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TRIAL WORLD.

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CANADIAN.

Friday was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the murder of Thomas D'Arcy McGee.

A young Englishman named Ross committed suicide at Manitou on Sunday by taking a dose of poison. The revenue returns of the Dominion for

the nine months ending March 31 show a

surplus of \$5,141,724. Prominent members of the Montrea Board of Trade are opposed to the idea o forming a wheat pit in connection with the

The Trades and Labour Council of Ham ilton has passed a resolution in favour of opening the reading room of the Free Li-

brary on Sandays. The revenue from Chinese immigration at | tentiary. Vancouver, B.C., for last month was \$1,501 is compared with \$3,721 for the correspondng month last year.

The New Brunswick Legislature has passed a resolution approving of prohibi- modified. tion, and urging the Dominion Government to pass a prohibitory law.

expected to yield 90,000 seals which is one- the bank. fourth of last year's catch.

camps of the Woodmen of the World met in Alaska or Behring Sea in the season of at London, and organized a Grand Council 1893 was promulgated by President Cleveof the order for the Dominion. The Canadian party appointed to survey

between Alaska and British Columbia have The Governor and State dispenser are now left Ottawa for Victoria, B.C. The negotiations which promised a settlement between the striking tailors and the

off, and hostilities are resumed. Signatures are now being attached to a petition to the Governor-General praying for the clemency of the Crown in the case

railway will held their annual meeting on crowd. It covers over twenty-one thousand May 10th. The question will then come up square feet, and the architecture of the as to the expediency of issuing preference | building is without a known parallel in an-

It is rumoured that Mr. J. M. Macoun, private secretary to Dr. Dawson, who is engaged in connection with the Behring Sea | nation should lead in the Columbus review question, will be made a C. M. G. next in New York harbour by deciding that the Queen's Birthday.

Cook, the English immigrant who has been confined in the Montreal civic hospital for some weeks suffering from typhus fever, has almost completely recovered, and will Pa., has issued summonses against the pro- which reach their climax during Holy Week. soon be discharged.

The Montreal Presbyterian College has conferred the degree of D.D. on the Rev. Charles Chiniquy, the Rev. W. A. McKay, of Woodstock, Ont., and the Rev. J. B. Muir, of Huntingdon, Que.

Two men, names unknown, are reported to have reached a Hudson bay post near Stuart lake late last fall. It is thought the men may turn out to be Messrs. Clark and Braden, the missing explorers.

Senator Sanford has been appointed by Congress of Commercial Houses to be held | ly. in Chicago during the approaching summer.

Mrs. Catherine Schmelz, ninety years of dustry, St. Thomas, fell from a third-storey severe. window at that instituion Tuesday morning. about two hours afterwards.

The Nova Scotia Provincial House of hundreds. Assembly passed the second reading of the Woman's Suffrage bill by a vote of seventeen to nineteen, and it was sent to committee. All the members of the Government and the leader of the opposition voted against the second reading.

The will of Mr. S. Bird, wno died at London, Ont., about a month ago, is to be protested by his daughters, who charge collusion. Mr. Bird had been employed by R. C. McFie & Co., and his will was made in favour of Mr. J. B. Laidlaw, bookkeeper at that establisment, and of a young woman Spain by the right of discovery. named Fitzhenry.

On Wednesday night, last week, a policeman found Mr. N. Tetu, a civil servant, lving senseless in a drain in Rideau street, Ottawa, and coming to the conclusion that he was drunk had him taken to the police station, where he lay insensible all night. Yesterday morning a medical man said he five of his wives whom he suspected of inwas suffering from a paralytic stroke, and fidelity to be cruelly put to death, has liberso much valuable time had been lost that ated his surviving prisoners at the demand place of crucifixion, perhaps a newly sehis recovery was very doubtful.

It is reported from Tacoma, Wash., that Government, ostensibly because the Ministers failed to bring in a redistribution meas. keeping on the track of modern discovery walks firmly to the cross and lies down ure. This how learned that a hoge scheme in order to adapt Catholicism to the needs upon it at full length, his back to the

for unlawed arrest, the latter having taken vestigation. the former into custody because he persist ed in asking questions at a political meeting, was decided in favour of the plaintiff. The City Board of Police Commissioners of higher prices for wheat, not with standing will now be asked to instruct the police that they are not required to do duty at public meetings.

