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THE TURK REMAINS.

Whether the solution of the Near Eastern problem made by the Grand Council is permanent or not, it is a very remarkable fact that Western Europe should have returned to the traditional British policy of maintaining the Turk as a balance wheel for the Balkan states and as a bulwark against Russia.

It is what has been vainly sought for. It might have been possible to produce a semblance of order by continuing to pump Allied resources into the militant ambitions of Greece. But there is no semblance of permanency in a military domination sustained by, and dependent upon, outside power.

In the whole of the Near East there is not a people with any sympathy with Greece except the Greeks. They are more nationally isolated than any of the other peoples, and they are singularly unaccustomed to ruling, partly populated by Greeks and partly by other races.

The secret of Turkey's power was, and is, that her rule, while utterly ruthless, cruel and corrupt, is never factional. Turkey never entered into the merits of a dispute and took sides. She permitted the disputants to go on disputing until they became a general nuisance, and then impartially massacred them both.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY SERVICE.

The proposal made today by the Canadian National Railways management to put into effect on the St. John Valley Railway between Fredericton and Centreville the same service which was in operation prior to June 25th last, while it may be somewhat of a concession, means that a train service which has already been tried and was found far from satisfactory is to be put into effect again.

THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

Mr. Ernest Lapointe, speaking in the House of Commons last week, somewhat warmly protested that, in the circumstances in which Canada would be represented at the coming Imperial Conference, the country should not be bound by the decisions reached. Mr. Lapointe also said that the Opposition would not be represented at the gathering. Opposition to the meeting of representative statesmen of the Empire units has been frequently shown of late, points out the Montreal Gazette.

views on the matter when he was first invited, as Prime Minister, to attend. There was a suggestion that the gathering should be called an Imperial Council. To this it was objected that the findings of a council implied that they were authoritative and possessed an inherent force that did not attach to the suggestions of a conference, which at most could not be more than recommendatory. This was so in keeping with the general sentiment that it was accepted as a matter of course. There has been no attempt by the Government of the United Kingdom to give the meetings any other character. Individuals, whose positions gave their statements no official authority, may have spoken as if the institution should be made a super-Parliament, and have sought to advance their ideas by assuming that it is already such. These are poor observers of the process of events. The idea dominating most utterances on the relations of the colonies with the Mother Country now is that the Empire is a commonwealth of nations, having one sovereign, co-operating with each other in all matters of mutual concern, but each holding to its autonomy. One commentator of note put it that Imperial Federation had been killed by the new conception. A gathering of the representative men of such a commonwealth will naturally be a conference. No wise man would wish to make it otherwise, and no foolish man need dread its deliberations. Representatives may meet, consider the problems that present themselves, and come to conclusions as to what it will be well to do. The parliaments concerned will act on these conclusions according to their judgments, or will ignore them if they think fit. There is no compulsion in the matter; and there will be none. Mr. Lapointe is afraid of a mirage.

LOYALTY OF INDIA.

The Duke of Connaught is on his way home after his visit to India, where he represented the King-Emperor with grace, tact, dignity and cordial feeling. All the Royal Family are tacitly to a degree; and it was said of the late King Edward that in none of his public speeches did he ever utter a tactless word. That nice gauging of popular feeling is an art which all the members of the Royal Family have cultivated with unequalled success, remarks a contemporary.

The Duke of Connaught arrived in India at the moment when the new home rule measure—as it might be called—was about to be put into operation. In that connection the Duke made several conciliatory speeches, couched in assuaging terms. He paid cordial tribute to the loyalty of the great Indian princes in the war, to the earnest desire of Britain to do everything possible to elevate the condition of the people who had been kept in peace and security under the rule of the British Raj, and made a most excellent impression among all classes of the people. Some of the disaffected held aloof; but the winning personality of the Duke, his transparent sincerity, his true friendliness toward India, whose genius he understands as well as any man living—which is not to say that His Royal Highness completely understands the Indian character—these qualities and traits won him the best welcome the British Raj has ever known.

