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CRONJE AND ST. HELENA.

The telegraph announces that the Ministry of Great Rritain has determined to imprison—we repeat, to imprison, Cronje, the Boer General, on the Island of St. Helena. This act, if done, will begrime history. It will make a page blacker than Arctic night. Civilization the world over should rise in protest. Humanity should shroud itself in sackcloth, and every man, and every womin, and every child competent to comprehension in the United States should redden from quick to surface at the insion in the United States should redden from quick to surface at the indirect share which attaches itself to
this country from the perpetration
of this outrage by the false position
in which the Administration of William McKinley has placed us. "Cronje
sent to St. Helena." The lion of Africa caged in a British prison. Shame!
Shame!—Cincinnati Enquirer.
That comes in good taste from a

That comes in good taste from a newspaper published in a country where prisoners during the civil war were treated worse than they would have been by savages. In the meantime we might remark that we-that is as, you know, our side - captured Mr. Cronje and we'll do what we blame please with him without anybody's leave. If there is one person at all entitled to make a kick in this matter it is the late lamented Napoleon Bonaparte, whose shade must feel aggrieved to find his compulsory summer residence turned to such base uses as a temporary place of restraint for Cronje and his horde.

THE WAR AGAINST CONSUMPTION

The rural municipalities must wake up to the importance of properly checking the ravages of consumption. They must prepare also to put their hands deep in their pockets and pay handsomely towards the campaign that is slowly being inaugurated. When a recent deputation waited upon Premier Ross to advocate that some steps be taken towards establishing for each county or group of counties a sanitorium for the care and treatment of consumptives, one very striking argument was used . It was stated that in the year 1898 in the Province of Ontario there were 3,291 deaths from consumption-a greater loss of life than if every Canadian soldier in South Africa should be slain. This brings readily to one's comprehension the power of the enemy that is warring slyly upon the Canadian people with results that should "stagger

In the United States there are about one hundred thousand deaths per annum from tuberculosis. In Chatham or in any part of the province, people grow very much alarmed if there is an outbreak of smallpox, but, as Dr. Barrick informed Premier Ross, there are in Ontario more than twice as many deaths from consumption than from small-pox, diphtheria, scarle typhoid fever, measles and whooping cough combined.

The absolute failure of the mass of the people to comprehend the nature of the problem that confronts us on this question will perhaps make it necessary to put off what should be done at once while all the educational forces in the country are organized to inform the people that consumption is the greatest enemy we have, yet an enemy that can be fought and over-Until quite recently, it was supposed that the race was powerless against this scourge, which takes off 37 per cent, of all who die between the ages of fifteen and sixty years of age. But now it is positively known that by isolating the diseased, contagion can be prevented, and by treating them carefully on the lines of fresh air and nutritious diet, many of them can be permanently cured.

However, before it will be possible to enlist the municipalities in the great work of fighting the "white plague," it is necessary to carry on an active campaign in every newspaper, college, school and legislative body in the country, so that every man and woman will come to know that consumption is a disease that is communicated more by contact with those who have it than by heredity, and that sol far from being an incurable doom concealed in the blood of children from their birth it is in fact, preventable in perhaps every case, and when it manifests itself is

curable nearly always. Every schoolmaster in Canada should be kept posted on the work of the Gravenhurst Sanatorium and similar institutions as they arise. The work in France, Great Britain, Germany and the United States should be followed closely and the results arrived at communicated to all newspapers and school teachers in Ontario. The next generation will thus come to know the truth about consumption; but we shall not have to wait so long as that for important results.

Lord Salisbury announces that the British government will not assent to the independence of the two Boer remay make the present settlement of South Africa easier; but it prepares the way for future trouble.—Hamilton Herald.

'Aren't you just a trifle mixed in this matter? The general opinion is that this policy will make the coming settlement more difficult, but when it does take place, it will be perma-

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There is a bill before the legislature ry. The legislature might go fur-. her and wipe out the whole effete jury system altogether with advan- ran out, and going up to his employer tage to the province.

is evidence of the marvellous progress .he former one: and development taking place in Canada, and which from all present indications are likely to be maintained. The gross earnings for the year were \$29,230,038.26, the working expenses were \$16.999,872.77, and the net earnamount to five per cent.

The law compelling municipalities to buy established (lighting) plants and give a bonus in addition to the actual minor municipalities and the people that Chinamen had better keep clear at large.—Woodstock Express.

It was one of the most scandalous pieces of legislation ever passed, and was a concession made by the tottering Hardy-Ross Government to Jim had odor.

> HOW HE CAME TO ESCAPE. Exchange.

once sent to Eugene Field poem, entitled, "Why Do I Live?" Mr. Field, who was a literary editor writing the following reply: "Because you send your verses by mail."

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SUPERSTITION OF CHINAMEN

covery of a Devil in a Garden Hose at

On a farm in the southern part of California a young Chinaman was employed to do odd jobs. His one great delight was to sprinkle the lawn with the hose. One afternoon when he was at his favorite occupation a visitor thought it would be a good joke to cut the water off by turning a fauce at one end of the piazza. Now the Chinaman had sprinkled the lawn hundreds of times, but had not the remotest idea where the water came from, taking it for granted that it was the most natural thing in the world or water to flow from the hose. Therefore when the visitor carried out his idea and the water stopped running, the Chinaman was greatly perplexed to know what happened. First he thre the hose on the ground, stamped upon it and shook it, and then as this vigorous treatment produced no beneficial results he blew down the hose. Just then the owner of the house stepped up to see the fun. The visitor, seeing him coming, said in a low

voice: "Just see the fun. The next time he blows down the hose I will turn it on full force."

