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THE TREATY AND THE REPUBLICANS.

It would appear that more than ordinary generalship will be required to induce the United States Senate to ratify the fishery treaty. The committee on Foreign Relations, to whom the treaty has been referred, has agreed, it is understood, to report to the senate a recommendation that the treaty be not ratified unless it is amended to meet the views of certain of the senators, who, by this way, are strongly Republican. This simply means that the committee cannot recommend ratification until some other concessions are made at the expense of Canada. The committee has much influence in the senate, and has, on more than one occasion, succeeded in bringing about the adoption by that body of an amendment to a treaty which has been advanced in connection with the treaty now before it. To outguess the committee, therefore, is a task that will call into play ability that we do not often see displayed.

It has not been made apparent that the committee has been actuated from any other than purely patriotic motives. Its republican members have so far failed to establish any important point of American concession, or even the surrender of a privilege which their brethren or the nation care a whit about. But they seek to magnify the agreement on minor questions, which may have the semblance of American concession, into the appearance of a complete surrender of the main points at issue, as, for instance, the limit of extension in the case of Fortune Bay, N.B. Nothing else than party demands could call for such tactics, and nothing else than party purposes will lead to their support. The rejection, therefore, of the treaty by the senate will have its significance only in the fact that that body is largely republican.

The republican press have joined the committee on Foreign Relations in its condemnation of the treaty. It is loud in its declaration that American interests have been sacrificed. Our conservative contemporaries, therefore, in their efforts to maintain their contention that Canada's case was not surrendered, quote largely from the republican journals. Such extracts merely go to show to what extent the interests of country may be sacrificed for the interests of party.

The result of the deliberations of the senate will, however, be looked for in this country with interest.

VACCINATION AS A PREVENTIVE.

The statistics recently issued, of the small-pox epidemic now raging at Sheffield, Eng., and other places in that vicinity are proving in the most singular manner the value of vaccination as a preventive against that dread disease; and, further, the advisability of re-vaccination on attaining the age of puberty. On the first point the returns show that the estimated number of vaccinated children under ten years of age in Sheffield is about 50,000, and the number unvaccinated about 1,000. Yet among the former there have only been 2 deaths during the epidemic out of 189 children attacked, while among the latter 70 deaths have occurred out of 172 attacks. The extraordinary significance of the figures will be seen when it is considered that, judging from these results, if all the children had been vaccinated, there would only have been 3 deaths instead of 72, and that if all had remained unvaccinated there would have been 1,230 deaths instead of 72. Thus it is evident that but for the protecting effects of the system now in force in England, the people of Sheffield would have been scourged by one of the most devastating epidemics of fatal disease. The evidence in favor of re-vaccination is perhaps less conclusive, though still very striking. The 300 protected employees of the Sheffield post office have escaped entirely, and scarcely a single case has occurred where a re-vaccinated person has been attacked. When this is taken in connection with the fact that in the course of half a century there has not been a single case among the nurses and servants of the London small-pox hospital, where patients are constantly being treated, and with extraordinary immunity enjoyed by the 10,000 men employed in the London post service, the efficacy of re-vaccination may be said to have been conclusively demonstrated. There seems little doubt that if the practice of re-vaccination were universal, small-pox would be banished for ever.

A DISREPUTABLE BUSINESS.

"We have got to make this business disreputable," said Moody the Evangelist at Louisville a day or two ago, in speaking of the liquor traffic. If the people of Fredericton would act upon this advice and determine to regard those who sell liquor as disreputable characters, those dealers in the traffic would find themselves cut off from intercourse with respectable citizens and would have less to say in the affairs of the city. Everyone knows that certain persons in the city are selling liquor openly in defiance of law and yet they will recommend their friends to patronize those persons, and will patronize them themselves. If nothing can be done to make the proper authorities carry out the law, those liquor dealers who persist in selling their poisonous draughts should be not only regarded as disreputable, but should be shunned as public enemies and as men who are corrupting the morals of the city. It is high time that something was done to put a stop to such glaring defiance of law as that which we are constantly seeing.

KING KALAKAUA AGAIN.

It is just possible that Hawaii may be called upon to witness another revolution before matters are straightened out in that country. King Kalakaua claimed to have the right to veto bills passed by the legislature while his ministers claimed that he had not. The supreme court to which the matter was referred decided that he had such a right, and now the King is jubilant. He will make it his business to have those who have opposing him. The people are on the side of the minister and may yet in spite of the decision of the court show Kalakaua that if he has the right to veto any act he pleases that he will not be allowed to exercise his prerogative, or that if he attempts to do so he may have another experience similar to that which he lately made to pass through.

