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Daily Whig.

A DREADNAUGHT SUBSTITUTE. It is not ignorance and religious feeling which make the Chinese fall such easy victims to the bubonic plague now ravaging Manchuria, but their careless habits. The bacillus gets into the blood through contact with exposed surfaces, such as cuts, bruises, abrasions, etc. Where the air is laden with germs, as it must be where so many deaths have occurred, untold millions of them come into contact with the body and every inch of its surface. In countries where little clothing is worn, as in the tropics, and where the natives go barefooted and have so many abrasions on their feet and other exposed surfaces of the body, the plague spreads with great rapidity. While men may expose themselves with much less danger of contagion, but even they are not immune, for the least opening to the blood gives the bacillus a chance to enter and multiply. Those missionary doctors, says the National Daily, of St. Louis, who are going among the stricken natives in an effort to stamp out the plague, are as great heroes as any who ever faced the yellow fever in their own country, and more so, because the duty did not come to them. They sought it out. The missionary doctor presents a less spectacular picture to the eye than a Dreadnaught, but he is a far better messenger for civilization to send to those who dwell in darkness.

HOW THE MATTER STANDS. The magnitude of the business arrangement which two Canadian ministers made in Washington, or rather completed in the American capitol, has been set forth succinctly in two paragraphs by the Toronto Star.

The United States does this for Canada: Makes free 76.4 per cent. of our exports to her, on goods valued at \$39,811,000 Reduces duties on 14.4 per cent. of our exports to her; on goods valued at 7,521,000 Allows in at lower rates just 91 per cent. of all goods formerly dutiable we supply her, worth \$47,332,000

Balance of goods supplied by U.S. left dutiable at old rates, 64 per cent., valued at \$85,198,000 The advantage, it will be observed, is largely on the side of Canada, and this shows, how serious or sincere Mr. Taft was in pressing the question upon the Canadian government. The premier had said that never again would this country be a suppliant for tariff favours from the southern republic, and he meant what he said. But the state elections indicated that the people were not satisfied with the Payne tariff. One state, Massachusetts, had declared indirectly in favour of reciprocity in the election of a governor who advocated it. The republican party had to do something, and Mr. Taft was moved by honest motives when he opened the negotiations which ended as they have.

The surprise of the day was that so much had been accomplished. The Whig, reading some of the reports which were made from Washington, felt that our ministers were wasting their time and hoped they would return home. Well, they were not seeing for favours, but the other fellows, and they have presented a statement whose significance is expressed by Hon. Mr. Emmerson, "the finest ever made in the commons." To be sure, there are dissidents. It would be marvellous if they did not present themselves, and that odd ones did not give vent to their feelings in crude and discourteous language. The national policy in 1878 disturbed trade generally, but it was hailed as the greatest thing of its kind, and the panacea for the country's ills.

Of course there will be a whirlwind of talk. It is expected. There are symptoms of an eruption in Ottawa—on the conservative side of the commons. The members are astonished, like the rest of us, over the result of the negotiations. The question is how

to dispose of them. They pacify the west. They satisfy the east. They are applauded by some conservative papers. The business arrangement may, however, not be approved in Washington, and because it concedes too much to Canada. Canada, and the Canadian government have nothing to fear and nothing for which an apology is in order. SOME ABSURD CRITICISM. How absurd some politicians can become when they are exercised by the purest partizan spirit. Hon. Mr. King has been the subject of several malignant attacks and he need not expect to escape them. They are the penalty every public man pays who undertakes to discharge his duty. There ought to be however, the semblance of sense in what the opponents say when useful legislation is presented. The bill which aims at the prohibition of white phosphorus in the manufacture of matches in Canada was fiercely opposed at the outset, and on the ground that the prohibition would favor an American firm. The minister working on behalf of an American competitor! That was the charge. Of a piece with the statement, and of presumably sane men, was the assertion that the Fielding business arrangement with the Taft government was a scheme to prevent closer trade relations between Canada and the Mother Country. Silly, you say? Well, anything goes in politics. Reason will be restored in the match question when the opponents of the measure have carefully considered all the facts. There is a way of overcoming the white phosphorus evil, and that is by adopting the formula of the Diamond Match company, of the United States. It is in the hands of trusts and can be acquired by them and anything is preferable to the process of slow poisoning which follows the use of phosphorus. Mr. King's description of the diseases that lodge in the face and destroy health and life itself, has silenced the croakers, and some of them have reason to be ashamed of the criticism in which they indulged.

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EDITORIAL NOTES. Women teachers claim they should get as much as housemaids, but they won't until girls like to do house work as well as to teach school.

The four new normal schools have not supplied the country with all the teachers it requires. The model schools cannot be dispensed with yet a while.

The city council, if impressed with the need of a new school, should vote the money required. It would save expense and would hasten the work of building.

Ald. Carson's plan of road making is worthy of serious consideration and patient enquiry. If permanent roads can be made at the figures quoted, then Ald. Carson has proved himself a benefactor to his native city.

When the justice department has under contemplation the pardoning of a murderer why delay a decision until work has been begun on the gallows. The Gorham case, in Peterboro has been particularly distressing.

Some \$3,200,000, it is estimated, will be spent during the coming season on street and sanitary improvements in Montreal. The sum should do something appreciable in making Montreal cleaner and healthier.

Mr. Mackay, in the legislature, made Sir James Whitney very mad. Sir James cannot stand any banter. He has no sense of humour. With him it is a case of fight all the while with clubs. And sometimes he gets all the row he desires.

