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SPECTACULAR AGAIN.

Rev. G. A. Sellar resigned, in a rather spectacular manner, the pastorate of Chatham Methodist Church on Sunday last. He has been asked to reconsider. In his statement made to the congregation during the service he declared that evidently some of his congregation did not approve of his fight against intemperance and that as he had not their support he felt it best to retire. With these few brief remarks, as after dinner orators say, he took his departure. This is just what might have been expected from Rev. G. A. Sellar. He is the same man who endeavored to create a sensation in St. John some years ago when the amateur entertainment known as Zephira was being put on. Mr. Sellar preached on the general subject of theatricals and those who were participating in the entertainment. His effort was not taken seriously by St. John people, but as pulpits utterances always carry some weight his words created considerable comment. Unfortunately, this comment was not directed against the performers but chiefly against the speaker, who had displayed what was looked upon as a very narrow tendency. In Chatham it would appear that liquor is sold and that some people, even including a number who attend churches, occasionally drink this liquor. Mr. Sellar has apparently come to the conclusion that it is the duty of the congregation to act in perfect harmony with the pastor and that no members of congregations shall dare have an opinion differing from that of the preacher. Mr. Sellar's intentions are, no doubt, good, but it is to be feared that he has adopted a mistaken policy.

CHURCH UNION.

The Congregational Union in favor of Montreal has declared not in favor of union with the Presbyterians and Methodists at the present time. This question was discussed at considerable length, some of the speakers claiming that the Congregational church would lose more than it would gain by the union. Yet in spite of this feeling it was decided not to take any action which could interfere with the progress of the movement. The committee, which was appointed by the Congregational church presented its report in which it was stated that the way is not yet clear for organic union, but recommended that this committee be allowed to continue its negotiations. The recommendation was approved. The Presbyterian General Assembly in Winnipeg a few days ago decided by a large majority to continue the negotiations and the question will be during the coming year, before the individual churches. It is hoped also that a draft basis of union will be prepared before the next meeting of the assembly. There are many members of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches who oppose this union, but the majority of them are well up in years. The proposal will not be put through immediately and indeed it would be very unfortunate for Canada if undue haste were exhibited in such an important matter. Even if the churches have to wait until all those who now oppose union have passed away, it will not be too long.

A GOOD MOVEMENT.

Last Sunday as a part of the campaign adopted by the Optimist Club of New Jersey all the clergymen of every denomination in Newark and its suburbs, preached optimistic sermons. The exposition of the sound doctrine of religious cheerfulness was the suggestion of a new club recently incorporated which with a membership of several thousand men and women includes many of the prominent bankers, manufacturers, merchants, professional men and clerics in the district. The purpose of the organization is fully set forth in the forms of application for membership. Those who desire to join pledge themselves to be happy, to try to make others happy, to fight pessimism and distrust in business, financial and social circles, and to make the best of everything. Fifty of Newark's leading citizens organized the club and arrangements are being made for a big "Get together and smile" meeting of New Jersey optimists.

TRADE WITH NEW ZEALAND.

Mr. J. S. Larke, trade commissioner to Australia and New Zealand reports that despite the lack of direct communication between Canada and New Zealand, Canada's sales to the sister country increased from \$23,274 in 1902 to \$115,000 in 1906 and to \$294,536 in 1907, while purchases from New Zealand rose from \$7,896 in 1902 to \$29,815 in 1906 and to \$78,015 in 1907. This growth is ascribed to the reciprocal agreement between the two dominions and is likely to develop rapidly.

The Maritime Provinces will have only one rifleman on the Canadian Olympic team. Twelve in all will go, and Major Jones of Pownal will shoot as one of the team of twelve and also on the team of six. Major Jones has several times won a place on the Canadian Biscay team.

A TOUGH CASE.

The breezy physiognomists are certain they can place the character of any man by looking at his face. For instance, if his ears are small and slant excessively, the chances are that he will land in penitentiary. While if they're large and red and straight and don't stick out too far, the owner of 'em may become a theological star.

The man whose lips are thin and tight is cruel as a cat. The fellow with a Roman nose is twice as bad as that. The square and massive-looking jaw denotes the pugilist. Whose only lucid argument is stated with his fist. The chap who wears a roll of fat upon his bovine neck is fond of seeing Turtle Soup upon his dinner check.

And thus it goes. The solemn man who has such soulful eyes will write a noble Sermonette sometime before he dies. The fellow with the dome-like head like Livingstone or Carey will likely hike across the seas to be a missionary.

