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We are inclined to think, however, that there will be no need for the Clan-na-Gael to expose their precious lives on board Transvaal privateers for there will probably be no war.

THE PEACE CONGRESS.

It is difficult at present to say whether anything substantial in the way of promoting the peace of the world will come out of the Congress now sitting at the Hague. As the proceedings are conducted with closed doors and only so much communicated to the public through the press as it is thought prudent to give out we are necessarily left in the dark, to a large extent, as to the attitude of the powers to the questions before the congress.

It has been stated repeatedly, apparently on some authority, that no hope of a general disarming of the nations was now entertained and that the most that was expected was that some sort of tribunal would be created before which questions between the nations, which were likely to be decided, would be decided. It is not known how far this proposal has been accepted by the several powers, although it has been stated that most of the nations had agreed to the principle of arbitration and that Germany was the principal obstacle to its acceptance.

It is worthy of note that the representatives of the United States are working for arbitration. This, we believe, to be in accordance with the general sentiment of the American people, but the American delegates have no assurance that the principle of arbitration will be accepted by their own senate, without whose consent no peace treaty between the United States and other nations of the world can be effective and binding on the former country. It is not so very long since a treaty, providing for the arbitration of all subjects of dispute between the United States and Great Britain was rejected by the senate and there is no good reason to believe that a more general treaty of arbitration would be accepted and ratified.

THE SUN AND MR. BLAIR.

The concern of the Sun and Mr. Blair should divert traffic into American channels is wholly unwarranted. In fact, it is too absurd to be discussed seriously. It may suit Mr. Blair to whine over the injustice which Mr. Blair is said to be doing the Canadian Pacific, but he must be placing a low estimate on the intelligence of his readers when he seeks to make it appear that Mr. Blair is working to send and to build up American railways. A story of this character can only be built up by hiding at secret traffic arrangements and combinations. Such yarns may do credit to the fertility of the editor's imagination; but he can scarcely expect sober-minded people to believe them. The fact is, the "Sun" is very much more agitated by the strong and vigorous Canadian policy which Mr. Blair is pursuing, and which is so well calculated to redeem the intercolonial from the rut in which it has been running for so many years, than it is over any connections which are being established for traffic purposes with American railways. It is the minister's success, and not his mistakes, which keeps Mr. Blair awake at night.

Referring to this subject, the Toronto Globe, in a recent article, says: "Under Conservative management of the intercolonial the attitude of the railway towards its rival was one of constant apology for being alive. Mr. Blair has brought the railway to Montreal, he proposes that it shall get its fair share of the business that is going, and as a preliminary has stroked the extraordinary agreement by which its hands were virtually tied by its competitor. This could not be done at once, but even so far as his reforms are in force deficits have been converted into surpluses, and all he asks of the Canadian people is to be

judged by what he does in that respect. This is the opposition's real grievance against the minister of railways. Had he consented to be inert and useless, instead of being a daily rebel to his predecessors, he would not have excited the animus which is now displayed against him."

This is a concise summing up of the situation. It is always a safe thing to declare when the opponent of the government to assume the very opposite of what they assert. When they exhibit great anxiety over the alleged weakness and blundering of a minister, it may be taken for granted that the particular minister thus criticised is showing good judgment and is on the right track. It is the very essence of the game which they are playing to stonily declare when the government turns to the left, and so on. When people come to understand this we shall probably see less of the humbug that is so conspicuous in Mr. Scott's daily contributions from Ottawa. There is such a thing as presuming too far upon the credulity of sympathetic readers.

THE ALASKA BOUNDARY.

If Washington despatches are to be believed our friends of the United States, who have been so anxious for other nations to arbitrate their differences, are by no means in a hurry to take the same medicine themselves. The Alaska boundary difficulty is still unsettled, and it looks as if the government of the United States did not desire that it should be settled. After all that we have been hearing lately about an Anglo-Saxon alliance and all the blabbering demonstrations that have been indulged in on both sides of the Atlantic, the fact remains that the American government has adopted a policy the deliberate aim of which is to prevent the people of Canada from reaching their Klondike territory by water. It was announced some time ago by the correspondents at Washington that Canada was standing in the way of the Alaska boundary being submitted to arbitration, because she had imposed unreasonable conditions, one of these being that she should have an open port on the Lynn canal. This statement was generally believed that Mr. Geo. W. Smalley, the American correspondent of the London Times, telegraphed it to London and it was made the text of many articles attacking Canada not only in the press of the United States but in the "United States" as well. The statement was wholly untrue, Canada has insisted on no such conditions, but the government of Canada was standing in the way of the Alaska boundary being submitted to arbitration, because she had insisted on certain places on which Americans had settled as being regarded as belonging to the "United States" respectively of the general result of the arbitration.

When this disclosure was made it did not excite the indignation of the American press at the selfishness of the United States in making such a demand on Great Britain as well. The fact is that the offending party they had no words strong enough to characterize her conduct. The English press also was silent for some time, but it is safe to denounce Canada that a temporary arrangement had been made for the arbitration of the boundary, but even this the United States refused to agree to unless everything is made to suit the largest claims made by them. In other words, our neighbor will have no arbitration unless the American case is conceded in advance, and no temporary arrangement will do to exclude Canada from access to the Klondike by water.

