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LONDON, FRIDAY, FEB. 26. AN IMPERIAL TRIUMPH.

The voluntary union of Cape Colmodern history. It is an the police magistrate also. He is a British institutions.

This great achievement has been right proportions. hastened by the far-sighted statesmanship of the present Government of Great Britain. It conferred political but doesn't he think his name is an equality and the rights of self-govupon the Boers, against the rotest of the leaders of the Unionist party. Its polley has been triumphantly vindicated. Five years after the close of the war a Boer general came to the imperial conference as Premier of a British colony, and laid his homage at the foot of the throne. The Boers have given increasing proofs of their good faith, and a united South Africa is a token of the complete reconciliation

Canadians have been libelled by the wonderful talents. assertion of Colonel Denison that they feel Canadian blood was poured out bestowed upon the new British sub- the wells and sampling their product. jects in the Transvaal, who have

THE EMPIRE'S AGRICULTURE.

excellent a spirit.

Canada's land area is far greater than that of any other country in the British Empire, and the time cannot be far distant when the Dominion will British colony in agricultural produc-is an allegory. Many clergymen have 556,600,000, South Africa fourth with Jackson is big game, 314,100,000, the United Kingdom fifth with 77,700,000, and New Zealand sixth with 67,000,000. India leads in cropped area, having 249,300,000 acres under cultivation; the United Kingdom has 25,900,000, Canada 19,800,000, Australia There is no record as to South Africa.

100,000; Australia has 9,200,000, the honor. United Kingdom 5,700,000, Canada 5,-600,000, South Africa 3,900,000, and th' American people, an' that is it don't New Zealand 1,800,000. Australia, the last long. A few columns in th' newsgreat wool country, of course, has a great lead in sheep, having \$1,700,000. great lea Then follow in the order given the thin ye sink back into th' discard an' are United Kingdom with 29,900,000, New Zealand with 21,000,000, South Africa tice thin ye'er crime entitles ye to. with 20,700,000, India with 18,000,000, and Canada with only 2,500,000. The United Kingdom has 4,000,000 pigs, polismen, firemen, prizefighters, pedes-South Africa 700,000, and New Zealand 200,000. The United Kingdom also leads Down in th' coal cellar iv th' Hall in In horses, with 2,100,000, Australaia Fame with th' rist iv us polthroons. and Canada being very close for second place, their figures being 1,700,000 and 1,600,000 respectively. India comes next with 1,300,000, then South Africa with 500,000, and New Zealand with

THE TRESPASSER AND HIS FATE.

Recognizing that trespassing is largely responsible for the enormous loss of life annually on its property, the Pennsylvania Railway Company is seeking the enactment of laws that will effectively punish the trespassers. The state railroad commissions of Pennsylvania and Indiana have made recommendations in the same direction, and the movement has the co-op-

eration of railwaymen's organizations. During the last two years nearly 1,-500 trespassers met death on the Pennsylvania road, the number killed last year alone being 657, or an average of over two per day. No doubt other railways in the United States can show almost, if not quite, as terrible a rec-

Across the border trespassing or than in Canada. In spite of warning signs, people walk right into danger. Many seem to have no respect whatever for the rights of corporate property, but cross bridges, walk along freight trains, and ride on the "bumpers." There is no limit to the risk some lift on their journey.

Is carried on. On the Pennsylvania Railway last year nearly 3,000 persons were arrested for trespassing, 442 for were arrested for trespassing, 442 for idea of the extent to which trespassing was being worked up in order that meas-

rests. These offenders, instead of being punished, are ordered to move on from WESTERN ADVERTISER WEEKLY one city or town to another, and thus become constant wanderers.

