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THE TWO PER CENT TAX.

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A REMARKABLE PROPHECY.

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SHOULDER TO SHOULDER.

A very striking editorial, and one ing great credit to the Seattle Post Intelligencer, is the one headed "Shoulder to Shoulder" appearing in that newspaper on February 19. It reads as follows

War is dreadful to consider, hideour to contemplate. No one right minded can view the possiblities of war and particularly those of the present con fliet without regret, without forebod

ings of tempestuous times head. We of the red-blooded strennous race, whether called Saxon, Angle, Teuton or Norse, have one common bleod-tie; naught akin, nothing alike to the sluggish pulse of the Slav nor to the thinner, swifter beating flow under the pigmented skin of the Mongol race No man may see, no man may tel the end of the war now in sight.

When the hosts at Armageddon gathered none knew whether the Is-raelites were to win or to go down to

defeat

In either case the winner will be gard this act as the cleverest nove bound to us by no stronger fie. Behind which Japan could have made. It will be uncounted millions who places her upon a high moral plane in go almost any length in this never have borne the white man's bur Friends hut lightly bound.

the British isles;" they of the hearts the independence of that country. This the manufacturers. Many of them and the British lines," they of the nearis the independence of that country. This the manufacturers, many of them too foods. Americans standing wholly move on the part of Japan will also their protectionist political friends, aloof, will look wistfully towards their serve to destroy the effect of Russia's who profess to support the Chamber-British brethren should they, haply expected claim for heavy damages re-stand at arms.

It is not beyond the vision that this should come. Should the ships of the Nippon sink, by treaty English succor tion of Corea by Russia, in the event of the latter's final success in the pre-

may the Ansent struggle. This open statement by gel of Peace forefend!-then, as Tat-Japan emphasizes the points made i recent discussions of her diplomacy all said nigh half a century ago, at Pei-He, they shall find that "blood is thicker than water." More than that, Neutral as we will try to be and should be between Russ and Japanese, are the surviving representatives. trality is bound to cease. We can not stand by idly then, but-hands across the straits-we may say to our blo brethren over the border, as the poet of our common heritage said:

Come the three corners of the world in arms,

And we shall shock them, shall make us rue

If England to itself do rest but true. here and placed on its feet in a wa; THE ORIENTAL SITUATION.

A PARALLEL IN WAR. vostok, is probably a missafe. Being bound to a Russian port, with a Rus-sian cargo, it is more likely that she has been captured, if at all, by the Japanese, for the Russians could have surishing and easy of digestion. He In ancient time it ors. It is interesting to notic motive for seizing a neutral vesel was Greece, a European nation, that was in the defensive position in the senator is a great sleer darrying contraband for themselves er; he fi

stined for delivery in one of their bed are none too many for him, But although Senator Wark's ten war with Persia, an Asiatic nation. Today it is Japan, an Asiatic nation. Today it is Japan, an Asiatic nation, that would be on the defensive in the perance in food and drink and his long Considerable into riods of rest have no doubt hel

resent on the Russian gunboat Mand- war with Russia, a European nation. jur, which is riding at anchor at the port of Shanghai. The Japanese cruis-er Akitsushima is at Woosung waiting for the Mandjur to put to sea, when she will be at once attacked. The Chin-ing innumerable Muscovites into Cor-she will be at once attacked. The Chin-ese authorities have ordered the Mand-jur to leave, as she is violating the lin-ternational laws of neutrality by pro-longing her stay, but her commander she will we the most careful regimen would have enabled him to live into the twentieth constant watchulness, Japan is twentieth constant watchulness, Japan is twentieth constant.

longing her stay, but her commander, refuses to obey, claiming that he is sending her troops to Cores, the Muscovites the arrival there of the Muscovites with equal constant watchfulness. The under orders to remain to guard Rus-

and that very soon. Either the Chin-ese squadron will drive her to sea, or are also unacquainted; while the finders of the measure will that her sources. In the strength of the measure will enter the Greeks were and the Muscovices tax, and the total absence of any de-fenders of the measure will enter the finders of the measure with the single port and sink her at her moorings. In either srent European diplomats form

kingdom. Diplomatists are said to re-

A FINANCIAL CENTRE.

One of the interesting features of the LACKING IN FRANKNESS. war is the dispatch which relates to Japan's declaration regarding her at-

The Chamberlain policy, if it gives titude in Corea. It appears that the preference to the producers of food Japanese government has negotiated a Canada, will be popular with, the treaty with Corea, which guarantees farming community in this country. In fact the farmers of the west have the independence and integrity of the latter country. This act places the already declared as much. But the mikado's government in a safe position oolicy goes farther. Supporters of Chamberlain in the old country expect Canada and the other colonies to do

omething in exchange for the tariff preference. It is the opinion of the

AN ANCIENT DYNASTY.

