

"SOAKING" THE PLENIPOENTIARIES.

It would be a serious thing for Japan as well as for Russia if the negotiations for peace were broken off. It would be a serious matter to face the cost of maintaining millions of men in the field. It would be a serious financial matter to undertake for an indefinite period to continue to supply these millions with food and clothing and munitions of war. The drain upon the resources in men and money of the two nations in the event of a disagreement respecting terms of peace and a decision to carry on the war to a finish, which would mean the exhaustion of one or both of the belligerents, would be a deplorable thing from the point of view of all people interested in the welfare and the well-being of the human race. But there is another and a more serious aspect to the matter. This alarming prospect is alluded to by a New York contemporary in the statement that Baron Komura and his suite, on quitting the Waldorf-Astoria last Saturday, were they had their lodgings, being politely willing to acquiesce in a usage unknown in Japan, left behind them "joyful checks," on a scale listed as follows: "Steward, \$100; his subordinates, some ranging from \$50 to \$20; head waiters, \$50; ordinary waiters, \$20; head boys, chambermaids and employees ranked with them in usefulness, \$10." Let not the incautions reader presume that the courteous Japanese envoy approved this custom to which he so readily conformed. Doubtless no one is more gravely conscious than Baron Komura himself of Spartan antecedents and training, that these lavish dollars distributed among pampered American waiters were earned, really earned, by devoted women and men laboring in the rice fields of Japan.

We must assume that whether at Portsmouth, N. H., or New York, N. Y., the drain upon the purses of the hapless plenipotentiaries has been maintained in the same ratio. M. Witte could not afford to appear less generous and open-handed than his rival peace-maker. Consequently the Russian moujik as well as the Japanese laborer in the rice field has been levied upon for the purpose of pouring wealth into the coffers of the American "menials" who exercise their unholy graft in summer and attend-schools of philosophy or science, or even divinity, in winter. For be it known that the ambitious American student, unless he happens to be the heir of a millionaire, lacks nothing of turning an honest penny at any summer occupation that promises the handsome returns. It is greatly to his credit that in disposition the struggling student is so "disposed." Still it is said the raisids upon the peace plenipotentiaries have resulted in an increase in the agitation against the un-American custom of "tipping" in all its iniquitous manifestations. It is suggested that if the student be honestly desirous of maintaining his self-respect he might turn from the temptations of waiting upon tables in summer hotels and mountain resorts and take up the duties of conductors on street railways and of various occupations not subject to the degrading conditions of the "tipping" system. It is a pity that all young men are not physically qualified for the agreeable and popular occupation of baseball playing. But even in this line there are temptations to the student in the struggle for academic honors. Some of the universities are drawing the line very tightly around professional athletes. Perhaps the American people are becoming too fine in their tastes and too subtle in their distinctions.

CANADA CUP RACES.

The old-time rivalry between British and American yacht designers and builders and sailors is now being submitted to an interesting test on the fresh waters of this continent. Nautical opinion has revolted against the extreme type of craft produced by the rules governing contests for the America Cup. In the Iroquois and the Temeraire we have something more wholesome and useful than the abnormalities represented in the Columbia and Shamrock I, II, or III. Temeraire, the Canadian challenger for the Canada Cup, was designed by Pife of Glasgow and built by Canadians. Iroquois is the product of the genius of Herreshoff, the celebrated designer of all the later defenders of the America Cup. The rules under which the Canada Cup is competed for do not permit of the entry of mere racing machines by either challengers or defenders. Restrictions have been incorporated in the conditions which effectively bar mere planks set on edge with masts towering into the clouds from taking part in the races. Consequently the Canada Cup tests are not mere competitions for glory and fame between the toys of millionaires. As in the contests for the Stewchankana Cup, which was held against all comers by Canadians since it was first put up for competition nine years ago, the crews of the competing yachts are amateurs. So that the rivalry is in the highest sense sportsmanlike and friendly. It is productive of a genuine spirit of good-fellowship in sport, and is therefore regarded with feelings of real pleasure by all who take an interest in one of the healthiest of pastimes.

