

GIVEN CHINA, RUSSIA COULD WHIP WORLD WITHEASE--WHAT THEN?

If the United States Joined Britain in a Protest War Could Be Averted -- Russia Should Be Brought to Terms Now.

The United States is said to have promised Japan a friendly neutrality in the case of war with Russia. In view of the interest in the open door, second only to that of Great Britain, and her very pronounced insistence on the promise of Russia with respect to Manchuria, it is not surprising that the fact that the dispute would seem to have narrowed itself into the question whether Russia shall or shall not control the potential power at the mouth of the Yalu, there are some who wonder why the United States does not go further than this and distinctly inform Russia that she will not allow any trespassing on her part on Korean territory. Such a move, they say, would necessarily decide the controversy between Japan and Russia in favor of peace, the open door and the integrity of Korea as a Japanese dependency. Russia has not ceased to promise the fulfillment of China's treaty obligations to the United States and to other countries to maintain the open door in Manchuria, but she has practically rendered it a dead letter. She has just repudiated this promise as though it had never been made before, innocently asserting that she has no more to do with the future of Manchuria than she has with Australia or the Philippines. She would not, however, be under these treaty obligations at Wiju or Yonampoh; so that, if the powers which we know of no understanding with Russia that would be worth the paper it was written on except the possession of the ports by another power.

But, in any case, it is clear that if Russia is to be brought to terms in the present is the time to do it and not after she has pummeled Japan, as it is quite possible she might do. Britain is using all her influence, but in view of her great Asiatic interests she has to move with great circumspection. If there was a time when the decisive influence of the Republic could be thrown into the scales with controlling and beneficial effect it is now. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that it

EDITOR NEED NOT DISCLOSE THE NAME.

Cannot Compel Newspaper to Divulge Identity of Correspondent.

In a judgment given recently at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, the Justice MacMahon holds that the editor of a newspaper is not bound to reveal the identity of a writer whose contribution is called into question.

The Sutton correspondent of the Newmarket Express-Herald, in his weekly letter to that paper, made a statement which Miss Eva Marsh, of Sutton, declares reflected unfavorably upon her. A suit for libel was filed, and on Monday morning Judge MacMahon for an order compelling Mr. McKay, the editor, to disclose the name of the writer. Mr. S. B. Woods appeared on behalf of the editor, and the court declared that such information was private and confidential and need not be disclosed.

FIRST CANADIAN BRIGADIER-GENERAL

Toronto, Jan. 18.—It is authoritatively reported from London that Lieut.-Col. W. M. Ouchterlony, R. I., formerly the commanding officer of the First Hussars, has been appointed to the rank of brigadier-general in the cavalry brigade, with the rank of brigadier-general. It is expected that this will be the first cavalry appointment to the rank of brigadier-general under the new regulations, empowering the Canadian government to make promotions to that rank in the Canadian militia, secured by Sir Frederick Borden on his recent trip to England.

How do you believe the stories you read about women going through their husbands' pockets? "Not unlikely." The women have their pockets their own, you know, and it's not unnatural they should make use of any pockets that happen to come in their way.

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BOSTON CANADIAN CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

J. F. Masters, President, and C. H. McIntyre, Vice — P. E. Island Club Also Elects New Officials.

Boston, Jan. 18.—Officers of the Canadian Club elected Thursday night at the Copley Square Hotel are: President, John F. Masters; first vice-president, Charles H. McIntyre; second vice-president, Joseph Bennett; treasurer, R. Clifford Williams; secretary, George D. Perry; assistant secretary, Geo. R. Minard; auditor, George C. Tupper; historian, Thomas R. Anderson; chaplain, the Rev. S. H. Robinson, D. D.; executive committee, W. M. McLean, F. P. Warner and J. W. F. Moore. It was the annual meeting of the club. Plans for minor entertainments for the coming year were discussed, and it was decided to hold many entertainments of a varied nature. Members of the Prince Edward Island Club gathered Thursday evening at the Hotel Bellevue, with President E. W. Doyle in the chair. After an elaborate dinner an informal social gathering was held, preceding the election of officers. The annual election resulted in choosing W. J. Smith as president, W. C. Grant, vice-president; Mrs. J. Doiron, secretary; Mrs. James Duffie, treasurer. For the executive committee three were appointed. Every effort will be made to increase the membership of the club during the ensuing year. There are several hundred notices of Prince Edward Island in Boston and the object of the club is to bring them in contact with those whose interests are identical and who will preserve the traditions of their native land.