The results of his visit cannot be estimated of hand; but manifestly it made for better relations; it brought the chief source of power to the elbow; it gave the Indian people an opportunity to see the embodiment of British rule, oratorially presented, although the Occident lags pitifully behind when it is a case of gorgeous color and pomp and circumstance. The visit of the Prince of Wales, although it was everywhere prevalent, and whose purpose is the physical and moral ruin of human society.

DR. MICHAEL CLARKE AND THE FREE TRADERS.

Montreal Star: "Michael Clarke is a bit unfortunate in his reference to 'Solomon' as a free trader, for that famous potentate's policy so burdened and offended the majority of his subjects that his reign ended in a succession of revolts and after his death his kingdom fell to pieces, only one tribe remaining loyal to the house of the free trader. Never thereafter did a king reign over a unified Israel, and to this day the people are scattered over the earth. Surely Dr. Clarke could have found in history a more encouraging example of the operation of his 'theory'."

PASSENGER TRAIN JUMPS THE RAILS

Campbellton, N. B., March 6.—The east-bound Limited left the rails this morning west of Causapscal, Quebec. One passenger was injured and the train was delayed nine hours. W. D. Duncan, chairman of the bridge committee, will leave for Ottawa on Tuesday with a delegation from the province of Quebec. It is expected that the Dominion Government will pass a sum in the estimates this session for the much needed bridge. Some ambitious people rise from nothing to something worse.

CHILD CRUSHED BY LOAD OF WOOD

Six-Year-Old Daughter of Allan Black of Newcastle Lost Her Life.

Newcastle, N. B., March 6.—In a sad accident on Saturday afternoon at about 4 o'clock little Isabelle Black, aged about six years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Black, lost her life and little Alma Woods, aged six years, daughter of Mrs. John Woods, was badly injured. The children were playing on the street, King's Highway, near their home and caught on to a load of wood that was passing. Little Isabelle Black jumped on the side of the load and Alma Woods caught on to the rear. They were hardly on when the load moved suddenly and the posts which held the wood in place broke. The entire load was thrown over the side on which Isabelle Black had been standing. As quickly as possible the load was removed, but the child was dead, and it is believed that death was instantaneous.

She was the fourth child and five other children survive. The team was owned by Samuel Kingston and was driven by Ephraim O'Brien. No blame is attached to the driver and an inquest was not considered necessary. The accident was seen by several persons, but the driver did not notice the children on the load.

The funeral of little Isabelle is to take place on Monday and interment will be made in St. Mary's cemetery.

ARREST MINISTER ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Carleton Co. Girl Enters Complaint Against Charles Steeves.

Woodstock, March 5.—A sensational arrest was made here last night when Sheriff A. R. Foster and Deputy Sheriff Moore took into custody a Pentecostal Minister named Charles Steeves, charged with a serious crime in which a young girl named Etta Brooker of Bristol was the alleged victim. The girl is 15 years of age. Her mother is dead and she has been kept in a house for her father. The officers located Steeves at Springfield, York County, when they arrived on a religious service was in progress with Steeves the officiating man. He was engaged in prayer and the officers waited until he finished and as a fervent amen went up from the congregation the officers approached Steeves and placed him under arrest.

MONTREAL CURLERS CHARITY BONSPIEL

Montreal, March 7.—A charity bonspiel on the curling rink of the various children's hospitals of the city which was staged here on Saturday, has in all probability reached its objective and five thousand dollars or more will be the net finding, it is stated. A feature of the proceedings was the arrival in the city and a visit from the Canadian Curler from the coast-triumphant tour of Scotland. They were entertained to lunch and special supper at the Montreal club and also to supper at the Outremont club. About 600 curlers figured in the matches which were played in the afternoon and evening of Saturday.

TRACY.

Tracy, March 4.—The local agricultural society was visited by the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. D. W. Morrison, and P. S. Sharpe. Very interesting and capable addresses on agriculture were delivered by the speakers and a large attendance of members and others were present.

BOSTON FAILURE.

