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### The World.

It is encouraging to know that we have at least one man in Canadian public life who can retire from a prominent position in politics and in the Cabinet, not only without being followed with the maledictions of either party, but with the respect and well wishes of both. Such is the rare and happy lot of Sir Leonard Tilley, who, under pressure of failing health, retires from the post of Minister of Finance to accept for a second time the Lieutenant-Governorship of his own province, New Brunswick.

Rev. Lyman Abbott has recently called attention in a powerful lecture, as he is constantly doing through the columns of the *Christian Union*, to the ominous doctrines and preparations of the Knights of Labor and other labor organizations in the United States. Mr. Abbott has a warm and large-hearted sympathy with the wage-earners, and if they on the one hand and their employers on the other would but follow his wholesome advice, the danger of a fearful struggle in the near future would soon pass away. It seems pretty certain that some of

these powerful societies are secretly arming and drilling, and that there is serious danger of a great outbreak in the near future, with revolution as its aim and a season of communistic anarchy as its possible outcome.

It is little to the credit of certain large classes of the people of the United States that all attempts to punish the perpetrators of the recent Chinese massacre, have failed in consequence of the popular sympathy with all measures directed against Chinamen. Meanwhile another outrage no less glaring, save in the matter of bloodshed, has been perpetrated in Tacoma, W.T. On the 3rd inst. a procession of several hundred men marched to the Chinese quarter and ordered all the residents there to pack up and leave. In a few hours all the Chinese in the town were moving away with their effects. It is gratifying to learn that the District Attorney has succeeded in procuring indictments against thirty-two of those engaged in this outrage. President Cleveland has issued a proclamation warning all persons assembled at any point in Washington Territory against the Chinese, to disband and disperse.

E. P. Roe, the American novelist, has a plaint in the *Christian Union* against the want of honor in Canadian publishers. Travelling in Canada, he not only found himself solicited to buy cheap editions of his own books, published without his consent or knowledge, but discovered that one Canadian house had stolen his name and tacked it, as author, to a story of which he had not written a line, and of which he had not even heard. This certainly indicates a bad state of affairs. We ought all to be heartily ashamed of it. We know it is no valid defence to shout "You, too!" and we have no excuses to make for the dishonesty of Canadian publishers. But Mr. Roe ought to know better than he seems to know, that the publishers of his own nation have been sinners above all others in the matter of book-stealing, and that what Canadians know about it has been learned in the American school. If Mr. Roe and his brother authors can bring about a reformation at home, we venture to prophesy that Canadian publishers will soon follow suit.

"The reform of the land laws, the reform of the procedure of Parliament, the completion of the Reform Bill and the settlement of the Imperial relation towards Ireland," these, Mr. Gladstone says, are, in the very unanimous opinion of the Liberal leaders, the questions which require first attention in the coming Parliament. Disestablishment he seems disposed to relegate to a somewhat distant future, though he admits that a current slowly sets in that direction almost throughout the civilized world. He thinks it obvious that so vast a question as the disestablishment of the English Church cannot become a practical one until it shall have grown familiar with the public by thorough discussion. It must, certainly, be admitted that the four great matters embraced in his programme involve