

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Russia is quite sure she cannot accept the terms of peace proposed by Japan. But the question has been submitted to the consideration of his Majesty the Czar. The grand dukes will assist their ruler in making up his mind respecting the alternative proposals. The intimation that the imperial treasury at St. Petersburg will be charged with the expenses of the continuation of the conference in respect of the Japanese car...

THE B. O. GAZETTEER.

The present city council of Victoria has been charged with many sins both of omission and commission. But it appears the aldermanic cup of iniquity is not yet full. It is charged that the recently issued directory of the city is not a complete work of its kind because in the early part of the year a by-law was introduced which was designed to alter the street nomenclature. Here are the words of Mr. James Henderson, managing director of the Henderson Publishing Company, Limited Liability, written in Vancouver: "The article in Wednesday's Times is not as strong as it should be if the facts were as you represent them to be. When the city council in the early part of this year introduced a by-law to change the names of some 98 streets, we could not get up a city directory and use the old names. If we had done so there would have been a big kick coming to us for issuing a directory using the old street names. To avoid the difficulty (we don't control the council's actions) we decided to issue the Victoria and Vancouver city directories as separate books, and only give a directory of the business and professional firms in both cities. When the orders were taken the canvassers were instructed to say so, and the following lines were printed in heavy type on the order form: "The B. O. Gazetteer will only have the names of business and professional men and firms in Vancouver and Victoria. When the city council carry out the proposed street changes we will issue a complete street and alphabetical directory. We have published directories for the past 27 years, and have always given our subscribers what we promised them."

Our London Letter.

London, July 28.—Visitors from abroad who happen to be in Scotland in September will have the opportunity of witnessing a most picturesque spectacle. The King has promised to review the volunteers of Scotland at Edinburgh on September 18th, a promise which shows the exquisite tact of His Majesty, for it will dissipate the resentment which undoubtedly exists over the way in which the volunteer force has been treated by the war office. The review of course will be held in the Queen's park, which is described, and truly, as the finest arena in the world for such a display. As a mere military spectacle the review might be set down as a petty affair. There will not be a huge congregation of volunteers, although a force of 40,000 even in point of numbers is not brought together every day. But think of the surroundings. Rising from the plain on which the volunteers will parade are the slopes of Arthur's Seat from which hundreds of thousands of spectators can witness the review in the finest city in the world, the outline of the grim castle breaks the sky. Twice has Queen Victoria reviewed the Scottish volunteers on the Queen's park. The first occasion was 45 years ago, just after the flag had been formed; the second occasion was in 1881. As one who saw both, the assurance that nothing witnessed during all these years was more beautiful, not one of many wonderful sights and memorable occurrences left a deeper impression, can be boldly given, and this although the later review was as a review absolutely spoiled by rain which descended in torrents from noon till midnight. The parliamentary session promises to end quickly, the expectations of all-night sittings, disorderly scenes and suspension of members having been dispensed with the withdrawal of the redistribution resolution. There is nothing more likely to arouse passions than the attempt to re-arrange electoral areas. The government in attempting to do so is placed in precisely the same position as an individual whose duty it is to distribute in proportion to the idea which each claimant has of his own merits a given sum among an uncertain number of persons. Had this subject been tackled even in preliminary way, in this weather there would have been a hot time indeed. Mr. Balfour's resolution, which sketched out a scheme for the guidance of the hon. members in the committee, is a subject during the recess, was ruled by the Speaker to really amount to a series of resolutions each of which would have to be discussed just in the same way as the clause of a bill in committee. Such a discussion would have involved the extension of the session, at least until Christmas, so Mr. Balfour's resolution could not put his resolution as a single question, had to withdraw it. There is assurance that the result will not delay the actual opening of the electoral areas, so the representatives of Ireland, which is to lose 22 members, will soon have the opportunity for strenuous resistance to which meantime they have been deprived. It is a remarkable coincidence that within a few hours of the issue of the royal commission on London traffic, the House of Lords should have rejected a bill promoted by the London county council for dealing with one aspect of the traffic problem, practically the same bill which was suggested by the royal commissioners. For years past both private companies and the London county council had been endeavoring to get parliamentary sanction for bringing electric trams over two of the principal bridges spanning the river Thames. Hitherto the project has been defeated by the opposition of the city corporation, but it has however, this was successfully overcome and the corporation were practically working in sympathy with the council in the promotion of the very modest bill of the latter body. It is admitted on all hands that the London traffic problem cannot be solved even in the elementary degree without these electric trams, and people are wondering whether the recent heat wave may have affected the perspicuity of the legislators in the gilded chamber. It is not surprising to find as a sequel to the inspection of the electric tram a revival on both sides of the water of enthusiasm in favor of the channel tunnel between France and England. The matter is to be raised shortly by a question in the British parliament. Years ago the initial excavations in connection with the enterprise were started but were stopped in 1888 when parliament had passed a bill to authorize the undertaking. The project cannot be considered without reference to its bearing on questions of national defence in case of invasion and safeguarding classes in any treaty on the subject are indispensable. When engineering works were first started on the south of England in connection with the scheme, the French coast was excavated in the part of Kent which was overgrown for the purpose. Thus, the scheme so far abortive was not without some good.



