

THE TROUBLE IN NORWAY.

The revolution in Norway was accomplished with suddenness and without violence. But the severance of relations with the allied state of Sweden is not yet absolute. Two estates of the Swedish realm have yet to pronounce upon the situation.

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Alas! what a change has come over the mind of the people of the world. It is only a comparatively few years since there was competition of the most strenuous kind for the privileges of sitting upon thrones and wielding sceptres. Then the people were as keen in the business, as hinged in their partisanship, and as eager for the war against their fellows as their princely leaders. The situation in Norway and Sweden is surely a burlesque upon the good old times of not so long ago.

Is the movement in Norway preliminary of greater and more significant movements elsewhere? There is little doubt that the people are going forward. The time will come when no human obstacle will be capable of holding them back.

by the opinion of princes, and with the Swedish chamber hostile, there is little comfort in the assurance that the government will place no obstacle in the way of the withdrawal of Norway.

ALBERNI.

Ex-Mayor Manson of Nanaimo, the candidate of the McBride government for the Alberni seat, is described, by way of giving eclat to his candidature, as "a candidate for the Comox-Atlin constituency at the last general election for the House of Commons."

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ALLUREMENTS OF OFFICE.

The Norwegian revolutionists are experiencing some little difficulty in finding a suitable head upon which to place the crown of the kingdom. Those who have had experience in the king business do not seem anxious to undertake the duties of the job.

His case is one of the great mysteries. It is merely a matter of misplaced energy, and seldom indeed is a victim of the mania cured and started afresh upon the path of independence and self-reliance.

The above reflections, we hope, will not be understood as having reference to the ever industrious and energetic members of the great Conservative party in Victoria or any other part of Canada. It is a matter upon which we are in complete agreement and accord with our contemporary the Colonist, which hinted in a slyly humorous skit this morning that there is a glorious opportunity for hungry Grits to establish a new and improved dynasty in Norway.

A minimum of separation in law and in fact Dr. Carmichael considered as preferable to denial of the principle of separation in law with the illegal existence of it in fact. In addition to this, he thought the people were not so eager for a separate institution when they had the legal right to enjoy it as they would be if it were denied them.

TIMELY REBUKES.

The hand of spiritually-minded men in Toronto whose religion is politics, and whose holy desires are office and all that pertains to the possession of office, are meeting with many rebuffs from unexpected quarters.

In addition to the endorsement of the policy of the government by two Presbyterian ministers of standing and repute, Principal Shaw, of the Wesleyan Methodist College, Montreal, President of the Protestant Council of Public Instruction in the province of Quebec, an Easterner, in discussing educational affairs in general, and as if rebuking the political incendiaries who have been declaring in London that the aspirations of minorities must be crushed if revolution be necessary to do it, protests that the Protestant minority are treated fairly in Lower Canada, and had reason to thank God for the very fair and just provision which had been made by the British North America Act.

In today's issue of the Times Mr. W. T. Andrews, makes a stirring plea for humane, considerate treatment of the inmates of the Old Men's Home. Our correspondent writes feelingly as one whose heart has been touched by personal knowledge of the circumstances of the aged recipients of municipal care.

The Northwest as a system he had no doubt. It was an excellent system and splendidly administered. "The ideal system," he said, "is undoubtedly the one school for all classes of the community. The common school is one of the chief factors in assimilating the different nationalities and transforming all into Canadians.

Then you regard the present system as under existing conditions a satisfactory system? Most satisfactory indeed, and I am of opinion that under the present system separate schools are much less objectionable than they might be were the principle of separate removal entirely, that is, removed in opposition to the protests of the minority."

What did Burmuda do to offend the Mother Country, that she, too, should be punished by the withdrawal of the bulk of the naval forces? And Scotland, and Ireland—were they, too, offenders against the temper of the English lords of the admiralty? The original proposition of our desperately reckless contemporary was monstrous. The amended plea is ridiculous.

Sir Frederick Treves, the eminent British surgeon, in a speech at the dinner of the Japan Society in London, spoke enthusiastically of the medical and surgical skill of the Japanese. He said that anybody desirous of seeing the last thing, the most ingenious thing, and yet the simplest thing in the equipment for war, must go to Japan.

"The school system now in operation in the Northwest and continued in the new provinces you then regard as a good system?" "Yes," answered the doctor emphatically. "It is difficult to see how it could be improved upon, and it works splendidly. People in the west are undoubtedly satisfied with it.

Dr. Shaw, president of the Protestant Council of Public Instruction of Quebec, a prominent Methodist preacher and educationist, was interviewed by a reporter of the Toronto Globe and asked to state his position regarding the Autonomy bills, but he declined to do so. He did say, however, that the Ultramontane party in Quebec were disappointed with the outcome. Their feelings were, he said, expressed by Le Verite: "We can understand that such fanatics as Spruille, Hughes and Potts should all against us as they do, but for Laurier to betray his race and his religion as he has done in the amended bill is unpardonable and incomprehensible."

We venture to predict that the terms of peace offered by Japan will stagger the Grand Duks.

leader Borden has made a speech in the House of Commons, and, strange to relate, the Colonist's Ottawa correspondent forgot to telegraph that all the Liberal leaders were driven from the House before the relentless logic and scathing denunciations of the paragon of politicians. Perhaps the correspondent's understanding has been opened to the fact that most of his chief's arguments are but the pettifoggery and gibberish of a lawyer of mediocre abilities.

The Colonist says "It has transpired, however, in an unofficial way that the British naval authorities came to the conclusion they did to abandon Esquimaut and Halifax for the very reason that Canada would not contribute as other colonies are doing to a common fund; and if the correspondence on the subject is ever published it is very probable that this view of the case will be confirmed."

Nothing in length and breadth so delicately controls the area it covers, nothing so capable of infinite extension, nothing so complex in its ever-widening series of cross connections, as a cobweb—and nothing so simple as a cobweb and chords of its construction along whose lines to the centre run messages from "every part."

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Little Danger in Electrical Force When Properly Handled. Lynn, Mass., June 8.—To demonstrate how little danger there is in electrical force when properly handled, Prof. Billy Thomson, of this city, yesterday permitted over half a million volts to pass through his body without displaying the slightest tremor or experiencing the slightest physical discomfort from the test.

LONGSHOREMEN'S UNION. Officers Elected at Convention of Pacific Branch. Bellingham, June 8.—The district convention of the Pacific branch of the Longshoremen's Union adjourned at Everett this afternoon.

NEW BICYCLE RECORD. Ouelon, June 9.—Walter A. Barlett, of Buffalo, has broken the world's bicycle record for three-quarters of a mile, previously set at the Ouelon track, in the first time of 1:25 3/4.

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