Of the reigning families of the world that of Japan is undoubtedly the most ancient. Japanese historians place the ling of the present dynasty at 600 Jaimmu was the name of the B. C. Jat founder and it is claimed that the present mikado is one of his descends occupying the throne which was estab-lished six centuries before the birth of

mean. If they are genuine supportees of the Chamberlain policy they should come out flat footed and give some idea of the extent of the cut in the the Christian era. The rule of this dynasty, however has not Seen without Interruption these twenty-five hundred years. In the twenty-five hundred years in the twenty contury the original fam-ily was deposed and it was not until present tariff, which would meet the wishes of the re-adjusters of Britain's trade policy. It is not nse to supprse that the preference expected in the 1868 that it was restored, when the A remarkable case of prophecy old country should be anything short present emperor in a brief war over-of a cut in our present tariff. The threw the power of the Shogun, the by the event is noted by Dr. E. J. Dil-

threw the power of the Shogun, the usurping family. In the sector of the Shogun, the usurping family. In the Contemporary Review. A Russian named Levitoff published some time ago at Fort Arthur a pam; from barbarism to dvillsation. The government was an absolute monarchy until 1858, when a constitution was adopted which left the mikado as the beade of the nation, but established law-making holies and adopted a form of government modeled upon the Eng-lish system. Leviaoff:

stanced by the way money is being and here constantly for the promothe history of the country. Preference or no preference in the old com markets, the fact remains that Britain

THTTRADAY WHAT THE WAR COSTS. The army council will consist of se o aid in every way in its powstatistician, has just made public some astonishing figures regarding the cost of modern worfare. Has sati industry. There is no doubt that a second to find the second seco mates that as long as the present war it now is, almost entirely of men ac-Second military tively engaged in either lode or placer rea, Russia will be under a dat

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ally take a keen interest and to which they look for useful assistance. That

the interests of the province would be advanced by the usefulness of the

reau being extended by larger appro.

uanimous opinion of the convention, The association has been engaged in

preparing amendments to the Mineral and Placer Mining Acts, and has

will be submitted to the legislature at

its next session. Nearly every mining

district in the province was represented at the convention. The meeting next year will be held in Vancouver." The objections hinted at in regard to past proceedings of the association are rather fanciful, for in point of

riations for its support was the

Third military var spread, and thus necessitate or recommendations in respect to leg-islative or other action that a govern-Fourth ders of the Russian small the bortion and maintenance of ders of the Russian empire, the sum may be increased by fifty per cent. This huge outlay does not include the Civil memb Civil member: civil business othe convention did not hesitate to criti-cize what it considered were defects n the management of the bureau of

This huge outlay does not include the initial expenses of a campaign which in the first two months after hostili-ties broke out will probably amount to an additional \$150,000,000. In ordi-ordination of a campaign which in the first two months after hostili-ties broke out will probably amount to an additional \$150,000,000. In ordi-ordination of a campaign which in the first two months after hostili-ties broke out will probably amount to an additional \$150,000,000. In ordi-ordination of a campaign which the committee in their report said: "New measures demand new men, and we therefore attach special im-portance to the immediate appoint-ment of military members who have obsepcet army in Europe, each soldier not hitherto been closely connected costing on an averge about 16 cents with existing methods, and are, there a day. For obvious reasons the ex-fore, not likely to be smbarassed by

penses of the Manchurian army will the traditions of a syst be greater, so that the war with Ja- be radically enanged. F mowhich is to

et that body has not from the first been concerned in "politics" in /that rdinary sense of the word. Certainly promoters and leaders had never any intention of making it a partisan affeir. Now that the leading organs of the government have arrived at a more correct appreciation of the association and its work they may be the reforms which it advocates crys-Hized in legislation.

THE NEW JUDGE

tax has the peculiar effect of exacting an increasing proportion of the net profits as the grade of ore lowers, for instance, on milling grades of the ware Easle and other Rossiand mines it will take from 10 to 20 per cent of the net profits, which greatly increases is an war, which, after all, is the only mailing operations. The disastrous ef-fect of this tax is repressing the min-ing and milling of low grade ores fing and milling of low grade ores for the wave period of the maintain only the period to no stand by, and for the wave period of the wave the period of the war the same as a stand by, and for the wave period of the wave the wave the wave the period of the war the statistic the maintain only the mining industry. In selecting L. P. Duff, K. C., of Victoria, to fill the place on the su preme court bench left vacant by the rement of Mr. Justice Walkem the Ottawa government has made a wise choice. The new judge is known out the province as an able lawyer and a man of high character in every respect. All the coast papers

respective of party, approve the ap-The Colonist in a late issue thus speaks of the convention and its work: "The members of the Provinnent cordially. The Vancouver Province makes the folk ence: "The appointment of Mr. L. P. Duff, K. C., to the vacancy on the cial Mining Association are to be con-gratulated on the success of the convention which closed its sessions yes-terday afternoon. The convention was fortunate in being presided over by a chairman who, while giving every penses have increased, so that yould portionately, the 2,000,000 mes would cost more than the 60,000 in 1571. In these colosal sums there is comfort to be found. If for no other reason than its terrific cost war between two great European powers is almost an impos-ability. If it must come it must be short. Under modern conditions a convention confined itself strictly to the object for which it was called tonce another man wh physical powers are at their height, and who may therefore be confidently upected through many wears to or upy the bench with ever-increasin ceptance. As one of the keener ral minds in British Columbia, with did he desire to remain at it, the prosry and the methods by which they best be advanced-o Mr. Duff will be missed by a make a favorable i on on the large and increasing client elevation to the judiciary eral public. One res ion will certainly be to dissipate

ess gratifying to the people generally npletely the suspicions entertained some quarters that there were polibecause he has decided to devote to their benefit as judge the abilities tical or other ulterior motives behind the ostensible objects of the associaas judge which he has so signally de veloped as a pleader." The Conservative Consequently the associa

