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London, November 16.—The Pall Mall Gazette states, as it claims, upon authority, that the marriage of the Czar Nicholas and Princess Alix will take place on November 30th.

An exchange says: A man may use a wart on the back of his neck for a collar button; ride on the back of a railway coach to save the interest on his money till the conductor comes round; stop his watch nights to save the wear and tear; leave his 'i' or 't' without a dot or cross to save ink; pasture his mother's grave to save corn, but a man of this kind is a gentleman and a scholar compared to a fellow who will take a newspaper two or three years and when asked to pay for it, puts it in the office and have it marked "refused."

### Canadian Enterprise.

A NEW YORK PAPER AT LAST DISCOVERS ITS EXISTENCE.

New York, Nov. 11.—The Times says editorially to day:—"It is not particularly creditable to American enterprise that the work of laying a cable across the Pacific should have been left for the Canadians. The commercial interests of our Pacific coast with Asia, as well as with the Islands of the Pacific, have for a generation been far more important than those of Canada. Yet we have relied for communication upon slow mail steamers and have not established telegraphic communication even with the Hawaiian islands, though one enterprising newspaper two years ago invented a cable for the purpose of promulgating its own home made "news." The Canadians have shown great enterprise since the opening of the Canadian Pacific in diverting trade to the route, while the Californians seem to have been very apathetic. The laying of a cable from Vancouver instead of from San Francisco will give the Canadians a very marked advantage in their effort to capture the Asiatic trade."

### The Oriental War.

London, November 16th.—The Morning post has this dispatch from Shanghai:—"The viceroy of the province of Sechuen has been arrested on the charge of murdering a Tartar general in command of the provincial troops. His object was to hide his depredations. Generals Schi and Nehi have been stripped of their titles, rank and decorations in consequence of their discreditable failure in the battle of Ping Yang."

London November 16.—The Times' correspondent says that Captain McLure has been appointed assistant admiral of the Pei Yang squadron. It is reported at Chee Foo, he says, that the Chinese commander-in-Chief is neglecting Moukden and is marching to the relief of Port Arthur.

London, November 16.—The Central News correspondent at Shanghai telegraphs that the Chinese fleet, fully equipped, put out to sea on Monday. The Japanese warship Yoshiono was sighted cruising off Wei-Hoon Sunday. Two more Chinese merchant steamers have been placed under the protection of the German flag and one under the flag of Great Britain.

London, November 16.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily News says that despite General Gurko's prohibition, a Polish delegation will go to St. Petersburg to try and acquaint the Czar with Gurko's oppressive system of administration.

### Murdered and Eaten.

ALL THE EUROPEANS ON THE ISLANDS NEAR NEW GUINEA SLAIN BY CANNIBALS.

New York, Nov. 13.—The Herald's Vancouver, B. C., special says: According to latest advices from Australia by the steamer Miowera, word has been received at Sydney from the Bismarck archipelago that a native uprising has taken place on all the Islands near New Guinea, and that the European settlers have all been murdered by the Kanakas.

The steamer Three Cheers, of Sydney, reports, calling at Admiralty Island and New Ireland with supplies, and finding the trading posts there in ashes and white men nowhere to be found, while the trading schooner also was burned to the water's edge. On the approach of the vessel to Admiralty island the natives fled to the hills, until not a soul remained in the villages. They feared that the white men had come for vengeance.

On landing the worst fears of the Captain were realized. Traces of a cannibal feast of recent date were found. Without doubt, all the inhabitants of the trading post had met with the most horrible of

deaths, being tortured and afterwards devoured by the cannibals. Carlson and Miller, two of the victims, were prominent citizens of Sydney, and in that city a movement is on foot to ask the Government to allow a company of volunteers to visit Admiralty island and avenge the death of their fellow citizens. At New Ireland the Australian trading post was burned to the ground. A prominent white trader named Rodjohn was missing, while it is feared that the entire white population have all met with a horrible death at the hands of the man-eating savages. Massacres are also reported on other islands. It is thought the natives stole liquor from the trading posts, and that the effects on their semi-civilized nature was to convert them again into the wild native state from which they had so recently emerged.

### The Church Conference

AT ST. JOHN HAS AN INTERESTING DEBATE UPON CHURCH UNION.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 14.—At this morning's Church of England Conference the first subject was a letter by Rev. W. J. Armitage, of St. Catherine's, Ont. A discussion followed its reading by Rev. Foster-Almon, Rev. Dyson Hague, Rev. A. F. Burt and Rev. J. DeSoyers. The second paper was prepared by Rev. J. M. Snowden, rector of St. George's church Ottawa, and was most instructive and interesting. It dealt with the music in Jewish and Christian worship, special mention being made to St. Ambrose, of Milan and Gregory. Congregational as opposed to choir singing was ably referred to.

The difference was pointed out between the "Cathedral service" and that of parish church, and the attempt to imitate English Cathedral services in Canadian parish churches was deprecated. The necessity for plain, hearty and inspiring tunes and chants was urged. A solemn protest was entered against the practice at such bright and joyous festivals as Easter and Christmas, when every Christian wants to lift up his voice in song, of making this impossible by the introductions of what is called "special music." The singing of the prayers, such as the General Confession, is, the writer declared, an outrage on common sense. Several clergy agreed with the paper, including Rev. Dyson Hague, who urged congregational singing and the abolition of all objectionable choir monopolies.

Christian reunion occupied the afternoon session, the subject being introduced through a paper prepared by Principal Sheritan, of Wycliffe college, strongly favoring one of all Protestant denominations. A discussion followed by Rev. Dr. McRae, Presbyterian; Rev. C. H. Paisley, Methodist, and Rev. A. M. Gordon, Baptist. Dr. McRae favored the union and thought concessions could be made on both sides. Revs. Paisley and Gordon did not see how their respective churches could unite with the church of England as neither could accept the doctrines of that denomination. Rev. J. DeSoyers, Episcopal, closed the discussion and expressed his belief that church union was surely coming, but it might be a century or two perhaps much nearer. The Ritualists, he declared, would be found with the Catholics, while the other branch of the church would be found working in harmony with all other Christian churches.

According to a recent decision of Judge Morgan at Toronto, promissory notes signed by drunken parties are worthless.

Recent cable despatches give details of a fearful massacre of Armenian Christians by Turks. It is stated that between 6,000 and 10,000 persons, the inhabitants of thirty villages, were butchered. No mercy was shown to children or women and the latter were subjected to the most atrocious cruelties.

St. James' Presbyterian church, London, Ont., has decided that hereafter, in administering Holy Communion, each communicant will have a cup. The system has been in vogue in Rochester and other places across the line, but St. James' is the first church in Canada to adopt it.

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