

The Colonist.

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CABINET REPRESENTATION.

Discussing the subject of representation in the Cabinet, the Toronto Globe says: "But it is the duty of the press and of those in public life to educate the people out of their localism and narrowness, that the best available men may be chosen at all times, irrespective of religious leanings or place of residence."
It sounds well to say that the best men must be chosen, no matter what their religion may be or what province sends them to parliament, but when this theory is not carried into practice by the large and influential provinces it sounds not a little hypocritical to preach it to the small provinces which cannot apply great pressure to the Federal Government when they are treated unjustly in the matter of Cabinet representation.

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A PLEBISCITE.

It has been decided by the prohibition convention lately held in Toronto that a plebiscite shall be taken in order to ascertain whether or not the people of this Dominion are in favor of prohibition. A plebiscite seems to us a wholly useless proceeding. It is in the first place quite unknown to the constitution of the Dominion. The referendum has not yet been established in this Dominion.

of little more than a third of the qualified voters. If the plebiscite of the whole Dominion were taken, we question very much if even a third of the registered electors could be prevailed upon to poll their votes. And even if the vote were considerably larger it would settle nothing. When legislation on the subject came to be really proposed, the vote must be taken upon it in the usual way. Prohibition would have to be made an issue in a general election. It would have to be discussed in every electoral district in the Dominion, on the platform and by the press. The question must be taken up by the Government, a measure submitted to Parliament and voted upon there.

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A DEVOUT SOLDIER.

The Commander of the Dervishes is a most religious soldier. He appears to be a sort of Mahomedan puritan, whose business letters and despatches bristle with pious phrases and religious invocations. We do not know what his man's private character is, but his letters read as if his piety were sincere.

THE BURNING WOODS.

To the Editor:—For the past two weeks fires have been springing up along the whole range of foothills from Campbell River to Nanaimo, and now all that region is burning. The smoke cloud is so heavy in Comox Valley as almost to put a stop to hay curing, while in Union region it is a daily danger of being wiped out by existence.

opposition. By the time that he will be ready to continue his advance the Dervishes may have plucked up enough courage to offer him resistance. This the commandant of the London (Times) considers the prospect a masterpiece. He says: "A big fight at Dorpola, resulting in a crushing defeat of the enemy, will produce a better effect than an unopposed occupation will save much future bloodshed, and will greatly hasten the final pacification of the Sudan."

DESTRUCTIVE CLOUD BURSTS.

WHEELING, W. Va., July 25.—The damage from floods and washouts during the last forty-eight hours in West Virginia and Southeastern Ohio is almost beyond estimation. There was not only an unusual rainfall, but cloudbursts at different points caused small streams to do much more damage than during any of the highest floods ever known in these localities.

LEADVILLE, July 25.—A special to the Herald-Democrat from Morrison, Col., says: "A cloudburst in Bear Creek canyon, just above here, at eight o'clock last night, brought down a solid wall of water, six feet high, which not only did great damage to property, but caused the loss of from fifteen to twenty lives. The known dead are: Mrs. Miller and three children; a party of campers, fifteen or eighteen in number, who were living in a small house just below town. Searching parties are out on both sides of the stream looking for bodies of dead and injured. Some reports say that when Bear Creek canyon is fully explored it will probably be found that no less than 20 persons have perished. Great anxiety is felt by many a family in this city, the members of which are camping in the mountains."

SENATORIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

To the Editor:—In the journals of the day one reads of senators being made cabinet ministers. These senators have not to be elected by the populace. On the other hand one reads that those members of the House of Commons who accept the position of cabinet ministers, with senators, have to go back to their constituents for re-election. Admitting this anomaly to be in accordance with the constitution, still there is something very queer about this.

SOCIALISTIC TROUBLES.

LONDON, July 25.—The wave of Socialistic trouble which swept over Lille, France, stirred up by the arrival of Herr Liebknecht, Bebel, Singer and other foreigners attending the Socialist congress in session this week, will reach London to-morrow. Though Lille has a Socialist mayor and deputy, it is evident that the people of that city are not prepared to swallow such wholesale outbursts of violence and anarchy indulged in by the congress, and the result has been riots of such a character as would, if they happened in Paris, says the Times, have sent a shiver through Europe.

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DROUGHT IN ENGLAND.

London, July 25.—The drought has produced a severe water famine in the East end of London. Prolonged rains are needed in order to avert serious consequences.

American Politics Discussed—Goldwin Smith on the Situation—The Pope's Present.

The Marchioness of Salisbury has arrived at Walmer Castle to make preparations for Lord Salisbury's stay there during the recess. The Premier will be inducted in the office of Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports early in August, when elaborate ceremonies will be carried out. Public opinion, which a week ago, was decidedly adverse to Mr. A. J. Balfour as a Parliamentary leader, has been rapidly veering in his favor.

FIGHT WITH MATABELES.

A letter has been received by a friend in Vancouver, from Mr. Dana Baker, who was well known in that city a few months ago. The letter is dated and stamped from Bulawayo, South Africa, and contains a graphic description of a skirmish with the Matabeles, at which Mr. Baker was present. The writer says: "I had rather a narrow escape on one occasion. Two of us who had been sent out ahead by the column as scouts, were attacked by the Matabele scouts who killed both our horses under us at the first volley, so that there we were. We let fly at them with our revolvers, both of us finding our man, but then the other three came up with assegais. So we let fly again, but this time I missed my man, though the other chap got his. My man banged his assegai at me, but fortunately he missed me, though it whizzed past uncomfortably close. We then decided to try the best thing to do was to rejoin the column as more Matabeles had come in sight and I think if we had been timed it would have established a new world record for the quarter mile. On reaching the line we were remounted and the column gave chase, and finally dispersed them, killing about 600 and losing only five with eleven wounded."

