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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 CANADA AND THE NAVAL PANIC.

been bitten by the naval frenzy in the old land, and are calling upon the Ottawa Government to offer Great Britain at once the price of a Dreadbut the Australian Government adheres to the policy of contrib-The Australian example is the sounder the one that Canada should The Advertiser, among other naval defense of Halifax and Esquias the starting point of a real Canadian navy. Such a force would of course, be at the disposal of the war and be incorporated in the regular Canadian navy could be reckoned by it speaks of should properly be called Great Britain as a integral part of her naval strength when she measured It against a foreign power. A Dread- and Musicians, or the works on harnought, however, would be of no service to Canada in the genesis of her ing at the wrong end. She must bebe on right and permanent lines. The justified by existing circumstances, are far more than "O Canada" ex-The British Government considers that traneous in their melody, and consethe laying down of four Dreadnoughts quently come under the Record's conter than New Zealanders and Cana- refers to are extraneous

RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.

most far-seeing palicy.

with both her autonomy and her

There are now fifty rural mail routes in Canada, serving 3,500 people. In view of the many petitions which are pouring into the department it is expected that within two years many thousands of people will be enjoying the benefits of rural delivery. Meanwhile Mr. Lemieux's policy is to act cautiously, and in this he has the indorsation of representative men of the class for whose convenience the system has been established. The Dominion Grange, as its last meeting, adopted a resolution which, while commending the Government for inaugurating profiting by the experience of other mind. peoples who have adopted this sys-

As the Postmaster-General recently pointed out, there are two systems of system in vogue in the United States, England, France, Germany and Belgium-a veritable postoffice on wheels, equipped with postal facilities, postal notes and money orders, and providing for the delivery and collection of letters, papers, parcels, registered letters, and registered parcels. The other system, known as the star-route system, is much better adapted for a country like Canada. Under this, "any person living on or contiguous to a rural mail route, and not within one-quarter committee of the Legislature. Kipof a mile of the corporate limits of ling remarked of these twin cities that any city town or village, who desires they thrived on their mutual dislike, the line of the route, by the rural mail hate-bird deprived of its mate. carrier, may take advantage of the opportunity offered." The ordinary mail carrier starts on his route with the mails, and if the patrons on each side of the route have these boxes, he defivers to, or collects from, the boxes, but he does not sell postage stamps, and does not deliver registered letters, unless an order is given him by the patron to do so.

To avoid the mistakes and the inordinate expenditure of the United States postoffices, the department at Ottawa has adopted the star-route border in 1897, the expenditure was only \$14,884. Since then it has grown 361,463. For the last fiscal year the 864 41, while the deficit amounted to \$16,872,222, two-thirds of which was eaten up by free rural mail delivery. So alarming is this showing that the PostmasterGeneral of the United States, in his last report, declared it

Canada is not in a position to afford so expensive a luxury as free rural mail the fireman it appears that some pipe in delivery as they have it in the United the engine burst, filling the cab with our present system a scheme of rural mail delivery which our population and revenue will justify.

"O CANADA" AGAIN.

An attempt is being made to foist on this country as a national anthem a song known as "O Canada," which had its birth in Quebec Province. Among those active in this misguided endeavor apparently is The London Advertiser.-Windson

The Advertiser is not so foolish as to imagine that any song can be "foisted", on a people as a national anthem. It merely expressed the opinion vedded to inspiring English verses. the song might some day challenge the popularity of "The Maple Leaf" in Ontario. The Record dissented from critcised "O Canada" as a musical omposition, asserting that it was not suited for a popular song, which New Zealand has already should be "free from chromatic frills In world-weary or any departure, passing or extended, from the key." This great home journal humbly ventured to point out that Oh, have we forgotten the one who first uting to imperial defense by means of the departure or modulation from the local armaments, military and naval. key in "O Canada" was exactly the same as in "The Maple Leaf," and that the chromatic "frills" were present in the popular songs which the average crowd sings easily and with