Boston, March 6.—The Continental Products Corporation, a holding company for several large sugar concerns, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities were placed at \$5,292,228 and assets at \$784,837.

BIKE GRIND STARS

New York, March 7.—Fifteen bicycle teams, including the first entry from Germany since the war, were in the spring six day race at Madison Square Garden, which began at midnight last night. All were tied at twenty five minutes flat at one o'clock.

OBITUARY

Joseph M. Datzell. St. John, March 7.—Joseph M. Datzell, one of the oldest residents of the community who was well known throughout the province and whose fame as a manufacturer of fishing rods won him recognition from His Majesty, the King, passed away at his home about 7:40 last evening after a lingering illness.

CHAPLAIN'S SERMON TO LOCAL CURLERS

Rev. G. M. Young Tells How the Game of Life and Curling Are Similar

The Fredericton Curling Club attended dinner at the Methodist church last evening, where the chaplain of the club, Rev. George M. Young, gave them a stirring curling sermon, the subject being 'Drawing to the Tee.' Special music was provided for the service, a quartette of A. H. Booth, D. H. P. and Chas. D. Young and a trio of Miss Josephine Vradenburg, D. B. Tees and J. Hartman giving several selections. Programmes were distributed to the members of the officers of the Curling Club on the back were distributed to all attending the service. Talking as his text, 'Chosen men, let handed; every one could slings stones at a hair breadth and not miss,' from Judges, 6:20, the chaplain explained that although the text appeared to have been written for a Curling Club, it was not; but for a time when the popular amusement in the world was the game of curling, and the throwing weapon a sling. The world in those times had been swept by a great moral indignation, and men who were practiced in the use of the sling in play, were ready to take their places in avenging a great wrong.

To be able to 'sling a stone at a hair breadth and not miss' was the result of careful balancing of moral and mental powers, and what had done these men in play served them equally in the hour of need. Recreation, Mr. Young believed, was a necessary part of life, and he recalled the fact that while the Puritans had frowned on bowling, it was not because of the gain it gave to the bear but because of the pleasure it contained for the spectators. The Puritans lived had forced them to fight against sports of a dangerous nature.

The last word in the text had been translated 'miss' by the old Scripture writers, whereas it is literally 'sin'; and the speaker pointed out that there was no sin in the curler's career which could compare with a miss. A curler's play became a record of his personal character, an index of his soul. The playing of a good stone was conditioned entirely by the curler himself, always with the proviso that the skip had correctly directed him. Lack, though often mentioned as a 'good shot' points to a defeat in a curling match, was often used to discount other people's successes.

"The qualities of a good curler," the chaplain stated, "are acquired by patient and persistent training—in moral terms, self-denial and self-disciplining. The failure to make a 'good shot' points to the absence of those qualities which go to making self-control," he stated, and continuing he said a preoccupied mind took the curler off his play, and sometimes an ungovernable rage was shown in the manner in which a stone was thrown. One curler had told him that a squabble with his wife over the supper table had put him "off his usual game," and Mr. Young impressed upon the curlers present not to throw the blame of a poor game on the poor wife.

Every man, said the chaplain, could make a good shot every time with skill, judgment and self-control, which could only be acquired by practice on many sorts of ice in many years. "The attainment of the position of a keen and accurate curler," he continued, "has a moral significance. The failure to make a shot has its root in the personal will of the curler, not in circumstance or the ice."

"The cause of all wrongdoing and failure was found, both in the game of life and the game of curling, in not obeying the skip. Many men fancy they can direct the course of a stone, after its projection; by twisting their bodies in all sorts of shapes, as if to bend the stone to their wills and direct it in the right course. This illustrates the uselessness of any attempt to deal with sin in its issue and not in its projection," he affirmed. To follow the direction of the skip was not, if the directions were faulty, a personal missing of the mark, but to take more or less ice than directed to, frustrated the idea of the shot. Similarly, we must take our ideas from the Great Skip, who will shape the projection of the life and deliver it from moral inaccuracy.



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