

## ..The Planet..

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## BE AT THE MEETING.

A meeting of the council of the City Board of Trade has been called for next Tuesday evening to consider the matter of railroad rate grievances prior to their presentation to the government commissioner. Other citizens are also invited to be present.

The object of the meeting is important and should insure a large attendance.

The present railroad rates are generally recognized as providing scope for reformation. The proposal to ventilate this is of vital interest to our shippers, and perhaps, more indirectly, to us all.

Be at the meeting.

## HIGHLY INTERESTING.

Wu-Ting-Fang, the Chinese ambassador to the United States, gave a fourth of July oration at Philadelphia, "the cradle of liberty," during which he said: "If I could divert myself of all consciousness of time and place, I should imagine myself in my own native land in the New Year's season."

It may be that Wu is a hot air reservoir but he is a very clever man and when a few thousand Wu's get to work leaving the millions of China with western knowledge there will be astonishing developments.

The fact of a Chinaman delivering orations on liberty at the place where liberty was invented, as Americans fondly believe, while these same upholders of liberty do not recognize the Chinaman as a human being, is a social economic anomaly calculated to move to mirth the wisdom of the Ages.

## ABUSE OF POWER.

The Club Laurier, of Montreal, held a Sunday excursion to Berthier and the Witness is authority for the statement that the visit resulted in a disgraceful debauch, which scandalized the inhabitants of the town.

When an effort was made to have the bar rooms closed, the official appealed to said that permission to open the bars had been telegraphed from Ottawa.

If what the official said was not true the government should vindicate itself by dismissing him for not doing his duty. If his statement is true a more disgraceful prostitution of power has seldom been witnessed in Canada. It is a nice state of affairs if the government is to set at naught the law of the land at its caprice in order to allow its disreputable henchmen to outrage the feelings of respectable communities. Currency is given to the statement by one of its own party papers so the chances are that the facts are as reported.—Ottawa Citizen.

## DISCONTENT.

On the 4th of July, while spread-eagle orators all over the great republic were glorifying their country and its institutions, this is what Eugene V. Debs was saying:

The constitution of the United States was founded in inequity. Our much vaunted equality is only a myth. The rights of the laboring people had no consideration in the drafting of that document.

The supreme court of this country is nothing more than a convenience for the rich. Every judge who sits on the supreme bench today is a tool of capitalists. Chattel slavery was fully recognized under the constitution, but this inequity of men never troubled the fathers of the country. Civil war did away with this form of slavery, but it only gave way to an improved and all embracing slavery which made victims of all laboring men.

There is a good deal of slavery in the world today. Much of it is self-imposed, but it is slavery none the less. Ever since the world began men have been the slaves of destiny, of circumstances, of environment. If the environment is pleasant we make no protest; if it is unpleasant we kick. So long as the chains are light or pretty, we do not mind. If they are ugly and gall we grow restive. One form of restiveness is voiced by Mr. Debs.

The laboring man cannot get used to the startling contrast between his own condition and that of his millionaire employer—of which education has made him conscious. When he hears that his employer has bought a new steam yacht, built a new palace, or endowed a university, he wonders how many thousand years he would have to work at his present rate before he could have that much money. When his boss drives by with his wife in silks he looks at his own wife in calico and grows restive. Discontent with industrial conditions exists everywhere on earth probably, but it exists in its most aggravated form in the United States for various reasons. Of this discontent Eugene V. Debs is simply one of the republic's mouthpieces. There are many such mouthpieces, but he happens to be one of the most conspicuous.

So far the statements of the great

republic have not paid very serious heed to the murrings of the discontented, but the day is coming when in self-defence they will be obliged to. Sitting on the safety valve stops the noise sometimes, but it does not relieve the pressure.

The auditor-general is going to Europe. To check the expense accounts of the members of the cabinet?

The French boycott of English goods proposed by some pro-Boers in Paris wouldn't last long if the English people chose to retaliate. One-third of all French exports go to Britain.

A war despatch, by way of Amsterdam, states that only the unarmed Boers are surrendering. But in as much as Kitchener is getting more rifles than men, perhaps the thing will work out all right.

The C.P.R. trackmen's strike is the most successful event of the kind on record. Every day since the strike began the strikers and the company have been triumphant, and both sides continue to triumph. When everything is so satisfactory all round, it would be almost a pity to have the dispute settled.

Emperor McKinley is showing the American people the possibilities of an autocracy in a republican form of government. The revelations in connection with the negotiations with Spain before the war will make good reading for those who believe in government of the people by the people for the people.

In McKeesport, Pa., a member of the common council has resigned because he says a man cannot be a Christian and a councilman at the same time, and work at both. He prefers taking his chances of reward hereafter to the certainties of the present. Now, some aldermen do not resign, nor stop going to church. They have the reward of a satisfied feeling that goes before righteousness in those who work to have their own way, and get it.

