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CHILD LABOR.

Statistics show that in spite of the campaign against child labor which has been so energetically carried on in recent years, the number of persons under age who are employed in Great Britain increased last year by 22,291. There are now, according to the inspector of factories, 390,869 children under the age of fourteen, at work in the different manufacturing establishments. In the United States even larger numbers of children, in proportion to population, are employed, the southern states being particularly noted in this respect.

Child labor is becoming a political issue, and has been receiving a great deal of attention of late. The arguments have for the most part been one-sided, strong in denunciation of the evil, for there is an almost unanimous expression of opinion on the part of the general public against the practice. Thomas S. Mosby, pardon attorney for the state of Missouri, comes forward to illustrate the conditions which may be created by a too sentimental regard for the young. In the North American Review Mr. Mosby, who is by no means a supporter of the principle of child labor, but who fully recognizes the necessity for work, gives facts and figures which indicate that if boys and girls are not to be permitted to work, they must be otherwise provided for. Taking as his guide the criminal statistics of the world, he finds that of 52,894 convicts in the United States in one year, 21,426 were ignorant of any trade; while from a period of fifty years in France, it is seen that those without definite occupation commit eighty-five per cent. of the crimes. In reformatories, where prisoners by reason of youth have had less time to learn trades, the proportion of unskilled criminals is even greater, and statistics of several of the larger of these industrial homes are given to show that frequently not one boy in a thousand of the inmates has ever been apprenticed. It is not argued that the possession of a trade removes all tendency to dishonesty, but at the same time Mr. Mosby maintains that any young man with knowledge sufficient for the earning of an honest living, is less inclined to dishonesty than is his unskilled brother.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

At the annual convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities which was brought to an end on Friday last, considerable time was devoted, as anticipated, to the hearing of papers and discussion on the question of municipal ownership of public utilities. It was distinctly noticeable, as perhaps is natural, that generally speaking, municipal ownership was upheld by western delegates, while those from the east endeavored to point out the weak features of such a system. It was a matter of much interest that the convention took place in Fort William which with the adjoining town of Port Arthur has been joining town of Port Arthur has been able to operate at a profit electric light, power and telephone systems. The figures presented by Ex-Mayor VanDyke provided a strong argument in favor of ownership by the people, and the report was received with a great deal of interest. This system was given further impetus by a paper by Controller Ward advocating the principles of the Canadian Public Ownership League. He admitted that many objections could be advanced against this system, and that failure had in some instances been experienced where success was anticipated, but at the same time this has not been the fault of the system. Rather has it been due to peculiar local conditions. Municipal governments seldom have the necessary business knowledge to manage such enterprises economically and profitably. The ever changing personnel of aldermanic boards makes it difficult to preserve that continuity of policy which is required for the successful operation of any business, and even under the most favorable conditions the net gains from publicly managed enterprises are smaller than those from private undertakings.

Mr. Ward, however, sets forth clearly and convincingly the principles of the Canadian League: "These public utilities, which to secure efficient and economical working must be conducted as monopolies, ought to be operated with a view to returning the greatest benefit to the whole community and should not be made a means for the enrichment of private corporations. Public operation of natural utilities will distribute equitably amongst the community the profits derived therefrom. Private ownership and operation of public utilities under monopoly conditions is worse than class legislation, inasmuch as it not only unduly benefits but actually creates a privileged

class. Private ownership of utilities is largely, if not entirely, responsible for the existing corruption in public life. Public ownership would tend to the purification of politics and the elimination of graft."

It is noticeable that western cities, realizing how much the east has lost by giving away valuable franchises, exhibit a tendency towards municipal ownership which will no doubt grow stronger as development proceeds.

If Rev. H. E. Thomas, of Moncton, is speaking the truth—and he should certainly be in possession of absolute facts before making such charges as are reported in his sermon last evening—the city council and fire department of the railway town have been guilty of gross negligence. If Rev. Mr. Thomas is merely making another effort at sensationalism, he should be held strictly to account by the members of the two provinces who participated in the tournament. The words used by the clergyman call for some reply.

KNOWLEDGE BY EXPERIMENT.

MAW sees green apples never should be at it. She sees 'at little boys are sure to get The awful pains if they should disobey. 'N' eat 'em. I had some today. I et the juice o' thirteen Northern Spies. 'N' one o' 'em was just a awful size. I got no pain. I bet green apples ain't 'Ea had her kids as Paris Green or paint. But Maw, she said they wuz. I wonder why? I can't believe 'at Maw would tell a lie. If I'm found out I got a good excuse, I never et the pulp, just sucked the juice. Praps Maw's digestion ain't as good as mine. Paw often sees my stummick's made o' pine. 'Cause after I have et some pickled beets. I want ice cream 'n' fancy cakes, 'n' sweets. O' course green apples mebbe raise a whirr. 'Th Maw, but then, you see, she is a girl. This afternoon I'm goin' out once more. To find that tree. 'Bout three o'clock or four. I guess I'll have another dandy feed. About a dozen 'll be all I'll need. 'N' wouldn't Maw be frightened if she knew. Of all the wicked things I'm goin' to do?

