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The National Blunder

In a recent edition of the London Times we find a leading article devoted to the half-breed uprising in the Red River country. The writer confessedly ignorant of the subject, deals with information derived from American sources, and reaches conclusions wholly unwarranted by facts.

Many of our readers will know that the practice in Cariboo is to lay over claims during the winter season—that is to say the owners of claims are during a specified period, exempted from the necessity of complying with the provision in the Gold Mining Ordinance, which renders a claim liable to be 'jumped' if found unrepresented for more than three days without permission first obtained from the Gold Commissioner.

AN ENTERTAINING SAVANNAH: An Indian lad was handed over to the tender care of Policeman Kennedy on Sunday night at 9 o'clock by a gentleman who discovered him in the act of trying to unlock a store door with a curiously-made skeleton key.

TAXES TOO HIGH: A leading San Francisco journal thus alludes to the subject of taxation in the State of California: 'It is becoming the opinion of leading journalists and statesmen all over the country, that the people are taxed entirely too much. Local taxes are unnecessarily high; revenue and income taxes are too high; and duties upon imports are too high.'

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justice to individualism on the one hand, and loyalty to the public interest on the other. On this and other accounts, one cannot but regret the disappearance of the Mining Board, a representative body peculiarly entitled to express an opinion upon such matters. We are not aware whether the representative for the Cariboo District has received any instructions upon this subject; but there can be no doubt that the system of indiscriminately laying over all claims for one-half of the year is attended with serious disadvantage, and forms the subject of much complaint.

Best people were there and testified most unequivocally their appreciation of the artistic manner in which the various phases of character were rendered. There was no stalling after effect, yet the individualities were evenly and happily displayed with that ease and telling effect which bespeaks the accomplished delineator. There was the matter in mode with the further in the story was listened to with great attention—and when punishment fell on the heartless perpetrators of poor Smike, the feelings of the audience culminated and testified their approval with loud demonstrations of applause.

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movement, the San Francisco Call designates it as the immigration humour, and questions the advantage of providing every avenue of employment. It thinks there are those connected with the movement who desire the creation of paying offices, and expresses the opinion that the State tax payers cannot and will not spare the money to carry on the scheme.

Two gems of wit, belonging to the dark Ruby, who refused to do duty and were taken into custody, have been sent aboard their vessel. The recalcitrant tars are certainly 'precious' in the eyes of their captain at a port where hands are scarce and wages high.

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Immigration - Information - Direction

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The days noticeable in cable service recently do not arise from any imperfection in the cable or its connections.

The Times this morning has an editorial article on the present depression in the cotton trade.

It is reported that the Viceroy of Egypt has engaged into an alliance with Greece.

Dispatches from India confirm the previous announcement of the arrival of the Great Eastern at Bombay.

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He also enjoys the observance of great vigilance in the matter of political meetings.

London, Jan 31.—The Pope yesterday visited the American College, where he assisted at a mass and delivered a sermon.

The Times Paris special says the organization of the new company for the isthmus of Darien Canal was completed last evening.

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The Conditions.

