



*The gravest beast is the Ass ; The gravest bird is the Owl ;
The gravest fish is the Oyster ; The gravest man is the Fool.*

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ANOTHER step in the international conspiracy of the bankers and money kings against the rights of the people has been developed in the suspension of the coinage of silver in India. As that country is the great silver-using community of the world, and one of the few remaining lands where the standard of silver has hitherto been

maintained, the effect upon the commerce of the world will be very marked. It will enormously increase the burdens of the Indian people, and add proportionately to the wealth of the capitalist class. It will probably hasten the demonetization of silver in the United States, where banking and money-lending interests have long been endeavoring to effect the repeal of the Sherman Act so as to bring about an era of dear money—which always means big profits to capital and poor wages and uncertain work to the millions. The whole movement to degrade and demonetize silver is a plot upon the part of a few Shylocks and their legislative and newspaper hirelings, and the result, if successful, will be the servitude and impoverishment of the masses.

THE caravels on their way to the World's Fair visited Toronto last week, and were viewed by some 75,000 of our citizens. Chevalier Thompson is entitled to the hearty thanks of the community for his enterprise and liberality in securing their presence in our waters. The object lesson afforded gives a better idea of the daring of the great discoverer and the obstacles he surmounted than any amount of descriptive writing.

weeks since, which surprised many people in view of that body's antecedents, was due to the discovery of the fact that their appointment was absolutely illegal. Dr. Stowe-Gullen, who introduced the resolution abolishing the useless office, pointed out clearly that the law gave the Board no power to appoint any such officials, hence that they were spending annually \$6,000 of the people's money without legal authority. This left the Board practically no alternative; yet either because Dr. Stowe-Gullen is a woman, or because of underhand influence brought to bear by those whose schemes she checkmated, the entire press of this city in their reports of the meeting ignored Dr. Stowe-Gullen's arguments and combined to keep the public in ignorance of the fact that the appointment of supervisors is illegal. No wonder that public opinion is powerless against abuses when its trusted moulders and guardians act in so despicable a fashion.

ENGLISH royalty doesn't generally run to brains, but it must be admitted that the Duke of York and the Princess May are remarkably gifted.

THE Dominion of Canada was twenty-six years old on Saturday last. Old enough to know better, decidedly.

THE result of the German elections will give the Government a sufficient majority to pass the Army Bill in a somewhat modified form. The most noteworthy feature of the contest has been the very great increase in the Socialist vote, which has risen from 1,300,000 to somewhere about two millions. Socialism will have fifty representatives in the Reichstag, in place of thirty-five. This is a great deal more significant than the fate of the Army Bill. It means that the opposition to militarism and autocracy is crystallizing around and becoming embodied in the Socialist movement. Nothing succeeds like success; and the servile press which ridiculed and abused the Socialists when they were weak, is now disposed to speak quite patronizingly of them, and has discovered that after all they are not the depraved and beer-sodden wretches they have been represented.



BULLETTINS by the Dominion statistician based on the census are still being issued. The next will be devoted to statistics showing Canada's educational status. It is stated that owing to the backwardness of Quebec Province the returns will show that the proportion of illiterates to the whole population is more than twice as large as in the United States. This ought not to be. If the talented statistician had applied the fifteen-cent principle which proved so successful in the discovery of small industries to this branch of the census, and put a premium on literates, the enumerators would have discovered that a great many of those classed as illiterate are not really such bad scholars after all.

If, as the proverb says, "art is long," isn't it strange that artists should be so short?

IT transpires that the summary abolition of the four Public school supervisors by the School Board a few