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# Public Libraries in the United States.

Now, when the question of public libraries is being discussed in connection with Mr. Carnegie and his gifts, it may be well to note the wonderful developments that have taken place in this department of civic life. The Library Association met in Toronto the other day and discussed matters of this kind as regards Ontario. In the International Monthly, Mr. Herbert Putnam, Washington, quotes from the speech of the president of the American Library Association on the progress during the last ten years. This includes "state library commissioners; interstate, state and district associations; library training schools; traveling and branch libraries; traveling pictures; library advertising; children's rooms; rooms for the blind; access to shelves; co-operation with teachers; co-operative cataloguing; inter-library loans and exchanges." All these forms of activity, we are told, have been initiated since 1890, and to this he adds "the general erection of superb library buildings; phenomenal gifts from philanthropists of library buildings and endowments; and compulsory library legislation."

In the United States the Public Library received legislative sanction only fifty years ago, and has followed in the wake of the common school. Mr. Putnam says: "Twenty-four million dollars in gifts to libraries within the past ten years! An impressive total, indeed! How far such gifts have will be done without delay. been diverted from religious enterprises or other educational institutions, is not capable of being estimated. The volume of gifts to missions and to colleges does not seem to have has been disproportionately large in that is of special interest to the peoit is now following the new industrial activity in the south, particularly in of the old-time library, says Mr. Putnam, was accumulation; the motto of the present is use. The former was content to respond to the demand; the latter seeks also to create it. The constituency of the former was in consequence only the student-scholar, who knew the value of books, and had positive need of their service; the constituency of the latter has no ad-

mitted limit within the legal area. The libraries now begin with the children, remembering that the reading habit must be acquired early. They are administered in a democratic spirit, removing all needless restrictions, and manifesting confidence in prove a good business in which to the honesty and good sense of the people. All this calls for skill and method on the part of the librarian; in fact, the management of a large library is not now a leisurely business, a dignified sinecure, but is a department where special training and experience are most useful. On the whole, we may hope that all this activity will have a large educational influence and tend to raise the level of intellectual life.

# Good Human Material.

The more elderly Doukhobors cannot in reason be expected to take in new ideas as rapidly as the young The youth are the hope of every country, and all accounts agree that the Doukhobor boys and girls are good human material. Testimony to this is borne in the report of a lady who conducted a school in the Doukhobor settlement at Yorkton last summer: "All were very attentive and eager to learn," she writes. "Some of the children came regularly from the village Utshenje, five long miles, in all weathers. They all came early, too, so I opened school at 8:30 daily, and when closing time came at 4, I often thought I was the only tired one." And again: "Most of them are surprisingly apt at simple arithmetic work. The older children had become perfect in the multiplication tables up to 'six times' before the closing of the school. I think it will be found that these children will excel in mathematics when opportunity permits." The needle and embroidery work done by the girls in her school she describes as "simply wonderful," and concludes with a striking tribute to the manliness and independence of the Doukhober character: "When these poor villagers found that the school was entirely non-official, and my work wholly voluntary, a committee of men offered me remuneration, which being declined, they expressed their gratitude, and told me, through their spokesman, that they 'thanked me all

the day and all the night." The new King's name is being worked in with various enterprises. It used to be Victoria Bridge, Hotel Victoria, Victoria University, and so on. The new palace hotel at Torento is to be Hotel Edward.

# Fishing in the Thames.

There has been considerable discussion recently with regard to the prothe fish in the Thames, and Cashmere dam upon the fish above the

It is asserted that the Cashmere dam is so constructed that the fish cannot possibly get up; that the only and proper portion of the river, and the portion that the fish would be most likely to remain and increase in, is gravel bottom; but that on account of the dam, that portion of the river is almost useless for fishing purposes. It is also said that tons of the fish are sent annually from Cashmere dam to Buffalo, and while it may be of an advantage to one or two, it is in reality destroying all the fish in the river, and preventing all living above the dam from being able to get the quantity of fish that rightly belongs to them. It is asserted that in time there will be no fish at all, and that, properly protected, the best of black bass would flourish. At first sight it would appear to be a matter over which there need be no contention; that both sides in the controversy would do right; and when it is considered that the river is rendered almost useless for fishing purposes by reason of the dam, and that if the dam did not exist the river would always be well supplied, the matter becomes of importance, and the owners of the dam should so alter it as not to prevent the fish from coming up.