Under the provisions of the British North America Act, 1867, Penitentiaries are placed in the list of Federal departments; and it will have been observed that a penitentiary is comprised in the programme submitted to Prince Edward Island. Although destitute of such an institution the necessity for it has long been felt by the people of British Columbia, and the Legislature would not only be justified in including that amongst the conditions of union, but that body would be guilty of palpable dereliction of duty did it make such an omission. So much has already appeared in these columns about the present disgraceful and pernicious system of dealing with criminals that it will scarcely be necessary to enlarge upon the subject in the present article. Upon several grounds we conceive the existing conditions to be wholly unjustifiable. As the common receptacles of murderers, convicts, robbers, thieves, Indian whisky-sellers, drunkards, vagabonds, rogues, debtors and insane persons, our common prisons are notoriously inadequate. When we consider the impossibility of classification or proper treatment, either physically, morally or religiously, when the changing branch of the system is borne in mind, surely no one will suggest that a continuance of the present condition of these affairs is tolerable. All hope abandoned, ye who enter here, was the inscription over Dante's gate of Hell. In view of the whole treatment of those who, either from the visitation of God, adversity, accident, or the volition of their own depraved will, have occasion, in the interest of general well-being, to occupy a prison home, might not that inscription fittingly be displayed over the fatal entrances of our common goals? In respect of the youthful convicts who, possibly for the first offence, to chains gang doomed, enters these gates have not the terrible, despair-inspiring words of Dante a peculiar moral fitness? To the insane person, caged in a poisonous dank cell, with murderers, thieves and robbers for associates, and wholly destitute of that treatment and those surroundings favorable to the return of sane reason, would not the inscription be singularly applicable to a mental sense? A penitentiary would appear, therefore, to be necessary as a means of affording proper accommodation, treatment and discipline to a by no means small class of criminals. With the removal to a penitentiary of those who would form fitting subjects for that institution, our common prisons would be capable of such arrangements as would admit of the proper classification and treatment of such criminals as would naturally belong to that department, and might, possibly, admit of temporary provision being made for the better treatment of lunatics, until such a time as a separate institution shall have been created for that class of subjects. But a penitentiary is also highly desirable as a means of employing convicts. The pernicious character of the present changing system of convict labor has frequently been pointed out. Does it require pointing out? Surely no observant person in the enjoyment of a healthy moral tone of mind can fall of seeing that the influence of the system of punishing chained convicts through the public thoroughfares is a most pernicious, damning one, both as regards those who wear the chains and those who hear their clanking. The establishment of a penitentiary would render all such relics of barbarism unnecessary. Occupation, at once suited to the convict and remunerative to the colony, would be provided within the ample walls of the institution, and the inmates would become the subjects of a system of healthful and salutary discipline, and of moral and religious training calculated to elevate and reform, instead of degrading and hardening in crime, as at present. However keenly the want of such an institution may have been felt in the past, the fact could not be well ignored that to establish, equip, and maintain in a state of thorough efficiency a penitentiary commonwealth with the present and prospective exigencies of the colony must involve an amount of expenditure somewhat disproportionate to present financial means. This difficulty at once disappears under Confederation; and it will, therefore, become the duty of those upon whom the responsibility of adjusting the basis of union falls to make fitting provision for the early establishment of a Provincial Penitentiary for British Columbia.

There is really no demand for house-room at San Francisco. Empty apartments are plentiful—so are empty pockets; consequently, the lumber market is dull and Puget Sound and British Columbia suffer indirectly. Again, must we not remember the Horrid Railroad.

INDIAN MURDERS AND FINANCER.

Mr. Oles Mulloy, who returned the other day from a copper exploring expedition to Knight's Canal, informs us that while there he conversed with a man named McGraw, formerly of Nanaimo, who informed him that on the 23rd of March, 1868, a man named John Knight, owner of the trading sloop Eliza, and his cousin, named Mathers, were murdered at an Indian village 60 miles north of the canal and the sloop sunk. The perpetrators were five Indians, who are well known to all the tribes at Knight's Canal and to Mr. Mulloy's informant. Mathers was slitting in the competition way reading a book, and the five Indians stole alongside in a canoe and shot him dead. Knight was lying in his bunk; hearing the shot, he ran up the ladder, when he, too, was shot dead. Knight's body was then bound to the mast of the sloop, which was scuttled after being pillaged. The wreck of the sloop can be easily found. It is said that the late Governor Seymour intended touching at the scene of the murder, but was prevented by death from carrying out his design. The murderers are very defiant, and stick their fingers at the bare idea of white authority, and since the murder of Knight and Mathers have decapitated a squaw belonging to another tribe and stolen a number of blankets. The perpetrators of these murders are located in the very track of trading vessels and canoes bound up the canal, and no prospecting can be done in the country in consequence of the savage nature of the tribes. Mr. Mulloy is stopping at the Telegraph Hotel and is prepared to furnish full information to the authorities.