BRITISH. The Commercial Bank at Melbourne has

resumed business.

Ireland. ing under French columns and having on French protection.

Commons yesterday, Colonial Under-Secretary Buton stated that the Berlin treaty providing for a joint control of the Samoan islands was still in force.

the strikers, and to judge from present indications the shipping federation will win in predictions are made that the next crop in tunities.

spark from an engine ignited the gas in the | be of any value.

bit, and about 50 men were cut off by the lames, with very small chances of escape. Mrs. Montague, who was sentenced last April in Dublin to a year's imprisonment or having caused the death of her daughter Helen, three years of age, was released on The Terribly Severe Penance to Which Wednesday. For some slight act of mislemeanour Mrs. Montague fastened the How many Americans know, says th ittle girl by the arms to a ring in a small closet, and when she came to release her four hours after the child was dead.

UNITED STATES. Lawyer Howe, of New York, has secured over thirty thousand names to petitions to Governor Flower to re-open the case of Car-

lyle Harris under sentence of death for wife Antoine Woode, the eleven-year-old mur- death? derer, who killed Joe Smith in Denver, Col., for his watch and revolver, has been

urday the regulations of the United States road on the east by seventy-five miles of Treasury Department in relation to the reg- mountains and separated from the iron istration of Chinese labourers were greatly highway on the west by thirty-five miles of

sentenced to twenty-five years in the peni-

J. W. Flood, cashier for Donohue & Kelly, bankers, San Francisco, is short The Newtoundland seal fishery is a total \$25,000 in his accounts. He has resigned, failure this season. The total catch is not and transferred all his property to secure of its influences. Taos and its neighborhood

The usual proclamation prohibiting the Delegates from the various Canadian taking of seals or other fur-bearing animals land on Saturday.

and locate the international boundary line | Carolina, except by the State, after July 1. | order, and the missionary has since made travelling in the north and west, making arrangements to open the State bar-rooms.

mails of the United States legation. The Mormon temple in Salt Lake City, John R. Arnoldi, now in the Ottawa goal. | which was commenced forty years ago, was The shareholders of the Canadian Pacific | dedicated in the presence of an immense

> cient or modern times. The United States Naval Department goitself out of a delicate position as to which position of honour should be awarded to the first representatives who arrived. This has been secured by the Russian men-of-war.

prietors of Sunday newspapers and papers. In those exercises liable to be seen by specon which work is done on Sunday night for | tators the brothers doing penance try to conday, and it is contemplated that the news over the head and tied about the neck. paper men will retaliate by bringing action | late years the younger generation has develwhich run on Sunday.

of cholera, and the death rate is reported to to mystify the people, but it is generally be very high.

Simert and Hermann, the Anarchists, tents are. the Hamilton (Ont.) Board of Trade the were sentenced on Friday at Berlin to six representative of that body at the World's and three months' imprisonment repective- formances of the Penitentes are compara-

districts in Servia, Monday morning. In practice. On a hillock at some distance age, an inmate of the Elgin house of in- western Servia the shock was especially from the brotherhood house is painted a

and received injuries from which she died Government of Perm, Russia, is worse than anniversary of Christ's death is celebrated ever before and the poor are dying by with a drama of the crucifixion. The event

Turkish dungeons.

on his return he will publish his cure. Much excitement has been caused in

Madrid by a despatch to the effect that Japan has seized the Pelew islands, a group in the North Pacific claimed to belong to It is officially stated in Lisbon that the

reports of the attempted assassination of King Carlos of Portugal are untrue, the stories having their origin in the antics of an insane Jew, who labours under the delusion that he is the brother of the King. The Khan of Khelat, who recently caused

is on foot to bring about the separation of of the day.

Standard and his arms outstretched upon the island and establish I it is stated that the Tarks in Armenia the cross beam. Several "Hermanos de

Higher Prices for Wheat.

