

RUMEURS POLITIQUES

La rumeur annonçait le retour prochain de M. Tarte du Canada. Des personnes qui vivent dans l'entourage immédiat de sir Wilfrid Laurier, rapportent que le ministre des Travaux Publics n'est pas rappelé et qu'il restera à Paris encore plusieurs mois, c'est-à-dire aussi longtemps que durera l'objet de sa mission.

Quant aux élections générales, un député libéral a déclaré qu'elles n'auraient pas lieu cette année, et donne pour raison de cette remise, que le parti libéral ne pourra pas aujourd'hui faire face au courant qui s'est soulevé contre lui. D'ici à l'année prochaine, sir Wilfrid Laurier et ses amis s'efforceront de tromper les électeurs par toutes sortes de promesses plus ou moins alléchantes, suivant leur habitude, et de refouler ainsi le courant. Puisque la navigation leur semble si difficile, pourquoi ces bons libéraux ne se servent-ils pas du petit bâtiment de M. Tarte, de l'Eureka? C'est un bâtiment qui a déjà navigué et qui a fait le tour du golfe en laissant des traces de son passage.

Malgré les bruits que les libéraux font courir au sujet de la date des prochaines élections, nous conseillons à nos amis d'être sur leur garde et de travailler comme si les élections doivent avoir lieu, et automne. En reste, cette rumeur peut très bien être une ruse de guerre de la part des chefs libéraux; qu'on s'en méfie!

La Russie et le Japon

PROBABILITES D'UNE GUERRE ENTRE CES DEUX PUISSANCES

On écrit de St Petersburg, en date du 28 mai:

Depuis quelques jours des bruits inquiétants circulent ici: on raconte que les relations entre la Russie et le Japon se sont tout à coup tellement tendues qu'une rupture est tout au moins possible. La cause immédiate de cette tension serait l'acquisition par la Russie du golfe coréen de Mosampo, qui doit être transformée en "dépot de charbon" et en hôpital pour les marins.

Ce n'est pas un secret que les relations russo-japonaises n'ont pas été des plus amicales depuis la grande guerre sino-japonaise; les Japonais n'oublient pas et ne pardonneront jamais aux Russes qui se sont mis à la tête de la coalition russe-franco-allemande qui força les insulaires vainqueurs à abandonner toutes leurs conquêtes continentales—pour s'en emparer eux-mêmes un peu plus tard.

C'est précisément en Corée que la Russie et le Japon se combattent avec le plus grand acharnement pour s'assurer l'influence décisive dans le gouvernement coréen; plusieurs fois, une catastrophe a paru inévitable. Jusqu'ici, les Russes n'ont pourtant pas réussi à affaiblir l'influence japonaise, bien au contraire.

Ces derniers jours, la diplomatie russe, toujours très adroite, a réussi à faire un grand coup en décidant le roi coréen à céder à la Russie le golfe de Mosampo, seul et unique port qui vaille sur les côtes de la Corée. Il va sans dire que, sous peu, "l'hôpital pour des marins" sera transformé en arsenal, le "dépot de charbon" en un port de guerre le premier ordre, menaçant toujours le Japon.

Il se comprend aisément que cette perspective ne sourit pas aux Japonais.

Cependant, il y a lieu de croire que le Japon ne se lancera pas, à l'heure qu'il est, dans une grande guerre avec la Russie; il ne perdra rien à attendre. Néanmoins, on ne se sent pas, ici, tout à fait tranquille, bien qu'on fasse semblant de croire que le Japon ne pourrait jamais devenir un adversaire sérieux et dangereux de la Russie. Les journaux russes discutent vivement la situation actuelle. Le Japon, disent-ils, trouvera toujours la Russie prête à l'aider dans son développement paisible,—mais, gare au Japon s'il songe à se mesurer avec la Russie! Le Japon a dû apprendre par la guerre africaine combien il est difficile pour une puissance maritime de lutter contre une puissance continentale, et les Japonais feront bien de ne pas oublier que la Russie est un peu autre chose que le Transvaal et que les Boers ne sont pas précisément des Russes.

VARIOUS VIEWPOINTS OF PROPRIETARY REMEDIES

By G. D. MARTIN, M. D.

The distinct position which proprietary remedies have taken among curative agents has naturally rendered them a topic of frequent and serious discussion by physicians. The topic has more than one side from which it may be viewed. The medical profession may indeed, under certain conditions, approve the use of some proprietary remedies. But the views of the profession, as expressed either by individual members or through the columns of the hygienic press, indicate a consistent conservatism which rigidly insists upon the point of merit being so amply demonstrated that false pretense can hope for nothing but instant condemnation.

