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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

IN appointing Mr. H. A. McLean, of Winnipeg, Deputy Attorney General of British Columbia, Joseph Martin has emphasised his contempt for the legal profession of thfs Province. By his action, he has told the lawyers of British Columbia, that there is not one available man, in the opinion of such a great legal luminary as Joseph Martin, fit for the positi n. We do not know just how reliable a legal authority Mr. Martin may be, but w do believe that if the lawyers of this Province do not hasten to resent the insult offered them, they must not complain if layman accept them at the valuation placed upon them by the Attorney-General. We are free to confess that we always regarded the Bar of British Columbia as equal to that of any Province in the Dominion. There are poor lawyers here as elsewhere, but generally speaking the legal profession of this Province has been recognized as thoroughly efficient. In placin this estimate on the lawyers of this Province it appears we have been mistaken, for no less an astute and learned member of the Bar than Joseph Martin tells us, by his action, that there is not one lawyer whose services could be secured that is capable of filling the office of Deputy Attorney-General. Therefore the Attorney-General sends to Manitoba, where, in his opinion, the lawyers are more profound students, for a Deputy Attorney-General. The people of this Province will await with some curiosity the action of the Bar Association, just to see if Mr. Martin's estimate of the legal talent of British Columbia is the one to be accepted in the future. It may be, as suggested, that there is no a self-respecting lawyer in British Columbia, who would act as Deputy Attorney-General to Joseph Martin.

A PARAGRAPH goes the rounds that General Gascoigne has been sent to the China station to enjoy promotion and an income of two to three thousand pounds a year. The army list does not indicate that any such pay is given to the officers in these district commands. The appointment may in the present aspect of events be regarded as expression of confidence in the sodlierly qualities of General Gascoigne. He proved himself to be a good fighting man before he came to Canada. In this country he had no fighting to do or he might have made a good record, but his career as an administrator in the D minion would not entitle him to wear a medal.

ACCORDING to statistics just published in London, Eng., the imports from Canada for the month of October were as follows: — Cattle, 17,535, value £288,687; sheep and lambs, 8,722, £13,280; wheat, 1,303,600 cwts £461,712; meal and flour, 285,600 cwts., £148,-089; peas, 103,140 cwts., £29,152; bacon, 40,-609 cwts., £80,954; hams, 8,333 cwts., £16-693; butter, £42,849 cwts., 183,420; cheese, 286,279 cwts., £574,221; eggs (hundreds) 139,-406, £48,087 horses, 525, £14,757. Butter, cheese and eggs show a decided increase over the same period in the previous year. The total imports for the year to date, amount to £1,228,85 , and the experts from Britain to Canada £303,836.

DURING the past two weeks amusement lovers in Nelson have been treated to clever dramatic productions by the Bittner company. Not the least interesting features of the entertainments were a series of pictures on the "Waragraph," illustrating the porwess of Uncle Sam on the tented field. Every Anglo-Saxon is proud of the victory gained by the United States over Spain, but we believe our friends over the border are detracting from the glory and splendor of their success by so much self-adulation. The total loss of life in the war with Spain was 2,906 soldiers and sailors. Of these deaths 306 occurred in battle or as a result of wounds, and 2,600 from disease. Compared with the exploit of Sir Herbert Kitchener in the Soudan, when 15,-000 dervishes bit the dust in a couple of hours, the victory of the United States seems very insignificant. Yet, while the battle of Omdurman occurred only a few weeks ago, the fight has already become a matter of ancient history with the people of Great Britain, and is scarcely ever discussed. It may be said that a victory over the dervishes could not be compared to the fight with the Spaniards. As a matter of fact the dervishes are harder fighters than the Spaniards. We have no desire to deprecate the victory of the United States troops, but it appears to us that it is about time to give the public a rest.

GLASS now bids fair to outrival gold and other material for the filling of teeth. It is much cheaper and answers splendidly, as it is much less conspicuous than the yellow metal. Of course it is not the ordinary glass, but is prepared by some new patent process which renders it soft and malleable. It is also destined to take the place of iron in the manufacture of church bells. It can be toughened so that there is no risk of cracking, and the tone is said to be much superior to the bells now in use, being perfect, soft and sonorous.

IT seems a very severe punishment to hang a man for killing his mother-in-law; yet this is the sentence passed upon Elezear Mann, of Montreal, who killed his wife's mother last summer. The judge and ju y who tried Mann, must certainly never have experienced the pleasure of a visit from the proverbial mother-in-law.

THE dismissal of acting-mining recorder Thompson, at New Denver, has aroused the indignation of the people at that point. Mr. Thompson was a capable official, but the Martin government had to find a place for a friend. Once more the question is raised, has Kootenay any representation in the present government?

LIEUT. KEATING, the young Canadian officer who was killed in the British service in Africa the other day, was a son of E. H. Keating, a Halifax gentleman who is now manager of the Toronto street railway, and his maternal grandfather was the late J. F. Blanchard for many years a prominent business man of Truro. Young Keating was educated at Kingston and was doing good service for the Empire in the wilds of the dark continent, when he was struck down by a wild tribesma

and his name must be added to the list of Maritime Province heroes who have given their lives for their country. Stairs, Robinson, Cook and Keating are names that add lustre to the glorious pages of history which Britain is writing in Africa.

THE people of the United States are beginning to understand Canadians better than formerly. The Beacon society, of Boston, gave a dinner a few nights ago, at which the president, Mr. Lucius Tuttle, took occasion to remark:

"There is not in Canada, enough sentiment in favor of annexation to the United States to fill the smallest glass in this room. On the other hand, they want to to be on good terms with the people of this country, as we want to be on goed terms with them. They have the protection of the British flag and of the British consular service, and we have nothing to give them which would compensate for the loss of these two things. There is no real sentiment for annexation. I hope that the commission now sitting will accomplish something toward putting us on better trade relations with Canada. Perhaps it may give us a preferential duty something which England alone possesses now. I think no member of the commission believes that free trade between the United States and Canada will result from the meeting of the commission, but better trade relations may result. The first thing to be settled by the commission now sitting is whether there shall be any trade relations between these two countries. If there are to be any such relations, then the question of transportation must be decided, but the railroad and transportation matters are merely subsidiary to the principal subject."

