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LONDON, FRIDAY, JAN. 7.

CANADA LIBELLED.

That staunch Conservative paper, the Victoria Colonist, has no liking for bargain-counter loyalty or a luck-staring imperialism. It says:
"Certain people have shown a disposition to trade upon what they call Canadian loyalty for their own political purposes. We have lately been told by the Toronto correspondent of the London Times that the price of Canadian loyalty is a tax in the United Kingdom upon breadstuffs imported from foreign countries and a preference in favor of those articles, when grown in the Dominion. Against this abominable heresy we enter the strongest protest of which we are capable. It is a gross, scandalous and deliberate libel upon the people of the Dominion, uttered for the purpose of influencing the British electorate. If it were true, we can easily see how the British consumer might employ towards us the language used by Tompkins when he condemned the Little Endurers:
"So loyal is too costly.
Friends, your love is but a burden, Loose yourself and go."

The Times may have published the libel in good faith, but its Toronto correspondent knew better. Mr. Balfour himself tells the electors that the daughter nations will withdraw their preferences to the British producer unless the mother country grants them similar favors in the British market. There is a real danger in such statements. They may make voters for the Unionist tariff policy, but for every elector so influenced another will feel bitter resentment. Mr. Churchill says truly that it will not promote imperial unity if the masses of Great Britain associate the idea of colonial loyalty with an increase in the cost of the necessities of life.

Canada wants nothing from the mother country but her good opinion. But British tariff reformers, mercifully, have not yet taken the price of her goodwill, even her loyalty, and some Canadians use language which bears the same construction. The mass of the Canadian people have no such selfish view of the imperial relationship. A gross injustice is being done this country by the attempt to make it a pawn in the British party game.

A BIG YEAR FOR CANADA.

Canada suffered less than any other country from the effects of the depression which enveloped the world in the latter part of 1907, and has been the first to recover. There has been a complete return of confidence, and a resumption of activity in every line of industry and commerce.
Particularly marked last year was the progress in railway construction. The race to the Pacific coast between the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern was continued with new vigor on both sides. Track-laying was pushed by the Canadian Pacific, and on the Government road from Moncton to Winnipeg. The result was a net addition of considerably over 3,000 miles to the railway mileage of the country.

In the Toronto Globe's annual review of financial and commercial affairs is told a story of growth in every direction. During the year over 90,000 people crossed the international boundary to settle in Canada. While immigration from Great Britain and the continent showed but a small increase, the prospects for a larger number of the better class of settlers from the old world are excellent.

It was a year of bountiful crops, the soil of every province yielding most liberally. In the three prairie provinces alone the total output of wheat, oats, barley and flax was 343,000,000 bushels, or 100,000,000 more than in the preceding year. The wheat crop of the west was by far the largest on record, amounting to 123,000,000 bushels, as compared with 107,000,000 bushels in 1908.

The production of pigiron was the greatest in the history of Canada, the total output being about 800,000 tons. The product of 1909 was only 86,990 tons.

There was considerable development of the Cobalt mines during the year, the total output being 27,748.75 tons, as against 23,352 tons in 1908.

The year witnessed the inauguration of two new steamship services on the St. Lawrence route, and a third company will commence the coming season with a new line of passenger steamers from Glasgow to Montreal.

In every branch of industry and commerce there was an unmistakable revival of activity, the year showing an enormous increase in the amount spent for building purposes, the total for nineteen cities being \$53,915,579.

Naturally, the country's credit continues good in the London money market. As Lord Strathcona puts it, "any

applications for capital from Canada for purposes which are legitimate and based on statements absolutely reliable and capable of investigation will continue to receive what may be termed favorable consideration."
Canadians enter upon the year 1910 full of confidence.

THE NAVAL RIVALRY.

