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WELCOME!

There are some events which are the master of even bad weather, and this morning's is conspicuously one of them. The ships of the Royal Navy, in peace as in war, keep trust punctually, and so it was this morning when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales came to Canada and stepped ashore just as his Royal Grandfather did almost sixty years ago. Erect, soldierly, vigorous, with the sea-tan on his fresh and smiling face, His Royal Highness, from the moment the great throng could see him clearly, instantly won all hearts. The mighty shout of welcome was at once a tribute to him personally and to all the majesty and all the traditions of the great Empire which he so well typifies.

Those who remember well the face of Edward the Peacemaker recognized this morning the same fine carriage, the gracious air, the handsome blue-grey eyes that distinguish the princes of the Royal House of Windsor. Grave when he took the salute, as one deeply conscious of all that lies behind this event, smiling a moment later as he acknowledged the cheers of the multitude, the Prince's appearance and bearing produced in every mind the thought that in every way he completely and happily filled the picture. Rain gave the scene a grey setting, but nothing could have marred the mighty welcome that came from the hearts of the crowds everywhere, and the cheering was that of deep and natural emotion from thousands who in the man and the occasion found real cause for cheering.

St. John witnessed today the beginning of a tour that will be even more memorable than that historic one made by Edward the Seventh when he was Prince, for His Royal Highness has all the qualities which made his grandfather a gracious and a powerful sovereign and the mighty events of the last few years give the stage a grander and more dramatic setting. How much water has gone under the bridges since 1860! The Empire, already great in those days, has pushed its boundaries wider in the physical sense, but in a far greater degree its place in the sun has been expanded by wise statesmanship and by the resolute fibre of the race. The great war, in which His Royal Highness played so worthy a part, was a crowning event in the history of the British family, and today Prince and people share, as they rest after the conflict, a new sense of unity, of vision, of power, of responsibility; and deep down in the hearts of both, born of stern events and of tests that strike deep, there is a new and a thrilling conviction concerning the great part that the Empire is destined—aye and fitted—to play in working out the world's destiny.

The welcome that began auspiciously this morning is deep-toned and creditable alike to the royal visitor, who is not a guest merely, but at home among his own, and to the people who cry in pride and thankfulness: "God bless the Prince of Wales!" Men who have seen the British flag in time of danger, and have thought about it, or who have seen it in some warship in a foreign clime in a day when the mutterings of war were heard, or who have marked it borne at the head of some shattered regiment coming out of battle, who feel deeply its meaning, cannot but feel a tightness in the throat as they greet today the future Sovereign of the Empire and ponder upon his fair fortune and that of the race of which he is so worthy to be the Standard-Bearer in peace, if God grant it, or in war if unhappily that may come again.

RICHES AND DEATH.

A famous utterance of Andrew Carnegie had to do with what he called the disgrace of dying rich. This appeared in an article in the North American Review in 1898, in which he wrote: "The day is not far distant when the man who dies leaving behind him millions of available wealth, which were free for him to administer during life, will pass away 'unwept, unhonored, and unsung,' no matter to what use he leaves the dress which he cannot take with him. Of such as these the public verdict will be, 'The man who dies thus rich dies disgraced.'" Carnegie died a rich man and yet he was not been untrue to his doctrine of twenty-one years before. Had he al-

lowed his riches to accumulate he would have been the possessor of well up to a billion dollars, but he gave lavishly and still his fortune at death is estimated at well up to \$500,000,000. Speaking of his benefactions the New York Times says: "His memory will live not so much by reason of the amount of his fortune as because of the incalculable good he did with it."

All wealth, no matter by whom possessed, is but a trust committed to the care of the one to whose credit it stands in banks, in the safety deposit box, in real estate or whatever form of value it assumes. It is something that cannot be taken when the journey into the great beyond is begun but it is something for which an accounting must be given in the hereafter, a record of what use was made of worldly riches entrusted during the days of stewardship. If men of large means allowed themselves to realize this there would be more to follow the steel-master's plan of doing good with their riches while they may.

That St. John likes boat-racing was never doubted by those who remember "the good old days." That their estimate was correct was shown by the throngs lining the shores of Courtenay Bay for yesterday's regatta. But one thing marred the event—the thoughtlessness of some motor boat people who shot their craft across the course and others who were in the way of the scullers. That St. John has sturdy oarsmen is again proved and hearty congratulations are due J. Fred Belyea and his aides in bringing them to the front. Let's have more races.

It is a coincidence that today should be selected for the presentation of colors to the 26th Battalion, in as much as one of the engagements which will be inscribed among its several battle honors has its anniversary on this date. It is two years ago today since the Canadians went over at Hill 70 and captured it after severe fighting from the Germans, though many lives were lost in the fray. The 26th are well entitled to having this engagement included in their battle honors—they were first wave troops on that day.

Visitors to the city were very hearty in congratulations to St. John on the success of Soldiers' Joy Day. And all the good things said were well deserved. Those in charge of the morning parade and those taking part certainly did their several parts well. There probably never before was a procession here in which so many floats so clever in design and rich in execution were seen.

Henry Ford sued the Chicago Tribune for \$1,000,000, alleging libel. A jury last night awarded him six cents damages. He did not need the million, anyway, and probably is content with the jury's finding, but six cents will not go far towards paying the bills.

REDS ADMIT DEFEAT

London, Aug. 14.—Bolshevik forces along the south coast of the Gulf of Finland in the neighborhood of Narva have suffered a reverse in fighting against Estonian and anti-Bolshevik troops, according to a Bolshevik wireless message received here, which admits that the Soviet army in that region has been driven back to the Luga river.

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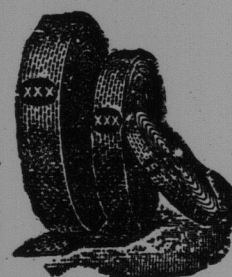
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"I suppose, my dear, I'll have to perform my parental duty and take Willie to the circus." "But I don't want him to go this year." "Then I'll have to go with Smith."—Boston Transcript.

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"I made a 200-yard drive yesterday," said the golf nut. "You look to me," said the nice old lady, "like a man who ought to be ashamed to want to ride such a short distance as that."—Detroit Free Press.



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