The Fresh Air Cure.

The discovery of a cure for the physical ills of life generally carries with it the suggestion of a hope to prevent them. The open air treatment for consumptives appears to be an instance in point. The outdoor plan which has been adopted in a great many hospitals in which those suffering from this malady are cared for, is spreading rapidly, and its results are highly encouraging. It has now begun to be adopted in the United States, and at Blackwell's Island, New York. Under the old methods the sending of a consumptive patient to this place was merely keeping up appearances. He rarely ever returned alive. Now about thirty-five per cent. of those who are sent here are entirely recovered, though the patients belong to the class that in their own environments are badly nourished and insufficiently clad and are poorly prepared to withstand the exposure to the fresh air.

Walking Delegates ARE OUT OF A JOB

Sam Farka's Old Union Has No Use at Present for Their Services.

New York, Jan. 18.—Members of the Housewives' and Bridgema's Union Local No. 2 have voted unanimously to drop the names of Sam Farka, Timothy McCarthy and William S. Devery from the membership of the union, on the ground that the effort of walking delegates to make a list of names for the union is a waste of time and money. The union has no use for their services at present.

Thermite, a New Invention.

Herr Hans Goldschmidt, of Essen, Germany, has invented a compound which has the property of producing intensely high temperatures in such a way that they can be readily used for industrial purposes. This compound, which has been named thermite, is made by combining iron oxide with aluminum. When these two substances are combined and ignited, an enormous heat is produced, which is instantly obtained. The thermite is ignited by putting in a pinch of peroxide of barium, and a fuse is attached to this mixture. The thermite is used for welding iron and steel, and for the purpose of making incendiary bombs. It is also used for the purpose of making incendiary bombs.

The North and South American Railroad

There is an immense appeal to the imagination of the scheme of building a vast railroad to unite the countries of North, Central, and South America. Though this great line, when completed, will not compete in length with the railroad which now runs all across northern Asia, it will, nevertheless, be numbered among the world's greatest projects, a tremendous victory over space and time. There can be little doubt, also, that the regions to be opened up and united by the Pan-American line are of greater natural wealth, better supplied with almost untouched resources, and more promising for future development than the great wheat fields and forests of Siberia, and the dry Manchurian uplands. It would seem that the credit for first forming the idea of a Pan-American railroad, running from the northern to the southern extremity of the New World, belongs to the venerable Dr. Edward Everett Hale, who included it, in a lecture delivered several years ago, among the coming wonders of the world. The Pan-American Congress, which met in the city of Mexico two years ago, endorsed the project, and practical plans were there discussed, by which the natural and economic difficulties in the way of the line might be overcome. It was further brought out on the same occasion that very large sections of the Pan-American railroad were already in existence, needing only a series of missing links of relatively short extent, to complete the chain.—Harper's Weekly.

CLEARING SALE OF PIANOS AND ORGANS.

Although we hold a large number of instruments during December, we have still many more that we have to clear. We are prepared to give GENUINE BARGAINS on all our instruments from us before Jan. 25th. STEINWAY Piano was \$700, now \$525. HAZELTINE Piano was \$500, now \$375. MARSHALL & WOODRILL Piano was \$500, now \$375. MASON & HAMLEN Piano was \$400, now \$275. NEW HOME Piano was \$300, now \$225. Four new upright Pianos, containing third grade and every modern improvement, reduced to \$150. Call or write for complete list and full particulars. Instruments shipped on approval to any point in Canada, on trial for 10 days, and if not satisfactory, can be returned at our expense.

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ONTARIO FARMER'S HORRIBLE DEATH.

Thomas Millan Found Partly Devoiced by His Pigs—It is Thought He Fell in the Pen in a Fainting Fit.