The newest of United States battleships, the Utah, which was launched recently, has a length of 521½ feet over all, and a displacement of 21,825 tons, completely outclassing all other vessels in the American navy, the largest of its battleships in 1898 having a displacement of but 10,000 tons. In all the great navies there are marked differences at many points between the new and the old types. Two vessels for the German navy, upon which work was begun a few months ago, have a length of 570 feet, and a displacement of 23,000 tons, while the British programme calls for a battleship 600 feet long, with a displacement of 26,550 tons. The effort is to attain to the highest possible power and speed with the increase of size, and to make the armament more and more deadly.

Some authorities claim the limit has been reached in the super-Dreadnought, but there is no certainty of that. Nor is it at all certain that any of the great warships launched early in this century will be fit when needed for war. It is 50 years since Great Britain was engaged in hostilities with a great power. The engagement off Santiago between the Spanish and American squadrons, and the destruction of Russia's fleet by Japan, have been the only instances in which modern ironclads have been tested in war. There are world-wide forces making steadily for universal peace, and it is probable that all the magnificent engines of destruction upon which the nations are wasting enough money to feed and clothe all the starving wretches of Europe and America, will go to the scrap-heap without the scar of battle upon them.

The woman suffrage movement in the United States is showing new life. It has "got into society."

The date of the Ottawa by-election will be announced in a few days. It is said the Government is generously giving the Opposition candidate time to straighten out his naval policy.

The British budget hits the man who has an income of over \$15,000 a year. This provision is, of course, aimed at editors, and explains why so many of them are squealing.

Rogina citizens have raised \$25,000 and are paying a publicity man \$4,500 a year in an effort to boost the city's population from 15,000 to 50,000 by 1911. By comparison the London one hundred thousand club has undertaken an easy contract. All it needs is a "Dad's Army" of volunteers.

Editor MacDonald has done a service to journalism by his biting portrayal of Lord Northcliffe in today's Globe. In Great Britain Northcliffeism has become a poison in the body politic, and the Unionist party rewarded this Satanic Majesty of British newspaperdom by making him a peer!

"Does The Advertiser think it would mean the destruction of democratic institutions for the Lords to reject an appeal to the nation by rejecting a budget introduced at the tail-end of a parliament, and providing for a general confiscation of private property?"—Hamilton Herald.

The Advertiser thinks there would be no profit in discussing the question with a journal that describes the Lloyd-George budget as a "general confiscation of private property."

The Ontario Moral Reform Council will ask the Provincial Legislature for local option by counties, including cities up to 25,000 inhabitants, and for local option by wards and districts in the larger cities. The abolition of the three-fifths clause would be preferable to local option by counties, which would enable its opponents to raise the cry that the townships were dictating to the towns. There is nothing to be said, however, against local option by wards and districts in the larger cities.

Lord St. Aldwyn, who is better known as Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, a former Conservative chancellor of the exchequer, has written to the Times deploring the rejection of the budget by the House of Lords, and declaring that Mr. Lloyd-George's proposals cannot in his judgment be properly described as socialism and revolutionary. The weight of intellect in the House of Lords is distinctly against the decision of that chamber, but unfortunately the tellers of a division can only count noses and not brains.

IN A COAL PIT SEVENTY YEARS.

Joseph Walton, of Darke, Swadlow, Burton, who has just retired to spend the evening of his life in a house next to that in which he was born, has achieved the remarkable record of working full time in a coal pit when close on 99 years of age. He has worked as a miner for about 70 years. He remembers the time when colliers worked twelve hours a day for half a crown, and he was one of the first to join the Miners' Association. Walton was one of a family of seventeen, and has two octogenarian brothers living.

PROTOTYPE OF OUR OWN COURT HOUSE.

Malahide Castle, on the sea coast, about ten miles north of Dublin, it is claimed, is the oldest inhabited stronghold in Ireland. A most picturesque old place, it has extensive encircling woods, which make it an ideal residence in either winter or summer, while the little town of Malahide is similar to an English village adjoining a nobleman's well-kept estate. Malahide furnishes the unusually rare instance of a baronial estate having survived for nearly seven centuries and a half in the heirs male of the ancestor

on whom it had been originally conferred. Henry II. gave the manor to Richard de Talbot in 1174, and his male descendants have resided at Malahide ever since, except for a brief period during Cromwell's time, when they were driven out for seven years.