The Crown of Womanhood is Motherhood.

THE crown of womanhood is motherhood. But many lie the head that wears the crown or anticipates this coronation, when they are not prepared for the strength to bear the burdens of maternal dignity and duty. And how few women come to this critical time of adequate strength. The reason why so many women sink under the strain of motherhood is because they are unprepared. Is preparation then required for motherhood? asks the young woman. And every experienced mother answers—"Yes." "I unhesitatingly advise expectant mothers to use Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription," writes Mrs. Stephens. The reason for this advice is that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the best preparative for the maternal function. No matter how healthy and strong a woman may be, she cannot use "Favorite Prescription" as a preparative for maternity without gain of health and comfort. But it is the women who are not strong who best appreciate the great benefits received from the use of "Favorite Prescription." For one thing its use makes the baby's advent practically painless. It has in many cases reduced days of suffering to a few brief hours. It has changed the period of anxiety and struggle into a time of ease and comfort. A great many women feeling the need of a tonic take a cocktail, whisky, or what is just as bad, some widely advertised tonic or compound which contains a large percentage of alcohol. Doctor Pierce's medicines are guaranteed to be entirely free from alcohol or narcotics. As the blood feeds the nerves which cannot harm the most delicate system but have a wholesome, life-giving, tonic effect upon the system. Tonic made largely of alcohol interfere with the digestion of certain foods, and as doses increase the alcohol absorbed gets into the blood and shrinks the red blood corpuscles. As the blood feeds the nerves the nerves get improper nourishment and the mother becomes nervous. As the nerves suffer so does the skin. Better stick to a health-giving tonic that has in the past third of a century sold more widely than any other. WEAT AGE DOES. We are told that wine is better when old; we know that most people have more confidence in a physician of mature age who has had large experience. Why not trust this "Favorite Prescription" of Dr. Pierce, that has proved its worth by the continuous large sales in every part of the country, assisted by the constant praise given it by women everywhere. MOTHER OF THE FAMILY. The anxious mother of the family oftentimes carries the whole burden of responsibility so far as the home medication of common ailments of the girls or boys is concerned. The cost of the doctor's visits very often runs too great. At such times the mother is invited to write to Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., for medical advice, which is given gratis. Correspondence is held strictly confidential. Backed up by over a third of a century of remarkable and uniform cures, a record such as no other remedy for the diseases and weaknesses peculiar to women ever attained, the proprietors and makers of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription now feel fully warranted in offering to pay \$500 in legal money of the United States for any case of Leucorrhoea, Female Weakness, Protrusion, or Falling of the Womb, which they cannot cure. All the World's Dispensary-Medical Association, Proprietors, of Buffalo, N. Y., ask is a fair and reasonable trial of the medicine. "You may use my name in recommending Dr. Pierce's valuable medicine, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription," writes Mrs. Jno. Henderson, of Bobcaygeon, Victoria Co., Ontario. "At the time I was very debilitated, in fact, scarcely able to move about. After I had taken four bottles, felt like another person."

RUSSIA'S PROSPECTS.

