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LONDON, THURSDAY, JULY 20.

The Mail Experiment.

The experiment with the trans-Atlantic mails, by intercepting the steamer Virginian near Sydney, was a success, and will not be repeated. The ordinary summer route of the Virginian and Virginian, the new Allan Line turbines, is via the Straits of Belle Isle, the first Canadian port of call being Rimouski. The Virginian, on her latest trip, took the southern route, and was met by the Canadian cruiser Canada about 80 miles off Sydney. The mails were transferred to the Canada at sea, and carried to Sydney, where a special intercolonial train was waiting. The train covered the distance to Montreal at an average speed of nearly 45 miles an hour, which speaks well for the road and equipment. The mails reached Montreal about the same time as they could have been delivered had the Virginian taken her regular route. The result was very disappointing to the advocates of the Sydney route, who were confident the record could be broken. Allowance must be made for the detention of the Virginian by a dense fog off the southern coast of Newfoundland, lasting eighteen hours. On the other hand, the Virginian lost time, for hours, it is claimed, by deviating from the Belle Isle course. The Minister of Finance, speaking of the incident in the House on Tuesday, said the advantage had been shown to be with the northern route, although Sydney was well qualified to be the mail port for steamers which regularly took the southern course.

The St. Lawrence route is being well advertised by the achievements of the new turbine steamers. The Canadian Pacific, with its usual enterprise, has determined to grasp the pennant, and will next year put two 20-knot steamers in commission. Says the Montreal Gazette:

"This means that they should be able to do an average of, at least, 13½ knots across the Atlantic, which should make them close upon a knot and a half faster than the Belle Isle, and enable the delivery of mails in Montreal in six days and a quarter from the time they left London, which is a good deal better than the average time made by the mails from London to New York. In addition, the situation is a great deal to the advantage over New York. In that it is nearer to many of the important centers of population on this continent than that city. It is not likely that mails originating in or destined for New York and its immediate territory, will ever be handled via Montreal, but there is every reason to expect that those originating in and destined for the northern cities of the Western United States, will come this way. New York may not like it, but the people of the west will demand the best service."

The Canadian route affords the shortest land-to-land voyage, and with fast steamers this will be an attraction to many in all parts of the United States and Canada, who find discomfort in a sea trip. The distance from Montreal, the port of London, to the eastern entrance of the Straits of Belle Isle, will be covered in three days by the new C. P. R. steamers if they take that course.

Hill's Plain Talk.

James J. Hill, the railway magnate, is addicted to plain, blunt speech, which is sometimes not palatable to the powers that be. When he was examined before the commission which was inquiring into the decay of American shipping, he frankly laid the blame on the tariff. He had built two ocean liners in the United States to carry grain to Asia, but said he would be glad to be rid of them, and he would never purchase another vessel from American shipbuilders. In protecting the steel trust, the makers of everything that enters into the composition of a ship, the cost of building ships in the United States to compete in the ocean carrying trade has been made prohibitive. Mr. Hill, in an interview with the New York Herald on Tuesday, repeated this statement and went on to say that the business of the country was not managed as it ought to be, and that the American people were not as prosperous as they should be, because their commerce was thwarted. He entertained the belief, which is becoming old-fashioned in this country as well as in the United States, that trade and industry would be better off if the Government would leave them alone. The United States, with the greatest resources in the world, still plays a subordinate part in the world's commerce. Its trade is even carried in foreign ships because the Government has killed the shipbuilding industry.

The United States will be forced by the logic of facts to break the fiscal fetters which it has riveted on itself. The policy of commercial exclusiveness is beginning to recoil. Germany has given fair warning that unless she is accorded better treatment in the American market, the new German maximum tariff will be applied to the United States in March next, falling heavily on some important lines of American exports. The Government of Canada intends also to frame minimum and maximum tariffs to become operative a year hence, and the United States knows what to expect unless Canada receives more neighborly consideration. The anti-American boycott in China, which went into effect at five Chinese ports yesterday, strikes a heavy blow at the United States cotton industry, and will check an export trade which was rapidly growing. All these are practical arguments which appeal to the American people, where abstract reasoning would be laughed at. They are getting their eyes opened to the necessity of tariff reform, and a reciprocity convention, to meet in Chicago, has been summoned by leaders in commerce and industry, and may be the starting point of a formidable movement.

The Wealth of Great Britain.

The British income tax returns for the fiscal year just ended throw considerable light upon the distribution of property and earnings in Great Britain. The total population is nearly 42 millions, of which only 43,917 are credited with an income of more than \$500 a year, resulting either from their possessions or earnings. No doubt the number whose incomes are in excess of \$500 is greater than given in the official returns, because there must be tax-dodgers in the British Isles as elsewhere. In the whole country there are 20 persons with incomes exceeding \$250,000; 200 persons with incomes between \$50,000 and \$250,000; and 428 who pay taxes on incomes from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The comparisons made with the returns of ten years ago are not discouraging. In the past decade the incomes of property owners have increased to the extent of \$155,000,000, and the men employed in trade and professions are receiving \$150,000,000 in excess of their incomes of ten years ago.

