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A CANARD.

The Guelph Herald and other high-toned Tory journals are just now deriving great amusement from the circulation of a cock-and-bull story, got up by the Ottawa Citizen and Cobourg Sentinel, to the effect that a serious rupture has occurred between George Brown and Edward Blake. The story is told as follows:—

Mr. Brown, wishing to have an interview with Hon. Mr. Blake, wrote a note to the premier in his usual autocratic style, requesting him to call at the Globe office, Mr. Blake, considering it an insult to be ordered about in this manner, rose to the occasion, asserted the dignity of his position, and sent an answer to the effect that if Mr. Brown wished particularly to see him, he knew where to find him! The rage of the delirious dictator, on receipt of this perfectly correct response, as many will be imagined, knew no bounds. He was perfectly overwrought with passion, rising to his feet before the note into a thousand fragments, and began to pace the apartment backward and forward, meanwhile giving vent to his wrath in expressions such as no one but a Horace Greeley could hope to equal in intensity.

Don't the Tory organs wish that the above was as true as gospel? But then they know it isn't. They are the willing victims of some imaginative correspondent in Toronto, who for the sake of a good laugh has palmed this story on the credulous journalists to keep up their failing spirits. Mr. Brown is not such a fool as to write a note of the kind described, and Mr. Blake is not such a fool as to answer it in the manner alleged. The story writers will have to try their hand again, and manufacture a more plausible tale ere the public will believe it.

The Globe contradicts the story in the following paragraph:—

"It is hardly necessary for us to say that the statements are destitute of the slightest pretence of foundation—and are simply the wild creations of the writers. It so happens that Mr. Brown has had no occasion to write to Mr. Blake on any subject for several weeks past, nor Mr. Blake to write to him—nor has any variance of opinion on any subject ever arisen to affect the personal relations that have always existed between them."

EDITORIAL NEWS.

The tone of the London press on the Alabama claims is slightly moderated.

Mrs. Fair has been granted a new trial by the Supreme Court of California.

The present snow-storm seems to have extended over the whole northern part of this continent.

Mr. Rykert will introduce a Bill to amend the Assessment Act, by providing that all property in towns and villages shall be assessed at its actual value.

A Terrible explosion took place near Springfield, Ohio, on Monday morning. Five powder mills exploded, scattering the buildings in all directions and killing six men.

The supporters of Sir Charles Dilke organized a large meeting in Trafalgar Square on Monday night. Fully 10,000 persons were in attendance; but the proceedings were orderly and there were no disturbances.

A New County.—Quite an agitation is being got up in some of the up-country municipalities for the formation of a new county, and of course there are a great many claimants for the capital of the same. Among other ambitious villages we may mention Orangeville, Arthur, Mount Forest and Harriston. The struggle for the honor promises to be lively.

The Alabama and St. Juan.

The questions which at present absorb a large share of the attention of European statesmen, and of the English Press, are the arbitration conference on the Alabama claims and the St. Juan boundary question in Geneva and Berlin. The London Times of the 12th and 13th has two exhaustive articles on the respective claims put in by the Americans. The historical background about the large tract of territory is only recalled in the facility with which they glide into the wonderful, in every matter great or small, and true to their peculiar habit, they ask for no less a sum than \$100,000,000 as the indemnity for the loss sustained by the depredations of that one vessel. So ridiculous a claim has aroused the criticism of the Times, and the entire English press are following hard in the same strain. Even members of Parliament before their constituents, are bold in declaring that England dare not submit to pay even a tenth part of the sum asked, if awarded by the arbitrators. Not a few are willing to go to war rather than succumb to such an award. The Times, however, in its usual steady and determined attitude, when the great heart of England is in danger, collects facts and arguments which are irresistible for force, and, without wavering as to the duty of the country, declares that it is impossible that even a moiety of the sum demanded can be awarded. The Standard and Daily News follow suit, and with no uncertain sound declare that the Americans, being better situated at the present time than when the Ashburton treaty was negotiated, cannot pull the wool over the eyes of English statesmen, and that the fallacy of their argument is so apparent that the arbitrators can possibly have no difficulty in deciding favorably for England.

At a meeting of the Free Press and Journalists on the 5th inst.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES BY TELEGRAPH

A CANARD.

The "Times" on the Washington Treaty.

A "Liberal" Banquet.

Changes in the French Assembly.

Immense Demonstration.

Cardinal Antonelli Sick.

New York, Feb. 6.—There is no doubt that that portion of the Queen's speech published in the Pall Mall Gazette of last evening was a hoax.

The Times says that the Treaty of Washington has become inoperative, not being based on a perfect understanding between the parties concerned. "It is with the utmost reluctance," says the Times, "that we contemplate the possibility that the reference of the claims to a Board of Arbitration will come to nothing. Our expectations of a successful issue must be extremely moderate. A satisfactory answer from Washington, including the claims for indirect damages from the crew, cannot be anticipated, thus establishing a definite understanding, and there can be no sequel but the abandonment of the reference."

A demonstration at Trafalgar Square last night by the supporters of Sir Charles Dilke was attended with comparative quietness. A procession, numbering at least 14,000 persons, many of whom wore Phrygian caps, marched to the square. Numerous red flags were borne throughout the line, and bands played the Marseillaise. Odger presided over the meeting.

