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ABUSE OF PREROGATIVE.

We cannot help protesting, says the Toronto Sun once more against the conduct of the government in keeping the dissolution so long hanging over our heads, and thus prolonging from week to week and from month to month the disturbance of the country, the interference with trade and all the bitterness, vituperation, trickery, and corruption of a general election, the object being merely to further the objects of a party. In England the prerogative of dissolution is not so abused. The government, when it is determined to disso se, at once makes known its determination and names the day. The whole business is thus over in the inside of a month. We have borrowed from Great Britain the prerogative without the unwritten understanding by which its exercise is controlled. Something ought to be done in this matter.

One excuse given for the delay is that His Excellency is not on hand. His Excellency ought, to be on hand when his presence is required. He has been permitted, there is reason to fear, to interfere on some occasions when his intervention ought to have been repelled. Dissolution, as the exercise of a constitutional prerogative of the crown, is within his province. He ought to watch over its exercise and see that it is not mis-1 used.

THE NAVIES OF THE WORLD.

Lieut. Howard, of the United States navy, has furnished his government with an interesting article on the Increase of Naval Strength as Shown by Naval Budgets. From a condensation of the article in the New York Sun, we take the following informa-

In his introduction Lieut. Howard says: "England, as usual, leads with the largest sum for the support and increase of her navy. But large as is this total, it is generally felt that the admiralty program is inadeq the press of that country urging, a further increase.

The British program propo down this year the following vessels Two battleships, 6 first-class armored cruisers, 1 second-class cruiser, 2 sloops, 2 gunboats and 2 terpede boats. With these the number of der construction in 1900 are 17 battleships, 20 armored cruisers, 1 firstclass protected cruiser, 2 se protected cruisers, 1 third-ci er, 8 sloops, 4 torpedo boats; 21 destroyers and 1 royal yacht. There has never been so many yessels under construction as at the present time. In 1899 England added 19 vessels aggregating: 122,322 tons, and in 1898 30 ships with a total tonnage of 140, 988. The budget for this year provides for an increase of 4,210 in the person nel, bringing the total strength up to 114,880 officers and men.

In addition to the French shipbuild ing program of 1896, which covered period extending to 1907 and provided for the construction of 220 vessels, the French minister of marine now pro poses the construction of a number of vessels of various kinds necessary t make the fleet a homogeneous force. The program proposes laying down the following vessels, beginning this year: Six battleships, 5 armored cruis ers, 23 destroyers, 112 torpedo boats and 23 submarine torpedo boats. This will give the French fleet, after the execution of the program, 28 battle ships, 21 armored cruisers, 52 destroy ers, 263 torpedo boats and 38 subma ine boats. The total cost of the o and additional programs will be 712, 208 000 francs.

Considerable space is devoted to the increase in the German, navy on a count of Germany's decision to be come a great naval power. In add tion to the program of increase pro vided for in 1898 it is now proposed make a further increase. There considerable opposition to the bill to carry into effect the new proposals but Lieut, Howard points out that even if the proposed program should be closely adhered to Germany's fleet would appear in the following year

1930-Seventeen battleships, 10 large cruisers, 29 small cruisers, 12 division: of torpedo boats.

1908 - Twenty-nine battleships, 20 large cruisers, 51 small cruisers, 16 di

visions of torpedo boats. 1916 - Thirty-eight battleships, 20

large cruisers, 45 small cruisers, 16 divisions of torpedo boats. Italy's naval budget for 1900-1901 amounts to 122,147,671 lire. An annual extraordinary expense of 10,000,000

lire has been authorized for shipbuildhas on the stocks or in a more or less Try our 25c Mixed Tea. advanced state of construction the following ships: Four first-class battleships, 3 armored cruisers, 3 small cruisers, 10 torpedo boat destroyers, and 3 first-class torpedo boats. To these must be added two first-class battleships of Admiral Bettolo's na-

All the 117 warships provided by the Japanese naval program of 1895 have been completed or are in process of construction, and Lieut. Howard says | Phone 190. it is probable that a new program will

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shortly be decided. The budget for 1900 amounts to 46,946,193 yen, and there is a special fund for the maintenance of vessels authorized by the diet of 1898-

Russia has followed the example of the European powers in formulating a program of new construction. In 1898 a sum of 90,000,000 roubles was set apart for the completion in six years, ready for sea, of 10 armored cruisers, 10 second-class cruisers, and 20 destroyers. This program was in addition to the annual program outfined by naval estimates. Later the number of vessels to be built was changed to B battleships, 8 large cruisers and 20 destroyers. In concluding his review of Russian naval progress Lieut. Howard says :

"Notwithstanding the fact that the progress made with existing programs has not been as rapid as expected, and that her naval budget was steadily increased from \$29,000,000 in 1897 to \$45,000,000 in 1900, it is currently reported that the Russian government has in preparation and will shortly announce a new and extensive program for the increase of her fleet."