In the great hall at Malahide is a suit of armor with a gash in the side about which a romantic story is told. The wearer of this armor had just been married in Malahide Church when there came a sudden call to arms, and through the bedroom's side was successful he himself fell in the fray. His bride—"maid, wife and widow" in one day—soon, however, consoled herself, for she was married twice after that tragic day, the first time six months afterward. By her second husband she had a son, Thomas Talbot, whom Edward IV. appointed Lord Admiral of Malahide and the Seas Adjoining, an hereditary honor borne by successive heads of the family down to the present Lord Talbot de Malahide. This lady's third husband was John Cornwallis, chief baron to Henry VI., and dying when over eighty, she was buried at Malahide, where her tomb may yet be seen.

NO MECHANIC.

[M. A. P.]
She sweetly—I just been oiling the cylinder for you, dear.
He (under the motor)—Cylinder be damned! That was my ear!

TOO FULL.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
A man very much intoxicated was taken to the police station.
"Why did you not bail him out?" inquired a bystander of a friend.
"Bail him out?" exclaimed the other.
"Why, you couldn't pump him out!"

THE BUDDING MERCHANT.

[Judge.]
The Jeweller had left his new boy in charge of the store while he went home to his dinner, but not until he cautioned the youth that all the goods were marked and that he must not let any take goods with him unless they were paid for.

"Well, Sam," he asked, upon his return, "did you have any customers?"
"You bet," said Sam, gleefully, "and I got big money, too. I sold one man all those brass rings you had that were marked 10c on the inside and here's the money—a dollar and ninety-eight cents!"

IN FEAR.

[Washington Star.]
"Why does Santa Claus move above so steadily?" asked little Bello.
"I suppose," remarked a neighbor, "that he's afraid all the families on his route will insist on his staying to supper and hear the youngest recite 'Twas the Night Before Christmas.'"

NOT UNNATURAL MISTAKE.

[Boston Transcript.]
Friend Looking over Brown's unfurnished flat—And what is this passageway for?
Brown—Passageway! Great Scott! this is the dining-room!

RATHER OVERDID IT.

[Boston Transcript.]
Miss Gusher to Danber, who is being lionized—I really can't tell you, Mr. Danber, how much I think of your paintings, your stunts especially. There never was anything like them.

COULDN'T LOSE HIM.

[Detroit Free Press.]
"When I got home yesterday I found that my wife had gone home to her mother."
"You did? What did you do?"
"I didn't. I stayed over there and had a good time."

A SEVERE INDICTMENT.

[Toronto World.]
There is always a tendency on the part of the Lord's people to forgetful of the Lord's care, forgetful of the fact that the Lord only helps those who help themselves. The same is true of those who work under other banners.

THE REGULAR ROUTE.

[Washington Star.]
"How many miles an hour does your motor car make?"
"It depends on circumstances," answered Mr. Kluge, "Naturally, we're much slower going from the house to the repair shop than we are going from the repair shop to the house."

EXPERIENCED IT YET?

[Buffalo News.]
Albeit it is hard to meet the donor face to face at the gift exchange counter the week after Christmas.

SOUND ADVICE.

[M. A. P.]
"He called me a silly ass. What should I do?"
"You'd better see a vet."

VISTAS OF TROUBLE.

[Washington Star.]
"I may as well tell you," said the sufferer, "that the disturbances we are creating are nothing compared to those we are prepared to cause."
"That's right," answered the big town boss, "if you raise all this row to vote, what will you do when you get the ballot and find it isn't being counted?"

SNOW IN KENTUCKY.

Coldest Weather on Record Experienced at Louisville.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 7.—Attending the hearings on this section for 22 years, there has been a return of cold weather which has served to lighten the numerous gorges in the Ohio River between Cairo and Cincinnati. Packet companies here and at points above and below on the Ohio are certain that it will be impossible to resume operations for many days. The thermometer here this morning registered two above zero.