LONDON'S IMMUNITY FROM

CRIME. The Hamilton murder, ascribed to a tramp, is a reminder that London has for a long period enjoyed comparlence, and that there has been little law-breaking of any kind. No city of its size can show a better record in The this respect. Since the round up of "Shorty Billy" and "Texas," four years ago, crooks and thugs given London a wide berth. This state of affairs is a tribute to the alertness of local detectives and the efficiency of the police service. The police force is a fine body, and the community is fortunate in having such an organization, headed by a Orange Free State, under the British man who is fearless and independent in the discharge of his duties and not amenable to "pull" from any quar-Much of the credit for the law-

overwhelming illustration of the mold- terror to persistent offenders and ing and amalgamating influence of those who are viciously inclined, but he mixes severity and mercy in the Mr. Speaight is a very clever man,

abiding condition of the city is due

argument for spelling reform? Every newspaper in Ontario is advertising the fact that London wants to bid for new industries. Even if the \$100,000 proposal goes no further, it will have accomplished something.

The man who marries for money usually earns it. It will be the fate of Mr. Matthew Astor Wilks to be known henceforth as Mrs. Hetty Green's daughter's husband.

We, in this country, will watch the next viceroy of India, or governorwith sympathetic interest the prog- general of South Africa. He is the ress of the new sister nation, and will fighting glant of the Liberal party in hope for the success of the experi- Great Britain, and he can ill be spared ment of union; excepting, perhaps the from home politics. Social reform in few flunkeys who cried out against the mother country is the grestest the generous treatment of the Boers. cause to which he can devote his

Whether the artesian wells recentvainly in South Africa, because the ly sunk are impregnated with sulphur Imperial Government has given a con- or not may be easily ascertained. It quered people the full measure of does not require an expert to identify British citizenship. We who enjoy re- sulphur water. We suggest that citisponsible Government and local auton- zens show their interest in the quesomy are glad to see these blessings tion of the water supply by visiting

Rev. Dr. Carman thunders in his most approved style against the Rev. George Jackson, the Scotch clergyman who occupied the pulpit of the Sherbourne Street Methodist Church, Toronto, for some years, and has recently accepted a professor's chair in Victoria University. Mr. Jackson's take for it? offence is his assertion that the story exceed the mother country or any of the creation as narrated in Genesis tion. According to a table recently said the same thing from their pul-Issued by the British Board of Trade pits, and it is taught in theological the Dominion's total land area is 2,- colleges. If Dr. Carman has institut-316,700,000 acres, Australia coming next ed a heresy hunt there will be a lively with 1,903,700,000, India third with time in the Methodist Church. Mr.

MR. DOOLEY ON HEROISM.

[F. P. Dunne (Mr. Dooley.)] "What's become iv ve'er frind Jack Binns?" asked Mr. Dooley.

"Who?" said Mr. Hennessy "Oho!" said Mr. Dooley, "so ye've f'r 9,600,000, and New Zealand 2,000,000. gotten him already, have ye? An' 'tis only a week or two ago that ye were in here quarrlin' with me because I India also leads in cattle, with 52,- den't set thim up f'r th' house in his

"Well, there's on'y wan thing that wud make me allow mesilf to be a hero to not mintioned again onless ve get into jail, whin ye have a more extinded no-

"O, as Hogan says, why shud th' spirit iv mortal be proud? Many's th' hero I've known in me day-gin'rals, admirals Canada 2,400,000, Australia 900,000, threens, bicycle riders, actors, authors, conkerers iv thirty quails in thirty days, an' where are they now, I'll ask

THE GARDENER IN FEBRUARY. [Newark News.]

heerful, good neighbor! The springtime Bluebirds will sing in a fortnight or so And out in the yard where the blizzard is humming The red of the early French radish will

Why should old winter's discouragement It's only a month till we spade for the

One little month till the onions are in. Bitter the blast and the furnace voracious

Still let us think of a season Think of the taste of that first mess of peas!

Think of the cucumbers swollen with drinking. Think of the melons-and while we thinking. Let's go down cellar and sharpen our

NOT DIFFICULT. [Chicago News.]

"Doncher know," began Sapleigh, "that I'm-er-sometimes inclined to think-"
"You really ought to try it," interrupted Miss Cayenne. "It's not such a railways appears to be a greater evil difficult thing after one gets used to it."

