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TORTURE DEFEATS ITS OWN

Public sentiment forbids the punish ment of the most inhuman criminal with torture, rightly comments the St. Thomas Times. The sentiment which protects the criminal from torture for his crime should also prevent the imposition of unlawful penalties for his refusal to implicate associ-

The crime of Leon Czolgosz is more terrible than his offence against the State in shielding possible confederates. If torture were justifiable at all, it would be the natural expiation for seeking the life of the President of the United States.

Humane considerations are not the sole factors in the growth of the civilized spirit which makes the least painful form of death the punishment for offences against man and against the State. The thumb screw and the rack forced many a poor wretch to confession, but more falsehoodd was told than truth. The tortured, in the war between anguish and fidelity to his cause, not infrequently-implicated those upon whom not a shadow of guilt rested, and the blood of the innocent was the only reward of cruelty's exactions.

Inhuman as is Leon Czolgosz, it is to be regretted if torture has been used as a means of securing confession, The brutality of the crime is repeated in the name of justice, and the effect is not unlikely to be a confession of falsehood and a strengthening of the damnable faith which will repre sent Czolgosz as a tortured martyr.

MR. J. P. WHITNEY.I

No man in public life in Canada has gained so largely in the esteem of the people during the last three years as Mr. J. P. Whitney, leader of tihe Opposition in the Ontario Legislature, comments the Toronto News. Since he was chosen to lead the party in the Province, his position has been no sinecure, but by his frankness and the fair and manly way in which he has fought his opponents he has gained the good will of the public, and his ability, his strength of character he has inspired his followers with new life and vigor.

Mr. Whitney's record in the House is one to be proud of. Not a few of the best measures adopted by the Legisture during the past and present terms originated with him, and the government owes to his suggestion many of the ideas which it now puts forth as important features of its policy. Mr. Whitney has been blamed for refusing to declare his platform, but unjustly, for no member of the house has been more generous of his time and labor on behalf of the Province than he. He has, moreover, an unclouded reputation. No suspicion rests on his sincerity or on his honesty, and his appoments are unable to put a finger on a single doubtful or inconsistent act in his career. He has a clean record, and, unlike the Hon. G. W. Ross and associates in the Cabinet, he has no entanglements with the great corporations, the weighing of whose claims on the public constitutes one of the most important functions of the Legislature. At the last Provincial elections the Province had not learned to know Mr. Whitney or to value him as

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even then he gave the government party a shaking up which forced loosen their hold on the electorate. There is not in Canadian public life, either in Dominion or Provincial politics, a cleaner or braoder-minded statesman. Gifted with unusual powers of eloquence, he has made already in the brief time in which he had led the party a deep impression on the country, and if we can judge by the expressions of opinion heard everywhere he has the confidence of a majority of the electors and will lead his party to victory at the coming elec-.

A EUROPEAN ZOLLVEREIN.

A movement is on foot in Europe for a commercial alliance between Germany, Russia, and Austria, for the purpose of shutting out American manufactures and preventing the industries of those countries from being ruined through the competition of American goods in their home markets, says the Toronto News. The need of such protection is unquestionably pressing, but the question is whether an alliance such as that proposed would not be just as dangerous to some of the parties to it as the trade of the United States is now. Suppose the three nations mentioned were to enter into a treaty to impose a prohibitive tariff on the goods of all nations entering their territory, but providing for reciprocity between themselves, would not the trade of one be unduly benefitted over that of the others Germany is now a close competitor of England and the and if Germany had free access into Russia and Austria, and had only to compete against the native manufactures, it would undoubtedly be a great if you say so," .. thing for her trade, but would not be very beneficial to the industries of Austria and Russia. It seems to us that an European commercial alliance cumstances. Each country has industries of its own to protect, and is as much in danger from its neighbors as from the United States. A treaty like that which has been proposed would greatly extend German trade, and we should not be surprised if the proposal were found to have originated from a German source. There is nothing in it for Russia and Austria, and if those countries fear the trade of the United States there is nothing to prevent them from increasing their tariff against American goods, and at the same time protecting their industries by a duty against the manufactures of the countries immediately round about them.

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A LONG-FELT WANT. Kingston Whig.

Dr. Rose, of Ottawa, is mentioned as ditor of the Christian Guardian in sion to Dr. Courtice. Some day the Guardian' will give place to a live newspaper man upon its staff, and he will make his influence felt. The layman is sometimes overlooked by the

WHY MARRIAGE IS A FAILURE

Hamilton Times. Pity the poor bridal couples. Yesterday afternoon a couple of Hymen's victims tasted the sweets of twentieth century civilization at the Stuart street station of the Grand Trunk them during the present term to pay railway. A host of friends (?) gave more regard to public interests than them a good start. The bride's trunk had been their custom while they bore a placard "I left my happy home were yet confident that nothing could for you." "We're married!' blazed on another piece of luggage.

QUEER VERDECTS.

Saginaw Courier-Herald. A coroner's jury in Idaho returned a verdict that deceased came to his death through injuries received by a bull accidentally kneeling on his chest. And a Montana jury, not to be outdone, found that a man "died from the effects of injuries received after being run over by a railway train in motion, owing to a misunderstanding between deceased and an engine driver.

HER EXPERIENCE.

Belleville Intelligencer. Some people are wondering what the abolition of the "ward" system has done for Belleville. Being extremely shortsighted, they can't discern any of the benefits which were supposed to follow on the heels of the change. In the old days, they say, the council was made up of many rings-now it is all one ring. There is a distinction, but the difference is not discernible with the naked eye.

DOG CATCHING DIPLOMACY.

Kansas City Journal. Parson Twine, the Chesterfieldian sanitary officer, and a dog catcher of Atchison, recently called at a house and asked the woman who appeared if she kept a dog. "No, I don't," responded the woman; "look for yourself." "Madam." said Parson Twine, "what sort of an administration would this be if the dog tax collector doubted United States in every foreign market, the word of a lady?" The woman looked at him helplessly for a momen and then softly said :- "I-I-I have one little dog which I will pay or

WHAT LIFE MEANS. Buffalo Times.

The late Joseph Cook, not long be fore his death, wrote, at the request the editor of the Christian Endeavor World, this characteristic message for Christian Endeavorers, which is certainly worthy a place in your memory or scrap book : "Man's life means

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God."

TOO USEFUL TO BE MERE SENA TORS.

+++++++++++++++++++++++++++ Bobcaygeon Independent. The Ottawa Citizen suggests the

names of a number of newspaper men for appointment to the senate. The gentlemen can do much better work on the press than in the senate. The fact is the press has more to do with the government of the country than either the senate or the commons, and it is not unlikely that the press may yet supersede both houses. Three commissioners, appointed by the President, with the city press govern Washington, D. C., and do it admirably. There is no reason why half a dozen cabinet heads of departments, watched, guided and advised by the press, could not govern Canada equally as well.

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