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LONDON, TUESDAY, MARCH 14.

Imperial Federation.

It is not easy to see what purpose Col. Hughes hoped to serve by his resolution in favor of "a united imperial Commons yesterday. This question has occupied greater minds than Col. Hughes' for many years, and there is no public man of eminence in the Britadvocate even an approach to imperial federation. The movement was launched with a flourish of trumpets 21 years ago, at a meeting of British guard against monopoly, and these and Canadian publicists in old London, and an Imperial Federation League was formed in Canada in the following over the private power companies. The year. Lectures and addresses were given in all parts of the country and innumerable resolutions passed, but the League dissolved in England in 1893, and even in Canada so staunch an Imperialist as Sir Charles Tupper withdrew from it, on the ground that he could not support the principle of colonial taxation for imperial defense, A reorganization was effected under the should be procured. name of the British Empire League, which is still in existence, but imperial federation is not a part of its programme, though it has done good work in promoting imperial objects. Lord Rosebery, who was one of the founders and presidents of the Imperial Federation League, admitted that he saw no practical method of realizing its ideals. There can be no scheme of legislative union for the Empire without a delegation of some of the powers now exercised by the self-governing colonies and they are not likely to sacrifice in any degree an autonomy which they have been gradually accumulating, often with great effort. The evolution of the Empire is in the opposite direction, and is more likely to take the form of the complete legislative independence of the several branches of the race, the crown remaining the only political tie. The solution will come with the fullness of time, by the orderly and logical process which has marked the development of the British Empire in the past Canada is taking care of the future by taking care of the present-developing her own re-

stitutions according to her own needs. Norway and Sweden.

sources, providing for her own defense

by sea and land and shaping her in-

have been strained at various periods under the present system of dual government, and lately there have been threats of war in both countries. though it is said a compromise has now have been under the one crown since 1814, but they have been separate for all purposes, excepting that the consular service is under the control of fairs. Norway has its own parliatrol over its internal affairs, but it nas demanded its own consular system as ence. A war between Norway and Sweden would be fratricidal. The German stock, their history is interwoven for centuries, they have been in the van of western civilization, and have always kept alive the spirit of liberty. The blood of the vikings runs in the veins of the modern Norwegian, and little Norway remains to this day a great maritime power.

From 1397 to 1523, Denmark, Sweden and Norway were under the same crown. Then Sweden achieved her independence, and Gustavas Vasa founded a line of great kings, who made Sweden one of the most foremost military powers of Europe. The last of the line died childless in 1810, whereupon the Swedes offered the crown to Marshall Bernadotte, of France, a man of humble origin. In 1814 Norway separated from Denmark, and placed herself under the crown of Sweden. The present King, Oscar II., is the fourth of the Bernadottes, and one of the most accomplished men in Europe. He enjoys a unique reputation as an international jurist and arbitrator. He has been a great influence in harmonizing the relations of Sweden and Norway, and his retirement from the active duties of the monarchy, which was announced a few days ago, awakens dismal forebodings. The Crown Prince, Oscar Gustaf Adolf, is 37 years of age, and has shown marked ability, but he has incensed the Norwegians by his minatory attitude in the present crisis. A trial of strength between the two kingdoms would be unequal on land. Sweden, with a population of over 5,000,000, has a field army of 40,-000 men with 240 guns, and a militia of 450,000 men. Norway has a population of 2,253,000, a regular army of 18,000 men, a trained force of 31,000, and a militia of 50,800. The navy of Norway is stronger proportionately than the army, but her great merchant marine would be an easy prey for Swedish ironclads. It is to be hoped these two brave and enlightened races will find a peaceful solution of their dif-

Niagara Fower.