The truth of the proposition that "to heal is more than armies to the public weal" was never more thoroughly borne in upon the public mind than it is today. Let the healing power emanate from whence it may, it is welcome with equal warmth by the sufferer and his friends. What is universally sought is a cure, its source is a matter of minor moment. That we may find genuine cures among proprietary remedies no longer remains a doubt.

It is claimed, and certainly with a considerable degree of truth, that the meritorious proprietary remedy does not always receive due credit for the work it performs. Yet certainly medicines of this class deserve gratuitous mention in the hygienic press in order that they may be the more largely availed of in cases of these complaints which they have shown their ability to cure. As an example of this, we have intended for some time to refer to McKinnon's English Ointment, offered by Neil McKinnon of Summerside, P. E. I., Canada, as a cure for Eczema, Fever Sores, Salt Rheum, Itching Piles, Pimples, Ring Worm, all Skin Eruptions, Sore Throat, Cuts, Bruises, etc. The sterling worth of this preparation was demonstrated to us in the most satisfactory manner, and we should ere this have accorded it our recognition save for the fact that the exigencies of space would not admit of the present publication. An array of facts in our possession—facts verified and corroborated through various independent sources—est-

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There is nothing to be gained from the archaic reasoning which some—physicians and laymen alike—still delight in, and which is based upon the plea that "there cannot be anything good in proprietary medicines." With such as these it were waste of time to argue. And though there must, we suppose, always be a certain number of individuals who persist in sticking to such exploded theories, they are fortunately in the minority. Nineteenth century progress is satisfied with the practical performances of such intrinsically valuable proprietary preparations as McKinnon's English Ointment.

While engaged in our investigation of the claims of this remedy we ascertained that its proprietor has the highest reputation for reliability, and that his commercial standing is indisputable. But this inquiry on our part was only incidental; what is of prime importance is our verification of the curative powers of McKinnon's English Ointment which are so remarkable that in the interests of our readers we grant this endorsement to it.—From the Am. Journal of Health, New York.

Au Transvaal

ON S'ATTEND A DES COMBATS TERRIBLES D'ICI A UNE SEMAINE

Londres, 23—L'immense armée du général Roberts se resserre autour du président Steyn. On s'attend à des combats terribles d'ici à une semaine. La ligne de communication anglaise n'est pas encore considérée comme hors de danger.

Les deux fils du général Kruger sont retournés sur leurs terres et travaillent paisiblement. Le général Baden-Powell a fait le voyage de Mafeking à Pretoria avec 35 hommes sans être molesté.

Les Anglais ont incendié la maison et dépendances du général Dewet. Le général Buller a lancé une proclamation faisant l'éloge spécial des Strathconas.

Lorenzo Marquès, 23—Il y a 5,000 Anglais malades à Pretoria.

On dit que Kruger propose la paix à condition qu'on lui permette de vivre au pays sans être molesté.

Londres, 23 (3.45 heures a. m.)—Lord Roberts s'occupe plus en ce moment des forces du général Steyn, de la Colonie de la rivière Orange, plutôt que des erreurs du commandant Botha et du président Kruger.

La séparation complète des deux Etats a eu lieu, hier, comme l'avait annoncé lord Roberts, tel que prévu par lui, à l'arrivée, du général Buller.

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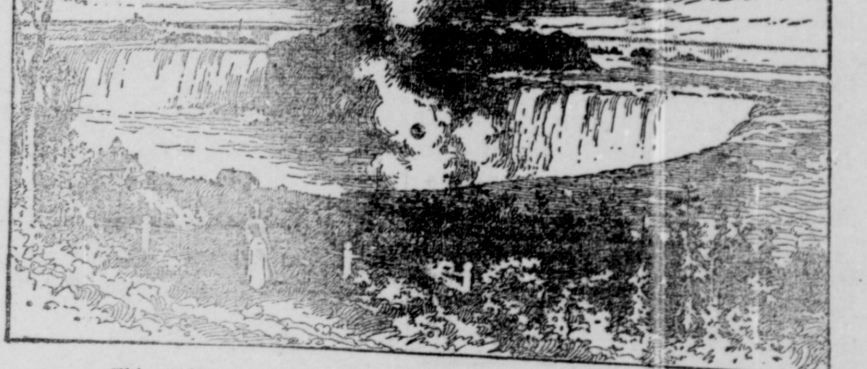
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