[illegible] Hudson's Bay syndicate for [illegible] proposal to grant them the [illegible] of forty five years [illegible] be reclaimed in that [illegible] The vote was a small one, [illegible] Manitoba being cast in the [illegible] favor to 7.31 against it. [illegible] fact, and the shame [illegible] by which the ballot papers [illegible] manipulated so as to make it [illegible] cast a vote against the monopoly [illegible] vote for the city undertaking [illegible] the work at once this very meagre [illegible] expression of opinion [illegible] not receive the slightest consideration at the hands of the Council. We [illegible] to learn on the authority [illegible] that the nefarious project [illegible] carried into effect without the consent of the Ontario Government, which is not likely to be obtained. It should be fought to the last by all who do not wish this monopoly-ridden community to be cursed with another greedy and insolent corporation.

WHAT is Premier Mowat thinking of that he allows Militia Col. Denison, an official of the Provincial Government, to go round the country making fire-eating speeches, at gatherings which are to all intents and purposes held in the interests of Toryism? The *Fife* flag raising festivals are so clearly devised and carried on for a party object and the blatherskite harangues of the Yankeephobists are so directly aimed at the policy which the Grits have lately taken up, that the continued toleration of Denison's vaporings displays more than ordinary weakness and timidity on Mr. Mowat's part. A high spirited, self respecting political leader would quickly suppress an official whom he caught playing into the hands of his opponents in the fashion that Denison is doing. But the Grits have no pluck in such matters. Mr. Mowat no doubt fancies that the loyalty cry really has a hold upon the masses of this country and is consequently afraid of angering its votaries should he interfere with the Denisonian antics, whereas it is merely the stalking horse of a lot of adventurers and office-seekers and who find, so far, but few fanatics. The bulk of the people take no stock in such nonsense.

GROWTH.

NEVER were mankind more harmonized than they are *to-day*, although from the material standpoint, it may seem that inharmonies were never more widespread, but it is only the increased commotion that always occurs before the birth of the new. This year has been remarkable for the number and variety of international congresses that have been held in the principal cities for the purpose of promoting peace and disarmament among the nations, the close union of the world's workers, social purity, prison reform, etc., and we can see the influence for good they have wielded in the purer tone of the public press, and the general advocacy of better thoughts in regard to these matters. Reform publications are rapidly increasing among all peoples and languages. Though the closing year will be a rich gem in the Crown of Time, the year 1891 will be still grander. The universal power of Soul Communion is working.—*Worlds Advance Thought.*

FORTUNES LOST.

THE DARK SIDE OF THE BARING BROTHERS' LATE TROUBLES.

IT would be difficult to find a parallel to such a sudden descent from great wealth to comparative poverty as that of the partners in the great firm of Baring Bros. Lord Revelstoke was building a splendid mansion in Mayfair, which was to cost £100,000, but has surrendered this, as well as the rest of his property, as among the assets of the firm. The other partners have dealt with their property in the same way. Mr. Hodgson, who was a silent partner only, and drew £40,000 a year from his share of the profits of the business, and who had a magnificent place in Kent, where his family had dwelt for three generations, has given it over as it stands—house, furniture, works of art and everything—to the liquidators, and finds himself beginning life again at an advanced age, on a salary of £500 a year in the service of the revived company of Baring & Co. Another partner, Mr. Stewart, father-in-law to Herbert Ward of African fame, had purchased one of the most palatial houses in Carlton House Terrace and was spending £150,000 in decorating and finishing it. The house was to have been occupied by him this spring, and a great house warming was planned. He considers himself fortunate in obtaining a purchaser for it in the person of Mrs. Mackay, the wife of the "Bonanza King." Another member of the firm, Mr. Henry Bingham Mildmay, had a splendid house and estate in Kent, for which he has found a tenant for three years in the person of Sir Henry James.

POETRY

JIM BLUDSO

OF THE PRAIRIE BELLE.

WELL, no! I can't tell what he lives,
Because he don't live, you see;
Leastways, he's got out of the habit
Of livin' like you and me.
Whar have you been for the last three year
That you haven't heard folks tell
How Jimbo Bludso passed in his checks
The night of the Prairie Belle?

He weren't no saint—them engineers
Is all pretty much alike—
One wife in Natchez-under-the-Hill
And another one here in Pike;
A keerless man in his talk was Jim,
And an awk ward hand in a row,
But he was the best hand on the river
I reckon he never knowed how.

And this was all the religion he had,—
To front his engine well;
Never he passed on the river
To mind the pilot's bell;
And if ever the Prairie Belle took fire,—
A thousand times he swore,
He'd hold her nozzle agin the bank
Till the last soul got ashore.

All boats has their day on the Mississip,
And her day come at last,—
The Movastar was a better boat,
But the Belle she wouldn't be passed.
And so she come tearin' along that night,—
The oldest craft on the line—
With a nigger squat on her safety-valve,
And her furnace crammed, rosin and pine.

