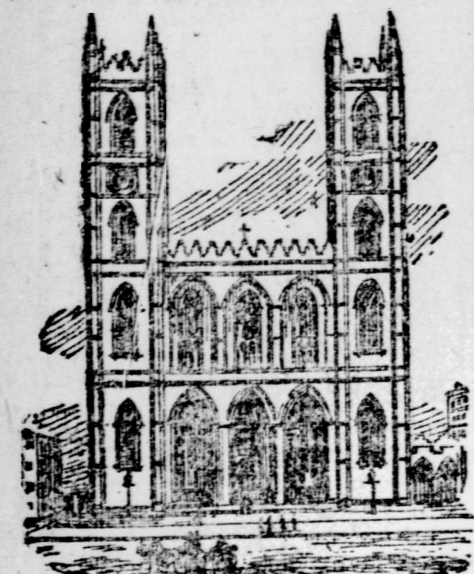


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Notre Dame Cathedral in Montreal Said To Be Unsurpassed.

Its Architecture is Rich, Its Paintings Superb, and Its Wood Carvings Exquisite—The Grand Figure Group, "The Bloody Sacrifice of Christ"—Its Bells—Seats 45,000 Persons.

The Province of Quebec has many churches of rare beauty and historical interest, but none can rival in architectural and artistic perfection the church of Notre Dame at Montreal, an edifice grand and imposing in the highest degree.



CHURCH OF NOTRE DAME. Montreal. The settlers erected a fort and a temporary chapel of bark, in which they worshipped until the following year when a wooden edifice was constructed.

The beauty of Notre Dame Church defies description. Its front is perfect in symmetry, its bold and lofty towers attract attention from every point of the compass, and are visible from the south at a distance of over 30 miles.

But imposing as is the outside of Notre Dame it pales into insignificance when contrasted with the richness of the interior. Paintings, sculptures, and stained glass—every place a masterpiece—almost overflow the sanctuaries, but fill the heart and mind with sublime reflections.

To describe the beauties of the various altars and chapels which adorn the western and eastern side aisles of the church in a newspaper article would be impossible, but a few words about the chapel of Notre Dame of the Sacred Heart, which is one of the choicest monuments of art in America, are almost indispensable.

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which are magnificent masterpieces of sculpture in wood, the work of France, the famous artist of Angers. Most notable among the figures are "The Garden of Gethsemane" and "A Priest of the Son of Aaron Offering Up the Sacrifice of a Spotless Lamb." The grandest group is one entitled "The Bloody Sacrifice of Christ." The Virgin is there standing at the foot of the cross, a sword of agony piercing her very soul, while she offers herself up as a victim with her Divine Son. St. John, overcome by sorrow, has turned away his face, unable longer to look upon the Saviour, and Mary Magdalen is weeping over the sin she has so generously expiated.

"Le Gros Bourdon," the great bell of Notre Dame, is famed for the richness of its tone. It weighs 24,750 pounds, is six feet high and at its mouth measures eight feet and seven inches in diameter. It hangs in the western tower. In the eastern tower are hung ten smaller bells, toned in such perfect harmony that almost any other peal. The great organ is also an object of general interest. It has 5,772 pipes, from the size of a quill to huge tubes more than 30 ft. long. Six years were required to build it, and Fred Archer, the famous organist, who inaugurated it on Easter day, 1891, pronounced it the finest instrument in existence in America.

A KING'S PARTNER.

Colorado Miner Makes a Deal With Leopold of Belgium—How He Met His Royal Associates.

Thomas F. Walsh, the Colorado millionaire mine owner, whose lavish entertainments have been a feature of the social side of the Paris Exposition, has, according to a cable from Paris, found a business partnership with a king. The monarch is Leopold of Belgium, and several millions of his money will be invested in America by Mr. Walsh.

Mr. Walsh met King Leopold several times in Belgium in addition to the meeting which he entertained the monarch at dinner. On one of these occasions the king brought up the subject of the International Sleeping Car Company, in which he is one of the principal stockholders, and which is in great need of cash for improvements. Mr. Walsh was asked by his royal neighbor at dinner if he would like to buy a share of the company.

Business Partner of King Leopold. would not like a few shares of stock, which, the king declared, would pay him four or five per cent. Mr. Walsh replied that he did not want anything that paid less than ten per cent., and that most of his investments were bringing 20 per cent. King Leopold became greatly interested at this and exhibited a lively desire to know all about it. Finally he asked Mr. Walsh if he happened to know of any American mine investment in which a king might place a million or two. It is said to have taken Leopold two weeks to convince Mr. Walsh that a partnership with a king was not a bad business, and then an agreement was signed, by which the king becomes the partner of Thomas F. Walsh in certain American mining investments. It is thought Leopold will disown of his sleeping car holdings in order to go fully into the American deal.

Out in Colorado no one knows how much Mr. Walsh is worth, but he is the sole owner of the Camp Bird mine, which is worth \$35,000,000, and has large interests in other enterprises. His income is estimated at \$100,000 a month. He is extremely popular with the mine on account of his democratic inclinations. He is thought Leopold will disown of his sleeping car holdings in order to go fully into the American deal.

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ALLIED ARMIES

Comradeship of the Men of the Different Nations.

