



What the World is Saying

The Ownership of England's Land.

The problem we have to face is that half the land of Great Britain belongs to 2,500 people.—London Leader.

Taking his Word for it.

King Menelik denies that he is dead, and those who know him best believe him.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Women's Working Hours.

Labor leaders want an eight-hour day law for women who work. That is, for those who work away from home.—Cleveland News.

Security in Friendship.

Many people in France have the idea that France requires no fleet since England in case of war would sink the vessels of France's enemies.—Cri de Paris, Paris.

Wonders of Radium.

It would almost give radium the primacy among the "fairy tales of science" to find that it offered the secret of victory over this scourge (cancer) of the human race.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Apprenticeships.

It is said that King Edward makes a good king because he served such a long apprenticeship. Of course the same thing will be urged in Bryan's favor in 1912.—Detroit Free Press.

The Seductive Catalogue.

After looking over a new catalogue you begin to have a more hopeful feeling that perhaps, after all, it would be worth while to try to grow some sweet peas again this year.—Ottawa Free Press.

"Little Englands."

The English always carry with them their national customs, and wherever they settle down, even for a while, they organize "little Englands."—L'Opinion, Paris.

The Danger Signal.

Forests on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains are rapidly disappearing. This must be checked if the agricultural interests of Alberta and Saskatchewan are not to be seriously affected.—Toronto News.

A Fine Example of Brevity.

Studying Lincoln's Gettysburg speech of 266 words, members of Parliament might highly resolve not to take up so much space in Hansard.—Ottawa Evening Journal.

The Law's Delays.

An unfinished case was before the Court of King's Bench this week, in which the original plaintiff and defendant and also the referee are dead. Law reform should enable litigants at least to learn the decision before they die.—Toronto Globe.

Uses of Caricature.

Cartoons and caricatures do not hurt anyone nowadays. If they are vulgar, the victim merely shrugs his shoulders; if they are witty, he smiles. The main thing is to be in the public eye and be talked about.—Gaulois, Paris.

Women at Prince Rupert.

Three weeks ago it stated that a woman cook was wanted at the general hospital. A woman applied and was offered \$25 a month. A Japanese cook is doing the work at \$35 a month. If Prince Rupert is to be white, the wages paid must be white, not yellow.—Prince Rupert Empire.

The Spread of Prohibition.

The Atlantic Journal says a crow can fly in a straight line from Cape Hatteras to the Mississippi and return to the Atlantic by way of Tennessee "without passing through anything but prohibition territory." That's a long distance, too, as the crow flies.—Detroit Free Press.

Heroism and Fame.

The fact is that Jack Binns, the wireless telegrapher of the steamer Republic, would have been just as great a hero if the collision had never occurred. Heroism is in doing one's daily work; fame is in having some great event catch one at it.—Ottawa Free Press.

A Northern Garden.

It is surprising how our ideals of the relations of latitude and temperature are being upset by the exploration of northern Canada. We have before us a picture showing a strawberry and raspberry garden at Fort Providence, on Mackenzie River, within the Arctic circle.—Quebec Telegraph.

Is this true of Women.

A Toronto bank has abandoned its experiment of employing women in its savings department in that city in order to attract the patronage of ladies. It was a failure, because women have more confidence in the business ability of men. Any store manager could have told the bank manager this.—Financial Times.

Versatile Scenery.

A volcanic eruption in the Philippines has tipped up a mountain lake and spilled out its contents on the roads and bridges and market gardens below. We certainly bought something original in the way of climate and earth gyrations when we picked up the Philippines on the bargain counter.—Chicago News.

Plenty of Room Here.

Only a few days ago Mr. Hays said the Pacific would soon be a formidable competitor for the grain business. And already the Canadian Pacific is making rates designed to send Alberta's grain to Europe by way of Vancouver. We in the east will have to think up new sorts of work, pretty soon, or go west.—Montreal Herald.

Full of Heroes.

The practice of looking backward to the days of chivalry for examples of true heroism is largely the result of a habit of mind. There is no necessity to look backward at all. The world is as full of heroes today as ever it was, if we had only the power of seeing them in the proper light.—Woodstock Sentinel Review.

Big Changes since Elizabeth's Time.

The magnitude and the high development of modern business enterprises is strikingly illustrated by the fact of one British concern signing a contract for the construction of a squadron of warships for Spain. This new armada will partly replace the one destroyed by the English in Queen Elizabeth's time.—Milan (Italy) Corriere.

Marvels that become Commonplace.

