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The Czar's Rescript.

The Czar's rescript is a new birth of freedom for Russia, not because of what it promises, but because of what it portends. It means that the autocracy has been compelled to acknowledge the sovereignty of the people. There is no open surrender, but a pretense of voluntary concession, which can deceive nobody. The world knows—the Russian people know—that the reform has been wrung from the Czar by agitation and violence. Had Nicholas grasped his opportunity he might have gone down in history as a statesman. He posed as an idealist, and when he found the liberal elements of the nation took him at his word, his timidity drove him into the arms of the reactionists. The assassination of de Plehve frightened him into the appointment of the progressive Prince Mirsky, who encouraged hopes which found expression in the remarkable petition of the zemstvo delegates for a form of representative government. The Czar, fearful that he had conjured up the spirit of revolution, dismissed Mirsky, after sharply rebuking the zemstvo representatives, and apparently yielded again to reactionary influences, until the carnage at St. Petersburg and Moscow, and the crowning horror of Grand Duke Sergius' death, brought him to his senses. A little moral courage in the first place would have spared him this train of calamities. He opposed the current until it threatened to sweep away the obstruction.

The Czar does not promise representative government. He says his purpose is "to convene the worst men possessing the confidence of the people and elected by them, to participate in the elaboration and consideration of legislative measures." The assembly is to be purely consultative; it will have no power to initiate legislation or make laws. But it will be chosen by the people and will reflect their sentiments and impulses. It will enjoy liberty of speech. Such a body will focus public opinion and the popular will, and the Czar will hesitate before he places himself in opposition to it. It will assuredly be a legislative body de facto, if not de jure. The impetus given to liberty will gradually but inevitably break down the barriers of autocracy and bring responsible government. The throne will be spared if the throne is wise.

The C. P. R. Land Tax.

The clause of the C. P. R. contract under which the company's property and lands were exempted from taxation, is as follows:

"The Canadian Pacific Railway, and all stations and station grounds, workshops, buildings, yards and other property, rolling stock and appliances required and used for the construction and working thereof, and the capital stock of the company, shall be forever free from taxation by the Dominion or by any municipal corporation therein, and the lands of the company in the Northwest Territories, and lands either sold or occupied, shall also be free from such taxation for twenty years after the grant thereof from the crown."

The land grant of the company was 25,000,000 acres, and it was the intention of Parliament that all of this remaining unsold in the hands of the company should become taxable at the end of twenty years from the date of the contract. On this assumption three municipalities assessed certain of the company's land for school purposes, and a test case was carried to the Court of King's Bench of Manitoba. Two of these municipalities had formerly been in the Northwest Territories, but the extension of the boundaries of Manitoba in 1882 brought them within the limits of that Province. The decision went against them for this reason, but the court, with one exception, decided in favor of the other municipality or school district, which was within the Territories, thus affirming the principle that the exemption of C. P. R. lands expired in twenty years from the date of the contract. All three cases were then carried to the Supreme Court at Ottawa, which reversed the decision of the Manitoba court by ruling that the exemption on each parcel of property extended for twenty years from the time it was conveyed to the company by letters patent.

The company has all along interpreted the contract as the Supreme Court has done, and for many years took out practically no patents on lands until these were sold, so that it has managed to escape taxation up to the present day. Up to June 30, 1896, only 1,828,017 acres were patented. The Liberal Government then began to press the matter, and it is gratifying to learn that the patenting of C. P. R. lands has been completed, or nearly so. There is no doubt that the neglect of the Conservative Government to expedite the issue of patents has materially strengthened the C. P. R. in its present contention, and it will not be surprising if the judicial committee of the Privy Council sustains the Supreme Court's decision. The neglect of the Government before 1896 will cost the Northwest Territories millions of dollars, as all the unsold land of the C. P. R. would now be taxable had they been formally conveyed to the company as soon as possible after the signing of the contract. The provision for exempting all the property of the company, excepting the granted lands, was vigorously opposed by the Liberal party during the debates in Parliament 25 years ago.

Fortunately, the C. P. R. is rapidly selling its lands, which become assess-

able when they pass into other hands. This means that the incubus of the twenty years' exemption is gradually lifting. Within fifteen years a large proportion of the lands then unsold will pay their share of taxation and in twenty years from now the exemption on nearly all will have expired.

The Late Mrs. Stanford.