Among the Soldiers Fighting for a Common Cause in China There is the Best of Good Fellowship—How the German Troops Cheered a Charge of the Bengal Lancers.

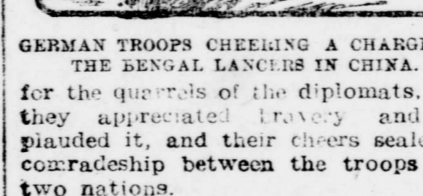
China, with all its misdeeds for which the world wishes to punish her, is responsible for good in one way at least. While the diplomats of Europe and America were wrangling over the terms of peace to be offered the ancient kingdom, while they were, in diplomatic language, accusing each other of attempting to secure an advantage in trade or territory, or both, while they were on the verge of producing, and making every effort consistent with national dignity to prevent war, the soldiers of the international army in China were learning an international comradeship that, if it could be carried far enough would be the strongest possible influence against war.

It is comradeship that makes fighters of soldiers, fighters against a common enemy, but should the enemy be at the same time a comrade of the fighting quality would be gone.

There were hundreds of incidents during the short campaign in China that were inspiring; hundreds of incidents that give one a better appreciation of the soldiers' calling. The petty jealousies of home governments were not carried by the rank and file of the international army to the battlefields of China. No matter what the nationality of a brave man; no matter what uniform he wore, his deeds of bravery were applauded alike by his countrymen and the soldiers of other lands.

For years diplomats of Russia and Japan have been at swords' points over eastern questions. Ever since the close of the Chinese-Japanese war, when Russia prevented Japan from realizing the full extent of her ambition for territorial aggrandizement in China as a result of her victory, the two nations have been on the verge of war. Yet, when during the fierce fighting at the battle of Tien Tsin, a regiment of Russian Cossacks charged the battle line of the enemy, driving the Chinese hordes before them, riding over them as a dove's cost to themselves, it was the Japanese soldiers who cheered first and longest.

There was a ring of good comradeship in that cheer, a comradeship that will not soon be forgotten by the Russian troops that heard it. The act of heroic bravery performed by the Russians was appreciated by the Japanese quite as much as though they had performed it. The soldiers in the field neither knew nor cared



GERMAN TROOPS CHEERING A CHARGE BY THE BENJAL LANCERS IN CHINA.

For a number of years England and Germany have been at variance, and the great disagreements that bring war, but the slightly strained diplomatic condition that savors not of peace. But the soldiers of the two nations forgot this condition during the trying march to Peking. Diplomats might quarrel over India or the division of China, the great public at home might say hard things of the Queen or the Emperor, as the case might be, but the troops in the field cared for neither and when Her Majesty's Bengal Lancers charged the Chinese hordes during the march to Peking they received the ringing plaudits of German comrades.

It is to be regretted that the diplomats of the two nations, the men who make war or peace, could not have seen that sight, but there is some satisfaction in the fact that even from the descriptions which come to us from those far-away battles an inspiration is carried with it. The German infantry had held the centre of the line of battle during hours when the Chinese were pouring into them a heavy fire, disastrous not so much because of its accuracy but because of its volume. The commander of the column saw that something must be done to break the Chinese line, and English cavalry were called upon to come to the assistance of their comrades in the German infantry. They came with a rush that could not be stopped. The swarthy-complexioned soldiers of the Queen's Indian army, their horses pressed to the highest possible speed, rushed by the German infantry like a whirlwind. But great as was the speed it was too rapid to hear the shouts of encouragement from the Germans or to see the German flag dipped in recognition of their bravery. So long as the soldiers of both forces, battling for a common cause, shall live there will remain a comradeship that stands as a monument to peace.

In the clock and watch department of the Paris Exposition an expert called the attention of the Shah of Persia to a queer little pendulum which he wished His Majesty to buy. "This little clock," said he, "free a pistol every hour." "To kill time, I suppose," said the witty ruler, as he walked away.

Restored Castles.

In the death of the Marquis of Bute science has sustained a considerable loss. The late Marquis was an ardent antiquarian upon which subject he expended a great deal of money. One of his specialties was the restoration of old castles and other historic buildings, although not always agreeing with others in regard to the lines to be followed. A subject upon which he lavished much time and money was the study and restoration of Cardiff Castle, in the south of Wales. From the current Gardener's Chronicle we learn that Lord Bute ascertained by the investigation of the old records that the monks in ancient days used to cultivate the grape, and make famous wine of them in the Cardiff district. As this practice had long died out in this section Lord Bute sent a well-known horticulturist to France to study the French vineyards. The result of this investigation has led to a finely developed vine industry in and around the Marquis' castle of Cardiff.

The early death of the Marquis, at 53, has left much of his work of restoration in Wales unfinished, but it is hoped that his son will continue it.

It is not often that an indifferent frontispiece of a volume of travel influences a man's ambitions, yet that was precisely what the view of a beaver village in a book about Canada did in the case of Lord Bute. He at once aspired to be the owner of beavers; he sent for a little colony of them from Canada, and he enclosed for their habitation the shore of a lake in one of his own woods. The success of the experiment was complete, and other landowners, seeing Lord Bute's beavers, decided to do as he had done—the Duke of Portland among the number.

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