It is interesting to note that the prospect the depression previously referred to as improving. The United States or p report for April, just issued, is quite bullish and had the effect of advancing the July option over a cent in Chicago. The condition of the wheat crop in the United States as Baron Houghton, Lord-Lieutenant of shown by this report was 77.4 per cent. Ireland, has issued an order limiting the This is the lowest percentage in ten years importation of arms and ammunition into | with the exception of 1885, when the condition was shown as 76.5 per cent. Last gave the condition as 81.2. Then the price this province the market is not without wheat are reported this week for export at several cents in advance of sales made a week or ten days ago. The reports of the growing crop in Ontario, especially in the southern counties, are not considered very The situation in Hull is quite gloomy for favorable. Some damage has resulted from the unusually severe winter, and already

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DRUCIFIED AS WAS CHRIST.

the Penitentes Subject Themselves. Francisco Fxaminer, that their own country is an order whose members yearly represent Christ's journey to his crucifixion by bearing crosses of crushing weight along paths of cruel stones and cactus to a mimic Calvary? How many know that American voters, men who helr to choose the President of the United States, are crucified, are bound by biting thougs, are nailed to crosses, and suffer unto

The village of Taos, in northern New Mexico, for many years the home of Kit Carson, is one of the strongholds of th Penitentes. Hidden away in a little valley By direction of Secretary Carlisle on Sat- among the Rockies, shut off from the rail mesas and the awful canon of the Rio Grande, this little hamlet of Mexicans, with scarcely a dozen Americans among them, not of the nineteenth century, and feels few are said to have about 1,000 Penitentes, including many women, and here their practices are carried to the extreme. Among the residents is a Methodist missionary wh was an administrator of the estate of Pablo Ortega, a Penitente who died near Antonito, Col. Among the dead man's effects were There will be no liquor sold in South found books explaining the rites of the careful study of this curious fanaticism.

The name of the order is "Los Hermanos Penitentes" (the Penitent Brothers). They It is stated the United States has taken are popularly known by the single word employers in Winnipeg have been broken vigorous action in regard to the outrages on Penitentes. The order was established in the American citizens at Marzovan, in the | Spain three or four hundred years ago, and Turkish dominions, and the violation of the it is said that originally its members did not practice scourging and crucifying. The borrowed from the Flagellantes, and the fanatics of the New World have elaborated the system of penance until men are actually nailed to the cross.

The Penitentes for a long time used the churches for their meetings. Of late the Bishops have forbidden this, and now the brothers have their "morada" outside the

During most of the year the Penitentes are so quiet that their silent "moradas, with broken crosses scattered about them, are the only evidence of their existence. With the beginning of Lent they renew their The Law and Order Society in Pittsburg, activity with ceremonies and processions, their Monday issue for profanation of Sun- | ceal their identity by black cloths thrown against street cars, ferries, and railways oped many unbelievers, whose scoffing seems to hurt the Penitentes more thanselfimposed tortures. The brothers may also have some fear of the displeasure of the Russia is again suffering from the ravages | Church, and it is quite probable they wish known among their friends who the peni-

During the early part of Lent the pertively mild, but in Holy Week all the hor-An earthquake shock was felt in many rors of this peculiar order are put into cross to represent Calvary. The crowning The famine in the European part of the event occurs on Holy Friday, when the opens with a procession from the "morada" The condition of affairs in Armenia is be- to the hillock representing Calvary. There coming more serious daily. It is estimated are cross-bearers, flagellants, and numerous that nearly two thousand Christians are in women and children, all led by the fifer, while the reader of prayers is somewhere Dr. Haffkine has written from India to in their midst. The procession halts at the Russian papers that he has conquered | short intervals to " make the stations of cholera by his inoculation method and that | the cross," and the women and children kneel while they repeat a short prayer. At-Calvary the cross-bearers lie at full length, with the heavy beams laid upon their backs ants sing. Then the procession returns to en waiting outside. These pilgrimages are repeated until afternoon, when the cli-

