

The Planet

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THEIR PROMISES RISE UP AGAINST THEM.

The Bramford Express, in seeking to prove that the Liberal party had lived up to its pledge to abolish protection, said:

As a matter of fact the Liberal trade policy differs in most essential particulars from the Tory N. P., though it is not free trade as it is in England, because the party was never committed, as a matter of fact, to any such policy.

The Bramford Express promptly reminded the Express that in 1895 it quoted with approval the following utterance by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Winnipeg:

This (free trade) is the policy we have to adopt. We cannot have it at the present time, I am sorry to say, but we can advance towards it. We shall give you freer trade and although it will be a hard fight we will not give in one inch or retract one step until we shall have reached the goal, and THAT GOAL IS FREE TRADE AS IT EXISTS IN ENGLAND TO-DAY.

The Liberal writers should know that though their party leaders may repudiate their pledges, the people have not forgotten the terms of the compact upon which they granted Sir Wilfrid a term in office, nor will they forgive such offenses, as that of the Express in the interests of party, against common honesty.

TEA AND THE CHINESE "EMBROGLIO."

The consternation aroused in the minds of careful housewives by the announcement a few days ago that the price of tea was rising in consequence of the disturbances in China, appears destined to be short-lived. Even in the New York market, where, for purely speculative purposes apparently, the rise in question was inaugurated, there seems to have been no sufficient reason for so doing, while from London—the great tea-market of the world—comes the intelligence that the stocks of the large tea houses, either in hand or being consigned, are extensive enough to render a rise of price, except perhaps in the case of some special brands, very improbable for a time at all events. China still is, of course, the principal tea-producing country of the world, and time was at no very far back date when the present reported chaotic state of the "Flowery Land" would have instantly upset the tea market. That this is not the case now is due in several causes. First, China has now to content against rivalry of most unknown a quarter of a century ago, with the result that, notwithstanding a largely increased demand for the commodity, the price has been constantly falling.

Ceylon, formerly a noted coffee and spice-producing island, has now relegated coffee to a secondary position, and places on the market annually teas of good quality to the amount of over 122,000,000 pounds. Assam, in British India, though failing to show such magnificent results, is a very important factor in the trade, and the value of its tea constitutes nearly one-twelfth of the total exports of Hindustan. Japan has become a very active producer and trader in tea, and supplies large quantities to the markets of this continent, to Australia and to most of the countries of continental Europe, although very sparsely to Great Britain. So far, indeed, as that country is concerned, the tea of Ceylon have largely displaced those of other countries. Thus, while the value of tea imported from China into the United Kingdom is only about five million dollars, Ceylon sends there more than eighteen and a half million dollars' worth. A second important reason why the present disturbances in northern China are not likely materially to affect the price of tea is the fact that the great tea-exporting treaty ports are not at present involved in the revolutionary proceedings, of which the Boxers are seemingly the instigators. Their import and export trade do not appear, indeed, to be at present affected otherwise than advantageously. This being so, there is no reason why the big China tea ships should not pursue the even tenor of their way, and continue to supply the teapot of the Occident with China's special food product. Of course, should the present disastrous condition of things be prolonged, or extended over a wider area, the cultivation of tea must inevitably be interfered with, but even then there is no cause for anticipating anything approaching to a tea famine. There is, however, one contingency which might temporarily at least derange prices, namely, the employment of a large number of vessels for the conveyance of munitions of war and troops. But since much of the tea exported from China is carried in large, old-fashioned sailing vessels, such a withdrawal of ships from their regular occupation could have no very general effect. On the whole, it may be assumed that the efforts to impose war prices upon tea are at present at least doomed to failure.

In granting these anarchists shelter in which to hatch their evil plots, Great Britain and the United States are committing a crime against civilization.

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The Machine.
The Golden Medal.
The Beauties of Free Trade.
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Denunciations of the N. P.
Tin Pot Titles.

Tenderless Contracts.
Binder Twine Monopoly.
Pineau and the P. E. Government.
The Machine Huggers.
Pledges of Economy.

Mr. Blair's Methods.
Sir Wilfrid's Sunny Smile.
The Auditor-General's Report.
"No Precedent" Professions.
Promises of Honest Government.
Burned and Switched Ballots.
The Ottawa Platform.

The Axe! The Axe!
These will all be reserved for the private study of the faithful and in the interests of the party.

The Regina Standard says: "In political etymology the hardest thing to kill is the bonus-bug, this is because he is armor plated in gold. There is money in him; when small in size, as for a grist mill, he is called 'bonus'; on the national or million dollar scale, and upwards he is named 'subsidy.' His genuine name and nature is 'boodle.'"

After the late anti-British exhibitions made by Bryan and his friends it passes understanding how even in expatriated Canadian with a tinge of northern born pride about him can support the Democrats. One thing is certain, that if there are Canadians in the States who have fallen to the Democratic level, Canada can at least congratulate herself on having got rid of them.

STILL LOYAL TO SAM.

Sam Hughes is a fighter and the Recorder isn't going back on him in the day of his adversity. He may talk too much, but then he can fight, too, a great many of his critics being possessed of only the former gift.

TOO MUCH INSIDE INFORMATION.