The chief guest of the evening was Hon. Charles S. Hamlin, who spoke at considerable length on the seal fishing as regards its international relations. The ex-Secretary of the United States Treasury had been sent to Alaska by the President to consider this matter. After some particular statements, as to the general question, he declared that the United States had not been wholly right on the seal question. He felt sure that this matter would be settled by buying the seal rights of Canada and then stopping the killing of seals at sea. "Whatever price we pay will be amply justified," he significantly said. On the mattter of the inland fisheries in the lakes he declared that Canada was wholly right and the United States wrong in the positions taken with regard to the protection of the fish. He further said:

"Then there is the question of immigration. Up to the present time our laws have been archaic; they have been barbarous. At present, under our laws, no English subject can come into our country and take up a claim. The gold question is a very important one, and there is no doubt that there is gold in our territory, as well as in English territory. Under the Canadian laws any man can go into Canadian territory and take up a claim. The Canadian border can easily be fixed. There are in all about a doze questions which should be determined once and for all, and can be. The people of Canada are our neighbor and our brothers. They are British subjects, and, as we well know, the action of the English Government prevented a European alliance against us in our war with Spain. Although I feel that no alliance could have prevented our going to war, if we had thought the war right, we ought, nevertheless, to feel grateful to England for her friendly services. Therefore, it seems to me that our commissioners ought to be encouraged in ever way to do all they can to settle every one of the questions now at issue. And in time it may well happen, as we all hope, that the Canadians will become our brothers, not only in their propinquity, but also in the political and business relations between our country and theirs."

JOSEPH MARTIN'S "Economy" Bottling Works are now in full operation at Victoria. It is understood that there is some difficulty in securing specimens of the Semlin-Cotton variety for the preserving market.

HAD A. S. Farwell ever reached the Bottling Works of Hon. Joseph Martin, there would have been some high and lofty kicking before Joseph would have succeeded in bottling up Mr. Farwell.

A WISE and beneficent government appears to be making generous provision for the Carney family at Kaslo. First Carney the elder was appointed Police Magistrate of Kaslo, and now Carney Junior is appointed clerk in Mr. Keen's office. The Carney family are doing well in this country; in fact they would get along first-rate in any place, providing their visits did not cover too much space of time.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER declares his inability to get along without the services of Clifford Sifton. In this respect the public differs with Sir Wilfrid.

MR. J. T. ROBINSON has retired from the Kamloops *Standard*. The name of Mr. Robinson's successor is not given. The new man at the wheel says: "Whilst the *Standard* is a Conservative journal, we are not bigoted and the paper will endeavor, in its policy, to be just and fearless."

IF the *Colonist* has inside information with regard to the real significance of Great Britain's recent war preparations it should take the public into its confidence at once. It may be, as hinted by the Victoria newspaper, that the call to arms was in some way connected with the probable failure of the peace negotitions between the United States and Spain, but the *Cotonist* in offering this suggestion only whets the appetite of the public for authentic information as to the real designs of Her Majesty Government.

IT may be only a coincidence, but one cannot help remarking upon the sudden desire of France to retract when it was announced that one thousand Highlanders from Vancouver were ready to take up arms to defend Great Britain's policy in the Soudan.

HON. D. W. HIGGINS has been given the seat in Esquimalt on the recount—three ballots formerly declared spoiled now being counted for Mr. Higgins. Just where Mr. Higgins will sit in the new house is not known. It will be remembered that Mr. Maxwell, M. P., during his visit to Nelson last year, warned the opponents of the Turner Government to having nothing to do with the emotional Davfd.

THE result of the United States elections ha paralyzed the silver men. United States Senator Thurston, believes that the sweeping in of the west, including Nebraska, means the unconditional indorsement of President McKinley's administration, the conduct of the war and his foreign policy. The battle was fought on the straight gold standard platform, and the result absolutely eliminates free silver as a national issue in 1900. The entire tendency of independent voters is to return to the old party allegiance, with permanent gains to the republican party from the best elements of democracy and populism.

SO FAR municipal matters have not been discussed in Nelson, and it may be that next year will only be a repetition of last year. This should not be the case. Nelson is a new city; its business methods are being formulated, and while we know that we are ahead of many other cities in the matter of municipal government, the fact still remains that we have not reached perfection. A lively interest in municipal matters on the part of the ratepayers has a tendency to bring forth the best efforts of city legislators.

THE copper mine of Falum, Sweden, has been worked for 700 years. From records it is learned that the mine has yielded 500,000 tons of copper, 15 tons of silver and 1¼ tons of gold, representing a value of $277,500,000. The mine is 1,200 feet deep. Its greatest production of copper was in 1651, when 3,066 tons were made; the lowest was 388 tons, in 1833, the mine in addition to its metalic products, yields large quantities of yellow ocher.

THERE is very little sympathy in the United States with France in he present humiliating position. The evidence of an anti-American sentiment in France brought to light by the Spanish war, as evidenced by the venomous tone of the French press, was a surprise to many Americans. The press en

gaged in the battle on the part of Spain by violently abusing the United States and lauding Spain, by putting everything American in a contemptible light, by printing false dispatches and rumors, and publishing interviews which, whether authentic or not, were plainly indicative of a desire to heighten the animosity of the French people against the United States. This is what makes the people of the United States so bitter against the French at the present juncture.

THE Ottawa *Citizen* is authority for the statement that Hon. Mr. Sifton, is not only about to afflict this country with some thousands of the Russian fanatics called Doukhoborstis, but he is going to keep them all winter in this country at the government expense.