There has been a corresponding but less satisfactory increase in the emoluments of government, corporate and other public officials, whose salaries have advanced to an aggregate extent of \$100,000,000. On the other hand the incomes derived from agriculture have fallen off at the rate of a million dollars a year during the decade, and are now less than \$10,000,000 than they were at the beginning of the period. While the agricultural interests have been declining undoubtedly for many years, the figures do not justify the argument of the Chamberlains that British trade and industry are on the down grade. The wealth of the country continues to grow, although it is not so evenly distributed as it might be.

Try the water cure in hot weather.

Some candid friend should take Senator Choquette aside and tell him to look to the length of his ears.

The quietude which reigned over the city yesterday shows that the grocers are a pretty active element in the community.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell will retire from the Conservative leadership of the senate. It may be necessary to offer a salary to induce anyone to take the job.

Members of Parliament will lose \$15 for every day of non-attendance. It might be a better plan to put a space limit upon them in Hansard and deduct \$15 for every extra column.

Explosion by Lightning.

A remarkable occurrence was the destruction by lightning of the barn of James Brack, third concession of York, near Thornhill station. On Tuesday evening a sharp electric storm was passing over this section, and a bolt struck Mr. Brack's barn. Almost instantly a deafening explosion occurred. The sides of the barn were burst outward by a giant charge of dynamite, and the roof was tossed fully 100 feet away, alighting on the G. T. R. crushed beneath the falling timbers. Fortunately, no fire resulted.

Disenchanted.

She thought he had a manly form, He thought her very cute, Until they chanced to meet one day, Each in a bathing suit.

Impolite.

[Philadelphia Press.] Mrs. Nixdore - Professor Fortay called at our house today and my daughter played the piano for him. He just raved over her playing. Miss Peppery - How rude! Why couldn't he conceal his feelings the way the rest of us do?

Practical.

[Brooklyn Life.] "Never mind our poverty, darling; ours will be the old story of love in cottage." "Yes, but who's going to supply the cottage?"

Alas! Poor Girl.

[Chicago News.] There was a young lady from Worcester, Who was chased by a Shanghai rooster, So frightened was she, She climbed a tall tree - There being no one present to bolster.

Not Built That Way.

[Detroit Tribune.] The Clerk - What kind of gloves would you like, miss - walking gloves? Miss Highgrass - Land sakes, no! I don't walk on my hands!

A Little Misunderstanding.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.] "Mrs. Goldie tells me she has a new bungalow." "Dear me, that woman has everything! How did she have it cut?"

A More Needed Army.

[Toronto Star.] An army of 30,000 men is needed for annual drill in the harvest fields of the Northwest this year. This is more pressing even than to get practice in learning "hay foot, straw foot," at Niagara.

Defined.

[Life.] Little Willie - Say, pa, what is "conscience money"? Pa - Conscience money, my son, is the quarter your mother leaves in my pockets when she makes a midnight raid.

Politeness of Irish Peasantry.

[Fishing Gazette.] A friend sends me the following delightful bit, cut from some paper: "It is well known that the Irish peasant will seldom disagree with a tourist, but likes to give an answer which he is sure to be agreeable to the questioner. Last summer a gentleman from Liverpool, while out for a sail on Carlingford Lough, was caught in a

snare. Knowing the danger, he made for the shore. Why are you going in?" said the visitor; there's not much wind." "No," replied the boatman, "but sure, what is it for it is mighty powerful." An angler tells how, when in quest of fish, he asked a small, barelegged boy if there were any fish in a certain river. "There is, your honor," "What sort of fish?" "There do be trout and eels, yer honor." "Any salmon?" "There do be an odd one." "Any thermometers?" "Then does be there, too, yer honor; but they comes up latter in the season."

The Heritage.

[New York Sun.] He toiled and moiled To win the fight; He worked by day; He worked by night; Was loved by none - He was under Ten million plunks He left behind. He worked and smiled, Light-hearted, gay; Was friend to all; Who caused his way. This heritage He left behind: "God bless the man! He was so kind."

Must Be an Invalid.

[Chicago News.] Uncle Hiram - I'm afraid our summer boarder must be kinder sickly. Mandy - Why so? "He says he's afeared breakfast at half-past four ain't goin' to agree with him."

A Warning to Dog Owners.

[Chicago Record-Herald.] The town of Hamilton, Montana, has a marshal who evidently does not intend to permit that place to go to the dogs. We find in the Western News, of Hamilton, the following warning, which, as we hope the inhabitants of that town have discovered ere this, speaks for itself:

TAKE NOTICE.

