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All's right with the world.

With or Without Reciprocity, Canada Will Go Ahead.

Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. L. H. Davies have returned from Washington. They were cordially received by leading statesmen in both political parties, though, as was to be expected, they spent more of their time in conference with Republicans than with Democrats. The Republicans are breaking down unnecessary barriers to commerce between the two countries It must be through Maj. McKinley and bis friends.

The Canadian commissioners did not go to Washington to endeavor to effect a reciprocity treaty, or to make a pretence of doing so. Their object was to clear away misapprehensions that the opponents of trade freedom on both sides of the border have from sible, to convince the dominant statesmen that Canada favors a reciprocity in trade that will be mutually advantageous to both nations.

It has been reported that the efforts of the Canadian statesmen have been wholly without fruit, and that instead of reciprocity the new congress will enact yet higher taxes on Canadian products entering the States. There is an interested class in the States which maintain that this and weekly increased taxation is necessary in order to save the Yankee farmer from the products of Canadian cheap labor. This must appear odd to Canadians these many years that the Canadian producer would be ruined if it were possible for his United States broarticles of Canadian growth or make! Nevertheless it is possible that the revised tariff of the United States may be built in this manner, and that the joint commission of Canadian and United States experts, to consider reciprocal trade could be promoted advantageously for both parties, may not be appointed. In that case our people would have to seek to buy and sell and get gain with the motherland and with other countries less inclined to set up a Chinese wall against profitable com-The satisfaction would be ours, at least, that the new Government at Ottawa had made the first honest endeavor by Canadians to establish reciprocity with our neighbors which has been attempted for twenty years.

We have seen some very foolish criticisms of remarks purporting to have been made by the Canadian com missioners who have just returned from Washington. They have been denounced by their political opponents for freely pointing out to members of Congress that reciprocity would not be one-sided, but that the people of the United States would share with us the profits of a liberal interchange of products of the respective countries. Sir Richard and Hon. Mr. Davies would have been voted arrant fools if they had gone to the United States capital to talk over reciprocity entirely one-sided-that could only be accomplished from the point of view of a Canadian. Reciprocity that would be profitable to us alone could no more be expected to stand than reciprocity entirely favorable to

The Canadian Ministers had nothing to conceal. They were not engaged in a bunkum game, and afraid which an alarm of fire is received lest reciprocity might be agreed to, will explain to the boys many things They know that it would be of mutual advantage, or they would not advocate it. But suppose, as is among the probabilities, that the new Unit- Leland Stanford University, who has ed States Congress fails to agree to already written a biographical sketch s joint commission to consider the of Herbert Spencer in book form, conreciprocity question, and that greater tributes an article to the Popular Scifreedom in international trade is not same subject. The article in the of the Dominion Administration is clear. Its programme has been to promote trade with every portion of the world, but more particularly with the two great sections of the Englishspeaking race, which have hitherto been our chief customers. Each of these countries have supplied a marnet for many millions of dollars worth of our products. But if one of them cays that it would rather not engage in profitable trade with us—that hand. it wishes to buy as little as it poscibly can from Canada, and therefore to sell less to us, we will not fold our hands idly and despair of our future.

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greater trade restriction United States, it will be possible to and customers at remunerative rates. With perfected cold storage in warehouses, railways and steamships, constant care in producing and sending over the Atlantic the best of beef, butter, cheese, eggs, poultry, fruits, and other products, an immense increase in our commerce with the motherland is certain to take place, whether or not we have reciprocity with the United States. And our people will show that while they would be happy to freely buy and sell and make money with their neighbors, in the event of counsels to the contrary holding good over the border, Canadians are not without a market for what they produce, and cannot be de-

prived of prosperity. We are a resourceful, self-reliant people, and there is a great future before the Dominion.

The store-keeping class in Japan is egarded as low down in the social cale. They are almost as topsyturvy, from a western point of view, n Japan as in China.

Don't Let It Occur Again.

The fire at Ottawa which did much damage to the Western Block of pubbuildings, emphasizes the neces-

Why should the Public Works Department entirely rely upon the Ot-

Ought there not to be a trained fire brigade in the buildings themselves?

rants around the buildings should be who have had dinned into their ears examined daily to see if they are in

Should not all the buildings and storerooms be kept scrupulously clean,

Mail says that the Manitoba school question has been settled in a wise, just and equitable manner by the Dominion Government. It certainly could not have been settled to remain settled

French Smoking Record.

smoking has increased, snuff-taking has decreased. Small wonder, we are informed. French tobacco is a thing is only comparable to dynamite in producing an explosion.

Boys and girls, too, are usually interested in ghost and fairy stories, while anything pertaining to the fire department is particularly relished by the boys. In the February St. Nicholas. George Kennan, the celebrated traveler, tells an interesting ghost story, brought all the way from Siberia, the land of convicts and cold weather. George H. Yenowine writes the United States. Indeed, neither of Lincoln, the martyred President, would be reciprocity. ers have been unable to tell them.

