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INTEND TO RETALIATE.

For some time past the members of the House of Representatives at Washington have been wrangling over a marrow-bone of contention, viz., the Fishery Retaliation Bill, which finally passed the House on Saturday last. It still has to go before the American Senate, and in all probability will be passed there also. It strikes us that it must be a humiliating spectacle to the honorable citizens of the United States, this mixture of bluster, bravado and pandering to the Irish vote—for that is the whole secret of the situation. The Irish vote of the United States is a very important factor in the election of a president for the "grand and glorious?" republic. Republicans want it, and Democrats require to retain it. Hence the political manoeuvering in their representative houses, the low depths of groveling insult and calumny heaped upon Great Britain and Canada, and the pitiful spectacle of a people who try to make political capital at the expense of the finer feelings and friendly advances of a neighboring people. It will, at least, have the effect of placing the stars and stripes in unenviable contrast with the union jack; it will remove the film from the eyes of many Canadians who have looked with clouded vision upon the glitter and glamor surrounding the republic to the south of us and thought it a good thing to connect ourselves more closely with—in fact place ourselves under the control of the American mercantile world. There are a few such, but we predict that the sorry spectacle which has lately been presented, of American Senators and American Congressmen trampling upon our just deserts, and outraging diplomatic justice, will very largely have the effect of disgusting even these advocates of closer intimacy with everything American, in politics, at least.

As a proof of the low ebb of American politics, and the depths of unmanly degredation to which American politicians can descend, this fishery business is a glaring illustration. Scouting the conscientious endeavors of Great Britain and Canada to effect an amicable settlement, they, for the basest of political purposes, refuse to accept any peaceful terms, and have the effrontery to say, in effect, "Heed not our boasting—we wink while we talk." The New York Tribune says:

"That this Administration will exercise the powers conferred by the bill, if it shall become a law, scarcely anybody believes. The composure of Great Britain and Canada has been undisturbed except by a single belligerent editoral in a London newspaper, and the brave ravings of a gallant Canadian militiaman. Neither Great Britain nor Canada believe that President Cleveland will exercise the powers which it is proposed to grant."

This is very consoling to think upon, at any rate, when consider that any retaliation attempted will recoil upon the United States with as great force as it can hit us. This latter is the cause of our "composure."

Toronto is once more bubbling over with enthusiasm and excitement. Its big exhibition was formally opened on Tuesday by His Excellency, Governor Stanley. On Monday he was tendered a royal reception by the municipal officers of the city, in the Horticultural Pavilion, at which 5,000 people were present. Toronto, if anything, is a loyal city, and always receives in a magnificent manner the representatives of our Queen.

Emin Bey went into the heart of Africa to hunt slave-traders; Stanley went to hunt for Emin Bey, and now another glory-hunting American has gone to search for Stanley. And still the fever-haunted marshes of Central Africa cry out, "Come on, Macduff."

A Bad Spirit.

To the Editor of The Advance.

Will you kindly permit me to explain a matter going the usual rounds, and which, if allowed to pass unchallenged, may do more harm than desirable.

A man of this Village who gives his name as *Spirit*, on Friday the 7th inst., endeavored to vent his spleen on myself in this way—: A particular friend of mine, one who has been under obligations to me more or less for the past ten years, went to this Spirit's green grocery to transact some business, when this said Spirit feigned sickness, and asked him to get him some stimulant from the drug store. He desisted, told him to get some from the hotel. He told him no, that he could get nothing but trash, or words to that effect. He told this Spirit to send the boy for it. His second plea was that we wouldn't give it to the boy. Upon this emergency this innocent old man was induced to come. But the Medical Hall had certain definite rules regarding the sale of liquors.

First, we never use the privilege the laws give us, to sell indiscriminately, even to the *six ounce* limit. We must always have a reasonable evidence that it is to be used as a medicine pure and simple. So that it is no marvel that in this instance the same safeguards were used. Let me say, the old gentleman has a daughter, who was and is out of health, and for whom stimulants had been ordered before. When the question was put, is this for sickness? his reply was "Yes." Next question, "how is your daughter now?" The answer was, "not very well." So that it was given to him, as understood by us, for his daughter. But no sooner had this stimulant passed to this man, who subscribes himself as Stephen Spirit, than he supposed he had us under his clutches. I am told he has the bottle sealed for the day of doom and destruction. I hope he will keep it where he can always see it as a warning to his unexampled meanness.

Now it so happens that a licensed medical practitioner is not limited to *six ounces*, nor to sixty ounces, as long as he does not wantonly give it for the sake of trade. In this case I was present, and the liquor was given upon a medical privilege only. I hope this explanation will serve two purposes—first, by exonerating us from blame, and second by establishing the character of a man who lives among us.

One other thing I merely state, that a man who utters such a sentiment as this, "That he hopes that God nor the devil will get him until he gets vengeance," is a dangerous man, and it is a question whether I ought not, as a public man, arraign him for expressions so amenable to punishment. I will decide upon the course I shall pursue hereafter. Yours,

DR. CHRISTOE.

Sept. 10, 1888.

Kimberley.

From our own Correspondent.

