

The valuable iron deposits at Lepreau, N. B., are to be opened up. The ore is said to be richer than any hitherto found in Canada or the United States.

Boxers, or Chinese rebels, have defeated the imperial troops and captured several towns. The rebellion is confined to the southern provinces.

The king and queen of Portugal are visiting England. The visit has no political significance, though a new treaty with Portugal was signed on the day of the arrival of King Carlos in London.

A rapidly increasing herd of bison, now containing about six hundred individuals, is said to be roaming wild in the almost inaccessible region about the Great Slave Lake. Elsewhere, excepting a few hundred animals in parks and preserves, the bison is almost extinct; and the discovery of the wild herd in Canada is a matter of much interest. The wild pigeon, once so abundant, which, like the bison, suddenly disappeared within the memory of living men, is also said to have been found again in our territory. The recent discovery that elephants in India are suffering from the bubonic plague suggests that some such disease may have done more than human enemies for the destruction of both buffalo and pigeon.

Welding by electricity is brought to such perfection that the welding apparatus can be carried to a railway track and two rails joined as solidly as if they had come out of the rolling mill in one piece.

A new type of locomotive has been designed for the Southern Pacific railway in which the motive power is derived from an electric dynamo carried on the engine itself. Instead of the more direct means causing a lesser part of the energy produced to reach the driving wheels, it is claimed that the part available will be over ten times as much; and a speed of more than one hundred miles an hour is expected.

The coal fields of China are estimated to cover an area of fourteen thousand square miles, and to contain enough anthracite to supply the wants of the world, at the present rate of consumption, for two thousand years.

Grain has been successfully grown at Fort Vermillion, six hundred miles north of Edmonton; and a thousand sacks of flour from the Hudson Bay Company's mill at that place have been shipped to Arthabaska landing.

The Japanese and Russian armies in Manchuria still lie facing each other, so close as to make field movements difficult, each army apparently waiting for the other to attack. At Port Arthur, repeated assaults have at last put the Japanese in possession of an important part of the defenses; and the fortress must soon surrender or be taken by storm. All hope of its holding out until the arrival of the second Russian fleet has been abandoned. From their advantageous position on 203 Metre Hill, the Japanese have sunk two of the finest battleships of the Russian fleet in Port Arthur harbour and damaged others.

Colombia is said to be planning a canal across the isthmus of Darien, which, if built, will be a rival of the Panama canal.

The French chamber of deputies, by a very large majority, has ratified the Anglo-French treaty, including the cession of the special privileges on the so-called French shore of Newfoundland.

The native rebellion in German South West Africa is proving to be a very serious uprising, and more troops must be sent to subdue it. It is said to have in part a religious origin, and to have sprung from the preaching of white missionaries from the United States.

A convention of representatives of the zemstvos, or local representative assemblies, has met at St. Petersburg, with the consent of the Russian government; and a delegation of its members has been received by the Emperor. This is avowedly a step toward parliamentary government for Russia. The change from the present autocratic government would be great, and there is always danger in a revolution; but we have passed through this same revolution without serious disorder, and so have many of the other British colonies that enjoy representative government today.

That the Picts of ancient Britain were dwarfs, and were the same as the fairies, is argued, and perhaps proved, by a recent Scottish writer. The pygmies that still survive in the Kongo region are probably not the only race of dwarfs that the world has seen, and, by the way, a recent African explorer distinguishes between the pygmies and the dwarfs, the former living in the depths of the Kongo forest, the latter along its outer edge.

Earl Grey, the new Governor General of Canada, has arrived at Halifax and taken the oath of office.

Great Britain and Russia have completed arrangements for the investigation and settlement of the North Sea incident, in which the Hull fishermen suffered from the guns of the Russian fleet. A commission, consisting of naval officers, one British, one Russian, one appointed by France, and one by the United States, will meet in Paris; and these four or the Emperor of Austria, will choose a fifth. The commissioners will lose no time in beginning the work of investigation. In the meantime, the first part of the Russian fleet is far on its way to the seat of war, and a second division of the fleet has left the Baltic.

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A disorderly, noisy room is a certain symptom of very, very poor teaching. Furthermore, no teacher can maintain good order through a series of punishments, or by commanding order. Good order is the result of tact, watchfulness, timely caution, and keen interest in the school work on the part of both teacher and pupil. Where such conditions exist, good order is not a problem.—*Oregon Teachers' Monthly.*