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"Brazen Impudence."

The Detroit News talks to the Michigan lumbermen with a candor that is almost ferocious, but every word of its censure is deserved. The News points out that after the American lumbermen had succeeded in establishing a tariff of \$2 a thousand on lumber, the Government of Ontario issued an order providing that owners of Ontario stumpage rights must saw the logs in this Province. That made it impossible for certain Michigan mill owners who had cut all their own pine to raft logs from Canada, saw them in the Michigan mills and reap, at the expense of one of the natural resources of Canada, the benefit of a tariff that shut Canadian lumber out of the American market.

Mr. Costigan intends seeking re-election, but there is the strongest of evidence that he retains the confidence of those whom he represented for so many years in a Conservative Government, to a far greater extent than does Mr. Foster, who has been obliged to abandon one constituency after another, and who in the next election will be compelled to seek the suffrages of the people in some other electoral district than the one he now represents. The treachery of the two chiefs towards some of their colleagues and supporters has not been marked by very great success. Mr. Costigan came back to Parliament, knowing that while he was engaged in the contest it was the intention of Messrs. Foster and Tupper to betray him. Dr. Montague and Mr. Haggart also were elected, though, knowing the intentions of their chiefs, they almost entirely abandoned the fight everywhere except in their own constituencies. And Sir Adolphe Caron, who in the Province of Quebec was thrown overboard for Mr. Angers, came back to Parliament, while Mr. Angers, who supplanted him, was badly defeated. So that Sir Charles and Mr. Foster have had the evil fortune of being surrounded by the colleagues and prominent men of their party, whom they endeavored to destroy. Like Banquo's ghost, they have reappeared on the floor of Parliament to trouble the consciences and cloud the prospects of those who lead the Conservative party.

The Navies of the World.

A British parliamentary paper has just been issued, showing the fleets of Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany, Italy, the United States and Japan, distinguishing the various types of vessels built and building. Of battleships already built and in commission Great Britain has 53; France, 21; Russia, 12; Germany, 18; Italy, 15; the United States, 5, and Japan, 3. Of battleships now building Great Britain has 17, France, 4; Russia, 12; Germany, 7; Italy, 4; the United States, 11, and Japan, 4. These figures, however, do not do full justice to Britain's naval preponderance. For instance, if we count all the battleships launched and on the stocks since 1890, the British have a displacement of 533,450 tons; the French, 173,103 tons; the Russian, 205,824 tons, and the German, 146,659 tons; so that the British displacement exceeds that of the other three powers combined. Turning to cruisers, armored, protected and unprotected, Great Britain has 139 afloat; France, 58; Russia, 16; Germany, 27; Italy, 19; the United States, 22, and Japan, 25. There are now being built 23 British cruisers, 16 French, 10 Russian, 6 German, 7 Italian, 10 American and 6 Japanese.

Mr. Costigan's Betrayal.

The following appears in the St. John, N. B., Sun: "The Frederick Gleason says that the call of a nominating convention at Grand Falls is a confession that the Opposition have finally abandoned all hope that Mr. Costigan will return to their councils. This is perhaps hardly correct. The Oppositionists are not quite certain what Mr. Costigan might do if Sir Wilfrid were defeated, but they have 'finally abandoned' all desire to be represented by a member who prefers to support the other party while it is in power. Taking into account the number, type and tonnage of war vessels, it may safely be asserted that the British navy is equal to any three navies that may be arrayed against it. And when we add to this the advantages which the British have in the distribution of coal stations, in the construction of most of the great cable stations, in the possession of strategic and fortified bases in every quarter of the globe, it is not presumption to say that Great Britain could cope with the combined naval strength of the remainder of the world. PREMIER ROSS, AS A SON OF MIDDLESEX, HAS ALWAYS STOOD BY THE INTERESTS OF HIS NATIVE COUNTY. IT IS IN THE COUNTY'S INTERESTS TO STAND BY HIM. England expects every man to cross the Tugela. If Ladysmith has her ear to the ground she will hear the approaching footsteps. The other day we published a four-column sketch of Gen. Buller. We felt sure he would do something after that. If the British actually surprised the Boers at the Tugela it is the most surprising thing they have done so far. The brush at Rensburg proves again that the Boers will stand manfully against hot lead, but wilt at cold steel. We see nothing likely to be brought before the Dominion Parliament calling for long speeches. It ought to be possible for the legislators to get back to their own business by the beginning of May. The Chicago Tribune makes an eloquent plea for shorter hours for barbers. In Chicago they work from 7 a.m. till 11 p.m. Here's a chance for Mr. Markham to sound the wrongs of 'the man with the hone.' One of the speakers at Hyde Park last night put it neatly when he said that the oft-repeated phrase in the war dispatches, 'Shipping still continues,' reminded him of the antics of the Ontario Opposition. Like the Boers, the

