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WHY HE IS HONORED.

In its issue of yesterday the government organ delivered itself of a column of the most ridiculous slush that it has ever been our misfortune to see in print. Under the title "Welcome to Earl Minto" the organ exerts itself to assume a grovelling attitude in a manner that would do credit to an expert contortionist.

The whole thing is an exhibition of weak-minded adulation so manifest as to call rather for pity than for any other sentiment. It is a serious question, however, as to where one's sympathy should be the strongest—with the author of the article referred to or the one to whom it is addressed.

The Earl of Minto is honored and respected by the people of this territory, not because he is possessed of many titles, nor for the reason that chief among these titles is that of governor general of Canada, but for the reason that over and above and beyond these things he has demonstrated by his public actions and utterances that he is, first of all, a man possessed of those sterling qualities of manhood which require admiration without loss of self-respect.

It is on this account that his excellency has been a genuinely welcome guest during his stay in the Yukon. Our people are delighted and always will be delighted to honor such a man, but there is no hypocritical servility in their attitude. It is the spontaneous tribute which manly men will always pay to genuine manhood, and in that is the sum and substance of the whole matter.

This visit of the governor general to the Yukon territory will always remain as one of the happy events in our history. From it, we are prone to believe, an era of better times will date. The interest which his excellency has manifested in the affairs of the territory indicate more than a mere desire for personal information. On many things his excellency has gone into minutest details and when he returns to Ottawa he will carry with him a fund of knowledge which most certainly will inure to our future benefit. There is a world of meaning in the few words spoken on the platform during the reception on Tuesday and we have no doubt that those words were uttered with the expectation that they would be given a literal construction. We fully believe that when the governor general returns to Ottawa the Yukon will no longer petition in vain for redress from grievances. In fact it would not be surprising should any day bring news that long sought changes have actually taken place.

There is no escape from the fact that war with China is on in earnest. The news that the ministers are safe in Peking, but in imminent danger, has called for prompt action on the part of all the powers now acting in concert. The feeling of relief expressed all over the United States when it was definitely learned that Minister Conger is safe, was succeeded by a unanimous call upon the government for an immediate advance upon the Chinese capital. That call has been listened to and the combined forces of the allies are now making their way with all possible expedition toward Peking. Unless unlooked for disagreements between the allies

arise the march to Peking will not require any considerable time. If then a general conquest of China is determined upon, a war will be begun such as the world has never yet witnessed.

The national campaign in the States does not appear to be arousing any considerable enthusiasm on either side. In fact it seems to be generally taken for granted that McKinley will be re-elected and that there is no use expending too much energy on a matter which has long been practically a foregone conclusion. Along toward the latter part of the campaign there will, in all probability be a general awakening, but Republicans and Democrats alike seem well content to allow the hot weather to slip along without over-exertion on the part of either.

According to reports of returned Nomads application has been made in many instances to the representatives of the American government for transportation back to the States. Such is the history of every mining excitement. It is the old story of many being called and few being chosen. We apprehend, however, that the number of disappointed stampedees will be proportionately greater at Nome than in any other similar rush of modern times. The total losses involved will be something terrific.

We are inclined to think that the hand of providence was manifest in the accident which resulted in a portion of our local rulers being compelled to walk a good part of the way up to Mr. McGillivray's claim. We would be willing to place a small wager that Messrs. Gov. Ogilvie and Crown Prosecutor Wade will hereafter favor a system of macadamized roads all over the country.

There should be no lack of fresh beef in Dawson during the coming winter. Large quantities of meat of all kinds are being brought in and before the close of navigation the market will be supplied with all that will be required until the recurrence of the open season.

Live Snake for Waist Belt.

A singular but well-authenticated snake story comes from Pleasant Valley, Md., the principal actors in which were the snake and Miss Cora Legore, a domestic employed by Frederick G. Yingling, a well-known farmer residing near that place.