The commission appointed by Western Ontario municipalities to investigate the Niagara power problem has submitted a report. It is estimated that the 375,000 horse power already in process of development on the Canadian side of the Falls will be considerably in excess of the demands for many years to come. The fact that the city of Toronto with all its lighting, electric railway and manufacturing de. mands upon power, consumes only in the region of 30,000-horsepower is a partial index of the margin between

consumption and development, The possible courses open to municipalities in relation to power develop-

1. Independent development Niagara Falls and elsewhere to suit the needs of municipalities joining for the purpose. 2. Acquisition of existing undertakings at

Niagara Falls. 3. The purchase from existing cor-

porations of power: (a) Delivered to consumers,

(b) Delivered at vendors' powerhouse, subject to transmission at cost and risk of municipalities. The acquisition of available power sites-assuming present arrangement under clause 3 hereof-to hold against future contingencies.

In the discussion of this question it has not been seriously suggested that the municipalities at the present time should go to the enormous expense of establishing or purchasing a power plant at Niagara, Power sites were re served by the Government, as a safeshould be retained by the Province as a means of exercising some control municipalities should ascertain whether would be profitable for them, by combining their forces, to purchase power from the existing companies, and transmit and distribute it. Whether the municipalities should build the transission lines or not is a question to be worked out. The fullest information as to the cost of the various schemes

Chadwick's hypnotic wouldn't work on the judge.

critics were advising the Japs not to enture very far into Manchuria.

The Czar has called a war council then he should be heeding counsels of

Kuropatkin has asked to be relieved of his command, thus showing the virtue of resignation in the hour of de-

The president of the Conservative Association of Kingston has been made chairman of the new board of license ommissioners in pursuance of the policy of the taking the license adminisration out of politics.

British Columbia has imposed a tax \$100 on commercial travelers living utside the Province. This is no way o treat the other members of the Canadian family. There should be no oom for such parochialism in Confed-

Hon, Mr. Matheson, Provincial Treasurer, said today the succession duties for January and February aggregated \$172,000-an increase of of 1904.-Press dispatch.

Mr. Matheson, as financial critic of the Opposition, used to rail against these duties as a robbery of the rich. Hon. Mr. Matheson, as Provincial been arranged. The two kingdoms Treasurer, finds them exceedingly

the increasing insanity among women the Swedish Minister of Foreign Af- to living in flats. The conveniences are such that flat-dwellers have nothing to ment, its army and navy, and full con- do but do nothing, and the theory is that many women lose their minds because there is nothing to occupy their minds, an assertion of its complete independ- In other words life in a flat is flat. But what is to be said for any person who can find nothing to do in a people are descended from the same great city where there is a constant appeal for useful service in behalf of the poor and suffering?

His Old Love Letters.

[Seattle Post-Intelligencer.] People who were present smiled at the little passage at arms which took place between two young ladies at a popular cafe yesterday afternoon. One of them, a bride, shaking hands in her characteristic cordial way, said to the other: "I'm so glad to meet you. You have afforded me so very much amuse ment just lately."

"Amusement?" said the other.
"Oh, yes," went on the bride.

"I am so glad you enjoyed them, purred the other. "But do come and see me very soon. Here is my card. I have the answers to all those and you might like to read them as well. Mr. X's letters are so much more affectionate than those I wrote to him. know you'll enjoy reading them ever so much more than you did mine.

Kuropatkin's Famous Boast. One year ago, on March 11, 1904,

Russian commander-in-chief made mous boast, which was as follows:

After crushing the Japanese in Korea and Manchuria, we will take their island.
If I have anything to say in the matter, the treaty of peace will be signed in Tokio, and nowhere else."

The boast, which was made the day Kuropatkin started for the front, created amusement even at the time of its delivery, and evoked the following from the

There's a rumbling as of thunder far across Siberia's plain, And the stricken earth is rocking, and the mountains groan in pain; The sky is rent asunder, and the sun i As it sinks away in terror-Kuropatkin's

on the way. He is coming with his legions, and his weirdly grand mustache, Rivers turn and flee before him at the snapping of his lash; Forest trees are seared and blasted, and the flowers bright and gay her forty miles around him-Kuropat-kia's on the way.

Wither

He has asteroids for breakfast, he eats continents at noon; Overnight he hangs his trousers on the pale and shrinking moon; Fields of grain are only mouthfuls when

his hunger he would stay, And with blazing red volcanoes kin lights his way.