As matters of the degree of curiosity which has been aroused by the regatta now being held at Charlotte, N. Y. (which is the lake port of the city of Rochester), both Pife and Herreshoff, the designers of the two competing craft, are personally superintending the management of their creations. Under wide different conditions of weather and

of course each boat has won a race. It is therefore certain that the finals will be of more than ordinary interest. Whatever the ultimate result may be, and while it is extremely probable that the average weather conditions will favor the defender, it is clear that as between American and British designers of purely normal types of boats and between American and British sailors there is not a great gulf of either superiority or inferiority.

PREMIER HAULTAIN.

We have not the slightest doubt that Premier Haultain of the Northwest Territories, whose occupation as Premier of the Northwest Territories will soon be gone in consequence of the erection of the said territories into autonomous provinces of the Dominion of Canada, is a most estimable gentleman. He may be the possessor of the mind of a statesman and of all the attributes of the highest type of public man. But we submit that Mr. Haultain has been somewhat inconsistent in his political conduct since he was apprised of the intention of the Dominion government to confer provincial status upon the territories. Premier Haultain professes that he is opposed to the conduct of the elections which must soon be held in the new provinces upon what is termed "party lines." It is a matter of record that not so very long ago Premier Haultain attended a Conservative convention in the territories which passed resolutions in favor of party lines. At the assembly in question Premier Haultain did not raise his voice or record his vote against the resolution which committed his party to the division of the new provinces upon the lines which divide the people of all Canada upon public questions. If there were reasons of grave public importance why personal as opposed to party rule should continue to prevail in the Northwest, such reasons must have been apparent a few months ago as they are at the present day. Why did not this influential personality in Northwest affairs point out these reasons to his followers as an endeavor to dissuade them from issuing a challenge to the Liberals in all parts of the territories? Obviously there is something in the attitude of Mr. Haultain which requires explanation.

Furthermore, Premier Haultain emphasized his position as a party man and laid himself open to the charge of being an inconsistent public man by going to Ontario and taking part in a campaign against the Liberal party by denouncing the public school system the Dominion government proposed to maintain in the new provinces—a public school system which was the creation of Premier Haultain more than of any other man in the Dominion of Canada. Is it not possible that Premier Haultain foresees that he has made a tactical mistake by his inconsistent conduct and that he dreads difficulties as a result thereof in the political campaign which must follow immediately after the proclamation of the first of September raising the territories to the status of provinces? It is too late now for the departing Premier to proclaim his preferences for personal government with himself as the most prominent personality. The conventions he was instrumental in summoning challenged the Liberals to contests upon party lines. The challenge has been accepted, and the first governments of the new provinces must be either Liberal or Conservative. That appears to be the position of affairs to a long-distance observer of the trend of events.

CANADA'S DEFENSES.

Major-General French fears for the success of the experiment Canada is making in undertaking the defence of her own territory. It is not unnatural for a British officer to have misgivings respecting such an unusual departure from the accepted order of things colonial. Nevertheless the experiment "must be made. Great Britain has long been complaining about the expense put upon her by the necessity of providing for the safety of all parts of the Empire. In the King's speech upon the prorogation of the Imperial parliament satisfaction was expressed that at last the most important dependencies had undertaken to provide for the construction and maintenance of her own defensive works. There may be, we doubt not there will be, some difficulties encountered at first. But even if there be, we must simply persevere until all obstacles give way before our persistence. One of the difficulties will arise from the scarcity of young men willing to surrender their individual independence to the extent demanded in the life and duties of soldiers. "However, that is an obstacle to success that will disappear as population increases. What other objections force themselves upon us will also be overcome in due time. That which we are undertaking is in the line of duty. There is but one safe and sure way of accomplishment, and that path we have chosen. We are carrying out not the expressed will of the present government or of the present parliament. We are proceeding in strict accord with the expressed ideas of all the statesmen who have exercised a dominating influence upon public opinion in Canada. We are very much mistaken if the public men of influence in the Mother Country are not of the same mind. The point of view of military men, naturally and accountably, is entirely different. They cannot understand why we should have any objections to the relinquishment of complete and absolute control of the expenditure of all moneys raised for public purposes in Canada. But the

statesmen of Great Britain are capable of comprehending what the reply would be if the governments of any of the colonies were to request that funds voted by the Imperial parliament be handed over to colonial ministers to be expended in accordance with their views of the necessities of the case. There could be no surer way of eventually bringing about a misunderstanding between the central power and the self-governing portions of the British Empire than by the adoption of the methods suggested by certain individuals of limited vision in both Canada and Great Britain. The letter has for a considerable time complained of the heavy load she has been compelled to carry. There is but one way in which relief can be afforded. That way has been taken by Canada. He is no true friend of Imperial unity who questions its propriety.