Uxbridge, Ont., Jan. 17.—(Special)—Thomas Millan, a young farmer of Reach township, had a horrible death last night. Just about dark he went out to feed his pigs, and as he did not return for supper his nephew went out to find him. After going through the barn and stables he returned to the house saying that he could not find his uncle. Then he and his aunt went out, and as they were passing the pig pen the pigs were making so much noise that he looked there and to their horror saw the pig devouring Millan's body. The animals were immediately driven off and the body was lifted out, minus the greater part of the face, the right hand gone, with some other parts of the body, and taken to the house.

BRITISH WARSHIPS SCARE RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOATS.

Czar's Vessels Beat Big Escort of Japan's New Vessels—52 English Men-of-War in the Mediterranean.

Rome, Jan. 15.—Prince Takigakutei, telegraphing from on board the Japanese warship Nisissin, says that when the Nisissin and Kasuga were being escorted through the Mediterranean by nine British warships they were approached by two Russian torpedo boats and that when the latter saw the powerful escort they left in haste for the harbor of Syracuse.

EUCLID IS OUT OF IT.

Will Be No Longer Part of Queen's Matriculation Examinations

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 18.—Queen's University Senate has agreed to the elimination of Euclid from the mathematical work in the matriculation examinations. This the Senate readily accepted, as Euclid has been leading that movement for the past twenty-five years, and it is only now that other educational institutions are realizing the wisdom of the movement.



DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP. Cures COUGHS, COLDS, BRONCHITIS, HOARSENESS and all THROAT AND LUNG AFFECTIONS. I had a cold which left me with a very bad cough. I was advised to try DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP. I had little faith in it, but before I had taken one bottle I began to feel better, and after the second I felt as well as ever. My cough has completely disappeared. PRICE 25 CENTS.

OBITUARY.

Hezekiah Scribner. A peculiarly sad occurrence was the death of Hezekiah Scribner, of 11, inasmuch as his wife had died some four years ago, and their six children are thus left fatherless and motherless.

Mr. Scribner was fifty-five years old, and his death was due to pneumonia, which has of late been prevalent in the district. He is survived by six children, two boys and four girls; the eldest child, a daughter, being not more than twenty years of age.

John and Gilbert Scribner, of St. John, and Samuel, who is with the G. & G. Flewelling Co. at Perry's Point, are brothers, and Mrs. George Erb, Samuel Erb and Mrs. Geo. Ganong, of Belleisle, are sisters of the deceased.

The funeral, owing to the very sad circumstances, and the deep sympathy of the people, was very largely attended. It took place on Thursday. Rev. David Long, of St. John, officiated, and was assisted by Rev. Mr. Field. The late Mr. Scribner was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, and the members in that vicinity attended in a body.

Universal sympathy is felt for the orphaned children.

Mrs. Wm. Sproul. Elizabeth Jane, wife of William Sproul, of Lakewood, died at the residence of her husband, after a lingering and painful illness, Friday morning. She was aged seventy-three years. Besides her husband she leaves four sons and three daughters. The sons are James Sproul, mason and builder of this city; Robert, who resides in Boston, and William and Frank at home. The daughters are Mrs. Edward Arthur, of St. John, and Mrs. Edith, of St. John. Mrs. Sproul, also survives her husband. Deceased was well known among a large circle of friends, and her death was mourned by many.

John H. Cumberland. A recent issue of the Hackensack, New Jersey Evening Citizen contains an account of the sudden death of John H. Cumberland, of heart trouble, at his home in Maywood (N. J.). Deceased was some fifteen years ago one of the best known citizens of St. John, being for some time cashier for Daniel & Boyd in the old London House, and later he entered business for himself, opening two stores, one on Haymarket square and the other at the corner of Union and Waterloo streets. When Mr. Cumberland moved to Maywood with his wife and family he took an active interest in the affairs of the town and soon became prominent in civic and business circles. He was a most active member of the Knights of Pythias and took an active part in the different politics of St. John. He was a member of the Grand High Encampment. It was while preparing to make a journey to Paterson in his official capacity in the K. of P. that he was stricken with his last illness. He had gone to the station to catch the train for that city when those around saw him fall to the platform. No time was lost in carrying him to his home, where he died in a few minutes.