[Ottawa Citizen.] Over 81,000 people die in Canada every year, and it is estimated by scientific men who have studied the question of public tracks, attempt to board moving health that one-third of that number die of preventable disease while yet wageearners, and of value to the state as citiadding to the wealth of the comtramps will run in order to secure a munity. From a monetary standpoint Canada loses every year over \$27,000,000 from lives sacrificed unnecessarily. It The death list does not give a full was pointed out that a strong agitation

A large annual expenditure is made to guard against, and stamp out hog cholera. Not a cent was expended to stamp out tuberculosis. "The moral is," said Dr. Black, "that it is better to be the control of the

a hog than a man, and thus be worth saving." Polluted water supply causes chuckled immoderately. Then the booktyphoid fever and it is only a matter of supervision and expenditure of money to were returned. detect the pollution of the water supply and prevent typhoid epidemics. A polchildren, of whom we lose over 31,000 every year under five years of age, most of them done to death by bad milk.

ON A GRAY DAY.

earth seems old today, And cold and gray, As of some smiling, patriarchal face That, looking backward o'er the days Of autumn past sees summer's haze, And hears again the bird notes in th

Full-throated thrush and dreamy night ingale: And scents the flowers in the close,

Soft mignonette, heartsease and rose; And notes lotharial bees their treasures snatch From out the honey-laden clover patch; And 'mid the pains of hoary winter black

Knows that they one and all are coming Deep in his heart he hears the joyous And feels the promise of recurrent spring

SIZING IT UP.

[Brockville Times.] The fact is simply this: That Canada must either create and maintain a navy of its own, sufficiently strong to back up its claims of neutrality or anything else, or it must depend upon the protection of Great Britain or the United States.

HE HADN'T. [Philadelphia Inquirer.] she ran to meet her father in the hall.

"Did he have a bill?" "No, papa; he had just a plain nose." JUDGE RIDDELL'S LAPSE INTO

POETRY. [Law Notes, Northport, N.Y.] Chief Justice Falconbridge, of Ontario, Mr. Justice Britton, and Mr. Justice Riddell were sitting together as a court in Toronto not long since. According to some legalists who were present, the presentation of argument on behalf of one of the clients was rather prolix and not much to the point, to put it mildly. to one of the other justices a slip of While Canada's waterways were the paper, on which, presumably, were writ- best in the world, they were still capten some notes on the case. It turned able of development, and he hoped

With apologies to Mr. Rudyard Kipling.) Oo is it makes that bloomin' noise?" Asked Files-on-Parade. It's counsel's openin' argument," The color-sergeant said.

Oo 'as to 'ear the bally stuff?" Asked Files on Parade The chief and his two hired men, The color-sergeant said 'For he doesn't know his law, he misre presents the facts;

His logic is so rotten you can see through chicken got the ax morning.'

HOW TO BE PLUMP. [Tit-Bits.]

"You have an enormous appetite," said thin man, enviously. "In all my experience," said his plump friend, "I have found nothing more suit-

UNREASONABLE.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.] "My husband is so very unreasonable."
"Most husbands are. What did yours

"He fixed a fishhook in one of his pockets because he pretended to suppose that Minister explained that the omission I robbed him at night-and then he of "not" from the copy of the treaty



George Walker III.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 25.-George Walker, the negro comedian, who with Bert Wil- the new member for Carleton County, Lawrence, Kan., to receive medical treatment for nervousness. His condition is said to be serious.

"Florodora" Tomorrow. The favorite Imperial Opera Company

appears again at the Grand tomorrow evening in "Florodora." While this company has delighted many thousands of people with "San Toy" and other operas, it is said that the real treat is in store for Londoners in "Florodora." Special scenery has been built and new costumes made for this tour, and aside from the many favorites seen here in "San Toy," the services of Miss Florence Burdette, from the Gaiety, London, and Mr. Herbert Salinger have been engaged, thus insuring a musical treat. In this ompany, which numbers sixty, are two young ladies, the Misses Bates. At the matinee school children will be admitted to any seat for twenty-five

ents. Theatre Fight Ended.