OVERCOME BY FLAMES.

A St. Louis Fireman Meets Death Fighting Big Blaze.

St. Louis, Jan. 7.—One fireman was killed and six others were injured, and 200 hotel guests were driven into the street with the temperature near zero this morning when fire broke out in a barber shop between and under the Cambridge and Barham hotels on St. Charles street, in the heart of the business district. Harry Lasche, and Assistant Fire Chief Haynes broke open the door of the barber shop, and Lasche was burned to a crisp almost instantly in the sheet of flame that shot out. Haynes fell unconscious and was rescued by a patrolman. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Rome, N. Y., Jan. 7.—At Florence, a small village 22 miles north of Rome, early today Daniel O'Mara's store and residence were burned. Mrs. O'Mara, wife of the proprietor of the store, was unable to escape and was burned to death.

CHAPMAN'S CARPET SALE PRICES

See the actual values in this great Carpet Sale is what we ask you to do by way of emphasizing this important semi-annual event in carpets, for, in this case, seeing is believing. Prices have been lowered more than in any previous sale, no matter how big the sale was. By paying one-quarter of the purchase price we will keep any carpet until wanted.

AXMINSTER CARPETS

Every roll of Axminster Carpet in the house is to be cleared at \$1.29 a yard, because we intend putting in an entirely new stock in the spring, and to do this our present stock must be disposed of. The quality will be the same, but the patterns will be new. It will be good wisdom on your part to buy the old ones at the reduction of \$1.65 for \$1.29 and save such a good round sum. All desirable patterns. Sale price, a yard.....\$1.29

BRUSSELS CARPETS

The greatest offer of English Body Brussels Carpet we ever made. Regular \$1.25 grade reduced during this sale, per yard.....98c
Another extraordinary offer in English Body Brussels Carpet. Regular \$1.15 grade reduced during this sale to, per yard.....88c

LINOLEUM REDUCTIONS

Five rolls of Imported English Linoleum and three rolls of E quality Canadian Linoleum, in floral and tile designs, some light and dark grounds. Always sold at 50c square yard, sale price, a square yard.....42½c
Two yards wide Printed Linoleum. To start the sale with a rush at, a square yard.....29c

J. H. Chapman & Co. 126, 128, 128½ Dundas St.



Correspondence

Tercentenary Medals.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:
I would like to ask you if you would be kind enough to write an article and column on the Tercentenary Medals. Reading columns urging the military authorities to grant a medal to all the members of the Canadian militia who took part in the biggest royal event ever held on Canadian soil, the tercentenary of 1907. Now, sir, it is possible and altogether probable that a medal will be given to some men of the militia to the one granted for the coronation ceremony. My reason for offering this suggestion is, first, being an old officer of the famous Seventh, and having two sons now members of the regiment who took part in the celebration. They have informed me that a complete list of names, with initials of every man present at the event, has been kept, pending the consideration of the militia council should they see fit to issue a decoration. Now, sir, you can readily imagine the pride, honor and delight the young men of our Canadian army would have in being awarded such a handsome prize as a medal, which would be cherished by and worn close to their loyal hearts.

"The Volunteer Organist."

On Tuesday next, Jan. 11, "The Volunteer Organist" comes once more to the Grand. It has already played in London on several occasions. It is a very pretty and original musical comedy. It is a new and original musical comedy. It is a new and original musical comedy. It is a new and original musical comedy.

Shows Coming Here.