The publication of the terms upon which the Japanese will agree to an end being made of war must have come with a great shock to the Russian mind. If the Russian mind had not agreed within itself that the evacuation of Korea and Manchuria, without the payment of an indemnity as a palliative to the outraged feelings of the Muscovites, would have been accepted as a sufficient guarantee of the sincerity of the sorrow of the rash Orientals for the impetuous assaults they had made upon the prestige of their adversaries, possibly the concussion produced by the actual terms would not have been so severe. Now that Baron Komura, in the name of his sovereign, has actually had the hardihood to demand an indemnity from Russia, instead of proposing an indemnity for the afore-said rashness and the consequences thereof, it is not a matter of astonishment that all Russia is dumfounded, and is reported to be unanimously in favor of continuing the struggle in the hope of bringing the rash and impudent Japanese to a proper understanding of the majesty of the power that has been so wantonly affronted. Notwithstanding the agnosticism of Russian rulers and the reported disgust and determination of the Russian people at the terms of the contract submitted by M. Komura, there is still ground for the belief that peace conditions may be arranged. While the Japanese have definitely, and not unreasonably, declined to even consider the question of the payment of an indemnity to the nation they have whipped as thoroughly as any nation ever was whipped since the early days when men first began to devote themselves to the destructive art of war, although the Japs have had the effrontery to actually demand an indemnity on their own account, and much more besides, it is possible that out of the great tribulation to which the Russian people have been subjected much good may come. The revelations of the incompetency, and worse than incompetency, of Russian rulers and warriors have led to a demand on the part of the Russian people for responsible government. The Czar has been so impressed by these demands and by the evidences of discontent which have been so forcibly brought to his imperial attention, that he has consented to the constitution of an assembly—a representative assembly by any means, but of a legislature which may rapidly develop and finally become

KEEP CHILDREN WELL.

If you want to keep your children healthy, rosy and full of life during the hot weather months, give them an occasional dose of Baby's Own Tablets. This medicine will prevent all forms of stomach and bowel troubles which carry off so many little ones during the hot summer months, or it will cure these troubles if they come on unexpectedly. It is just the medicine for hot weather troubles, because it always does good, and can never do harm, as it is guaranteed free from opiates and harmful drugs. It is good for children at every stage from birth onward, and will promptly cure all their minor ailments. Mrs. J. J. McFarlane, Aubrey, Que., says: "My baby was troubled with colic until I gave him Baby's Own Tablets, and they promptly cured him. Now when he is a little out of sorts, I give him a dose of Tablets, and they promptly bring him back to his usual healthy condition. You can get the Tablets from your druggist, or they will be sent by mail at 25 cents a box by writing The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

ROOSEVELT ON THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

Must Accept the Consequences of Policy. Why It is Respected by the Nations—Assisting the Republic of San Domingo. Prevent Other Nations from Interfering on this side of the water, we shall ourselves in good faith try to help those of other republics who are in need of such help, up to peace and order. "I do not want to see any foreign power take possession permanently or temporarily of the custom houses of an American republic, and as an alternative to enforce its obligations, and as an alternative to enforce its obligations, as any time to do so ourselves. "In the interest of justice, it is as necessary to exercise the power of the sword as to exercise the power of the pen. But something can even now be done toward the end in view. That something, for instance, this nation has done as regards Cuba, and is now trying to do as regards San Domingo. "San Domingo has now made an appeal to us to help it, and not only every Principle of Wisdom, but every genuine instinct within us bids us respond to the appeal. The conditions really obligate us on our proper ground from bad to worse, until recently all society was on the verge of dissolution. Fortunately, just at this time, a wise ruler sprang up in San Domingo, wise with his colleagues, saw the dangers threatening their beloved country and appealed to the friendship of their great and powerful neighbors to help them. The immediate result was that the danger of foreign intervention. The previous rulers of San Domingo had recklessly incurred debts, and, owing to internal disorders, had no means of paying the debts. The attendance of Her Foreign Creditors had become exhausted, and at least one foreign nation was on the point of intervention, and was only prevented from intervening by the assurance of the government that it would itself strive to pay San Domingo in her hour of need. 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