The late Mrs. Leland Stanford, whose death is attributed to poison, administered by a Chinese servant, was a remarkable woman, and a representative of a class peculiar to the United States. There is no country in which so much private munificence in the cause of education is displayed, and Mrs. Stanford's name probably stood highest on the roll of honor. Her husband, who died twelve years ago, laid the foundation of his fortune in the boom days of California, following the discovery of gold. He projected the first railroad to the Pacific coast, was elected governor of California in 1861, and United States senator in 1885. His great monument is the Leland Stanford Junior University, founded in 1885 at Palo Alto, Cal., in memory of his son, who died in 1884, aged 17 years. Senator Stanford and his wife endowed this institution with landed property worth many millions, and at his death the Senator left it a bequest of \$2,500,000. The university fell into financial difficulties, and Mrs. Stanford resolved to devote to it her life and fortune. Her husband's estate became involved in litigation for a period of years, during which she received an allowance of \$10,000 per month. She reduced her living expenses to \$100 per month, and the remainder of her income went to the support of the university. When the estate was released by the courts she conveyed practically the whole of it to the university, bringing the total endowment up to \$30,000,000. The management and development of this great undertaking continued to occupy her to the last. She has made the Leland Stanford Junior University the wealthiest in the United States, its resources being ample for its growth and expansion for an indefinite length of time, while the buildings and equipment are unrivaled by the older eastern foundations. This zeal for education, so common among the richer class of Americans, has touched only a handful of Canadian millionaires. In England, Oxford and Cambridge are begging for money. American plutocrats may have their ugly features, but it shows an example to other nations in its patronage of learning.

The Czar has surrendered to the forces of liberty, but Kuropatkin will not acknowledge that he, too, is beaten. The Ulster Unionists have succeeded in ousting Mr. George Wyndham, the Irish Secretary. Mr. Wyndham is a better friend of Ireland than his Irish assailants, and time will prove it.

"The trappings of royalty" are probably not a bit more resplendent than the spectacle of the President's inauguration at Washington on Saturday. It was a far cry from the simplicity of Jefferson and Jackson, but Uncle Sam is now a full-fledged imperialist, and has some excuse for putting away his simple republican manners, along with the principles of the declaration of independence.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Solicitor-General of Canada, is rightly regarded as one of the most brilliant and promising of the younger French-Canadians in public life. His address at the Ontario Law Society dinner at Toronto Friday evening was a model of finished eloquence, as this passage shows:

"With us Canadians racial and religious strife should be things of the past. French and English, Catholics and Protestants, have equal rights. I say it again: there is in my humble judgment quite a difference between the union of the two great races and their assimilation. The latter is nothing but a dream, one of those chimera of the reason which are created by men who in their enthusiasm for the happiness of humanity forget those essential and eternal characteristics of mankind which make such dreams everlastingly unrealizable. The marked differences between races are not arbitrary or superficial. They go deep down to the foundations of the world, and they are as fixed as the difference between species; they are the outcome of complicated natural causes, and are mysteries like every reality. Our different national characteristics must still continue as God made them, not as men would remake them."

The Land of Story Books.

[Stevenson.]
 At evening when the lamp is lit,
 Around the fire my parents sit,
 They sit at home, and talk and sing,
 And do not play at anything.

Now, with my little gun, I crawl
 All in the dark along the wall,
 And follow round the forest track
 Away behind the sofa back.

There, in the night, where none can spy,
 All in my hunter's camp I lie,
 And play at books that I have read
 Till it is time to go to bed.

These are the hills, these are the woods,
 These are my stately solitudes,
 And here the river, by whose brink
 The roaring lions come to drink.

I see the others far away,
 As if in fleet camp they lay,
 And like to an Indian scout,
 Around their party provided about.

So when my nurse comes in for me,
 Home I return across the sea,
 And go to bed, with backward looks
 At my dear Land of Story Books.

Life at 40.

[New York Journal.]
 Pay no attention to Dr. Osler's remark. Forty, as a matter of fact, is the age to begin, not the age at which to end. At 40 a man begins to realize that life is real, that knowledge is the only thing worth while. The man of 40 should begin his real life, his real work. If he has done anything before that and got a good start, so much the better. But let no man think himself mature at 40 or past the age of work and achievement. At 40, Disraeli, the great Jew, was

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patiently trying to make the English Parliament listen to him.

A generation after that he was bossing England, making the Queen Empress of India, the country that his people came from, buying the Suez Canal for England, fixing up the trouble at Berlin and driving Cyprus out of the scrimmage.

Young man, take care of your health. Keep your mind active and sober, that you may begin at 40 to live earnestly and usefully.

Depends on How Much.

[Portland Oregonian.]
 No woman can tell whether a hat is becoming to her until she ascends the price.

The Pessimist.

[Washington Star.]
 "De man dat says everything is goin' wrong," said Uncle Eben, "is generally doin' what he kin to do makin' de prophecy good."

An Eager Quest.

[Judge.]
 I understand the laws of art. I've pored o'er much philosophy. I've studied Hegel, Kant, Delarte, But fail to comprehend Marie.

Ethetics I have lingered o'er, Law, logic and metaphysics. And other sciences galore; But, ah! Marie quite puzzles me.

So, though I'm fast in learning's clutch (Minerva's but a fickle jade), Will someone tell me just how much It takes to know a simple maid?

Dr. Osler's One Chance.