with an erudite column and a half in defence of its thesis. Some of the Thy such as "a third flat remove," an expression which probably can be found The old harp-strings quaver, the old voice only in some elementary work on the tonic-sol-fa system. We fear the British fleet during hostilities, if the Record is more prolific than precise in The old vision dims, and the old heart is admiralty so desired. At any rate a its muscial terminology, The "remove" 'extraneous modulation." If it would consult Groves' Dictionary of Music mony by Sir Frederick Bridge, Dr. Prout, Dr. Goetschius, Richter, and naval development: it would be start- other standard authors, it would find that "modulation" means the process gin with submarines, torpedoes and of passing from one key to another, cruisers. It is an issue that the Fed- and not, as the Record puts it, a eral Government should face without change of mode from major to minor loss of time, but the first move should or vice versa. Transition is the word commonly used, not modulation. The offer of a Dreadnought at this junc- beautiful and easily-sung Russian, ture would be a panic measure, not Austrian and French national anthems year is sufficient, and it demnation even more severely than knows its own business bet- Lavallee's work, for the "removes" it was triumphing, partly through the dis- across the snow and ice. dians who are raising such a hue and or, in other words, modulation to keys

duty as a nation of the Empire, shar-Is the Record quite certain that the than of late it has been. ing the security afforded by the Brit- birthplace of "O Canada" is not ish fleet. The offer of a Dreadnaught troubling it as much as the melody? at this moment would be spectacular. The original words are French, and but it would not be the soundest and the sentiment is French-Canadian, but that has nothing to do with the music: It is a beautiful composition, and as a English verses of merit. It cannot be made "the" national anthem unless the in there is surely room for any number of national songs. As Canadians, we should eagerly welcome any real contribution to our scanty stock of native music, art, and literature.

unmusical.

The fate of the Opposition in Alberta may console Mr. MacKay and his followers at Toronto.

Canada's relation to imperial naval free rural mail delivery, urged "the defense is a problem which should not necessity of going cautiously, and be dealt with in a panicky frame of

Lieutenant Shackleton has planted the British flag within 111 miles of the south pole, and he learned enough rural mail delivery. First, there is the about it to know that it will never be a resort for tourists.

> If Sir Wilfrid grants the boundary demands of Manitoba, he will evoke Mr. Whitney's thunder. If he grants Ontario's demands, the Roblin Government will cry "Robbery!" from the housetops. Our Conservative friends are bound to catch Sir Wilfrid coming | And bound to look happy, though inward-

Port Arthur and Fort William are of pompadours there's not a trace having their annual fight before a his mail deposited in a box authorized and that if one of them disappeared by the department, at a given point on the other would pine away like a

> It is clear that the steadily pursued policy of constructing a great German navy in as short a time as possible is directed by one steady purpose, and that that purpose is crush Britain's naval supremacy and deliver a fatal blow at the heart of the British empire.—Hamilton

Germany appreciates that if ever she is to challenge British supremacy and break up the British empire now is the time.—Toronto Globe.

On what authority is this hellish design attributed to Germany? It system. When the first experiment is precisely the same kind of talk that with rural routes was made across the is doing mischief in that country. The people there are told by scaremongers that Great Britain is aiming by leaps and bounds, until last year it to crush German naval power. As a reached the stupendous figure of \$34,- result they are taxing themselves to total receipts of the United States stips to protect themselves and their the starvation point to build new postal department were \$191,478,- commerce against an imaginary Bri-

MAY HAVE DIED A HERO'S

DEATH.

[Ottawa Citizen.] Though the facts may never be known owing to the death of the engineer of

Mr. Lemieux's contention is that stances point to the probability that the steam and scalding water, which forced the survivor to jump from the engine. The finding of the engineer a quarter of a mile further on, beside the track, with a mile further on, beside the track, with his hand severely scalded, and in an un- British Flag Raised 111 Miles conscious condition, would indicate that he had stuck to his post and made a brave effort to get the engine under control before jumping. It may be that the hot water and steam rushed into the cab and defied his efforts to reach the throttle or the air brake and finally forced him to jump, with the result that he was fatally injured.