Sure enough, in a few minutes the Chinaman started to blow down the hose, and as he did so the visitor turned the water on full. "Did you ever see such an aston-

ished Chinaman?" remarked the visitor gleefully. The Chinaman certainly was astonished. He threw the hose on the

ground and made one beeline for his 'com, which was next to the tank in one of the outbuildings. In a few minutes he returned with a small bundle under his arm, and going up to his employer said: "Give me my money. Me no stayee.

Debbil in hosee. Debbil in hosee." The joke had turned out to be of a more serious nature than had been expected. The Chinaman walked off in spite of all remonstrances. The owner of the farm laughed, and said he would go to the Chinese agent and get another boy. Bright and early the next morning a new Chinese boy arrived, which proposes to save the counties | ind as everything seemed satisfactory the expense of summoning juries he went with his small paper bundle where there are no cases for them to to his room, the same one occupied by his predecessor. He had been in the room only a few minutes when he

> "Me no likee. Me no likee. Me no stayee."

The nineteenth annual report of the ! Upon being questioned he would Canadian Pacific Railway is one of the give no answer except that he didn't most satisfactory in its history. The like it and wouldn't stay. Recourse growth of the gross earnings from was again had to the Chinese agent, \$18 941,000 in 1895 to \$29,230,000 in 1899, and the next morning another Chinese notwithstanding the important reducductions made during that period in bundle under his arm. Going to his the rates for the carriage of freight room, he returned almost instantly in the territory west of Lake Superior, and, with a mystified way, and like "Me no stayee. Me no stayee."

Things were beginning to look seious, and the visitor wished he hadn't played that practical joke. For the third time the Chinese agent was called upon. This time the agent made some inquiries and promised to call ings were \$42,230.165.49. The dividends the next morning and try to find out for the year declared on common stock he trouble. The next morning he arrived, and, after looking around the place, went to the Chinaman's former room. There he discovered, written on one side of the wall, in Chinese characters, the information that the | era place was haunted and was inhabited interference with the rights of the with strange spirits or devils, and

Fire Precaution it Paris.

In Paris theatres all but the electric light is forbidden and smoking is pro-Conmee, M. P. P., with the object of hibited, except in the public smoking helping out an electric light company room, but a small fire was started rein Algoma who were afraid of muni- cently in the Theatre Francaise by a cipal interference? It is to this pet- cigarette which rolled through a gratty kind of contemptible jobbery that ng in the sidewalk. This has caused the Mowat-Hurdy-Ross Government officials to be even more strict than behas almost wholly devoted its later fore. The comparative infrequency of years. That is why it is now in such fires in Paris is largely owing to the careful habits of the people and the excellent fire regulations regarding heating apparatus. When houses are built in Paris, the floors are invariably laid on brick and tiles; for, of course, the houses in Paris, with a few rare exceptions, are all what we term flats or apartment houses. The usual manner of building permits all the winof a Chicago paper, found the verses dows and balconies on the block to be so had that he could not refrain from on the same level, so that escape from one to the other is comparatively easy.

One Woman's Ruling Passion. "There goes a woman,' said the girl, who hasn't a thought on earth except dress. I know that superior man attributes this particular weakness to all women-but it's a canard, as of course, are nine out of ten of male es-

timates of women."
Sh conquered a refractory button on her glove before she continued: "But that woman who passed us is, without doubt, the most dress-crazy won an I have ever met. She knows no topic save dress—can speak of no other subject. She spends one-half of her time at her dressmaker's, and the oth er half is used in exploiting the handicraft of the modiste. Goodness only knows when she manages to get any-thing to eat. She's dead to every feeleng, I believe, except that which has to do with dress. And what do you think she said Saturday? I met her as we were going out of a house of mourning. A young woman whom we both knew had died—and we had been at the funeral. Coming down the steps I noticed my friend, but the feeling of sorrow was too fresh upon me to permit anything more than a nod of recognition. For half a square we walked side by side. Then I said: Poor, dear Clara-alive and well one week ago, and now—now she's gone! 'Yes,' answered my friend, blandly; 'but wasn't she dressed beaut'fully Really, it was a treat to see ...

sians Testing Antidote for flunger. About the beginning of this century a distinguished French philanthropist, A. Joux, advised poor people to sleep as much as possible during the winter months, as only thus would they be able to live with any degree of

being tested by many persons in Russia, and, according to a report which has been issued, their almost complete abstinence from food has produci ed no harmful result, and has from their standpoint proved highly beneficial. These people live at Pakow, a district south of St. Petersburg, and the reason why they have adopted the practice of sleeping during the winter is because for the last few years their crops have been insufficient to provide them with the necessary means of sus-

down again and snore calmly. persons physically and mentally?

Geese Love a Joke.

No one thinks of a goose as a creaturedly, of course—a little goose it is er sense of humor than the goose. Of on a number of rigs. Having formed themselves into a line, they forced the them with their bills the while be or der that they might enjoy the terror and the squea's of the cerplexed pork-

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ture capable of enjoying a joke. In fact, when a boy is called—good-naintended to hint that he is something of enemy, the fox, no animal has a keen- for steam and hot water will be requir this she gives an instance in the practical joke played by a flock of geese uppigs to run the gauntlet,

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