The chap who has a Grecian face with eyebrows thick and wide may be a literary star—write verse for On The Side. Attend, ye Physiognomists, so cheery and so gay. Ye will be stumped, ye fancy, at a man we saw today. He seemed to be respectable, but still we're forced to think That something in his character is on the rinky-dink. So come, ye foxy Seismologists, ye readers of the mind. What of the chap who oils his hair and makes a part BEHIND?

A WAIR CRY.

I want reform, I do not mind. The time nor place Nor yet the kind. The tariff or The way we spell, Or currency Or, truth to tell, Most any thing. On which men think. Including what We ought to drink. Will serve to whet My wish well means For seeing things All different. So defy the storm! Let's whose things up! We want reform.

A HARD QUESTION.

The following story about the Duke of Devonshire is new to most people. There was on his Grace's Berkshire estate a jobbing carpenter, who was not on the staff, and was employed for a few hours only each day. When the man was first engaged, he grumbled because the dinner provided for him merely included water as a beverage. His complaint happened to reach the ears of the Duke's valet, who, one day, said to him: "Well, Robert, have you had a good dinner?" "Good enough, your Grace," answered the carpenter, "but gin onty asks did I get a dram after, what'll I say?"

TERRITORIAL TROUBLES.

Recruit—"Please, Sergeant I've got a splinter in my hand." Sergeant-Instructor—"Wot ye been doin' Strikin yer head?"

SETTLING HER RIGHT.

"I understand your husband always goes out between acts." "You heard wrong, he sometimes comes in between drinks."

DOUBTFUL.

New Curate—"How's your wife, Jabez?" Jabez—"Er's very doubtful, Measter. Er doubts as'er won't get better, and oi doubts as'er will."

WANTED.

A cow of cold and haughty disposition to give ice cream.

THIRTY BOMBS.

THIRTY BOMBS were found in a house at Baku, Russia. The owner said he didn't know anything about them but Dinah might. (Oh, gentle Annie!)

INDIANS IN TRANSVAAL.

Threaten to Reconnoitre Passive Resistance.

JOHANNESBURG, June 15.—The fresh trouble with the British Indians is developing rapidly. Scores of them have written to the Registrar of Asiatics demanding the return of their registration papers, on the ground that the conditions under which they are registered are not going to be carried out. The British Indians declare that Mr. Smuts, the Colonial Secretary, gave a definite promise to repeal the Asiatic Act, and now all that is intended is to legalize voluntary registration under that act. It seems that there is no written pledge of repeal, but the Indians state that there is ample evidence that Mr. Smuts gave a verbal promise to Mr. Gandhi, their leader. If the Government persist in not repealing the act, the Indians threaten to destroy their registration certificates and to reconnoitre passive resistance.

The Indians assert that if the Asiatic Act is maintained then their registration has been obtained by a trick. Unless the government give favorable assurances by tomorrow, it is probable that the Indians will issue a statement giving their version of the whole of the negotiation. It is believed also that the Natal Indians will resist any new legislation in that colony by passive resistance. As the Natal Indians now number 127,000, such a movement would cause serious trouble to the government of that colony.

DUEL OF NATIONS IS IMPOSSIBLE

Europe Trembles at Idea of a General War

Even Germany Seems Satisfied With Results of Reval Meeting—King Edward Studious of Public Opinion.

LONDON, June 15.—There is little more at present to be said about the meeting between the King and Czar at Reval. It has been a thorough success from the viewpoint of Russia, France and England, while even in Germany there is a marked decrease in the alarmist opinions such as were expressed prior to the meeting. The official and semi-official German press expresses satisfaction, though there are not wanting journals, such as the Hamburger Nachrichten, to urge Germany to every effort to increase her naval and military strength so as to make "adversaries" pause before seeking a quarrel.