MID-SUMMER JOKERS.

New York jokers are reputed to be endowed with a rich fund of humor, which exhibits itself in peculiar forms during dull sessions of the exchange when foreign stocks cease from troubling and there are no loan marts to fleece. It is well known that when a list that is deemed to be out of season even by the limits of a day makes its appearance in the den of the industrious manipulators its owner goes to his office minus a head covering. But it was not known until lately that the members of the exchange were, after the manner of certain crustaceans of the sea, liable to be excited to the point of frenzy and cannibalism at the sight of any defect in the apparel or covering of their fellow-members. A week ago a broker named Johnson met with an accident on his way to the Wall street rendezvous. When he appeared in his place with a small rent in his hand-made trousers a brother broker seized him as a crab would a wounded comrade, and carried the aperture to a point that made it conspicuous to the whole crowd of rearing bulls and wrangling bears. Johnson's expostulations were received with derision, says a New York contemporary. A bull said two bears grabbed him, threw him into the pit and several brokers wrestled with the rip. A whole side of the trousers came out, protruding. Then it was the other side, and Johnson, crying loudly for a barrel, broke from the pit and rushed into the smoking room. There he struck a bargain with a messenger boy for a pair of sad looking white ducks, but he was discovered in the act and pushed out to the floor again. A second time Johnson escaped, succeeding in this time in getting his white ducks on. Thus clad, he grabbed his way a third time and ran out to the floor. Meantime somebody had been upstairs into the office of the Exchange, and had borrowed all the rubber stamps that could be obtained. A dozen men were waiting for Johnson when he came out to the floor with the white ducks. Those who could not get rubber stamps used colored chalk. When they were through there was a clean place on the ducks big enough for Johnson's "postage stamp. Johnson went back to his office in a long train coat.

STEVESTON SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Times Correspondent Forwards Particulars—Lots of Fish in Canisters. The Times correspondent at Steveston sends the following particulars of the trouble there, an account of which appeared in the Times Monday. There has been trouble between the Japanese and Chinese in a number of the canisters. The foreigners appear to understand that they have a law of their own and made several attempts to enforce it. At the North Arm a number of Chinese attacked their fellow workmen, inflicting bodily harm. At the Gulf of Georgia cannery, in the town of Steveston, the conduct of the Japanese culminated in a battle between a white man named Bowser and a number of Japs, with the result that three of the foreigners received a charge of shot and the white man, one of the best fishermen on the river, is now in jail in Vancouver with a broken rib and a smashed hand. At 4.30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, the fishermen were still delivering fish caught before the time when the law closed the river for thirty-six hours. The owners of the boats were awaiting their turn to have the fish delivered on the wharf and called to a ship's deck. The Japanese fishermen to drive him away from the slip. The white man had a rifle and a shotgun in his boat. He raised the shotgun and fired at the Japs. About sixty pellets of No. 4 shot entered the neck and arm of one of the Japanese; another received five of the shot in his body and a third escaped with a bullet in the leg. Chief Marchison and four special policemen were on the scene in a short time. Bowser stood in his boat with the gun in his hand, prepared to defend himself. The Japs were ordered to surrender to the police and claimed that they were fired in self-defence. The wounded Japanese were taken to the hospital by Dr. R. B. Cameron. Chief Marchison and four special policemen were on the scene in a short time. Bowser stood in his boat with the gun in his hand, prepared to defend himself. The Japs were ordered to surrender to the police and claimed that they were fired in self-defence. The wounded Japanese were taken to the hospital by Dr. R. B. Cameron. Chief Marchison and four special policemen were on the scene in a short time. Bowser stood in his boat with the gun in his hand, prepared to defend himself. The Japs were ordered to surrender to the police and claimed that they were fired in self-defence. The wounded Japanese were taken to the hospital by Dr. R. B. Cameron.