## TO THE LAST.

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## KNOCKING THE THERMOMETER.

Hamilton Herald. The thermometer needn't get so up-pish. It's not so very long since it was pretty low down.

## HAMILTON'S ADVANCE.

Toronto Star. In Hamilton 35 years ago to-day nothing doing.—Spectator. In Hamilton to-day, doing every body.

## EVE'S PLAINT.

Hamilton Spectator. We have often wondered what Eve said when she was ordered out of the Garden of Eden, but it is logical to believe that she made the same complaint as all women do when starting on a journey—that she hadn't a thing fit to wear.

## THE PROPER VIEW.

Buffalo Express. The refusal of the British government to release a naturalized American who fought with the Boers and was captured is the only logical answer which could be made to the request of the United States government. The man courted the trouble in which he finds himself.

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## RELIGIOUS RIOT IN EVANSTON

City Officials Turned the Hose on 200 Men and Women Dowieites Last Night.

Twenty of the Mob's Victims Were Arrested, Nine Hurt and All Deported.

Evanston, Ill., July 11.—This suburb of Chicago was the scene of a religious riot last night. Disciples of John Alexander Dowie, the noted "divine healer" and "reincarnation of Elijah" were mobbed in the streets while attempting to preach. The Dowieites expected trouble, having been driven out before, and came 200 strong. Eggs and stream of water from hose in the hands of firemen greeted and routed them this time, but not before nine Dowieites had been sufficiently injured to claim to be victims of persecution. One half of the Dowieites were from "Zion," Chicago, and the remainder were members of a paid body guard which Dowie maintains. The guards were intended to prevent any interference with the meeting, and when it commenced they formed around the Dowieites to hold back the crowd which gathered rapidly as soon as it was known that another Dowie meeting was in progress.

POLICE CHARGED THE DOWIEITES. As on former occasions eggs and vegetables were quickly evident in the proceedings and the Dowie guards and those whom they were trying to protect, were soon assailed with yolks and battered with old vegetables. Several fights resulted with damaging results to the guards. The entire police force of Evanston was called in to service and after the chief had ordered the Dowieites to withdraw and had met with a refusal he ordered his men to charge them. The police did not use their clubs and the guards held them back by sheer weight and force of numbers.

The crowd meanwhile was growing ugly and Mayor Patton seeing that unless something was done quickly people would be seriously hurt and possibly killed, ordered out a fire engine. The steamer at once turned a four-inch stream on the Dowieites and they were over like tapers. We men as well as men were thrown down by the stream and sent rolling in the mud.

The people of Evanston danced and hooped with delight as the firemen steadily advanced, driving the Dowieites before them in utter rout. The work was done with impartiality and whatever Dowieite was delirious in moving was washed along by the four-inch stream.

SYRINGED WITH DIRTY WATER. As the Dowieites fled, the dry method of attack came once more into favor and the bombardment of eggs and vegetables was resumed. The Dowieites were in the purging of the town from the presence of the Dowieites. "Elder" Piper, of Dowie's "church," who had been in command of the small army, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. While he was being led to the station men and boys armed with syringes containing dirty water and other liquids made him an object of special attention, and he was in a sorry plight when the doors of the station closed on him.

About 20 other Dowieites were taken into custody, more to save them from the crowd in the streets than for any other reason.

MORE RIOTING THREATENED. The Dowieites say they will return in greater force, and the people of Evanston declare it will only make the next riot just so much the larger. Corporation Counsel Paden, of Evanston, on whose advice Mayor Patton acted when he directed that the hose be turned on the Dowieites, says:

"The Dowieites were arrested, not because they came here to preach, but because they blocked one of the streets with their meeting and refused to move on when told to do so. They clearly violated a city ordinance."

Many others were also more or less hurt.

BURST INTO SONG. When the Dowieites who had been arrested by the police were taken out into song and sung out into song in spite of their plight, and continued shouting their exhortations so that those who had collected on the outside could hear them.

Overseer Piper and Spicer were put under bonds to insure their appearance July 17 before Justice Ely, to answer charges of disorderly conduct and refusing to clear the streets.

Chief of Police Knight guarded the march to the depot. Before the train pulled out the crowd again became boisterous and missiles were thrown, but Chief Knight saved the Dowieites from further harm.

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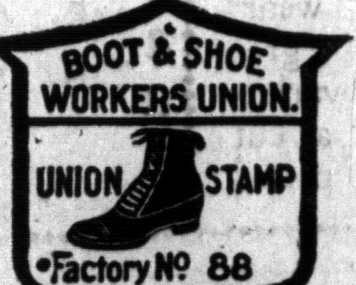
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