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"The International Pageant."

The London Spectator has discovered a new name for the armed demonstration of Europeans against China. It is called the "International Pageant," and we must admit that there is something striking in the assemblage thus pictured: "It seems as if the empress' deed had stirred earth to its remotest limit, and moved to vengeance races of whom its performer had scarcely heard. In the force now surrounding the Pink Palace not only are the great powers of Europe represented, Englishmen and Russians, Germans and Frenchmen, Italians and Austrians, but by their side is fighting a large force of white men from a continent of which Aetio never heard, and a large force of dark men of whom he knew only that Alexander had once seen some of them. Think of men from the United States and men from the broad plains of Punjab, men from Australia and men from the green villages of Southern India, New Englanders and Rajpoots and Japanese, all called together within three months for an attack on the Forbidden City, where dwells in unapproachable seclusion the lord of the Chinese hundreds of millions."

There is, we admit, something picturesque in this army of many nations and many languages advancing on behalf of civilization. The comparatively few soldiers each has sent are only specimens and types; behind them lie the power and resources of the civilized world. And yet, we must further admit that the world thus represented is only half civilized and not a quarter Christianized; so if the Chinese did not foresee what they were likely to stir up by their foolish action, neither can we tell what may come out of the strange situation they have helped to create. We are only at the beginning of a movement of which no human eye can see and no human mind predict the end. As the same journalist says, "It is always vain to speculate as to the future purposes of Providence in arranging the destinies of the nations. Man does not know them, and if he did would usually be baffled in using his knowledge by the feebleness of his conceptions about time. The change he expects tomorrow may not arrive for five hundred years." And five hundred years seems a long time in the days of fast trains and faster telegrams. But though the age is in some things fast, great movements are still slow; so that in this case while many things are seen, the really great thing is unseen. The power of the new Japan we can see; the new hold of Russia upon China; the ease with which Britain sends troops from India; the new factors in the shape of troops from America, and an adventurous German Kaiser. These and many other things we can see, but what the real effect will be on China, and how the transformed China will again react upon the life of the world, this belongs still to the problem of the unseen and the uncertain.

The Opposition are appealing to the old Liberals to assist them. They appeal to ears that are closed to their cries. Old Liberals have not forgotten the indignity of the gerrymander. While it is undone the siren call of distressed Opposition politicians is made in vain.

The Doleful Prophet of the Opposition has all these fearful forebodings because he is out of office. If Sir Charles Tupper were today boss at Ottawa, he would be as happy as a clam at high water. As it is, he is crying out like a spoiled boy who will not play unless he gets things all his own way all the time.

Much has been accomplished by the Government at Ottawa in the last four years. Much more will no doubt be accomplished in the next four years. The Government has now got a fair start. It will be able to do a great deal to promote the progress and prosperity of the country now that some of the worst barnacles on the national ship have been cleared away.

Bellefontaine, an enterprising Ohio city, put down sidewalks of Portland cement ten years ago, and it is authoritatively stated that not a cent has been expended for repairs since, and the streets are in just as good condition in every way today as when first constructed. This, it is claimed, would not have been the case had brick or asphalt been used, yet the cost was not greater in the first instance than if the walks had been constructed of either of those materials. The peculiar merit of this cement is that the longer it is exposed to the air the harder it becomes. The famous Appian Way was paved with it 2,000 years ago, and while stone has crumbled away the cement remains. The later experience in the city of Berlin and in this Ohio city should be noted by Canadian municipal authorities, many of whom have paid dearly for their experiments with substitutes for the old-time plank sidewalk, which is now becoming too expensive to maintain.

A Tangled Web.

What a tangled web the Canadian Opposition is weaving!

In Montreal Sir Charles Tupper denounced the Government for reducing the tariff on British goods, and thus making the goods which our people buy from Great Britain cheaper.

Out in Manitoba, the whole plaint of the opponents of the Government is that the tariff on goods is still far too high, and Mr. Davin, the special emissary of the Opposition, is everywhere urging that the Government should be voted against because it has not reduced the tariff to a sufficiently great extent.

Thus we have the tactics of pamphlet No. 6 carried out with regard to the tariff. There is one Opposition platform in the cities of the east with regard to the tariff and a diametrically opposite one in the west.

"The tariff on British goods is too low; you are enabling the people to buy too cheaply and injuring the manufacturers," argues Sir Charles Tupper in Montreal.

"The tariff is too high," screams N. F. Davin, chief Opposition talker in the west. "I call upon the farmers of Manitoba and the Northwest to defeat the Government because they have not reduced it much further."

"The Government ought to be defeated because it sent a Canadian contingent to aid in fighting the enemies of Britain in South Africa," says Mr. Chaveau, M.P., Le Journal and other Opposition agents in Quebec Province.

"I call upon you to vote against supporters of the Government," says Sir Charles Tupper to Ontario audiences, "because they were too slow in sending contingents to South Africa."

The people of Canada will surely refuse to countenance such two-faced tactics.

The Opposition trade restrictionists are very wrothy because the present Dominion Government are able to verify their assertion that, with greatly lowered taxation the national income is increased. The old policy was the imposition of high taxes even on many raw materials, in order to get an income. It is a more excellent way, which now meets with general acceptance, to lower the taxes and thus obtain increased revenue.