Toronto, Feb. 26.-The theatre fight which for the past several months has een threatening between the Shuberts Wantons the coal while the water pipes and the "Theatrical Syndicate" of New York, and in which Toronto was to be one of the chief storm centres, with the Royal Alexandra and Princess as rivals in dollar-and-a-half attractions, has been brought to an end by the action of Stair and Havlin, the American partners of Mr. Ambrose Small, of Toronto. It has developed that for months past

the Shubert brothers, who were allied with Klaw and Erlanger, the executive heads of the so-called "Theatrical Syndicate." have been negotiating with Stair and Havlin for booking rights in their theatres for "dollar" shows. The latter firm controls scores of the

atres in the United States and some thirty-five in Canada, through partner, Mr. Ambrose Small, of To-ronto. Had they granted the Shubert proposal, it is understood that the Shuberts would then have ended their SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS working agreement with the syndicate, established themselves, with Stair and Havlin's aid, as powerful rivals in some of the best territory of the

What Telegraph Says. The New York Morning Telegraph, referring to the peaceful close of the

secret arrangements, says: "Mr. Stair and George Nicolai (his partner) listened to the plan of the Shuberts. First of all, Mr. Stair is a thorough, shrewd business man. He

vagrancy, and 10.457 for illegal train as preventable if proper measures were possible attractions for his houses, no matter what the source.

A large annual expenditure is made "And then something happened. Suding contracts that had been submitted

"There will be no big deal between Stair and prevent typhoid epidemics. A pol-luted milk supply is peculiarly fatal to bert show in one of their theatres at a moderate price of admission, provided is available and comes up to their stan-

dard.'

Theatre in a Church. Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 26.—The Universalist Church, one of the largest i the city, is preparing to convert the lower floor of the church into a theatre, where the church's own company of players will put on various plays The first one that will be played will be "The Servant in the House." The movement originated with the pastor, Rev. E. Dean Ellenwood, who states that the modern theatre has a distinctly religious origin.

COMMONS GIVEN CANAL ESTIMATES

No New Works on the Inland Waterways for the Present.

Ottawa, Feb. 25 .- Under the guidance of Hon. Mr. Graham, the House of Commons spent a considerable part of today's session in a survey of the "There was a strange man here to see canals system, the estimates for which you today, papa," said little Ethel, as were under consideration. An effort was made by the Opposition to obtain from the Minister of Railways a statement as to his policy regarding canals but Mr. Graham declined to be drawn The House and country, he observed onew his atitude on the whole question of transportation, and he would reserve any additional statement he had to make until the Intercolonial budget came to be considered. This year the policy of the Government was not to launch out on any new undertakings. Those under construction would be proceeded with and pushed to completion, but no new Mr. Justice Riddell was observed to pass works would be taken up this year. out that the "notes" read after this such development would not be long

Inseparable from the consideration of the canal estimates are jocular references to the Newmarket canal, or, as it is officially designated, the Holland River section of the Trent Canal. for which undertaking the appropriation this year is \$1,000,000. "The Newmarket ditch," as the Opposition facetiously describe it, is a political chestnut of great antiquity. afternoon Major Sharpe (North Ontario), again resurrected it, and with

prospects as a seaport, and so on in ject. One practical statement is worth Graham was able to point to the report made by the engineers of the department, which indicated that in their view the Holland River branch

of the Trent Canal is a practicable proposition Error in Printing.

Occasion was taken by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on motion to go into supply, to expose the "mare's nest" discov ered by Major Currie in connection with the boundaries treaty. The Prime blamed me because he forgot it was printed for circulation, upon which Major Currie had based serious apprehensions, was a typographical

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that he ras able to state on authority that the treaty had not yet been officially presented to the United States Coness, although, of course, it had been submitted to the Senate. The Government were pressing for permis. members and their friends were presand hoped to be able to do so very

the appearance of Mr. Edward Kidd, Quartette and Mrs. F. Grigg, Miss A.

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loud applause. Sir Wilfrid Laurier secured the passage of a resolution authorizing the appointment of a special committee to strike the membership of the new commission on marine and fisheries, mines and minerals, and for

ests, waterways and water-powers. Origin of Transcontinental.