We trust, in view of the injustice plainly existing with reference to Cashmere dam, that if the dam is not removed, it will be at least so arranged that fish will not be prevented who, by the way, has a brother in from coming up the river, and so the adjoining county of Elgin. The that all parties can receive what justly belongs to them in this matter. The farmers all along the river, and all ter followed his example. Clergymen those fond of fishing, are much interested in having the dam so fixed that it will not interfere with the free passage of the fish from below the dam to the parts of the river above it. It is very desirable that good fish should be maintained in the river, and we hope there will be no need in the future to refer to this matter, but that whatever is necessary to be done to give all parties concerned their rights

# Sugar for the World.

The United States Treasury Bureau of Statistics has just issued a report on the sugar production of the world east, middle west, and west; but ple of Ontario in the present time, beet sugar industry is occupying their attention as it has pever done before. from cane, the total production of 1900 being 5,950,000 tons of beet sugar and only 2,850,000 tons of cane sugar. How the growth of sugar has increased is shown in this striking manner:

Total production was-	Tons
Total production was	1,150,00
In 1840	0 110 000
In 1870	5 702.00
In 1870	8,800,000
In 1900	
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be economically carried out,	ought t

# Tolstoi On the Toilers.

Count Leo Tolstoi is probably the one Russian who is best and most widely known outside the borders of the great empire to which he belongs. We know there is a "Czar of All the Russias," but the head of that vast country is to most a name and nothing more, but Tolstoi is a living soul, who has laid bare his heart and made known to the world the real life of Russia. The North American Review for April gives an article from the pen of this great genius, which is a sad prose poem picturing the terrible oppressive contrasts of social life, which he declares to exist everywhere, but which are certainly to be found in an extreme form in Russia.

Tolstoi has the insight of the poet and something of the magnificent audacity, the uncalculating courage of imitators, but that ought to be no exthe true prophet. We have spoken in another article of his conceptions of and his message; we now simply call attention to the vividness of his course, always anxious for "scoops." social pictures, and as we read them There was a wild scramble at the time we can well understand that the de- of the Queen's death to get out the spotic rulers in church and state first special edition announcing that suitable to the maritime nations of the scarcely know what to make of a man event. Everything was in readiness, who sees so clearly and speaks so even to the stereotype plates from boldly. Whatever his faults and ex- which such editions were to be printed. travagances may be, the church, that One New York daily has now eighty decides that the proper place for this plates stereotyped, to announce the great preacher is outside the pall, con- death of the Pope, whenever it ocdemns itself as lacking in breadth and curs, with details of his life. The pro-

selfish woman, whose only claim to of a cable message announcing the de-

homage, is her ill-gotten wealth: "A lady in a velvet mantle and a hat can be put on the press, and the paof the latest style drives up with a pair of fine horses. Everything she wears is new and most costly. A porter hastens to unfasten the cover of her sleigh, and respectfully holds her elbow while she alights. She walks along the arcade as if it were her kingdom, enters a snop, and buys \$5,000 worth of stuff for her drawing-room; orders it to be sent home as soon as possible, and drives away. This woman is unkind, stupid, and not even pretty. Never in her life has she done anything for others. Then why do the porters and the coachmen and shopkeepers cringe before her so ob-sequiously? Why has the produce of the labor of thousands of workmen become her property? Because she has money and the porters and the coachmen and the shopmen and factory workmen need money to feed their of all up-to-date less of politics.