The late Canon Lytton, of Gloucester, when rector of St. Mary's, was fond of scientific teaching, and formed a class for physiology. After a few lectures he received a letter from the mother of one of his pupils, saying: "Reverend sir, please not to teach such anything more about her inside; it makes her proud."

HOW THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE IS ABUSED.

Winipeg Telegram.
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CANNIBALISM IN VOGUE

An American Indian in Jail for Eating a Woman.

An Indian cannibal has been sent to jail in Vancouver. His crime was part of an ancient rite. He was an initiate of the Ha-mattas, an Indian secret fraternity which demands of its members that they acquire a taste for human flesh.

The Canadian government is greatly exercised over this outbreak of a barbaric custom that had been thought well nigh stamped out.

One of the prisoners was a well-known half-breed named George Hunt. He had charge of a band of Indians exhibited at the World's Fair, and he acted as interpreter for Dr. Franz Boas, of the Museum of Natural History, New York, when the latter was in Vancouver collecting data for his important work on Indian customs, now filed at the Smithsonian Institution.

There was insufficient evidence for the conviction of Hunt, and the same is true of all the defendants save one. He was convicted of having devoured a portion of the body of a squaw.

It is only among a few of the far northern and Indian tribes, remote from civilization and stubborn in their resistance to missionary effort, that the horrible rites of the Ha-mattas, or flesh-eaters, survive.

Every spring the Ha-mattas holds its initiation ceremonies for new candidates, disconnected by feasting and dancing and other wild orgies. The chief purpose of the initiation is to create in the aspirant the taste for human flesh.

In the case in question the body of a young squaw who had mysteriously died but a few days before was removed from the burying ground and taken to the initiation room, where it was lashed naked to one of the poles. A band of the Ha-mattas, marched round it, inflamed by wild music and frenzied yells of the old Ha-mattas, and proceeded to bite off mouthfuls of flesh from the arms, sides and legs of the squaw's body.

The Northwest Mounted Police were informed of the hideous rite and succeeded in capturing the ringleader.

Many curious facts about the cannibal fraternity came to light during the trial. It was developed that for initiation into the Ha-mattas the novice must go and live four or five weeks in the forest seeing no one and eating no food.

At the end of his banishment his "spirit" appears in the shape of some animal, which he at once kills and devours raw, whereby he is supposed to imbibe its courage and strength, which thereafter dwell in him. He returns adorned with a headdress of cedar bark, dyed red which is one of the emblems of the flesh-eating fraternity, and is worn by him during the progress of the initiation. He is met by a band of the secret brotherhood, who escort him to the village with much ceremony.

They are joined by an attendant bearing in his arms a dead body, which must be that of a young squaw. In ancient times she was sacrificed for the occasion.

Walking behind this body, the candidate is led into the dancing-house, which has been cleared for the ceremony.

The body is tied to a post and the unspeakable rite begins.

There were witnesses at the trial who swore that Hunt, the half-breed, had cut the body to pieces for distribution among the old members and the novice, and that all joined in devouring the flesh. Certain it is that the man from the woods, naked and half-starved after his vigil, played his part in the rite, while his associates spurred him on with dance and song.

And if they did not actually join him in the gruesome feast, they stimulated his zeal by making concerted, wolf-like rushes at the mangled body and pretending to fight over the flesh. Nor did the candidate for Ha-mattas honors escape with one night of horrors. Four times, as darkness fell, he was led into the dance-house and compelled to undergo the trial prescribed by Indian law had been all devoured.

Then came another stage of the ceremony—the eating of living flesh. In this the uninitiated spectators were allowed to play a passive part. The Ha-mattas ran his knife through the victim, hitting with the ferocity of a wildcat and eating their flesh.

It was a point of pride with the victims to endure the onslaught with stoicism. Besides, the customs of the order prescribe gifts for those who allow themselves to be bitten. The first prize on this occasion was awarded to a boy who allowed a large mouthful to be detached from his forearm.

Having gallantly performed all that was required of him, the candidate was pronounced by the elders a full-fledged Ha-mattas.

He then devoured upon his proud family to give a great feast in his honor. Human flesh was not included in the repast, but the new Ha-mattas exhibited his zeal by occasionally taking a bite out of his nearest neighbor's arm or shoulder, and these attentions were submitted to with great good humor.

Most important of all was the distribution by the young Ha-mattas of blankets and other gifts to all the persons whom he had honored by biting.

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In order that sleep may perform its legitimate work of restoration it demands that its conditions and environment shall offer no obstacle to its accomplishment. Sleep demands a purer atmosphere than the waking hour of life. Awake and at work we are somewhat on the defensive, but we yield ourselves into the arms of slumber and are at the mercy of unseen foes lurking in secret hiding places about our rooms, close beside our beds and beneath our very pillows.

Families of Modern Times.

The worst famines of modern times were the famine in Ireland in 1847, in which 1,000,000 people perished; the Indian famine of 1866, which claimed 1,450,000 victims; the Indian famine of 1877, in which 500,000 people perished, and the great famine in China in 1878, in which 9,500,000 died.

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All creditors of the said estate are hereby required to file their claims with my solicitors, Messrs. Lewis & Richards, Chatham, Ont., with the proofs and particulars thereof as required by the said act, on or before the date of such meeting.

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