Mr. Bright has replied to a correspondent who forwarded him a copy of a resolution passed at the recent Fair Trade meeting in Birmingham in favor of a retaliatory tariff against foreign States. "We cannot," says the right hon. gentleman, "so freely as we wish to do, and your request is to create a tariff here that we may be unable to buy freely. You say that if we are not permitted to sell freely, let us deny ourselves the right to buy freely." Commenting on this, Mr. Bright asks whether it is the policy of men who reason or men who dream.

NEWS OF THE WORLD CONDENSED.

From Our Own Telegraphic Reports and Our Exchanges.

Personal, Political and Religious News of the Day.

Cable, American, Canadian and General Topics.

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It is stated that the porte has rejected Russia's suggestion that Turkish troops occupy Bulgaria. Mr. Gladstone has written a letter to the electors of Bradford in support of Wilfrid Blunt's candidacy for the commons. A dispatch from San Francisco says that the German physicians have discovered cancerous matter in the phlegm coughed up by the crown prince. A special service of prayer in behalf of the crown prince was held at the palace, Berlin, Sunday. The emperor and all members of the royal family were in Berlin attended. A dispatch from Warsaw says a panic was caused in the Jewish synagogue Saturday by a false alarm of fire. In the struggle to escape four women were killed and six seriously injured. Mr. Frosser, French minister of foreign affairs, has been elected deputy for the chamber of deputies for Basses-Alpes district. Republican candidates were elected in St. Kitts and St. John, in both of which places a number of voters were regarded as General Boulanger.

Prize William.

Prize William, Feb. 24. Rev. Mr. Harvey, of Kenwick, has been holding a series of meetings in the hall at St. John's. The large party of young people who attended the evening's services were with a slight accident on the way owing to the icy condition of the roads. The ladies were throwing several of their occupants down a steep embankment, and breaking the sleds in several places. The accident, however, escaped with the slight bruises and torn clothing. Upon arriving at the hall the party found the Rev. gentleman giving a very interesting discourse on the Prophet's return to a large and attentive congregation. After which the choir, led by Mr. Frank Gilling, rendered several very beautiful pieces, while a large number went forward to the merry seat at the close of the service.

Mr. Edgar Ingraham, who occupies a position in a leading drug store in St. John, is home on a short vacation.

Mr. Nebushuk Hoyt vacation in Montreal.

The village of Valterio, in north Italy, has been half buried by an avalanche. Many houses were wrecked and the occupants buried in the ruins. Troops from Bergamo have arrived to aid in disintering the buried. Twenty three corpses have been recovered. Several persons were extricated alive though more or less injured.

Accident—Retrieving From the Lumber-Box.

Nashua, Feb. 23. Mr. John J. Stewart, who was laid up the greater part of the winter with influenza (his land) had the misfortune to have the same hand badly injured again today by handling cord wood.

Mease, Chas. and Wesley McConnell, of Conroyville have returned from the lumber camps and paid \$100 fine for neglecting their teams while negotiating the dangerous hills are the cause of their return.

Mr. John Buchanan will purchase several car loads of wood which are being carted to Conroyville.

TEMPERANCE, VALE, Feb. 19. The weather has been very cold of late with a heavy snow storm about noon a week, and the people are having a terrible time to get water. Snow has been on the roofs of the houses for several days and it is a hard time to get any. Mr. Abernethy of Northville has to make snow for six head of cattle as well as what she uses in the house. Her husband is away in the woods.

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FROM THE COUNTRY.

News from the Districts About Us.

As Reported by Our Active Correspondents.

Accidents, Personal Intelligence, and Things in General.

HARVEY STATION.

A Big Budget of Interesting Items.

The weather the past week was all that could be desired. The heavy rain on Monday made the roads pretty wet, but the sun on Tuesday turned out by noon. Robinson, the new highway commissioner, who cut drains through the hills and allowed the surplus water to escape.

The first sleeper to be hauled to the station this week was brought in by Mr. Curthursen of Prince William.

The Rogers Bros. of Kenyon gave a Magic lantern entertainment in Taylor's hall on Monday evening to a large audience. The evening was wet. The performance was fair, and closed with the Rogers Bros. singing out by the Rogers Bros. Mr. Lyman preached on Wednesday evening in the hall. He is one of the Plymouth Brethren, and is a good and pleasant speaker.

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