obtain this money is to work as por-ters, coachmen, shopmen and factory workmen. Why has this woman got the money? She has got it because men, deprived of their land, and unac-customed to any labor except the ma-chine-weaving of stuffs, work at her husband's factory; and her husband giving the workmen only what is in-dispensable to their subsistence, takes for himself all the profits of the factory, some hundreds of thousands of roubles; and as he has no use for his thousands, he willingly gives them over to spend on whatever she may de

This is a specimen picture, and there are others like unto it, only more between Delaware and Ingersoll, being vivid. It may be said that to scatter likely to breed discontent, and raise the spirit of revolution. That may be so, but it is the existence of the thing that is the real danger. Extremes of wealth and poverty, knowledge and ignorance, are bad for society, and we ought to be thankful that they do not exist here in the same aggravated form. It is certainly a dangerous thing when great wealth is got by grinding the face of the poor, and when those who amass wealth are coarse and selfish, having no sense of social responsi-

# Speak Now, Neighbor!

There is a little quiet waiting to see whether the Free Press will make the amende to its readers, by mentioning that it totally misled them in asserting that the lots for the London Armory had been neither bought nor registered. Speak now, neighbor!

# Bishops on the Wheel.

Three of the Anglican Bishops in Great Britain are now devoted wheel-Ingram, the new Bishop of London, Bishop of Ripon was the first to adopt the wheel, and the Bishop of Colchesof almost every denomination wheel on this continent and find riding a healthful pastime as well as a great aid to pastoral visitation. It may not have appeared to be exactly dignified at the start, but it is wonderful how we get over objections by use and wont. In the early days of railwaying, territorial magnates refused to forsake their slow-going carriages, because it was not dignified or exclusive enough to take a seat in a railway train! It seems all so very funny now.

# The Drink Bill of the States.

The drink bill of the United States for the last financial year has been made up. It shows that our neighbors are imbibers of liquid refreshments on a very large scale, as the following statement of value of the beverages consumed will show:

Alcoholic drinks	125,798,530
Coffee	37,312,608
Cocoa	6,000,000
Total, 1900	\$1,228,674,925
Total, 1899	
10tal, 1000	

This is an average of \$16 17 for every man, woman and child of the 76,804,-799 inhabitants of the United States. Of the total amount spent, 86 per cent was for alcoholic liquors, of which 50 per cent was for beer. More coffee was consumed than of any other beverage, the total number of gallons being 1,257,985,296. Beer takes second place, with a consumption of 1,221,500,-160 gallons.

If spring is somewhat backward here this year, it may be a consolation to know that it is the same in the old world. In England, according to the latest telegrams, cold, winds, rain, and a black and flowerless countryside have been the Easter holidaymakers' portion. Thirty-six years ago, in 1865, according to an old resident, the winter and spring very much resembled that which we have experienced this year.

In the recent school board elections in Cleveland, only 706 women polled their votes. A year ago nearly 6,000 voted. In thus neglecting to exercise their franchise, the women of Cleveland give comfort to those persons who are ever ready to assert that a woman is apt to be moved by fits and starts, and not to value the privilege of voting when conferred on her. Of course she has a good many male cuse.

New York papers, like others, are, of cess of stereotyping the special plates Here is one picture, that of a coarse, takes place daily, so that in the event mise of his holiness, the fresh plates

# Good Fish Story.

[Grand Rapids Press.] The farmer members who allege that piscatorial culture brings pleasure to only a few seem to forget that every man is capable of at least one good fish

# A Good Word for the Premier.

[Own Sound Advertiser.] Ever since the Hon. G. W. Ross became premier of this province, his aggressive and progressive policy of developing the natural resources of the province has challenged the admiration of all up-to-date business men, regard-

# E RUNIANS-GRAY CO.

To fittingly wind up the Easter Holidays we shall make Friday a record day. Reductions startling mark every item in our list today.