LIFE. [Puck.] Vociferation Mastication. Spoliation. Domestication Ossification.

KATHLEEN MAVOURNEEN. [James Whitcomb Riley.]

Transportation.

Plantation.

Oh, have we forgotten his rapturous Our meed to the master whose genius bequeathed it? Oh, why art thou silent, thou voice of

my heart?

Kathleen Mayourneen! Thy lover still

The long night is waning, the stars pale | peditions home. and few: serenader. with tremulous

is shaking refrain:

breaking. Kathleen Mayourneen, inspire us again! SOMETHING FOR EACH TO DO. [Belton (Mo.) Herald.]

lamp is trimmed and burning,

God will find a place for it to shine. PAW'S CONCLUSION.

[Louisville Courier-Journal.] "The average family in America comprises 4.6 persons." "I guess I'm the .6 of this family,"

urmured Paw Hoptoad, a trifle acridly. IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR. [New York Herald.] Dobbs-I understand she was his book-

Bobbs-Yes; now she's his cashier. THE FUTURE LIFE.

[Goldwin Smith, in New York Sun.] advantage at which the spiritual was placed by antiquated bibliolatry and dogcry. Let Canada begin to do some- remote from the given key, the very indicate that on so great a question, for thing on a reasoned plan, consistent thing which the Record holds to be example, as that of a future life, physical science is showing a tendency to less materialistic and more spiritualistic

A WONDERFUL TRIP

[Montreal Gazette.] The steamship England has returned rom a record voyage of 2,000 miles up the Amazon River to Porto Valho. whither she went with a load of railway native product it ought to be better sides being noteworthy as showing how known in the English-speaking prov- far into the middle of South America inces, as it will be when it is fitted to navigation can extend, is also interesting most noise about their accomplishments people take it to their hearts, but most. There are vendors of rallway material much nearer Brazil than Wales.

WE ARE EASY MARKS. [Bobcaygeon Independent.]

The men of the northern zone have me very good qualities, and then again they are the easiest lot of dupes for the skilled promoters that were ever let

A FEW POINTS. [New York Times.]

wouldn't darn a stocking. Most of us try to forget the mean things we know about ourselves Enough is as good as a feast, but most of us want a surplus. Clothes don't make the man. Many a

trousers. Some people are always looking for trouble, and are not satisfied when they find it.

MODES. [La Touche Hancock.]

At what may elicit a smile.

You read in the papers just now And one is expected to bow For man's not consulted somehow) To what is considered the style, ly snappy.

(A thing I could never abide! But a Grecian coiffure takes its place With the fluffiness now on the side, Which 'tis thought will undoubtedly grace That much maligned Directoire frock, Which, being Parisian, of course is Ely-

Though wonted, if outre, to shock! From the forehead must hang a large

And a filet of ribbon is nice. Or of diamonds a small diadem That is, if you don't mind the price! That's all I can think of pro tem., Though there must be egrets and sprays

And fixings bizarre, which undoubtedly In touch with the old "Empire" ways.

You will find this style coincide With the new sartorial craze Of skirts very "bouffant"-that's wide! Which recall the crinoline days, And until these fancies subside You'll notice each social queen Will say they are sweeter and better and

neater Than ever before have been seen

NO SPRING HORSE SHOW. Toronto, March 24.-The executive comnittee of the Canadian National Hors mittee of the Canadian National Horse Show Association decided yesterday to abandon for this year the indoor spring horse show. Failure to secure the armories for the show was the reason for the decision. The committee will consider an open air horse show about the middle of June, at the Hunt Club. This will be finally decided next Monday.

On the Marriage Day

Romance ceases and history beginsand corns begin to go too when "Putnam's" is applied-it takes out roots,

QUITE NEAR THE SOUTH POLE

From the Objective Point.

SHACKELTON'S

Mountain Ranges Discovered-Plant ing the Old Flag-Difficulties on the Way.

