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THE WEST ELGIN FARCE

What a farce that West Elgin investigation was! Did the commission find out who engineered the crooked work? Did it find out where the money came from that paid the scoundrels? Did it find out anything we didn't know before? What value have we received for all this farcical investigation?

If in the prosecution of ordinary crime the officials of the crown were to follow the course adopted by the Government in West Elgin, would not the results be likely to prove as inconclusive as the result of the inquiry there. How many parties would be convicted of crime in this province if the Crown prosecutors were to rely for evidence at the trial not upon the result of close investigation and inquiry, but upon such witnesses as might come forward in answer to advertisements? How many bank robbers would be jailed if no detectives were set upon their tracks, and the resources of these charged with the administration of justice were not freely drawn upon. In the West Elgin case there has been a conspicuous absence of effort to bring the offenders to justice, and although the crimes were committed eighteen months ago not a single detective has been put upon the trail, nor a single criminal put behind the bars.

FACTS ABOUT PEKIN

For nine centuries, says the London Daily Express, Pekin has been an Imperial city.

In 960, under the title of Nanking, or "Southern Capital" it was made the headquarters of the invading Khitan Tartars.

A century later it was recaptured by the Chinese, who reduced it to an ordinary provincial city and rechristened it Yenshanfu.

In 1151 Tartar hordes of the Kin tribe took possession of the city, elevated it once more to the rank of a metropolis, built a royal residence within it and called it Chungtu, or "Central Capital."

Seventy years afterwards the Kin Tartars were driven out by Jenghiz Khan, who followed the example of the Chinese in 1080 and reduced it to a mere town.

Following Jenghiz, in 1280 came the great Kubla Khan, who rebuilt the city, called it Yenking, or "Great Capital," and held his court there in great magnificence.

It remained an Imperial city under this title and under the Chinese names of Tatu and Khanbaliq until 1368, when a Chinese succeeded the Tartar dynasty, and the modern city of Nanking, on the Yang Tse Kiang, became the capital.

In 1403, however, Yang Lu transferred his court to the old city of the Khans, and rechristened it Pekin, or "Northern Capital," and the capital of China has remained ever since.

The modern city consists of the "Nui Ching," or inner city, and the "Wai Ching," or outer city, of which the former is more generally known as the Imperial City. The city walls are 30 miles in circumference, vary from 20 to 50 feet in height and from 15 to 40 feet in breadth at the top, and enclose an area of 25 square miles.

The Imperial city or "Hwang Ching" is enclosed within the walls of the Tartar city, and within this again is the "Tzeking-ching"—the Purple Forbidden City, in which stands the Imperial palace.

Entrance to Pekin is gained by means of sixteen gates, each of which is surmounted by a galleried tower, so constructed as to enable the city guards within it to direct their fire upon any point.

The foreign legations, where one of the most appalling tragedies since that of Cawnpore is now being played out—perhaps is already completed—are situated in the right hand lower half of the Tartar City, the British Legation being immediately to the right of the great central gate leading from the Chinese through the Tartar to the Imperial city.

The normal population of Pekin is about a million and a half, but these figures have been greatly swelled during the last few months. There are probably not far less than two million people in the city at the present time, of whom the "foreigners" number a thousand all told.

THOUSANDS RULING MILLIONS

More than any other modern nation Great Britain has had experience of dealing with huge subject populations on an economical basis. In Egypt, for instance, her "army of occupation" is only 5,000 men, and her civil servants of all classes only add another 14,000 or so—barely 20,000 to balance, administer, and control a native population of nearly ten millions. The proportion works out as one Britisher to five hundred natives. Compare the French occupation of Algeria, says a contemporary. Algeria has a native population of some three and a half millions policed by some 30,000 French troops, supported by 250,000 French civilians. Proportion, about one conqueror to ten conquered. At the same rate we should want in Egypt over

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85,000 British troops and 700,000 British civilians. France polices her three and a half million Algerian subjects with 30,000 Frenchmen, we guard 290,000,000 Indians with less than 75,000 British troops. Including civilians, there is not in our Indian Empire more than one Britisher to 3,000 natives. If we ruled in the East as France rules in the South, we should have to dump down on Indian soil three-quarters of the population of these islands. These instances serve to throw some light on the terrific problem threatened by the possible break-up of the Chinese Empire. If China proved as difficult, say, as Egypt, to rule, Europe would need to find into the country 700,000 men, military and civilian; if it turned out to be as easily managed as India has been of late years, 150,000 men would do. Our own share of either number would not be small, for, in the event of China going to pieces, we have practically bespoken the valley of the Yang-tse river, which is said to flow for over 3,000 miles through one of the most densely-thronged parts of the Celestial Empire.

In the Mail's column of information wanted concerning missing old country people last heard of in Canada is the following:

Ashton—James T.—Last wrote from Chatham, Canada, nine years ago. Mother asks.

The department of education has referred Principal Smith's case for settlement to the county board of examiners. The members of that body thoroughly understand the whole matter, and we trust that in reaching a decision they will give all the weight possible to the general desire of the citizens for efficiency.

Had the West Kent License commissioners taken the advice of this great family journal in the first place they might have receded gracefully from a very foolish position. Instead of that they waited to be "yanked" down. Now, if they had any self-respect they would resign. But possibly men who will give a hotel keeper orders about buying his beer can hardly be expected to view their rebuff as others see it.

