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Curiosities of a Campaign. The campaign for the United States Presidency, now in progress, has some

emarkable features. Never before has there been such a marked absence of personalities in a United States Presidential election. The gentlemen selected by both of the acter and of excellent standing in the community, and it is only what they advocate that divides the people. Then for the first time since the war sectional strife and the waving of the "bloody shirt" are not resorted to, and the statesmen who are instructing the masses are inclined to emphasize that the country is a united

whole, each section mutually interest-

ed in the protection of its neighbor. At first, the swing of the campaign was greatly in favor of the Democratic candidate, but as the large majority of the leading newspapers turned against Bryan, as even many eminent Democrats refused to support the Chicago platform, and as the vast financial interests took fright at the proposed change in the money standards, there was a decided recoiling from the Democratic nominee. Recently, however, Bryan stock seems to have Improved, his reception in the large centers of population being as enthusiastic as could be desired. Bryan undoubtedly makes clever and taking speeches, and he has a strong hold on the populace of the Republic.

The "protectionists"-the combinesare against the Democratic candidate, but they were against Cleveland, and yet the Buffalo man secured the Presidency. The most serious trouble with Bryan is the split in his own party, which is not very dissimilar to that witnessed in Canada, when one section of the Conservatives was actively hostile to the other section.

It is in Bryan's favor that lic have already discounted the charge that if he is elected the whole business of the country would immediately go into chaos. Changes of policy come so slowly in the United States that it will be difficult, if not impossible, for a new President to make any radical change in the money of the country until such time as Congress agrees with him.

While many people jump at the conclusion that McKinley will be elected, under any circumstances, it seems to be a matter for speculation. Never before has the issue been so placed before the country, or parties so broken up in endeavoring to meet it. There will be surprises on both sides when the resuls of he polls are declared on the first Tuesday of next month.

V/hile in Scotland, the Czar of Russia tried to pick up enough Scotch to be able to read the latest popular novels. The Czar set himself a formidable task, but he is bound to be in the fashion.

Oil Developments.

Indiana is turning out an oil State. While developments in Pennsylvania, of which 62 were good for oil. There is a new daily production of 2,800 barrels, or an average per day of 25 2-3 oarrels for each well. This is an increase over August, when out of 67 completed wells 40 were dry holes, and only 615 barrels of new daily production were secured. The oil territory of the United States is wider than at first anticipated. Judging by recent strikes around Bothwell, and even in Essex, there are hopes that the Canadian oil field is also of greater extent than many were led to believe when the Bothwell field was aforetime abandoned as "dry."

We may not have a mountain like Hamilton, nor a steamboat such as London the less boasts, nor a blanket mortgage on all creation like unto that Toronto holds, but we have right here in Guelph the prettiest girls in Christendom.—Guelph Herald.

Nonsense; your girls may be pretty, but the fair maids of this Western Forest City cannot be excelled in point of personal beauty and excellence of general characteristics by those of any

SENTRALS TO HAPPINESS.

Western Recorder. W. C. Lawton says: "Outdoor heath, ten books and a are the only essentials of hapi-The fact is, not one of these is them all, and men can be miser-with them all. Happiness de-ds on character rather than on

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Great Change in Public Opinion on the Armenian Question-The Czar Off for France - Death of

William Waldorf Astor has sold his hotel in order to silence the criticism to the effect that a boniface is not a suitable husband for a princess. It is pointed out that many peers are pro-

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prietors of hotels, including Lord Hardinge, etc. The Norwegian newspapers announce the engagement of Mr. Astor to Princess Victoria of Wales as a settled fact

CHURCH DISESTABLISHMENT. The diversity of opinion among churchmen on the question of a State church was evinced at an influential meeting here on Wednesday of the Churchman's Liberation League, formed with the object of bringing about the disestablishment and disendowment. Rev. Dr. Simonde, the secretary, declared that both were a hindrance to the religion, and added that nothing could be more harmful to the hurch than the fact that 1,100 of the clergy are subsisting on an income of only \$750 yearly, while 34 bishops receive an average of \$25,000 per year. There is considerable ill-feeling among the clergy, it may be added, at the fact that Prof. Walpole, of New York, has been appointed principal of the Bede training college for schoolmas-

TONING DOWN. Lord Rosebery's attitude, at first regarded by the Radicals as playing the Tory game, now is meeting with almost general approval. Ex-Secretary Asquith and Mr. Bryce, both of whom have been Liberal Ministers, unite in advising a closer friendship with Russia, and there is no newspaper of any moment which does not re-echo the sentiment. The London Standard speaks of such a union as the one way of escape from the Turkish embroglio. The London Daily News and the Chronicle, Liberal organs, say amen. The one thing the British Government will not do is to withdraw their ambassador. The withdraw their ambassador. The Speaker says that Great Britain is willing to make war against Turkey, but the real difference of opinion omes in as to the wisdom of drawing the sword against Turkey plus some other power, or all Europe. The prevailing wish is to move Europe to common action, not for the partitioning of Turkey, but the chastisement

GLEAM OF HOPE. The week closes with some gleams of hope, but it would not be wise to be too sanguine. The Austrian Government, in its present mood, would stake its last man to keep Russia out of Constantinople, and behind Austria stands Germany. It is only necessary to look at that side to realize the dangers which surround a probwhich only seems simple to those who know nothing about it. The Speaker also says France has gained enormously by her Russian alliance. Her colonial expansion of the last ten years would have been impossible without Russia at her back. Without this alliance, England would not have allowed France to seize Madagascar

and half of Siam.

