

DISTRESS IN INDIA.

The distress in India cannot yet be said to amount to a famine. It is, however, severe. "There will be," the London Times says, "local distress in several important provinces and there are fears of absolute famine in many of the affected districts."

There are more railways now than ever there were in the country, so that food can be conveyed to the places in most urgent need of it. It was the want of railways in previous years that caused scarcity to become famine most destructive to human life.

Relief works have been already commenced and a part of the population will earn enough on them to enable them to keep body and soul together.

UNMASKED.

Henry George, who is looked upon by a great many people as a wonderful reasoner and a patriotic philosopher, stumped the country for Bryan during the late campaign.

"I believe that Tuesday next we will elect William J. Bryan as President of the United States. Furthermore I think that in the vote of the Electoral College New York will be found to have gone for Bryan."

If Henry George believed what he said he must rank very low as an observer, for it might be supposed that any man who was not blinded by fanaticism would have seen that the city and state of New York would go against Bryan.

If Henry George did not believe what he said he descended to the level of the bar-room politician who is destitute of knowledge and principle and who has no reputation to lose.

THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

Here is how the London Times replies to the accusation of land grabbing preferred against Great Britain by the German newspapers:

Now, people may hold very various views about colonial expansion, and may apply to it any invidious epithet that their good taste may suggest. It is not our purpose to discuss the ethics of the matter. All that we want to point out is that this country has no monopoly of annexation, and that Germans who have been seizing everything they could lay hands on are in no position to give themselves airs of moral superiority.

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has not quite outgrown the awkwardness of youth. She is still the victim of the juvenile illusion that other people who refuse to play the game instead of their own necessarily display abnormal depravity.

LAND GRABBING

The Germans have lately been in a bad humor with the British, whom their newspapers have abused with some bitterness and a good deal of energy. One of their chief accusations is that the English are a nation of land-grabbers, and, of course, it is something more than insinuated that they are not very particular as to the means they take to add to their territory.

The Times, as a loyal defender of the British nation, while it does not deny that Great Britain has been for many centuries adding to her possessions, says it does not lie in the mouth of Germany to accuse her of land-grabbing, for within the last twelve years Germany has acquired an immense extent of territory. The Thunderer goes into detail and proves conclusively that since 1854 Great Britain's acquisitions of territory have been more moderate proportionately than those of either France, Germany, Italy or Belgium.

In the beginning of 1884 Germany possessed not one square mile of territory beyond her own shores. It is unnecessary to repeat the oft-told story of the aggrandisement of the young German Empire. The way had been prepared by private enterprise and official encouragement for some years before, but few people outside German colonial circles imagined that Prince Bismarck was in earnest; he had pretended to be "no colonial man."

France in those eventful twelve years "grabbed" over 2,726,000 square miles of territory. In 1884 French acquisitions abroad were 665,000 square miles in extent. In 1885 they were 3,391,000 square miles. Great Britain in 1884 owned colonial territory to the extent of 8,409,790 square miles, and in 1896 it had increased to 11,008,780. This is an immense empire, but as we have seen it has been growing for about five hundred years, whereas the colonial possessions of both Germany and France have been, for the most part, acquired within a comparatively recent period.

The answer of the Times to Great Britain's German detractors is complete and admits of no rejoinder. It is also spirited. The great English newspaper for the occasion drops its judicial tone and its defence of Great Britain is as lively a specimen of journalistic discussion as one would wish to see.

A SANGUINE ROSSLANDER.

It does one good to see a man or a newspaper standing up bravely for his or its own part of the Province. It is the habit of too many to belittle and disparage their own section or their own city. One consequence of this croaking is to throw a damper on energy and enterprise, and another is to prevent outsiders from visiting it and throwing in their lot with its inhabitants.

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will, when it is once fairly developed, yield those who have invested their money in it better dividends and for a longer period than have Coolgardie, the Black Hills, Cripple Creek, Leadville, Nevada and California. "Trail Creek," it says, "before two years will yield more of the precious metal than any mining district that has yet been known."

It is hard to keep from sympathizing with the sanguine Rosslander and from believing that there must be a great deal of truth in what he says.

Enthusiastic statements such as this, evidently uttered with a firm conviction of their truth, will do good to the Trail District and are not likely to do harm to any other part of the Dominion. Those who do not believe that they are literally true, who think that the enthusiastic Rosslander paints his district in colors that are too bright, will be apt to conclude that there is a good deal of truth in what it says and will form a favorable opinion of its possibilities.

THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

Although the people of the United States have returned a large majority in favor of sound money, they are by no means sure of being able to place their currency on a sound basis. The Senate may be so constituted as to be able to defeat any measure of radical reform. Although it is believed that the numerical majority of voters in favor of McKinley is over a million, the majority of states in his favor is only two.

The Tacoma Ledger of yesterday says: The beneficial effect of Republican success has appeared promptly. Everywhere from the East comes news of the resumption of business with all of the old time energy and confidence. Fires that have long been quenched are relighted, and the turning wheels of industry are once more making their customary music.