The *Citizen* says that a vegetarian-looking gentleman named Maude, a "disciple" of the Russian novelist Tolstoi, was in Ottawa last month arranging for the shipment of these people, and he made it a point to interview the newspapers and put up a very sentimental tale intended to disarm opposition. He represented that he and other Englishmen, animated by pure philanthropy, had rescued these Doukhoborstis from Russia, and had shipped a few thousand to Cyprus. They still had five or six thousand on the bargain counter that they wanted to benefit Canada with. He said they were asking nothing from the government but an extra dollar per head emigrant allowance, and the right for these people to come to Canada to live. The Douk-etc. had money of their own, not much, it is true, but enough to establish them on farms in the Northwest. All this he urged as argument that the recent bitter opposition against the settlement of these people in Canada should be dropped. He described what himself and his English fellow enthusiasts had done for these people, and thought it was not much for Canada to aid them in getting a home for their protegees. It turns out that Mr. Aylmer Maude and his fellow-philanthropists propose to unload these Doukhoborstis on Canada this fall, and have the people of Canada support them until next spring. In other words, they have succeeded in gulling the government into taking several thousand paupers off their hands, and, while Mr. Tolstoi and Mr. Maude and the rest of the philanthropists are enjoying the kudos resulting from having rescued and transplanted these Doukhoborstis from the alleged persecution of Russia to the golden fields and freedom-impregnated ozone of the Canadian Northwest, the Canadian tax-payer is to put up his hard-earned shekels to support the several thousand paupers dumped down here to be a burden to the country and a detriment to its development and institutions. Another paper announces that Mr. Sifton's Doukhoborsti immigrants will be quartered for the winter in the immigrant buildings at Brandon, Regina, Portage la Prairie, and Dauphin. Being vegetarians, the government agents in the west have already contracted for the supply of a large quantity of potatoes, etc. Prince Hilkoff, the Russian phllanthropist, is now engaged in the selection of land in the west on which the Russian Quakers are to be located.

BOB FITZSIMMONS will make his son a lawyer. This piece of information is for the benefit of Fighting Joe Martin, who in years to come may be on the look-out for a Deputy Attorney-General.

THE Cascade *Record* is the latest addition to the ranks of Provincial Journals. The new paper is published at Cascade City by Messrs. Wilcox & O'Reilly, and is a credit to the publishers both editorially and mechanically. We wish the new paper success.

OTTAWA *Citizen* : Prof. E. Stone Wiggins claims to have solved the problem of squaring the circle. If our esteemed scientist could solve the problem of making the Ring square the community would have cause to welcome the discovery with glad acclaim.

A WRITER in the current number of the *Arena* discusses Capitalistic Abuses in Canada, and in the course of the article says : "Influenced by the great banking and financial institutions and capitalists, the Canadian government has just made a retrograde movement favoring the rich capitalists at the expence of the frugal workers by reducing the rate of interest allowed on deposits in the post office savings bank, first from 3 1-2 per cent to 3 per cent, and again within a year from 3 per cent to 2 1-2 per cent. The post office savings bank is not used by capitalists. The amount one person may deposit is limited and as a matter of fact 96 1-2 per cent of the deposits were under $101, and of these 87,644 or over 50 per cent did not exceed $20 each. The $32 000,000 on deposit represents the small savings of the toilers and workers, a class who, having few opportunities to invest, or lacking the necessary knowledge, prefer to leave their savings with the government ; and the government of the Dominion should encourage their thrift by paying the highest rate possible, instead of paying the "bone and sinew" of the land lower interest than they pay for money borrowed in London. Is it not evident that the interests of the bankers and capitalists have greater weight with the Dominion government than have the interests of the 136,000 small depositors throughout the country ?"

DURING the discussion on the question of public buildings for Nelson at the Board of Trade meeting, last Monday evening, a member remarked that he had received a letter from Mr. Bostock, M. P., in which that gentleman confessed that owing to his time being so much taken up with Provincial politics, he was unable to give the subject of public buildings for Nelson the attention to which it was of course entitled. The gentleman who made this statement is well known in this city and would not wilfully injure Mr. Bostock or any other man; therefore, we must accept it as a fact that Mr. Bostock, our representative in the Dominion House of Commons, devotes so much of his time to Provincial politics as to be unable to look after the interests of his constituents. Just what the nature of Mr. Bostock's relations with provincial politics are we can only surmise. No one has ever accused him of being a Cicero, so it must not be as an orator that he gives his time to Provincial politics. Nor is Mr. Bostock noted as a deep thinker on political economy; indeed, some are cruel enough to say that the member for Yale-Cariboo retains others to do his thinking for him. Mr. Bostock's "journalistic" duties, of course, consumes considerable of his time, but one would think that a man of his versatility could dash off an editorial with one hand, while with the other scourge the Ottawa authorities for the failure to provide Nelson with public buildings. But he admits he has not done so, and it is only reasonable to surmise that the interest of the member for Yale Cariboo in Provincial politics must be in the nature of financing matters generally. His letter to his Nelson friend is a positive insult to his constituents here. Some kind friend should escort this man Bostock to a quiet secluded spot, and in a calm yet determined manner tell him that his conduct is exasperating the intelligent people of this Province. His duty as a representative in the Dominion House of Commons is to look after the interests of his constituents, and not to be meddling in matters that are outside of his sphere of political operations.

IT appears the report that we were soon to have a Land Registry office in Nelson is without foundation. It is now understood that in strict consistency with the cheese-paring policy of the redoubtable Joe, the business of the office will be carried on in the woodshed behind the court house, and Joseph will import from Manitoba a gentleman who will undertake the office of registrar and janitor combined.

THE New Denver *Ledge* says the 1,800-foot tunnel on the White-water Deep may be started at any time in the near future as everything is being got ready as quickly as possible by the management.

IT is understood that the British war office has ordered the Hundredth Regiment (Royal Canadians) to be recruited in Canada, and that recruiting offices will shortly be opened in Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal, Halifax, and other Canadian cities. Taken in connection with the fact that a regiment at Halifax is offering its time-expired men a shilling a day extra to remain with the battalion in Canada this is regarded as a war measure.

MOTIVES.

After the first days fighting at Santiago two men, lying side by side, tried vainly to sleep. The nightmare of the sturggle still left its impress on them. A twitching of the lips or a nervous starting of a limb showed the after effects of the strain. They were volunteers, who had picked each other out for the stanch, all trusting friendship that comes to men who are exposed to danger and hardship.

The heat of war sends all the small conventions of life up into thin smoke. Where death and blood surround on every side and the hum of bullets and the shriek of shell whisper a warning that the next to o may be one self the man is reduced to elementary principles. David cleaves to Jonathan with his whole soul and asks no reason why.

So it was with these two. Their hearts spoke directly to each other.

The black Cuban night formed a fitting surrounding for confidences. A man liked to reach out a hand and find that a friend was near. It was so dark, so empty of God and hope, such a fitting prelude to the frowning morrow!

At last the younger broke the silence.

"By gosh, Billy, you showed up well today!" said he. "You went up that hill like a man who wasn't afraid to live or die. I tell you I was proud of you."

"Shucks!" answered the other.

"You did the same."