Mr. Lennox asked whether the tatement of Mr. Wainwright, of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, at the This board of trade banquet in Montreal, as reported in the Toronto Globe of the aid of more or less funny news-paper cuttings endeavored to raise a statement was to the effect that the paper cuttings endeavored to raise a Grand Trunk Pacific idea originated n the brain of Mr. Charles "When Mr. Hays returned from the the old familiar way. But the House has grown weary of jokes on the subthe subject to Mr. Wainwright. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's return from a score of jokes, and Hon. Mr. Sir Wainwright was sent by Mr. Hays to see Sir Wilfrid, and it was at this meeting that the subject was

first brought to the notice of Sir Wil-Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he had no information as to what passed tween Mr. Wainwright and Mr. Hays. It-was in the fall of 1992 that the Transcontinental project was first

AN I. O. O. F. AT HOME

The Mount Brydges Lodge Gives Delightful Entertainment.

Mount Brydges, Feb. 25.-An at home was given here this evening by Mount Brydges Lodge, No. 276, I. O. O. F., of this place, at which over 200 sion to lay the treaty on the table, ent. Bro. S. Keyser, D. D. G. M., was reption an excellent programme was master of ceremonies. After the re-The Opposition made the most of presented, in which the Oddfellows'

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SEVERAL PLACES REPORT FLOODS

Considerable Damage and Traffic protesting against the bill becoming Delayed at Ingersoll, Windsor and Strathroy.

Ingersoll, Feb. 24. - Floods in this eighborhood are causing a considerable amount of damage. The trolley line was held up for sev eral hours at Centreville today owing

to the fact that the tracks were covered with water. The C. P. R. line to Port Burwell is Stage drivers report the roads comletely inundated in many quarters and driving on the roads is exceeding-

The Thames is quite high.

High at Strathroy. Strathroy, Feb. 24. - The Sydenham and the flats are completely covered. Several cellars are filled with water, owing to the drains not carrying off the surplus water. So far as can be of any moment.

The Worst Over. flooded in many localities, and it is with difficulty that traffic can be caring the water to subside somewhat and which should be secured well in adthe worst is over.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S 25c.

BILL CREATES A STIR

Allows Laborers To Sue Employers at Point Where Engaged.

Toronto, Feb. 25 .- A labor bill that Mr. T. W. McGarry, of South Renfrew. will introduce in the Legislature to permit laborers bringing an action against their employers at the centre where they were engaged, is creating a stir among the employers of labor all over the Province, and the members have received a number of letters

The present act allows the workman to sue for wages, damages, etc., both at the head office and the place where he is employed, but not at the point

where he is engaged. "Suppose the head office of the company is at Parry Sound and the man is employed in Algoma. At both joints he may sue, but the new bill vould make it possible for him to force the trial, say at Niagara Falls, if he had been engaged there; thus incurring an enormous expense at times," remarked a member this morn-"It would pay the firm if they flooded in many places, and the pas- had to defend themselves where they senger train was stalled several hours. had no connections to let the judgment go by default."

Tourist Sleeping Cars to the West. For a thoroughly comfortable trip to

Winnipeg, any point in the Northwest, or the coast, reserve a berth in River near here is in a state of flood, a Canadian Pacific tourist sleeper, leaving Toronto daily at 10:15 p.m. Cost of a roomy berth is but \$4 to Winnipeg, \$5 to Moose Jaw, \$6 to Callearned there have been no accidents gary, \$8 50 to Vancouver. They are fine vestibuled cars, well lighted, heated and ventilated. Berths are fur-Windsor, Feb. 24. — The tracks of nished with bedding, linen changed the W. E. and L. S. Railroad and the daily, every convenience is provided Windsor and Tecumseh Railroad are and an attentive porter in charge. See W. Fulton, C. P. R. agent, corner Dundas and Richmond, regarding berths,

vance of date of leaving. ELECTION PROBE.

Winnipeg, Feb. 25. - The Liberal members of the committee appointed is sent direct to the diseased parts by the Improved Blower. Heals the ulcora clears the air passages, stope droppings in the throat and permanantly cures. Aff dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase licine Ce., Terente and Buffale. to investigate the charges in regard to the Manitoba election lists failed to put in an appearance yesterday. The Conservative members, however, went ahead with the inquiry, and decided to bring before the committee the