But with reference to the prospects of European peace generally it is believed that owing to recent alliances and understandings was between two single Powers is practically impossible, while the alternative is so terrible that the Governments will be forced to strive more than ever to maintain and consolidate peace. On the other hand, the idea of restriction of armaments is not considered in the slightest degree more hopeful now than it was at The Hague last summer. As regards the immediate results of the meeting at Reval, Macedonian reform laws, taking for granted that they must be as far as possible compatible with the maintenance of the integrity of the Ottoman Empire, are believed to be favorably considered in Berlin. The Persian and Afghan questions will probably show new developments before long. In particular the postponement of the shandam of Russia's surveying for and construction of railways in central Asia, which have long been contemplated. King Edward is undoubtedly satisfied with the result of his visit. The only drawback to the "one rung" which have long been contemplated. The House of Commons. It is not generally recognized how very relative is the attitude of the Government of public opinion. King Edward feels the pulse of the public as a physician feels that of a patient. He cares more about what the people at large think than what the aristocracy do. The latter are bound to follow him in the long run. He was distinctly worried by the debate in the House of Commons and before sent for Foreign Secretary Grey to come to Buckingham Palace. He sent a friend to consult Arthur Balfour, as he could not personally confer with the leader of the Government's opposition. As he was assured by them that the opposition to his visit to the star was entirely of a trifling nature, the visit took place. But there can be no doubt that if the King had found feeling against it it would at least have been postponed.

GREAT BIBLICAL FIND.

The eminent Hebrew scholar Moses Gaster describes in the Times a discovery which he believes on good account to be the authentic text of a Samaritan version of the Book of Joshua, which has been lost to the world for 2,000 years. Three hundred years ago Saadiger obtained an Arabic chronicle, based on this text, from Samaritans at Cairo, but he failed to secure the original, the existence of which has been denied by biblical scholars. Gaster, however, in 1897, while visiting Samaritans at Cabulis, was presented with a copy by a high priest, and purchased a second copy from the verger of the sanctuary. The text of the Samaritan version is substantially identical with the canonical or Masoretic version to the end of the thirteenth chapter. After this there are radical differences, omissions and additions in sacred history derogatory to or recording the claims of the Samaritans.

But in regard to the genuineness of the text Gaster does not doubt that the two versions are of like origin, on the ground of style and of this one having been the basis of the Aramaic chronicle, while it shows close correspondence with the narrative of Josephus, who evidently used it as a genuine source. Internal evidence is the text of the history of the Samaritans, in which Gaster to fix the date prior to the middle of the second century, B. C. The high priest seemed to be quite unaware of the importance of the book which apparently had not been preserved in any old manuscript, but Gaster thinks that this in no way invalidates the authenticity of the text.

HART PRAISES DOWAGER EMPRESS. Sir Robert Hart, who was Inspector-General of Customs in China from 1882 until a year or so ago, and who has returned to England, is just now the most interviewed man in the country. Sir Robert speaks enthusiastically of the Dowager Empress, who controls the destinies of the Chinese Empire. He says: "She is very intelligent and able."

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UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN REACHED

Result of King Edward's Visit to Russia.

Premier Stolypin Says That There Has Been an Agreement on the Macedonian Question.

NEW YORK, June 15.—The Herald correspondent at Reval sends the following cable dispatch:—Premier Stolypin having accorded me an audience today on the Almiral, I asked him to give me his opinion concerning the meeting of King Edward and the Czar, and its possible results. His reply was as follows:—

"The results of the interview are particularly satisfactory. The real policy on Russia is based on the Franco-Russian alliance, but retaining and cultivating the traditional friendship with Germany, who is always sure and faithful as a neighbor. Our royal and rational understanding with Great Britain is now an accomplished fact, carrying with it a friendly and equitable solution of various questions interesting to the two countries, thus guaranteeing, as stated in their Majesties' speeches, universal peace. "An understanding may be said to have been come to regarding affairs in Macedonia, and all that has to be done is to give definite form to this complete accord, which will serve as a basis for a general understanding between all the powers interested. The incidents on the Persian and Afghan frontier cannot give rise to any possible misunderstanding. Russia and Great Britain desire to maintain the best relations with other powers, thus contributing to the conservation and strengthening of general peace as a result. "During my conversation with King Edward I was able to note how thoroughly well informed he is concerning the country and what immense importance he attaches to the preservation of general peace, which sentiment is thoroughly in accord with that of the Russian Emperor."

BARON AND WIFE BOTH DIE.

Illness Drives Him to Suicide and She Follows Suit.