"Yes, I know, but my reason wasn't quite the same, I'm afraid. To tell the plain truth, old man, I only came into this business to get my name up. I wouldn't give you 3 cents a hundred for Cubans, let alone my life. I wanted," he went on in a shamefaced way to have the girls point me out when I got home—you know, 'Ain't he a hero?' and that kind of thing. 'Tain't very noble, is it? I don't suppose you'll think much of me after that, but somehow I felt I had to tell it."

The elder man smiled into the darkness—an exceeding bitter and mirthless smile.

"What do you suppose I came down here for?" he asked.

"I don't suppose anything about it—I know," answered the other stoutly. Haven't I been with you every day since you fished me out of the surf. And you've never kicked nor grumbled, no matter what came up. You're here because you believe in it, and you need not say anything different just to comfort me."

"Listen," said the other, laying a hand on his arm and bringing his mouth close to the lad's ear. "I'm going to tell you something, Kid—something I certainly never expected to tell anybody. But I may get it tomorrow, and I feel that I must speak. Don't say a word until I've finished and then see if you want to take my hand.

"My boy, I came down here to kill a man in our regiment."

He felt the start the other gave, but went on without change of voice. "I'd been watching my chance for a month; then I heard that he enlisted, and I joined. Now, the first time he gets near me and nobody's looking I'm going to shoot him through the heart—right through—his—dirty—black—heart."

"Good God!" said the other. "Good God Almighty!"

"It's the truth," continued the elder in the same quiet voice. "I picked the scoundrel out of the gutter and tried to make a man of him—took him right into my home, and that was the worst day's job I ever did, for it didn't stay my home long. My wife—my wife—well, I had no wife after that. I don't know what to think. She seemed a good girl—as true a wife as a man ever had before—for years—but—well, Kid, the reason I charged up the hill today was to show myself that I wouldn't be afraid to meet him face to face. I'd have killed him openly before, but that would have brought the whole story out, and the bums on the corner at home could laugh and joke about—about my wife."

Tha silence fell black around them. At last the younger spoke.

"I'm only a kid, Bill, and I don't quite understand these things. I don't know anything about them, but I do know that you're a square man. It seems awful to me, but there's my hand just the same."

The other groped for it and squeezed it heartily. A tingling came to his eyes. The boy's sympathy was very sweet to his sore heart.

"I have always been a square man, and this job goes against me," he went on. "I wish there was some other way out of it."

"O Lord, so do I!" groaned the boy. "Ain't there anything Bill?"

"Nothing. I suppose if we both get back it will be the same old misery all over again. I suppose if I could talk about it to—to my wife—perhaps it might make some difference—but I can't speak. The words stick in my throat."

"Perhaps he'll get killed?"

"Not on your life. His sort never do. No, no! There's nothing for it but for me to take the law in my own hands. Good night Kid! I'm going to sleep."

The next day Bill was struck on the head by a piece of shell in the early part of the engagement.

A man who had hitherto kept carefully out of sight ran forward and, picking him up, started for the rear, carrying his insensible body.

The Kid, who was leaning against the tree bandaging his shattered left arm, looked up as they passed him.

"Why, it's Bill!" he cried. "Say, pardner, where's he hit? Is it bad?"

"In the head; don't know," answered the stranger.

"Poor old Bill!" said the boy, with quivering lips. "Oh, ain't this war a horrible business! I don't want any more of their d——d fighting!"

He had stood the pain of his own wound without a whimper, but the sight of his friend's bloody face was too much for overwrought nerves. He broke down and sobbed like a child.

"Brace up, Kid. Perhaps it ain't as bad as it looks," said the stranger.

"Oh, that's all right for you to say," answered the boy. "What is it to you? But he was my pardner, and I care something about it."

The arms of the stranger gripped his burden convulsively. He turned a savage face upon the boy.

"Shut up yon fool!" he said, then added in a different voice: "Give me a lift with your good arm, will you? I feel kinder sick."

The Kid took his friend's feet under his arm while the stranger supported the shoulders.

So they staggered on until they came to the field hospital.

There they laid the wounded man down with all possible tenderness. The Kid went to hasten a surgeon.

As Bill touched the earth his eyes opened, vacantly at first, but with gradually increasing intelligence, fury gathering in them the while, until they bent upon the stranger with absolute ferocity.

The other gazed steadily at him.

"Yeu here, you black hearted dog!" at last said Bill between his teeth. "If I could raise a hand, I'd kill you!"

"Will you listen to me a minute?" answered the other. "I only ask you for a little time, and every word shall be the God's truth."

A weakness swept across the wounded man. Life lost its intensity. He nodded wearily.

"Well, Bill," said the stranger in a halting, abrupt fashion. "I was a bad lot—there ain't any doubt of it—and that my feelings toward Sally were wrong I ain't going to deny, but don't be too hard on the girl. It was all my fault. I led her along so quiet and easy that she didn't suspect me. That she didn't understand right away is true, too; but, Bill, we're all human, and you know I had the trick of pleasing women. As God is my witness, Bill, it didn't go as far as you think. Then, and when she understood fully, she wouldn't let me so much as touch her hand. Still she felt, poor little soul, that she was to blame in the matter, and she worked and talked to me to show me what an awful thing we'd done. She brought up how good you'd been to both of us until I saw—I saw.

"Then I enlisted right away—that's the reason I came down here—to see if I couldn't get out of it all in a decent sort of way, for I am sick of myself—dead sick. And, Bill, I'll never go back—I feel it in my bones, but even if I should I couldn't trouble you any more, for the girl gave it up of her own free will, which ain't a little thing on this earth, where none of us are angels. I might change again—I know it—I never was either good or bad long at a time—but Sally is a different kind. You'll never have cause to doubt her again, that's sure."

The wounded man looked at him with sad eyes.

"You always were a liar, "he said simply.

"That's so; that's so," assented the other eagerly. "But not this time, Bill. I wish I could tell with my dying breath, then you couldn't help but believe me"

The words had hardly left his mouth when

there was a ripping sound in the bush, instantly followed by a sharp "thwuck." A piece of cloth leaped from the stranger's breast. A fountain of blood spurted after it.

His eyes were fillled with wonder. He stood erect—so—for a fraction of time; then the muscles gave way, and he came crashing to earth. A second later he raised himself upon his elbow, struggling with the hurry and confusion of his mind. He fixed his dimming eyes upon his enemy, gasping:

"I'm gone, Bill—all true—so help me—God! Forgive"—

And he was dead.

