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JAPAN'S RAPID ADVANCE.

vaders would carry the war so far into th disputed territory at this date, without ing a single reverse and without enring the fiercest sort of resistence. not thought postable.

that Russia's forces in Manchuria at the over the long line of single-track railroad upon which Russia has to depend, and could see the difficulties of transport which she encounters, and if we knew how many Vladiyostok in the North and Port forced to retreat from the Yalu river, and to see why the diustan commanders have force no farther south than Harbin where he Port Arthur and Vadivestok branches

The military correspondent of the Lon don Doily Telegraph, who is a Britisl officer of high rank and reputation, com menting on the reported Japanese advance on Nin-Chwang, says "the boasted Rus sians defences on the Yalu have collapsed without serious fighting." He adds:

The broad effect of the campaign so far is manifestly that the whole of the seaboard from Niu-Chawang right round the whole coast of the Liao-Tung Peninsula (with the exception of Port Arthur) the Liao-Tung Gulf, Corea Bay and Corea, round to and beyond Broughton Bay, is in the hands of the Japanese as completely as the sea, was at the first completely as the sea was at the first stroke of the navy."

He predicts the early capture of Mukder and the Folation of Port Arthur and Manchuria will soon be in the hands o the Japanese. He finds no parallel for the Japanese success since "Napoleon stagger ed Europe by appearing on the plains of Italy, descending from the Alps as from the clouds and shattering the whole frame work of Austrian power in Italy."

In the foregoing, as in much of the nt made thus far on Japan's pro regard Japan as invincible and Ruseia a incapable of making a successful stand in consideres worth fighting for. As a matte of fact, great as must be the world's adaniration for the swiftness and cunning o the war has scarcely begun and the fear both nations to their capitals is yet to all that comparatively little blood has been shed, and the Bear will not abandon the prize so long coveted until there has been a terrible test of strength. Wher ever he makes his stand the number o dead men is likely to appall civilization There has been much display of strategy The killing is to come.

THE SESSION.

It is intimated in the speech from th tack the government sharply and at length at its most vulnerable point—the railway

entemprise in its original form at will be parliament will be asked to ratify. Each step in the government's railway policy

greatest work remains, and his greatest trol of the great railway system for which of the government's policy. He is silent

are still effective. the people who pay the bills and who ed upon in the recent bye-elections.

A CONTEMPORARY'S TROUBLE.

The Fredericton Herald gets out the Grand Trunk Pacific project. See now what the Herald thinks the Herald knows

contract upon a doubtful country. The conception. Let another good Liberal newspaper, the Montreal Witness, be accepted as an impartial recorder of the

"The session of parliament, which opens at Ottawa tomorrow, is expected to be shout, as the government has but two objects to serve in holding it. These are the amended Grand Trunk Pacific agreement and the passage of the estimates.

The changes that have taken place in the Grand Trunk Pacific contract since the first bill was adopted have already been explained in these columns. The main facts to be noted are that the se-curity offered by the Grand Trunk in place of cash or approved government se-curities was found unacceptable and il-legal for the purposes of the act, that the terms of the act were not acceptable, and the time limit having expired, without the

company fulfilling its part of the agreement, the charter has lapsed and can only be renewed by a new act of parliament."

the country whose verdict upon the gov-

it attempts to state the facts in the case, igent folk who have to support the Herald. is no public sentiment against the G. T. P. project in this province. Has the edi-tor so soon forgotten the result of the recent contest in this constituency in which the government chose to make the railway business the principal issue? All in all it looks as if the stupidity shoe were on the other foot.

THE SECRET BALLOT.

The new ballot bill, now in the hands bain that his candidate is getting the votes he has paid for the buying and selling now will no longer be in evidence. Opponents of the local government have

OUR WARY NEIGHBORS.

description "Anglo-Saxon" as applied to the people of the United States. Perhaps, indeed, Mr Sifton was more complimentary than the facts warrant, for it is true, as the in the republic some 9,000,000 negroes, 11,000,000 foreign born persons, and many more millions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States preserve the language and traditions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States preserve the language and traditions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States preserve the language and traditions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States preserve the language and traditions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States preserve the language and traditions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States preserve the language and traditions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States preserve the language and traditions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States preserve the language and traditions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States preserve the language and traditions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States preserve the language and traditions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States preserve the language and traditions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States preserve the language and traditions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States preserve the language and traditions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States preserve the language and traditions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States preserve the language and traditions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States preserve the language and traditions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States preserve the language and traditions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States provided the Mexicon Theorem Provided Head of Perserve Provided Head of Perserve Provided Head of Perserve Provided the polyglot condition of the country and the resulting divergence of interests, chose the omission is not likely to inflame the best people among our neighbors, oddly

side with the Russians against the British fostered by no one so eagerly as by sucessive American ambassadors to Great