[Buffalo Express.]
 There is one loope for Prof. Osler. He may claim that he was misquoted. Indeed, this might be the wise thing for him to do. It would be a discreet act on his part to claim, for instance, that what he said in the Johns Hopkins address was that chorus girls have passed the zenith of their careers when 40 years old, and should positively be taken from the stage when 60. The country would uphold him in that.

Never Reach It.

[Guelph Mercury.]
 No woman reaches 60 is the only reason why Dr. Osler didn't include the other sex in his chloroforming scheme.

Proved by Experience.

[New York Herald.]
 The two greatest circus proprietors in the world, Barnum & Bailey and Ringling Bros., have decided that year they will spend no money on bill board advertising. They claim that the homes of the people, as it does, with success on a field of nine and want to have another bottle on hand in case of necessity. Yours truly.

The Way to "Arrive."

[St. Louis Post-Dispatch.]
 If you perceive a chance to rise, But in—
 If falsehood you'd antagonize, But in—
 If you've a chance to win a lass, Don't be afraid and let it pass; Get busy! Rise, as 'twere, en masse! But in—

Against Her Principles.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
 "Don't you think," asked Mrs. Oldcastle, "that everybody is affected more or less by environment?"
 "Yes," replied Mrs. Packenham, "if they're foolish enough to take such things; but I always turn down my glass and never touch it."

Real, But Impossible.

[Washington Star.]
 "We can't have everything in this life," said the philosopher.
 "No," answered Mr. Dustin Stax. "The ideal but impossible combination is a millionaire menu with a deck-hand appetite."

How Does He Know?

[Ottawa Citizen.]
 The only thing a woman can throw straight is a kiss.

HERDED AND SHOT

How Cossacks and Police Treated the Students at Tomsk.

St. Petersburg, March 4.—Mail advices which have just arrived here give details of the student riots at Tomsk, Western Siberia, Feb. 26, preceding the closing of the university and technological institute. They represent it as a horrible affair, in which students were herded, shot and slashed by the Infantry, Cossacks and police. Nine students were killed and twenty-eight were seriously wounded. Over a hundred young men and women were taken to the police station, where they were stripped of their clothes, and some of them were beaten into insensibility with sticks of wood. The women were dragged about by the hair and cries from the police of "There is the wretched liberty you want!" So shameful was the action of the police that the student riots at Tomsk were bound over by the court on the charge of brutality.

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NEW ADMIRALTY LORD

Earl Cawdor Chosen to Fill Lord Selborne's Shoes.

London, March 4.—The Globe this afternoon asserts that Earl Cawdor has been selected to succeed Lord Selborne as first lord of the admiralty, following the latter's appointment as high commissioner in South Africa in succession to Lord Milner, who resigned some time ago. Earl Cawdor (Archibald Vaughan Campbell) was born in 1847 and is chairman of the Great Western Railway.

100 WERE DROWNED

By Sinking of Japanese Steamer in Harbor of Osaka.

Yokohama, Feb. 11, via San Francisco, March 4.—The Osaka Shosen Kaisha steamer, Natoriwa, while bringing the captain and crew, 26 in all, of the British steamer Skidby, Captain Pearson, which was wrecked on the island. The Skidby was a steamer of 2,421 tons, owned at West Hartlepool, and was from Shields. On Jan. 8, for Baltimore. She met heavy ice on the voyage, and the blades were broken from her propeller and the shaft hoisted, which made her helpless and placed her at the mercy of the winds and waves. Her crew were also stricken by the ice. The tide rises and falls in her, while at low water one part of her is out of water altogether.

AGROUND ON SABLE ISLE

Another British Steamer On the Graveyard of the Atlantic.

Halifax, March 4.—The Dominion Government steamer Lady Laurier arrived here today from Sable Island, bringing the captain and crew, 26 in all, of the British steamer Skidby, Captain Pearson, which was wrecked on the island. The Skidby was a steamer of 2,421 tons, owned at West Hartlepool, and was from Shields. On Jan. 8, for Baltimore. She met heavy ice on the voyage, and the blades were broken from her propeller and the shaft hoisted, which made her helpless and placed her at the mercy of the winds and waves. Her crew were also stricken by the ice. The tide rises and falls in her, while at low water one part of her is out of water altogether.

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Last of Jeff Davis' Cabinet.

Houston, Texas, March 6.—Judge John H. Reagan, sole surviving member of the Confederate Cabinet, died today at Palestine, Texas, of pneumonia. Judge Reagan, who was 86 years old, had been in failing health for over a year.

The Nine Catastrophe.

Birmingham, Ala., March 6.—One more body was recovered from the Virginia mine yesterday, which makes the total number of victims counted at present 106. The mine is still full of water and slow progress is being made in installing the pumping machinery. The body found was in a dry place and was well preserved by the gases in the mine, but fell to pieces on its being brought into the fresh air.

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