Invercargill, New Zealand, March 23.—The barkentine Nimrod, which early in 1908 took E. H. Shackleton's Antarctic expedition south, is now on

The Nimrod expedition to the south pole left England in July, 1907, after Queen Alexandra had given the vessel flag and King Edward had bestowed the Victorian Order on Lieut. Ernest H. Shackelton, of the British navy, leader of the party who made a trip to the Antarctic regions in 1902-03 as a member of the Discovery expedion, under Captain K. T. Scott. The Nimrod carried a motor sledge for the use of the explorers and a number of

liberian ponies and dogs.

The crew numbered 32 men all told, and had provision for two years after leaving New Zealand. The landing party was to consist of twelve men. The Nimrod left the party in camp at the foot of Mount Erebus, a point which was reached with considerable difficulty on account of the ice and

snow last December, to bring the ex-Newspaper correspondents were not allowed to board the steamer Nimrod, bearing the Shackelton expedition. when she put into port. A number of the crew were questioned, but they declined to discuss the expedition; their greatest interest was to learn who had won the Burns-Johnson fight

in Australia. Polar Secrets.

London, March 23.-The Polar regions are gradually yielding up their secrets to human perseverance and determination. Lieut. Ernest H.Shackelton, of the British navy, who left his permanent quarters last autumn for a dash to the pole, has succeeded, after an arduous sledge journey 1,708 miles, which occupied 126 days, n reaching within 111 miles of the South Pole, or 345 miles nearer than attained by the "Discovery" exhibition of which he was an officer. As the expedition to the south was undertaken rather for the purposes of geographical survey than with the idea of reaching the pole itself, it may be said to have succeeded beyond the

most sanguine expectations. Profiting by former experiences in the Antarctic regions, when all the dogs succumbed to the strain and Already when those of my generation rigors of the climate, Lieut. Shackelwere in their cradles materialism had ton made some departures from the commenced its inroad on tradition and usual preparations for a journey with him a motor car converted into a sledge and substi Now, books on my table tuted ponies for dogs, and light woollen clothing for heavy furs.

British Enterprise

The main expedition, of which Lieut, Shackelton was in command, reached latitude 88:23, longitude 162 while a second party pushed forward to the Southern Magnetic Pole, reaching latitude 72.25, longitude 154 east. The British flag was left flying at both

The narrative of Lieut, Shackelton's achievements shows that the expedition endured the greatest trials and privations.

The motor car, which was useful in the uneven surface of the barrier ice Briefly summarized the results of the expedition are that a point reached within 111 miles of the South Pole: the Magnetic Pole was also reached, mountain chains were disand high mountains were located run-Antarctic continent. The theory of the calm around the South Pole was disproved.

Lieut. Shackelton's Story. Lieut. Shackelton thus describes the

dash to the pole: "The southern party, composed of sight of the new mountains, Adams, Marshall, Wild and myself, fellow with a coat of arms wears baggy with four ponies, and a supporting ing weakened from the effects of the Joyce, Marson, Armytage and Priest- air and the cold, I decided to risk ley, left Cape Royd on Oct. 29, 1908. making a depot on the plateau. On On Nov. 3, we left Hut Point with 91 Jan. 4 we proceeded with one tent, days' provisions, but were held up on utilizing the poles of the second tent land in July, 1907, reached the south White Island, which we reached Nov. for guiding marks for our return. The 5, for four days by a blizzard. The surface now became very soft, and supporting party returned to the per- the blizzand continued for sixty hours. manent quarters on Nov. 7. Owing to During Jan. 7, 8 and 9 the wind blew the bad light among the ice crevasses, at 70 miles an hour, with 72 degrees Adams and his pony were nearly of frost. It was impossible to move

"A few days later we reached the quently frost-bitten in their sleeping depot at latitude 79.26, longitude 158 bags. east, where we appropriated the maize and other provisions previously left there. We commenced to reduce our east, this being the most southerly rations, and travelled south point ever reached. along meridian 168 over a varying surface of ridges and mountains of snow, alternating with soft snow, which the ponies often sank to their

bellies. "In latitude 81.04 we shot a pony and made a depot of oil, biscuit and the south pony meat, taking the remainder of the pony meat to eke out our dried rations. We reached the 'Discovery's' southernmost latitude on Nov. 26. The surface now became soft, with large undulations.