# Carpet Department.

11 only, Tapestry Rugs, size 21/4 x3 yards, assorted designs, well covered, regular price \$8 50, bargain

wool filling, cotton warp, regular price 55c, bargain day, per yard..39c ers, regular price \$2 50, bargain day only ......\$2 only, Art Union Squares, size 3x4,

# Embroideries

40 pieces Swiss and Cambric Em-

slightly soiled, regular price \$6 00,

bargain day .....

broidery, 3 to 6 inches wide, regular price 12½c, 15c and 17c yard, special Friday, per yard ......10c

## Ribbons

Narrow Velvet Ribbon, in brown, Nile, yellow and blue, on sale Friday only, per yard ..... 10

# Hankerchiefs

10 dozen only, Ladies' Mourning Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, % hem, regular price 15c each, special Friday only ...... .3 for 25c

# Ruchings

hiffon Ruching, light shades, suitable for dress trimming, regular price 10c yard, Friday only, per

# Furnishings Department

Men's, Boys' and Youths' Caps, navy serge and fancy tweed, some with leather peaks, were 20c and 25c, Friday, for . . . . 2 for Colored Shirts, fast color, launderbosoms, some with cuffs attached, some with cuffs separate, regular value \$1 00, sizes 16, 161/2, 17 and 171/2 only, Friday, for Men's Odd Pants, left out of suits, coat and vest have been sold, fancy checks, finest tweed, price runs from \$1 90 to \$2 50, on sale

Boys' 3-piece Suits, all pure woot, neat check pattern, all sizes, 28 to 33, regular price \$3 75 to \$4 50, Fri-

# 

We offer on Friday the greatest snap in Silks ever given by this or any other establishment in London.

400 yards Fancy Taffeta and Fancy Blouse Silks, in pink, helio, blue, green, sky, cerise, cardinal and yellow; were 50c, 65c, 75c and 90c; special Friday, per yard,

# 35c.

275 yards Fancy Taffeta and Blouse Silks, in violet, green, helio, cerise, blue, pink, sky and gray; were 75c and \$1, special Friday, per vard.

50C. 

200 yards Fancy Foulard Silks, in royal, cardinal, pink, blue, navy, black, also white grounds, with colored sprays and figures; were 75c; special Friday, per yard,

# 50c.

120 yards Fancy Duchess and Taffeta Silks, in green, Tuscan, cardinal, sky, pink, reseda, nile and violet; were \$1 25 and \$1 50; special Friday, per yard,

60C.

# Shoe Bargains

Youths' Lace Box Calf, also black oilgrain lace boots, sizes 11 to 13, regular price \$1 25 and \$1 50, Fri-sizes, this season's shapes, regular price \$1 50 and \$1 75, Frionly .....\$1 22

# Gloves

48 pairs Ladies' Lisle Thread Gloves, all sizes, in shades of tan and brown, suitable for early spring and bicycle wear, regular price 25c, Friday, per pair.. 15c

# Hosiery

120 pairs Ladies' Black Cashmere Hosiery, spliced feet, worth regu-larly 25c, Friday, per pair ..... 15c 29 pairs Children's Black Cashmere 

mere Hosiery, in sizes 5½, 6, 6½, 7 and 7½, regular price 15c to 22c, Friday, per pair ...... 15c

# Ladies' Vests

96 only Ladies' Fleece-Lined Vests, suitable for spring wear, worth regularly 25c, Friday, each . 36 only Ladies' Vests, Fleece-Lined, day for ...... \$2 45 | regular price 50c, Friday, each.. 30c

# Smallwares

36 only Patent Leather Belts, steel 40 only Suede Belts, dog collar effect, in tan, gray and chocolate, were made to sell for 35c, special bargain .....

