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BEATING OUT.

Hamilton is a great city. It is burying its wires and opening up its new library, and they do say there is a deal on to take over the street railway and the Cataract Power Company. Toronto has none too big a start. Everybody remembers how Chicago beat out Buffalo and St. Louis and Cincinnati, each once the greatest of its day.

DEGREES AND DESERTS.

Great is the medical profession! We are beholden to them for being born and getting buried and various other interesting and more or less expensive experiences, but they do put it over us sometimes. Nor do they need to pray, as a Scotsman once did, to the Lord to give them a good conceit of themselves. Perhaps we are doing them an injustice, the rumor has gone abroad that Dr. Friedmann, when he arrives today, is to be given a much cooler reception than before, the given reason being that he has sold his cure to an American drug firm. But the best evidence the public have yet received that the cure is a cure and not a "specific" is the fact that American business men are willing to put \$1,500,000 into it. There is no need for the doctors to be peevish unless they envy the "drug" firm that bought the cure. If the "cure" is not a cure they do not need to envy anybody, and if it is a cure they will be able to use it, like everybody else, and get the usual reduction for a quantity, no doubt, from the drug men.

The medical profession, as a profession, is run quite as closely to business lines as any other calling. Individual physicians evince the most generous characteristics at times, just as some business men do. But the general public is aware that doctors' visits, in the main, mean fees. And medical men have such a business conception of life that they decline to let anybody in on their preserves who has not the "high sign" and the password and contributed the proper amounts.

An instance of this is to be found in Ottawa just now, where a new health officer, T. A. Lomer, M.D., C.M., D.P.H. of McGill University, who has taken special courses in pathology and bacteriology and holds as well the diploma of public health, which qualifies him for the office to which he has been appointed, is declared out of the running till he passes the Ontario Medical Council examination. The medical men are quite consistent in their attitude towards Friedmann. He has not passed the Ontario examination and he has made a deal with a drug firm. Even if he should be able to cure people it would be entirely irregular. The public have to be educated up to it; some day possibly they will get it; some day possibly they will find that there are still people who object to die from vaccination, quite carefully and regularly administered, and who would not mind prolonging their lives by means of the assistance of a man who had no recognized degree.

RUSSIAN POLICY.

What renders a pacific solution of the Balkan problem more probable than appears on the surface is the restraining influence Russia has exercised on Montenegro. To this is attributable the intimation that a territorial concession may compensate for the loss of Scutari and the exchange may be in no way disadvantageous to the quarter of a million of mountaineers. The possession of their ancient capital is largely a matter of sentiment and they and their allies must also be fully aware that the provocation of a general European war may well have results much less favorable than those to be obtained by negotiation and concession. Many who admire the splendid heroism of the Montenegrins in their struggle to maintain their independence and acknowledge their claim to retain Scutari, perforce admit, however unwillingly, that the peace of Europe is the greater good.

The forbearance of Russia may not be altogether attributable to altruistic motives. The bear that walks like a man is partial to deep laid schemes that consolidate in one quarter while preparing for aggressive action in another more remote. China, just now, with her new Republican government far from consolidated, is more than apprehensive that Russia is preparing to strengthen her hold on Mongolia and Northern Manchuria. Her government is credited with the massing of troops on the frontiers of these provinces and with every other preparation necessary to bring them under control. A war in Europe would remove



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the present opportunity offered by the unsettled state of China and the weakness of the new government.

THE BRITISH PUBLIC TRUSTEE.

On former occasions The World has devoted some space to the continually expanding business done by the public trustee, a British official, appointed in 1903, thru whom the state acts as executor, or as trustee under any kind of settlement or in other capacities of a like nature. From the beginning the department has been a distinct success, attributable to the recognized public need for such an official, to the fact that the state guarantees his responsibility and to the efficient administration which has been the characteristic of the office since its inception. Another notable feature of the department is the fact that it is not allowed to work for a profit, the scale of fees being adjusted to permit of conduct at cost. The principle is thus identical with that which regulates the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission.

In April the fifth report of the British public trustee was issued and it again shows the steadily increasing volume of work to which he has to attend. As compared with 1911 it was nearly fifty per cent. greater, and the business accepted during 1912 totalled 1364 estates, with an aggregate value of \$60,000,000. The total value of business of all kinds transacted or negotiated since January 1st, 1908, amounted to no less than \$460,000,000, and the average value of the trusts and estates shows a marked tendency to increase. The obvious inference is that persons of means appreciate the security afforded by a public department, the economy of administration and the opportunity to nominate an executor certain to survive them. For the only appointment needed is that of the public trustee.

The department was originally established to secure the best and cheapest form of administration of small estates and of these there were at the close of last year 1736 under \$10,000, the average value being \$3300. In connection with these small estates one of the most valuable features of the work of the public trustee is the care of children and infirm people. Careful provision has been made for their supervision and the report claims that the advancement in life of a very large proportion of the children has been secured. The public trustee has made it his chief objective, in this connection, to apply the funds that a young handicapped person, even the physically handicapped, shall receive a training, by apprenticeship or otherwise, in some skilled trade wherein a livelihood in after life is assured. Valuable assistance has also been rendered the public by placing the organization and experience of the department at the disposal of small investors.

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LITTLE THINGS.