FRENCH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The annual statement of the French Benevolent Society appears this morning. During the fiscal year just closed the Society has increased its assets by \$472-\$490 of which amount has been deposited in the Government Savings Bank at 5 per cent interest per annum and there is now ready for an emergency \$299.94. Additions have also been made to the appointments of the Hospital, so that the comfort of patients is enhanced. A modest prospectus accompanies the statement, from which it appears that subscribers, in case of illness, are entitled at the Hospital, to medical attendance, medicines, nurses, and all the comforts of a home. Should they prefer not to enter the Hospital, they may procure advice or medicines free of charge; if waited upon at their residence, the physician's fee is one dollar per visit—medicines free. The officers of this most excellent institution are:—President, S. D'Armand; Vice President, Jules Ruffet; Treasurer, John Kriemer; Secretary, Honore Bessard; Directors Messrs Felix Le Louis, Pierre Tissei, and John Vogel, Medical Attendant, Dr. Powell. The benefits of the Society are not confined to the children of France. Representatives of all nationalities, upon payment of the trifling fee of \$1 per month, are entitled to share the advantages. The annual banquet of the society will be held at the Colonial Hotel on the evening of the 24th February.

THE MISSING SCHOONER VICTORIA PACKET.

Upwards of five years ago the schooner Victoria Packet sailed from Nanaimo for Victoria with a cargo of coal, and never arrived at her destination. It has all along been supposed that she struck a rock in the Narrows and sunk with all hands. Lately, it is reported, information has been received that the crew were murdered in Cowichan Bay by Cowichan Indians and the vessel robbed and scuttled. The information is said to have come from a Cowichan, whose truth or falsity of this report will be ascertained as speedily as possible.

RUNNIN A GOOD THING INTO THE GARDEN.

A lawyer in St. Louis lately resorted to forgery to meet the premiums on his life insurance policies. He had insured his own life for \$40,000, and his father's (aged 86) for \$24,500. The premiums on these amounts was \$7000 per year. If the old gentleman had died, the lawyer would have been unnecessary.

THE VERVA.

This runaway steamer, now restored, after many weary months spent in the Admiralty Court, to the hands of her rightful owners, took a final trip yesterday to the outer harbor, under command of Captain Jackson. The machinery worked well, and the beautiful little vessel made splendid time. She will return to Puget Sound in a few days.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Yesterday we mentioned by one the honorable member absent. Mr. Walker, an appointed member, is in San Francisco and may not return for some weeks. There will be three members absent when the speech is delivered on Tuesday, unless the News should bring Mr. Holbrook from New Westminster.

Answers to Mr. Symonds.

Answers to Mr. Symonds. The answers to Mr. Symonds who left by the Acute yesterday are on their way to locate upon a rich silver lead just struck in that great old mine at White Pine. Will people never profit by the experience of others? or must every one put his head in the lion's mouth before we will be satisfied that the brute has teeth and will bite.

ODD FELLOWS.

Odd Fellows. A new Lodge of Odd Fellows has been organized in this city under the title of the Columbia Lodge No. 2. The officers will be installed on Tuesday evening and the Lodge will open for work on the following evening.

DEATH OF A PIONEER.

Death of a Pioneer. Mr. Thomas Cameron, a most respected citizen, died yesterday morning of consumption. Mr. Cameron carried on an extensive wherewith establishment on Commercial street. He came to this city in 1858 and here a wife and six children.

The Arrive sailed at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. She carried away 15 passengers and 20 tons of freight. Among the passengers were Rev Mr. Duncan and Master Oridge, A R Green, Mr and Mrs Brodrick, I Wolf, and Miss Archer.

One hundred seagoing vessels are moored at San Francisco awaiting employment, and one hundred captains are wearing away shoeleather at the Merchant's Exchange in the same city. That Horrid Railroad.

The next direct steamer will sail from San Francisco for Victoria on the 24th inst.

A Voice from a Rural District.

