds of millions of dollars in a transcontinental line for nothing. Their grasping policy may prove a menace to the peace and commerce of the east, and it is in this light that these recent developments are of special interest to outsiders.

The Tiverton Watchman, an excellent journal, feels quite comfortable over Canadian prospects. Says our contemporary:

"As a giant of the western world, the Dominion is making itself felt along peaceful avenues, and is destined, we predict, to become the granary of the world. The fruit product is another source of wealth, while our dairy products have taken an important position in the markets of the old land. Altogether the outlook is exceptionally encouraging. If our people have done great things along these lines of trade in the past, what have we a right to expect in the future with increased facilities and a greater determination? The outlook is indeed encouraging. Let everyone lend himself to the task of increasing the greatness of Canada, and the result cannot be doubtful."

Suggestions for Consideration by the Ontario Government.

9. The desirability of empowering municipalities to appoint mounted police similar to those in the Northwest Territories.

The most perfect administration of justice that can be secured will be faulty. The discussion that has recently been carried on in the press of the United States, regarding the administration of criminal justice in that country, has brought out some points that prove it to be the duty of every department of government to jealously guard the administration of justice. The appalling statistics of murders in the United States, over ten thousand annually, has caused their better journals to discuss freely the reasons why such a large number of murders is committed there as compared with a country like Canada, and the blame is largely thrown on their inefficient administration of criminal justice. They instance, and very properly so, the trial of the Welland Canal dynamiters at Welland by Chancellor Boyd. The crime was committed and they were arrested, tried and in Kingston Penitentiary within thirty days. The Buffalo papers, as well as every one in Canada, felt that they had received just treatment, but a crime like that, committed in the United States, it was claimed, would take a long time to reach a conclusion.

In the Northwest Territories, owing to the presence of the mounted police, there is very little crime. They were organized on account of the Indians, from whom trouble might at any time be feared, but they have been of greater service in keeping the white man in order. Life and property, by reason of the efficiency of this force, is comparatively safe.

We are living in the Western Peninsula of Ontario, the highway for tramps, between the Western and Eastern States, with large cities on the borders. A contemporary recently drew attention to the fact that if the mayor of Buffalo, suppressed gambling in that city, it might have the effect of transferring it to Fort Erie. We do not want the gamblers and tramps of any country, not even our own. There may be here and there a wandering "gaberlunzie," who, like the organ-grinder, is more good than harm, but the professional tramp, who can make his passage on the bumpers of a freight train, can be dispensed with. He is a menace to the safety of life and property. He may either intentionally or accidentally burn down barns, rob hen roosts, derail trains, etc. There is at present no adequate means either for watching him or catching him. We understand there is considerable complaint at present of stealing in country districts. It is not all attributable to the class of the colored gentleman who, on his way to church, with his Bible under his arm, was impeded by two or three chickens and said "It would be much easier to walk in the straight and narrow way if there were no roosts or chickens in the road." We believe tramps are responsible for nearly all the stealing referred to.

We have favored the appointment of county police magistrates, and believe to be efficient they require mounted police. Tramps and suspected characters could be watched, criminals could not so easily escape, and it is likely, if efficient policemen were appointed, crime would very much decrease and those committed be punished with more certainty. It must be plain that a tramp on foot, if he knew a policeman on horseback was near him, would be less likely to take the chance of committing crime. Canada occupies an enviable position today in comparison with the United States, but it should be made as perfect as possible. We believe the suggestion would be beneficial if adopted.

"You'll Never Be Good-Looking Again."

Our able contemporary, the Acadan Recorder, Halifax, in an article respecting the great progress of Canada, in recent years, and its influence on the last Dominion general election, speaks as follows:

"The people of Canada were not unobservant of what was in progress, when they were called on to decide between parties on November last. They were not going to swap horses crossing such a stream of prosperity. It was this, among other things, that Tupperism had to buck against, and was so badly worsted, that it is in the condition of the youth who, in spite of warnings, footed with powder, and was badly blown up, especially about the face. 'Do you think I will recover?' he asked of his father. 'Yes, my son,' was the reply, 'you'll get better, but you'll never be good-looking again.' So it is with remnants of the Tory party of Canada as at present constituted—it will never be good-looking again in the sight of the electorate. There must be a new party altogether, if there is to be an opposition of any power in the land."