Prof. William Henry Hudson, of the of criminals, and plural states of be ing, are among the other topics of the present number.

desk, a blue pencil behind his ear, and "There is a newspaper man outside

who desires to speak with you," said the subordinate officer. "Ask him what he wants." "He desires to inquire whether there are any proofs of the victory you have been winning."
"Proofs? Of course there are. Tell imm I am just reading them."—Wash-

Cabled Correspondence

The Education Bill Proves to be a Thorn in the Flesh for Mr. Balfour == Uniting the Irish.

Prince George's Popular Move — Murder Mystery

Malanathon's Birthday—A Commoner's Luck - Peculiar Breach of Promise Case Charitable Kisses.

London, Feb. 14.-The British Com- proposal that John Redmond be chairmons have debated disestablishment and other large questions with languid interest, and finally settled down to a said in the lobby of the House of Commons: second reading of the Education Bill. which has already imperiled the reputation of Mr. Balfour, and is proving nizes that the present state of things the bill of 1896, survived its collapse! as Minister, but if the present bill Parnellite throughout the sinks under the disapprobation of the opposed my scheme. Mr. Dillon and country, the discord among the "Union-Opposition, Mr. Balfour's days as am convinced that Mr. John Redmon leader of the House are numbered. The Government majority is too large. as shown in the initial division, to fall Nati to pieces all at once, but unless the A reunited party will rekindle the old bill be amended there will be a numvery high ground, the question is raised: Is the Ottawa water supply of tide of support from the Government.

The "Unionist secessions in the English parties, home rule can be again quickly forced to the forefront of British politics." Mr. Dillon says The "Unionists" who do not go all or other questions demand that the bill shall be so enlarged as to include an extra grant to the board schools. The Scotch "Unionists" are furious because Scotch claims are entirely ig nored, and the English Church parti-sans are disappointed because Mr. Balfour has mismanaged the bill so as to deprive the voluntary schools of all benefit from the grant till next year, and has made the capitation grant 4 the London music halls for the season. shillings, instead of the 6 demanded These constitute the main elements of danger in the ranks of the Government's supporters. That staunch Con-servative, Sir William Hait Dyke, led way in candidly informing the Ministers that the bill as it stands is numerous quarters, and the ultimate esult may be the retirement of Mr. The Conservative papers ad-

> financial year. The leaders of the Opposition are right in calculating that no possible manipulation of the business of the House wil lenable the Government to pass the bill within less before March 1. bill within eight weeks, far

vise Mr. Balfour to call upon his pres-

The Liberals are jubilant, and among the "Unionists" the reports of Mr. Balfour's removal to the Upper House, current last year, when he was greatly blamed for making a mess of the business of the Lower House, are once more remembered. His friends say he soldiers in Crete. mons, and wants the repose of the Lords. The reception which the new bill has met from the country is undoubtedly unfavorable. Indignation meetings are occurring everywhere led, of course, by Liberals and Non-conformists, but in which "Unionists" also take part. Concerning its thoroughgoing sectarian character there can be no doubt. If the Government e ultimately forced to appeal to the country on such a measure they will be defeated. Mr. Chamberlain's organ, the Birmingham Post, severely criticises the bill, but he sticks to his colleagues, and gives partial support

English Church had fallen upon evil next Liberal Ministry. Scotland's turn within the church than from without.

Franco-German entente againstGreat Britain are followed with much inter-France, under any circumstances, would relinquish her hopes of recover-

MELANCTHON'S BIRTHDAY. The 400th amniversary of the birth of The 400th anniversary of the birth of Melancthon will be celebrated on Feb.

16 throughout the Protestant part of throat. The police thus far are quite Germany. At the Berlin University nonpussed. a special address will be delivered by Dr. Adolf Harnack, professor of ecclesiastical history, and the best known exponent of broad evangelical theology in Germany. In Leipsic, Giessen, Mar-burg, Goettingen and Heidelberg, as well as in other universities, the day will be suitably celebrated. It will also be kept in the public schools and gymnasia of Protestant Germany. In the Berlin gymnasia orations on Melanc-thon of a biographical character and pointing out the importance of Me-lancthon as a compeer of Luther in the Reformation, will be delivered. A monument of Melanothon has been erected in his birthplace, Bretten, near Baden, and will be unveiled on Feb. 16 by the Grand Duke of Baden in

esence of a large throng. UNITING THE IRISH. ing made by Timothy Harrington, the the mond's parliamentary following, and

Every decent Nationalist in Ireland and out of it now fully rec there are firebrands in different parts of Ireland who don't want union any price, but not a solitary influential his friends have been most sympaand conciliatory, while Healy has not raised any objection. when he lands from the Britannie will be found equally reasonable, an that the dissensions among the Irish Nationalists will soon be at an end America, and by following a policy of absolute independence of both the he will not allow any personal con sideration to stand in the way of set tlement, but will assist by every means in his power. Mr. Harrington knew this when he made his proposals