Editor British Colonist:—The annexation champions ought to tell us the benefits of being under the Star Spangled Banner—the introduction of such scenes as recently happened in Steplacoom, when two poor wretches were butchered. How would such affairs do in Victoria?—the poor of the city as some poor creatures was passing for his life would leave no need for Jack Ketch. By some British soldiers discharge Judge Neudham and get one of those incorruptible American judges who are so plentiful. By annexation we would get rid of all trouble about the unoccupied land held by speculators. It could be jumped, and if desired, attempted to defend their rights—no expense for lawyers' fees if it would be excellent sport for the speculators if they did not object to the risk of a bullet—but there are drawbacks to everything. By annexation, as we want population, we might get some of the champions of those frequent rogues that we read of in the States, where two or three get killed, and if one of these ruffians should fire with his revolver into a crowded ball room (as has been done on the other side) would there not be the fun, if they did not get hit, of getting your rifle to hunt the fellow down? What excellent sport! It would take too much room for me to describe all the benefits and bonuses of annexation. At least one-tenth of the British population are so undisciplined as to be loyal to their glorious native land, with her pure judges and incorruptible statesmen, early rejected as we have been, and to say as they look back to their own sea-girt isle, England, with all its faults, we live there still. So, Mr Editor, I am afraid I cannot get annexed till we get more civilized.

But was a little longer. There's a good time coming, boys. There's a good time coming, boys. When we get annexed—Only wait a little longer.

JAMES FLEMING, JR. Kolimaide, Oahu, Feb 8, 1870.

Wrong Time.

Editor British Colonist:—In the Evening News of yesterday's date, you will find among the items that the steamer California would leave for Portland at 9 o'clock this morning. Several persons went down at that hour and found that the steamer had left long before. Thus the Evening News, instead of being an authority on this matter, is a perfect News-ince and misleads the public. I shall probably lose \$200 by the delay.

Prince Bonaparte's Challenge to Rochefort.

The French journals just received give the text of the letter of Prince Bonaparte to Henri Rochefort.

Paris, January 7th, 1870.—Monsieur: After outraging one after another each of my relatives, and sparing neither women nor children; you insult me by the pen of one of your workmen. It is all natural, and my tears should come. Only I have, perhaps, an advantage over the greater part of my family—that of being a plain, private individual, although being a Bonaparte. I therefore demand of you if your boast is a guarantee for your instant, and I avow that I have only a mediocre confidence in the result of the matter. I have already, by the journals, that your commitments have given you an imperious command to refuse me honorable reparations, and to preserve your precious existence. Nevertheless, I take the chance in the hope that a feeble remnant of French sentiment will cause you to depart, in my favor, from the measures of prudence and precaution in which you take refuge. If, therefore, by hazard, you consent to draw the balls, which render your precarious person doubly inviolable, you will find me neither in a place nor a theatre. I reside quite plainly at No 66 Rue d'Assis, and I promise you that if you do not yourself it will not be said that I am out.

Awaiting your reply, I have again the honor to salute you.

PIERRE NAPOLEON BONAPARTE. To M. Henri Rochefort, No 3 Rue d'Aboukir, Paris.

The Story of Pompeii.

Most people know that Pompeii was buried by a volcanic eruption A. D. 76, and that long centuries since certain excavations were made leading to a archaeological discovery surprising for interest any of which the modern world has record. But comparatively few are aware that since the Italian revolution of 1860 more has been known of the unfortunate city than perhaps has ever existed during all the preceding years since the catastrophe. Light has been thrown and one of the first acts of the new Government was that of appointing Signor Fiorelli inspector of the excavations. With facilities similar to those had before enjoyed, the gentleman who has the rare fortune to bring the culture of a scholar with the practical energy of a good business man, soon had large forces busily at work. No fewer than 700 men have sometimes been employed under his orders and the results have been most propositions. The chronicle of previous work is brief enough and may be mentioned by way of contrast with that of the last decade. In the year 1863, a prominent antiquary had the good fortune to discover and destroy several temples of the great Basilica; the col-

