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According to the cable Lord Strathcona has been talking to the London Daily Graphic. There is nothing either new or startling in his delirious but it serves to emphasize one or two points which already need to be pretty well understood here in Canada.

The Daily Graphic quotes Lord Strathcona as saying that Canada will be willing to "lightly surrender her fiscal independence." In fact, as Lord Strathcona knows, she will not be willing to surrender it at all, since her fiscal policy is at this time by all means best in the keeping of her own people.

Indeed Mr. Chamberlain's policy has not been at all opposed in this country save when it was repudiated, however falsely, as meaning that for its adoption Canada would not have the same power in regard to her own affairs as she has at this time.

We in Canada are not blind to the main issue. When Mr. Chamberlain has had the people of Great Britain pose upon his plan it will be proper for the Colonies to speak. Until then they may well refrain from excited comment, after all, it is in England first that his plan fails or the seed fall on stony ground.

Mr. Chamberlain, himself, who should be the best authority on this question as it now stands, has said that before he speaks for Canada or the other Colonies, he needs a mandate from the people of home.

Cable comment, in the main, has made it to appear that his plan will be rejected by the British electorate. That comment may or may not be well-grounded. It would seem, anyway, that such comment did not take account of the fact that before an election comes a statesman of no inconsiderable ability will have presented his views to all in the course of a long and carefully studied campaign of education.

What the result of such a campaign will be is an open question.

Lord Strathcona accepts and enlarges upon Mr. Chamberlain's view that the United States cannot and will not enter upon any effective campaign of retaliation.

The United States cannot logically object to any tariff arrangement within the British Empire such as exists in and between the American empire—that federation of sovereign states. At best, or at worst, the United States would but make the best it possibly for a share in the great free market of which it fears the Chamberlain plan will in great measure deprive it.

IRVING THEIR GRIEVANCES.

The publisher of the Amberst News has lost a subscriber. The sad tale is thus tersely told:—

"We billed a rural subscriber the other day for a three years' subscription. When he called to pay, upon our pressing invitation he asked for discount of twenty-five per cent. of the face of the bill, if not he would stop the paper. The paper is stopped. If the gentleman in question sold three dollars' worth of butter and waited for three years for payment he would have ended owed to collect interest. The golden rule ought to fit in here."

The News man has here enhanced a solemn truth, which from time to time thrusts itself upon the attention of publishers of newspapers, to teach them the great moral lesson that it is better to have than to expect. The same thought was doubtless in the mind of the Boston Herald paragrapher the other day, when he made this observation: "If Andrew Carnegie is to start a big newspaper in Glasgow, it simply means he has been compelled to find some method for getting rid of his wealth faster than by merely giving it away."

GRIM PESSIMISM, THIS.

Collier's Weekly expresses the fear that the whites will tire of burning the blacks at the stake, or that the sport will become too tame and that whites will turn to burning whites. It is a bold American journal which uses the following language of citizens of the United States:

"When the civilized allies made war on China, we shuddered and turned away from the newspaper, seeing what Russian, German and French soldiers did to Chinese men and women; and we rejoiced that British and American troops were less. There is another story, now, French soldiers escaping from a 'beating' the passengers from the 'women and little children'—such a story will come the hot flush of shame!"

What are all these crimes compared to burning a human being at the stake, in order to have a thrilling party, to see him writhe and hear him scream? If we indulge in such pleasures, shall we not tread the downward path which we see in the history of Spain? Indeed, it may be doubted if Spain had any cruelty quite so unexcused and gross. Interference by our Federal government would be stupid tampering with justice. The responsibility is with each community. If the wild beast in man is to be chained and kept from turning our progress back to sickening inhumanity, the saving work must be done by local courage and nobility.

Severe as the foregoing is there seldom has been such pessimistic writing as the following:

Even race hatred, which is a genuine explanation of the milder Russian cruelty, promises soon to be lost here in the one true cause—the love of bestial excitement. Burning a man is so much more thrilling than boyish sport like stoning a dog or pulling legs and wings from an insect that if the supply of blacks runs out we fear it will be necessary to use the whites.

Here appears to be language which even the awful facts do not excuse. It is doubtful if there is any community in the United States in which the love for bestial excitement is more extensive or more powerful than the desire to have the law of the land obeyed. Collier's, no doubt, has mistaken certain local manifestations, however brutal, for evidence of the existence of a disease which is neither characteristic nor epidemic.

THE KING AND THE IRISH.

Kipling has sent many an Irish soldier to his long account in the King's name, and behind his fiction there was the long scroll of honor to back him up. It remained, perhaps, for Conan Doyle to portray even more accurately in a short story, the fidelity of the Irish to the flag.

It was his privilege to discover a private in a regiment on service in India, who arranged—or thought he had arranged—a great rebellion which was to come to a head when the regiment moved on to ever-troublesome mountaineers. He engaged every Irishman in the regiment, and they assented him that when the signal was given they would "rise" and do desperate things to the officers commanding. Certain grim sergeants and corporals had thought it over and arranged the execution. Of a sudden there came orders to go to the front. The men from the hills had come within the limits and were waiting battle. Battle they surely must have.

And the Irish, who had been primed or revolt by the man of words? With great joy they assented him in girthing him or the fray to come, assuring him that they would stick to his plan to the end.

Lord Curzon said he was fully aware of the strain on his health and spirits, and the fact that only two viceroys in the last fifty years had stayed in office beyond five years. This, however, was too short a term for a government which had embarked on wide schemes of reform, and it would be a neglect of duty to abandon his share of the work.

Referring to the above cable the Boston Herald pays this tribute to Lord Curzon:—"There is something admirable in the determination of Lord Curzon, viceroy of India, to stick to his post until the real duties are more surely established. He is a young man and possessed of means to live in luxury wherever he may choose. He has already achieved a noble reputation for ability efficiency and philanthropy, laurels upon which he might rest in his arduous toil in an unfavorable climate that he knows is sapping his constitution. Yet he elects to stay in order to complete a task the aim of which is the mitigation of famine conditions and the betterment of the people over whom he rules. It seems to be a case not unlike that of Governor Taft, of the Philippines, who, by self-sacrificing devotion such public servants 'honor humanity.'"

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of Canada's national ports on the Atlantic. St. John's geographical position coupled with its natural advantages as a local freight producing port, places it easily to the front as the harbor which can be utilized with safety all the year round as a great exporting and importing port. But the proper harbor facilities are yet to be provided for the handling of that greater trade which must flow through our port if it is to be seriously termed a national port. While a desperate effort is being made to improve the channel of the St. Lawrence River so as to make Montreal safe of approach for deep draft ocean freight carriers, and prevent the frequent recurrence of such disasters as the recent grounding of the Lake Manitoba, the development of St. John's great natural advantages as a safe and convenient harbor for the export trade is being left in abeyance.

As The Telegraph has frequently pointed out the primary duty of our citizens and their representatives in parliament is to urge constantly upon the government the absolute necessity of this development being made a national work. St. John has done much out of the civic purse to provide wharves, elevator and warehouse facilities at Sand Point, but a more comprehensive scheme of harbor development is necessary if we are to have a port capable of loading and discharging any great number of large steamers. The harbor is to be more than a pleasant dream. It is a present necessity, for already the winter traffic taxes to the almost harbor facilities. Further increase in business is impossible, as we have reached the limit of the present facilities of the port.

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THE TURF.

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