Bill covered his eyes with his hands. The vengeance which we gloat over looks horrible when worked by other hands. The bitterness left his soul, and a great pity took its place

"Oh, Lord," he prayed, "send me back to my little girl!"—*Criterion.*

MINES AND INVESTORS.

Further developments seem to show that the strike in the Republic mine is very nearly as good as at first claimed, and without any reasonable doubt, this camp is making an extraordinary showing. At present there are three mines in it, the Republic, Mountain Lion, and San Pool. Many of the others are wonderfully good prospects, and if they have not yet attained to the dignity of being called mines, they have every appearance of some day being included in that category. Spokane investors are taking very kindly to most of the stocks of the Republic properties, and if our information is to be depended upon, there will be a very marked increase in the market values of most of them before next spring. As an investment, we do not recommend anything that is not on a dividend paying basis, but as a speculation almost any of them will show a handsome profit before many months are past.

There is a very flat appearance about the Rossland market, which by the bye, is confined almost exclusively to properties in that vicinity. The beautifully designed boom in Monto Cristos, which, concocted amongst a ring of brokers, resulted in the stock being inflated to 36 cents, has, to use a vulgar but expressive phrase, "busted," and holders of Minto Criste are now offering at 10 cents, and find considerable difficulty in disposing of their holdings even at the figure. Virginius, which, thanks to consummate handling by several shrewd operators, at one time reached the dollar limit, are now being quoted freely at 42. Iron Horse however, holds its own fairly steadily at 16½, and we would not be at all surprised to see this stock take a sudden jump, as the property is in good shape, and has a showing, promising enough on its merits, to cause it to be selected as the next "coming bonanza."

In the Slocan an immense amount of deveopment work is being done and by next spring at least six new shippers will be adding to the returns from this district. Some of the cheaper stocks of the properties in and around Sandon are worth speculating in, as a strike in any of them, means a very rapid advance in price.

Mining Notes.

Development is going along at the Monte Cristo.

The new strike on the Novelty is seemingly an important one.

The Alberta shows four inches of good ore on the hanging wall.

The fortunate stockholders of the Republic Gold Mining Company will receive their second monthly 3 per cent dividend today. This is the divident declared October 15. The amount distributed is $30,008.

Machinery is being installed on the Brooklyn and Stemwinder which are owned by McKenzie & Mann, the C. P. R. contractors. These properties have passed the prospect stage and will be steady shippers with the advent of a railroad.

As soon as the balance of the machinery or the concentrator on the Dundee arrives it will be installed and put in operation. As there are large reserves of ore in sight in the Dundee it will not be long before the concentrator is in operation before the shipping of the concentrated ore to the smelter will be commenced.

The crosscut tunnel on the Rawhide claim in Greenwood camp has reached the 175-foot mark. The contract is for 350 at which point it is expected to tap the ledge at a depth of 300 feet. The surface showing on this property is one of the best in the camp and great things are expected when the ledge is reached in the present workings. It is under bond to Peter Larson, John Gallivan and others for $40,000. The contractors expest to complete their work by the first of the year.

The Killing of Juan Aparicio

Was one of the most tragic and far-reaching political assassinations in the history of the Latin-American republic. The marvellous story oi intrigue, revolution, and the murder of people individually and collectively in Guatemala, grouped under this title, is told by E. E. Sheppard, and furnishes one of the principal stories of *Saturday Night's* Christmas. It is profusely illustrated by photographers of the various people concerned, their homes and families, and sketches of life in water-color add to the interest. None of the events are more than a year-and-a-half old. Only one of the men is now alive who had any leading part in the movement; some of the recent "removals" took place not more than a couple of months ago.

Saturday Night's Christmas will contain about 70 pages of most interesting reading matter written by distinguished authors of England, Canada and the United States. One of the most humrous and attractive features is "Two Weeks Before the Mast," by Charles Lewis Shaw, author of "Random Reminiscences of a Nile Voyageur," which also appeared in *Saturday Night.* Its pictorial supplement, "The Mystery of the Morn," is without doubt the most beautiful and artistic colored picture ever given with any newspaper or magazine in the Old World or the New. Another colored plate gives the famous flag signal of Lord Nelson at Trafalgar, expressing the sentiment, "England expects every man to do his duty."

The edition will be ready about the middle of November, and news agents and those desiring to have the Number carefully wrapped in a tube for mailing, should send in their orders to the Toronto News Company or the publishers at once, as the supply is limited owing to the costly nature of the work, and will doubtless be exhausted almost immediately on it being offered to the public.

Mr. Sifton's Record.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is quoted as saying that Mr. Sifton will not retire from the ministry of the interior to a more luerative post, where the political winds do not blow so loudly. The Premier is also stated to have added that Mr. Sifton's usefulness was so well recognized that it was not desired shat he should quit his present place. Sir Wilfrid, of course, is the best judge of the kind of men likely to serve him best, but it will be difficult to comprehend how Mr. Sifton is held to help him of the government. The records are looked to in vain for evidence of Mr. Sifton's success. He is the head of the immigration department, and the immigration agents he sends to the British Isles are greeted with hostile criticism in their spheres of labor. The immigration that attracts most attention to his department work is objected to by the people of the districts it is directed to, on account of the newcomers' queer—if not unpleasant—customs and mode of living. He is, in one sense, the minister for the West, and his schemes in connection with the West do not gain the snpport of the representatives of that part of the country in parliament, even when they are Liberals. Mr. Oliver, M. P., and the Edmonton *Bulletin,* the most influential of the Alberta papers, have assumed towards him an independent semi-hostile tone. Mr. Richardson, M. P., and the Winnipeg *Tribune* are openly hostile, and make attacks upon him personally as well as upon his administration. So many Liberals, indeed, are against him that the situation amounts almost to a revolt. The wonder, as each new critic declares himself, is only as to who will be the next to speak out his thoughts. If in the East Mr. Sifton was winning respect or support, to compensate for the losses he is causing in the West, the benefit of his presence in the ministry would be understood. But the boldest adulator will not maintain that the Eastern provinces applaud him. He is known chiefly as the minister who went farthest in support of the Mackenzie-Mann Yukon railway contract, the killing of which has made the senate popular, even among Liberals. If the Premier admires the man who produces this sort of situation, well Ephraim is joined to his idols—let him alone.—*Montreal Gazette.*

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Nelson hockey club will build a new rink.