opponents of the Government do no attack in the open, or advance in siege form, but keep up a sporadic fire from convenient holes or other cover. This is called sniping. 'Shipping still continues.'

Over 3,000 colored people have petitioned Congress for protection against lynching and burning. The signers of the petition are taking big chances. If their names get out they run the risk of being lynched for such a piece of audacity.

So far it has been proved that about \$17 was spent by agents to buy votes for Hon. John Dryden in South Ontario. This looks mean and paltry beside the opulence of Mr. William Smith, ex-M.P. Mr. Calder's supporters were certainly more generous than Mr. Dryden's.

Mr. Booth now denies that American capitalists are after the Ottawa and Parry Sound Railway. This is good news. For Canadian interests the road could not be in better hands than Mr. Booth's.

The action of a few municipal councils in the United States in passing pro-Boer resolutions, is another sign that the highest intelligence of the republic is on the British side. Municipal councils over there usually buck against the highest intelligence.

The aged Duke of Argyll is seriously ill. His heir is the Marquis of Lorne, husband of the Princess Louise, and formerly Governor-General of Canada. The duke is a man of genius and profound scholarship, but very eccentric. His activity in his old age has almost rivaled that of Mr. Gladstone.

We understand that in Detroit a few mercantile houses are engaged in soliciting subscriptions for the Boers. Among those are Messrs. Hudson and Shafer, clothiers; Newcombe, Endicott, drygoods; Saunders, confectioner, etc. There are a great many Canadians living on the border who occasionally do shopping in Detroit, and in Detroit there are many Canadians living. What do they propose to say and do?

Though generally opposed to the Liberal party, the editor of Events, Ottawa, in the last issue of his paper, is moved to declare that 'the Liberals continue to give Ontario the best Government enjoyed by any Province, and,' he adds, 'under Mr. Ross we are promised an even more progressive Government than we have had in the past.' When such a declaration can be truthfully maintained, what is the sense of East Middlesex taking a backward step and electing a candidate to sit in opposition for years to come, while there is offering for its suffrages a candidate so exceptionally able as Dr. McWilliam? He will command respect and attention on the side of the Government, so ably headed by the favorite son of Middlesex, Hon. George W. Ross.

UPHOLD THE BENEFICIAL FORWARD POLICY OF OUR MIDDLESEX PREMIER BY SUPPORTING DR. McWILLIAM, THE GOVERNMENT CANDIDATE.

What Others Say.

On a Business Basis. [New York World.] Why shouldn't Rockefeller give to colleges whose students burn 'the midnight oil'? Language Almost Failed. Toronto Telegram: War correspondents, in describing the reception of the Canadians at Cape Town, are almost driven to a refuge in that immortal poem, beginning and ending as follows: The scene was grand, It beat the band. Dawson Grows Homelike. [Philadelphia Record.] The coming of 200 or 300 wives to Dawson last summer inaugurated a

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I was afflicted with a terrible sore leg, caused by a cut. It became so inflamed that it was thought it would have to be amputated. My physician said that "it could never be cured, that it would remain a running sore on account of the poisonous state of my blood." When I got out of bed I could hardly stand the pain, and had to get along with a crutch. I tried all kinds of blood and other medicines without success, my leg getting worse until it became a solid sore from my knee to instep. Utterly discouraged and almost wild with pain, I gave up in despair, making up my mind that death would be a sweet relief. Casually picking up an old paper, I noticed the description of a man who had been cured by CUTICURA remedies, and I bought a box. I immediately procured the CUTICURA SOAP, CUTICURA OINTMENT, and CUTICURA PILLS. After carefully washing my leg with warm water and plenty of the CUTICURA SOAP, gave me so much relief that I was able to sleep once half of the night, and after the third day I rested well every night. I went on improving, and in exactly eight weeks from the time I began the use of CUTICURA remedies I was able to return to my trade (carpentering), well and sound. Ans. 19, 1898. 150 W. Hunter St., Atlanta, Ga.