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Something like this may be done when Congress meets. The body just elected, representing an immense majority of the people, may pull one way and the majority of the Senate, who really represent no one, may pull another and an opposite way, and legislation on the currency or some other subject of importance may be brought to a standstill.

Our readers see from this that the people in the Great Republic, so far from being sovereign, do not possess so much power, and cannot exercise what power they have so quickly and so readily, as the people under the monarchy of Great Britain. After a general election such as was held in the United States on Tuesday, with a similar result, the Government of the day would be in the hands of the Sovereign, and would continue in office until a Government elected in agreement with the majority of the people was formed.

It is no longer a matter of a few weeks at most. Whereas, in the United States, in the regular course of things, months must elapse before the new President is installed, and many more months must pass before the men who were elected on Tuesday will meet to exercise the power with which they have been invested by the electors, and even then a few old men not at all remarkable for either their ability or their honesty may set at naught the will of the Sovereign people of the United States.

haps prevent reforms that the people desire and it may be urgently need. A late telegram from Washington says that the next Senate will be composed of 44 Republicans, 33 Democrats and 13 Populists. This gives the Democrats and Populist command of the Senate. With a Republican House of Representatives and a Democratic Senate the prospect of harmony in Congress is not very cheering.

ONE OF THE RESULTS.

Not the least important result of the Presidential election will be the restoration of commercial confidence in the integrity of the Government of the United States. While that election was pending no one either in the United States or in the countries that have dealings with the United States knew how soon the money of that country would be so greatly debased that it would not be intrinsically worth half or much more than half of what it is at present. It is impossible to imagine the changes that would follow making money so debased a legal tender for all debts.

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IS TRAIL DISTRICT OVERRATED?

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SCIENTIFIC CONTROL OF MINERAL WATER.

Prof. Oscar Lieberich, of the University of Berlin, points out the danger to the fact that apertient waters are formed by impregnation of the water in natural basins containing the active mineral constituents in the quantity of inconstancy in the quantity of the mineral constituents present. This is a very serious matter, since it involves uncertainty in dosage.

THERE'S MUSIC IN THE AIR.

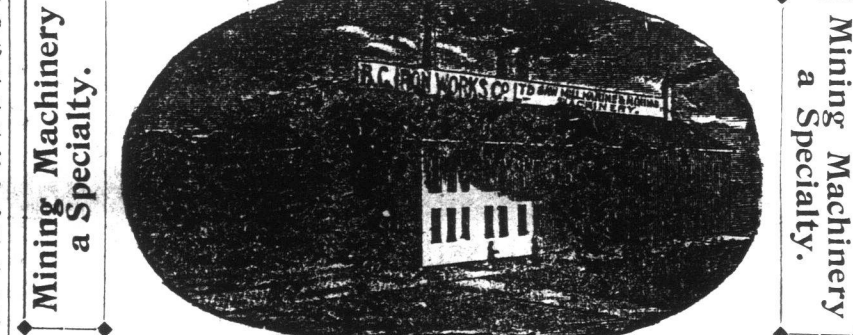


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FILLED EXPECTATIONS.

The Season in Alberni Has Been a Very Satisfactory One.

More Rich Finds—Copper Belt Found Closely Resembling Trail Creek.

ALBERNI, Nov. 7.—(Special)—

Several prospectors came down from the mountains and report that a few inches of snow have fallen around the Alberni mine, but everything is in good shape at the tunnel, so that snow will not delay the work this winter. The wagon road is progressing favorably.

Westwood brothers came down to-day and report that work on the claims on Douglas mountain is going ahead in good shape.

Robert Debeaux has built a large and commodious stable on his premises at Mineral Creek. This has been much needed of late, owing to the large increase in traffic to and from the mines.

The recent spell of bad weather has somewhat checked mining operations on such claims in the district as are not as far advanced as to burn candles.

Prospectors are coming down from the higher points, and are preparing for a few weeks' activity down the canal as the first break in the weather occurs.

Several rich finds down there are looking well, and parties of prospectors are quietly pulling out for that locality.

The copper belt has been found there with large leads of ore which closely resembles that of Trail Creek. Prospecting will be carried on in this section more or less all winter.

Everything considered, the season has been a satisfactory one. Developments on Mineral Hill have fairly filled expectations. The Duke of York Hydraulic Company are starting work with a full force of men on Monday, the recent heavy rains having caused China Creek an abundance of water, and there is now a large cargo of freight on Wednesday, and left again on Thursday for West Coast points.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Little George Brown, the twelve-year-old son of George James Brown, of Beecher Bay, was killed on Thursday last by a horse falling upon him. The lad left home at 8 o'clock in the morning on horseback to drive a small bunch of sheep.

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BARNATO INTERESTED.

An Agent of the Well-Known Capitalist Established at Rossland.

French Government Engineers to Report on Trail Creek—Important Transactions.

ROSSLAND, Nov. 7.—(Special)—Hirsch Cohen and K. T. St. George, who arrived here on Monday, have proved to be the agent and mining expert respectively of Barney Barnato.

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