The Monetary Times is of opinion that the time has come when it is necessary to go so much to England for capital as heretofore.

During the year 1900 the immigrants to Canada numbered 50,465, all told; of these 16,121 are English, 933 Irish, 1,734 Scotch, and 21,627 foreigners. They are all welcome; but the sooner all of those who come from foreign countries are thoroughly Canadianized the better.

Toronto is determined, apparently, that is, the majority of the people—to carry the Conservative machine into municipal life to the minutest ramifications. Under these circumstances it is only reasonable that the Conservative party should be held to a party responsibility for every adverse condition or

result municipally throughout the year, from the rate of taxation to the stench from the sewers and the poll-taxes in the drinking water.

The Presbytery of Toronto recently nominated Rev. Dr. Warden for moderator of the next General Assembly. The Presbytery of Montreal has also nominated him, and the probability is that he will hold the position named in the next Presbyterian Assembly. All this is in recognition of the part he has taken in the century fund, and also of the long and valuable services he has rendered in connection with the financial department of the church. Dr. Warden was born in Dundee, Scotland, Jan. 4, 1841. He received his education at St. Andrew's University, whence he graduated in 1866. He came to Canada, and was inducted at Bothwell, Ontario, immediately after graduating, where he remained eight years. He has since then held various positions, chiefly in connection with the general treasury of the various funds connected with the Presbyterian Church. Canadian Presbyterians regard him as a treasure of a treasurer.

If any of our readers are thinking of traveling in the Congo Free State, they will be relieved to know that, though most of the tribes are still cannibals, they do not take kindly to "white meat." M. d'Ursel, writing in the Revue des Deux Mondes, who has recently been through that interesting section of African territory, found that the natives had a delightful time. The climate is warm, the soil is fruitful, and the people work little, and have their wants fully supplied. It is not because ordinary food is scarce that they are cannibals, but owing to the idea that in eating a person one is doing him honor; thus a brave enemy will be eaten on the theory that his warlike qualities are assimilated by those who eat him. It is somewhat of a reflection on the Belgians, that so few of them have been eaten since they took possession of the territory. The cannibalistic excuses suggest the thought that were some of our popular men Congo natives, and not Canadians, instead of being honored by being banqueted, they might themselves be bodily gerrymandered to make a square meal for their admirers.

Passing Reference to People in the Public Eye

The incident respecting a Cobourg clergyman who made some remarks that were taken as personal by the husband of a lady, has apparently been exaggerated. The special subject of animadversion was something in connection with shooting galleries. As to the extent to which clergymen are wise in advertising to specific matters of this kind, it is difficult to say. Each case must be judged by itself. There is a good deal of specific sensational denunciation, which probably does little good in the long run, and is sometimes only a good advertisement for that which is attacked. As regards amusements generally, there are the two methods which may be employed by the preacher: One is to lay down hard and fast rules; the other is to endeavor to raise the moral atmosphere in general, and to inculcate correct principles, in the belief that right action will be apt to follow right thinking. We incline to believe the latter, in nine cases out of ten, is the most efficacious way.

Merry and Good.

[January Success.]

A merry person is more apt to be a good person than a gloomy one.

Save The Crumbs of Time.

[January Success.]

Even half an hour a day, systematically and faithfully devoted to study, will do wonders in a few years.

The Golden Ages.

[Saturday Evening Post.]

The golden ages of the world are so called for their culture, art and literature—not for their vast accumulations of wealth.

SECRETS NEVER TOLD

British Cabinet Is One of the "Mummified Bodies on Earth."

The reconstructed British cabinet has held its first sittings, but what passed within the chamber no one but the ministers themselves know, says the London Mail. The British Cabinet, in fact, is the most important secret society in the world, and no meeting is ever held that can compare for gravity of possible issue with a cabinet council.

The room in Downing street, where the cabinet meets, is large and furnished with the severity of a city counting house. At one time cabinets were held in the dining-room of the prime minister's official residence; but the accommodation was ridiculously inadequate. Some of the ministers had actually to squat on the floor; at any rate that is the story told.