He is coming! He is coming! Lock the stars up safe and tight;
Cover up the shrinking planets; keep the comets from his sight.
He is rolling on like thunder, half a thousand miles a day;
Hold your breath, ye shrieking angels—Kuropatkin's on the way.

Oh, her army's just a nibble; o'er Japan he'll smack his lips.
And he'll pick his teeth with splinters from her blasted battleships;
With her islands on his watch charm, like a happy boy he'll play;
Fly, Japan, and seek the ocean—Kuropatkin's on the way!

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Hardships of Culture.

[Washington Star.] "Who is your favorite composer?" sked the eminent musician. "I don't know," answered Mr. Cumrox, wearily. "And if I did know I

And Wipe Its Feet.

[Montreal Star.] wants to be annexed to Canof Government. ada. If it comes in it must leave its Mutton.

"Well," replied the tough roast, "it does make me feel rather sheenish."

[Catholic Standard.]
"Good gracious!" exclaimed the mint

sauce, "I should think you'd be asham-

ed to masquerade as 'spring lamb.

Unselfish Industry. [New York Press.] Postmaster Willcox has a friend who is the possessor of an only son. One day his mother heard him sliding down the banisters of the front stairs and asked him what he was trying to do. The little fellow thought a moment and then said: "I am making a pair of pants for a poor orphan boy.'

Simply a Lottery. [Philadelphia Press.] Dr. Phaker-Take this prescription; t will either kill or cure you. Patient-But suppose it kills me? Dr. Phaker-Nothing ventured, nothing gained. My motto is No cure no pay, so I'm taking a chance as well as

Logical Reasoning.

[Chicago Tribune. The law imposing a tax on bachelors had gone into effect. One morning a little, baldheaded man appeared before the tax commis-"I've just married my fourth wife,"

An Old Complaint.

"I'm entitled to a bounty,

[T. P.'s Weekly.] The Rev. Dr. Norman McLeod, the ish Glasgow, was minister of Dal- England. There will be no future for keith, when he had the honorary de- South Africa, however, without the gree of doctor of divinity conferred upon him by his alma mater. Shortly agriculture, and in the Orange River after he was capped he was in the Colony the industries are very promlanded part of his parish, when he noticed some contractor's plant near the public road, with D. D. branded on remarked that one of the greatest difthe principal articles. As these letters ficulties facing Englishmen in South he was curious to know what they could mean where he saw them. Addressing a man who was passing, said: "My good man, can you tell me what D. D. branded on all these articles means?" The reply, which was calculated to serve as a damper to a more ordinary man, was in "No, sir, I canna' tell ye; but (raising his nose in the air) to tell ye the truth, they pit D. D. on onything

AMERICA GONE GLORY MAD

A French Writer Sees in the Inaugural Address New Ambition.

Paris, March 14.-The Matin publishes

signed article by H. Hardwin, in which the writer has this to say of President Roosevelt's inaugural address: "President Roosevelt, on his inaugura-on to the presidency, delivered an address in which he set forth his ideas regarding the role the United States imperialist and military one, and one American paper, commenting on it, condensed its impression to to phrase, 'History is going to be made. bugh my husband's desk, and aspires to work for glory. It remains to l've read all his old love letters. I be seen if the new method win succeed as well as the old one. As a matter of fact, Americans have made history. They and I enjoyed reading them, have made it perhaps without knowing it, but they have made it all the same, in occupying themselves exclusively with increasing their wealth they have built up a power in their country that counts in history. But it appears this way of doing things no longer satisfies them. Roosevelt, in affirming the neces entering upon a new path has his compatriots in a sensitive place. His re-election proved it, and his attitude responds to the sentimental need of the majority which elected him. "When the millionaires of America have nade more money than they know what to do with a new preoccupation comes to them. European ideas rise up in their brains, and they buy a picture gallery, they get their daughters married in Europe to titled people, generally penniries. At the present moment the nation seems to be enjoying a like preoccupa tion. It has no more taste for history than millionaires have for pictures and libraries, but, like them, it is seeking after a new sensation.