Miss Legore went to the barn to milk the cows, as was her customary duty. She did not return as promptly as usual, and, becoming uneasy after a time, Mrs. Yingling sent some one to the barn to look for her. She was found lying in a dead faint in a cow stall, and upon being revived appeared dazed and frightened. Finally she became sufficiently composed to tell the cause of her unconsciousness. She said that while milking she felt something moving about her clothing, but supposed it was a cat, until she felt a constriction about her waist, and she found herself looking into the eyes of a snake which had wrapped itself about her and reared its head in front of her face. She was too much frightened to notice what sort of a serpent was thus confronting her, but, striking at it with her hand, taint-ed away. When she was found the snake had disappeared.

Democratic Madness.

Very few sane persons in the United States supposed that the Democratic party would have the madness to come out squarely and specifically in 1900 in favor of the repudiation infamy which buried that party under an avalanche of votes in 1896. Nevertheless, the Kansas City convention has done this very thing. After declaring that "we reaffirm and indorse the principles of the national Democratic platform adopted at Chicago in 1896," it demands "the immediate restoration of the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation." This is a repetition of the insanity of 1896 which split the Democratic party more nearly in the middle than any other issue since the slavery madness wrecked that organization in the Charleston convention of 1860. The adoption of the silver folly has been denounced as vehemently by conservative Democrats at and previous to the Kansas City convention as the slavery extension madness was at the convention at Charleston. The consequences of the latter lunacy promise to be as disastrous to the Democracy as was the earlier folly. It will, as in

1896, send hundreds of thousands of Democrats to a third party or to the Republicans. It will give the Republicans a larger majority in the electoral college in 1900 than was rolled up four years ago. It promises to arouse an antagonism to the Democracy all over the country which will keep that party in the minority for as many years as the slavery barbarity did which culminated in secession and civil war.

In all human probability every state that rejected free coinage four years ago will do it again in November and there are states that supported it before that regard it as a lost and deservedly beaten cause. All the arguments upon which it was urged four years ago have been disproved. The gold standard is an accomplished fact based upon a splendid prosperity. In every continent the drift has been away from silver as a financial standard. The world has ceased to think of it. But the Democratic party is chained to it anew against its better judgments. The false step of four years ago has led to another that is worse and which from the standpoint of sober reason must be regarded as suicidal. As for the rest of the platform the convention gave it little attention, and it is worth little. The talk about imperialism is cant. None exists except in the imagination of demagogues. The plank on trusts is inferior to that in the Republican platform and the latter means something practical. Hundreds of thousands of Democratic voters will repudiate the work of the Kansas City convention. Bryan turned a face of stone to their overtures and they will be as obdurate in November as he in July.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Nothing Yet Heard.

London, Aug. 3.—No word comes this morning regarding the fortunes of the comparatively small body of troops believed to be forging their way toward Peking. The silence is probably due to diligent censorship, rather than to any lack of developments.

A Shanghai special announces the receipt of an official telegram from the taung li yamen, asserting that the ministers were well on July 30, and that vegetables, fruits and other supplies had been sent to the legations on several occasions.

"Friendly intercourse," the official telegram says, "is now being carried on between the ministers and the imperial government."

According to the Daily Express, however, cablegrams from Chefoo announce that the imperial troops, advancing to oppose the relief force, have completely wiped out a Christian town near Peking, killing five foreign priests and 10,000 native Christians.

Gen. Gaselee, says this correspondent, was strongly opposed to an immediate advance, but he was overruled by the other commanders and influenced by Washington's orders to Gen. Chaffee to "proceed without an instant's delay."

From Shanghai the Daily Express has received confirmation of the reported murder of 50 missionaries in the province of Shansi, with the additional information that eight English women were dragged out of the mission buildings by a Chinese mob, who benched them in the streets of Chuchou.

No Cause for Alarm.

"The other side," observed the candidate, in much apprehension, "are putting some damaging reports in circulation!"

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