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RUSSIA AND CHINA.

The Czar's deeds do not evince quite the same devotion to universal peace as his words. Though he was the originator of The Hague tribunal, he has fought one great war since it opened its doors and seems now to be on the verge of another, remarks the Portland Oregonian. Unless the Chinese renew his privileges in Mongolia, which expire by treaty this month, he threatens them with war. Why does he not follow out his own principles and refer the trouble to arbitration? If international arbitration is good in the West, it is good in the East. Probably the Chinese would prefer to submit rather than fight. Russia would set an excellent example to Germany and England if she took the same view of it. But Russia

will not take the same view. With all the Czar's professions of love of peace, he is the semi-barbarous ruler of a barbarous nation, and his dislike of war is assumed to preserve respectability in the eyes of Europe. It is not a passion which can be expected to guide his conduct.

BISHOP McDONALD'S BIRTHDAY

Et. Rev. Alexander McDonald, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Victoria, B. C. was born at Mabou, Cape Breton, Feb. 18, 1858. His education was begun in his native section, continued at St. Francis Xavier's College, Antigonish and in the Propaganda, Rome, where he was ordained to the priesthood in 1884. Upon his return to America, he was appointed to the faculty of St. Francis Xavier's College. In 1900 he was appointed Vicar General of Antigonish, where he remained until his appointment as bishop of Victoria, in 1908. As a theologian, a linguist and as a writer, Bishop McDonald is said to have few or no superiors in the Dominion of Canada. He has written much for the Roman Catholic press on both sides of the Atlantic.

BACK TO THE SOUTH

That the south must enter a systematic campaign to get a share of desirable foreign immigration to which she is justly entitled and so to keep her own sons at home, if she hopes to maintain the remarkable record of industrial development established in the past few years, was the opinion unanimously expressed this week at the conference called to promote the "back home" movement. This movement, which was launched some months ago by the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio railway, has broadened in scope until it has enlisted the co-operation of the railroads, industrial and commercial organizations and public officials throughout the whole of the vast territory lying east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers. At the conference this week delegates were in attendance from Tennessee, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Mississippi and other states. The principal matter discussed was a project for the co-operation of the various states in advertising the almost unbounded opportunities offered by the south for successful agricultural and commercial endeavor. A special effort is to be made to induce Southerners who have taken up their residence in other sections to return to their former home. Within the past decade or so thousands of Southerners have emigrated to the Northwestern states and to western Canada. It is for the special purpose of luring these people back to their former homes, to show them how much the South has improved in the past fifteen or twenty years that the "back home" movement has been organized.

Some time the general public may learn that attorneys are not always the safest and best men to elect to office. Oregon at present has gone pretty strong on attorneys and you will find them holding every conceivable office, but quite likely there may be a reaction later. Once upon a time, as the story goes an attorney from

A BETTER WEAPON THAN THE BOW AND ARROW.



Baker county was running for the state senate. He made a speech out on Barst river and said "when you are ill you call a physician, when your shoe needs mending you take them to a shoemaker, and when you want a lawmaker you should choose an attorney for that position." But the people did not think that way for the attorney was beaten by a country physician.

not resist the temptation. Oh, why did you leave it there?"  
"I'm so sorry. I didn't know I was tempting any one. Why don't you reform?"  
"I haven't any one to reform me."  
"But is it necessary that you should have some one for that? Can't you do it yourself?"  
"No; I'm too far gone."  
"What do you want any one to do to help you?"  
"Why, I think that if I could see you once a week and you would encourage me I might pull through to a permanent reformation."  
She thought awhile, then said:  
"If you really think I can help you I shall be very glad to have you come every Saturday to tell me that you haven't picked any one's pocket during the week."  
"Oh, how I thank you! I know you can save me and make an honest man of me."  
"The only thing that troubles me," she said thoughtfully, "is that I must tell father, and I'm afraid he'll object."  
"Tell him to go to Mr. William Evans, — Locust street. He is interested in me and knows something to my advantage."  
When they reached the station the penitent handed the girl out to a carriage, and she drove away, giving him an encouraging smile and promising to let him know the decision in his case. She told her father about it, and he gave her a scolding. But she forced him to make the inquiry of Mr. Evans. When he had done so he said to his daughter:  
"Sis, the fool killer is coming this evening to carry you away."  
"What do you mean, papa?"  
"Evans, whom I have long known, tells me that this man is Jack Sparkline, his nephew, worth half a million and full of the Old Nick. I've given permission for the young rascal to call."  
"But he did steal my purse."  
"Of course he did, and with a view to making your acquaintance."  
"Oh, my goodness gracious! And I told him he might come on Saturdays to assure me he hadn't picked a pocket during the week!"

A Reformer

By SARAH BRICE VAUGHAN

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"Ticket for Buffalo," said a young lady, opening her satchel and hunting for her portemonnaie. Then suddenly she exclaimed: "Oh, heavens! I've been robbed!"

"Two tickets to Buffalo," said a young man next in line.  
The tickets were handed out, paid for and one of them slipped into the girl's hand before she had time to recover from the effect of her loss.

The young man caught up a suit case the girl had set down beside her and hurried her off to the train. Having found her a seat and racked her suit case, he was about to leave her when she made room for him beside her.

"Please let me know who you are and the price of the ticket," she said. "that I may send you the amount."

The young man took an old envelope from his pocket, wrote on it John Sparkline, with his address, and gave it to her. They fell to talking of how the thief could have got the pocketbook.

"There was but one moment," she said, "that it was out of my possession. I was sitting in the waiting room and a candy boy came along. I had small coins inside my glove, and I laid my bag down on the seat beside me while I paid for some candy."

"A candy boy is the most dangerous thing a girl can meet," said Mr. Sparkline dryly. The girl looked up at him, but as his face was perfectly serious she continued:

"A man sat in the seat next the one in which I had the satchel."  
"What did he look like?"  
"I haven't an idea."  
"Complimentary."  
"What do you mean?"  
"You evidently weren't attracted by the man's appearance."  
Again she looked at him.

"Are you sure you wouldn't recognize him again?"  
"No, I wouldn't."

The couple talked for three hours, which seemed but one, and when they were within a short distance of their destination the young man turned to the girl and said impressively:

"Did you ever take the first step in crime?"  
"No," she replied in astonishment. "I have."  
"Oh, heavens! Are you a criminal?"  
"I stole your pocketbook."  
"You stole my pocketbook?"  
"Alas, I must confess it."  
"But you have loaned me half as much as it contained."  
"That came from remorse."  
"But it seems to me the remorse came very quickly."  
"I couldn't bear to see you troubled." She looked at him sideways.

"I don't believe a word you say." He took the portemonnaie from his pocket and handed it to her.

"Please don't have me arrested," he pleaded. "I am the child of poor but dishonest parents, who taught me to steal when I was a little boy."  
"I thought you said something about a first crime."  
"Did I? They taught me to lie too."  
"Poor child!"  
"When I saw you lay your bag on the seat between you and me I could

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