Nelson Scots will observe St. Andrew's night.

The firemen are fixing up a gymnasium in the fire hall.

Two lower rooms in the new public school opened today.

The Nelson fire brigade will have a hockey club this season.

Harry Wright, clerk in the Government office, will spend Christmas with relatives in the East.

The Nelson bakery has closed its store on West Baker street and have appointed Humphreys & Co. agents for their bread, pastry, cakes etc. A fresh supply always on hand. Next to Nelson hotel.

Freighting from Brooklyn to Cascade, which has been at the rate of 75 cents per hundred pounds has been raised to one dollar. There are probably 100 teams or more on the road and merchants are complaning because of the great delay in receiving freight.

Golden Cache.

Mr. J. M. Mackinnon has resigned the presidency of the Golden Cache Company. This step was taken on account of troubles which have arisen between Mr. Mackinnon and Mr. Skene, vice president of the company, who is understood to represent the Oldroid holding, which are practically a controlling interest in the company.

The Royal Canadian.

The Nelson correspondent of the *Spokesman-Review* telegraphs his paper as follows: "Work on the Royal Canadian, seven miles from Nelson on the Forty-nine Creek trail, is progressing favorably. One tunnel is in 330 feet, a second enters the mountain 150 feet and a third tunnel has been started. A recent parcel of ore sent to England for assay gives $52 per ton in gold. Some 250 tons of similar rock is now on the dump, and it is expected that before long the mine will be a regular shipper. The Royal Canadian is the property of the Duncan Mining Company."

All Relief Denied.

The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council has rescinded the order whereby free miners may obtain relief from forfeiture, due to the lapse of a free miners' certificate. The original order, which was approved October 29, 1897, provided that by making proper affidavits and remitting $5 to the minister of the mines, a free miner whose certificate had expired could get a new license dating from the expiration of the previous one. By this process claims were saved from forfeiture, unless in the meantime they had been restaked by some other free miner. The new order-in-council which went into effect November 15, rescinds the old resignation, and does away with the possibility of relief in case one's certificate expires.

The Theatre.

Jane Coombs, an actress of considerable celebrity, with her company will appear this evening at the Hume Hall in "Camille." Miss Coombs has been before the public for a number of years, and her work is regarded very favorably by the critics. Tomorrow night "Bleak House" will be given.

The Denver *News* has this to say of "Hands Across the Sea," which opens at the Skating Rink, Monday, November 21, by the R. E. French Theater Co.: "The best evidence of the great popularity of 'Hands Across the Sea' is that it has played uptown theatres in New York five times this season. The company received a perfect ovation from a rather cold and critical audience, yet as the play progressed and the people warmed up to their work and displayed their ability and talent the audience warmed up to them and gave them hearty recognition that found voice in thunders of applause and repeated curtain calls. The performance was a complete success from beginning to end. The company made a most favorable impression that will secure their success individually and collectively. The new scenery was one of the features of the play and with each succeeding change received a warm reception from the audience. 'Hands Across the Sea,' is well worth going a long distance to see and is sure to attract a great house." The company will give a change of bill each night during the week, and special Thanksgiving and Saturday matinee. Popular prices, 50 and 75 cents. Monday a special invitation to the ladies free when accompanied by one paid ticket.

Board of Trade.

The South Kootenay Board of Trade met Monday evening, J. Roderick Robertson in the chair. Several new members were elected. The question of furnishing transportation facilities for the Lardeau country was discussed.

The matter of making Nelson a divisional point was discussed at length. It was proposed to offer exemption from taxation for C. P. R. lands in consideration of making Nelson a divisional point. It was also proposed to close the streets on the flat at the west end of the town, which would be required for yard accommodation.

A committee consisting of the mayor and Messrs. Fletcher, Thomson, Grant and J. A. Turner was appointed to draft a memorial on the subject of providing public buildings for Nelson, which will be printed and sent to all the members of the house, as well as of the cabinet.

Mr. H. B. Thomson then proposed the following resolution regarding the practice of distributing car loads of freight, which was carried: "Resolved that the South Kootenay Board of Trade beg to urge upon the Canadian Pacific, Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways the expediency of doing away with the system of distributing car loads of freight throughout the various points in the Kootenay country in small quantities, at car load rates, as this system militates heavily against the interests of local merchants to the advantage of wholesale merchants at far distant points, who are not in a position to properly conduct the jobbing business of the Kootenay country."

The following resolution was also carried: "Resolved that in the event of the C. P. R. abolishing the distributing of car loads, the South Kootenay Board of Trade urge upon the company the expediency of Nelson being put on relatively the same footing as regards the local freight rates to points in East and West Kootenay, as Winnepeg now enjoys to all points west, and that similar resolutions be sent to the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railway companies."

The question of getting seven mails a week for Nelson was then taken up, and a committee was appointed to lay the matter before the Postmaster-General.

It was decided that the Board of Trade should acquire an exhibit of local mineral products.

YMIR.

Special Correspondence to THE ECONOMIST.

Albert Knowlton lost his life last Thuasday at the Porto Reco mine while following his daily labor as a miner. He along with his partner were working in a raise, but the gas overcome them, and Knowlton in some manner unexplained, fell face downward into a pool of water where he was found drowned. An inquest was held on Friday which brought in a verdict of accidentally found drowned, attaching blame to no one. On Saturday the body was buried by the I. O. O. F. The deceased leaves a wife and three young children for whom much sympathy is expressed.

The London & B. C. Gold Fields are erecting a telephone line from the station to the mine.

Two car loads of concentrating machinery for the Dundee mine arrived here this week from E. P. Allis Co., Milwaukee. The mill building is complete, as soon as the machinery is installed a mill will commence.

The Porto Reco machinery for the mill reached here on Saturday from Sherbrooke, snd is rapidly being hauled up to the mine.

Bertha Stanley and Robert C. Keene were joined in the bonds of matrimony on Saturday evening at the parsonage by Rev. James Hicks.

The White House Trading Co, are having their store moved to more desirable quarters near the post office.

The teamsters and packers of Ymir are exceedingly busy this fall; in fact it is a difficult matter to get a team to haul a load of wood.