THE VASSAL OF RUSSIA. The London Saturday Review says that Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of India, summed up the situation in one sentence: "The Sultan now is practically the vassal of Russia." Such language is enough to make Lord Beaconsfield turn in his grave, especially coming from one of his favorite young men. The Russification of Turkey wound enormously increase the responsibility of the Czar's Government. On the other hand, the advance of Russia to the Bosphorus will make her more accessible, and her vulnerability will be increased. It is for the triple alliance, not for Great Britain, to object to the Russification of Turkey. 'Once we descend from the region of music hall heroics and chapel morality to the level of common sense, there is no earthly reason why the great powers most concerned should not deal with one another in the eastern question." The Spectator thinks the only way of improving the situation and to avert future danger is to deprive the man who produces it of his power for evil. The powers can agree to a peaceful partition or a partition of a partition of a partition after an exhausting and needless war. The diplomatists say that the second alternative is the one to be adopted. The Economist says the easiest way for Austria to preserve the peace and unite to maintain the status quo would be to aid those who insist upon reforms in Turkey, the first condition of which is the deposition of the present Sultan. interest is to support Great Britain's efforts at Constantinople, not to over-throw Turkey, but to improve her ad-ministration and make her continued existence possible and endurable, but we fear that the Emperor of Austria will not allow any attack upon Constantinople, even if the present de-testable ruler should continue his de-testable policy. It amounts to this, that the members of the triple alliance onsider the protection of the Sultan and Turkey the one subject of combination. That is a very serious fact to be considered by those who urge upon Lord Salisbury isolated action.

IMPROVING LONDON'S STREETS. It is fortunate on one account that the revels in honor of the Russian Emperor are arranged in Paris, rather than in the English capital. The main streets of London are torn up un-dermined and impassable. Piccadilly is renewing its pavement from Apsley House to the Circus, and traffic is suspended; Pall Mall is the scene of chaos; the Strand, Holborn and North-umberfand umberland avenue are barricaded with walls and paving blocks and pickwith walls and paving blocks and picketed with gangs of workmen. With one consent, the vestries are repairing the streets, boring for water and tunneling for gas in every direction. It would be a glimpse of the nether world of London, suspiciously typical of underground Russia, which the Emperor would have if he were to halt on his way from Balmoral to France.

OFF FOR FRANCE. There was a striking scene at the ittle Highland station of Ballater Saturday night, when, at the unearthly hour of 11 o'clock, the Imperial Rus-

London, Oct. 4.—The newspapers are visit has been, as it was intended, a poking fun at the report that Mr. William Waldorf Astor has sold his sume that it resulted in negotiations tional importance. The Czar is re-ported to have said gratefully that the Scottish air had braced himself and his wife up for their coming pointed out that many peers are pro-prietors of hotels, including Lord Walsingham, Lord Norreys, Viscount Hardinge, etc. The Norwegian newsthe evil construction which would be put upon her absence, no matter from what cause, she insisted upon accompanying her husband. The young couple left Balmoral Castle, as they arrived, escorted by torch-bearers and cavalry, and their railway journey will be subjected to the same rigid precautions as upon their arrival. Practically every hundred yards of the whole long route is guarded, for all the railway companies over whose lines the imperial train travels have turned on duty their whole indoor and outdoor staffs. The British and Russian detectives have two cars for their accommodation - one at the front of the train, and the other in the rear, and by almost unprecedented favor two newspaper reporters are allowed to travel with the detectives. DEATH OF LORD LORNE'S SIS-

> Lady Elizabeth Clough-Taylor, second daughter of the Duke of Argyll, died recently, and her funeral took place on Thursday. Her father, who is now in his seventy-fourth year, was so seriously indisposed that it was impossible for him to attend the funeral. The fact of the duke's illness has just become public, his physicians, contrary to the usual custom, issuing no bulletins.

THE QUEEN'S HEALTH. Sensational reports have been flying about of late to the effect that the Queen is losing her eyesight. The rumors had no other basis than a visit paid to her by a great oculist from Wiesbaden, and there is desolutely nothing in them. Her latest signatures to official documents are admirable examples of clear hand-writing.

