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AN AMERICAN PAPER TELLS THE TRUTH ABOUT INDIA.

It is so refreshing to see an Ameri can paper give Great Britain credit for anything that an article in the Detroit Tribune concerning the famine in India, its causes and what the authorities are doing for the sufferers is worths of more than a passing no tice. The Tribune says that in the states for mere political effect there is a vast amount of misrepresentation afloat regarding Great Britain both as to her relations to the Boers in South Africa and to the famine in India. In regard to the latter the Tribune has the authority of Rev. R Clancy, a Michigan man, who has had long experience in India; for the as surance that the British Government is not only not responsible for the condition of the country in India, but is doing everything which any wise and humane government could do for the bettering of the condition of the immense population under its rule. 1. As to the cause of the famine

The productiveness of the soil in India is dependent altogether upon the regular recurrence of the annual monsoon. This monsoon is a strong southerly wind, highly charged with moisture, which blows from off the Indian ocean. It blows during the summer months and meeting the col currents from the Himalayas th moisture is condensed and the whole land abundantly watered. In som years there is, for some unexplained reason, a failure of the monsoon, and then drouth, failure of crops and famine ensue. For the last three years there has been a succession of failures of the monsoon and hence the unusual severity of the present fam-

2. Famine, when it does occur, af fects the Hindoo more disastrously perhaps than any other race of peo ple. In the first place it is a na tional characteristic to be thriftless and to spend money freely when it can be had, laying up nothing for a rainy day. As, a rule the people are universally in debt as a result of this thriftlessness. They are fatalists also and believe that what is to be will be, and it is no use exerting themselves to oppose fate. They will therefore give themselves up to die of starvation where Americans would hustle and find some means of tiding over the bad years. From these characteristics they are a most unfortunate class of people to deal with in any attempts to better their condition. 3....The creditors are not the English governing classes, but the native

merchants, and a worse lot of Shylocks are probably not to be found in any country. Mr. Clancy illustrated their character by telling how when grain sent from this country was distributed by the relief committees the greatest care was needed to preven its falling into the hands of these sharks. Even with all the precah tions taken it was found that fully half, the tickets given out to need; families were bought up from the ignorant people by these rascals at tenth of their value and presented b their agents when the distribution too place. Happily they were foiled in their nefarious scheme.

4, For the government to under take the feeding of the population of India upon every shortage of food would simply be to make a nation of paupers of the people. It would be an unsound policy in any country But the government is not unmindfu of the sufferings of the poor natives For a long series of years it has been in the habit of collecting all possibl information and opinion on the sub ject and as to the best methods of dealing with it. At the close of ever famine period a commission of earnes men visit every part of the country affected, collect all the facts and in vite the opinions and suggestions of all intelligent people who have been in position to observe. The result of these investigations and inquiries i compiled into a famine code in readi ness for use the moment the nex periodical visitation makes its appear ance. Mr. Clancy was most enthusi astic over the thoroughness and sys ten with which information tending t an intelligent and wise dealing with the subject has been collected by the government.

In the case of the public works se on foot to afford employment to the sufferers, he stated that the regular wages of the country were paid, whe ther the laborers were able to perform a full day's work or not. This wage was not 3-4 of a cent a day, but about 5 cents.

The Tribune concludes thus: "There is no other nation under the sun ex cept our own which under similar circumstances would do a fithe of what Great Britain does for the ameliora tion of her Indian subjects, or would do it more intelligently and wisely, It is nauseating, therefore, to hear irresponsible, petty demagogues fals ifying facts and maligning a great nation simply to tickle the ears of the uniformed masses.'

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A case came before Mr. Justice Choquette at Montreal the other day in which it was shown that \$6,000 had been paid to decorate a certain parish church and \$80 only to the school teacher. In summing up the case the judge said: "God is not proud, and I im convinced that he prefers to be worshiped in a humble church by a ongregation which has received the benefits of education, and knows the greatness of the mysteries of religion, o being worshiped in a rich and gorgeous church by ignorant people, who very often do not know why they go on their knees to pray."