By jing, I'm feelin' queer. I wonder now. If them green apples 'll lick up a row? Some small black specks is botherin' my sight. Gee whillikens, I bet that Maw is right. OH MOTHER! MOTHER!! Get a doctor, quick. I et green apples an' I'm AWFUL sick.

Although Johnnie's and Willie's mothers are warm friends, those boys are always fighting each other. After a recent battle the victorious Johnnie was urged by his mother to go and make friends with his fallen foe. She even offered to give him a party if he would go over and invite Willie to come to that festivity. After much urging Johnnie promised to do as his mother wished. So the party came off at the appointed time and was violently enjoyed by all present. But Willie did not come. "Now, Johnnie, you had better invite him," asked Johnnie's mother. "Yes, I did. Yes, ma'am I invited him," answered Johnnie. "I invited him," he added reflectively, "and I dared him to come."

A lady who had recently moved to the suburbs was very fond of her first brood of chickens. Going out one afternoon, she left the household in charge of her eight-year-old boy. Before her return a thunderstorm came up. The youngster forgot the chicks during the storm, and was dismayed, "I forgot to tend to them," he cried. "They had been drowned. Though fearing the wrath to come, he thought best to make a clean breast of the calamity, rather than leave it to be discovered. "Mamma," he said, contently, when his mother had returned—"mamma, six of the chickens are dead."

"Dead!" cried his mother. "Six! How did they die?" The boy saw his chance. "I think—I think they died happy," he said.

A now well-known author once drifted down into Arkansas in search of local color. As he was "roughing it," his appearance was not calculated to inspire the local landlords with confidence. In one town he was shown to a room on the third floor, reached through many narrow and winding passages. From the one window it was a straight drop to the ground. "Say, how would I get out of this place in case of fire?" he asked the landlord, who had brought up his grip. The other eyed him coldly. "Well," he drawled, "all yo' would have to do would be to show ther night watchman the one with yo' board an' lodgin' an' get him to tie up ther bulldog."

SAMUEL WARREN'S VANITY.

The vanity of Samuel Warren, the author of "Ten Thousand a Year," in his early years of authorship at least, was remarkable, and there is a story told of him to the effect that on one occasion at a friend's house he had taken down to dinner a lady whom he had not met before, and as soon as they were seated at the table asked her if she had ever heard of Samuel Warren. "Oh, certainly," was the reply. "My husband prefers Warren's blacking to any other. He always uses it."—Westminster Gazette.

BERLIN'S RIPPER IS STILL AT LARGE

Despite Vigilance of Police, Crimes Have Been Traced to Nobody.

Another Outrage on Child Causes Streets to be Deserted by Youngsters.

BERLIN, Aug. 17.—No trace has so far been discovered of the man who, on Friday of last week, within half an hour, attacked in a horrible manner three young children in different streets in the northeast of Berlin. Each of his victims was stabbed in the abdomen. Another attack on a young child is reported today. Useful clues are now in the hands of the police, owing to the intelligent description of the man furnished by one of last week's victims, who is gradually recovering from her wounds. The child stated that the man was decidedly superior to a workman in appearance, was slightly built and about 25 years of age, and was wearing a well-made check suit. The child adds that she was carried in the man's arms through the entrance way to a tenement house toward a courtyard, where he carefully laid her on the ground and stabbed her with deliberation.

THE MISCREANT FOILED.

Today's outrage was committed at half-past 10 in the morning, the victim being a 12-year-old daughter of a butcher. Her injuries are fortunately not serious. The child was ascending the staircase of an apartment house when a man grasped her from behind, and managed, with the aid of his stick, to trip her to the ground. As she fell, literally fainting with fright, the child clutched the door bell of the nearest flat, thus raising the alarm. The man escaped downstairs and jumped on an electric trolley.

Late tonight it was definitely established that the author of today's outrage was not the perpetrator of last week's crimes. One evening paper reports that yet another child of 14 years has been waylaid on a staircase. The child was wounded in the arms and feet. All day Saturday the several thousand members of Berlin's huge police force were on duty to a man, notwithstanding a previous all-night vigil. Even officers with night duty to follow were pressed into service. Plain-clothes detectives are still vigilantly patrolling all parts of the city. Arrest follows arrest, but all the suspects have proved their innocence.

