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THE EAST AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE.

The mission of Sir Bartle Frere to Zanzibar, with the object of putting an end to the infamous slave-traffic which has so long been carried on under the protection of the Sultan of that island, has at last come to a happy termination. After some difficulty and not a little delay the Sultan has been induced to sign a treaty by which he binds himself to put an end to the slave trade within his dominions. Already the slave market at Zanzibar has been closed, and thus a first and decisive step has been taken towards putting an end to an outrage which for years past has called for redress. We are not told how the way to this happy solution has been found, nor by what means the difficulty respecting the yearly tribute to the Imaum of Muscat—for the payment of which the Sultan insisted that he relied upon the profits accruing from the slave trade—has been smoothed over. It is sufficient to know that it has been triumphantly overcome, and that the British envoy returns home

with fresh honors to add to those he has already won in the paths of diplomacy. The task in which Sir Bartle Frere has been engaged was by no means an easy one. He had to contend not only with the obstinacy and avarice of the Sultan and the prejudices of his subjects but also with foreign interference. At first the slave-dealing potentate, encouraged by the French representative, totally refused to comply with the demands of the English envoy, and for a time the negotiations were dropped. But the English diplomatist was by no means disheartened, he was not even disappointed, at this first failure. He proceeded first to Muscat, where he made a treaty with the Imaum, and thence to Bombay to enlist the sympathies of the native merchants in his cause. In this he was successful. On his return he found that another powerful influence was operating in his favor. President Thiers had sent out stringent instructions to the French officials to further in every way the anti-slavery cause. The result of all this was that the Sultan was forced to give way and the treaty was signed. The result cannot of course be expected to be an immediate suppression of the nefarious traffic in human beings. This will, no doubt, be carried on in an under-hand manner for some time to come, but it will only need a sufficient degree of vigilance to put an end to the evil for ever.

PROF. WISE.

The man upon whom the eyes of the Northern half of the American Continent are at present fixed, who is exciting the greatest interest and expectation by the daring character of the scheme he is about to put to the test is the celebrated aeronaut, Professor Wise. It has long been a pet theory with this experienced scientist that a balloon voyage to Europe is in every way practicable, and can be accomplished with comparative ease, and—unless unforeseen obstacles arise—perfect safety. It is his belief—shared in by many other scientific men of note—that at a certain height there is a perpetual current of air which flows swiftly in a north-easterly, or east-north-easterly direction. Once get into this stream, he argues, and the balloon is carried along swiftly and surely. Starting say from New York a balloon on reaching the current would sail towards the coast of Norway at the rate of forty or fifty miles an hour, and thus a voyage which now takes from ten to fourteen days could be performed in about sixty hours. Add to this that all the *désagréments* of the ocean voyage are avoided. There is no perceptible motion, for the aeronaut has no opposing force to contend with. His aerial chariot encounters no resistance. As the air is the only motive power there is nothing to obstruct or retard its course. It sails calmly on, though at an immense speed, safely balanced on the air-stream which is carrying it to its destination. Such is the theory which for over a quarter of a century Prof. Wise has firmly held to—nay which at one time he in great measure proved to be correct by accomplishing in a balloon the voyage from St. Louis to New York, a distance of twelve hundred miles, in nineteen hours. It is now his intention to put this theory to a final and crucial test. Hitherto he has been hindered from doing so by the want of funds to defray the necessary expenses attendant on so gigantic a scheme. Thanks, however, to the enterprise and liberality of the *Graphic* Publishing Company, of New York, he is now enabled to put his long-cherished theory into execution. The amount which it is expected will be needful to cover the cost of the expedition is put at \$10,000. Upwards of \$1,200 had already been pledged, but this, as well as any additional subscriptions which may be offered, the Company propose should go to Professor Wise to reimburse him, in part at least, for the labor of a life-time in cherishing this important public experiment.