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Towards the end of the XVI century an aqueduct from the Sarno to Torre dell'Annunziata was carried straight through the heart of the buried city, following streets and piercing walls. Yet, no one said aught of Pompeii and it was not until 1748, under Charles III, after the world had been excited by the discovery of Herculaneum that a certain prying engineer, Alcubiera by name, got the royal permission to excavate near the site of the former place, and began to find out what was hidden there. Even then neither this adventurer, nor others who mentioned Pompeii. They thought he was working over Stabia. Little was done at this or any other time under the Bourbons. The men in charge would occasionally find something and then, for the most part, would cover it over again, so that on the visit of some royal or other distinguished person, they might flatter their visitor by pretending to make a surprising discovery in his presence. When the Bonapartes prostrated the Bourbons, early in the nineteenth century, the entry of the Republic of '60, was in a manner prefigured. Caroline, Napoleon's sister and Murat's queen, was enthusiastically interested in the works and caused them to be energetically advanced. The Bourbons returned and all stood still again until the cry of free Italy was heard, and with Victor Emmanuel came Fiorelli. Since then, as we have said, the ground over Pompeii has been worked with almost as much vigor and eagerness as the gold diggings of California, and since then, consequently, the returns have been commensurate with the investment of capital and labor.

Streets, houses, theatres, have one by one been examined, inscriptions deciphered, trinkets, coins, and household utensils collected, jars of cosmetics and plates of medicine, and lately even such ordinarily perishable things as loaves of bread. Eighty-one of these have been discovered by Fiorelli in a single oven—the place having been sealed so that no gases entered it, and the bread was found exactly in the order in which it was placed on that dread 23d of November, 79, when the fierce strife of the gladiators at the Amphitheatre was interrupted by the lava storm from Vesuvius. All sorts of things have been found, without thought, or even at the time the admirable copies of Pompeian architecture, etc., were cut in the Crystal Palace, at Sydenham. Posters bearing extracts to vote for such a one for a candidate, love messages written on back walls, articles of female apparel or ornament, paintings in full preservation, poor animals held fast by chains which prevented their escape from the burning destruction, and so dying where they stood, and worse still, human prisoners in the gladiator's barracks immovably trampled by the ankles to iron chains. Of course only the skeletons of these remained; but if no human form, rounded as in life, has been discovered, there has been found what is so precisely like it as to be as less mournfully impressive. We are told by M. Monnier—a French writer who has published this and other cogent informers, in an interesting monograph—that recently, in a small street under heaps of rubbish, the workmen prepared an empty space at the bottom of which were some bones. Signor Fiorelli, who was at once called, had a luminous idea. He made them mix plaster, and poured it into the hollow as in a cast. The operation was repeated in other instances close by. Afterwards, the great of Pompeii closed and hauled down was carefully removed. When this was done, four apparently perfect human bodies lay calmly below. Their flesh had remained, their hair shopped of ashes and it had curled and curled, and as had been left which Fiorelli now an ingeniously tried to reproduce.

The Article which led to the Assassination.

The following is the article which led to the assassination of Mr. Noir:—There are singular people in the Bonaparte family whose ambitious ambition by artificial, and, in fact, making themselves positively thrown into the shade, grow up as it were, retaining power. They resemble these old men who have never found a husband, and who bewail the ages they never had. Let us place in the category of indubitable Prince Pierre Napoleon Bonaparte, who permits himself to write newspaper articles in his leisure hours. He is the Bonaparte, whose wages were making the ridiculous immorality; but he meets with more Walsley than Australia! The Bonaparte Democracy journals, of course, delighted in his articles, and gave a specimen of the articles of the so-called Prince. Irritated to see R. political ideas invade the soil of his family, the Prince published along letters in a paper threatening to rip up his adversary. Here is a specimen of the Prince's press: "Whom the brave soldiers, skillful sportsmen, hardy hunters and industrious farmers of Corsica would have put to rot in the fields if they had not been without their sort." "As you will see, the Prince does not write with slight hand; Corsica's Bonaparte and you see a wild head appearing. The battle is the judge of such a deed." What will I think when it is said that this Prince Pierre Bonaparte, the same who in 1848, addressed a Republican proclamation to the Corsicans, in which he proclaimed the Corsicans, officers and militia, only to be equalled by those found in the proclamations of him who is called Napoleon III, by the grace of violated faith and the 'copy of the' however used, the may be the fact, and one may find it strange that a man should have said twenty years ago, 'My father was a Republican' because I am

one by conviction, by instinct, by tradition, and that this same man should to-day treat of matters which their fathers would have hanged into the sea in a sack, citizens who have remained faithful to their convictions, their instincts, their traditions.