The members having assembled, the sound-proof doors are closed, and under no circumstance are they re-opened except at the bidding of the prime minister. Occasionally a messenger is seen to leave the house carrying a dispatch box, every document in which bears the inscription "Most secret; for the use of the cabinet." Immediately after the close of the cabinet the premier sends by special messenger to the Queen a full account of its deliberations. And this is the only record of the cabinet that is kept.

The taking of minutes and other memoranda would be highly dangerous. There is always a possibility of them getting into undesirable hands. Seidman, indeed, does a whisper reach

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For Friday's selling we specify today some lines which, in conjunction with our Annual Discount Sale, continued this week, presents a worthy list of attractions.

Dress Goods Department

25c and 30c Cheviot for 19c—15 pieces 42-inch Cheviot and Tweed Effect Dress Goods, in gray, eastons, greens and navys, regular 25c and 30c, Friday, per yard 19c
50c Black and Navy Serge for 35c—44-inch Black and Navy Serge, all wool, heavy twill, smooth finish, regular 50c, Friday, per yard 35c
60c Black Figured Goods for 35c—44-inch Black Figured Satin Cloth, 4 pieces, regular 60c, Friday, per yard 35c
35c Black Figured Goods for 25c—4 pieces 44-inch Black Figured Dress Goods, heavy, small designs, regular 35c, Friday, per yard 25c

Linen Department

78 yards Unbleached Linen Table Damask, heavy quality, worth 35c, special Friday 27c
108 yards Half-bleached Pure Irish Linen Table Damask, fine quality, regular price 50c, special Friday 36c
125 yards Full-bleached Pure Irish Linen Table Damask, extra wide, worth regularly \$1.00, special Friday 79c
160 yards Full-bleached Pure Irish Double Damask Table Linen, 72 inches wide, regular price \$1.50, special Friday \$1.00
10 dozen Large Size Pure Linen Table Napkins, worth regularly \$1.75, special Friday \$1.55
10 dozen Large Size Pure Linen Table Napkins, worth regularly \$2.75, special Friday \$2.50
10 dozen Pure Linen Table Napkins, large size, extra heavy, worth regularly \$3.25, special Friday \$2.25

Men's Furnishings

Men's Fleece-lined Underwear in all sizes, fleeced with pure lambswool, double-breasted and double-back shirts, our regular price, very special, 65c, discount sale price, Friday, each 61c

Boys' Underwear

Boys' Fine All-wool Shirts and Drawers, in all sizes, odd lots, to clear at big discounts, regular price 20c to 65c, Friday, special prices 24c to 40c

Men's Overcoats

Men's Black and Navy Beaver Dress Overcoats, well made and trimmed, velvet collars, sizes 36 to 40, regular value \$5.50, our special price \$5.00, Friday for \$4.50

beyond the double doors of the cabinet.

Only once within half a century has a cabinet minister deliberately broken his solemn oath of secrecy. It is a romance of the days of the Corn Laws.

A beautiful and fascinating lady engaged a minister into telling her what decision Sir Robert Peel and his colleagues had arrived at, and then sold the information to the Times. The minister, however, tendered his resignation, but it was not accepted.

The New Year's Vow.

Once there was a man who rejoiced to think he would not be influenced by any such fool custom as swearing off on New Year's Day. In speaking of this serious topic he was almost as scornful and sarcastic as a comic paper.

Instead of pledging himself to give up cigars and late suppers, he gloried in the resolve that he would smoke whenever he felt like it and eat everything he craved.

He had heard that in China all debts must be squared on New Year's Day, and the unfortunate who cannot dig up goes out and commits hari-kari, thus passing his troubles along to the probate court.

This bad man said the Chinese were greater heathens than he had supposed. He couldn't see himself shuffling off just because a lot of creditors were becoming anxious. He decided with gleeful malice in his heart, that he would not pay any old debts unless stood up for them, and he sincerely hoped that he would be able to stick someone in every deal he undertook. He resolved to look out for No. 1 and let the other fellow walk the floor.

To further this very humane programme, he went out and bought a lot of finery on tick, hoping that he would be able to dodge payment for many years to come. He tapped his various acquaintances for various amounts, and started in the New Year by setting at defiance all the rules for health. He gormandized until 2 a.m.

Next day he was folded up like a pocket camera, and dyspepsia tablets would not touch the spot. The doctor came in and put him on a perpetual diet of hot water and crackers. While he was flat on his back his creditors attached all movable property and divided it up.