shot, a depot being made in latitude upper glacier depot on the 19th, The 82.45, longitude 170. On Nov. 30 we snow had been blown from the surkilled our third pony. "Steering south and southeast we were now approaching a high range greatest difficulties in the descent.
of new mountains, trending to the The sledge was lowered by stages, by southeast. On Dec. 2 we discovered a glacier 120 miles long and approxi- lowed as best we could, care being mately 40 miles wide, running in a taken to have the guiding lines south and southwesterly direction, and fastened and taut. on Dec. 5 we started to ascend it at latitude 83.33, longitude 172.

'The ponies were attacked by snow

"The glacier was full of bad crev ices as the result of tremendous pressure. It took the whole of the next day for us to fight our way 600 yards. Many Dangers.

There were many dangers to be thrown into some unknown depth. As it was, on Dec. 7, the last remaining pony broke through a snow lid and disappeared in a crevasse. Fortunately we saved Wild and the

"The clouds disappearing on Dec.

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frequently fell through, but were saved [ed on Feb. 13. The food had again by our harness and pulled out with run out. Alpine rope. A second sledge was the preliminary expeditions, failed on of the crevice, but we managed to rebadly damaged by the knife-like edge tain our supplies. Dec. 18 we reached

an altitude of 6.800 feet.

Reduced Rations. "In latitude 85 hours, 10 minutes, seconds, we made a depot and left covered and 100 mountains. Mount everything but our food, instruments Erebus, 13,120 feet in altitude, was and camp equipment, and reduced our ascended by the party, a new coast rations to 20 ounces per man daily. On the 26th, we reached a plateau, ning west from Victoria Land, and after crossing ice falls, at an altitude coal measures were discovered in the of 9,000 feet, thence gradually rising in long ridges to 10,500 feet.

discarded our second sledge. There was now a constant southerly blizzard turned with a relief party, and all hit, and showed that she was not only of wind and drifting snow, with a temperature ranging from 37 to 70 degrees of frost. On the 27th we lost

"Finding that the party was becomconsisting of Brocklehurst, short allowance of food, the rarefied and members of the party were fre-

"On Jan. 9 we left camp reached latitude 88.23, longitude 162

Hoisted Union Jack.

"Here we hoisted the Union Jack presented to us by Her Majesty the Queen. No mountains were visible. and we saw only a plain stretching to "We then started on the return trip

to pick up our depot on the plateau, guided by our outward tracks, for the flags attached to the tent poles had been blown away. "The high winds now blowing at our

backs helped us to travel from 20 to blindness and the second of them was 30 miles daily and we reached the face of the glacier, leaving only slippery blue ice which presented the means of the Alpine rope, and we fol-

Food All Gone.

"On the morning of Jan. 26 our food was finished. It was slow going. Sixten miles were covered in 22 hours' march, as the snow was two feet deep and there were many hidden crevasses. We reached the lower glacier depot in latitude 83.45 on the afternoon of aced, for at any moment one might the 27th. There we obtained food, and were able to proceed with greater speed. We reached the 'Grisi depot' -named after the dead pony-on Feb. 2, with no food remaining. "Wild was suffering from dysen-

sledge was damaged. The party was tery, the effects of the horse meat, and hauling a weight of 250 pounds per on Feb. 4, the entire party was prostrated from the same disease and unable to move. For eight days the men we discovered new mountain ranges suffered, but our condition improving, branch and stem. Nothing so sure trending south and southwest. Mov- and helped by strong southerly blizwas startling to consider what the expenditure will be ten years from now.