Religious revolts in Madagascar.

A remarkable religious revolution has taken place in Madagascar. We learn by a letter from Rev. W. Pool, Sept. from the capital on the 28th of Sept, and published in a weekly contemporary, that the Queen has had the royal idols publicly burned, that she and her ancestors have embraced Christianity, and that the whole provinces of Imerina in which the capital is situated have followed the example of the Government. The Queen embraced Christianity early in the year, and has all summer been building a chapel royal. Meanwhile, the wooden fence around the temple of the great national idol has been pulled down, and the priests assumed a threatening aspect, even hinting that their god had medicine which would avenge him on their heretic Sovereign. On the 8th of Sept they came in force to the capital to claim their rights as nobles. A Council was called and it was decided to send the Chief Secretary of State and other high officials to the sacred village, seven miles from the capital, and burn the idol before its keepers returned. They set off the same afternoon and by an authority from the Prime Minister seized the idol's house. The wood of the fallen fence was collected, a fire was made and the contents of the temple were taken out to be burned. First, the long cage carried before the idol in procession was thrown in; then twelve bullocks' horns from which incense or holy water had been sprinkled; then three tortoise shells and the silk robe worn over the idol by the keeper who carried it. Then came the idol's case, the trunk of a small tree followed, and fitted with a cover, and last of all the idol itself. Hardly any of the priests' generation had seen the god, and great was the surprise when he was produced. Two pieces of scarlet silk about three feet long and three inches wide, with a small piece of wood about as big as a man's thumb inserted in the middle between them, so that the silk formed as it were two wings, was the great god of Madagascar, whose touch was sanctifying and whose nearness was preservative. "You cannot burn him, he is a god," said the people. "If he be a god he will not burn," said the officers: "we are going to try," and held it on a stick in the fire that the people might see it as it was consumed. The victory was complete. Next day four other idols shared the same fate, and the rest followed. One was a little bag of sand; another consisted of three round pieces of wood united by a silver chain. The people looked on in wonder, and when the process was over, seeing that they had no gods to worship, they sent to the Queen to ask what they were to worship for the future. The government sent the English Independent, adding to the information contained in Mr. Pool's letter, the response appended to the native Christians to send Christian teachers, and they at once responded. It was found that of 280 towns and villages in Imerina, 130 already had Christian churches, and teachers were once found for all the rest. This movement, which is remarkable for its purely native origin, is another proof that in certain stages of civilization nations may be converted by authority. The conversion of Madagascar has been accomplished in the nineteenth century, such as that of the Saxons was accomplished in the eighth. The iconoclast is the reformer's forerunner. To overthrow a fetish worship the fetish itself must be first destroyed.

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There are one or two matters which, although in a sense local, we hope to see included in the conditions of union.

The suggestion was made in this journal a few weeks ago that Federal aid should be sought for the purpose of raising money to construct adequate water-works for this city.

A precedent was found in the schedule of terms agreed upon between the Ottawa Government and the Newfoundland Government.

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The Approaching Session. In a few days, one might almost

hours, the public will be in possession of the pronouncement of His Excellency the Governor.

As a rule, so-called 'Speeches from the Throne' possess but little interest, their

gauge being for the most part directed to the concealment of thought or

intent. There are two circumstances which impart an unusual, almost

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London, Feb 27. After reading the Queen's Speech in the House of Lords, an address was made to her Majesty, referring to the Irish question.

Eastern States. Washington, Feb 27. The House of Representatives has agreed to report a bill authorizing the Northern Pacific Railroad Co to issue bonds.

Delayed Dispatches. London, Feb 27. The amount of specie in the bank of England has increased £225,000 since last Thursday.

London, Feb 28. Mr. Curlew, Member for Dundee, has announced his intention of moving for an investigation into the condition of the imprisoned Fenians.

Paris, February 3. Several Deputies proposed to vote in the Corps Legislatif for the restoration of the property of the Orleans family.

Washington, February 4. Mr. Sherman, from the Finance Committee, reported a bill to authorize the funding and consolidation of the public debt.

The London Railway News predicts that in a few years an attractive journey by rail will be made from London to Pekin.