Deceased bore the highest reputation for probity and uprightiness among his business associates, and he was universally respected by all with whom he came in contact. Deceased leaves a wife and two sons, John, a well known actor, and Charles, who is also an Odd Fellow.

Mrs. James Clow. A recent issue of the Charlotte, N. C. Guardian contains an account of the death of James Clow, widow of James Clow, who was born in this city, leaves a family of nine children.

Robert B. Harrn. Robert B. Harrn passed away Thursday evening at his late residence, Prince street, Kingston, after three months' illness of Hodgkin's disease. Mr. Harrn was an old and faithful railway employe, having worked on the C. P. R. for twenty-seven years, holding his situation through the different ownerships. He was 62 years old and leaves a widow, one son and three daughters. He was a member of Golden Rule Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Robert C. Oldfield, Newtown. Sussex, N. B., Jan. 17.—(Special)—Robert C. Oldfield died at his home at Newtown Saturday evening, aged eighty-one years. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Gosline burying ground, Smith Creek.

The deceased is survived by his wife and a large family of children. He was one of the oldest residents of Smith's Creek and was well known throughout the country and much respected by all creeds and classes.

Sylvanus Hoyt Beatty. The very many friends of Sylvanus Hoyt Beatty will be deeply grieved to learn of his sudden death, which happened at noon Sunday. Mr. Beatty was in the seventy-third year of his age. He had enjoyed excellent health until Saturday night, about 11 o'clock, when he retired complaining that he was not feeling well. Sunday morning he was much easier, but about noon said he felt sleepy, closed his eyes and passed peacefully away.

Doctor Wheeler was summoned, but death had come quickly and quietly, and he was a victim of an unusual heart trouble.

Deceased was a cutter by trade, and lived in the West End. For many years he had resided in Union street, Blue Rock, where he passed away Sunday. He held the esteem of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He leaves his wife, five sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

William Parks. An aged resident of Carleton, died Saturday. He lived with his son, W. B. Parks, chief engineer of the ferry service. Mr. Parks had reached the age of eighty-two years. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mrs. James Blaine. The death of Mrs. James Blaine, aged 23 years, took place at the residence of her grandfather, Henry Brithwaite, Fredericton, Saturday morning. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William K. White, of Fredericton, was a victim of consumption, and last June she resided for a number of years, afterwards removing to Hampton, where she has since made her home.

He was married at Gagetown, Queens county, July 19, 1848, to Frances E. youngest daughter of the late William LeMont, of Fredericton. Besides his wife, he leaves one son, Allan W. Hicks, poet, master, and Esdie, wife of Robert H.

Smith, merchant, both of Hampton; also three sisters, Mrs. Samuel Miller, Hartland, and Mrs. Joseph Sherwood, Jacksonville, Carleton county, and Mrs. Silas Lockhart, of Penobscot, Kings county. By the death of Mr. Hicks, Hampton loses one of its old landmarks, and mourns the loss of a worth citizen. The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will take place in the Rural cemetery.

James Dickson. After a lingering illness James Dickson died Saturday at the home of his son-in-law, J. T. Cunningham, Croucheville. Mr. Dickson up to a short time ago was a watchman on the I. C. R., but retired. One son, John, and two daughters, Mrs. J. T. Cunningham and Mrs. S. C. Wesley, survive. He was 66 years old.

Thomas L. Gillingham. Thomas L. Gillingham, of Westchester (New York), died Jan. 9. He was a native of St. John, and a member of the firm of Gillingham Brothers, sash and door manufacturers, Fairville. He leaves a widow, two sons and three daughters, all of New York. One brother is in New York, two in Kentville (Nova Scotia), and a sister is in St. John. Mr. Gillingham was 66 years old.

Mrs. John Cosman. Mrs. John Cosman, died at her home at Upper Woodstock, on Friday. She was a native of Manserville, Sunbury county, being a daughter of the late John McLean, of that place.