By a royal decree of May 28, Spain has provided for getting rid of the usefess warships, and with the proceeds of their sale two ships of about 2,000 tons each, to be used for training officers and men, are to be constructed. The credits allowed under the budget for this year are to be employed "toward completing and increasing the crews of the Pilago, Carlos V., Numancia, Victoria and Nautilus. A general scheme of instruction for officers and men is to be carried out.

The Austrian naval estimates for 1901 provided for the completion of vessels under construction, but not for any new ships.

Denmark's naval budget is to be used partly to pay the first credit for the construction of a new battleship of the type of the Herluf-Trolle, re-

Holland's program for this year proposes 4 large battleships, 2 smallar battleships for interior waters, 3 monitors, 14 gunboats, 21 seagoing torpedo boats and 12 smaller torpedo boats. This program is to be completed in

Sweden is to build 3 first-class bat tleships and to modernise 3 coast de fense battleships.

WAR IS LOOT.

"Is there not," plaintively asks London Spectator, "a laxer growing among us on the subject of loot?" The inquiry is made apropos of the unpleasant stories of

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pillage which come from China and

Ashanti, and even, despite Lord Rob-etrs' stern prohibitions, from South Africa. There is something innocent in this pain of theoretic militarists, like the Spectator, when brought face to face with the ug'y facts of war. What philosopher was it who said that it was the solecism of power to expect to accomplish ends without means? Such, at any rate, is the bunder of those who expect to use an army for grandiose ends of humanity and civilization, and yet have the individual soldiers act aseif they were University Extension lecturers. What an army naturally does, when marching through an enemy's country, all history tells us. Wellington exhausted language in describing the plundering instincts of the British soldier in the Peninsula. What the practice of Napoleon was is well known. When he himself was stealing kingdoms and

rifling national museums, he had not the hypocrisy to forbid his troops to carry off what they could lay their hands upon. How else could you get men to fight? But head-in-theclouds philanthropists, and Expansionists of superior race, who propose to cuff and cudgel civilization into lower peoples, think to use the terrible enginery and arouse the fearful passions of war, while every participant is to remain a perfect gentleman. The real question for the Spec tator is "If there is mot a laxer tone about war?" If there is, no need to enquire about "loot." is loot, / C

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Herr Marx is now learning what i means to incur the wrath of the machine. 101 /1 6

Ald. Stephens-Save me from m friends. Couldn't somebody have kept Marx quiet?

By all means, Ex-Ald. Marx will have those comparative prices, and what a tale they will tell? If the way lifelong Liberals talk is

any indication of how this election will go, Conservatives need not do the There is no truth in the report that ex-Ald. Marx asked for those prices

with the object of spoiling Ald. Stephens chances of election. The Planet would have published them anyway. It is not yet too late, ere dissolution takes place, for Ald. Stephens to gracefully retire, He must realize now that in the present state of fee!

ing his contest in this county is hope

A volunteer in South Africa couldn't send a letter home telling his friends he was alive without paying for it, but Carrtwright can send a political pamphlet to every elector in the Do-

minion without putting up a cent. Both Conservatives and Liberals have a right to send out as much campaign literature as they please, but in either case they ought to pay proper postage on it. At the present time the Liberals are defrauding the country by sending tons of circulars out without paying one cent for their delivery.

Hon. Hugh John Macdonald has received a letter from Hon. Clifford Sifton, challenging him to meet him on a public platform in Brandon. When asked if he intended to accept the challenge, he said :- "Certainly I do. I immediately wrote Mr. Sifton telling him that I was pleased with the prospect of meeting him on a platform. In my letter I told him I would be in Brandon on Thursday, when I would arrange the date and place of meeting with him."

Strange to say it seems probable that a large negro vote will be cast in the United States this year for the Democratic candidates. Bishop Turner, the head of the African M. E. church, has announced that he will not only support Bryan, but stump the country for him, and two other bishops of the same church, have stated that they propose to follow their leader's example. As the church has a membership of 900,000 the action of the bishops is likely to have considerable effect. The negroes are apparently not pleased with President McKinley, whom they think might have done more to protect them from outrage in the South.

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bloom, Fruit bearing autumn and the winter's gloom, Fruit bearing autumn and the winter's gloom, aut years and seasons march for her in vain, since still she strings her rosary of pain, Catching from far some subtle, lost perfume, Some scent of roses dying on a tomb, Unfreshened by spring's dew or summer's fain.

