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DANIEL BECHTEL DETWILER

After an eventful life, D. B. Detwiler has passed through the Great Gap, in his passing, Canada loses a highly useful and talented man.

Beginning with an interest in a manufacturing concern and a townbuilder, his constructive faculties rapidly developed until he became a provincial figure, with promise of winning international renown.

He came of Pennsylvania Dutch stock. Among the outstanding traits of his character were industry, enterprise and thrift. Practical to a degree, he assiduously cultivated the gift of public service and initiated several projects with which his name will for all time be associated.

The majority of busy men would have been content to link their name with town-planning and town-building. Or being like minded, to have helped set aside Cressman's Woods as a county reserve on ground or to have persuaded Walter Smider to make a private reserve of his woodlands. These are the lesser among his numerous public services. Every worth-while industrial effort during the last two decades on the part of his fellow citizens has received his active assistance. The crowning effort of his busy career was the initiation of the Niagara power, or as it is now known, the Hydro movement. His name is indelibly written on this and had he performed no other public service he would have deserved well of his day and generation.

There is another undertaking, whose import cannot yet be judged, which he made his own and which would, had the war not intervened, been well on the way to completion—the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes Waterway. His practical mind was dismayed at the suggestion of building the Georgian Bay Canal. He investigated the scheme, became convinced that it was only a promoter's dream and punctured it with hard facts. Then he focused attention upon the St. Lawrence and Great Lakes and impressed upon the public mind the feasibility and advisability of utilizing this great natural waterway for ocean vessels from Montreal to Duluth.

In his mind's eye he foresaw the day when Canadian wheat would be loaded at Port William and carried without transshipment to Liverpool in Canadian ships; when a dozen lake cities and towns would become ocean ports and the workshops of Ontario would send their manufactures to the midpoint of the continent. The seed he planted in the United States are waiting to bring this great conception to fruition. Mr. Detwiler has not lived to see it but his closing days of life were cheered with the assurance that the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes waterway is to be constructed.

While he was generally esteemed for his long vision, his perseverance, persistence and good works, may it not be that he, like a high peak on a plain, was in his lifetime not fully appreciated? His neighbors saw the mountain, viewed its height, its solidity and picturesque, but seeing it every day it became a commonplace. We do today realize that the hand of Death has removed a talented, useful citizen but until sufficient time has elapsed to enable us to get the right perspective of a life work, it will not be appreciated at its full worth.

The prediction may be ventured that some day this city will erect a memorial, possibly in Victoria park, to commemorate the memory of this man of vision: this Doer of Things, and this public benefactor—Daniel Bechtel Detwiler.

MANUAL TRAINING AND DOMESTIC SCIENCE

It will have been noticed that the Public School Board intends to provide manual training and domestic science courses for pupils attending its schools.

Both public and separate schools pupils have been taking these studies at the Collegiate out the time set aside was limited and only those in the senior class of both schools were permitted to attend. To illuminate the point, only pupils in the Senior Fourth class, attending the public school, were given the opportunity of taking these courses and of late for only half an hour once a fortnight.

The School population of the city is growing rapidly, taxing the accommodations of Public, Separate and High School. Consequently, the manual training and domestic science studies have had to be thinly spread.

The Public School Board, believing manual training and domestic science courses to be valuable factors in a pupil's school life, purposes providing them not only for the boys and girls in the Senior Fourth but also for pupils in the Senior Third and Junior Fourth. To do this will necessitate more school room.

After giving the matter careful consideration, the Board seems it best to build an addition to Victoria School, in which will be provided manual training and domestic science rooms and take the overflow of pupils from the general study classes. It will thus serve a double purpose and obviate building another ward school for at least another year. The Board will engage a special teacher for the new classes. It is estimated that the addition to Victoria School can be erected at a cost of from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

With the Collegiate Board pressed for accommodation, this prospective move on the part of the Public School will be commended.

When the Collegiate Board next takes up the trowel it will probably be to erect a Technical or Occupational School. The studies in manual training and domestic science which the Public and Separate Schools of the sister communities are and may later carry through, will dovetail with the studies in the Occupational School.