It is expected that further trouble will originate on the river through the complaint for the south on Sunday evening by the natives they compel the whites to wait until the Jap fishermen deliver their catches. This is very aggravating, and then discussed what action they should take towards making their stay here enjoyable. It was decided that the local department should participate in the parade. Chief Watson was authorized to solicit subscriptions to meet the expenses in connection with the engagement of a band. The route will be from the front of the city hall, Douglas street, down Wharf to Yates, thence to Douglas, along Douglas to Port, down Port to Government, and thence to headquarters by way of Cormorant street. Judging by the enthusiasm shown last evening there will be a strong turnout of local veterans to welcome the visitors. All the banners of the old Tiger, Deluge and Hook and Ladder company will be on hand, lending an historic interest to the parade, which should interest all Victorians as well as provide entertainment for the Californian volunteers.

FIRE AT HARRISON.

Bathhouse at the Hot Springs Destroyed—Will Rebuild. Passengers arriving on the Imperial Limited on Monday from Harrison Hot Springs bring news of the destruction by fire of the bathhouse at the springs, says the Vancouver Province. The fire occurred last Saturday evening, and was first noticed about 8 o'clock. How the fire originated is not known, but it is suspected that it spark from the electric light steam plant, which is situated near the bathhouse, may have started the blaze. The loss is reported to be about \$8,000 with a small amount of insurance. The burning of this structure will not affect the accommodation for guests at the Hot Springs, as the baths in the St. Alice hotel furnish ample accommodation.

YOU MELANCHOLY WOMEN!

Can't even sleep—restless day and night—brooding over imagined trouble all the time. The disease isn't in the brain, but in the blood which is thin and insubstantial. The right thing now and you'll be cured quickly. Just take Ferronzo; it turns everything you eat into nourishment, consequently, blood containing lots of iron and oxygen is formed. Ferronzo cures every "box of good taste" (fifty chocolate coated tablets in every box) at all dealers.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Reopened Monday After Summer Vacation—Commencement Exercises at South Park.

Monday the public schools of Victoria were opened after the usual five-week summer vacation. There was a substantial increase over the last term's attendance at most of the schools. At the Boys' Central the teachers found it difficult to procure seating accommodation for all those who presented themselves. It is announced that no further applications for admission to the Kingston, Spring Ridge primary, Boys' Central or Girls' Central schools will be granted. Discussing this matter one of the trustees expressed the opinion that the school population was not evenly divided, the Central schools being overcrowded, while those in other districts were not taxed to their utmost capacity. An effort will be made to devise some satisfactory rearrangement.

At South Park school Monday commencement exercises were held, scholars and friends gathering in the assembly room. An excellent programme was rendered, among those contributing being the following: Instrumental solo, Miss A. Schwengers; recitation, Miss M. Boser; solo, Miss G. Bebbington; instrumental solo, Miss Eleanor Kouson; recitation, Eugene Jesson; violin solo, Adelaide Young; instrumental solo, Eileen Dunbar; recitation, Andrew Alexander. The certificates of successful scholars were presented by Miss Cameron. The Redfern medal, which is annually awarded to the head of the school, was presented by Trustee Mrs. Jenkins to the following: Proficiency, Ada Alice Schwengers; recitation, Ida Belle McNeven; regularity, Lancelot Sydney Wilson, Mary Kathleen Roberts, Georgina Bebbington and Andrew Alexander. The President, Mrs. Boser, handed a silver medal to Miss Eleanor Scott Robson. This was offered by Miss Cameron for the student making the highest percentage in arithmetic in the High school entrance examination. Rolls of honor were presented by Trustee Mrs. Jenkins to the following: Proficiency, Ada Alice Schwengers; recitation, Ida Belle McNeven; regularity, Lancelot Sydney Wilson, Mary Kathleen Roberts, Georgina Bebbington and Andrew Alexander.

WALL ENTERTAIN THE CALIFORNIA FIREMEN.