Mr. Tarte's paper, the Patrie, referring to the meeting of the Dominion Alliance, makes a savage attack on the prohibitionists, whom it contemptuously calls drinkers of water. "The intervention of these 'drinkers of water' on the next election," adds the Patrie, "is to be feared neither by the Liberals nor Conservatives. Their numbers, and their influence are known. The Dominion Alliance in claiming to oppose all the candidates who believe that prohibitory legislation would not be justifiable, will be a factor of very little importance in the next election."

VERTICAL WRITING DECLARED TO BE A FAD

Mr. T. D. Wiley, principal of Newtown public school, Sidney, New South Wales, paid a visit to Inspector Chapman at the public school offices yesterday morning. He is travelling round the world gathering information regarding the progress of education.

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He does not like the rush system in vogue in the United States. "In New South Wales," he said, "we may be slow, but we are thorough."

There, education is under the direct control of the state, the teachers are appointed by the governor-in-council. Mr. Wiley was asked about several vexed questions in Toronto. Vertical writing, he said, was not approved of, the fad had been taken up for a short time, but now a person using vertical writing could not get a position in the civil service. His school hours were from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., and 2 to 5 p. m., and voluntarily until 6 o'clock.

"What about corporal punishment?" "Until we get wiser than Solomon we cannot abolish corporal punishment," he answered. He has 1,500 pupils under his charge.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Ottawa Citizen. The following appeared as an advertisement in Tuesday's Globe:

Notice. I wish to notify my co-workers of the Old Liberals for the coming Dominion election that I will be out of town for the next two months, and desire that no communications be sent to me during that time. H. H. Cook.

This is peculiar. "Old" Liberals! And this notification to Mr. Cook's "co-workers" must be paid for! It was not ever thus.

There was a time when Mr. Cook's communications to his supporters were made in the leaded columns of the Globe.

But times have changed, and so has the Globe.

But what can it mean? Mr. Cook will be out of town for two months, and during that time he wishes his Old Liberal correspondents not to send him any communication.

Couldn't he have accomplished his end by employing a private secretary to act in his absence?

We think not. No private secretary could ever do what this little six-liner in the Globe's advertising columns has done.

Meanwhile—?

DRAMATIS PERSONAE OF THE PEKIN TRAGEDY

The Empress dowager (Tsi Hsi) the concubine of the Emperor Hsueh Feng, who died in 1890. The Empress murdered his widow, the Tsi An, and brought about the death of his son, the young Emperor Tung Chen, by causing his bed to be hung with fringes infected with small-pox.

General Yung Lu, Generalissimo of the Chinese army, her factotum and paramour, a former slave of the Emperor Hsueh Feng, who aided her to achieve the coup d'etat of 1898, and the deposition on January 22 last of

The Emperor Kwang Hsu, now reported to have been compelled by Prince Tuan to commit suicide.

Prince Chun, father of the Emperor Kwang Hsu.

Prince Tuan, a cousin of the Imperial House, who has constituted himself leader of the Boxers and usurped the authority of the usurping Empress. Tuan has personally directed the attacks on the Legations, and has issued decrees ordering the extermination of every foreigner in China.

Prince Kang Yi, an anti-foreign General, now engaged in spreading rebellion among the people of the south.

Prince Ching, leader of the Moderate party at Pekin, who, with other "Moderates," was recently forced by Prince Tuan to resign from the Tung Li Yamen in favor of rabidly anti-foreign conspirators, Tuan himself occupying the chief post.

Prince Kung, uncle of the Emperor Kwang Hsu, inventor of the Tung Li Yamen, a tool in the hands of the Empress.

General Yuan Shi Kai, Kang Su, Nish and Tang Fuh Siang, anti-foreign and Boxer leaders, who bombarded Tientsin and attacked Admiral Seymour's relief force. General Tang Fuh Siang is a Mohammedan, and most of whom are also Mohammedans. General Ma Sung Ching are also prominent anti-foreign leaders.

Li Hung Chang, acting Viceroy of Canton, the only great Chinese diplomat who has ever come west where he is well known and enjoys a reputation for popular craftiness.

Li Tung Feng, President of the Board of Rites in the Imperial City.

Li Ping Hang, late Governor of Shan-tung.

Yuan Shi Kai, present Governor of Shan-tung.

Liu Kun Yi, Viceroy of Nankin, is friendly to the foreigners but is not a strong administrator.

SOME BLOODY WORK.

Marked the Capture of Tien Tsin by the Allies.

London, July 23.—The Daily Express has received the following from Tien Tsin, dated July 18:—

"The casualties of the allies in the three days' fighting before the native city of Tien Tsin exceeded 1,000. It is now certain that there were several Russians and Frenchmen fighting on the Chinese side. The Chinese killed their own women wholesale to prevent them falling into the hands of the Russians. Yesterday the whole native city was in flames and the stench of the burning thousands of corpses was unendurable."

"Among the incidents of the fighting on July 13 was the precipitate flight of 500 French troops from An-nam. They had been ordered to avoid charged by the Chinese with the bayonet, the entire detachment boiled pan-fried. The Russians killed all the Chinese wounded in revenge for the Pekin massacre."

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