Since all children between 14 and 18 years of age will soon be obliged to take a certain number of hours educational work—400 hours a year from 14 to 16, and 520 hours per annum from 16 to 18 years—this city will be well-advised in making adequate preparations. As in other important matters, it never intentionally goes to sleep where education is concerned.

With respect to enlarging Victoria School, the Public School Board has chosen a wise and economical plan.

WAIT A MINUTE

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW AT 85

Chauncey M. Depew is to have a birthday celebration this week. On Wednesday he will reach his eighty-fifth milestone, although few would be able to guess his age from his appearance. Mrs. Depew has issued invitations for a dinner in celebration of the day. Later in the week there will be several public and club dinners in honor of the anniversary, for Mr. Depew is still one of the best known and most popular citizens of Gotham, notwithstanding the fact that with increasing years he has in a measure dropped out of range of the national spotlight.

For many years Mr. Depew enjoyed the reputation of being the greatest after-dinner orator in the United States, and by and all, his has been one of the most remarkable and successful careers of any American of his day. As a lawyer he stood for years at the head of New York bar, and as attorney for the Vanderbilts and other great corporations he held his own against such men as Roscoe Conkling, William M. Evans, David Dudley Field, and the other great lights of this starry legal centre of the country.

As president of the New York Central Railroad he managed for many years one of the biggest corporations in America, and as a leading New York politician he sat in the United States senate from 1899 to 1911. For a quarter of a century or longer he headed the New York delegation to the Republican national convention. In 1895 he received 99 votes for the presidential nomination and at the same gathering he delivered the speech placing Benjamin Harrison in nomination for the post of the ticket. Early in his career he was appointed and confirmed as United States Minister to Japan. Later he might have been Secretary of State in the cabinet of President Harrison, but declined the offer.

Chauncey N. D. Depew's popularity is a fact that is probably not possessed by any other man in America. All his life he has been associated with so-called monopolies and capital, still the masses and the laboring classes have always looked upon him as their friend, and though he is a strict Republican the Democrats delight to listen to his speeches.

During his long active career he was one of the busiest men in the United States, and apparently one of the greatest business men having the most leisure. He has attended as many dinners, perhaps, as any other man in the United States, and has made more speeches than any professional lecturer or noted statesman. For many years he received an average of ten requests a day to deliver addresses, or to reply to speeches and toasts, and during this time he averaged more than three speeches every week year in and year out. In his speeches Mr. Depew has never repeated himself. The charge that he retailed his own stories until they became chestnuts is not true, for all of his speeches have been published, and he has spoken again and again, year after year, to the same associations, and, of course, had to have a new speech every time.

Mr. Depew was born in Peekskill, N. Y. At the age of 24 he was admitted to the bar and three years later he began his public career as a member of the New York assembly. Among his most notable public orations were those delivered at the unveiling of the Statue of Liberty, at the centennial celebration of the inauguration of George Washington, and at the opening of the World's Columbian Exposition.

Mr. Depew seems to be the result of heredity on the mother's side. Mrs. Depew lived until near her ninetieth year and was in possession of her faculties until the end. When very old she knew "Marmion" and "The Lady of the Lake" by heart. Her memory was phenomenal. She studied all her life, and died happy in the belief that nothing was beyond the powers of her son Chauncey.

TO-DAY'S ANNIVERSARIES

1735—Prince Eugene, one of the greatest generals of his time, died in Vienna. Born in Paris, Oct. 18, 1663.

1816—Louis T. Wigfall, who represented Texas in the U. S. senate at the beginning of the civil war, born at Edgefield, S. C. Died at Galveston, Feb. 18, 1874.

1818—Henry W. Shaw ("Josh Billings"), one of the greatest and most distinctive of American humorists, born at Lanesboro, Mass. Died at Monterey, Cal., Oct. 14, 1885.

1836—Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans in battle at San Jacinto, which decided the independence of Texas.