THE CZAR IN GAY PARIS The approaching revels in Paris contrast strongly with the informality of the reception at Balmoral. Some English journals are inclined to ridicule French enthusiasm as hysterical and insane, but there is not only artistic method, but reason in this madness. France has been released by her Russian alliance from isolation in Europe, and she keeps the feast with sincerity and truth. The Emperor will be hailed with popular rejoicing, as well as stately ceremonial in Paris. Splendid entertainments will be devised at the Theater Francais and the opera, and Versailles and Paris will enjoy the greatest fete in its recent history. There will be quaint minuets, and dances in the famous Galerie des Batailles. It is the Emperor's first visit, and he will see the most beautiful and artistic capital of Europe in its gayest and most joyous mood.

THE SOUDAN EXPEDITION. The sudden stoppage of the Nile campaign has caused little surprise to those whose business it was to study the financial aspects of the situation. There is no money available for prosecuting the war further, and as an Egyptian loan is not favored, it will be curious to watch the outcome of the present deadlock between the foreign caisse de la dette publique and the Egyptian treasury. The susceptibilities of France have to be studied with the greatest care, but if England is to pay all the costs of the campaign she can hardly be blamed if she expects something solid for her money. The behavior of the Egyptian troops has been beyond all praise and the rumors about the insubordination of one English regiment have beeen grossly exaggerated.

AUSTRALIAN ORANGES. The greatest interest is manifested in the experiment undertaken by the Government of New South Wales in introducing oranges from that colony into England, in order to relieve the oversupply of Australia and supply England when the market here is bare of other oranges. A consignment of 1,740 boxes was sold this week, and experts declare that the fruit was of excellent quality and in fine condition

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE. There was a very large attendance at the Catholic conference which closon Wednesday last, and the earnest views of the speakers met with unstinted applause, the Bishop of Birmingham, Dr. Isley; Cardinal Vaug-han, the Rev. A. H. Villiers, Wycraig, J.P.; Mr. J. H. Matthews, Mrs. Crawford, Sir Charles Dilke's niece; the Rev. Luke Rivington, the well-known convert from the Church of England. participated. The closing paper was by Mr. B. F. C. Costello, on "Mischief of Misunderstanding."

WAHEHES ON THE WARPATH. The general uprising of the Wahehes, the powerful and warlike tribe of German East Africa, is causing much uneasiness in colonial circles in Berlin and elsewhere. The Wahehes, who met with a crushing defeat from the German troops a couple of years ago, have this time been incited by Arab chiefs, and they have excellent weapons and equipments. The rebellion seems to be spreading around the whole Tanganyika region, and the troops available are much too weak to cope with it. In the meanwhile, Gov. Wissman is lingering in Berlin, Africa owing to his shattered health, though he is being urged to do so. Moreover, the Government is not inclined to ask the Reichstag for a large increase in the number of German East African troops, in view of the big colonial budget, although the pres-

forces are quite inadequate. WILLIAM WITH HIS GUN. Emperor William had excellent sport at Rominton last week, killing a big stag every day. On Tuesday he shot a 22-point stag, the biggest killed in sian couple started south, en route for Germany for ten years past, and he France, at the termination of their royally rewarded the gamekeeper who

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| enabled him to bring it down. How Majesty shook the man warmly by the hand, sent him a bottle of champagne to drink his health and also presented the foresters with a copy of his Majesty's latest allegorical picture, "8s. Michael standing guard over the blessings of peace." Ten thousand of these pictures have been-reproduced in the imperial printing office.

IMPERIAL LENIENCY. Emperor William has added another to the already large number of sensa-Marquis of Lorne's Sister — Why the Soudan Expedition Was Stopped.

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A.—The newspapers are the report that Mr. of Astor has sold his to silence the criticism and decisions of the highest international importance. The Czar is relat a boniface is not a ported to have said gratefully that the Scottish air had braced himself it is certain that the prerogative of the Reichstag shortly. tional pardons granted since his ac-

shortly. A convention of representatives of all Prussian cities of over 25,000 in-habitants has been held in Berlin, and a permanent organization was effectcally unfit to undertake such a journey, with its attendant pomp and to formulate opposition to the grow-excitements, but when she realized ing tendency of the Prussian Government in favor of agrarian interests at the expense of the interest of the cities and to obtain the abolition of the privileges enjoyed by Government officials, clergymen and teachers in municipal taxation.

WOMEN'S PETITION. The women of France are preparing a monster petition to be presented to the Czarina on the occasion of her visit to Paris next week, asking her Majesty to exert her influence with her husband to the end of obtaining the assent of the powers to Russia's deliverance of Turkish rule. Meetings were held on Saturday all over England to express indignation at the Armenian business, but there is certainly a falling off in the intensity of the fever.

OUR BIG PROVINCE. The area of the Province of Ontario Plaids at 25c per yard. water area, 219,650 square miles. The area of the State of Pennsylvania is about 46,000 square miles, or slightly over one-fifth that of Ontario. Quebec has a land area about 6,900 square



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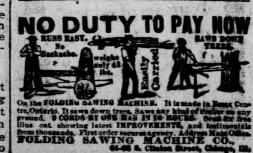
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