The fact that the people of Trinity church have not yet succeeded in making a choice between the two residents of Ontario whose names were voted on at the congregational meeting on Tuesday evening may incline them to make further inquiry for the purpose of ascertaining whether some clergyman residing in this province is not worthy of the honor of being rector of Trinity. The selection of a rector is a matter for the people of Trinity alone, but members of other city congregations cannot fail to feel an interest in this fine historic church and its incumbent. There are about eighty Church of England clergymen in this province, and among them are some men of ability who would do honor to any pulpit. Perhaps these men are too well satisfied with their present positions to make a change, or possibly their media have been overlooked.

President McKinley is having a lot of trouble in consequence of the trouble in the Philippines. While the news is going him in more and more, so that the contest brought to an end as speedily as possible, the anti-imperialists are attacking him for not leaving the people of the Philippines to govern themselves. The president seems to be pursuing a middle course, which pleases neither party. He is going on with the war, but in such a languid fashion that it may last for years at the present rate of progression. What makes the matter more alarming is the fact that a year hence the Republicans will be nominating their presidential candidate, and if the war in the Philippines is not ended by that time the candidate's name is not likely to be McKinley.

The Montreal Gazette is afraid that a general election is near and warns the Conservatives to be on their guard. No surprise need be felt that the prospect of a general election is very distressing to the Conservatives, especially those of the Province of Quebec, but their fears are groundless. There will be no general election this year, and probably none next year. The government is daily growing in strength, while the opposition is miserably weak and hopelessly divided, so that the longer the election is postponed the greater will be the victory of the government.

The royal couple who occupy the throne of Russia have had another disappointment in the birth of a third daughter instead of a son and heir. The heir to the Russian throne, therefore is still the Grand Duke George, whose health is very bad and, falling him, the Czar's youngest brother, the Grand Duke Michael, who is not yet twenty-one years old.

The news from Newfoundland, which we publish this morning, is highly interesting not to say sensational. The action of the colonial government will result in bringing matters with the French to a crisis and will hasten the settlement of difficulties which have long stood in the way of the progress of the colony.

Weddings.

A very pretty wedding took place last Wednesday at the residence of Mr. James McDonald, No. 32 Valley street, when his daughter, Miss Margaret, was united in marriage to Mr. Alexander Elliot, of the same street. The bride was dressed in a handsome costume of organdie muslin over mauve, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. The groom was dressed in a handsome suit of black and white. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. W. Edmondson, of the Trinity church. The bride and groom were accompanied by their parents and other relatives. The reception was given at the residence of Mr. McDonald. The wedding breakfast was served at the residence of the bride's father, after which Mr. and Mrs. McDonald went to Halifax.

HISTORIC BONES

WHICH ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THOSE OF GENERAL VELASCO

Who Conducted the Celebrated Defense of Havana Against the English in the Sixteenth Century Have Been Found—They Will Be Sent to Spain.

HAVANA, June 28.—Several weeks ago what was supposed to be the bones of Velasco, the defender of Morro Castle in 1762, when Havana was captured by the British under Admiral Pococke and Lord Albemarle, were discovered under the floor of the custom house. Collector Elias notified the Spanish representative, Marquis Arguello, at the time. The police claimed the remains, saying that the last person that all such discoveries must be investigated. The collector replied that he could not deliver them to the order of Governor General Brooke, but he took the declaration of the workmen who made the discovery and carefully boxed and sealed the bones of the Spanish general, which were placed in a leaded room. To avoid further complications, Collector Elias notified the judge of the district court of his willingness to have the examination made by the police if made in the presence of Marquis Arguello. The judge agreed to this and the examination was held on Monday last. The physician decided that the bones were human remains. The tombstone shows the initials of Velasco, the date of his death, 1762, and the name of the general. A large crowd from here proposed attending the horse and bicycle races which are to be held at Havelock on July 1st. Several of our local riders will compete in the different events.

Funeral.

FUNERAL, June 28.—The members of Zeta Lodge F. & A. M., attended Trinity church yesterday afternoon in a body in full regalia, headed by the Organist. A splendid sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Scott, who is in charge of the lodge, which was greatly appreciated by the members of the fraternity present and their friends, who completely filled the church. A large crowd from here proposed attending the horse and bicycle races which are to be held at Havelock on July 1st. Several of our local riders will compete in the different events. Mrs. George N. Raymond, of St. John, is visiting here, a guest at "The Knoll."

Trouble for the French.

FR. JOHN'S, N.B., June 27.—The French fishing vessel Nouvelle Ecosse, from the Grand Banks, arrived at Cape Broyle, on the southern coast of Newfoundland, yesterday in care of her mate. She was seized by the customs officials for a violation of the fishery law. An officer was given the custody of the ship and she was later attacked into a boat and left the coast. The British special service vessel Columba was ordered to chase and seize the Nouvelle Ecosse, which has no register, that being in the hands of the customs officials. Serious complications are expected to result from this act. The French admiral is coming here to undertake an investigation.