The fire burst out as she cleared the bar,
And burnt a hole in the night,
And quick as a flash she turned, and made
For that willer-bank on the right.
There was runnin' and cussin', but Jim
yelled out
Over all the infernal roar,
"I'll hold her nozzle agin the bank
Till the last saloon's ashore."

Through the hot, black breath of the burnin' boat
Jim Bludso's voice was heard,
And they all had trust in his cussedness,
And knowed he would keep his word.
And, sure's you're born, they all got off
Afore the smokestacks fell,—
And Bludso's ghost went up alone
In the smoke of the Prairie Belle.

He weren't no saint,—but at judgment
I'd run my chance with Jim,
'Longside of some pious gentlemen
That wouldn't shook hands with him.
He seen his duty, a dead sure thing,—
And went for it thar and then;
And Christ ain't a going to be too hard
On a man that died for men.

—*Col. John Hay.*

THE CZAR'S REPLY,

[Addressed to the promoters of the recent Guildhall meeting held to protest against the treatment of the Jews in Russia.]

"They may be true, these things you say:
If so, I don't defend them.
But—hall! I stand my kingdom
Without delay to end them
But true or not, I do protest
'Gainst your attempts to shame me,
For you, of all men, are the last
Who have the right to blame me!

"For you, my bishops, and my lords,
And magnates in the city,
You've many objects nearer home
Deserving of your pity.
And if you must protest 'gainst wrong,
Then, in the name of charity,
Protest 'gainst your own country men's
Incredible barbarity.

"Go, save the helpless Africans
Your people flog and plunder!
Go, and in Ireland break the chain
Of tyranny asunder,
Go, help the landlords' victims left
To die upon the highway:
Go, feed the starving peasantry
That throng each country by way.

"Go, and in your own city fight
'Gainst Poverty's foul ravages;
Go to your East-end courts and slums,
And succor your own savages:
And till, at least, you've carried out
At home your high flown preaching,
Spare me, in common decency,
Your phariaic preaching."

—*London Truth.*

THOUGHTS FOR LABOR REFORMERS.

SERVE not for any man's wages,
Pleasure, nor glory nor gold;
Not by her side are they won
Who saith unto each of you "Son,
Silver and gold have I none;
I give but the love of all ages,
And the life of my people of old."

—*Swinburne.*

GOD never scooped the Mississippi valley to be the grave of freedom, nor poured Niagara for its requiem.—*Wendell Phillips.*

LABOR, in working out its own emancipation, will regenerate the world. In solving the labor problem, the other vexed questions which have so long pressed for solution will be settled. All the various forms of social and moral evil which afflict humanity are traceable to caste-rule and the spoliation of the laboring class. War, intemperance, prostitution, and crime, are due either to the greed begotten of capitalism, the selfishness, arrogance, and luxury of the moneyed and influential class, or the abject necessity, ignorance, and debasement of the disinherited.—*Politics of Labor.*

MANKIND suffer because they reject truth, either ignorantly or willfully. Every truth rejected is replaced by pain and trouble in some shape or other. As bodily pains follow physical indiscretions, so mental discords follow spiritual perversity.

THE co-operation of evil being for selfish purposes is only transient, while the co-operation of good being unselfish is eternal. Trusts and monopolies are the culminations of co-operation for bad purposes; and these will be followed by fraternal co-operations for the common welfare. The monopolists are excavating for the new temple.—*Universal Republic.*

EDWARD ATKINSON thinks that "the rich need to know how the poor live, and the poor to know how the rich live." Exactly. How do the rich live? By robbing markets, smashing railroads, watering stock, purchasing legislation, stealing millions. We know how the poor live; they are lazy, but do the rich live? Do they *produce* anything? Laziness is often busy day and night.—*The Times.*

WOMAN'S rights will be recognized when men have freed themselves. Men are now slaves to their passions, and, therefore, women are the slaves of slaves. Free men will want free women. Slave fathers and mothers cannot produce free offspring; hence, the children mistake liberty for license to follow their tyrant passions.—*Universal Republic.*

THE antagonism of interest between the working class and the capitalists is the foundation on which the labor movement rests, from which it draws its strength, unconquerable, in spite of the bitterest attacks, and temporary defeats. The movement will grow with irresistible force until the industrial anarchy of to-day has given way to a new system, in which the antagonism of interest shall have no room.—*Journal of the K. of L.*

ALL that is human must retrograde if it do not advance.—*Gibbon.*

TRUST that man in nothing who has not a conscience in everything.—*Novalis.*

An eight hour law, the abolition of the middleman, contracts for all municipal and state work, the establishment of municipal workshops, practically under the control of the workers, would do more to give the laboring class control over the products of their own labor than all the strikes that ever were won or lost.—*H. M. Hyndman.*

CARPENTERS have a grand model. Christ was a craftsman. There were no working-cards in those days, but the Nazarene was the friend of the poor and the terror of the money changers.

