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THE INDIAN ARMY.

General Kitchener has transformed the Indian army from a disconnected mass of magnificent immobility into a practically perfect fighting machine. He went to India a few years ago and found there a military system similar to almost every respect to that which made possible the early success of the British at the time of the mutiny. He found scattered commands with no system of intercommunication, no doctrinal base, and no knowledge of modern strategy or tactics. The troops were splendidly equipped, but there was a lack of agreement in their mode of operation which made it impossible for the leaders to act promptly and effectively in the face of danger. He made the reorganization of the Indian army his first duty. Kitchener is an organizer rather than a fighter. He only thought when in battle is to secure victory and he is utterly regardless of the cost. At Omdurman, his greatest engagement, he exposed his men that in his later career he has been looked upon as unselfish, and while given positions of great responsibility he has only rarely been in direct command during action. Britain while admitting his ability has not forgotten the waste of a thousand lives by a wholly unnecessary attack at Paardeburg. But in the work of reorganization Kitchener stands in a class by himself. He made possible Lord Roberts' march to Pretoria, he engineered the Sudan campaign and he was the one man who could put the Indian army on a proper fighting basis. His latest effort has been marked by full success. He shows in the recent published report of General Willcocks' expedition against the Zulus. The reorganization methods were productive of the best results. The cost of the expedition was the smallest on record, the amount of baggage taken was less than ever before, a large force was mobilized quickly and with secrecy, the expedition moved with such swiftness that the enemy did not have time to concentrate, the natives were so demoralized after the first attack that the column withdrew without being harassed and weakened by the usual mauling operations, the field and headquarters organizations worked together without a hitch, and the effect produced by the decisive movements of the expedition was one of astonishment from end to end of the border.

UNITED STATES INFLUENCE.

The coal miners of Nova Scotia have taken a step which cannot fail to result unfortunately for themselves and their province. In a vote polled on Wednesday they decided by a small majority to unite with the United Mine Workers of America, thereby dissolving the Provincial Workers' Association, which for years has successfully conducted their affairs. Under the new rule, United States influence will prevail, and this American interference in Canadian affairs, now all too common, must inevitably create discontent. The coal miners of Nova Scotia have been generously treated in the past. The P. W. A. has been almost entirely without a voice in years of mature thought, and desirous of fair play to all. Among the younger men there has been a growing feeling that the policy pursued by the association has not been sufficiently aggressive, and that the unions would be in a better position to enforce their demands if supported by the United States organization. This latter belief is no doubt correct, but it has not been shown that Nova Scotian miners need any outside support. If they had been in the past unfairly treated by the mine-owners, if they had found that their reasonable requests were disregarded, then it would have been time for them to strengthen their position. But this has not been the case. Leaving aside Springfield where strikes are a fact, there has not been any serious mining disputes in Nova Scotia for many years. The P. W. A. is recognized, the employers are honorable business men, and the heads of the P. W. A. have always exhibited an inclination to consider the interests of the mine owners as well as of the men. The miners have from time to time fought increases in pay, shorter hours, and changes in classification of work by which they would profit by having with them the support of an aggressive organization, but this will be overcome by losses in other ways. The influence of United States labor leaders is not desirable in Canada; Nova Scotia miners will pay a weekly or monthly per capita tax to the central organization, which amount will be lost to their own province; they will feel the power of the United Mine Workers behind them and will be more apt to enforce

demands supported more by force than by fairness. Unhappily a grand thing for workmen, and the public generally commend the spirit which prompts such combinations. In the early days when Canadian industries were in their infancy, affiliation with larger bodies was no doubt helpful, but surely Canadian workmen are now able to stand alone.

The harbor facilities committee has lost no time in preparing the bill under which it is intended to place the harbor in commission. Efforts should now be made to have it considered at once by the council and put through at Ottawa during the present session. Hon. Mr. Furey could not doubt arrange for the introduction of the bill and there is not likely to be any serious opposition at Ottawa.

ON A JUNE NIGHT.

Half-hid amid the dusky pine-plumes
The golden moon shines bright;
And yonder, unceasing mass of vine-
blooms
With perfume fills the night.

The cricket's chorus shrill is ringing
Amid the dewy blades
From far away the streamer's singing
Comes faintly through the glades.

Though that ripe moon on loves and sorrows
For centuries has shone;
Fond who loved the light it borrows
Are long forgot and gone.

To me it seems as if through ages
The earth had taken flight,
Days of the Nile-land's mystic sages
Seem come again tonight.

Days long no more! but yet the per-
fumes
Are sweet and fresh as then;
And that rich gold amid the pine-
plumes
Still fades and comes again.

VERY MUCH OUT.

An acquaintance called on some ladies in an Alabama town who had at the time been much vexed by the apparently endless succession of callers. The door was opened by Augustus Butts, the faithful old butler. "Are the ladies in?" asked the caller. "No, ma'am, they're all out." "I am so sorry that I missed them," said the visitor, handing him her cards. "I particularly wished to see Mrs. Jones." "Yes, ma'am, thank you, ma'am," responded Augustus. "They're all out, ma'am, and Mrs. Jones is particularly out, ma'am."