As the United States will be governed cial solemnly warning all the world that Uncle Sam does not propose to rescue any under Russian fire. Says the grave and gifted New York writer:

gifted New York writer:

If Great Britain is expecting the United States to join her in any and every international quarrel in which she may become entangled on the assumption that 'Anglo-Saxons must stand together,' she is leaning on a badly-broken reed.

As for the present conflict in the far East the Honorable Clifford Sifton's task about the possibility of the United States tasking part therein is nonsense—too ridiculous to be worth discussing. This republic proposes to 'mind its own business,' and if there are any chestnuts that Great Britain desires to have some other Power pull out of the Russo-Japanese fire for her benefit, she will have to look elsewhere for a simian to perform the job.

Even if the republic "minds its own

busy in adjusting the affairs of its smaller ing up Great Britain in the East, for participate. At this writing there is little Japan will be aided by another Power, and the abnormal temperature of the Mr. Sifton really said no more than that

Americans, unhappily, are not so "Anglo Saxon" as they might well wish to be.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

A marked copy of the Christian Science Sentinel of Boston (copyright 1904 by Mary newspaper is concerned, like most others, and if a Method et. Baptist or Presbyterian

has led the administration farther and complained that the government did not that a Scientist can effect the cure of any forced the government to eliminate, the of healing by prayer which, it must be apparent, is scarcely likely to be destroyed by the presence of a physician who com-

which has raised the choler of the Com- from impostors and charlatane who seek

out prejudice it is pleased to quote a brief Temkine of Brighton (Mass.), to Mrs. Eddy, which appears in the Christian Science Sentinel, a copy of which is at

what the Heraid thanks the Her struggle between Truth and Error then ecame serious. To quote!

Truth of being mastered the situation, and I rested well through the night without any pain. In the morning error ogain appeared, but for the last time, for I put on my stocking and shoe, and went all day without any discomfort or pain, and on the third day the toe remained in its normal position, and has given me no further trouble. I had refused to talk about the accident, and did not look at the toe, but placed it where it belonged without looking at it. I refused to recognize the thought that error could manifest itself.

Had a Methodist, a Baptist or a Presby-tenian been cured of Bright's disease, or subdued a broken too after a three days' struggle, as graphically described in the foregoing, this unincondered analyses or foregoing, this unprejudiced newspaper would have given the glad news to the world with no more hesitation than is

DISCUSSING MR. BLAIR. As was natural enough Mr. Blair's nam

of the Railway Commission and that h fitness alone won that position for him more interesting than convincing.

Blair made the mistake of his life when he did not swallow the government's rail way policy at first. But a great and grow ing number of people in Canada believ and openly affirm that the greatest mis take of Mr. Blair's life was made when having put his hand to the plough, having the United States would go to war if its initiated a brilliant and effective campaign against the railway policy, he drew back ministration which he had pilloried as plunging the country into "a sheer and the pound keeper to the contrary notwith miustifiable squandering of public money" by making the indefensible bargain with the promoters of the Grand Trunk Pacific UNEASY MONSIEUR BOURASSA.

he electrified parliament and public by glect, it would print the news no less of parliament with all the art and energy

pointment in debate must be one which his former colleagues cannot take up with anything approaching headlong enthusi-

ANTICS IN MAINE.

facts in the case. They begin in this

weeks ago and commenced a series of

"Mrs. Beal, a woman of forty-five years of age, who had been in failing health for a long time, attended these meetings and became over influenced by the preachers and the excitement unbalanced her mind. She had considerable influence over several religious hallucination she ordered a per dog and a cat slain, which was done by a

ings, placed Mrs. Beal in an this section of the country." asylum, and sent away the "preachers." And in that they did well.