THE AUTHOR OF "CÆSAR'S COLUMN."

"CÆSAR'S COLUMN," a story of the Twentieth century, was issued last June by a new and comparatively unknown publishing house. The name on the title page was Edmund Bougilbert, M. D., and it was given out that this was a pseudonym. The leading magazines and reviews, with one exception, and many of the great newspapers entirely ignored the book, and every thing at first was against its success. It created the most profound interest, however, among those who read it, and soon became talked about. Considerable guessing was done as to the real name of the author, among those prominently named being Judge Tourgee, Mark Twain, T. V. Powderly, Robert G. Ingersoll, Chauncey M. Depew, Benjamin F. Butler and others. The publishers, F. J. Schulte & Co., of Chicago, now announce that Ignatius Donnelly, author of "Caesar's Column," "Atlantis," "Ragnarok" and "The Great Cryptogram," is also the author of "Cæsar's Column." Mr. Donnelly escaped general suspicion because his previous writings are more distinguished by laborious industry and wide information than by the qualities that go to make the creator of romances.

POPE LEO ON SOCIALISM.

AN ENCYCLICAL THAT IS REGARDED AS HIS CROWNING WORK.

ADVICES from Rome state that the Pope has finished the draft of his encyclical upon the social question. His holiness has been working upon the subject for over a year, and at his request the most competent economists and bishops of different countries, including America, have furnished memoranda. The Pope considers the question the greatest of the present time.

The encyclical will be the crowning act of his work in this direction. The date of its publication has not been fixed, as he is in the habit of carefully correcting and polishing his writings, and will also consult with certain Cardinals and prelates on the leading passages of the encyclical. It will review and expound the whole question affecting wageworkers. The document will comprise three parts. First, his holiness will develop the general principles upon which social economy is founded, and the dominant idea of distributing justice which should regulate the intercourse of men and the spread of wealth. The Pope says that distributive and restorative justice is needed to prevent misery and sweating on one side and exorbitant riches and tyranny on the other.

The second part comprises the origin and cause of the present condition of the social problem. On this point his holiness takes a new thesis, first developed in his encyclical on Socialism.

The third part contains the views of the Pope regarding the remedies, beyond religious and moral influence, to be advocated. His holiness expresses himself again in favor of intervention by the state within the limits previously set forth. He condemns capitalism as now organized, and advocates a more equitable and just distribution of riches.

The encyclical will probably appear before Easter. The Pope works upon it nearly every day. He is convinced that the Papacy and the Church should lead the present social and democratic movement, and will appeal to all Conservative forces and to Protestants to aid in securing the safety of society.

MRS. NELLIE PEARCEY murdered Mrs. Hogg and her baby in London last October. Not to be outdone in crime, the English Government murdered her two days before the joyous Christmas day on which the gentle Jesus, who said: "If ye forgive not others their trespasses, neither will your Heavenly Father forgive you," was born. When the black flag, which announced that Mrs. Pearcey was hanging, appeared above the prison walls, the crowd of Christians in the street "set up a loud cheer, they were so glad that she was being choked to death. And then they went away to get ready to sing the Christmas carols about "Peace on earth and good will to men."—*The Cath Century.*

WHOLESALE MURDER.

ONCE more we call attention to the murderous avarice of our railway kings, who wilfully slaughter their employees, their passengers and other people, by failing to provide the most elementary safeguards for the protection of life and limb on the stolen highways of the nation. If we must tolerate them as highway robbers we at least should put an end to them as highway murderers.

According to the third annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the accidents reported by corporations operating less than ninety three per cent of the total railroad mileage in the year 1888, resulted as follows

	KILLED.	INJURED.
Employees	2,070	20,148
Passengers	315	2,138
Other persons	2,897	3,602
Total	5,282	25,888

Here, then, we have a total of 31,170 people killed or injured in one year by so-called accidents, nine-tenths of which could have been avoided by the use of automatic couplers and iron railings, by the sinking of trusses in the building of bridges, railroad crossings, and by the employment of flagman at dangerous points. If we suppose that the accident rate was the same on the roads which made no report, the total number of persons killed was 6,565, and 41,500 injured, 27,898. It is literally true to say that the Vanderbilts, the Goulds, the Huntingtons, and such like vampires, are fed yearly upon the blood of 31,000 people.—N. Y. *Workmen's Advocate.*

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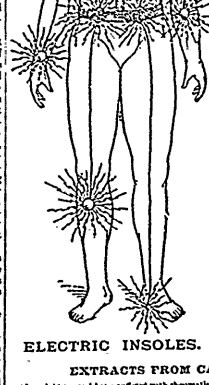

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