STREETS DESERTED BY CHILDREN.

In the quarter where the crimes were committed the police have involuntarily played the role of the Pied Piper of Hamelin, being followed by multitudes of children, taking an excited interest in their search. In the better quarters of the city the public squares and streets are deserted by all children, owing to the fears of the parents. It is now definitely known from the examination of the wounds that the crimes were not committed with the missing half of a broken pair of scissors which were found on Friday, together with an anonymous confession of the crimes, but with a small sharp instrument two inches in length and resembling a shoemaker's awl. A theory advanced in explanation of this inexplicable massacre of innocents is that the murderer is an epileptic, who acted under the impulse of a sudden seizure. The fact that such seizures leave their victims almost mentally normal and usually without memory of their actions during the attack, lightens the difficulties confronting the police. The man who is responsible for one of the most repulsive crimes Berlin has known has positively been identified with horror and astonishment, equaling that of the general public, an account of the crime which he himself unconsciously committed.

RIDICULE AS PUNISHMENT.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—General Picquart, the minister of war, is trying a new form of punishment on the regiment of colonial infantry which recently caused a riot at Perpignan and kept the terrified inhabitants within doors for an entire day. He has ordered the regiment to the little seaside place of Argues-sur-Mer, and has sent an official note to the newspapers explaining that he is giving the men a holiday by the sea to calm their excited mentality.

MOTHER OF INVENTION.

Talk about necessity being the mother of invention! No such thing, I assure you. Accident is the mother of invention in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred.

Store Closes at 9 p. m. Monday, Aug. 19, 1907. We Have a Few Lines of Footwear of which we are anxious to sell every pair. Misses Dongola, double sole, patent tip, heel, Oxford, sizes 11 to 13½ only. Price now \$1.15. Misses Dongola, spring heel, button. Good quality—new last. Sizes 13 to 2 only. Price \$1.25. Canvas Footwear at very low prices.

Percy J. Steel Furnisher. 519-521 Main St. A.C.

SUCCESSOR TO MR. WM. YOUNG.

LOST VAN DYCK FOUND AFTER MANY YEARS

Portrait of Charles I. Painted by the Great Dutch Master in 1640.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—What is stated to be the long-lost portrait of King Charles I. painted by Van Dyck, is in the possession of a curio dealer in the Fulham road.

The history of the picture was related by its present owner, H. H. Hunn, yesterday. "The picture was in the possession of a Mrs. Glanville, at Topsham, Devon, in 1872," said Mr. Hunn, "she having received it under the will of her uncle, Mr. John Bartovoe Taylor."

"Mrs. Glanville wished to sell the picture, and gave it to me—I was living in the village at the time—to pack and send to a well-known art dealer in London. I did so, but when the package arrived in London the picture had disappeared."

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A RUDE LITTLE GIRL.

Maiden Aunt (reading)—"In heaven there is no marrying or giving in marriage." Small Maizie—it must seem like heaven to you here on earth, doesn't it, auntie?—Chicago News.

FOOT WORRIES

are unknown to those who use Regal Foot Powder. It keeps the feet cool, prevents chafing, checks excessive perspiration and makes the skin of the feet firm and healthy.

25c. a Box. Sold Only By.

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Dr. C. Sydney Emerson, DENTIST, 24 Wellington Row.

Office hours from 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. Phone 123.

Tiger Tea is Pure.

BIRTHS. KILLAM.—At St. John, August 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton A. Killam, a son.

DEATHS. LEMOREAUX.—At St. John, West, August 18th, Mrs. Elizabeth Lemoreaux, aged 83 years, widow of the late James O. Lemoreaux, leaving two sons and four daughters. Funeral from her late residence, King Street West, on Tuesday, 20th, at 2.30. Coaches taken at the door.

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Exclusive Jewelry, Etc.

In new goods, and an endless variety from which to choose Remembrances.

FERGUSON & PAGE, Diamond Dealers & Jewelers, 41 King Street.

Everything Electrical IN Construction Work and Supplies.

THE VAUGHAN ELECTRIC CO., LTD. 94 Germain Street.

PLUM BROWN BREAD. McKel's Excellent Quality.

Ask for it Tomorrow Afternoon and Evening, to eat with your Pork and Beans.

At all Grocers, and at McKel's Own Stores, on Main St., Wall St. and Metcalfe St.

The New Breakfast Food. Quaker Wheat Berries. Large Package.....10c.

Groceries, Meats, Vegetables, Fish. CHARLES A. CLARK, Phone 803. 73-77 Sydney St.

