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THE ORIENTAL PROBLEM

The Oriental question is still uppermost in the Anglo-Saxon world. Politicians and statesmen have tried their hand at the solution but it is still unsolved. Indeed from all the light that has thus far been thrown upon the problem it seems to be almost altogether unsolvable.

The white man was the first to throw off the sleep of ages, and being thus the early bird he believes he has a right to the worm. The yellow man dazed and stupid from his long sleep with equal force now demands that he shall have a share in the prize.

It is true that the early bird catches the worm but if there are more worms than one bird can eat what then? One thing is certain; if the other bird can unmon up the courage there is going to be a fight.

This issue has been fermenting for a number of years and at many times it looked as if the crisis had arrived. Each time, however, the yellow man has either backed down or modified his demand. How long this will continue it is difficult to say.

It is bad enough to have an international problem of this kind but it is a great deal worse when it becomes an issue between the different parts of one Empire. This is what is taking place at this time in British India. In South Africa the Hindu has been persistently legislated against and the same can be said of his treatment in Canada, as well as in the other Dominions. Thus far it has been largely a local problem in each country, and it has been disposed of without any serious results. The latest despatches indicate, however, that it is becoming a question of much larger significance. Agitators are stirring up the entire population of India in favor of a general protest. The Unity of the Empire itself is being threatened by those who are

behind the movement, and the gravest fears are expressed for the outcome.

In British Columbia we don't want the Oriental, and the fact he happens to be a British subject does not make the pill any more palatable. It is not so much a case of race superiority as it is of race distinction. We have our habits and our ideals and because they are ours we like them. The Oriental is of a different stripe and while we don't object to their opinion of themselves we are going to insist that there shall be no mixing.

Apart from the aesthetic side of the question there is also the economic one to be considered. They have evolved along on a plane that has simple wants and few desires while our type of life demands a greater extravagance.

Of course it may be that this very thing will mean our undoing; that because of the economy of their nature they will yet lay claim to the "survival of the fittest." That time has not yet come, however, and until it does come, we are determined to dispute every inch of their advance.

It is this aspect of the question that the British Government should keep in mind while they are considering this question. It is just as well to make the issue clear and decisive at once. While the British Dominions would not willingly make trouble for the Mother Country, they must protect themselves first, and any Oriental people whether British or Barbarian who would trample under foot these sacred rights must expect the active opposition of a virile people.

The pessimistic views of trade conditions which the railways put up before the Railway Commission are apparently not taken seriously by the stock holders. If the shareholders believed the arguments their counsel make railway shares would drop out of sight.

VANCOUVER GIRL SHOT WHILE IN PORTLAND

COUSIN WAS IN LOVE WITH HER — PROBABLY COMMITTED MURDER AND SUICIDE

Portland, Ore., Dec. 15.—Frank Simmons, aged 30; Mrs. Richard Birnie, his mother, and Miss Agnes Ravineau, of Vancouver, his cousin, were found shot to death in the Birnie cottage in South Portland Friday.

While the coroner says it is possible that all three were slain by a fourth person, indications are that Simmons shot the two women and then killed himself. Simmons was infatuated with Miss Ravineau, who persistently repulsed his suit because of their relationship. The theory is that a quarrel

from this cause prompted Simmons to the deed.

St. Andrew's Society

The annual general meeting of the St. Andrew's Society will be held in the Society rooms on Second Avenue, Friday evening, Dec. 19th, at 8 o'clock. A good attendance of members is requested, as a number of important changes will come up for consideration, also the election of officers for the ensuing term.

TAKING WILD ANIMALS IN MOVING PICTURES

Photographers Visit Haunts of the Wild in Bella Coola Valley

Among the passengers on the last southbound steamer, says the Bella Coola Courier, were Messrs. H. B. Meade and C. H. Edmonds, who in company with Mr. H. B. Green, have spent several months endeavoring to obtain moving pictures of wild animals in their native haunts.

Mr. Meade told of how on one occasion he had succeeded in scaling a precipitous cliff in order to take a picture of some mountain goats, it was found necessary for their Indian guide to lie face downwards, grasping Mr. Meade's feet in order to give him sufficient foothold to enable him to operate the machine. Mr. Meade got his picture which will doubtless be practically unique.

Another interesting picture of a full grown black bear was obtained besides many others of extraordinary descriptions.

Mr. Green remains in the Upper Bella Coola Valley, where he will spend a couple of months with the Ratcliff brothers on their trap line, and hopes yet to obtain a picture of one of the famous Bella Coola grizzlies, which have so far succeeded in eluding his machine.

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