Owing to the death of the engineer of the ill-fated train which dashed into the and painless as Putnam's Corn and our way our snow covering the crevasses we to 'Chinaman Depot,' which we reach-

Fifty Degrees of Frost.

degrees of frost, and we discarded

"The blizzard continued with

everything except our camp outfit and geological specimens, and on Feb. 20 reached the next depot, all our food being finished. Three days later we came in sight of the depot on Minna Bluff, which had been laid by the Joyce party in January. Here we received news from the ship. Marshall yond that, and on the 27th I left him other offerings, and enjoyed it very in camp in charge of Adams, while much. "Having finished our relay work, we Wild and I made another forced reached the ship at Hut Point

> cupied 126 days." London, March 23.—A cable has Torre was delightful as usual. of the British navy which left Eng-

NEW SCHOOL READERS READY FOR PRINTING

Expected To Be Available After Summer Holidays.

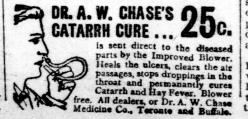
Toronto, March 24.-The Departnext few days, call for tenders for the printing of a new series of school readers which have been in course of compilation for some time past. It is any seat in the theatre for 15 cents. expected that the new edition will be available for the schools immediately after the coming midsummer vaca-

The new readers are to be decidedly more of a British and patriotic character than any of the former issues. The elementary history to be authorized by the Department of Education will contain some of the stirring and valiant deeds of Canadians in the Boer war and Northwest re-

TO STOP WASTE OF FUEL.

States Government has taken steps to plays, Mr. Thomas has in "The Witchstop the waste of fuel resources of ing Hour" revealed himself as an the country by making tests of the adept in imaginative field of the coal in the Rocky Mountain regions drama which borders upon the mystic the geological survey's plant in Denver, the purpose being to determine what coals of this region are capable produced with such theme, involving of making coke that can be used by the great metallurgic interests.

NEW YORK'S NEW HOLIDAY. Albany, N. Y., March 24.—Governor Hughes has signed a bill designating Oct. 12 as a legal holiday, to be known



"Carmen." There was a much larger audience at the Grand Opera House last evenhad a relapse, but though he suffered ing to hear the company render "Cargreatly we made a forced march of men." The audience was much more 24 miles. He was unable to go be- familiar with this opera than the

Mme. Duce-Merola as Carmen the march to the ship for relief. I re- wicked cigarette girl, made a decided on a singer of more than ordinary quali-March 4 in a blizzard. The total dis- fications, but a consummate actress as tance of the journey, including relays well. Her interpretation of was 1,708 miles, and the time oc- was really delightful, and she was accorded a great reception. reached London, according to the Pall singing of the difficult tenor role was Mall Gazette, that the antarctic expe- masterly. Sig. G. Zara, as Escamille, dition, under Lieut. E. H. Shackelton, was also excellent, his Toreador song being as fine a bit of singing as has been heard here for a long time. The other roles were cleverly taken. The chorus work was worthy of special mention, and the orchestration was all

that could be desired. "For Her Children's Sake."

"For Her Children's Sake," one of he latest and successful melodrama now before the public, will have t presentations at the Grand Or The play is House on Saturday. melodramatic fiction of freshness and ment of Education will, within the individuality, and is from the pen of Theodore Kreamer, author Fatal Wedding." At the matinee performance children will be admitted to

"The Witching Hour" Tomorrow. The strongest and most interesting

Irama that Augustus Thomas has yet written is the "Witching Hour," which will be seen at the Grand Opera House omorrow evening. The author of 'Alabama," "In Missouri," and "Arizona," still exhibits himself as a master of dramatic invention and thrilling situations, and as one who can tell a footlight story in intensely stirring style. But beyond this maserfulness of scene and situation which Washington, March 24.-The United he has demonstrated in a score of and occult. His play is perhaps the most triumphant that has yet been the kindred mysteries of mesmerism, hypnotism, spiritualism, science and telepathy.

> SCHOOL TEACHER SHOT DEAD. New York, March 24-Anna A. Mangano, a public school teacher, was shot in the head and instantly killed early today while on her way to public school, No. 103, in One Hundred and Third street, between Second and Third avenues, where she taught A man, who is alleged to have shot her, was arrested by the police as he was about to turn the weapon on himself. Other teachers on their way to school identified the dead school