Why change the seasons when she cannot change?
For pomp of more, high noon or setting sun
What cares she? They are powerless to estrange
Her soul from grief, who, till her day is done,
Companions her wherever she may range
And makes her new years old ere yet begun.
—From "At the Wind's Will; Lyrics and Sonnets," by Louise Chandler Moulton.

THE ASSASSIN'S TOOL.

Varieties of the Dagger and How They Are Used by Experts. If an Italian or a Spaniard happened to witness one of the many dagger epi-sodes of the British stage he would neither hiss nor hoot—he would smile. For the stage dagger and the stage grip of it he would have nothing but con-

tempt.

If the reader would know the reason of the foreigner's mirth, let him grasp a stout office rule in the same conventional fashion as the stage villain does his equally stagy weapon and swing it in the overhand thrust beloved of the theatrical stabber.

He will find that he cannot hit once in a score of times a postage stamp stuck on the wall at the height of an imaginary victim's bosom. The swinging arm is practically the radius of a circle, of which circle the blade forms a part. Instead, therefore, of the point going un-erringly to its mark it moves in a curve, which almost invariably will throw it clear of the point aimed at.

The expert's grip upon the dagger is a singular one, but it achieves its object. He only takes the handle of the weapon with his thumb and first three fingers: with his thumb and first three fingers; the fourth he folds into the palm of his hand. The folded "little finger." lying with its lowest section against the inside of the dagger handle, gives a slight outward thrust and corrects the tendency of the dagger point to swing in a curve. Held this way, the dagger will hit the postage stamp every time.

But the stiletto, rather than the dagger, is the ideal weapon of the assassin. Few people know what the true stilette is like, and fewer still how it is manipulated. In the first place, it has no hilt, only a wooden handle, resembling that of the common chisel, but without the brass

the common chisel, but without the brass band. The blade—if blade it can be except for the rough texture, very like

been wounded with a file. A stiletto, of course, was used, but it was probably quite unfamiliar to many of the news-

paper correspondents.

The stiletto handle is held in the palm. with the thin blade pointing outward and upward. No force is needed; none indeed could be exerted in such a position. But the single terrible "poke" in the liver or the stomach is more than sufficient. It was from such a wound that President Carnot died. The stiletto is practically useless except as the tool of the assassin and as such would be made an illegal article, save in museums and similar collec-

Only one form of cutting weapon is properly held in the conventional stage fashion, and that is the terrible Spanish knife, used by the southern peasant for slicing his onions and his enemies. But this is employed in slashing crosscuts and not, as a rule, in stabbing -London

Particular About His Shoes. A western couple who were on a visit to New York for the first time put up at the Waldorf-Astoria during their stay in this city, and what was left of their first day in New York they largely devoted to viewing the decorations of the botel. The myrtle room, the Astor gallery and the great ballroom were viewed by them, and the magnificence of the appoint-ments and opulent decorations left them both breathless. They said little, how-ever, in comment, but that awe was one of the feelings that what they had witnessed gave rise to was evidenced by the husband, who, upon retiring for the night, when he was asked by his faithful spouse if, according to his usual custom, he was not going to put his shoes outside to be blackened, emphatically replied "Not much. If I did, they'd gild them.

Had a Hand In It. When the Rev. Dr. J. T. Ward was president of Western Maryland college, some of the students stole the molasse cans from the kitchen and poured streams of the treacle down the whole of the banisters that led from the sky parlor to the basement. Dr. Ward got up very early the next morning, and as he went down the steps he gathered a handful of the molasses. The faculty sat in solemn session, but not an inkling could they find as to the identity of the miscreants. Suddenly the aumor of the thing broke upon the doctor, and he said: men, I may as well confess. I had a hand in it."

The Heads Ate the Tails. An investigator of matters zoological said: "I saw stated in a natural history volume that if a worm should be divides the anterior part would grow a tail and the posterior part would grow a head. I took 12 worms and divided them, plac-ing the divided parts of each worm in a separate glass. In less than a month I had 22 worms, losing only two tail parts. The head parts had grown tails, and the tail parts had grown heads. Then I divided two worms into halves and put the four parts into a glass, into which I placed earth, but no food, and the head parts ate the tail parts."

How He Made It. "I see you are building a new house, Mr. Bung."
"Yes, you are right."
"Made the money out of whisky, I sup-

"Why, you are a distiller, are you not?" "Oh, yes. But the money I'm putting into this house was made out of the wa-ter I put into the whisky. Every farthwas made out of the water, si

Labor is noble, but of two ancestors people generally brag more of the one who enjoyed life on money he did not

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