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SHOTGUN GOVERNMENT

Russia displays more and more alarming symptoms of national sickness. Friday at Riga the people were moved down with machine guns; and in hundreds of other places the artillery and rifles bought with money wrung from a robbed and despoiled population under pretence of national defence.

ANXIOUS RELATIVES

Increasing age, with the sure approach to the end of the journey, brings trials whether the aged be poor as church mice or in good circumstances. Not infrequently there appears in the wills of aged persons accusations or suspicions of which they have no sign during their lifetime.

THE WORK AT SAND POINT

While all is bustle at Sand Point and the work is well advanced, it is not without its share of difficulties. Indeed, while there is no interruption of work and little chance of any, the longshoremen have agreed to strike.

A GREAT CAMPAIGN

The British political campaign is to be short and sharp. It is now expected that the verdict of the country will be a matter of history by January 25. The parties will face each other in Parliament on February 15. Much fighting, therefore, is to be crowded into the next few weeks, and the time will be the shorter because of the enforced suspension of campaigning due to Christmas week.

LORD STRATHCONA AND SANATORIA

A matter of great interest to New Brunswickers, as to Canadians generally, at this time, is Lord Strathcona's interest in the establishing of sanatoria for consumptives in this country. The New Brunswick Medical Society now has the question of a provincial report for tuberculosis patients under consideration and is about to report upon it. For several

reasons, therefore, we may regard as important the letter just received by Mayor Kelly of Charlottetown, from Dr. C. J. Fagan, secretary of the British Columbia board of health.

Dr. Fagan recently returned from London, where he talked at length with Lord Strathcona about the treatment of tuberculosis in Canada by the most advanced methods.

Lord Strathcona asked him to get into communication with the boards of health of the different provinces "in regard to the subject of the treatment and cure of tuberculosis in Canada."

Dr. Fagan, who lives in Victoria, desires to be informed as to what action, if any, has been taken in regard to this vital question in the several provinces, and when he has the facts he will place them before Lord Strathcona.

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Bangor has a Citizens' League which was organized for the same reasons that led to the formation of our own reform organization. The Bangor league has just decided to compile and make public the records of all the candidates at the forthcoming civic election, publishing them in the newspapers, or mailing them in circulars to every elector, or both.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Mr. Balfour's speech at Leeds last evening--his opening gun of the campaign--was one calculated to surprise those who expected he would fall in line behind Mr. Chamberlain. Mr. Balfour declares himself a free trader still, though he believes in retarding duties to prevent dumping.

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A CANDID BISHOP (Boston Transcript).

The Protestant Episcopal diocese of Michigan has just elected as its future bishop, Rev. Charles D. Williams, now dean of Trinity cathedral, Cleveland (O.). His election was recorded in the Church journals as the triumph of a liberal type of churchmanship, having particular reference to his theology. But these are not times when theology counts as much with many as ethics do in determining the point of view of ecclesiastics, and it is interesting to know that the writer of the leading article on "The Final Test of Christianity," in the December McClure's Magazine, is the man who is to be head of the diocese of Michigan.

When the pending cases against Dr. Preston and Camp have been disposed of, no doubt the authorities will come an examination of the death certificates on file at the Board of Health. It is understood they have good reason to believe that such an examination would be well worth while.

Mr. Balfour passed the Education Act with the aid of the Nationalists. When they received the price was high. They deal in the same fashion with the Liberals. There are some eighty-one votes behind Mr. Redmond. The elections may show that the new premier is not to be wholly dependent upon the Irish Home Rulers. If he has not a working majority without them his tenure of office will be neither long nor untroubled.

The London Standard says that "Mr. Winston Churchill's appointment to assist Lord Elgin in the delicate and most important task of maintaining relations of mutual confidence with the colonies will be regarded beyond the seas as resoundingly successful." But the appointment causes uneasiness "beyond the seas." Why should it? If young Mr. Churchill is wise the colonies will applaud; if he is foolish or bumptious they will laugh. That's about all the situation promises.

Writing of the new British cabinet and Home Rule, Mr. John Atkinson Hobson, author of "The Social Problem," says: "This is an Episcopal point of view regarding the prophetic utterances of the late Bishop F. D. Huntington a decade or two ago. It has found quick response in Bishop Lawrence, Bishop McVicker, and other and, and other of the leaders of the Protestant Episcopal church, who are heartily supporting their dioceses in passing resolutions putting the Church on record as condemning evil in the abstract. The test of the value of such resolutions, however, comes when the Church is called upon to administer discipline to a recalcitrant bishop or to withhold the sacrament from a profligate donor. It is then that the donors are known to be ethically defective and socially perished."

DIFFICULTIES OF ENGLISH (New York Tribune).

Walter Christie, with his racing car, the Blue Flyer, was talking to a French chauffeur on the Cape May beach. "It makes warm," said the Frenchman, wiping his brow. "You mean it is warm--not it makes warm," said Mr. Christie laughing. "You remind me of the Frenchman at the English Alpine Club. This Frenchman said, 'Where the wild soft-eyed does draw shade Wandering, as in the byre of Bethlehem, the oxen heard Thy cry And saw Thee, unstraid.' My boatman sat apart, Wolf-eyed, wolf-smeared, stiffer than the trees. Help me, Lord, for very slow of heart And hard of faith are these. Just to their boats, kind to their sorrows, yet wert Thou born to save them utterly. Then make me, as I pray, Just to their boats, kind to their sorrows, wise After their speech, and strong before their free, Indefatigable eyes. Do the French hills reign Over Mount Royal and Stadacona still? (To the St. Lawrence comes the spring again, Crowning each southward hill And blossoming pool with beauty, while I roam Far from the perilous folds that are my home-- Where where we built St. Ignace for our needs, Shaped the rough roottree, turned the first sweet soil-- St. Ignace and St. Louis, little beads On the rosary of God. Pines shall Thy pillars be, Firer than those Sidaon, cedars brought By Hiram out of Tyre, and each birch tree, But come no worshippers; shall I confess, St. Francis-like, the birds of the wilderness? With Thy love my lonely bead uphold, A wandering shepherd I, who hath no flock, Nor any where to sleep. So hour of rest is done, On the smooth ripple lifts the long canoe, The hemlock's murmur steady as the sun, Stays his dim arrows through, Which I go I know not the way, Dark with strange passions, veiled with heathen charms. Holding I know not what of life or death, Only be Thou beside me day by day, Crowd me with guide and comfort, underneath The everlasting arms."

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