A large gang of men are working on the Tamarac.

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Where located:—On the east side of Giveout creek, and is the eastern extension of the "Bodie" claim, on Toad Mountain.

Take notice that I, A. G. Gamble, Free Miner's Certificate No. 13592 A, agent for Edmund James Palmer, Free Miner's Certificate No. 20639 A, intend, sixty days after date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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New Great Western Deal.

The Vancouver company, known as the Two Friends Mine, Limited, which has been attempting the development of the Great Western mine in the Slocan, held a special general meeting on Saturday, says the New Denver *Ledge*, when it was announced that owing to the company's funds being exhausted, and to the inability of the company to raise money by the further sale of the treasury stock, it had been necessary to close down operations at the property. During the operations of the company nine car loads of clean ore were shipped, which, from smelter returns, averaged 114 ounces in silver and 64.3 per cent. lead. About 400 tons of concentrating ore was mined, of which about 325 tons were run through the Washington mill, propueing 66 tons of concentrates, which were also shipped, the average returns being 104.5 ounces silver and 50 per cent. lead. The directors of the company state that it will require another $8,000 to carry on development, but being unable to raise this amount they recommended the further development and working of the Great Western on the basis of a four months' lease, the lesser undertaking within four months to pay off the existing liabilities of the company—some $45,000—with an option to purchase within 10 months, and at the end of 10 months, to organize a new company with a capital of $500,000, of which the Two Friends company will receive $237,500 in paid up stock for its interest in the Great Western.

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Notice of Application to Purchase Land.

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described unsurveyed and unreserved land, viz.: Beginning at a post set on the south bank of Kootenay River about 2½ miles west of Nelson, and marked "E. C. Arthur's Northeast Corner," thence south forty chains, thence west forty chains, thence north forty chains more or less to the Kootenay river, thence east, following the meanderings of the Kootenay river, to the point of beginning, containing one hundred and sixty acres more or less.

July 30, 1898. E. C. ARTHUR.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"Second Relief" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: North fork of Salmon River, about twelve miles from Erie.

Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for J. A. Finch, Free Miner's Certificate No. 1674A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 27, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 9th day of August, 1898.

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"Grand Union" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: North fork of Salmon River, about twelve miles from Erie.

Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for R. K. Neill, Free Miner's Certificate No. 4948A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 9th day of August 1898.

JOHN A. CORYELL, agent.

Certificate of Improvements.

"Princess Ida" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson mining division of West Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Morning Mountain, near the head waters of Sandy Creek.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, acting as agent for B. R. C. Walbey, Free Miner's Certificate No, 2657 A, William H Bambury, Free Miner's Certificate No. 2751 A, and Michael Egan, Free Miner's Certificate No. 2584 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this first day of October, 1898.

JOHN MCLATCHIE, P. L. S.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"Canadian Queen" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: North Fork of Salmon River, about two miles from Erie.

Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for W. F. Mitchell, Free Miner's Certificate No. 33578 A, E. M. Ingram, Free Miner's Certificate No. No. 5292 A, and A. B. Ingram, Free Miner's Certificate No. 8838 A, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

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Dated this 5th day of September, 1898.

JOHN A. CORYELL.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"Relief Fraction" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: North fork of Salmon River, about twelve miles from Erie.

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"Star Shine" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: North fork of Salmon River, about twelve miles from Erie.

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And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 27th day of September, 1898.

WALTER ASKEW.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"Big Bump" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: Salmon River, North Fork. about twelve miles from Erie.

Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for the Big Bump Gold Mining Company, Free Miner's Certificate No. 13081A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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SHORT STORIES.

Father Healy was a constant vistor at the Vice-regal Court, Dublin, in Earl Spencer's time. On one occasion an aide-de-camp asked him, "as an authority on Biblical subjects," whether he could tell him the difference between the cherubim and seraphim. "Indeed," replied Healy, "I believe they had a difference a long time ago, but they have made it up since."

One of the late James Payn's stories concerned a dean, famous as a *gourmet*, who in is dinings out was, of course, asked to say grace. The worthy dignitary first scanned the menu. If it was an ordinary repast, the grace began, "Lord, we thank Thee," "but," added Payn, "if there was turtlesoup, the invocation commenced, 'Bountiful Creator!'"

Scotch caution is well illustrated in the story told by a minister who taught a Bible-class in Edinburg. Having missed one of his students for Several Sundays, he said to one of her relatives: "I heana seen yeer cousin Bell at the class for a long while. Ye ken it's her duty tae attend the schule. Whaur has she gaen?" "I canna very weel tell ye that, meenister," was the careful reply, "But she's deed."

The other day a would-be playwright brought to Richa d Mansfield a play for him to read. The actor found it execrable, and when the author demanded a verdict, Mr. Mansfield felt it a kindness to point out the mistakes he had made. But the tyro waxed wroth. "Do you know that play cost me a year's hard labor!" he exclaimed. "My dear man, you are fortunate," returned the imperturbed actor; "a more just judge would have made it ten years—he really would."

Patrick Ryan, a section foreman in Colorado, never wasted company material on words. One foggy morning, while running over his section, he collided with an extra freight, and Ryan's car was reduced to scrap-iron and kindling wood. The report of the accident to his superior officer was as follows: "Pether Moriarity, Roadmaster, Esquire: August the wan: foggy mornin': wildcat frate, green man at the brek; handkar smashed to hell; where will I ship the wreck? —P. Ryan, sec. man."

Judge Henry Howland tells the story of the embarrassed but generous-hearted young man who felt called upon to relieve the sudden cessation of drawing-room conversation, which oftentimes overtakes even the most brilliant social circles. With the blushes surmounting his cheeks, he timidly turned to the daughter of the hostess, who was not present in the room, and inquired: "Ho-how is yo-your mo-mo-mother? N-not th-that I gi-give a d—n, bu-but it ma-makes ta-talk."

Chauncey M. Depew has a fine capacity to invent anecdotes or to adapt old ones, as when at dinner he convulsed the house by describing a new member of Congress seated in an old black barber's chair, and saying, "You have shaved many other statesman in the past, such as Clay and Webster." "Yes, sir," replies the barber, somewhat frigidly: "you are something like Mr. Webster." "In my brow?" inquires the statesman. "No," replied the barber, "in your breath."