0 Belt Buckles, in gold, silver and black, worth from 15c to 25c, special, each ..... 5c Special line of Soft Taffeta Silk Belts, hemstitched and corded, in cream, white, and black, at each. 50c

# Mantles and Costumes

Ladies' Tailor-Made Costumes, in black, Oxford gray and blue bray, jacket double-breasted, mercer-ized lined, skirt 7-gored flare, spe-

Ladies' Skirts in dark garnet and gray homespun, regular price \$2 95, Friday only ......\$1 95 only Ladies' Black Cloth Capes. with red pipings, regular price \$3 50, Friday .....\$2 50 only Capes, in green, blue and black, handsomely braided, regular price \$5 and \$5 50, Friday.

# Umbrellas

children's School Umbrellas, strong frame, durable cover, regular price 50c, special Friday ...... 35c

# Staple Department

18 yards Persian Lawn, fine sheer texture, regular price 18c, Friday, per yard ......140 160 yards. Persian Lawn, fine texture, regular price 15c, Friday, per yard ......11e 178 yards, India Linen, regular price

80 yards Circular Pillow Cotton, 44-inch, regular price 1712c, Fri-92 yards Circular Pillow Cotton, 44inch, heavy quality, regular price

20c, Friday, per yard ..... 288 yards Art Muslins, assorted colors, neat patterns, regular price 8c. Friday, per yard .......

62 yards Bleached Table Damask, 72 inches wide, heavy quality, worth regularly 90c, our close price is 75c, Friday, per yard .....570 98 yards Unbleached Cotton Sheeting, 8-4 wide, regular price 15c, 120 yards Unbleached Cotton

Sheeting, 8-4 wide, regular price 19c, Friday, per yard 116 yards Twilled and Plain Bleached Sheeting, 8-4 wide,

# regular price 25c, Friday, per

# Crockery Department

97-piece Illuminated Dinner Sets, with gilt edges, your choice of four colors, good value at \$15 00, for, per set ......\$10 8\$ only, 97-piece Dinner Sets, with

gilt edges, in three colors, regular 20 only, Printed Toilet Sets, in assorted colors, for, per set .....\$1 64 25 per cent off all our Japanese China

# Grocery Department

201/2 pounds of Redpath's Granulated Sugar for .....\$1 60 221/2 pounds of Redpath's Bright Yellow Sugar for ......\$1 00 11 pounds of Choice Roller Oatmeal, 3 pounds of Rice and 2 pounds of Tapioca for ......25e pounds of Rice Cakes and 2 pounds of Ginger Snaps for .....250 31/2 pounds of Clean, Handpicked Beans for ..... n 40c Imperial Blend Black or Mixed Tea for .....

# RUSSIAN FORCE IN TURKESTAN

Now Numbers 180,000 Men and Still Increasing.

Morgan May Consolidate British and American Sentiment for an Inter-Oceanic Canal.

Clash Between Monks and Mob Near Oporto-Nearly 400 Russian Students Liberated From Prison.

INTEROCEANIC CANAL. London, April 11.-The Pall Mall Gazette, discussing a suggestion that Pierpont Morgan's visit to Europe concerns not only the steel trust, but the Panama Canal project, considers it probable that the strong feeling of British shipowners in favor of the Panama route has had some influence with Morgan, and says: "Morgan now has the chance of bringing the great moneyed people and ship owners of Britain and the United States together on this question of inter-oceanic canal. His presence in this country may consolidate the ideas on this question and bring about a working arrangement

RUSSIA EYES HERAT. St. Petersburg, April 11.-There are now about 180,000 troops in the military province of Turkestan, and yet no sign of suspending the small drafts continuously being dispatched across the Caspian from the Caucasus.

This extraordinary massing of troops in Central Asia gives rise to much curious speculation. Even in military circles the generally accepted opinion is that Russia contemplates, in the event of certain eventualities in the Far East, the demonstrative diversion of a sudden march upon Herat. BULGE IN SUGAR.