Visitors and Local Volunteers Will Participate in Parade Next Saturday—Meeting on Friday. Tuesday a meeting of members of the volunteer fire department, was held at the local headquarters. Chief Watson was voted to chair and H. L. Salmon acted as secretary. The principal business was the consideration of the best method of receiving the volunteer firemen of California, who are expected here on Saturday by the steamer Princess Victoria from Seattle. According to the present arrangements the visitors intend parading through the principal streets in uniform, with an engine, on the afternoon of the day of their arrival. After this the California firemen will be at liberty to take in the sights of the city. According to their itinerary they will leave for the south on Sunday evening by the San Francisco steamer. At these arrangements were outlined at Tuesday's meeting, and those present then discussed what action they should take towards making their stay here enjoyable. It was decided that the local department should participate in the parade. Chief Watson was authorized to solicit subscriptions to meet the expenses in connection with the engagement of a band. The route will be from the front of the city hall, Douglas street, down Wharf to Yates, thence to Douglas, along Douglas to Port, down Port to Government, and thence to headquarters by way of Cormorant street. Judging by the enthusiasm shown last evening there will be a strong turnout of local veterans to welcome the visitors. All the banners of the old Tiger, Deluge and Hook and Ladder company will be on hand, lending an historic interest to the parade, which should interest all Victorians as well as provide entertainment for the Californian volunteers.

RELIEF OF DERRY.

Subject of Rev. William Walsh's Lecture in A. O. U. W. hall Monday Evening. Under the auspices of the local Orange order an address was delivered in the A. O. U. W. hall Monday by Rev. William Walsh of Brantford, Ont., Supreme Grand Chaplain of the Orange Lodges in Canada. W. G. Cameron, M.P.P., occupied the chair, and among those on the platform were Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. Mr. Douglas, and Rev. Mr. Adams. Rev. Mr. Walsh was visiting Brandon when he was invited by the Orangemen of Vancouver to the coast. He no sooner reached the Terminal City than he received an invitation to come to Victoria. At the lecture Monday there was a good attendance.

FAREWELL RECEPTION.

French Admiral and Officers Entertained at Portsmouth—The Commander's Thanks. Portsmouth, Eng., Aug. 13.—The last day ashore of the French naval visitors was marked by scenes of enthusiasm unrecalled during the week which the Englishmen simply smothered their guests with attention, from able seamen to admiral. The closing function was a reception given by Admiral Sir Archibald Douglas, commander-in-chief at Portsmouth, assisted by Admiral Tyhouse, after which the French officers and men boarded their ships preparatory to their departure to-morrow for Trafalgar. Admiral Cathiard has issued an autograph message to the people of England thanking them for their magnificent reception.

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GOOD OLD TIMES ARE RETURNING.

BOUNDARY ENJOYING ERA OF PROSPERITY.

Contributing Causes—New Railways Will Open Rich Districts—Mining Companies Extending Operations.

The good old times of '98 and '99 are returning. During the construction of the Columbia & Western railway all points in the Boundary, and especially Greenwood, were booming. The expenditure of large sums of money in railway construction and the activity shown in the development of the big low grade mines combined to force the growth of the city and make good times generally throughout the district. With the completion of the railway, however, a large pay roll was lost, and the city having grown faster than the development of the mines tributary to it, dull times were the inevitable result. As the development of the mines increased, as new properties were opened up, as the smelting facilities were increased and as the high grade belt became a new factor in the district, these dull times gradually disappeared. The construction of at least two railways in the district put on the finishing touches and the Last Vestige of Hard Times is disappearing. These growing times are contagious and this desirable change in conditions is affecting all classes of industry, says the Boundary Creek Times. The big mining companies are extending their operations on a larger scale. The Granby company is acquiring new mining properties and it has increased its smelter capacity to eight furnaces. All the large mining companies are investing westward. The B. C. Copper has bonded properties in the Similkameen and in the Myers creek mining districts and have forces of men at work at these points. The newly organized Dominion Copper company is perfecting its plans to begin mining and smelting operations early in September. The capacity of the present smelter is to be enlarged, or it is within the range of possibility that a new smelter may be erected. But the greatest development is in the high-grade belt, in which outside capitalists are becoming interested. Chicago has sent the largest quota of exporting men who are willing and anxious to Invest Their Money. All the high grade properties never looked better, and with the investment of capital which is sure to follow the visits of the prominent financial men who are now in the district, the high grade belt is sure to play an important part in the good times that are now here and that are sure to continue for years to come. The construction of the V. Y. & E. and the Midway & Vernon, and probably the C. P. R. from Midway at an early date will bring new investors into the district. The country west of Greenwood has been retarded by lack of transportation facilities. No one who knew anything about the West Fork and the Similkameen districts had any doubts regarding their ultimate future, but the hurricane deck of a cayuse or dusty wagon roads are not conducive to mining investments. The agricultural development has kept pace with Other Industries. On Sidley mountain as fine and rich a farming section as can be found anywhere in the province. Along the Kettle river and on the bench lands back of Midway the industrious farmers are rapidly making for themselves comfortable homes and contributing their share to the wealth and prosperity of Southern British Columbia. Then, too, small batches of land, which would not be looked at a few years ago, are being cultivated to-day. Such a combination of development must necessarily have its influence on the commercial life of the district. It is no idle boast to say that in a very short time Greenwood and other towns in the Boundary will be enjoying even better times than in the good old days of six years ago.