max of this strange drama is reached. When the time for the crucifixion has arrived the "hermano mayor" (chief brother) and an assistant enter the "morada" and return with the victim. He is entirely naked except for a pair of cotton drawers and a bag over his head. He is led to the of the British Indian Government, and has lected Calvary, and the procession follows. submitted to a fine of forty thousand rupees. At Taos he is a volunteer. In some places It is reported from Tacoma, Wash., that for some time a number of citizens in Vancouver and New Westminster, B.C. hate send a letter to bishops requesting them to been agitating against the present provincial study of the Bible, urging the necessity of at its base is an excavation. The victim O'therformer as a separate province. Onto Christian girls and selling them as harem ellants but do not scourge themselves) take At the Assize Court in Kingston, Ont of Shares, and when enquiries are made it is a stout hempen rope and lash the arms and on Monday, the case of Robert Shaw, a stated that the girls have embraced Ma- legs of the prostrate Penitente to the cross. stated that the girls have embraced Ma- legs of the prostrate Penitente to the cross. lawyer, against Police Constable Snodden, hommedanism, which closes all further in- They draw the bands so tightly that the strands sink into the flesh, but not a whim-

per is heard.

God, nail me!"

modern influences.

base slips into the excavation, and as it forward with great activity now.

nears the perpendicular drops into the hole with a shock that must cause the crucified one excruciating pain, but he gives forth | The Home and Foreign Force, the Recruits. no sound. The cross is then steadied by the guy ropes, and perhaps loose rocks are

thrown into the excavation. It is useless perhaps for one who has not snffered them to attempt to describe the agonies of the crucified man. Hardened as the Penitentes are to such scenes, an intense hush falls upon the group standing about with eyes lifted in reverential awe to the central figure. The afternoon sun beams on the scene with Southern fervency, the hills lend their solitude to the drama, and there is seldom a bird or even a cricket in this land of barren rock and fruitless sand to break the silence.

The weight of the hanging man causes the binding ropes to sink deep into the arms and legs. The surrounding flesh swells into great, ghastly puffs. The blood stops circulating. The skin assumes purple hue, then turns slowly to a black. Some of the onlookers kneel, and their lips move in silent prayer. Near by a penitent brother may be lying on a bed of cactus, or suffering some other torture without a sound. From the brows of the officers, clasped in crowns of cactus, drops of blood trickle down and smear their faces. The moments drag along with painful weariness. They seem to have lengthened into hours, but in reality it may be only twenty or thirty minutes until the chief brother gives the sign to lower the cross. The Brothers of Light quickly loose the

bonds of the crucified one, and the prisoned blood leaps through the thirsty veins. The motionless form is picked up by two assistants, each putting a shoulder under one arm, and the march to the "morada" is begun. Perhaps the body gives evidences of life and consciousness. The legs slowly cation troops, a body has been substituted move as though to walk, but the effort | which is made up for the probable demands is too feeble for any practical use, except of an average small war. It includes a divison to show that the spirit of life still animates of infantry, a brigade of cavalry, a battalion the swollen, bruised, blackened body.

rudely nursed into strength. Sometimes forces, such as bridging and telegraph custom of self whipping seems to have been the body picked from the cross gives no sign troops, the balloon section, and the bakery of life and is never seen in public after it is carried into the "morada."

England and Russia.

The Russian Government, according to

all accounts, must be in a very amiable and peaceable mood just at present. From Berlin it is reported that really friendly relations now exist between Russia and Germany, and that these are being embodied in a treaty which is on the point of completion. Simultaneously comes a despatch from London that Russia is seeking an amiable agreement with Great Britain in regard to the preservation of seals on the Eastern Pacific Coast, and that the relations of the two Governments were never more amicable. For Russia to be on good terms with the British and German Governments at one and the same time is an upprecedented circumstance. Generally, when Russia has succeeded in making terms with her neighbors on her western borders, she has seized the opportunity to quarrel with her Asiatic neighbors and seize territories on their frontiers. Whenever trouble threatened Russia in the west, England has had a more peaceful time in India and on the Afghan frontiers. Russia's policy since the time of Peter the Great has been to get to the sea at Constantinople, at the Persian Gulf, at the Sea of Japan, even at Calcutta and Bombay. When she is not making advances in the west she is generally found encroaching upon the south or the east. Thus, since Germany and Austria have been blocking the road to Constantinople, England has had to check Russia's advances upon Persia and Afghanistan. If Russia, therefore, comes to good terms with Germany and England and ceases heren croachments both in the east and west, there will be cause for international rejoicing. Russia has a dispute with China in regard to the Pamirs, which it is safe to say she will have to back out of. China has ceased to argue diplomatically | had fallen to 53 in 1891. The proportion ship of the North-Eastern Pamirs, and has to 1.038; the total number of trials for while the "pitero" pipes and the attend- direction, just as she did when by mere 2,078; the total number of trials for the "morada," the brothers going inside back the Russians from Kuldja. Since that 4,890 to 3,402. These are the returns for for a few minutes' meditation and the womwill be a blow to France which will then be gards the military prisons, one-third of the the fervor of her friendship for Russia, and sible to reduce the accommodation at Brixin reliance upon its continuance, has reject- | ton Prison from 493 to 150. ed all overtures, and has even gone out of her way on occasions, as in the Morocco affair to oppose and thwart England's designs. These are dark days for the Republie but this much must be said for the French people, never have they in any single national crisis been so patient, so steadfast, so self-controlled as they have shown them-

