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## Jabbing at the Colonel

(Saturday Sunset)

SOME one ought to take that galling old fire eating patriot, Col. Denison into a corner and equip him with a maxim gun silencer. Col. Denison is Canada's most ardent imperialist, if we except J. Castell Hopkins. Col. Denison is the most highly developed gun artist of the imperialist forces of Canada. His hand steals around to his hip when he talks imperialism in spite of himself. He breathes powder and smoke and exudes swords, pistols and bowie knives. It is said that he keeps a bottle of red ink on his desk so that he can print imperialism in red upper case whenever it occurs in his written utterances. Col. Denison's imperialism is the fighting kind. The Colonel always sees red when he thinks imperially. Col. Denison prefers that sort to any other. His idea of imperialism would be realised by wading through gore on a field of glory. Imperialism as conceived by Col. Denison is a stupendous aggregation of navies, armies, gold braid, flashing swords, belching guns—all sweeping through clouds of powder smoke, on to glory. Such a conception of course needs an enemy or a stuffed effigy of one, to give it a proper background. A trifle like that of course would not faze Col. Denison. He has been over to England. He goes there every once in a while to confer with Lord Roberts and Charlie Beresford on ways and means of keeping the enemy from hauling down the Union Jack in some part of the Empire. While he was in England recently he became thoroughly convinced that Germany intends to strangle the Empire. Germany has no colonies and is jealous of England because she has them. Germany doesn't like England and wants war on general principles and what she wants she'll get. That is the substance of what Col. Denison told the newspapers when he strode down the gang plank at Montreal.

## Crime in Ontario.

(London Advertiser)

AN increase of nearly thirteen hundred in the number of persons committed to the jails and lock-ups of Ontario last year, as compared with the preceding twelve months, is certainly not very encouraging to the law-abiding people of the province; yet that is the story told in the report of the inspector of prisons and charities. In commitments for murder there was an increase of nearly 50 per cent., the number charged with that crime having grown from 23 in 1907 to 35 last year. There was, however, a falling off in the number of commitments for manslaughter from 19 in 1907 to 10 last year. There was an increase of six in the commitments for crime against the person, the total number being 874. For this increase in crime the changing character of the population of the province is held partly responsible, while a lessening of the moral restraints of home life has doubtless also had much to do with it. To overcome this latter, improved truancy laws, better enforcement of them, and a return to proper parental control over children, are suggested. It is also thought that the instruction of foreigners in the law of the land in night schools established for the purpose might have a preventive effect. The introduction of the indeterminate sentence and parole systems, which have proven effective in the United States and elsewhere, would also, it is believed, have beneficial results.

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