POPULAR PRINCE GEORGE. Prince George of Greece is the he of the hour. Dr. Jameson's raid last year made him the darling of The bold attempt of this giant Greek sailor prince to save Crete from Turk-ish marauders has won much wider applause, and stirred the most peace loving Englishman to an enthusiasm hardly less than that of the Greeks themselves. How Greece dared to fly in the face of that sacred thing, ert of Europe," is the question de bated in every capital. The general belief is that the Greek popular frenzy against the Turkish barbarities

ent majority, and force the bill through wards Cretan Christians forced the so as to get the grant to voluntary hand of the Monarchists, who for so ools made available for the current long have kept Greek excitement un-der restraint. King George, moreover, relies upon close kinship and family affections to secure Russian sympathy. His sister is the Dowager Empress of Russia, who now is a great power in Russian councils, while the strong arm of Prince George saved the young Czar from murder at the hands of an insane policeman during his Japanese Official England, of course shakes its finger ominously at Greece but a large section of people not con-fined to Liberal ties, would gladly se

MURDER MYSTERY.

Nothing since the Jack the Ripper murders has so aroused London and all England as the tragedy in a suburban train on the Southwestern Railway on Thursday evening. The train from Hounslow reached the London terminus at 8:30 o'clock. After the passengers left, a car cleaner found the mutilated body of a young woman partially concealed beneath a seat in a second-class compartment. The body, which was still warm, was dragged out with difficulty, for it had ing a section of London society. It been forced under the seat with great violence. It was found that the skull had been crushed in by a couble of DISESTABLESHMENT. DEFERRED. heavy blows. There was evidence of lady by a gentleman. The plaintiff, a severe struggle before the victim though of very moderate means, is The movement to disestablish the succumbed, but no trace whatever of succumbed, but no trace whatever of the murderer has been found. The most astonishing feature of the crime was that the train's longest run bewish community. The circumstances of the community. The circumstances of the case are unique. According to the times. Welsh disestablishment must was that the train's longest run be-be one of the first measures of the tween stations was only five minutes, and nobody had seen or heard anywill probably follow, but the English thing to excite suspicion. The young question is so far from being ripe for legislation that a listless two hours' debate sufficed to stifle it in the House of Commons on Tuesday, the House of Commons on Tuesday, hotel at Walworth She had been local to the sufficient of the station to meet her. She was Miss the House of Commons on Tuesday, hotel at Walworth She had been under a Government majority of 118. hotel at Walworth. She had been Mr. Balfour poured contempt upon the spending the afternoon with relatives hotel at Walworth. She had been spending the afternoon with relatives in the Hounglow suburben district "Liberationist" movement. The church in the Hounslow suburban district, papers are jubilant, and claim that the six or seven miles from the center of papers are jubilant, and claim that the regeneration of the English Church has removed the question of disestablishment from practical politics. What the debate certainly shows is that distinct the debate certainly shows is the debate certainly shows in the establishment must come piecemeal, self, and the perpetrator escape without may come in England more from out exciting suspicion. England still clings to the compartment system of the new hambers. AGAINST GREAT BRITAIN. Which cost this young woman her life. It is the object of every Englishman and woman to secure an un-occasional writings. The first volume occupied compartment, if possible, for is expected in the spring, and will a rail vay journey, long or short. The danger from thieves, ruffians and gical essays. est here. Prince Bismarck's organ, the Hamburg Nachrichten, says:

"Much as we like to welcome, in the interests of peace, the choice of France in favor of Germany against France in favor of Germany against pestle. This was discovered near the line at Putney, about three miles out the Gueen's succession to pestle. This was discovered near the line at Putney, about three miles out. England, yet we do not believe French politics will yet make such a choice. France is ready temporarily to cooperate with Germany in the instance of the far east or in the African colonies when directed against England, especially if Russia sanctions it. But the special in the sanctions it is sanctions it. But the sanctions it is sanctions it is sanctions it. But the sanctions it is sanctions it. But the sanctions it is sanctions it is sanctions it. But the sanctions is sanctions it is sanctions in sanctions in sanctions in sanctions. It must have been necessary by to kill the woman on leaving one station in order to crowd the ing Alsace-Lorraine and regaining mil-itary and political preponderance in at the next. It is not known positive-ly whether robbery was committed, Ithough the woman's purse was empt near the body, and no valuables

KISS FOR A SHILLING. The famous Duchess of Devonshire, who bought parliamentary votes for kisse at a historic election in the last century, has found an imitator in a barmad at Bexhill Arms, Eastbourn who his utilized a cupid's bow mouth for a fr worthier object. She is very pretty, and has numerous admired among he bar-frequenting men of the town. When this week the mayo opened a fund for the Indian famin suffered this young woman placed money ox on the bar, and intimated that evryone who put a shilling i that evryone who put a shilling it might hve a kiss. In less than half an hou she was kissed by every man who efered, accumulating 23 shillings for the fund. But this novel mode of collection drew such a crowd to the bar that he proprietor put a stop to the enfrtainment, though not until bamaid, as the money box provmost influential member of John Red- ed, had been kissed 87 times in less than thee hours.

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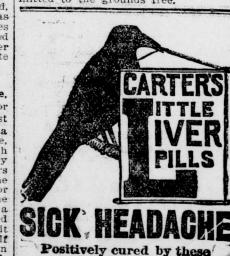
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