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Daily Whig.

SEEKING NEW TERRORS.

Dr. Starr, of Chicago, fears that Mr. Roosevelt, who is going to the jungles of Africa, on a hunting expedition, may never return to America.

James Gordon Bennett did not think much about the climate when he twice commissioned Stanley to penetrate the interior of Africa—once to get information about Livingston, and once to rescue Emil Bey.

Stanley, the trusted and intrepid messenger of a great journalist, performed that which was a feat, not a pleasure, and that is the difference between him and Mr. Roosevelt.

The flowers of the Christian church—the ministers of grace and goodness—appear to be of the Jackson brand.

MIGHT AGAINST RIGHT.

The more the matter is calmly deliberated the more tenable appears to be the contention that the Ontario government did a wrong in appropriating Cobalt property, the title to which was in dispute, and declaring by an act that it was "free from all claims and demands of every nature whatever."

The Montreal Gazette sees in the Ontario act a menace to vested or individual interests which is not comfortable to contemplate, and the Gazette, by reason of its political leanings, cannot be accused of an attack upon provincial rights.

The Montreal Gazette regards the Ontario Legislature's act, depriving the Florence Milling company, by special act, of the right to assert its claim to certain Cobalt land, as a serious assault on private ownership.

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THE CRY OF THE HOUR.

Montreal is having forced upon it council the question of the unemployed. They are becoming more numerous. What is to become of them? The question is of world-wide significance.

Since that date this idea has been gradually getting nearer realization, and a new office will shortly be instituted, probably as early as 1909. Its function will consist on the one hand in collecting accurate information about the problem of unemployment, and the methods of checking it in different countries; a periodical dealing with unemployment will be started by it, and systematic inquiries undertaken into the cause and consequences of unemployment, and the means of overcoming it.

The complete realization of this entire programme will certainly take a long time," says Prof. Varlez, "but the lively interest excited by the suggestion enables us whose efforts are devoted to its execution, to look forward with confidence to the future."

The issue, at any rate, will not get down, but opinions vary as to how it should be approached. Montreal's may it be all sympathy, but he got a rebuff when he asked a committee for a little light. He admitted that what he was informed was correct—that there were many unemployed in the city—"but," said he, "what are we going to do about it?"

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The London commission does well to enquire into the emigration to Canada. To send the unemployed to this country penniless and homeless is not the way to relieve them of their poverty.

How was it that those St. Michael's boys managed to keep their swiftness such a profound secret? That is what some of the Kingston people, with flattened pocket books, would like to find out.

Hamilton is no longer the Ambitious City, but the city of mystery. Crime is rampant there, and the participants somehow seem to elude detection.

The council has not succeeded in finding substitutes for the four men who resigned from the board of health. Many have been approached, but they have declined the honor.

The people who bought the bogus tickets from the Grand Trunk conductors, so defrauding the company, are as bad as the guilty officials.

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BRITISH TREASURY

LOYD GEORGE OVERTS UNCLAIMED BALANCES.

Could Realize \$300,000,000 to Help Meet the Deficit to Be Recorded in Next Budget.

New York, March 10.—The American's London cable says: The British treasury faces a big deficit, and Chancellor Lloyd George continues to threaten, in view of the coming budget, gold and silver plate, the unclaimed treasury amounts at least to sixty millions sterling—that is, \$300,000,000.

Meanwhile there lies untapped a gold mine in the shape of the unclaimed balances in the English banks. The aggregate is unknown, but banking experts estimate that, including cash, securities, jewelry, gold and silver plate, the unclaimed treasury amounts at least to sixty millions sterling—that is, \$300,000,000.

There is also a huge dormant fund lying in the court of chancery, which has accumulated from forgotten lawsuits involving big fortunes. The Royal Court House of London, which cost \$8,000,000, was built from this fund.

To make the banks disgorge, Horatio Bottomley, M.P., introduced a bill in the last session of parliament. The proposed law would require the bankers to make an annual return, giving particulars of all the cash balances and deposits of securities, jewels, jewelry and so forth, which had been untouched by the depositors for the previous six years.

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TOWN OF GANANOQUE.

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Gananoque, March 10.—Word reached here, yesterday, of the death of Annie Wilson, wife of J. Dunn, at her home in Cape Vincent. Mrs. Dunn was a native of this section and was a sister of D. A. Wilson, Brock street, of the firm of Mitchell & Wilson, contractors and builders, and of R. J. Wilson, Stone street, waterworks contractor. Deceased was highly esteemed throughout this section.

Amrose Goodfriend, passed away at the family residence, Howe Island, at an early hour, on Tuesday morning, after an illness extending over several months, in the fortieth year of his age. Deceased was a native of the island, well known and highly respected. He leaves a widow (formerly Alice Paterson, of Howe Island). The funeral will take place on Thursday morning.

Rev. J. T. Pitcher conducted service at Willow Bank last evening. Miss Nellie Lake, teacher of the Maple Grove public schools, has been confined to her home for the past week, by illness. Mrs. Andrew Sword, Wellington street, who has been aiding for some time past, was removed to Kingston general hospital for treatment.

John Rowley, of Alexandria Bay, N.Y., is spending some time here with friends. Miss L. Beerman, King street, left, on Monday, to resume her studies at Brockville Business College. Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, who have spent the past winter in Kingston, returned to Gananoque, yesterday, and have settled again at the Gananoque cheese factory, a few miles east of the town. Mr. Williams has been in charge at Gananoque factory for several years. George Cook, St. Lawrence street, left, on Monday, for Rochester, N.Y., where he will locate.

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