So all his honest debts were paid, and during the year he lived a regular life and had no bad habits.

Moral—Many people who don't think so now will be reformed during the ensuing year.

Blanket Bargains.

Special line All-Wool Blankets, extra heavy, Friday, per pair \$2.24
Special line Wool Blankets, very large size, soft, fluffy and inodorous, Friday, per pair \$2.48
10 per cent discount during sale on all lines Blankets.

Towel Special.

During sale our best 35c Turkish Bath Towels for, per pair 25c

Ladies' Underwear

Ladies' All-Wool Vests, ribbed or plain, nicely finished, in all sizes, regular price \$1.00, special Friday only at 80c
Pure Wool Vests, extra quality, in gray only, full size, regular price 55c, very special, Friday only 69c
Ladies' Wool Vests, ribbed or plain, gusseted and trimmed, regular 75c, special Friday at 60c
Ladies' Union Vests, good quality, full size and gusseted, regular price 65c, Friday special at 52c
Ladies' Union Vests, white and gray, regular price 50c, Friday special at 40c

Grocery Department

19 pounds Redpath's Granulated Sugar \$1.00
75 quarts of Choice Cranberries for, per quart 8c
50 packets Wether's Condensed Mince Meat, regular 10c packet, for 5c
40 packets of Muscatel Seeded Raisins, per pound 10c
2 pounds of Layer Table Raisins for 25c
Our Imperial 40c Blend of Black or Mixed Tea, for, per pound 25c

Crockery Department

Your choice of 75 Sample Lamps, ranging from \$5 to \$7.00
10-piece Illuminated Roll Edge Toilet Set, per set \$3.75
25 Fancy 5-inch China Cake Plates, regular 25c, for 25c
One table of Fancy China, consisting of cups and saucers, bread and butter plates, pin trays, teapot stands, etc., your choice for, each 10c
Ten per cent off Glassware and Crockery.

Boys' 3-Piece Suits

50 Only Boys' Three-Garment Suits, in heavy-weight tweeds, double-breasted, good new shades, splendidly trimmed, our regular price \$5, discount sale price, one-third off, Friday for \$3.33

Men's Overalls

Extra Weight, Blue and Gray Denim, with or without bibs, in all sizes, our regular price 15c, Friday discount sale price 90c

Shoe Department

Women's and Misses' Felt and Repp Toilet Slippers, with sewn leather soles, in all sizes, very comfortable and dressy, regular 25c and 30c, Friday, per pair 19c