In 1805, Pitt called a meeting of the British militia colonels to consider his Additional Force bill. Some objected to the clause which called them out under all circumstances, and argued that this should not be "except in case of actual invasion." "Then," said Pitt, "it would be too late." Presently they came to another clause, when the same objectors insisted on the militia not being liable to be sent out of the kingdom. "Except, I suppose," said Pitt, with cruel sarcasm, "in case of actual invasion."

"Mr. Grizzley seems to be a deep thinker," remarked the impressionable young woman. "Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "He can't talk five minutes without getting away beyond his depth."

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Clearing Up A Mystery.

The London *Evening News* reports the arrival in England from Australia of a Mr. Healem and his wife, the former of whom hopes to be of some service to Sir Roger Tichborne, having known the original Sir Roger, and being able to give evidence respecting his career. Healem has come to England in connection with money affairs of his own, and will settle for the present in Lincolnshire. But he has also been in communication with Sir Roger and his lawyer, and expects that they will shortly put him in the witness box. Of course he hopes to reap some profit out of it. He has broken up his home in Australia, where he was living comfortably on money made at the diggings where he met the late Sir Roger and his companions.

His story. which deals with a period of about forty years ago, is in its main points as follows: —Sir Roger, Arther Orton, and two others, he says, were partners in a slaughtering and butcher's business, supplying the wants of the diggers in what is now the town of Maryborough. Mr. Healem also asserts that they were bushrangers, and that the profits of the butchery were added to by obtaining their live stock by other means besides purchase. Eventually they dissolved partnership, the share falling to each being about £1700. Orton and one of the men named engaged themselves to a man named Davis, and Sir Roger went with them.

They were all in mortal fear of capture for some of their lawless expeditions, and Mr. Healem asserts that Sir Roger was sending, or was supposed by his companions to be about to send, the whole of his money to some lady fn Sydney, to be held under a false name. Sir Roger had, besides the £1700 from his share of the business, some £800 in nuggets purchased from various diggers. It was his intento leave the country with this £2-500 as soon as he could manage it, the nugets having been obtained to add color to the story he would tell his relatives of his luck at the diggings. While the three men were at Davis's Sir Roger disappeared murdered, in Mr. Healem' opinion. He was a drinker, and when in his cups let out many matters connected with his past which were carefully noted down by Orton in a pocket-book, and which are already known to the world. It was these drunken babblings of Sir Roger that led to his eventual disappearance and all the events that have followed.

Orton and the other man referred to always pulled together, and, in Mr. Healem's opinion, were confederates in the conspiracy. When matters were ripe for the intendend coup, Orton, he asserts, proved false to his companion, secured his incarceration in an asylum as a lunatic, and then came to England with the capital supplied by his own £1,700 Creswell's £1,700 and Sir Roger's $2,-500, which in some way was obtained from the Sydney lady. Orton knew Sir Roger's alias equally with his other secrets and would have had no difficulty in getting the money.

Such is Mr. Healem's story. If it be true, it will go a long way to clearing up one of the great mysteries of the century. Mr. Healem will be in England for some months, and Sir Roger and his lawyers will have plenty of time to sift the story, and ascertain how far it is reliable, and whether it will justify them in bringing this sensational case once more before the world.

Some doctors claim that unhealthy results follow kissing. They've got the cause and effect twisted. Kissing is generally the result of a heart affection.

He—There are two periods in a man's life when he never understands a woman.

She—Indeed! And when are they?"

He—Before he is married and afterward.

A well-known naval dignaitary has a beautiful daughter. A young ensign, with no resources but his salary, fell in love with her, and asked the old gentleman for her hand. The father at once taxed him with the fact that he had only his salary—hardly enough to keep him in white gloves and to burnish his brass buttons. "Well, Mr. Admiral, what you say is true. But when you were married you were only a midshipman, with even a smaller salary than mine. How did you get along?" asked the ensign, who believed he had made the most diplomatic of defences. But not so. The crafty old sea-dog thundered forth: "I lived on my father-in-law for the first ten years, but I'll be d———d if you are going to do it!"

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BOOK GOSSIP.

M. Edmond Demolin's "Anglo-Saxon Superiority" had a great run in its native French. Now the book is attracting increasing attention in translation. Its tenth edition is out. The old original French map of the world on its cover left out Cuba and Porto Rico from the spots of earth colored to show Anglo-Saxon influence.

The wife of a certain Berlin bookseller presented him with eleven sons, one after another. The good man carried his professional spirit into family life; so he named them Primus, Secundus, Tertius, and so on to Decimus. He concluded it was time to stop at the eleventh, so he named him Finis; but it was not Finis. There was yet another to come, a daughter this time, so he called her Errata.

Says a Chicago despatch: Unless claimed and removed by its owners within a short time, the old Uncle Tom's cabin, the home at one time of Harriet Beecher Stowe's immortal hero, which has been standing at the north end of Libby Prison grounds since the World's Fair, will be sold to the highest bidder, or otherwise disposed of. The cabin was brought here at the time of the World's Fair from the lower Red River country in Texas. It did not prove a great attraction, but its owners made no attempt to take it away at the conclusion of the fair.

Kipling's muse has her off days, but Kipling makes her sing even when she is not in heavenly mood, or with her face turned toward the everlasting meaning. Apparently Kipling has done this in giving voice to the sneer which greeted the Czar's peace proclamation, instead of to the sigh of prophetic aspiration which was the deeper expression of the human heart universal. Kipling says in his new poem, "The Truce of the Bear," "There is no truce with Adam-Zad, the man who looks like a bear." Just as a story and a piece of the Kipling pattern of verse, the poem is, of course, intensely readable.—*Boston Transcript.*

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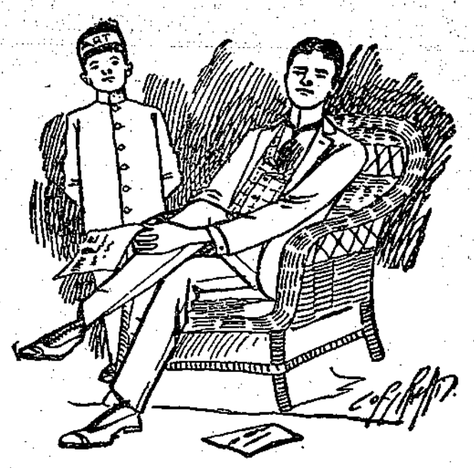

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