Conservative News-Advert will secure a position of authority on all matters connected with mining, and if its course be directed in the same the bar, of which he has been one of conservative manner in which the the ablest members, and with the pubconservenues manner in watch the the ablest members, and with the pub-business of the convention was guid-ic, the appointment of Mr. Duff to the judiciary will be regarded with en-fect much good, both for the mining industry and the province at large, The convention has adopt-spared to give the country the benefit "The Tellow Bosphorus (the straits a reduction of the Canadian tarint would be a popular move in any event. LONG LIFE. <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text>



much of the Liberal defeat in St. John, but he was prepared to show that Lib-als need place no significance on this incident. St. John was an unreliable constituency, returning Liberals and Gonserratives in rotation. The with-fram the Liberal party, was one of the infinences that worked against the Lib-ral, candidate for Mr. Blair had a 'terr, wide, circle of personal friends was a feeling in St. John that the city wonld have been made the terminus of the Grand Truwk Pacific, and when the government did not grant this sene the government did not grant this sene with the provi Convictions Ac for the following of the Grand Trunk Pacing, and a some the government did not grant this some foreness was occasioned. More, than all else, however, was the fact of marked discord in the Liberal ranks, The Liberal candidate was an excep-tionally good man, but a strong faction in the St. John Liberal ranks, desired the nomination of a Mr. O'Brien, and this was a potent factor in the contest. He firmly believed that at, the next general election St. John would return in his possessi

Winnipeg Tribune that the farming community in Canada is prepared to riends but lightly bound. Not so, like them, "this little speck, cupation of Corea but will maintain tariff, if any, must be made against

discussions of her diplomacy has been classed as of the Saf isbury type, in contrast to the secret policy of which Russia and Turkey protectionist stumpers in our own pro vince and elsewhere throughout Can-

ada have been lacking in frankness in this point. They have waved the old flag with a vengeance, but have daft'y That Rossland is still the financial avoided saying what they actually

metropolis of the Kootenays is in opose. Canadians are taxed today customs away beyond any time in propose.

tion of mining and industrial com panies. There is seldom a week passes but what some venture is organized a reduction of the Canadian

that brings much money into the cous-

tinues to be our best customer, and

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syerage cost per soldier to France was about \$2.75 per diem, without inwonder why British Columbia and Rossland in particular is not more cluding forage for horses and mules which could not be procured for less than 90 cents each. Today France could put 2,000,009 men into the field,

general election St. John would return to the Liberal fold. in his pos In Ontario the Conservatives had re-ined East Bruce and Lambton, which or taking any Ontario the conservatives had re-of East Bruce and Lambton, which carlbou, mount not unexpected, especially in the of East Bruce, which was one of which and dur worst gerrymandered ridings in for which the trio. At the forthcoming general council shall h the worst gerrymandered ridings in council shall h Oriario. At the forthcoming general council shall h election East Bruce would have new season under s boundary lines and he was certain it of \$50, with cos wearld, go Liberal. treferring exceeding sixty and imprisonm Morida go Liberal. Mr. Galilher concluded by, referring to the numerous reports of Liberal members from all parts of Canada to the effect that the progressive policy of the Liberal administration was unand imprisonme of section 5 a s members the leffec and not more fence, with cos tersally approved strongly, and that tress or imp here was no danger of anything but not exceeding speaked success in the general elec-fine and imp e and impris tion. The association disposed of various minor matters. Delegates to the in-terior Liberal District coundil, con-vening here on March 23 were ap-pointed as follows: D. E. Kerr, J. H. Macdonald and Smith Cartis. A committee was formed for the pur-pose of arranging for the entertain-ment of delegates to the convention. being obtained this act, half fine shall be j informers upo such a convicti "8. The Gam conflicts with act, but no far magistrates an that act are ra ercised for the MINUS AN ENGINEER CANA ROSSLAND NOW HAS NO OFFIC Strength of th IAL ACTING IN THIS CAPACITY. OTTAWA, I

itta establishm thorized. It pr and 42,334 men. military force der the old es sioned officers a sioned officers of the new es MAJOR VAN BUSKIRK GONE-AC-CEPTED COUNCIL'S DICTUM SINCE REVERSED.

land is without a city engineer today. Yesterday morning Major Van Buskirk, who has been engineer for the Cavalry Buskirk, who has been engineer for the past three years and a half, shook the dust of Rossland from his feet and de-parted for Greenwood where he has a commission from the city council in connection with the extension of the waterworks there. It is probable that upon the completion of his Greenwood commission Major Van Buskirk will go to Brandon, where he has been ap-pointed city engineer. The latter post