Preparations are now being hurried on and it is expected that the ascent, which will be private, will take place before the 20th ult. The Professor will be accompanied by Mr. W. H. Donaldson, a skilful and experienced aeronaut, and some half-dozen members of the Press. The benefits that must result should the enterprise prove successful are obvious. They will place the name of the intrepid aeronaut who conducts the expedition on a rank with those of the greatest pioneers in the world of science. His intrepidity in this cause and the generosity of those who are assisting him in clearing up the mysteries of air navigation are beyond all praise, and will be held in remembrance for all time.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications intended for this department should be addressed to the Editor *FAVORITE* and marked correspondence.

Letters are lying at this office for Charlie A—, Julia D—, and Pattie M—.

G. W. A.—The hen that lays is the mother, of course. Your second question is not clear enough to enable us to give an answer.

MEDICUS.—It is said that the person you mention is now in Europe. According to the American papers he failed some time ago, and while in a depressed state of mind caused by his losses attempted suicide.

CLIO.—1. We believe that a company of the name you mention is doing business in Montreal. 2. Correspond with them on the subject. If you can get no redress you have a legal remedy. 3. We are willing to receive short stories of the kind you mention. All MS., accepted by the Editor is paid for according to its standard of excellence.

Several letters are unavoidably left over for answer next week.

PASSING EVENTS.

MORE earthquakes in Italy.

THE Shah has gone to Paris.

BERLIN weavers have struck.

MINISTERIAL crisis in Rome continues.

CYRILLE DION challenges the world at billiards.

THE cable of 1873 was successfully laid on the fourth of July.

DOMINION Day was well celebrated through all the Provinces.

CHOLERA seems to linger in the Ohio and Cumberland valleys.

TWENTY persons on Green Lake, Wisconsin, were drowned in a storm.

THE reported compromise between the Dutch and the Acheens is denied.

COUNT Joseph Poniatowsky, the distinguished operatic composer, is dead.

THERE has been a hostile rising among the Hindoo peasants of Poonah.

AN official investigation has been demanded into the wreck of the *Precursor*.

THE Spanish Government have resolved to crush out the Carlist insurrection.

THE Fourth of July was celebrated in London, Vienna and other European cities.

THE labors of the Dominion Board of Arbitrators closed at Ottawa last week.

THE German Government have taken ten millions in American five per cents.

YOUNG Walworth, the parricide, has been sentenced to the Penitentiary for life.

HON. Mr. Gibbs has been returned for South Ontario by the handsome majority of 242.

THE Spanish Government have published their determination not to give up Cuba or Porto Rico.

THE Internal Revenue of the United Kingdom shows a decrease of \$870,000 during the past year.

THE *Junata*, in search of the *Polaris*, has arrived in St. John, Newfoundland, from New York.

RUSSIA promise to retire from Khiva so soon as she considers the Khan sufficiently punished.

It is now said that the Hon. Mr. Archibald will be appointed Lieut.-Governor of Nova Scotia.

Two gentlemen, two ladies and a boy, sailing in a boat, were carried over the falls of Niagara and lost.

The 4th of July was celebrated on a scale of greater magnitude than has been known for many years past.

SOME degree of quiet has been restored in Madrid, and the Government have been voted extraordinary powers.

PRESIDENT Grant's proclamation, respecting the Fisheries clauses of the Washington Treaty went into effect on the 1st July.

THE English hardware trade is alarmed at the decrease of its orders from the United States, the Colonies and South America.

THE report of the appearance of cholera in Munich is contradicted. Crafts on the Vistula are submitted to a rigid quarantine.

THE body of the unfortunate Mr. Barrett, who was drowned while disembarking from the steamship *Sarmatian*, has been found.

THE Irreconcilables have withdrawn from the Cortes in consequence of the passage of the bill abolishing constitutional guarantees.

THE Chinese have captured Monchoboo, the capital of the Kingdom of Burmah. The town was taken by storm amid great slaughter.

