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Will There be War?

The chances of a struggle between England and Russia are diminishing daily. The difficulty between the two powers is just this: England demands that the proposed Congress have complete power to alter any of the terms of the San Stefano Treaty; whereas Russia is willing that the Congress should discuss them, but not alter them unreservedly. What would be the use of a Congress that possessed no power to finally settle and determine the terms of peace?

The bold and determined stand taken by England to have nothing to do with the Congress unless Russia acceded to these terms, and her evident readiness to back up her declarations with powder and shot, has had a marked effect on the policy of Prussia and Austria, and has shown the Czar he will have to "back down" or fight Britain. Already the former process has been commenced.

In spite of the weakening of Beaconsfield's Cabinet by the resignation of Derby the Government has gained strength with the people. A striking evidence of the war fever is the fact that 130 Liberal members of Parliament are pledged not to oppose the foreign policy of Beaconsfield. Sir Wilfrid Lawson's resolution against calling out the reserves was defeated in Parliament on Tuesday night, 319 to 64.

Austria proposes a compromise, that Russia seek territorial compensation in Asia Minor, and Turkey in Europe be divided into three parts, the northern, Bulgaria, north of the Balkans, to be under the patronage of Russia, the southern, south of the Balkans, under English protection, and the western, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Albania, under the protection of Austria, the Danube and Straits to remain as before.

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In 1816, the population of England was 9 per cent. of the population of England, France, Germany, Austria and Russia, to day it is 13 per cent. Her increase in population has been greater than any other power. Then she had a fourth of the population of Russia, now she has more than a third.

The revenues of Russia for 1874, were £70,000,000, £12,000,000 of which are raised by direct taxation principally on land; £7,000,000 on customs and £25,000,000 by taxes on intoxicating liquors. She has at present reached the limit of her taxing power. Any further burdens would crush out her productive industries. But how is it with England? One penny added to the three-penny income tax would yield £1,800,000,000. If the taxes reported since 1841 were reimposed, the increased revenue would be £100,540,000, not allowing anything for the increased productiveness in the repeated taxes. The banking capital of England is £200,000,000; of Russia, £100,000,000. The borrowing power of Russia is 62 per cent. England's is 31 per cent. England's increase of wealth per annum is about £250,000,000; in other words she could have paid off her national debt three times during the last ten years and still be as rich as she was at the beginning. The tonnage of the empire is nearly as great as that of all the merchant navies of Europe combined. The steam navy of Great Britain is twice as large as all the other ocean-going steam merchant navies of the world.

England is the most aggressive nation since the days of the Roman Empire. During the last 130 years, she has acquired 2,650,000 square miles of territory and nearly 250,000,000 of people, while Russia's conquests have amounted to 612,000 square miles and 17,133,000 of people. In comparing the growth of the two empires in population, in wealth, in industrial activity, in commercial enterprise, in the moral forces that liberty and civilization give to a people and which wield a tremendous influence in times of war, the results are almost infinitely in favor of Britain, and no wonder Russia stands hesitating to engage in a conflict with such overwhelming odds against her.

Does the Exportation of Hay Pay? The proportions assumed by the hay trade in the Counties of Albert, Westmorland and Cumberland during the past five years render the above question very pertinent one for every farmer to carefully consider. It is undoubtedly profitable directly to press and export hay—the existence of the business is proof enough for that—but is it indirectly and remotely profitable? Is the trade calculated to increase the productiveness of our farms by improving the quality of the soil, for any system of farming that does not give a place to the improvement of the soil, is certainly not a safe one to follow. Is it not possible that more money can be made by turning our hay into mutton, cheese, butter, pork and wool, than by selling it at even \$10 per ton, simply in the increased fertility gained to our uplands by keeping larger stocks? Is it not possible also that such increased fertility would have an important influence on our Provincial economies in promoting the growth of wheat, and thereby killing that dreadful moth that eats up the earnings of our farmers, viz., the millstone sent away yearly for flour?

Mr. Joseph Harris, a noted farmer of Rochester, N. Y., recently visited Maine, and his impressions of farming there have been re-published in that valuable paper, the Maine Farmer. The points of similarity between the physical characteristics of Maine and New Brunswick are so many, that his conclusions are equally applicable to this Province. He argued that the West has great advantages in the way of a richer and deeper soil, and perhaps a better climate, but the East had the advantage in its proximity to the best markets.

