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SCANDAL FOLLOWS ON SCANDAL'S TRAIL.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper is now running after John B. Charlson, Mr. Tarte's supervisor of public works, who built the telegraph line from the Alaska boundary to Dawson, and who left Ottawa early this spring on another telegraph job just when his presence was so much needed to explain accounts in connection with his first exploit. A number of allegations were outlined in parliament by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper in regard to which he desired to know if the government would bring down the papers. Summarized, they are as follows:—That on two sections of line they purchased a number of poles at a fair price and piled them along the river, on the route, above high-water mark, but instead of using them the wire was strung on trees. This created such a scandal among the men that on the third section poles were used. That A. Boyer, his assistant, who was supposed to receive \$150 a month, was really getting \$250 a month, the difference coming from some unknown source. That Charlson fills the offices along the line with foreigners as telegraph operators. That he places his orders in Vancouver with merchants who agree to pay his nephew, Percy Charlson, five per cent. commission. That he has made purchase of thousands of dollars' worth of material in the United States, to the detriment of Canadian citizens. That he had the expenses of his son paid to Ottawa, although he was not a public employee. That Charlson gives contracts without tender to his foreman, who was brought into the country at the public expense.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that some of the enquiries for documents appeared to be all right, but others were not so. As for the charges of dishonesty against Mr. Charlson, he did not believe them, because he had known him for 25 years, and always knew him to be an honest man.

THE BOXERS

The great powers propose to occupy Peking, the imperial capital of China, and force the Government to crush the Boxer movement, which is making a crusade against everybody and everything foreign in the Celestial Empire. What the outcome of the trouble will be it is impossible to even foresee, but it will not result in the partition of China it will simply be because of the jealousy which exists among the powers themselves.

The Chinese Society of Boxers constitutes in reality a great clan of murderers, estimated to contain in its ranks over 10,000,000 semi-barbarians, well organized, and as savage in their fanaticism as the Sudan dervishes. The society was originally formed with the beneficent intention of protecting honest men in China from bandits. It was called Ta Tao Hwei, which means, "The Society of the Great Sword," a title which seems to have been changed at a comparatively recent date to the more familiar name which so often appears in our newspapers just now.

When and where the clan originated is not certain. The natives refer to it as an "ancient" society, but that may mean 10 years or 100. It is agreed that as first its principles were laudable and its work good, but as it became more powerful and increased in numbers many dishonest and designing persons entered it for the prestige and protection it accorded, just as designing persons ally themselves with influential bodies in other lands to-day.

These men proved a disturbing element, and in many cases directed the efforts of the society against their personal enemies, whom they represented as bandits and lawless persons. Terrified by persecution the innocent persons looked around for protection and discovered it in the Christian missionaries. It is said they professed conversion. At any rate, it seems to be clear that the missionaries succeeded in protecting them, and thus intensified the feeling which has always existed in China against Christian evangelists.

A man who wrote poetry thirty years ago has gone to the poorhouse in New York. Retribution is sometimes slow, but it generally gets there.

The Ottawa Citizen declares that Arch. Campbell, M. P., was one of the dozen members who refused to join the singing of God Save the Queen in reply to a recent rebel speech in parliament. Mr. Campbell has the floor. This matter is serious enough to require more than a mere denial.

In the B. C. elections a whole ballot box was stolen at Fort Steele. This is worse than the Ontario machine. The latter was never mean enough to take the box. It was always satisfied with the contents.

Losing Flesh

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It would be a good idea for the council to settle the date of the civic holiday now, before somebody hawks around a petition to corral it for this or that excursion.

If Archie Campbell cannot disprove that Ottawa report that he sat with his hat on during the National Anthem he can bid good bye to any hope of ever carrying West York. Any man with any suspicion of disloyalty about him would get mighty few votes, and still less sympathy from the West Yorkers. It is a true blue constituency through and through.

The facts collected by the United States Weather Bureau show that the loss of life by lightning in that country last year was greater than in any year since statistics began to be collected. Five hundred and sixty-two persons were killed instantly or suffered injuries from which death soon resulted, and 523 persons were injured, many of them suffering from physical shock, others from painful burns, and others from temporary paralysis of some part of the body. The most common form of injury resulting from lightning seems to be the paralysis of the legs or arms.

Rev. Mr. Shearer told the Methodist conference at St. Marys that the Dominion Lord's Day Alliance is like a western man who carries a gun loaded; let everybody know it is loaded, and that he will use it if he has need to, and then he does not usually need to. The comparison is an unfortunate one. The trail of the western man with his gun is marked by a list of the most fiendish and unprovoked murders that could disgrace any civilized nation. These simply occurred because desperadoes were allowed to carry guns and carry them loaded. Their very possession was an incentive to and a means of committing crime. Now, if Mr. Shearer proposes to rate the Lord's Day Alliance on a Jesse James basis, it is simply proof that it is a good institution to get rid of.

THE PLACE FOR TARTE.

The M. P. Mr. Tarte, according to the London Chronicle's Paris correspondent, wants to adopt the tricolor. We wish the tricolor would adopt him.

THE RICHEST WOMAN IN AMERICA OUGHT TO KNOW.

Hettie Green in Ladies' Home Journal. A girl should be brought up so as to be able to make her own living whether or not she's going to inherit a fortune. But a woman's place is in the home, though some women do better in business than men. A girl ought to be careful about the man she marries, too, especially if she has money. She oughtn't to marry until she's old enough to know what she's doing, anyway.

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