WILDE AND THE SPIDER

Posthumous Book Creates Sympathy in England for the Mad Poet.

London, March 14. - Oscar Wilde's posthumous book, "De Profundis," has evoked an extraordinary reaction of feeling in his favor, and a powerful movement of compassion for his sufferings. It is now clear that he was mentally incapable of realizing the evil side of his conduct, and there is a wave of sorrow and remorse that so brilliant a literary genius and so fine a thinker should have been cut off untimely and treated as a felon, instead of being placed under restraint as a ono-maniac.

The warder of Reading jail, who had charge of Wilde, gives a pathetic description of his childish helplessness, of his poignant agonies under harsh orison discipline, made harsh against him by a brutal governor. He never complained, though repeatedly pun-ished for neglect of prison tasks, to which he could never bring down his

There was a spider in his cell, which he protected, until one day a warder swept it away. Wilde was intensely superstitious, and cried piteously: "I was my only company. You have killed it! That brings bad luck. I shall hear vorse news than any I have yet heard. The following day the governor brought him news of his mother's death, her end hastened by his disgrace.

NOT YET READY FOR SELF RULE

Parker Declares Africa Should Have Intermediate Form

Parker, M. P., this week outlined the measures which, in his opinion, must precede full self-government in South

Addressing a largely-attended meetin Caxton Hall, Westminster, er the auspices of the Imperial South African Association, he said: "The way to reconciliation lies in so ordering the course of administration in these anxious days that no false hopes can be roused on the part of those who were lately our enemies, and are now our fellow-citizens. From every standpoint of logic, reason and expediency, an intermediate form of government should be given. We should delay the course of enlarged administration until a line can be drawn diagonally through the two races on some matter of national policy, and parties composed of both races can be formed. It is necessary that the unorganized political forces of the British population shall find common ground for action and policy, and find their leaders also. It has been said that capital would rule if representative government were given, but that apprehension is not well founded. An elective representative assembly, with a selected fixed executive, composed of British and Boers—a coalition adminstration-would bridge over a difficult time, and would prevent domination either by British or Dutch. For full self-government there has been no good preparation, and there still exists a body of irreconcilables, whose object is to fan the flame of faction.'

Sir Gilbert Parker spoke on the ma-terial prospects of South Africa. In his journey of 10,000 miles, one pleasing thing impressed him—only in half a dozen cases did he find the home unbuilt. He believed that some day South Africa will not only be able to feed itself, but will export food products to development of industries as well as

The Duke of Argyle, who presided. were running in his head at the time, Africa is that of getting an English wife. It might be possible under proper guidance and protection to found homes in South Africa for girls who would grow up to look upon the coun try as their own, and in time would become the wives of English settlers.

National Life Report,

which appears in column of this issue, shows that rapid that criminals are recruited from the progress has been made by this institution in the past year. 1904 the company received 1,042 applications for insurance of which 973 were accepted, amounting to \$1,475,000. The premium income of the company now nose for days at a time. About four mounts to \$166,384, while the reserves for the protection of policyholders total \$323,771, an increase of more using the wonderful remedy I have not than \$78,000 over the previous year. The retiring directors were re-elected,

the place of Mr. A. S. Irving, who had died during the past year filled by the election of Dr. A. A. Mac- ing and struck a house-mover's wooddonald. The officers for the ensuing en roller, which ricocheted across the year are as follows: President, Mr. street, passed through the window of a Elias Rogers: vice-presidents, Hon. J. J. Foy and Mr. William Stone; man-counter completely clear of the bric-a-"Up to the present the United States aging director, Mr. R. H. Matson; brac, cut glass, dinner sets, vases, etc.. secretary-treasurer. Mr. F. Sparling: medical director, Dr. A. A. Macdonald.

> China has a national biography devoted entirely to women. It contains more than 24,000 names.

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