ONTARIO MINISTER ILL.

TORONTO, July 25.—(Special)—The condition of Hon. Wm. Hart, commissioner of public works, is reported to be much worse. The minister is confined to his quarters in the parliament buildings and so serious is his state that an attack of brain fever is feared. Great regret is expressed upon all sides. It is feared Mr. Hart will never resume his departmental labors.

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"In favor of international peace and amity."

To the congress which assembles on Monday, Germany sends 35 delegates, France 17 and the United States 4. The Archduke as distinguished from the State Societies will hold a "welcoming meeting of their own in a separate hall on Tuesday evening. Herr Liebknecht, Herr Singer and other foreign delegates reached London to-day.

"JACK THE CLIPPER."

SEATTLE, July 25.—Stories of "a frightful outrage," south of the city, gained only a limited circulation yesterday, although the offense is said to have been committed on Friday of last week. On Monday morning Charles E. Adams reported that a man, whose description he tried to give, had entered his house, opposite Black River junction, tied two of his daughters in chairs and cut their hair off after ransacking the house and securing a small amount of booty. On Friday Mrs. Adams and one of the girls, aged 15, left the house to go black-berrying, leaving two daughters, aged respectively 13 and 17, to mind the place. In Mrs. Adams' absence a man, described as "large," came with a basket on his arm and knocked at the door, asking if the girls desired to purchase anything. Being answered in the negative, he asked where their mother was. The elder girl stated that she had gone black-berrying. Mr. Jack-the-Clipper then pushed into the house, locked the door, and taking the girls, tied both into chairs with a clothes line. He then overhauled the house, but left three watches in a trunk up stairs. He then returned to the room where the girls were tied, and picking up a pair of shears proceeded to cut off their luxuriant hair close to their heads. Then he took French leave by the window. Upon the finding of Mrs. Adams the story of the outrage was told. It is believed that the man is a dangerous lunatic, as he was gibbering while performing his tonorial functions about having cut the same girls' hair on Pike street. He says that he will come back and cut it again after it grows.

SCOUTS THE IDEA.

MONTREAL, July 25.—(Special)—Sir Donald A. Smith reached Montreal from London via New York to-day. To a reporter Sir Donald said the report that he was to enter Mr. Laurier's cabinet as minister of the interior was ridiculous. The High Commissioner is in good health. Lady Smith, however, is ill. She did not come to Canada with him, remaining in London.

THE STAGE.

"The Pilgrims Progress" which will be presented at St. James theatre either at the end of August or early in September has been accepted for production in theatrical circles. The new play of "The Mummy," recently given at a matinee performance, will be presented at the Comedy theatre upon the close of Mr. Daly's engagement. William A. Br. Daly's engagement with the Empire theatre has secured the manuscript of the new Drury Lane play which Sir Augustus Harris had reserved at the time of his death. The piece will be produced simultaneously in London and New York. One of the best scenes is laid in Union Square, New York, while two others are respectively a rehearsal and a shipwreck.

CHATHAM, July 25.—Thomas Leahy was arrested at Chatham on a charge of blowing open a safe at the Bothwell post office on Monday night.

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Stockton, Market and Ellis Sts. San Francisco, California.

Advertisement for Palmolive Soap, featuring an illustration of a woman and the text "USE IT EVERY DAY" and "MAKES SKIN SOFT AND WHITE."

POPULISTS AND SILVERITES.

ST. LOUIS, July 25.—The Populist and Silver conventions were launched yesterday, but neither made much headway. The programme of the Silver convention included simply the adoption of a 16 to 1 platform and the nomination of Bryan and Sewall, but those in charge of it deemed it good policy to go slowly, in the belief that they might, by remaining in session, be able to exercise an influence in shaping things in the Populist convention.

SENATOR ALLEN HAS BEEN CHOSEN PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION.

There is only one interior. It is that by Mr. Indian Affairs in advance of any certain will cabinet making all the province British Columbia in without a portfolio of in day night, look whether he answered Mr. Martin's question that he is out to either Gore McInnes of Br. Montreal, J. Excellent A. Smith interior in the LU

FOR ERIE, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ELABORATE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF THE VILLAGE OF LUNDY'S LANE.

QUEBEC, July 25.—Cardinal Taschereau is seriously ill. His Eminence, who belongs to a French family of Quebec, members of which have attained considerable prominence on the bench and at the bar, was born in 1820, in the county of Beauce, his great grandfather having come from La Touraine, France. The Cardinal was ordained a priest in 1842, and in 1847 highly distinguished himself by his pastoral labors among those who had been stricken with the ship's fever. Returning from Rome, where he had been sent to present the decrees of the Second Council of Quebec, and had remained for several years studying canon law, of which he was made a doctor, he was appointed a director of the Grand Seminaire of Quebec, of which he became superior in 1860. He attended the Ecumenical Council in Rome, 1870, and on the death of the Archbishop of Quebec, in that year, was made administrator jointly with Vicar-General Cazeau. In February, 1871, he was appointed Archbishop of Quebec, being made the first Canadian cardinal in 1886.

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