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PLOT TO BLOW UP TRAIN.

Special on Which President Roosevelt Traveled Proceeded in Roundabout Way.

New York, Aug. 14.—That the Erie railroad officials were alarmed for the safety of President Roosevelt on his way from Chattanooga to Jersey City on Saturday is shown by the fact, made known yesterday, that the President's car did not come over the main line, but the Chautauqua special was broken in two at Suffern, N. Y., and the Presidential party was brought in by a roundabout way. President Roosevelt is said to have objected to the unusual precautions taken, but acquiesced when positive orders from President Underwood, of the Erie, were shown him. These orders were issued as the result of a letter received by the Fairport police, which said there was a plot to blow up the President's train near Ridgewood, N. J. The Chautauqua special was stopped at Suffern early Saturday morning. There was a consultation over the telephone, followed by a consultation of railroad men, at which it was decided to send the President to Sparkill, a small town on the Erie, by a single track road, known as the Piermont branch, and thence into Jersey City on the Northern railroad, a branch having its terminus at Newark. President Roosevelt awakened and was told of the change in the schedule, and the officials did not like to take the responsibility without high consent. The President after some discussion decided he was "in the hands of the Erie," and while he had no fear of his train being wrecked on the main line, he would do what the railway men thought best. Slow time was made over the Piermont branch and the Northern railway, and extra men guarded every part of both roads.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Two Men Killed by Lightning in Ontario—Farm Hand's Death in Manitoba. South Marsh, Ont., Aug. 14.—David Heenedy and William Vance were killed by lightning, while Thomas Moffat, who was with them, was badly stunned, but escaped death. The three men were going to a meeting of public school ratepayers when they sought shelter from the rain in a building belonging to Mr. McQuett. Heenedy and Vance were standing at the front door when a bolt struck, while McQuett, who had just entered to the rear, had a providential escape. Will Visit Edmonton. Winnipeg, Aug. 14.—It has been officially announced that Earl and Countess Grey will attend the celebration at Edmonton, September 1st, when Alberta will become a province. It is also reported that Their Excellencies may take up their residence here for a month. Killed by Lightning. Winnipeg, Aug. 14.—A young man living near Moberly, Man., named Jackson, while riding to the hayfield on Thursday morning last carrying a fork, was instantly killed by lightning. C. P. R. Dividend. Montreal, Aug. 14.—At a meeting of directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to-day a dividend of 2 per cent. on the preferred stock for the half year ending June 30th last was declared. A dividend of 3 per cent. for the same period was also declared on preferred stock. The results for the fiscal year to June 30th last were: Gross earnings, \$30,481,882; working expenses, \$35,008,794; other sources, \$1,584,863; net earnings, \$7,057,951; less interest charges, \$7,054,008; less amount applied against ocean steamship and pension fund, \$200,000, leaving net revenue available for dividends, \$8,877,943. The payment of all dividends declared the surplus for the year carried forward is \$1,764,553. Thunder Storm. Montreal, Aug. 14.—Heavy lightning and thunder storm passed over Eastern Canada Saturday night. Considerable damage to farm buildings and crops is reported. Found Dead. Farnham, Que., Aug. 14.—Wilfrid Audette, 15 years old, employed as a call boy by the Canadian Pacific railway, was found dead alongside a pile of lumber back of Central Vermont station yesterday.