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WHY BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER.

The Taku forts, occupied on Saturday by the international forces, just 41 years ago were the scene of an episode which gave to the world the famous phrase "Blood is thicker than water." A British fleet of 11 small gunboats, under Admiral Hope, was engaged in an assault on the mud batteries just inside the Poi-Ho river bar on June 25, 1899, when the tide went down and left them helpless in the mud under the fire of the Chinese smooth-borers.

Capt. Tattall, the flag officer commanding the United States China Squadron, which was anchored off the bar, nominally guarding American interests, perceived the plight of the British admiral, lowered his barge and with his flag lieutenant and 20 men rowed up the river to show the Englishman how to point his guns. The flag lieutenant, Stephen Decatur Trenchard, was badly wounded, and one man in the barge was killed in passing through the fire from the forts. Once on board, however, the British guns were so well served by the Americans that the forts were silenced and Tattall himself piloted the gunboats by a channel he had discovered until they found the protection of the fleet outside.

Tattall's action was regarded by the authorities at Washington as tantamount to disobedience of orders, as he had been strongly cautioned by his government to preserve neutrality and limit his activity solely to the protection of Americans. He was detached from command and brought home, where he only avoided court-martial through the great popularity his brave act gave him. The "blood is thicker than water" phrase was coined in English newspapers at that time and echoed so vigorously in the American press that the navy department finally approved Tattall's action.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Because Boston was seized with such a bad attack of municipal ownership mania that it carried it to an absurd length, unthinking people are indulging in a general condemnation of the practice of civic corporations doing their own work where practicable. Chatham's limited experience in the municipal management of its water and light plants has been eminently satisfactory, but probably had it gone in for some of Boston's Utopian projects the result would not have been so pleasing. Boston has been experimenting with "municipal ownership," and the results are summed up in Harper's Weekly by Guild A. Copeland, in an article headed "An Insolvent Utopia." Among the things which it was determined Boston should provide for itself, instead of permitting selfish and greedy private persons to provide it for them, were its stationery and printing, its actual carpentry, including both construction and repairs, its electrical installations, and its ice plant. Carpenters, wheelwrights, veterinarians, were "civil servants." To escape the terrors and tests of competitive examinations these were asked for and placed on the municipal pay-rolls as "ship carkers," "rubber gasket makers," "beam tenders," and even "an expert swimmer." What was the practical output of all this apparatus had not really been investigated until the accession of the present mayor, a level-headed business man. He was struck, on being called upon to sign some vouchers relating to a matter which he knew something about, by the excess over the market prices of material and labor. From this proceeded an investigation which has resulted in the turning over to private enterprise of a number of "public utilities," upon the ground that it cost far too much for the city to provide them for itself. Mr. Copeland gives the instances. A job of electrical equipment on the ferry boats which should have cost \$6,800, cost \$10,200. A job of electricity in a building for hospital nurses, should have cost \$1,528, and did cost \$4,754. Work on the armory, which could have been done for \$2,600, was done for \$6,700. And so forth. The city's ice from its own philanthropic plant costs about \$60 a ton. And so forth. In all this there is no charge of direct dishonesty or peculation. It was simply the extravagance engendered, as a limited experience of human nature would have shown, that it was sure to be engendered, by withdrawing the incentive to diligence and frugality furnished by private interest, and putting nothing equivalent in its place. There was an element of conscious humbug in the evasion of the rules of the civil service. These were "beaten" in many ways, so as to make "patronage" out of the enormous multiplication of places caused by municipal ownership.

We suppose that if Bourassa had been on the banks of the Saskatchewan he would have shouldered his musket for Reil—Woodstock Times.

He seems to regret he was not on the banks of the Modder to shoulder a Mauser for Kruger.

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Mr. Tarte has started for home. That is better. We know him here, and have nothing but pity for his ravings. In England and France they were taking his absurd utterances at par value as the official representative of the Dominion of Canada.

We have definite information from Ottawa that Archie Campbell, M. P., will not offer himself again for the Liberal nomination in Kent. In that case rumor says that Mr. Pardo is likely to be urged to run for the coming election. In any event one new Reform candidate will be necessary, and the choice is said to lie between John A. Walker, Q. C., of this city, and William McGregor, of Tilbury.

Does it occur to him (Sir Charles Tupper) and his followers that the very gravity of the charge is a reason why a certain amount of care and seriousness should be exercised in dealing with it? A manufacturing company is charged with a fraudulent substitution of a most serious character.—The Globe on the Ottawa embalmers' scandal.