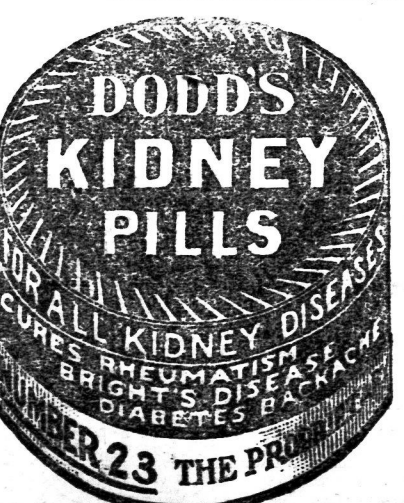
The transient production of London is increased today by seven advance agents. Mr. Small has succeeded in booking an excellent lot of performers for January and February, and word was received today that the "White Sister," a Shubert play, is booked for this month.

WOLGAST VS. MEMSIC.

Los Angeles, Jan. 7.—The fact that Ad. Wolgast has accepted the promotion offer of \$3,500 for a 45-round battle with Nelson for the lightweight championship in San Francisco, Feb. 22, adds interest to his 10-round bout with George Mensic, scheduled for Naud Junction, tonight. Wolgast and Mensic were matched after Nelson repudiated his alleged agreement with Promoter McCurey to fight 45 rounds here on the same date. But Wolgast says it matters little, she is confident of beating Mensic tonight. Mensic, however, is admittedly a dangerous man.

DOBBS' KIDNEY PILLS

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CURES ALL KIDNEY DISEASE
BRONCHITIS, RHEUMATISM, GRAVEL, DIABETES, BACKACHE, ETC.



ALWAYS AILING!

How many women there are to whom these words apply exactly! They are not quite "sick in bed", but they almost wish, as they struggle through each day, that they were. Frequent headaches, loss of energy, loss of appetite, depression and attacks of biliousness and indigestion make life a dragging misery.

In nearly every case the cause of it all is chronic constipation, that trouble so often made light of, but which brings about so much suffering. As a result of it the whole system is filled with impurities and almost everything, including the special functions of womanhood, goes wrong.

Hundreds of thousands of women have had reason to thank Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills for relief from all this chain of miseries, and for restoration to health and happiness. For over fifty years, and in every part of the world, these Pills have been tested and proved a great female medicine.

Being purely vegetable, they are not harsh like salts and so many other purgatives, nor do they weaken, sicken or gripe.

Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills are a perfect blood purifier, and a sure cure for biliousness, indigestion, headache, sallow complexion, liver and kidney troubles, piles, pimples, boils and other ailments that arise from the sluggish action of bowels, liver or kidneys. By purifying the blood and invigorating every organ in the whole body they relieve and cure female ailments and restore normal, healthy conditions.

Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills are, in truth, a blessing to women, as Mrs. Harrison, of Richmond, Va., found. She writes:

"About six weeks ago I first used Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills, and I must state that I found them a most superior medicine. My complaint was peculiar to women—jaundice, debility, and bilious attacks, which combined to make my days thoroughly wretched. Indeed, there were spells when I used to wonder in the morning how I could manage to get through my household duties, and was forced to struggle through the day when I should have been in bed. Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills have made me vigorous and well. I noticed the change from the very first dose."

DR MORSE'S INDIAN ROOT PILLS

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DEPENDS UPON CHINA

Whether Neutralization of Manchurian Railways Will Go Through.

Peking, Jan. 7.—The proposal of the United States for the neutralization of the Manchurian Railways is dependent upon the consent of China. The note was presented to the Chinese Government on Dec. 25, and its contents transmitted to the representatives here of the interested powers.

With a view of preventing future complications and to secure an equality of opportunity with the preservation of

equal rights in the development of Manchuria, the United States proposes a commercial internationalization, by agreement with Russia, Japan, Great Britain, Germany and France and the consent of China, and the international guarantee and control of all future railways and other loans in Manchuria. Thus the interested nations will be afforded an opportunity to participate in the development of Manchuria.

The American note is under discussion by the European cabinets. Dispatches from Tokyo show that a disturbance has occurred in the Japanese and Manchurian securities traded in Japanese capital.

This is not intended other than an acknowledgment of the nothingness in words. Yours for a pure science.

ROLAND DWIGHT GRANT.

Waterloo, New Hampshire, Dec. 30.