Belgium Chamber Exit.

BRUSSELS, June 27.—Sundry scenes were witnessed in the chamber of deputies today in connection with the debate on the electoral law introduced by the government. The Socialists accused the government of bringing left officers of the crown to the chamber for the purpose of taking notes of the proceedings. The questioner hotly protested and an inconceivable tumult ensued. The sitting was eventually suspended. The Socialists eventually suspended portions of the Marcelline and all the Socialists joined in the shout of "Vive la République!" later, voted by 88 to 16 to debate the franchise bill July 5, and the house adjourned amid a terrific uproar.

Communication from Andre.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—H. J. Barron, formerly an Eastern newspaper man, has written the following to the Associated Press from Wrangel, Alaska, under date of June 24: "Information received here several days ago seemingly indicates that the Arctic explorer, is dead. A Norwegian, who was a passenger on the Rossie, a Seattle boat bound for Alaska, showed a letter supposed to have been written by Andre. The letter, in a sealed bottle, had been washed ashore on the Rossie. The letter was given to the westward of Iceland. I am leaving the balloon and provisions, according to the words written."

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TENDERS

For an Annex to the Lunatic Asylum. Department of Public Works, Charlottetown, P. E. Island, June 27th, 1899. SEaled TENDERS will be received at the Department of Public Works, Charlottetown, P. E. Island, until 10 o'clock on the morning of the 30th July next, for the building of an annex to the Lunatic Asylum, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the office. Tenders to be marked "Tender for Annex to Asylum" and to be addressed to the undersigned and accompanied by cash to the lowest or any tender. RICHARD SMITH, Sec. of Public Works.

A Well-Known Toronto Traveller Cured of Catarrh After Eight Years' Suffering.

JAPANESE CATARRH CURE CURES.

Mr. B. H. Fleming, the well-known and popular Toronto representative of Messrs. Ewing & Sons, Cork Manufacturers, Montreal, writes: "I have been a constant sufferer from Catarrh of a severe and most disagreeable type for eight years, with frequent attacks, and in spite of the hundreds of dollars I spent with catarrh specialists and remedies, which only afforded temporary relief. I tried Japanese Catarrh Cure about one year ago, and after completing this treatment have not felt the least symptoms of my former trouble. A few months ago I recommended it to a friend similarly afflicted, and he is now completely cured. I can highly recommend it to any person troubled with this disease." Japanese Catarrh Cure relieves cold in the nose or throat, or mucus will be returned. Sold by all druggists. Price, 50c. A free sample will be sent to any person troubled with Catarrh. Send name and address to The Grimsby & Macpherson Co., 121 Church Street, Toronto.

Items of the Coming Show.

Preparations for the exhibition are steadily progressing and the management hope to give St. John the most successful show yet held here. On the railway and steamship lines connecting with St. John are co-operating earnestly to secure the largest passenger traffic ever brought to the city. Some of the lines are making special arrangements never hitherto attempted. The Canadian Pacific railway and the Star line steamer have been accepted to carry and return exhibits practically free and the Intercolonial railway is making better freight arrangements than hitherto offered. The special attractions offered by H. P. Hill, who had that department in charge, have been accepted and subject to later approval—and some of the most striking novelties in this line will be brought to St. John. The exhibition promises to be better than ever before and a carload of the choicest horses on the continent will come as a special exhibit from a noted breeding farm in the United States. Machinery in operation will be one of the features of the industrial building. Through there will not be any new buildings put up, the main buildings will be converted into exhibition space by increasing their facilities for display and for the comfort of exhibitors and visitors.

Resulted Fatally.

An accident which occurred a few days ago in the city resulted fatally Wednesday afternoon. On Wednesday, June 20, Oscar Marchand, employed as mason with Messrs. B. Moore & Sons in the construction of Dr. Price's new residence on Germain street, fell from the wall on which he was working. The distance he fell was about 15 feet and he struck upon a pile of stones and earth. It was seen that he was badly hurt and Dr. D. Walker was summoned. The doctor found the man's spine injured and ordered his removal to the hospital. Thither he was taken and there he since remained, death relieving him of his sufferings Wednesday. Deceased was a young man belonging to Montreal and came here to work on the construction of the Mispac pulp mill. His relatives have been notified of his death. It is stated that he was to have been married last Friday.

A Noted Woman Dead.

LONDON, June 28.—Miss Ellen C. Johnson, superintendent of the Massachusetts Women's Reformatory Prison, died suddenly this morning at the residence of the Bishop of Rochester, the Right Rev. Edward Stuart Talbot, D. D., where she was a guest. It is believed she expired from heart failure, resulting from the excitement of reading papers at the meeting of the International Council of Women. The deceased was attended by Mrs. Dr. Barrows of Boston.

Uncle George.

"That was an actor you were talking with." "Harry—You don't mean it! I made a fine break. I asked him if he was fond of eggs, you know. I noticed he put on a tragedy air about that time."