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MARITIME UNION

As to the union of the Maritime Provinces, it can hardly be possible that there are any merely sentimental local prejudices in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, or Prince Edward Island in favor of maintaining the present conditions...

THE VOICE OF THE PEASANTS

The Congress of the Union of Peasants is now in session at Moscow. It consists of delegates from twenty-two governments. Resolutions have been passed demanding that the representatives in the proposed parliament be elected by universal suffrage...

JAPANESE RAILWAYS

The railways of Japan are some of them owned by the government and some by private corporations. There are at present forty-one private railways with a total mileage in 1902 of 3,007 miles...

hypothecated, and, if taken in satisfaction of debt, can be at once operated. The Japanese private railways are a good security for \$94,000,000. They cost more than that and are paid for and earning money...

In 1902 the mileage of state railways open to traffic was 1,226 miles, costing \$62,857,000 or \$51,270 per mile. The great workshops and other extras are included in the cost...

THE PEACE CONFERENCE

Our New York letter today gives prominence to the view that, while peace is quite possible, its ratification will be forced by the difficulty that both Russia and Japan will find in raising any more money in the money-market of the world...

SENATOR WARK, 1804-1905

Of no dispenser, or of no blast he died, But fell like autumn fruit that mellowed. Even wondered at because he dropt not sooner...

SO LIVED, SO DIED, DAVID WARK

The simple life was a noble life in his case. To live for more than a century may be in itself little, but in David Wark's case it was much, for the passing years found him a man of sound, sane and generous impulse...

FOREST FIRES

Criminal carelessness by persons who own no woodland and who have been trespassers upon the lands of others has cost the farmers and lumbermen of New Brunswick immense sums of money within the last few years...

unrolled two of his marked characteristics depended--his profound and discerning religious faith and his love of country. Just as the "blue ruin" years of Canada never weakened his loyalty or his faith in the future of the Dominion...

In his own sketch of his life he speaks briefly of his service to New Brunswick in having made and published a report by an expert upon its agricultural possibilities and trade between the North American provinces in 1847-49...

THE COST OF EMPIRE

The councillor to the British embassy at Berlin, recently stated in a report to the Foreign Office that for the first time since 1890 the German government in April last issued a loan at 3 per cent. He also says that no sinking fund has been provided or any other measure taken for the redemption of the funded debt of the empire...

THE RUSSIAN WAY

It is intimated in the despatches of this morning that President Roosevelt has played the role of Bismarck at another conference, when Lord Beaconsfield and Russian envoys were discussing questions that meant peace or war and that immediately...

PEACE IN THE BALANCE

Mr. Roosevelt, as is set forth this morning in a despatch from The Telegraph's New York representative, is striving with characteristic vigor and directness to prevent the failure of the peace conference. Apparently in his efforts to bring about an agreement he has bluntly asked the Russians to name the utmost concessions to which the Czar and his advisers will agree...

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Iroquois was too good a driver. But the Temereux was almost the ditz. And Lord Minto succeeds Lord Curzon as Indian Viceroy. The Iron Kitchener has his way. Today the aldermen are to decide how large a present to make to the Loch Lomond contractors. They may establish a very costly precedent.

FRANK NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING

An airship sailing over New York is a pretty good newspaper advertising idea. New Yorkers witnessed the first aerial navigation over the metropolis yesterday. It was a trial trip for Hearst's American and was successfully accomplished. It was advertised today that the airship man would go up again and drop 400 checks ranging from \$1 to \$100 in value and the streets in the neighborhood of the point of ascension were filled with cheering multitudes...

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fire law is again made plain in costly fashion. The law is good enough, but it is difficult to secure the evidence necessary to secure a conviction; and prevention rather than conviction is needed. It would be well if the residents of each parish containing wood land were to cooperate for the stamping out of fires as soon as they are detected. Too often the community depends upon a shift of the wind or the thought that certain streams or swamps have always existed to stay the fire.

In the schools, too, children should be instructed concerning the value of the forests and the serious harm following carelessness in the matter of fire. The question is one which cannot be neglected by those of us who are interested in the future of the Dominion. And in cases where evidence of carelessness or worse can be obtained it is the plain duty of the suffering community to cause the arrest and punishment of the offenders.

CURZON AND KITCHENER

Big as India is there evidently was not room enough in it for both Lord Curzon and Lord Kitchener. Both are men of unusual force and exceptional ability. Both have the habit of command rather than the aptitude for taking orders. The government, it is certain, was reluctant to choose between them since to do so was to lose at least one instrument of immense value to the Empire. But a choice became inevitable, and Lord Curzon is to come home, no doubt to become a source of trouble to an administration which is heavily burdened and which must go to the country next year, probably soon after January 1.

The government, and probably the Empire, could better afford to out about the brilliant Curzon regime than to have humbled or checked Lord Kitchener when his work in India is but half done. Moreover, clever and resourceful as the imperial Curzon has proved himself, it will be easier to replace him than to find a satisfactory substitute for the iron soldier. Lord Kitchener found much use and antiquity in the military department of India. He decided that the Indian army was utterly unequal to the task of guarding the country and of holding its frontier against a serious assault. He set about a change in resolute fashion. He was no doubt prepared a comparatively few hands. The exercise of that few hands necessarily tended to interfere somewhat with Lord Curzon's plans. Also it tended to render somewhat paler the Curzon tints, which had blazed with no ordinary light, and which, in some eyes, showed a hue of almost royal purple. There had been some murmur about the autocratic temper of the Viceroy. It will not be surprising if there shall be hereafter some greater murmuring over the iron ways of Kitchener. But he means organization and thoroughness, and the longer he stays the less the world will bear of a man of frontier. The future of Lord Curzon is a subject for speculation now. Rich, ambitious, keen, a man of daring plans and of powerful influence, he may go far. It is to be expected that the Empire which has lost him in India will find him useful in another sphere. It probably will be one of his own selection.

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THE MORNING AFTER

a heavy and rich meal will be unattended by discomfort or sickness if before going to bed, you will take

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SCOTTISH CLANS TO GATHER AT HALIFAX

Halifax, Aug. 20--(Special)--A telegram received here Saturday night from David Colquhoun, who is at present at New York, attending the convention of Scottish Clans, stating that they had decided to hold their next convention at Halifax in 1907.

TRIED TO KILL QUEEN MARGHERITA

New York, Aug. 21--A Turin, Italy, despatch to the Herald says that recently an attempt was made to assassinate Queen Margherita, mother of King Victor Emmanuel, who is making a tour of Italy in an automobile.