WOOD—When you are thinking of Wood—Hard, Soft or Kindling—call up 468.

City Fuel Co., City Road.

STILL IN BUSINESS. We deliver dry, heavy Soft Wood and kindling cut in stove lengths, at \$1.00 per Load.

McNAMARA BROS., Chasley St. Phone 733.

What next about Butter? Nut Bread?

STEAMER SPRINGFIELD On the Beautiful Belleisle, Monday, Wednesday and Friday At 11 A. M.

Returning following days at 1 p. m. Special Excursions to Glenwood, Saturday, at 3 p. m.

Returning following day at 8 p. m. J. E. PORTER, Manager. 14-8-17.

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FACTS ABOUT OUR GREAT SALE OF SHOES.

A Shoe Sale with us doesn't mean an offering of heaps of any old factory's refuse of alluring priced "gone by" styles and "use-to-be" shapes. We don't conduct our business on that basis. Sometimes conditions enable us to give you our good shoes at less than usual price. Then we have a sale—such is the case now. We want to close out our present stock and get ready for Fall Trade—we want to convert our shoes into money, even if we have to meet a loss in order to do so. But we don't buy up job lots or odds and ends simply to make a great show of "cheapness." We want you to feel, when you come here, that you'll get Strictly Up-to-date and Dependable Shoes, whether you pay full prices for them or whether you buy them under value, as you can at present. Our present prices would tempt a miser.

D. L. MONAHAN, 106 King Street, West End.

MEN'S AND BOYS' STRAW HATS!

THE LATEST STYLES. Boater Telescope, Curled brim, New York shape; Panama, in fine and medium qualities; Outing Hats—Best goods, Lowest prices.

THORNE BROS., HATTERS and FURRIERS, 93 King Street

Do You Want To Be Cured?

To Enjoy Life? To Have That Bouyant Feeling that Comes Only With Health?

If so try McMILLIN'S DYSPEPSIA CURE. It positively cures the worst cases of Dyspepsia, Indigestion, and all troubles caused by diseases of the stomach.

"THE KIND THAT CURES." Made and sold by W. J. McMILLIN, 625 Main Street. Phone 980.

3 BIG BARGAINS

25c for all our Ladies' Corset Covers, Lace and Insertion trimmed—some as high as 50c.

25c for choice of Ladies' Fine Cotton Drawers. Some as high as 45c. All one price to clear.

All White Shirt Waists 35c, or 3 for \$1.00. Just think. Your choice for 35c. Sizes 32 to 42. This week only.

PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT STORE, 142 Mill St.

PATRIOTISM. (By Lucia Ames Mead.) No. 6.

"Unless she herself (the teacher) sees the lesson not as a mere drill in reading, but as an opportunity to stir imagination, to rouse emotion, inquiry and thought, she will not know how to utilize one of the greatest of her opportunities."

"Declarations are less frequent exercises than formerly, and the present generation rarely remembers those eloquent orations that put so much 'beef, wine and iron' into the make-up of the boys who are the fathers of today. Reverence is a rare virtue closely akin to true patriotism. If one would develop it as Dr. Wm. V. Harris has wisely counseled, we would do well to learn the lesson which China teaches our young race, in which reverence is a virtue little in repute. The psychologist perceives a close connection between the excessive memorizing of the words of wisdom of the ages and the words of wisdom of the ages and the extreme respect and reverence paid to age and national traditions in the land of the rising sun. Would we have a reverence less extreme than theirs, but salutary and much to be desired, let us consider what may be achieved by storing up in memory the treasures of the past. Let Washington and Jefferson, Sumner, Phillips, Lincoln, Lowell inspire our youth, and patriotism will never be a narrow and superficial thing, associated with noise and bunting, and Maxim guns; but it will be the life of whatever makes life worth living; permeating the performance of every humble task for word and deed, and transmuting the drudgery of good citizenship into sacrifice and service for country. To make that service reward enough in itself is the highest task the teacher can accomplish."

James Russell Lowell says, "What we want is an active class who will instill in season and out of season that we shall have a country whose greatness is measured not only by its square miles, its number of yards woven, of hops packed, of bushels of wheat raised, not only by its skill to feed and clothe the body but also by its power to feed and clothe the soul, a country which shall be as great morally as it is materially; a country whose very name shall not only, as now it does, stir us as with the sound of a trumpet, but shall call out all that is best within us by offering us the radiant image of something better, nobler and more enduring than we, of something that shall fulfill our own thwarted aspiration, when we are but a handful of forgotten dust in the soil trodden by a race whom we shall have helped to make more worthy of this inheritance."

What is bred in the bone will never come out of the flesh.—Pitney.

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