KAISER AND DIPLOMAT.

At the Philadelphia club a Philadelphia adroit to Charles Magna Tower's great popularity with the Kaiser and the Kaiser's court. "It is not surprising," he said, "Mr. Tower is a brilliant and profound writer, a learned historian. He has, too, a pretty wit." "My sister, who lives in Berlin, tells me that the Kaiser invited Mr. Tower to dine with him informally, called him in the invitation 'the most engaged man in Berlin'."

"The most engaged man in Berlin will be but too happy to dine with the most engaging one."

A FORGOTTEN PREDICTION.

"This Union is rapidly hastening toward a state of society in which President, Senate and House of Representatives will fulfil the duties of kings, lords and commoners and the power of the majority pass from democracy of numbers into the hands of an aristocracy of noble ancestry and ancient lineage, but of moneyed monopolies, land-owners, and heartless politicians." This quotation is not, as might appear, a present day Jeremiah, but it is the utterance of William Lyon Mackenzie, the instigator of the Upper Canadian rebellion of 1837 and he gave forth this utterance in 1850 after three years' residence in the United States.

"Some people," said the Rev. Mr. Goodman, "can never be made to appreciate the value of religion." "That's right," replied Mainchance, the merchant, "they don't know how to catch the church trade at all."

"Did your husband catch chills and fever?" asked the doctor, who was standing in front of the cabin. "No," answered the woman who was driving a spring wagon. "He wouldn't have that much all-cold-in-it. He has got around an' let 'em overtake him."

"See here," asked the cautious stranger, "if I decide to stay here for a week how much is it going to cost me?" "You can answer that best yourself," replied the clerk of the Florida hotel. "How much have you got?"

Mr. Suddenrich, travelling abroad—that guide of ours is a very important young fellow. Mrs. Suddenrich—What has he done? Mr. Suddenrich—Why, he's got onto the fact that we came from the country.

"How could he know that?" "I dunno. But he pointed out one of them oldest pictures an' said he spoke of 'em interested in Rubens."

"I see a man intends to let a rattlesnake bite him and depend on prayer for a cure. I call that faith."

"I call it cruelty to animals, unless somebody's going to pray for the snake after it's bitten such a fool as that."

"Are you superstitious?" "Not a bit," replied the man who is ashamed of his little weaknesses. "I have nothing to do with superstition. In fact, I have observed that whenever I begin to take notice of signs I always have bad luck."

A journalist at a dinner was talking to William Dean Howells about literary fame. "Not a bit," said Mr. Howells, with his gentle smile, "literary fame is not so very highly regarded by the people. I remember when I was in San Remo some years ago seeing in a French newspaper a notice that bears upon this question. 'It was a notice inserted by a rat-trap maker of Lyons, and it said: 'To Whom It May Concern—M. Pierre Loti of Lyons, inventor of the automatic rat-trap, begs to state that he is not the same person, and the rat-trap maker in common with one Pierre Loti, a writer.'"

THE RELATION OF THE CLOUDS TO NATURE

The study of natural laws not infrequently reveals a close relation between some of the most beautiful phenomena of the earth and sky and the most terrible exhibitions of the destructive powers of nature. A striking instance of this is the crown of light, feathery cirrus clouds which float high in the clear sunshine, indicate to the practised eye of the seaman the place where a West India hurricane is raging across the deep. These clouds radiate from the centre of the hurricane where the spiral currents of inflowing air, crowding together, rise to a great elevation, and then flow outward in every direction over the storm.

From the hues and textures of the distant clouds where they are faint and opalescent in tint, gradually fading behind a veil of haze, the approaching storm is an old one of large area, but the clouds are of snowy whiteness, projected against a clear blue sky, it is a young cyclone of small area but great intensity. The procession of clouds that accompany a hurricane at sea is sometimes a most beautiful scene when viewed from a distance, though a fearful tragedy may be under way beneath that glowing canopy of sun-tinted vapors.

A curious discovery was made some years ago in Germany with reference to certain luminous clouds which are met with for a long time after sunset, and

CHURCH'S MESSAGE TO SOCIALISM

Freer Field Demanded by Pan-Anglican Speakers

Grinding Poverty of the Workers Contrasted With Extravagant Luxury of Idle Rich

LONDON, June 25.—Highly significant of present-day theological thought was today's principal session of the Pan-Anglican Congress here, when the largest gathering yet attracted assembled to hear the message of the Church to Socialism. One hundred and fifty archbishops, bishops and a multitude of minor clergy, and a multitude of laymen and laywomen outnumbering any hitherto gathered, crowded Albert Hall. The Bishop of Birmingham, who was scheduled to preside, was absent owing to illness. He sent a paper, which was read by his substitute, the Bishop of Massachusetts, the keynote of which was the injustice of the existing division of the products of industry. After contrasting the grinding poverty of the workers with the extravagant luxury of the idle rich, he demanded from the churches a tremendous act of penitence for having failed so long and so greatly to champion the oppressed and weak, and to be followed by reparation to the well-merited judgment of God take all weapons of social influence out of our hands.