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The kind of bargains you'll appreciate. Stock-taking is crowding us just now, but we snatch sufficient time to submit the following very special list for Friday selling. Every item you'll find is of more than ordinary importance. Read the list.

FRIDAY BARGAINS---STAPLE AND LINEN DEPARTMENT.

Table with 3 columns: Item, Price, and Description. Includes Factory Cotton, White Cotton, Lonsdale Cambric, Sheeting, Flannelette, Table Linen, Bleached Linen, and Napkins.

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Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes 40 pieces 30 and 32-inch English Prints and Satens, Victoria Lawn, and 27-inch Glass Cloth.

Extra Special

20 pieces Wrapperettes, navy, red and fancy grounds, scroll, check and fancy patterns, 10c, 12c and 15c yard, Friday choice. 7 1/2c

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BASEMENT---FRIDAY BARGAINS.

5 only Hanging Lamps, decorated dome shades, with 30 prisms, regular \$6 50, for \$5. 15 only Dining-room or Parlor Lamps, with decorated globes, regular \$1 50, for 95c each. 1 cask of Kitchen or Bedroom Lamps, 15 upwards. The only Imperial Blend 40c Black or Mixed Tea in the city for 25c pound. 21 pounds Redpath's Granulated Sugar for \$1. Rice, Tapioca, Currants, Raisins, Soaps, Starch, Oatmeal, Pickles, Sardines, Peels, Extracts, Spices, etc., at last week's quotations. Friday will be the last day we give 10 per cent on all Dinner, Tea, Breakfast and Toilet Sets; also 2 per cent on all Japanese Goods.

TREASURER'S SALE OF LANDS IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

Table with columns: Township, Sub. Lot or Block, Name, Original, etc. Lists land parcels for sale.

'PINOS ON THE RUN

Dispatches From Gen. Otis--200 Spanish Prisoners Liberated--American Loss Small. Washington, D. C., Jan. 17. -- The war department has received the following report from Gen. Otis: Manila, Jan. 15.--3000 men and armed insurgents, robbers from Zamboanga Mountains, attacked two companies 25th Infantry, O'Neil commanding, on San Pablo road; enemy left five dead on field; Cheatham's casualties, one wounded. Anderson, 38th, en route to Lipa yesterday, struck insurgents few miles south Santo Tomas; drove them through Lipa to Rosario; enemy's loss 20 dead and wounded; 60 Spanish prisoners, \$20,000. Schwab has liberated about 200 Spanish prisoners; now en route to Manila. Anderson's casualties one man killed and two wounded. Wheeler's force actively operating in Western Cavite and Batanga provinces; all important towns held and constant patrolling; great many Filipinos returning to homes; believed to be insurgent deserters. (Signed) Otis.

"Never quit certainty for hope." Never take a medicine of doubtful value instead of Hood's Sarsaparilla which is sure to do you good. Japanese workmen are obliged to wear on their caps and backs an inscription stating their business and their employer's name.

TUNNEL DISASTER HAD TWO HEARTS

Near Oxford, N. J.--Three Persons Killed and Six Hurt. Easton, Pa., Jan. 18.--A section gang of nine men were run down on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western tunnel near Oxford, N. J., yesterday, and two of the party were instantly killed and a third died shortly after being struck. The other six are seriously hurt.

A DINNER PILL-- Many persons suffer excruciating agony after partaking of a hearty dinner. The food partaken of is like a ball of lead upon the stomach, and instead of being a healing nutriment, it becomes a poison to the system. Dr. Parnelee's Vegetable Pills are wonderful correctives of such troubles. They correct acidity, open the secretions, and convey the food partaken of into healthy nutriment. They are just the medicine to take if troubled with indigestion. A French scientist has made some plants "artificially Alpine" by keeping them in an ice-box all night and exposing them to the full action of the sun during the day.

EAST MIDDLESEX SHOULD FALL INTO LINE WITH THE OTHER MIDDLESEXES IN SUPPORTING A MIDDLESEX PREMIER.