Another ship has been saved by the wireless, and a paragraph does to tell the tale. It is like the second time at the telephone, the second photograph, the second time on the phonograph, the second visit to Paris or to Cairo. The first time stands all by itself as a sensation producer. All others are mere numerals.—Halifax Chronicle.

A Spook-Damage Suit.

A Toronto clergyman and a Toronto newspaper are being sued for declaring that a house was haunted. So many people accepted the report that it became difficult to rent the building, and the owners lost their revenue. It is probable that this experience could be repeated in many other cities. The advance of materialism has not yet banished the spook from men's minds.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Ever the Way in Politics.

Suppose Lincoln and Washington were to come back to earth and to take places among our statesmen and to assume the burden of government again today? Think of the praises that would die away to silence and of the bickerings and backbitings that would soon rise against them!—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

The White Man's Burden.

A redman leads the world's long distance runners. A black man holds the title of heavyweight champion of the ring. A yellow man may come out of China or Japan and break the heart as well as the bones of the man who now claims to be the world's wrestler. Apparently the white man is losing the high place he long held on the scale of culture.—Hamilton Times.

Youthful Criminals.

Dr. Gilmour, Warden of the Central Prison, reminds the community that most criminals are convicted between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one years. The criminal impulse is often hereditary. Inmates of our penitentiaries for the most part are young men. These facts show how necessary it is to overcome evil heredity by means of a helpful environment. Greater effort is needed to redeem youthful offenders. To this end the indeterminate sentence effectively operates.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

The Advance of Humanity.

Pity and need make all men kin. So universal is now the care of the shipwrecked that we find it difficult to believe the historians who tell us of the barbarism from which we have emerged. Some ten brief centuries ago it was the universal practice in Europe to seize the goods of persons who had been shipwrecked and to confiscate them as the property of the lord on whose manor they had been thrown, while under the laws of many of the maritime provinces the shipwrecked themselves were reduced to servitude.—Contemporary Review.

Kipling and the Canadian Press.

In discussing the Canadian press, Rudyard Kipling bewailed the fact that our newspapers used second class words to express first class emotions. That may be very true, because the average newspaper man does his work in a rush and has not much time to sift the dictionary, as might be the case if he had a month to prepare each column and a shilling a word for the product. But if the average Canadian reporter took a trip through England, India, Australia, or South Africa, and could not dish up more original and interesting Letters To The Family than Mr. Kipling has been doing, he would have to walk home. Even a Kipling reputation will not stand much more of that sort of thing.—Ottawa Citizen.

British Rule in India.

There can be no question that the success of the British in India has never been equaled in the history of the government of subject races—certainly not on so large a scale. In India Britain has had to govern the population of a continent with the garrison of a city, and has consequently been compelled to consider native feeling and prejudice at every turn. India is today clamoring for self-government; but she has had something approaching that all along, though the executive officers have been alien. Indeed, this very eagerness to govern India as much as possible in accordance with the mind of the natives has been the great secret of British success.—New York Tribune.

Lowly Heroines of Unselfish Toil.

A woman sits up all night with a neighbor's sick child, hurries back in the winter's dawn to get her husband's breakfast, and then goes out to wash all day to help keep the home going.

This homely drama of unselfish toil does not revolve around the silk-clad central figure of a problem play. One of the many "Shacktowns" that engirdle Toronto is the scene dominated by a heroine of the loving heart and kindly hand. Every little community of newcomers to Canada is full of such heroines. A few Canadians get close to the real life of Shacktown, and learn how ready people who have little are to help the unfortunates who have less. These Canadians have come up against "nobilities" of conduct that proclaim the worth of English immigrants, and silence cheap sneers at "Cockneys."—Toronto Telegram.

"A Bleary-eyed, Red-Nosed Man."

The painter takes canvas and colors and brushes and produces a picture for his own and your delight; the cabinetmaker takes oak or maple or pine, and with his saw and plane and mitre-box and his brains makes you a chiffonier or what article you may desire; even the smoker is proud of his meerschum pipe which has taken months of time, perhaps, and much tobacco to color it that beautiful red-amber brown. But the publican is not like that. In none of the stages of obstreperous or maudlin inebriety that he has helped to produce in others does he appear to take delight. Show him a bleary-eyed, red-nosed man to whom he has served rum, or gin, or whiskey, or brandy, or beer, and perhaps all of them, and tell him, "Friend Bung, this is one of the most picturesque jobs of its kind I have ever seen turned out, and you deserve immense credit for it!" Will he thank you? Not a bit.—Montreal Witness.