When Mr. Bourassa protested gainst Canadian troops being sent to Africa he claimed be did so not be use he was hostile to Great Britain. but simply because the government was acting unconstitutionally in sending volunteers out of the country without first-consulting parliament. He conended that he was standing up for the hard-won rights of the people. Now, however, Bourassa shows his real colors. Parliament, in sending a congra ulatory address to Her Majesty, infringed no constitutional right, so the member for Labelle had to come out and oppose the message on its merits He thus exposed the insincerity of his yn hypocritical protestations of loyalty made in the first place, and fur-ther leads us to the belief that his anxiety for the welfare of the constitution was all a shain.

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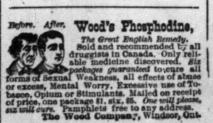
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That pro-Boer speech of Bourassa looked at the time very much like another well-considered card in the political game. A despatch from Ottawa to the Toronto World says that it is so looked upon at the capital. The object of Messrs. Tarte, Bourassa and Monet is apparently to safely corral an anti-British vote which is thought to exist in Quebec, while Sir Wilfrid and other ministers , will hold the rest of the Liberals in line. A record in the house is being made both ways for that purpose to be used as occasion demands. In pro-Boer sections the utterances of these three beauties can be used, while, here in Ontario the party can stand on the Premier's fervid protestations of loyalty. When the election comes around we will see if the Boer donkey and British bronches will travel wall treather in here cho will travel well together in har-ness. We doubt it. The thing is be-ing overdone. It is becoming too transparent, and there are a lot of good loyal Liberals that we know of right round here who can see through the game as quickly as anybody.

THE "POM-POMS" OF THE BOEKS What They Are-Orgin and Development of the Machine Gun. The guns of the Boers called famil-

iarly "pom-pom-," are 1-pounds Maxim machine gens, and are of the terest in several respects. A clause in the St. Petersburg declaration of 1868 enjoined th tho explosive pro jective less than 14 ounces in weight should be used in civilized warfa.e. and the Boer pom-poms have the narrowest margin to permit of being admitted by the nations, besides lia ing the distinction of being the first of their kind ever used in the field; In order to make clear the full meaning of this statement, we mist A machine gun is one that is loade. and fired by machinery: a quic - ring gun is one that is loaded hand, and fired eit er by hand or machinery. The former was limited

of small-arm ammunition. The machine gun dates from the primitive type of Gatling gun us d in the United States Civil War. The first attempt to increase the calibra above that of sme l-arm ammunition was made in the Hotchkiss revolving cannon of 1-5 inch calibre, throwing 1-pound shell. Its range was about 5,500 yards, and it could fire 80 rounds a minute. The objection to it was that it was too heavy a piece for its calibre.

in calibre until quite recently to that

The next improvement was the Maxim 87-millimetre (1,45-inch), which is entirely automatic, that is, after firing the first shot it is neces sary only to keep the finger on the trigger; the gun goes on loading and firing, and can discharge 300 1pound shots per minute. The weights of this piece is proportionate to its calibre. This is the so-called "pompom" of the Boers.

Baby Blo's Name.

Baby Bly was such a sweet little thing that no name seemed to be good enough for her. Papa proposed to name her Rose, because her cheeks were so pink, and mamma suggested Violet, because her eyes were so blue, but they both agreed that she ought to have a better name than either of

"I will make a list of all the names I can think of," said Aunty Lou. "Mamma can cross off from the list one name that she does not like and then papa cross off another, and so they will take turns till all the names are crossed off but one, and that one must be baby's name.

So she wrote a long list of names beginning Alice and ending with Zoe. Baby. Bly watched the writing with great interest. When the last ras finished she reached for the pen but her little hands scent never know where they are going, so it is no wonder that they upset the ink

Everybody ran to catch it, but it was too late. The ink had run in a black stream all over the list, and Blotted it from top to bottom.

"But, see here," said papa, "baby has chosen her own name. She has blacked all the others off the list,

and has just left one."
"To be sure," said mamma; "and what name could be sweeter?' So baby is now little Mary Bly.

Father and son Together, Lieut. Morrison, of "D" Battery writes: "It is a common thing in the artillery to have two brothers driving—that is, riding the gun -in one gun detachment. fact, it is a combination much couraged because they usually work vell together from mutual interest But the Ottawa section of "D" Battery has a novelty, father and son driving in the same gun detachment. Hare, sr., rides the lead of No. 6 and his son, a mere lad, though tall for his age, rides the centre. And there are not two more reliable drivers in the battery or the ser-

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