All persons owning dogs and who do not pay the dog tax on the same by the 15th of July will be killed. JAS. HIGGINS, Marshal.

Fortune in Disguise.

[Washington Star.] "Was your husband lucky during the last race meeting?" "He sprained his ankle and couldn't attend."

Nothing to Talk About.

[Arlington Globe.] "I don't see how they find much to talk about," said a woman, speaking enviously of the friendship of two other women. "Neither one has ever had a surgical operation."

DOMINION COAL STRIKES LUCK

Biggest Coal Seam in Canada Located - Is Eighteen Miles in Length.

Glacé Bay, N. S., July 19. - One of the greatest coal discoveries ever made in Canada took place yesterday, when the north end of the Broughton seam was found at the head of Lingan Bay by Deputy Mining Inspector Neville. The center of the Broughton seam is now being worked by an English company, at the head of which is Horace Mayhew, and back of which is strong English capital. The seam is at least 18 miles long and greater than the Phalen seam, heretofore considered the greatest in Canada. The coal is also of the hardest texture, and stands handling better than the Phalen and is what the market is now demanding. The Dominion Coal Company has the area bounded, and will undoubtedly proceed at once to their development.

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She found that No. 535 Ninth avenue, Astoria, was a little frame house. Grinning children guided the visitor to the door.

She was Mrs. C. Ficko, whose husband has charge of laborers employed on the new gas works. "Nobody of that name in my house," said Mrs. Ficko.

"But, say, it's that little count or something, Joseph Lanza, who wants the wife. He works for my husband. He says he had a title in Italy and studied law. He is a gentleman, though he is such a little chap, not four feet tall. Oh, the littlest fellow! And he wears eyeglasses, even when working and dressed in his jeans."

"He can't speak English, not a word. What in the world could he want with a wife, even if she does have money. If he cannot speak English? He could not make love, not a bit."

"And to think my husband must have known all about that 'ad' and never told me!"

"The Chevalier - that is what the others call him - says he has a fine family, and his brother sends money to him from Italy."

"But he is glad to shovel dirt at \$1 50 a day."

"My husband is a very plain man. He would just as soon employ a real nobleman as a real workman, if the nobleman can shovel as much as the laborer. When Joseph wanted work he gave him a shovel and told him to get on. Joseph wants to be a foreman, though, and tell the other men what to do, without working. He begged me to intercede with my husband for him. But he is such a little chap!"

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PRIEST VICTIM OF BLACKMAILERS

Chicago Gang of Swindlers Take Thousands From Innocent Clergyman.

Chicago, July 19. - Blackmail leveled upon the Rev. Lawrence A. Erhard, pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of the Epiphany, has led to the arrest of three men, who are alleged to have secured \$2,000 from him.

For several years the Rev. Erhard has been a victim of blackmail. Warrants for others have been issued, and their apprehension is expected within a few days.

Isaac Hartman, justice of the peace in Harvey, Michael J. Maloney, lawyer in regard for was a member of the H. Nye, private detective and constable's custodian, were the men arrested.

The arrest followed a peculiar story of extortion and threats told reluctantly by the priest.

Reference to the Church of the Epiphany at 2185 West Twenty-sixth street. He is a native of Germany and asserts his familiarity with the laws or legal usages of the country. Three weeks ago, he said, he was visited in the parish residence by Nye, who said he was a member of the parish, and conversed for some time on religious topics.

Reference to the visits of the priest to the downtown district were made, but were unintelligible to the latter, and the visitor departed.

The Rev. Erhard was called to the door of the residence by a man who said his name was Charles Mitchell, and who represented himself as a deputy United States marshal.

Exhibiting warrants signed by Justice Isaac Hartman, the man said he had been instructed to arrest the clergyman for misdemeanors, the nature of which were not specified in the warrants.

For an hour the men conversed, the visitor asserting that the scandal following the arrest would mean the removal of Erhard and the installation of another priest as pastor. It was ended, the priest asserts, by a proposition to destroy the warrants in return for the payment of a sum of money.

The "deputy marshal" demanded \$1,000, but the victim declared his inability to secure such a large amount. Returning to the house he secured \$500, which was given to "Mitchell," who left, promising that he would use his influence to have the warrants withdrawn.

For a week the victim was left unmolested. Then a man, said to have been Nye, appeared at the parish residence and demanded admittance.

He told of the indignation of Justice Hartman at learning of the priest's refusal to pay the money. He said, had fled with the money. The result of the scandal was pictured vividly and the dismissed and disgrace of the pastor were dwelt upon. Then \$2,000 was demanded as the price of silence.

Finally, he accepted \$500 tendered by the priest, with the promise of \$1,000 to be paid the following day. The story was told by the bank officials, and he was called into the office of the bank president and questioned.

The story was told rapidly and officials of the bank telephoned Attorney Charles A. McDonald, with the result that a raid was made on the La Salle street office and the arrests made.

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