1881—Evacuation of Kandahar by the British forces, 1894—About 150,000 miners stop work in sympathy with the coke strikers of Pennsylvania.

1915—American reply to Von Bernstorff's proposed embargo of arms sent to Berlin.

1916—Death of Field Marshal Von der Goltz, German commander of Turkish army.

1917—Foreign Minister Balfour and other members of British mission arrived in the United States.

ONE YEAR AGO TO-DAY IN THE WAR

Armenians captured Van, in Turkish Armenia. Guatemala National Assembly declared war. Paris reported that since long-range bombardment began it had killed 18 and injured 230.

TO-DAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Rt. Rev. C. E. Byrne, Roman Catholic bishop of Galveston, born at Byrnesville, Mo., 52 years ago to-day.

Former Princess August Wilhelm, wife of the son of the ex-German Emperor, born 32 years ago to-day.

Mrs. Belle Case La Follette, wife of the Wisconsin senator, and who is noted as a suffrage leader and writer, born at Summit, Wis., 60 years ago to-day.

Arthur Stanwood Pier, well known as an author, now editor-in-chief of the Harvard Graduate Magazine, born in Pittsburgh, 45 years ago to-day.

Dr. Clarence A. Barbour, resident of Rochester Theological Seminary, born at Hartford, Conn., 52 years ago to-day.

Merrill Moore, representative in Congress of the Seventh Indiana district, born at Indianapolis, 63 years ago to-day.

BANKHEAD NATIONAL HIGHWAY

The convention of the United States Good Roads Association which has held forth at Mineral Wells, Texas, since the first of the week will give way tomorrow to the annual sessions of the Bankhead National Highway Association, which has for its object the construction of a national highway from Washington, D. C., to the Pacific Coast. It is expected that at the approaching meeting a definite determination will be reached as to the route of the proposed highway. Delegates will be in attendance from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

Mrs. Cairnes Was Almost in Despair

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"I had suffered so long without being able to get anything to help me that I was almost in despair," said Mrs. Bessie Cairnes, of 81 Sherbourne St., Toronto, Ont., recently.

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Letters to NewsRecord

In answer to a recent letter I beg to remind that in it were forgotten the teachings of Christ when he said: "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright, Prov. 23:32." At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."

Furthermore Jesus said: "Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou nor thy sons with thee. When ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, let ye die: it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations. Lev. 10:9."

Nutm. 6:3: "He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried."

There evidently has been forgotten to apply the right kind of Scriptures against wine and strong drink, instead of applying it in favor of prohibition.

Signed,
Walter Blinkhorn.

No Trace of McCullough

POLICE ADMIT NO CLUE TO HIS WHEREABOUTS

TORONTO, April 20.—The mystery surrounding the escape of Frank McCullough, the condemned murderer, from the Toronto jail still remains unsolved, and, as far as is known, the police have no clue to his whereabouts.

The identity of Vera Lavelle, whose name has been prominently connected with that of McCullough, has been cleared up, the police say. She is the wife of a newspaper delivery truck driver, and is separated from her husband. She and her small child were seen at a restaurant here last Friday but her place of residence has not yet been ascertained.

The theory that she accompanied McCullough in his flight, is exploded by the latest developments in the case, according to the police.

Probably a Blind

The Eastern post card, mailed at Sudbury to Ernest Currell, the "death watch," who slept at his post while McCullough was making his getaway, while ostensibly from McCullough, is not regarded by the police as furnishing useful information. It is looked upon as having been meant as a "blind."

Currell, the "death watch," who was allowed out on bail in two sureties of \$1,000 each yesterday, has not yet been put through the questioning intended by W. W. Dunlop, inspector of prisons, and Sheriff Mowat, but it is likely he will be under examination before these officials in a few days. Currell is at liberty, pending his preliminary examination at the police court.

In an interview on Saturday, after he had regained his freedom temporarily, he admitted that he had been

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At St. Thomas Pte. Herbert Simlin, returned soldier, won an auto in a guessing competition there.

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