London, April 11.-With the approach of the budget statement the excitement in the sugar market is reaching fever heat. The wharves at Hamburg are choked with sugar waiting to be shipped to England, and there is such a run on vessels that even colliers are being pressed into service. Sugar imports for the month of March were 257,499 tons, as against 131,262 tons in March of last year. If it should turn out that no tax is to be levied on sugar there would doubtless be a great slump in prices, probably a number of speculators would fail.

that he will be succeeded by Baron Alerstone, lord chief justice of Ireland. AT FROGMORE.

The London World says King Edward will make Frogmore his weekend residence during May, June and July. This place is an ideal residence during the hot weather. The grounds are heavily wooded, and an aviary built by the Prince Concert adjoins a large, pleasant room, with an immense bay window, looking out on the STUDENTS LIBERATED.

A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from St. Petersburg says that Gen. Van Novesky, the new minister of public instruction, has lost no time in initiating clemency for the young people imprisoned for their connection with the recent disturbances. He has already liberated 200 male and 183 female students.

BRIGANDAGE.

Shanghai, April 11.-Brigands have destroyed three towns in Thibet. They also captured and tortured, according to French advices, a French priest named Mussot. The viceroy of the Province of Sze Chuen, at the request of the French consul, has sent a force to rescue Mussot.

MOB STONE THE MONASTERY. Madrid, April 11 .- A hostile demonstration has taken place at the monstery of Paramos, near Oporto, Portugal. The monks replied with gunshots, whereupon the mob stoned the building. A number of persons were wounded.

THREW DOWN THE MINISTER. Paris, April 11.-The Patrie publishes a dispatch from St. Petersburg which says the Chinese minister there, Yang Yu, gravely insulted Count Lamsdorff, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, during the discussion of the Manchuri an question, whereupon the count ordered his lackeys to put the Chinese minister out, and Yang Yu was thrown down stairs and fatally injured in the head.

LOUBET'S TOUR.

Ville Franche, April 10.-President Loubet this morning paid his promised visit to the Russian squadron. He decorated Admiral Birileff and two of officers with the Cross of the Legion of Honor. Admiral Birileff and staff, contrary to usage, landed and conducted M. Loubet aboard the The whole squadron was dressed and manned. President Loubet subsequently embarked on the St. Louis, and sailed for Toulon. The Russian bands played the "Marsellaise," and their crews cheered, and both French and Russian warships saluted. The Russian fleet will remain here for week.

Toulon, April 10 .- The land batteries and the Italian and Spanish ships joined in the general salute to President Loubet as the St. Louis entered the port, passing the Italian ships, whose sides were manned by their cheering crews, while the bands played the "Marsellaise."

The president landed at 2 o'clock and drove in a landau through the streets lined with troops to the Place

d'Armes, where he bestowed decorations on a number of military men.
Thence M. Loubet repaired to the prefecture. Great crowds came here and The Daily Mail says it understands that the Earl of Halsbury is about to resign the post of lord chancellor, and loss of of loss of lord chancellor, and loss of l

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duke handed M. Loubet the collar of London. This consists of a small rethe Order of the Annunciata. Presi- | idence, but includes nearly an acre of dent Loubet next received the officers land. It is said the American Governof the Spanish battleship Pelayo, and officers of the Japanese and Russian warships were afterwards introduced. Immense crowds assembled around the maritime prefecture and wildly cheered the representative of each nation. President Loubet later returned the Duke of Genoa's visit. President Loubet has sent numerous decorations of the Legion of Honor to the Italian officers and officers of the Spanish battleship Pelayo.

CABLE NOTES.

Owing to the illness of M. Waldeckcompliments were exchanged.

Owing to the illness of M. Waldeck-Leygues, minister of public instruc-tion and worship, has been appointed

to the ministry of the interior ad interim. The United States Government is

ment desires the property for an ambassadorial residence.

Owing to the illness of M. Waldeck-Rousseau, the French premier and man or woman behind the counter in a store "salespearson." The new word has already appeared in adver-

tisements. Are you nervous or sleepless? Have you faint and dizzy spells?

Are you short of breath? Is your system run down? If so, use Milburn's Heart and Nerve