In the last issue of The Advance a statement was made to the effect that the goods stolen from Mrs. Jordan recently were recovered. I have inquired and find that there is no clue as to the articles stolen, or the burglars either, except that an old suit of tweed was left behind, being the remnant of a good outfit.

Our neighbor, Mr. R. J. McAfee, had, a few days ago, a very narrow escape from a large bear. As he was going from the 7th to the 9th line, through the bush, a dog that accompanied him came suddenly upon a large bear, which was sitting, or lying, in a small stream, cooling himself when disturbed by the dog. As soon as bruin spied the dog he went for him, and the dog went for Mr. McAfee, and Mr. McAfee went for a tree and climbed up the tree with all the agility and dexterity he possessed. The bear did not attempt to climb up after Mr. McAfee, but cast some terrible glances at him, and after a while moved off. The dog used the precaution of keeping a safe distance between himself and the bear.

Bears have got so numerous that it is almost a daily occurence to see from one to four between the 9th and 11th lines.

There is a good hunting club organized for the express purpose of lessening the number of bears in that part of the township, and the first hunt of the season will take place in a day or two.

Local News.

Trout fishing ends on Saturday, and fish stories will be at a discount for another eight months. Here is our last, as a kind of farewell: From Kimberley we had forwarded to us last week a quarter of a trout which weighed when caught 2lb. 10 oz., and measured 17⅝ inches in length. The piece received made a breakfast for three.

Fire Bugs at Dundalk.

About 1.30 Sunday morning fire broke out in Dundalk in the store owned by John Connor and occupied by James Egerton as a liquor store. Despite the efforts of the people the fire spread and soon J. D. Morgan's store and dwelling, C. H. Jewell's furniture workshop, the Hanbury block, occupied by Jeweller Johnston, and James Connor's store and dwelling, were in flames. The total loss is estimated at about $8,000; partly covered by insurance. Jewell's furniture store and Hanbury's store being built of brick, these buildings were saved, though badly damaged at the back. The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary.

Since the above was put in type we learn that one or two arrests have been made in connection with the affair, but the parties were discharged. The constabulary of Dundalk are about as big a farce as their lockup, and that is saying a good deal.

An Explanation.

The communication from Dr. Christoe, in this issue, may appear somewhat obscure to many of our readers who are unacquainted with the circumstances. We did not care, from charitable motives, to mention the matter heretofore, but now that the Dr. has made it public property we feel at liberty, and in duty bound, to explain the disagreeable affair fully. Some two or three weeks ago Dr. Christoe felt it his duty to bring Mr. Spirit before J. W. Armstrong, J.P., where he was fined on two different informations, viz., for using abusive language, and furious driving. Since that time Mr. Spirit appears to have been laying a deep plot to wreak a heavy vengeance upon the Dr., and taking advantage of the latter's amiable disposition, he found it not difficult to secure sufficient evidence, as he thinks, to convict the Dr. for selling more than the prescribed six ounces, and has accordingly laid information before the license inspector. We are sorry that the matter has gone so far. It is only a personal affair at best, and such things should never occur in a village which boasts the same amiable nature that Flesherton inhabitants are noted for. We should like to see the thing dropped, and an amicable settlement arrived at. Such would reflect more credit upon both parties than eternal warfare, where no just object is to be attained.

Birth.

Born—At Flesherton On Saturday, Sept. 8, the wife of J. B. CLIMO of a daughter.

General News.

Hon. Edward Blake's health is reported much better.

The Provincial Exhibition was opened at Kingston on Monday.

A war among the American Northwestern Indians is threatened.

The damage done by the frost in Maine is estimated at $1,000,000.

The floods in Austro-Hungary are causing an immense amount of damage.

The Red River Railway will not be open for passenger traffic until Oct. 1.

Two business blocks in San Francisco were burned Sunday; loss, 1,250,000.

The Retaliation Bill was passed in the House of Representatives on Saturday by a vote of 174 to 4.

The writ has been issued for Montreal East, the election to take place on the 16th inst.

It is estimated that eighty persons lost their lives in the recent West India hurricane.

The steamer Baltic, of Collingwood, is ashore on One-Tree Island in the North Channel, Lake Huron.

An Indian has killed six out of a herd of seven buffalo which he found at the Red Deer Forks, in the Northwest.

Hon. Edward Blake has given $2,590 for scholarships in the Department of Political Science in Toronto University.

Last week a large quantity of whiskey was seized at the Sault, which had just been smuggled from the American side.

Six applications for divorce have been entered at Ottawa for the coming session.

Sir Francis De Wilton, Rev. Mr. Mackenzie and Sir Charles Wilson believe there is no cause for alarm regarding Stanley.

Maine returns would seem to show that the Republicans have elected all the Senators and that the Democrats have gained a few seats in the House.

Two earthquake shocks have occured at Vostizza on the Corinthian Gulf, doing great damage. Troops have been despatched with a supply of tents for the homeless and provisions for the destitute.

Sir George Stephen is still in Scotland, and it is learned has already felt much benefit from the rest and relief from his presidential labors and cares. He shortly returns to London.

Owen Sound News.

The harbor is filled with steambarges and consorts and sailing vessels with grain and coal, and indications point to a good fall trade.

Farmers around here cannot grumble about the crops. All grain crops are excellent and prices are good.

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