ing for some years.

selves during the protracted series of crises

through which their country has been pass-

the love of God, do not dishonor me! Not teresting information. Capital has been to the comfort and contentment of the sollikely in other products of the farm, are with a rope! Nail me! For the love of subscribed to the extent of £140,000, which dier, although it throws a certain amount is considered sufficient to carry the line as of expense upon the public exchequer. In former years it was a common practice far as Uganda. The materials are now be- The reserve is in a flourishing condition. to spike these deluded beings to the cross. | ing ordered in London, and will be shipped | containing 77,000 men, with a prospect next Deaths among the crucified were not un- shortly. The poles are to be of iron of light | year of 80,000, which is the maximum under common then, and on Holy Friday within construction, in order to outmanœuvre the the system. The militia is also doing well, the past decade four Penitentes were killed | white ants, who would eat away wooden | its total last year being 188,288 against in this manner at points not far from Taos. | poles. From Fort Salisbury the line is to | 102,032 for the year preceding. The year Public sentiment has slowly modified this be carried to Tete, on the Zambesi, and manry has, as usual, not been satisfactory, custom. The chief brother now determines from thence to Blantyre. There Consul but some reorganization is to be made which A British cruiser has seized a dhow sail- year the report for the corresponding month whether or not the subject shall be nailed, Johnston will report the result of his sur- will give it one more chance for greater and in most places it is no longer permitted. | veys as to the best manner of proceeding on | efficiency and for "making it less an amuseboard sixty children, who had been kid- of wheat in Chicago was three cents below It is probably within the bounds of truth to Uganda, and the constructing party will ment and more a real business occupation napped from Zanzibar by Arabs under the highest price touched yesterday. In say that nailing to the cross is now practis- have to come to terms with the natives and to those engaged in it." The volunteers ed only in a few Mexican hamlets so remote Arabs by subsidizing the chiefs and others have also done well, a force of 15,900 of In reply to a question in the House of signs of improvement, and sales of winter from railroads as to be outside the pale of of influence. There will be nothing in the them being mobilized last year at Alderway of impenetrable undergrowths or rank | shot. They now have in their charge ninety At Taos several Mexicans are pointed vegetation to contend with, as the line will batteries of position equal to 362 guns. Mr. out as Penitentes who have been crucified avoid the low country and keep to the high Brookfield, during the debate, put the volwithspikes and survived, and the statement plateau the entire distance. There are two unteer force at 163,000 infantry, 40,000 arhas corroboration in small scars on the alternative routes for the conveyance of the tillery, and 12,500 engineers. hands, which may be seen by an investigator | materials. There is good transport from | As to munitions of war, it appears that

THE BRITISH ARMY SE TO-DAY.

the Food and Clething, the Munitions of War.

Twenty years ago the new British army system was inaugurated under Lord Caldwell. The changes included the abolition of the purchase of commissions, the introduction of short terms of enlistment, the localizing of the organizations, the establishment of the reserve, the reorganizing of the infantry, and the uniting of the control of the regular and auxiliary forces. These changes were effected after stubborn opposition from a conservatism which dreaded any interference with the ancient order of things. The recent speech, however, of Mr. Campbell-Bannerman in the House of Commons on the army estimates, and on the provision for 154,442 men of all ranks, insists that the reforms then made have been justified by experience.