At a banquet of the Liberals held at Lambeth last night, Hon. Peter John Leche King, M. P. for Surrey, presided. Wm. McArthur, M. P. for Lambeth, made a speech, in which he referred to the Alabama case, and said he scorned the claims of the United States Government for indirect damages.

Paris, Feb. 6.—It is stated that Lefranca will succeed Casimir Perier as Minister of the Interior. Louis Joseph Martel is mentioned as the successor of Lefranca. Poyner Quartier is now ready to pay the fourth half-million francs of German war indemnity, which is due on the 1st of May. The Assembly is now engaged in discussing a motion for the establishment of a Provincial Commissioner to govern the country in case the Assembly be illegally dissolved. The debate gives rise to tumultuous scenes in the Chambers.

Rome, Feb. 6.—Cardinal Antonelli is sick, but there is nothing in his complaint to excite apprehension.

Ontario Legislature.

In reply to Mr. Perry, Mr. Blake stated that the Government did not intend during the present session to introduce a measure amending the Assessment Law.

Mr. Ardagh moved for an address for a return of all the surveyed lands in the county of Simcoe, belonging to this Province, the fee of which is still in the Crown, the quantity sold, &c.

Mr. Scott said that as far as the vacant lots for sale by the Crown Lands were concerned, the Department should be always ready to furnish the widest information. The part of the motion relating to the lands sold, their price, and so on, would be thought cost a great deal of labor in the Department to furnish the information, and he did not see how it would serve the hon. gentleman's purpose. There was no complete list now, he was sorry to say, in the Department of the lots for sale in the older sections. In the newer sections it would not be desirable to force a large number of the lots into the market without conditions of settlement. He had no objection to the rest of the motion.

The motion after being amended was adopted. Mr. Cameron moved for an address for a return showing the township, number and concession of each lot, or part of lot of land in the County of Norfolk, which arrears are due to the Crown and subject to valuation and reduction under the act of last Session.

The motion was allowed to stand. After recess, Mr. Springer moved the second reading of the Bill to consolidate and amend the laws having reference to Mutual Fire Insurance Companies doing business in the Province of Ontario. Mr. Blake had no objection to the Bill going to a Select Committee, but did not suppose it would receive a final reading this session, and it would become the province of the Government to undertake a Bill on this subject.

The Bill was read a second time and referred to a Select Committee.

The report of the Committee on the Bill to make further provision touching the appropriation of the Railway Fund, was received. The third reading fixed for to-morrow.

Mr. Blake said the Treasurer would deliver his financial statement to-morrow evening. Mr. Blake then moved the adjournment of the House.

THE VASTNESS OF LONDON.—The population of London according to the last census is 3,883,092. This vast multitude is more than the combined population of New York, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, St. Louis, Chicago, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Boston, New Orleans, San Francisco, Buffalo, and Allegheny, Penn. To lodge these people, 777,000 dwellings are required, and the people consume annually about 1,480,000 barrels of flour, 420,000 hicklocks, 3,975,000 sheep, 49,000 calves, 61,250 hogs, and one market alone supplies annually 7,043,750 head of game. This together with 5,200,000 salmon, irrespective of other fish and fowl, is washed down by 75,000,000 gallons of ale and porter, 3,500,000 gallons of spirits, and 113,750 pipes of wine. To fill its milk and cream pails 52,750 cows are kept. To light its streets at night 630,000 gas-lights are required consuming every 24 hours 22,270,000 cubic feet of gas. Its water system supplies the enormous quantity of 77,670,824 gallons per day, while its sewer system carries off 15,629,779 cubic feet of refuse.

Great dissatisfaction exists among the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the subject of recent changes in the mode of conducting worship. A bill of indictment has been drawn up against the minister, Rev. Gavin Lang, to be presented before the Presbytery. Considerable excitement exists on the subject.

The Nine Hours Movement.

This movement is gaining ground in the cities. The Hamilton Standard says:—"On Saturday last the employees of the Great Western Railway Workshops in the city sent a deputation to wait upon the proper authorities, to elicit their views upon the nine hours movement. The members of the deputation were courteously received, and informed that the matter had been receiving due attention, and that it had been decided to concede the principle involved in the demand for a reduction of the hours of labor. They were further given to understand that communication would be held with the Grand Trunk and other Companies, and that just as soon as the latter expressed their willingness to join hands upon the proposition, the necessary arrangements would be made here and the system would be given the earliest possible practical effect. This cheering intelligence was communicated to the assembled workmen by the deputation, and was received with enthusiasm. This result was not altogether unexpected by the men, who always expressed their confidence in the Management, who, as they believed, would not obstruct the movement, in view of its very general adoption in England, but they were hardly prepared for so early and willing a concession of the boon which they had demanded, and consequently their enthusiasm was not a little intensified by their surprise."

We also notice that a respectable meeting of employees in Hay & Co's. cabinet manufactory was held in Toronto on Saturday evening, for the purpose of inaugurating an agitation in favor of the establishment of a general recognition by employers in their trade of nine hours as the proper length of a day's labor. After some brief discussion, the meeting appointed a committee to communicate with employees in other similar establishments throughout the Province, with the view of effecting united action in the agitation, all efforts being otherwise anticipated as fruitless.

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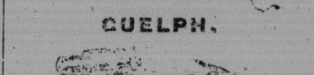
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