Henry A. Hicks, Amherst. Amherst, N. S., Jan. 16.—(Special)—The death occurred here this morning of Henry A. Hicks, under most distressing circumstances. About two weeks ago Mr. Hicks ran a splinter into his hand which was followed by blood poisoning setting in from a drain laid Saturday night, slipped on the ice in his yard and, in falling, struck the back of his head. He was taken into his home, but lived only about an hour.

Deceased was an elder in the Presbyterian church. Postmaster Mardock Nicholson, of Gulf Shore, is a brother-in-law, and three sons and three daughters survive him. Two of the daughters are in Boston, one in Colorado. The boys are at one, Charles, a California, Kenney in Boston, and with the R. C. Engineering Company, Amherst. The late Mrs. James A. Morrison, of Amherst, who died a few days ago, was a sister.

Robert Grierson, Kentville. Halifax, Jan. 18.—Robert Grierson, master or builder of the D. A. R., died at Kentville this morning, aged forty years. On Friday last Mr. Grierson complained of feeling unwell and went home, where he continued to grow worse until Saturday night, when he became unconscious, remaining in this state until eight this morning, when he died. He leaves a wife and eight young children.

Mrs. Robert Newton Light. The death of Mrs. Robert Newton Light, the last surviving daughter of the late Hon. Hugh Johnston, took place Saturday last. Her husband, R. N. Light, C. E., who died some years ago, was a native of Woodstock (Ontario), and with his brother, was engaged in the supervision of the construction of the I. C. R. Mrs. Light was a member of the Methodist church, and was a devoted Christian. She was a sister of Mrs. Robert Bayard and Mrs. Henry Jack, all now deceased, were sisters of Mrs. Light. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from Trinity church, the interment being in Fernhill.

Mrs. Wm. J. Jones. After an illness of about a year, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Jones, wife of William J. Jones, councillor for Simonsville Sunday day, at his residence in Outer Lake. She was sixty-six years old, and a daughter of the late James Baxter. She leaves her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Robert Crockett, living at home, and five sons—Francis, William, Ernest, Herbert and Leslie. Francis is in the employ of Zimmerman & Fisher, Mrs. Kilpatrick, wife of Police Sgt. Kilpatrick, is a sister of the deceased. The funeral will take place this afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock.

The Withdrawal of British Regiments from Canada.

To the Editor of The Canadian Gazette, (London, Eng.). Sir,—We are not at all surprised to find Maj.-General Dushoff advocating the retention of British troops in Canada. Apart from the "one cent" argument, the occupation by British troops of Canada would, very naturally, be a gross insult to Canadian intelligence. The fact that Canada has justified her no less than a third of the absolute dependence upon her own military resources, is surely a powerful guarantee that she will continue to justify it. Can Maj.-General Dushoff point to a more heroic stand, before a superior enemy, than that displayed by Lieutenant Bruce Caruthers and his twenty-four brave Canadian comrades, when twenty-one men were either killed or wounded in the Hart's River fight on March 31, 1892? Lord Kitchener, in his dispatch, said: "I have seen few finer instances of heroism in the whole course of the Boer war." And yet, these men were fighting thousands of miles from Canadian soil. The question arises, what these hardy, dauntless sons of the invigorating north would have accomplished had the fighting been at their doors, in defence of Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, or Quebec?

The gallant Maj.-General will pardon me if I differ from him in his view that "discharged men make excellent Colonists." Nowhere, to my knowledge, has history proved this. About the "Fifties" a full company of British troops were stationed at Fort Gary, and when called back to England a goodly number asked to be discharged and essay farming on the Assiniboian River, near the Fort, and of my own knowledge all became a failure in this pursuit of life; and were it not for the fact that the country was the best self-sustaining country in the known world, the result would have been serious. The Donkubors will make good settlers, after their warm religious emotions have been subdued by the repressive North, and the Hon. Mr. Sifton is to be highly commended on the introduction of them.

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Patience—"He must have a soft spot in his heart for me."
Patience—"Why so?"
Patience—"He says he is always thinking of me."
Patience—"But you know a man doesn't think with his heart. The soft place must be in his head."—Yorker's Stationer.