Along the shore and bays there is abundance of seaweed and fish and fish ponds. Artificial manures are cheaper than with us, owing to the lower charges for freight. And what is of great importance, artificial feeding stuffs are also cheaper. I was told that decorticated cotton seed cake could be bought for \$28 per ton. If I lived in Maine I should keep sheep and feed cotton seed cake. Of all feeds, decorticated cotton seed cake is the richest and most valuable manure. According to Mr. Lawe's estimate the manure from a ton of this cake, which can now be bought for \$28, is worth \$27.85. In other words, the manure is worth all you pay for the cake and you get the food for nothing. Give them a pound of cotton seed cake each per day, and that will improve the sheep, the wool, the mutton and the pasture. Sheep are the cheapest and best of mutton cars, especially for hilly land. But the manure they distribute will be rich or poor, as we furnish them rich or poor food.

New England will use more and more artificial manures every year. But as a rule they must not be regarded as substitutes for ordinary manures, but rather as auxiliaries. More milk, butter, cheese, beef, mutton, pork and wool should be and will be the aim of New (Brunswick) England farmers. And recollect one thing—that nitrogen from rich and easily digested food, is much more valuable for manure than nitrogen from poor hay or straw.

Several farmers told me that many farms had been ruined in Maine by growing potatoes. This is not because potatoes are a poor crop to raise, but because the farmers do not keep stock enough or feed it well. The present difficulties completely disprove the favorite theories of a few years ago, that England's influence in continental affairs was a mere cipher, for no fact can be plainer than that England is, after all, the great arbiter in European affairs. Despite the insignificance of her army, her enormous wealth, gives her a controlling influence. England's growth since the days of the first empire has been greater than any Continental power.

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Cumberland is taxed \$0.317 per \$100. W. Jack, Esq., has been appointed Mayor of Portland. The total estimated deficit in the British Budget is \$5,800,000. Hon. Wm. O. Hefferman, M. L. C., Nova Scotia, died on 3rd. aged 82. Judge Johnson of the County Court, Halifax, decided 1,500 cases last year. Mr. Willard Hutchinson, Trackmaster, has taken charge of the Nova Scotia section.

Prof. John Allison lectures every evening this month on Temperance, under the direction of the Minnesota Temperance Union. At Cariboo, B. C., ore has been struck that assays \$100 per ton, being more than the famous Bonanza. The B. C.'s are in ecstasies. An address to and reply of J. S. Trites, Esq., by the trackman in his division is on the fourth page. The address is not rendered the less valuable on account of being accompanied by a gold watch, chain and locket. They were manufactured for the purpose of Mr. D. R. McElroy's direction.

Rev. F. W. Penny, an A. B. of Mount Allison, and a B.D. of Boston University, died some days ago. He leaves a wife and child. His body has been sent to Carboneau, Nfld., for interment. He was a most amiable and energetic young man. Mr. Elliot, of Pogwash, has consented to become a liberal candidate for the Local. Mr. C. R. Smith has also been nominated, Dr. Clarke being declined.

Messrs. A. L. MacKenzie, J. C. Mahon, J. L. Leaman, and Angus McKay of Truro, have caught the Texas fever, and want to sell the Prince of Wales Hotel, the Victoria Hotel, the Truro Driving Park and the Henderson farm.

THE LITTLE RIVER MURDER.

Vaughan to be Hanged June 22—He Declares His Willingness to Die. Vaughan was brought into Court at St. John on Saturday to receive sentence by Hon. Judge Wetmore. He walked quickly in—indeed, he almost ran, and without requiring any directions stepped into the box, nervously moving back the bench as to make himself comfortable. He crossed his legs, folded his arms and looked around the room quite unconcernedly.

The Judge passed sentence in the usual way—condemning the prisoner to be hanged on Saturday, June 22, and praying God to have mercy on his soul. Once or twice during the delivery of the Judge's address, Vaughan drew forth his handkerchief, wiping his face with it, but there were no tears to remove. When His Honor had concluded, Vaughan said, in a voice that could be heard all through the room—"I am willing to die."

The Times has already embarked in the good work of attacking the re-election of Mr. Rogers, M. P. P., for Albert. Mr. Rogers is, no doubt, grateful for efforts that in the past so largely increased his majorities. Had the Times taken any other course than it did—had it looked him all over with praise—had it enlarged him—had it even commended him as worthy of confidence, then his cause would have been irrevocably ruined in the eyes of the honest electors of Albert. With such powerful instruments at work against him, we lay down our pen with the full assurance that Rogers will be re-elected "by a large majority."

CHIGNECTO POST.

From the Post's Ottawa Correspondent.

OTAWA, April 8.

THE DISREPUTABLE CORRESPONDENCE. One or two newspaper correspondents have lately been distinguishing themselves by manufacturing and telegraphing the lie that Sir John Macdonald had something to do with the Bunster-Cheval row. One of them telegraphed the St. John Freeman and Halifax Chronicle a yarn to this effect. It is needless to say that it was a deliberate lie. Sir John, who suspected mischief was in the wind,