But why they rush into print it is not agreeable and shocking truth that their bare hands at the bidding of his maniac mother. Why did not the selectman and mmunity? What were they doing when it became necessary for others to intertried to cast out devils and succeeded only in increasing the visible supply? The New York Herald says of one incident:

"Thurman, the nine-year-old son of Mrs J. F. Beal, a cripple since birth, and be-oved by all on the island ,was brought nto the church. He was placed on the ltar before the congregation. He was hen covered with a sack, while the exorter, working himself into a frenzy, com ossessed to depart. The miracle was a ailure. The child remained a cripple, but,

On another occasion-

"The exhorter worked himself into frenzy. He shouted that the mouth of he frenzy. He shouted that the mouth of hell was eagerly yawning for sinners. He leaped high into the air, placed his hands on the top of the tall pulpit and vaulted back and forth over it. He grovelled on the floor, pounded his head on the timbers and worked up to a point of delirious frenzy, performing feats of contortion which would rival those of a professional circus athleto."

A community which has permitted such cenes and has recovered from its debauch will not welcome the letter of its officials aggestration, calmly proceed to admit enough to place the entire village in strait jackets.

came from New Brunswick." it is well enough known that such performances are ly refuse to be held responsible for the recent dog-killing at Jonesport, the select man, the deputy sheriff, the constable and

Losing sight of the truth that a good

eccentuate any differences of opinion ish cause in South Africa. That there Mr. Brodeur should not speak of the at his command. Had he taken this, the French-Canadians who stood up for the a Christian Scientist. Nor does this paper expected and logical course, and followed Empire in an hour of trial.

Mr. Bourassa chooses an unfavoration



represents the solid and patriotic wing. G. T. P. if they would only adopt Mr. of the French-Canadians. Mr. Bourassa Blair's view of it. rassa, a constituency full of sound and fury signifying nothing.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The remarkable feature of the Javanes

of the opposition employed to undermine the government, but we suspect that Mr. Tweedie will be unconvinced.

made you a number of substantial friends among the more thoughtful class of Lib-

lend the majesty of their presence to the

very glutton for strife he has a fairly European army." large order of disturbance on his hands al-

The New York Herald remarks with characteristic modesty: King Edward chares its love of peace. May his efforts to end the war be crowned

with speedy success." Now that the Herald has taken the King will feel that he has not lived in vain.

Halifax newspapers are calling St. John

"Hogtown," and doing their best to ub the name in. St. John newspapers make a great show of indignation, but in reality Scarcely that. Toronto and Halifax both serve to remind St. John people of the fine skating to be had on certain

St. John the Yarmouth Times of serves: "The habit of reading papers out of a political party grows by what it feeds upon and is seldom worthy of much notice. It to get the handling of party funds and who fear that the obnoxious journal may

Thirteen students at the U. N. B. have efused to live in the same building with poarding houses they will begin to appreciate the liberty they are accused of abusit. The Senate might well settle the resibe more than thirteen students in resi-

does the place lack?

Nine of the senators at Ottawa are over

The proposed new morning newspaper in St. John plunges the Chatham World editor into deep and dark dejection. He

for the first twenty years, at this into influence and be of no political importance. Newspapers do not become profitable or influential in a day. The Liberals had better give up that crazy and costly Grand Trunk Pacific scheme and thereby get in line with The Telegriph once more."

The Chatham World man rises up and smites the St. John Evangelical Alliance with the Rockwood Park refreshment erals and independent Conservatives in of pak Sabbath which is at once liberal, healthful, clean and orderly, and in the end they will have what they desire.

> Great Britain has adopted a new field gun of admirable pattern and all that can stands of the new army rifle. Mr. Kipling,

Guns always-quietly-but always guns guns all the same. For, says the British war secretary pertinently, "India is the only possible place of contact with a great

The mayor has called a public meeting day evening which should be attended by a large number of influential and publicspirited citizens. The object of the meeting is to decide whether or not the people of this city are in favor of the barrack square site for the proposed new drill nto partnership His Majasty, no doubt, shed. The meeting should leave the government in no doubt as to the feeling of our citizens in regard to this matter, and no doubt men who have sound views on the question will express them freely and

Just notice these words, from the Hali-

From one end of the Dominion to the other there will be rejoicing that the Grand Trunk shareholders have come to terms with the government. The speedy completion of the road is now assured, and Haifax will, as a result, become the Halifax will, ch? We think we hear a

ery going up from Herring Cove, Menewhich have heard corpulent promises of late. And what WILL they say in Port-

exodus, but they are not safe yet, for ple of Carleton, "regardless of political atfiliations," will expect Mr. Wendell P. Sentinel does not appear to have heard of Hon. Frank Sweeney, of Westmorland, but dency question once more. There should thinks the surveyor-generalship also will

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