

The Colonist.

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A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE.

A few days ago it was believed that the Government of Great Britain had determined to take measures to put a stop to the persecution and slaughter of Christians by the Turkish Government...

It was supposed that the Russian Minister of War, the late Prince Lobanoff, was the Sultan's protector, that he stood between the tyrant and those who wished to call him to account for his cruelty and oppression.

What is to be the end of Turkish oppression and misgovernment. Heaven only knows. The Christian powers, with the single exception of Great Britain, regard with stolid indifference the massacres and the other horrible outrages which the Turks are continually committing in Armenia and other parts of the Sultan's dominions.

HARD TO PLEASE.

The Toronto Globe has of late adopted high Tory principles. It seems to think that it is a serious offence in a Canadian journal to criticize the acts of the Governor-General or to show by any sign that he does not approve of the course he has pursued.

The Liberal organ is hard to please. What would it have the Tories, who believe that the Governor-General has acted unconstitutionally do? We know how the Grits would act under such circumstances.

It will have to be admitted that there is at least room for two opinions respecting the matter about which the Governor-General and Sir Charles Tupper disagreed.

The Governor-General the discretion he claimed and exercised? Surely a Canadian can believe and contend that he had not without being either disloyal or disrespectful to the Governor-General...

MR. LISTER'S ASSAULT.

The following is what the Ottawa Journal, a professedly independent paper, but which appears lately to have been leaning very decidedly to the Government side, says about the wanton attack which Mr. Lister made on the Leader of the Opposition:

The debate or rather altercation which was aroused in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Lister's attack upon Sir Charles Tupper was the first discreditable occurrence in the new Parliament of Canada.

An attack of the kind is not creditable to the House of Commons, it is a mistake in a party sense, and as regards the man who makes it without any proofs to offer in support of it, it argues either a lack of political common sense or an uncontrollable temper, or both.

A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY.

"There is nothing new under the sun." Most intelligent people smile derisively when they hear of attempts to manufacture the precious metals. They know that the alchemists of the darker ages spent laborious days and sleepless nights in the attempt to transmute metals.

But now, in this prosaic, matter-of-fact Nineteenth Century, practical chemists, respectable and presumably veracious men, claim to have discovered a process by which silver can be changed into gold.

It is just possible that Dr. Emmens and his associates have been mistaken. The substance which they by their "process" produce may not be gold, although it may resemble it very closely, and even if it is gold it may not be possible to produce it artificially in such quantities as to affect the supply of gold at all materially.

mens has made the discovery will stimulate others to work in the same direction and with the same end in view. If they are successful it is not likely that all of them will be as scrupulous as the chemists are who form the Emmens syndicate.

The announcement of this wonderful discovery was made in some of the daily papers of New York city a little more than a month ago, and the correspondence between Dr. Emmens and the Editor of the Engineering and Mining Journal is dated August 23rd and the three days immediately succeeding.

AUDACIOUS CRIMINALS.

The newspapers that came by the last English mail contain a detailed account of the riots and massacres in Constantinople. The disturbance was commenced by the Armenians. The audacity of these men is most amazing.

The enraged Turks filled the streets. Their anger was directed, not against the men who had invaded and taken possession of the Ottoman bank, but against the unarmed Armenians whom they met in the streets, or who fled for safety to their dwellings.

Singular to say, that while innocent and unoffending Armenians were being butchered by the thousand, the men who caused the disturbance were out of danger, with no fear of being punished for the dreadful crime they had committed, and the awful bank against all assailants.

Sir Edgar Vincent was afraid that if the Armenians were driven to despair they would blow up the bank, thereby causing great loss of property and the lives of eighty men of the bank staff, whom the Armenians had retained as hostages.

There can be no excuse for the Armenian revolutionists. It is hard to understand how sane men could agree to carry out such a scheme. They must have known that it could not be any possibility be successful.

that was possible to make captives of the invaders of the bank they acted most atrociously in permitting the mob to murder the defenceless Armenians who had committed no crime.

THE TRUE SITUATION.

The situation in Manitoba is interesting. The Laurier Government is most desirous to settle the school question by what they designate conciliation. People who are not so fond of pretty names for things as the Leader of the Government, are beginning to call the process by a plainer and a coarser name.

The settlement of the school question is evidently a price of the portfolio, and if the latter is to be obtained by Mr. Sifton he must effect the settlement of the former. Mr. Greenway is apparently not in any hurry.

It is very unkind and not quite polite in the Nor-Wester to talk of a "price" in connection with the conciliation negotiations, and it is actually vulgar when it uses the phrase "delivery of the goods."

Our American neighbors seem to be dreadfully exercised over the Alaskan boundary, particularly respecting that part of it about which there cannot be the possibility of a doubt.

DYNAMITERS.

It is a little difficult to know exactly how much credit to attach to the accounts of dynamite conspiracies and schemes that come to us by the ocean cable. The manufacture of sensational news has in these days become a business.

We are, however, far from saying that the accounts of dynamite plots that reach us are false, but we believe that they should be received with a good deal of caution. The very word "dynamite" is sufficient to excite the imagination of the telegraph romancer.

The illegal shooting of pheasants in the vicinity of Oak Bay has reached such a development that the law-abiding sportsmen are becoming thoroughly indignant and the birds are likely to be driven out of the neighborhood altogether before the season opens.

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FOOLISHLY PUGNACIOUS.

The intelligent reader sees that nothing can be more absurd than to make a fuss about a boundary line of this kind, and those who do it betray an ignorance of which any man who can write his own name ought to be ashamed.

THE "SUNNY WAYS."

The "Behind the Scenes" column of the Toronto Mail and Empire contains the following conversation, of course imaginary:

Mr. Sifton—"Gentlemen, Rome has been the curse of the people through all shackled intellect. Upon us she has stood her separate schools. Let us stand together and oppose her special privileges. Let us say 'that we never, never will be slaves, and—'"

Mr. Laurier—"Well, on second thought, I do think that Rome is entitled to some slight consideration."

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"CONCILIATION."

The Winnipeg Nor-Wester, which is always very well informed on local affairs, has this to say about the progress of conciliation in Manitoba:

Mr. Laurier's "sunny ways" of Manitoba's premier, seeing his own political life in danger, has positively refused to grant concessions to the Roman Catholic minority of this province, sufficient to satisfy the Quebec following of the Dominion premier.

GUELPH, Sept. 18.—Ex-City Treasurer Harvey has been fully committed for trial on various charges of embezzlement, etc., from the city.

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