Here we find the Globe, after warning Sir Charles Tupper to be careful, wandering off at random itself. It assumes the existence of "a manufacturing company" as a fact. Now, one of the main points in Mr. Monk's accusation is that there was no company and no factory. A man with a pull simply went to Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia, and worked him for a \$5,000 order for \$300 worth of goods which were supposed to be "just as good" as another standard preparation which the department had tested and approved.

BRITANNIA'S BOARDING HOUSE.

Detroit Tribune.

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ONE ADVANTAGE.

Chicago Journal.

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LIKE HIS DAD.

The following birth notice recently appeared in the columns of a Kansas paper: "Born, to the wife of Jim Jones, a boy. The boy favors his old dad in several ways, viz., he is bald, has a red nose, takes to a bottle like a bumblebee to a lump of sugar, and makes a lot of noise about nothing. Selah!"

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THE FRANKING ABUSE.

Hamilton Herald.

Our esteemed contemporary the Guelph Herald prints an Ottawa hotel advertisement that was franked by a member of parliament and sent through the mails. Wonder if members of parliament get a rake-off for doing that sort of thing.

A CASHLESS HUSBAND.

Buffalo Express.

The census has disclosed a man in New Jersey who is living happily with two wives in the same house. When asked to explain how he managed, he said: "I give one-half my pay to Freida and the other half to Gretchen every Saturday night." This may account for the contentment of the women, but what has the man left to be happy with?

HOW ARCHIE HAS DUMPED LAURIER.

The Mail.

The National Anthem episode is producing a most extraordinary tangle. Laurier, it will be remembered, declares that he refused to stand while the anthem was being sung out of respect for Mr. Charlton! This explanation reflects somewhat severely upon Mr. Mulock, who, it appears, did rise notwithstanding the efforts of Finance Minister Fielding to drag him to his seat. Mr. Mulock must have had no regard for Mr. Charlton, and none of the finer feelings which animated Laurier and Fielding. Just as it is being claimed that Sir Wilfrid, with Messrs. Bourassa, Archie Campbell, Fielding, Fisher, Fitzpatrick, Godbout, Carroll, Belcourt, Erb and Brodeur had done a really nice thing by refusing to stand for the National Anthem in deference to Mr. Charlton, Archie Campbell breaks away from the group and declares indignantly that he did rise in a loyal manner, and that his hat was removed. Several members of Parliament testify that Mr. Campbell is mistaken as to his action. But apart from that point, look where Mr. Campbell leaves Laurier and Bourassa. He wants to make out that he is thoroughly loyal to the Queen, and that Laurier and Bourassa are not.

WALL CEBURG.

June 19.—A baseball game took place on Saturday between Wallaceburg and Dresden. The visiting team was defeated by a score of 24 to 13. The return game will be played here tomorrow, on the public school grounds.

Claude Chubb, of Vancouver, B. C., is spending a few days with his parents in town.

H. Morris, E. McLeod, B. Conliff and a number of other wheelmen visited Dresden on Saturday.

We are pleased to say that Miss Annie Little, who has been seriously ill for some time is now convalescent.

A. Clancy, who is attending school in Chatham, was in town over Sunday.

W. Standish, is at home again for a few days.

A tennis club will be organized in a short time by a number of young men in town.

The next stretch of granolithic sidewalk will be laid on Nelson St. from J. Murphy's to Snively & Sauvey's.

Not What It Seemed.



Aunt Amanda—Silas, how much longer air you goin' ter stand in front o' that looking-glass?

SOME SPRING ITEMS

We find these interesting spring items in the columns of the Whitsett Courier:

"The whole town went fishing yesterday—the first holiday our citizens have had since the sheriff's funeral."

"The post-office has been closed for five days. Fact is the postmaster has been having such good luck with catfish he can't quit."

"Our venerable and enterprising coroner reports four lively funerals on Tuesday last."

"The town library needs replenishing, and we have just had two prize fights for its benefit."

"Our notes at the bank fall more due than falls on the flowers."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

A clear conscience makes a good pillow.

Gold dust has ruined the eyesight of many a good man.

A full moment is just as small as a—parc moment.

Always take sufficient time to consider; then decide quickly.

The best way to fill your cup of joy is by making others happy.

You can't always measure a widow's grief by the length of her veil.

That which is called liberality is frequently nothing more than the vanity of giving, of which we are more fond than the thing given.—Rochefoucauld.

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