Free barley and free lumber are the two features of the reciprocal trade agreement with Canada that most interest Oswego, says the Oswego, N.Y., Palladium. With these two products on the free list it is certain that Oswego will, to a large extent, regain the commercial prosperity which it once enjoyed.

The Watertown, N.Y., Times says: Take it all and all, the first impression is that the reciprocal agreement is most beneficial to the people of both Canada and the United States as a whole, and will have a large beneficial effect on the future development of both countries. Looking at it in the broad spirit which President Taft recommends, its effect will be to strengthen the bonds of friendship which unite them, and bring them closer together through the avenues of an intertwining trade.

Raving Maniac Bit Her Flesh. Laporte, Ind., Jan. 30.—William Smith is a raving maniac in the county jail, after running amuck in his home, biting pieces of flesh out of his mother-in-law's arms and shoulders. Physicians say he will die in his delirium. Smith's mother died under similar circumstances recently, after creating a reign of terror in the city by rushing through the streets unshod, breaking windows and threatening pedestrians. Wycliffe College has had \$20,000 left to it by Henry Johnston, Hastings, a retired farmer, whose death took place recently. Mr. Johnston left \$60,000 for charitable and educational purposes.

POWER FOR FARMERS

HON. ADAM BECK SAYS THEY WILL BENEFIT.

They Will be as Much a Beneficiary of Cheap Power as the Folk of Cities and Towns—Praise for Sifton.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—Speaking before the Canadian Club here Saturday, Hon. Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission outlined a project which will make hydro-electric power available to Ontario farmers for farming purposes. The possibilities of the employment of electricity on the farm were marvelled on in view of the results obtained from experimental work in the agricultural districts of Germany and the United States.

Fertilization by electricity, where tried, has improved wheat by forty-five per cent., and strawberries as high as 125 per cent. The farmer may run his cream separator and pump his water by this power; plowing, threshing, irrigating, all may be performed through the same means and with the saving of a great deal of hard labor.

The farmer will thus be as much a beneficiary of cheap power as the folk of cities and towns. The first distribution to a rural community is to be made near Tillsonburg, and the commission will carry a low power wire through the district, serving the "a" by means of cross wires. It is the intention to demonstrate the possibilities of electricity in farm work at the Provincial Agricultural Farm, Guelph, where various farming implements will be operated by this power.

Mr. Beck gave a masterly review of the whole situation, pointing out that it was essentially a project of the people and by the people, and the present success was due entirely to the confidence and support which the public had given to the commission. Mr. Beck is in Ottawa at the invitation of Hon. Clifford Sifton, chairman of the conservative commission, and complimented that gentleman on the value of the advice which the commission was able to give. He answered the criticism that the Hydro-Electric commission should have been composed of men not affiliated with the government by saying that owing to the immense responsibility involved in view of the large expenditure that it was necessary for the party in power to assume that responsibility in the legislature.

DEATH OR LOSS OF VOICE. Chancellor Lloyd-George in Very Bad Way.



CHANCELLOR LLOYD-GEORGE. London, Jan. 30.—Chancellor Lloyd-George, England's best orator in the liberal party, has a severe throat ailment, which, according to eminent specialists, will cause his early death or loss of voice. He is now in Riviera, but his presence is very necessary at the opening of parliament to-morrow. Premier Asquith is much worried.

J. J. Hill, of St. Paul, pronounces the trade agreement a good bargain for the United States.

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It is officially announced that the Duke of Connaught will succeed Earl Grey in September as governor-general of Canada.

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BLACK SNOW FALLS

A STRANGE PHENOMENON REPORTED IN THE ALPS.

Fifteen Inches of "Black Deressing" Gives the Country a Depressing Aspect—Due to Ashes Blown Over Sea.

Geneva, Jan. 30.—A strange phenomenon recently occurred in the Emmenthal Valley and the surrounding mountains when "black" snow fell to a depth of fifteen inches, giving the whole country, which was white with snow before, a funeral and most depressing aspect over a large area.

The first few inches of snow was of a greyish color, as if mixed with ashes, but the grey became darker and darker in hue, until now it is almost black. Such a phenomenon has been witnessed in the Alps in former years after volcanic eruptions in different parts of the world, and on this occasion Swiss scientists are of opinion that the black snow is due to ashes blown over the sea and Alps after the recent eruption of Mount Etna.

COCAINE LEGISLATION.

An Absolute Ban to be Placed on Sale.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—The cocaine clause in the opium bill which will be introduced in the House of Commons by Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, is a direct result of the investigations made by a little band of workers in Montreal, who have found that the cocaine snuffing evil has reached large proportions in the city and country, and is doing untold damage to the boys and girls of Canada. Mr. King will ask for east-iron legislation, setting an absolute ban on the sale of cocaine in the dominion of Canada, except for medical purposes, and providing heavy punishment for violators of the law. The present laws have proved totally inadequate in coping with the evil, and Chief Carpenter of the detective bureau, Montreal, has made the startling announcement that fully four-fifths of the young boys and girls who fall into his hands, have the habit in a greater or lesser degree, and that he and his men are almost powerless to check the sale by unscrupulous druggists.

A graphite prospect is being opened in Montclair township, about a mile east of C.O.R. tracks between Hybla and Maynooth. The prospect is on a farm belonging to Robert Best. Lieut.-Col. J. R. Orr, late of the Madoc Review, has left to spend the balance of the winter in Cuba.

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