SIR Hugh and Lady Allan, Hon. Mr. Justice Archibald, and the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, arrived at Quebec last week, per steamship *Circasian*.

A LARGE and influential meeting held in London has protested against the introduction of the Confessional into the Church of England.

A CONFLICT being imminent between the soldiers and citizens, the Spanish commander has withdrawn the Government troops from Seville.

ALDERMAN ROWAN has been appointed by the Dominion Government to represent the interests of New Brunswick at the Vienna Exposition.

A PARTY of filibusters had landed in Honduras, and a report was current that they had overthrown the Government and established another in its stead.

THE new Ministers are: Hon. Mr. Gibbs, Internal Revenue; Hon. Mr. O'Connor, Postmaster General; Hon. Hugh McDonald, Militia and Defence; Hon. M. Campbell, Interior.

HOLLAND is equipping a second expedition against Acheen. No negotiations for peace had taken place, but such were expected to be brought about through the good offices of a friendly Rajah.

DOMINION Day was celebrated with great demonstrations of joy at Charlottetown, on the occasion of the admission of the colony into the Confederation. The Queen's Proclamation to that effect was read publicly and Lieutenant-Governor Robinson was resworn.

THE Menonite delegation, now in the Northwest, were attacked by French half-breeds, who oppose immigration. Colonel Osborne Smith with a detachment of volunteers has gone to preserve order. Notwithstanding the rough treatment they experienced they are so well pleased with the Provinces that they intend on their return to Europe sending out one thousand families to settle therein.

THE new Spanish constitution provides that the President of the Republic must have been born on Spanish territory, and be 25 years of age. The country is divided into cantons like the Swiss Republic. The Assembly of each canton is to elect four senators and the deputies are to be chosen by universal suffrage. Cuba and Porto Rico are to be assimilated with the cantons of Spain. The central power is authorized to suspend constitutional guarantees, and order the levies of troops without consulting the authorities of the cantons.

WHY MEN DON'T MARRY.—The reasons "why men don't marry" were fully explained in a lecture given the other day by the Rev. Henry Morgan to the Young Men's Christian Association in New York on this question, interesting alike to Christian young women as to Christian young men. The reasons, according to Mr. Morgan, are eight in number, and are as follows: 1st. Because they cannot get the woman they want—they look too high for beauty, talent, and perfection, which are beyond their reach; 2nd, because they are cowards—they dare not "face the music," and quake at the lightning flashes of a fair maiden's eye; 3rd, because they are sceptical—they have no faith in a woman's constancy, and believe her weak and frail; 4th, because they are selfish and stingy, and do not think they can support wives; 5th, because women of genius are not good housekeepers (the reverend gentleman advised his audience not to marry geniuses); 6th, because of man's own extravagance—many young men spend their incomes foolishly, and cannot afford to marry; 7th, because they are afraid of divorce, which is made by the laws too easy—free love, Mr. Morgan thinks, is poisoning the system of marriage; and 8th, because of women's extravagance. It costs as much, the lecturer said, to launch a woman on the sea of life in these times as it would to fit out a small schooner. As to sails, cordage, pennants, and streamers, the difference, he thinks, is in favour of the schooner. As to her outfit, she has to be freighted with bonnets, veils, necklaces, earrings, pins, chains, loops, laces, rings, ruffles, bows, bands, buttons, lace, fans, folds, pippings, plaits, silks, muslins, lace, nets, boots, slippers, parasols, collars, cuffs, braids, ebignons, waterfalls, "rats," "mice," braids, frizzles, puffs, curls, panier, tournure, and Grecian bend. What a cargo, ejaculated Mr. Morgan, was this for such a small vessel! Few are the underwriters who take the risk in such a craft, and few were the men who would marry this "Dolly Varden walking advertisement." The lecture was heard with deep emotion by a vast concourse of Christian young men, and those parts of it which referred to women's failings were greeted with wild applause (!)