In treating of what remains to be done the Secretary of State for War proposes chiefly to equalize the battalions, which has not hitherto been properly done, and in the cavalry to allow recruits to be enlisted not for particular regiments, but for special branches of the cavalry, such as the Lancers, Hussars, or Dragoons, as the case may

be. These men can then be sent to any regiment in the branch selected, and can also be changed from one regiment to another, which will be of advantage when troops have to be sent out of the islands to

Another point mentioned is that very recently the army corps system for foreign service has been abandoned, and instead of holding in readiness for immediate embarkation the First Corps and line of communiof mounted infantry, three batteries of field At the "morada" the crucified brother is and two of horse artillery, and special column. The total force may be put at 20,-000 men and 8,700 horses. This field force has its stores ready at all times, so that it

can start as soon as ships can take it.

The recruits for the year under consideration numbered 41,659, and Gen. Fielding prosecuted the recruiting with much energy. Special enlistments, both in cavalry and in infantry, were first checked and then dispenssed with at the end of February. The height standard of the Guards was raised to 5 feet 9 inches, that of artillery gunners to 5 feet 61 inches, that of artillery drivers to 5 feet 4 inches, this last being a gain of an inch. Men have been encouraged to pass from the army to the reserve when sufficiently trained and of good character, if they have been able to show that their parents needed their assistance at home, and that they had a prospect of employment when they got there. Mr. Campbell-Bannerman said that he could " conceive nothing more unfortunate for the army than that a man in that condition should be held to his bargain when his interest and his duty to his own family strongly pull in the other direction." This declaration may have a certain interest for those who discuss the value of our recently adopted system of purchase by discharge, although, of course, the cases are not parallel, our army having no home re-

Much attention, it appears, has recently been paid in the British service to improving the food of the soldier, particularly as regards cooking. Mr. Campbell-Bannerman said an inspection "of the stock-pots, and the other novel culinary implements, and the nature of the food produced," would give an idea of the great steps forward in this direction. In the matter of the conduct of troops he was also able to make a satisfactory report:

I find that the proportion of courtsmartial per thousand, which was 91 in 1881. with Russia on the question of the owner- of minor punishments had fallen from 1.240 begun to move her swarming forces in that drunkenness on and off duty from 4,808 to dint of overwhelming numbers she forced desertion and absence without leave from for Chinese power in Central Asia. If available, but I believe the improvement is Russia comes to terms with Germany, it still going on. Generally speaking, as recompletely isolated in Europe. England accommodation is unoccupied, and, owing has done her best to keep on friendly terms to the decrease in the required occupation with her nearest neighbor, but France, in during the last few years, it has been pos-

> The health of troops, both at home and abroad, has also been good. There will be some slight changes in the pay, while as to the clothing, a subject discussed from time to time in our own navy, instead of having April 1 the date of issue, a soldier will receive his outfit on enlistment, and his annual refit as nearly as possible just a year

The clothing would cease to be the property of the State in the sense that a man will be allowed to dispose of it when worn A new kind of wire for telephone use, for the due time on his discharge to a comhaving an aluminiu n-bronze core with a rade. He will also receive compensation for copper-bronze envelope, is being experi- any garments he may not require when the mented with in Germany. It is said to have anniversary of issues recurs; but he will a low resistance and great tensile strength. still remain liable to provide any clothing The business partner of one of the direc- which his commanding officer may order to If he is particularly courageous and fanat- tors of the company formed to build the be renewed between the regular dates of ical he may rebel at this method of under- telegraph line from the Cape to Cairo has issue. Those are the main principles, and going the ordeal. He may cry out: "For given a Pall Mall Gazette reporter some in- I cannot but believe they will lead greatly

with sufficient patience to watch for oppor- the Transvaal to Fort Salisbury, or a short- 346,000 magazine rifles have been made, and er route would be adopted if materials were that "56,000 are in the hands of troops are from its struggle to employ such men, union or this province will be smaller than that of last year. It is, however, too early to ob-There was a fearful mining accident at. tain intornation on which it would be safe by ox-wagons. The scheme is being pushed 33 in India, are armed with the painful or by ox-wagons. The scheme is being pushed 33 in India, are armed with the painful or by ox-wagons. some had supposed,

very considerably to the