There followed a series of eloquent addresses, the first of which was from Mr. McEwen, of New York. A socialistic tendency, he declared, was rampant on the character and teachings of the founder of Christianity and the brotherhood of humanity. The abolition of wage-slavery and the public maintenance of child-bearing mothers were among the reforms predicted or advocated.

Rev. J. G. Simpson, principal of the Clergy School at Leeds, assured the vast audience that all over the north of England they were face to face with a rising tide of Socialism which they were powerless to stem, even if they wished to do so. Countless workers in the forges, furnaces and mills of the north had adopted the Socialistic idea and held to it like a religion and loved it like a bride. He demanded that the Church give a free field to Socialism. He appealed to it to try to understand it and not to hasten to discount it. More significant than the speeches themselves was the keen interest shown in the Socialistic plea and the earnest enthusiasm with which such points as those above referred to were greeted from all parts of the hall.

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DEATHS.

ADAMS—Suddenly, at Brookville station, on June 25th, Frank Henry, youngest son of Harold G. S. and Lillian Adams, aged four years and six months.

Funeral on Saturday, the 27th inst., from his parents' residence, Brookville station. Service begins at 2.30 o'clock. Interment at Fernhill cemetery.

NORTHERN—On June 25, at her home, Kingston, Kings Co., after a long illness, Hannah S. widow of Daniel D. Northern. Funeral at Trinity church, Kingston, Saturday at 11 p. m.

CLOTHES IN NEW YORK.

Clothes, the kind that are spelled with a capital "C," mount to a pete that would seem like fiction if you had not found it so. There are shops along Fifth Avenue—those that are labelled "Ladies," "Hats," "Mens," "Jeans"—where one buys a gown or a hat—that is, the world if one had the money—as a collector buys a Gort or a Rubens. The articles—oh, dear, no! nothing so precious as a dressmaker or a milliner—these are, say a corset of lace with a rope of pearls to her knees. She needs her customers in a reception room where oriental rugs hush the footfall and softly shaded lights blend the elegance in the decoration. She looks my lady over. The hired outstretcher, the attender, the needlewoman do the best. And the bill comes in, \$20 to \$150 for a hat, \$200 to \$2,000 for a gown. There are plenty of prices like these in New York. Then there are others that quietly let you down, down with you, while you're looking at the bottom of a gown and 125 for a hat—that is a hat. Broadway, May 1908.

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P. B. FRANCIS, Manager.

Rev. Leonard McCain, Sussex, received and accepted a call to pastorate of Middleton, N. B., Presbyterian church. The call carries salary of \$800 and free house. Mr. McCain graduated this spring at Pine College, Halifax—Sussex Record.

The two young men, Messrs. Parker, Boston, and D. Reid, St. John, who were so successful on their fish in the river here last week, returned to Bar Harbor, Northumberland Co. Tuesday of last week and after a few days fishing, their success, in number and size was a surprise to their friends. Some of the fish weighed 3 lb. while the other weighed about 2 lb. These fishermen were also fortunate enough to catch two nice specimens of salt water eels.

While playing ball on South street, Monday evening, Fred Gannon, of St. John, who is the guest of his wife's parents, Captain and Mrs. Herbert Hickley, had his nose broken by a pitched ball. His injuries were dressed by Dr. S. E. Webster, who has hopes that the injury may not result in a permanent disfigurement—Courier.

The upper staging in the new Episcopal church building gave way Friday morning. Fortunately it caught on the one below, and averted what might have been a serious accident as there were four men on the staging at the time and the distance to the floor was about forty feet—St. George's Courier.

Mose Craig, Jr., of Milltown, who was a passenger on the train which arrived here at 8.30 Tuesday evening, evidently had a bad dream after the train passed Ayer's Junction, for he awoke suddenly and accused J. C. Davis, a well known resident of Bar Harbor, of stealing something from his trunk's pockets. Craig drew a knife and was sending over Mr. Davis and threatening to cut the latter's throat when Deputy Sheriff S. E. Woodman, who is always on the alert, jumped from his seat and plucked Craig's arms. Deputy Woodman brought his prisoner to this city and locked him up. Craig was arraigned in court Wednesday morning but the hearing was postponed until Friday—Courier.

BR-CHAMPION STILL AHEAD
AIX LA CHAPELLE, June 25.—George Hackenschmidt, the exceptional wrestler, whose death has been reported, is alive and apparently he has completely recovered from effects of an operation to which he underwent recently.

PROMINENT PAPER MAN DIES
LEE, Mass., June 25.—Dewitt Lee, one of the best known paper men in the state, died at his home today. Mr. Smith was president of the Smith Paper Company, operating mills in Lee and Lenox. He was 60 years old.

Does not Color the Hair
Stops Falling Hair
AYER'S HAIR VIGOR