Little drops of water wear away a stone; little aches and pains make a man groan; little pearls rain-drops, as on us they beat, soak us good and plenty right from head to feet. Little words of wisdom help us in the fight; little sulphur matches kindle quite a light; little dabs of carmine, little spots of pink, oft escape detection, so some maidens think; little threes and deuces spoil a bully hand; little deeds of kindness thoughtfully bestowed, lighten weary labors, ease the heavy load; little spoken slanders, little slurs in ink, put a reputation badly on the blink; little scraps of foodstuffs—fish and fowl and fish—oft escape our notice in some fancy dish; little dimes and nickels, squandered on our way, often would have helped us thru some rainy day; little piled-up atoms make a mountain high; little bits of clinders hurt when in one's eye; little bursts of anger, little fits of rage, make recording angels fill a half a page; little mice cavorting make the ladies shriek; little bits of dimes and inches make up the long list of little things that we care for often fill a book; little breaks and lapses earn for us the hook; little lines and inches make up the long list of little things that we care for often fill a book; little bows-wow over stiles; little germs and microbes slay the proudest kings,—let us ponder wisely on the little things.

**ONE MORE ADDED
TO THE LONG LIST**

Of Women Who Owe Their Health to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Mrs. John Cabot Recommends Dodd's Kidney Pills to All Who Suffer from Backache, Headache and Nervousness.

WHITE HEAD PERCE, Que., May 2.—(Special).—As a remedy for women Dodd's Kidney Pills hold an enviable place in the estimation of the people of Quebec, and Mrs. John Cabot, a highly respected lady living here, adds her name to the long list of those who stand ready to tell of the good work they are doing.

"My trouble," Mrs. Cabot states, "started from a cold, and I suffered for six years. I was always tired and nervous. I was greatly troubled with my back, and as time wore on, neuralgia, rheumatism, and Bright's disease added to my pains.

"I had dark circles under my eyes; I perspired freely with the slightest exertion, and my perspiration had an unpleasant odor.

"I could find nothing to relieve me till I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. I can heartily recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills to all who suffer from backache, headache, and nervousness.

STRICTEST INVESTIGATION.

The startling evidence that many people of the finest homes in Toronto are endorsing the piano-player as the instrument of their choice, incurs the strictest investigation as to the disposal made of their high grade pianos.

It is discovered that these finest products of piano manufacturer—such as a Goulay, Knabe and Heintzman and others, are on sale at remarkable values in the warehouses of Goulay, Winter & Leeming, 188 Yonge street, next to Eaton's. These instruments were taken in part payment for Goulay "Angelus" players, and are now being offered at cut prices for quick sale.

**LIBEL ACTIONS
WILL BE TAKEN**

Joseph Bruecker Resents Statements Made in Spanish Newspapers.

NO ATLANTIC FLIGHT

But Other Trips Will Be Made During the Summer.

Special Cable to The World.

BIRMINGHAM, May 2.—(Copyright).—Joseph Bruecker, who has returned to Berlin from Las Palmas, made the following statement today to The Toronto World correspondent: "The statements in The Madrid Imparcial and other papers that I or anyone connected with my expedition smuggled alcohol is a silly invention, against which I am arranging to take legal steps on the ground of libel. The origin of the silly story was doubtless the fact that among the 1234 bottles of gas delivered by the Tagal branch of the Lindes Ice Machine Works 114 were absolutely empty and many others were only half full. Whether this was due to careless handling by the Bremen stevedores or to defective filling I don't know. Anyhow, further waiting at Las Palmas was futile, because it would have taken at least three weeks to obtain a fresh supply, and I could not expect the Spanish authorities to continue to protect the half-filled balloons.

"I don't believe there was any leak in the balloon, which, however, has been returned to the makers for an examination. My plans are now uncertain. I shall have a conference with the firm of Suchard, owners of the balloon, shortly and propose to them some experimental trips here during the summer, such as across the North Sea to England or across the Mediterranean or perhaps across the Alps. One thing is now certain, no dirigible airship, except perhaps a Zeppelin, could cross the Atlantic from Las Palmas or the other islands unless a shed was built previously, as it was impossible to hold down the filled envelope while affixing the steering gear, car and other adjustments. I believe a Zeppelin could cross the Atlantic, following the course of the Rhone, to the Gulf of Lyons, thence making further stages to obtain a fresh supply, Azores and Bermuda. Non-rigid will doubtless never make a direct trip unless sheds are built."

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TO BUILD WORKMEN'S HOMES.

GALT, May 2.—(Special).—At the Galt Club tonight, a meeting of representative business men took preliminary steps to organize a house building association under provisions of the new act, which allows a municipality to guarantee bonds of such an association to the extent of 85 per cent. The situation arising from the lack of houses in Galt is acute. Two hundred homes suitable for workmen could be rented or sold at the present time, and the demand is increasing.

CARPENTERS DIDN'T STRIKE.

BRANTFORD, May 2.—(Special).—Brantford carpenters did not go on strike here today, as threatened. The announcement was made that a reply was awaited from the contractors to whom demands had been made. If the carpenters strike two hundred laborers in the building trade will be called out.

**SPEEDERS FINED
IN POLICE COURT**

W. L. McPherson and R. W. Fairbairn Paid Twenty Dollars Each.

**STRUCK BY MOTOR
DIED OF INJURIES**

Mattie McCauley Passed Away Yesterday as Result of Accident.

Hospital at 3.30 yesterday.

From the time of the accident until her death she never regained consciousness. Miss Macauley was employed by Daniel B. Thomson, 57 Queen's Park, as a domestic for four years. She was attending both day and night classes at the Technical School and was on her way to the school when the accident occurred. Her relatives are all in the old country.

The auto which knocked the girl down was owned by R. U. Earl, 71 Kendal, avenue, and was in charge of Bert Waterman.

Chief Coroner A. J. Johnson has ordered an inquest.

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