In view of the constantly increasing use of electricity as an illuminant, it is reassuring to learn from the Medical News that a Russian physician, after a long and careful investigation, has reached the conclusion that the electric light is the least injurious to the eyes. Candle-light, now practically abandoned in this country, is said to be the most injurious. This view of the electric light is contrary to that generally entertained. It will do no harm, nevertheless, to provide delicate shades for electric light globes, so as to soften its glare.

A Great Book.

We have received the interesting letter following from Mr. James A. Blair, of this city. Mr. Blair is one of the best-read men in London, a man of philosophical mind and a good judge of books. We thoroughly endorse his estimate of the volume. Mr. Blair writes:

Sir,—Mr. George Mes' book, "Flame, Electricity and the Camera," recently issued, is one of the most interesting from a scientific point of view that I have seen for some time. Its twenty-one chapters embody a well-selected condensation of the leading features and first principles of the subjects, collected from many standard authorities.

Such an invaluable work is a lasting monument to the author's patient research and wise selection. It is readable as a novel, instructive as a lesson on ethics and simple as truth. In giving this mass of information to the public in such a plain and attainable form he places all his readers under lasting obligation. It should receive a wide circulation and a careful perusal. Although it treats of abstruse and abstract science in terse chapters, yet it prunes them to a large extent of technicality, so that they are readable to the most obtuse mind. He holds forth the most sublime subjects in plain English. He reviews the leading discoveries of the nineteenth century in choice language and plain logic, and makes them so beautifully attractive that a schoolboy would feel enamored by reading them.

The first chapter on the inception of fire or flame is graphic and weird. The fourth chapter on telegraphy alone well repays for the book. I hope it will get a wide circulation and be carefully and profitably read.

Yours, obliged,
JAMES A. BLAIR.

Hugh John may be a political prohibitionist, but he is not personally an abettor. How would it do for him to prohibit himself first?

"Laurier is a lobster" is the unsavory argument with which the Winnipeg Telegram—the Opposition organ in Manitoba—apparently hopes to overcome the popularity of the Dominion Government.

With general prosperity and the majority of the people on their side, the Government of Canada can go into the ensuing contest with an assurance of success, such as no Administration has been given in Canada for many a long day.

In his speech accepting the Liberal nomination for Center Wellington, Mr. Semple drew attention to a weak point in the Conservative side. The Opposition, he said, complained of an excessive

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2 packages Granose Flakes for.....	25c
1 lb. Blend Coffee for.....	25c
2 tins Baking Powder for.....	25c

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give expenditure, but they failed to challenge it in the House.—Toronto Sun.

Sir Charles Tupper asserts that the present Government will be defeated next month. That is nothing as a prophecy. His veracious son, Sir Herbert, asserted, immediately after the great victory of June 25, 1896, that the Laurier Government would not live six months! The Tupper twins are the greatest prophets and the smallest fulfillers that have ever gone into the prognosticating business.

HEAD-HUNTING IN FORMOSA

Aborigines Kill a Number of Japanese Officials.

Twenty-Seven Miners Killed—Another Big Strike Threatened in England.

FINANCIAL MANAGER.

London, Sept. 14.—A special dispatch from Shanghai announces that a Japanese official has been appointed to succeed J. McLeavy Brown, the English financial director and commissioner of customs of Corea.

HEAD-HUNTING.

Head-hunting in Formosa still continues. On Aug. 21, 300 aborigines at Taitakan went out on a head-hunting expedition, killing a number of Japanese officials.

PROMPT HELP.

Paris, Sept. 14.—A meeting of Americans resident and transient in Paris was held at the chamber of commerce yesterday for the purpose of raising funds to assist the sufferers at Galveston. The United States ambassador, Gen. Horace Porter, was elected president; George Munroe, banker, treasurer, and Francis Kimball, secretary. Resolutions of sympathy were adopted, and inside of fifteen minutes \$10,000 was donated. A committee of seven was appointed to canvass the American colony here.

ENGLISH WORKERS WILL STRIKE
London, Sept. 14.—Employees on the suburban lines of the Great Eastern Railroad have decided to quit work on Saturday night, on the ground that the company's reply to their demands

is unsatisfactory. Sympathetic strikes involving all roads centering in London are possible. The Great Eastern Railroad has inclosed a large field with a barbed wire stockade to be used as a camp for non-union men.

MINE DISASTER.

On Aug. 24 a shaft of a copper mine collapsed at Higashi Japan, killing 13 miners and injuring 30, and on the following day 14 miners were killed in the Ussho mines.

SUSPECTED PLOTTER.

Madrid, Sept. 14.—The Swiss arrested at San Sebastian charged with plotting to assassinate a European monarch, is named Walter. He is 30 years of age. His departure from New York about three weeks ago was due to the police searches in anarchistic centers in consequence of the assassination of King Humbert of Italy. A number of newspaper cutting referring to the movements of political personages were found in his trunk. Five hundred francs and a poignard were found on the prisoner.

CABLE NOTES.

The steamer Tartar, from Yokohama, brings to Vancouver several missionaries, ordered home by their superiors, but none from the disturbed districts.

The ships of the British channel squadron are now at Berrehaven, Ireland, filling their bunkers with American coal from colliers chartered by the admiralty.

Nothing is known in Canadian official circles in London of the outcome of the suggestion made that the Duke of York visit Canada.

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