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## News Summary

More than 150 books on the war in South Africa have been published.

There are 7,300,000 men in Prussia earning less than £21 per year.

Pennsylvania has a larger number of persons of negro descent in its population than any other of the northern states.

It is reported from Salonica that the French and Russian consulates there have been discovered to be undermined. Large stores of dynamite have been seized.

New Zealand has advised Sir William Mulock that she will accept Canada's newspapers and periodicals at Canadian domestic rates.

Lunenburg's 150th Natal Day falls on Sunday, June 7th, and the event is to be celebrated in grand style on the 8th. The citizens are going to make the occasion one to be long remembered.

During the recent tour of Dr. Fraser and the Blind School concert party through the Provinces the collection and subscriptions in aid of the school amounted to \$2,047.72.

It has been learned that the Minn. Superior, St. Paul and Winnipeg railway has been successfully financed. The capital is \$122,500,000. As proposed the road will run to Duluth. The line will connect with the Northern at Beaudette.

It is about as good as settled that there will be no increase to the salaries of judges this session. To give an increase of \$1,000 to the superior court judges, and \$500 to the county court judges would entail an extra expenditure of too large an amount to saddle the country with at present.

The Southern Pacific Railroad case before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals Cincinnati, O., May 14, will not come up for hearing until next fall. This will defer the annual election of directors of the Southern Pacific Railroad Corporation next month but will not materially affect the control of the road.

La Patrie, May 11, has a despatch from Ottawa, which is credited to Hon. J. I. Tarte, stating that \$5,000 per mile is to be given to the Grand Trunk Pacific, which would make \$15,000,000 of a cash subsidy and that debentures will be guaranteed for \$20,000 per mile, making \$60,000,000 which says La Patrie, means aid to the extent of \$75,000,000. The same authority also says that instead of a cash subsidy to McKenzie and Mann to Edmonton, the government will guarantee the bonds of the company.

The strike of the longshoremen of St. John's, Nfld., which was begun May 15th, continues. The Allan Line steamer Siberian, was forced to sail for Liverpool without having loaded the large cargo which was ready for her. Other steamers are virtually helpless. It is expected that arrangements will be made to bring the strike to an end. Some of the strikers threatened men at work. It is believed that the police and men from the British cruiser Calypso are able to cope with any trouble that may arise.

The proprietors of the St. John Business College always look after the welfare of their students physically as well as mentally. They believe that to develop an active, healthy mind the body must also be developed and kept in a healthy state. This summer their students will have the full membership privileges of the Victoria Athletic grounds and can engage in all the sports and exercises under the direction of a professional trainer. The generosity of Messrs. S. Kerr & Son in this respect will no doubt be greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all who are fortunate enough to be preparing for a business career in such an excellent institution.—Telegraph.

Premier Ross' announcement that no temperance legislation will be introduced this session owing to too many important measures requiring attention, but that a bill will be brought down next session has displeased the temperance people. The Temperance Legislation League, Toronto, at the regular meeting May 14th passed a resolution protesting against this delay and saying that it was fresh evidence that the temperance people had nothing to hope for from either party. The Dominion Alliance which includes most of the Provincial temperance societies, will meet here in a fortnight, and a call has been sent out asking a particularly large attendance in view of Mr. Ross' intimation.

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## ECONOMIC VALUE OF SUNDAY.

Just what Sunday is to the laborer, considered solely from the economic point of view, is illustrated by some scientific data recently prepared by a noted official of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He selected two groups of laborers from the working force of a certain freight house controlled by his road. He measured the working capacity of each group in terms of tons handled daily for a week. On Sunday one group rested; the other worked as usual.

On the following Monday the man who had been continuously at service showed a decrease of ten per cent in efficiency as compared with the previous Monday, and each day after their comparative delinquency became greater. The men who had their Sunday respite, on the other hand, were as valuable to the company the second week as the first. The result has interest for employers and employees alike. It shows for one thing, that not only is the command to rest one day in seven written in the Decalogue of God, but it is also inscribed upon every muscle and trembling fiber of man's being—Christian Work and Evangelist.

## DRIFTING.

We have seen a piece of wood drifting down the current of a winding stream. Sometimes it called free from all entanglements and made a fair and steady show. At others it would be caught by some projection of the banks and held in lzy waters. Aon, a tumultuous wave would drive it out to the farther shore, and here swept round and round in the eddy whirl of the rapids, it would at last about the dam breast and be swallowed in the foaming vortex below.

We have known some lives not unlike the drift wood, and of them it may be truly said 'they are drifting.' Some lines born upon the bosom of a sweet communion, at others, full of genuine intent to serve the Master, then caught by some entanglement of the world; now lifted up by the noisy

wave of passion, swept into the rapids, and after whirled over giddy precipices to yawning depths.

Most of the sad mistakes in Christian experience come from this habit of drifting.

They don't intend to do wrong! no! but they don't have a strong intention to do right; and here is the great trouble. If we are going on as though all the responsibility belonged to others and not to ourselves, we cannot expect to steel clear of failure. Some of the bitterest heart-pangs come to us because we drifted into the sin, not intentionally, but none the less with eyes wide open. We made no effort to avoid the evil either in thought or deed. It is possible to live righteously, but we must get out of the fashion of taking it for granted. If the mind is found going upon an evil course of thought, arrest it! And arrest it at once! Otherwise you will awake too late to find yourself swallowed up in a course from which there is no retreat.

Beware of drifting! drifting into idle thoughts, drifting into idle words, into foolish expressions, into wrong associations, into a low plane of self content and into obscure vision of Christian obligations.—Ex.