Children's Shoes

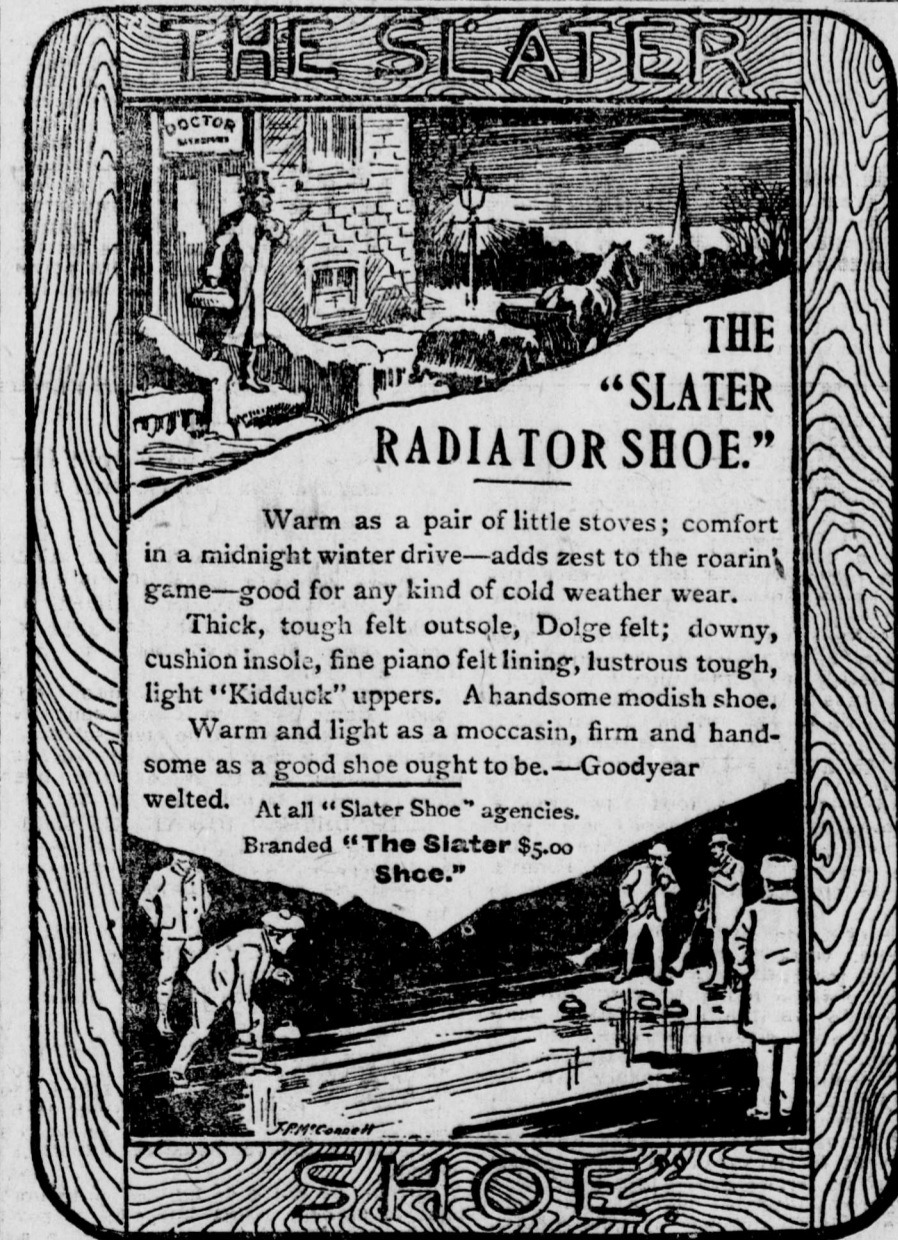
All Sizes, 5 to 7 and 8 to 10 Children's Oil Puddle Lace and Button Boots; also mixed lot, Dongola Kid Button Boots, regular 65c to 90c, Friday for 58c
Assorted Lot of about 100 pairs of Men's, Ladies' and Boys' Lace Boots, in all sizes, regular price as high as \$1.50, Friday extra special bargain 89c

Flannelette Gowns

Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, in pink, blue and white, empire style, trimmed with wide torgon lace, regular price \$1.88, Friday special at, latest colorings and designs, special Friday, per yard \$1.50
Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, in blue and pink stripes, trimmed with lace edging, regular price \$1, special Friday at 75c
Ladies' Striped Flannelette Gowns, Hubbard style, regular price 75c, special Friday at 60c
Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, in blue, gray and pink stripes, made with yoke, full size, regular price 60c, Friday only 40c

Carpet Department

Our Best 50c Tapestry Carpet, new designs and latest colorings, special Friday, per yard 40c
Our Best 75c Tapestry Carpet, latest colorings and designs, special Friday, per yard 60c
Our Best \$1 Brussels Carpet, border to match, latest colorings and designs, special Friday, per yard 75c
Our Best 75c All-Wool Carpet, new colorings, latest designs, special Friday, per yard 60c
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[London Daily Mail.]

There is hardly anything in the way of altering the face of the earth that the landscape gardener cannot carry out successfully, and anyone who cares for a section of the Alps in his back garden has only to order it. The much-admired ruins at Virginia Water, which many people think are genuine, were all carefully placed in position by a firm of landscape gardeners, and there is in Shropshire a model of the world-renowned Falls of Giesbach, water and all, which owes its presence to the same art. While in Hertfordshire is a Norman castle in a most orthodox state of ruin, but built by a Sussex firm. Cliffs can be, and have been made, and a lake, with a few islands or a babbling stream are quite easy tasks.

THE PENALTY.

The Boston baby fretfully refused to eat the baked beans. "What?" exclaimed the mother. "Do you wish to grow up undyspeptic, like your Uncle John, of Easton, Pa.?" The child was sullenly silent, but manifestly much impressed. It was more than likely that his natural habit of introspection would serve to set him right without further objective influence.—Detroit Journal.

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