BERLIN, June 15.—Baron Maderel, a Bavarian nobleman, and his wife, who had been spending the season in Venice, committed suicide in Venice where they had been spending the season. The baron, who was 60 years of age had been ill for some time. He yesterday persuaded his wife to make a pleasure trip on the canal. When she returned she found him dying from the effects of poison, which he confessed he had taken. The baroness locked herself in her room, where she was found unconscious several hours later, having also taken poison. She was well known as a novelist.

and has magnetic power over all officials. Her voice is beautiful, and musical, like the voice of a young girl instead of a woman of 74. There has been talk of her relinquishing the position of empress, but I do not think that is likely to happen. The Emperor shows great ability in adapting himself to the situation. He has a keen, intelligent face, though many think otherwise. "Japan," Sir Robert adds, "has taken such a position in the world that she will probably be the leading power in the East. China has been very much impressed by this and is anxious to be as well organized as Japan. Both China and Japan will soon be competing very successfully with the rest of the world in commercial matters. Both will be in a better position for their own defence from Western attacks than ever before." Sir Robert in discussing the anti-foreign feeling in the Celestial Empire said: "There is no such thing as anti-foreign feeling in China."

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MEXICAN CONGRESS ADJOURNS

MEXICO CITY, June 15.—Congress adjourned today after one of the busiest sessions held in recent years. No action was taken by the legislature on the different anti-foreign measures, which have created so much discussion. The last act of congress was to pass an amendment to the constitution raising the amparo law. This measure was passed by the senate yesterday by a vote of 51 to 12.

GIRLS IN REAL FIGHT.

Stitches Needed to Close Wounds on Head of Young Woman of Cannery.

LAUREL DEL, June 15.—Miss Emily Walls, and Miss Lillie Powell, two attractive young women, fought in a local cannery last night and Miss Powell is in the hands of a physician seriously injured.

Both girls fought like tigresses for several minutes while scores of fellow-workers looked on.

Not until Miss Powell was unconscious did they awake to a realization of what was going on.

Miss Walls fought three men who intervened furiously and it was with difficulty they tore her from her unconscious opponent. After quarrelling the women rushed at each other as though in mortal combat, raining blow upon blow, scratching, biting and pulling hair.

Both women were almost stripped of their clothing and what hair was left was hanging over their bruised and bleeding faces when separated. In Miss Powell's head several stitches had to be taken.

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British Officials Being Dismissed in South Africa

Bitter Complaints of Administration in Transvaal and Orange River Colony.

LONDON, June 15.—A large number of letters, in which the writers complain bitterly of their treatment, have been received by the Imperial South African Association from British officials who have been "retrenched" in the policy of withdrawing from the hands of British and placing in those of the Boers the administration of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony. The writer of one letter states that an officer and eleven troops of the South African Constabulary (all British), who were engaged in certain work, were dismissed, and their places taken by a Boer officer and twenty Boer troopers. Another Englishman, on being dismissed, receiving "compensation" at the ordinary rate (based on a month's salary for each year of service), was so hard put to it that he had to send his family back to England as third-class passengers and had himself to work his passage back as a stoker. Sir Gilbert Parker, M. R., the chairman of the Imperial South African Association, in an interview yesterday said: "These men took up their positions on the understanding that their appointments were permanent and pensionable, but when the present government grants constabulary to the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony no provisions were made for protecting the interests of those civil servants—a thing unknown in all our previous history. "In the pension bill which is being introduced by the Transvaal Government no consideration is to be given to civil servants already 'retrenched' with miserable compensation, but it is proposed to pension burghers who were

A TIP FOR FAT WOMEN

In a few years that excess fat of yours will become a bad habit—impossible to break. Better take time by the forelock and reduce now in a material way if you would keep in fact the youthful symmetry of 25 through the trying years of middle age. Go to the draught and ask him for 5 ounce Marmola, 4 ounce Fluid Extract Cascara Aromatic and 4 ounce Syrup Simplex. Take a teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime. Mix them at home if you wish, but see that the Marmola comes to you in a sealed package. This mixture makes firm fleshed, well formed women out of flabby, shapeless ones. It animates their stomachs to burn up the food fats instead of allowing them to gather at the waist line. Without disturbing the diet or requiring exercise to help it out it dissolves the fat away just where it is needed most. It has been known to melt away heartily as much as sixteen ounces a day without causing a single wrinkle.

MINISTERIAL SKILL.

(From the Liverpool Post.) At a recent banquet given at the house of the Prime Minister, one of the Balkan States, a distinguished diplomat complained to his host that the Minister of Justice next to whom he was sitting, had taken his watch. The Prime Minister said, "Ah, he shouldn't have done that. I will get it back for you." Sure enough toward the end of the evening the watch was returned to its owner. "And what did he say?" asked the guest. "Oh, He does not know I have got it back," said the Prime Minister.