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BUYING THE GRAND TRUNK

The Dominion Government has arranged to take over the Grand Trunk Railway and will combine it with those already owned by Canada, making a total mileage of over 21,000 miles.

The terms of the bargain are such as to guarantee to the present owners (the holders of the bonds and guaranteed stock) an income of about \$10,000,000 a year. The value of the balance of the stock is to be fixed by arbitration.

There is a good deal of opposition to the bill in Parliament. Some members are opposed entirely to the public ownership of railways; others are for public ownership in theory, but haven't the courage to carry it into practice on a large scale.

It is a reasonably fair bargain, can be made, the G.T.R. should be taken over. Not only that—the C.P.R. ought to be taken as well.

Canada has had tremendous overbuilding of railways. There is great waste in expensive duplication of lines, with consequent unnecessary expense and inferior service. There is no apparent way of stopping the waste except by single national ownership of all lines, followed by remorseless elimination of duplicate and wasteful operation.

A MUDDLED SITUATION

The Guelph Herald reviews the peculiar political situation in part as follows:

What Ontario needs to-day is a big man—a bridge builder—to take command of the political arena and bring cohesion out of the strangely muddled situation. It is very important indeed that a strong Government be formed; the group system will only prove a source of vexation and waste in the long run.

The hope of the people now must rest on the selection of a strong coalition administration—strong enough to be independent of any other combination of groups. How is this to be done? Nor without help could a coalition of the two old parties form a Government with a majority at its back.

No party Government or joint-party Government can issue from the present political situation. Whatever combination may be worked out for carrying on Government, it must include one of the non-party groups. The largest contingent in the House is that of the United Farmers, Laborites and Independents. They outnumber the two old parties, but the margin would be too small to make a working majority for a Government so composed.

Moreover, a fusion of groups, without practical knowledge of the work of government, could hardly be expected to form a strong Administration.

One solution would be a coalition of the U.F.O. and Government forces. The other alternative is a union of the U.F.O. and Liberals.

A desire to be fair and make the best of the situation will enable the various groups to come to an understanding in order to obtain a settled Government. Ontario requires settled Government, and it ought to be the aim of the new legislators to secure such in the spirit of compromise. Partyism doesn't appear to be very strong just now, and that fact ought to help considerably in clearing up the situation.

PECULIAR RESULTS

All predictions as to what the intelligent electors would do with the referendum ballot appear to have been surpassed, remarks an exchange. An analysis of the figures given out by the returning officers is a job for a scientist or the inventor of statistics, but a cursory glance shows that something was very much wrong with the way in which the referendum ballot was counted.

The law was that unless a ballot was marked with four crosses it was spoiled. It would necessarily follow that the total of the answers on one question would be the same as the total on each of the other three questions.

Until the returns from the province at large are tabulated and studied it will be impossible to say what the general situation is.

Another interesting point is that unless the figures are quite wrong, there must have been thousands of electors who went to the polls and voted for or against prohibition who did not vote for a candidate.

There are many spoiled ballots. In some of the larger cities the electors spoiled 2,000 votes that could not be counted.

Almost 40,000 people voted in Ottawa on the second question according to the returns. The total vote polled for the seven candidates in the field was 37,273.

The analysis of the figures shows startling discrepancies in lone polling sub-divisions that indicate that in the grand total there are figures that balance one another and make it look better than it is. In many polling sub-divisions the reports show that the number voting on the different questions was different in almost every case.

Reports indicate that temperance workers are getting anxious about the referendum. They want to be told that there is such a large majority for the "drys" that no request will be made for a recount and that any coalition Government formed will not be able to throw the results away as useless and introduce new legislation respecting liquor on the grounds that the results do not mean anything.

WAIT A MINUTE

FROM HERE AND THERE

A bee can carry twice its own weight in honey. Lake Superior and Ireland are about the same size. Motor-ploughs were not made in Austria before the war, but no several firms have begun to manufacture them.

The mills of the United States every year export more flour than all the rest of the mills in the world produce.

Two new Portland cement factories are building at Kawasaki and Hokkaido, Japan, at a cost of two million dollars.

Camel-hair brushes are not made of the hair of camels, but of hairs from the tails of Russian and Siberian squirrels.

Live cattle were first exported to England from America in 1861, but it did not become a regular business until several years later.

Pamphlets owe their name to Pamphela, a Greek lady, who left behind her a number of scraps containing notes, recipes, anecdotes, and memoranda.

The oldest map in existence is a piece of mosaic in a Byzantine church, at Malaba, in Palestine. It represents part of the Holy Land, and is one thousand seven hundred years old.

Coffee was first used in Abyssinia in the ninth century, later in Arabia, and then Constantinople, where it grew into extensive favor, and where the first coffee-house was established.

Practically all of the valuable rubies of ancient and modern times have been found in the Mogok Valley of Burma, where much of the work is still carried on by the natives in the most primitive manner.

The sulphur-dioxide fumes escaping from the dumps of waste around the nickel mines in the Sudbury region of Ontario, are said to amount to one thousand tons a day. No satisfactory method of saving this sulphur has yet been devised.

The first watch-making school in Canada has been established in Montreal, to teach the trade to returned soldiers. Each man who becomes proficient is assured of immediate employment, as there is a great scarcity of watchmakers in the Dominion at the present time.

A Norwegian engineer has devised a process of making a practical building stone by mixing finely divided mica with just a sufficient amount of clay, or other substance of similar properties, to form a coherent mass, which is then shaped into blocks and other objects of any desired shape and size. These are then fired at a temperature just high enough to fuse the mass, the resulting stone having in general the same properties as natural mica.

TO-DAY'S ANNIVERSARIES

1875—Rev. Paul Durien was consecrated Catholic bishop of New Westminster, B.C.

1892—The peace effective of the German army was fixed at 492,000, and its war strength at 4,400,000.

ONE YEAR AGO TO-DAY IN THE WAR

British took 7,000 prisoners and more than 100 guns.

Franco-American and British armies resumed offensive in France and Flanders.

Gen. Haller named commander-in-chief of Polish forces fighting with Allies.

TO-DAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Queen Victoria of Spain, formerly Princess Ena of Battenberg, born in England, 32 years ago to-day.

Prince Gonzalo, youngest son of the King and Queen of Spain, born in Madrid, 5 years ago to-day.

Rt. Hon. Sir Horace Plunkett, a statesman who has figured prominently in the affairs of Ireland, born 65 years ago to-day.

George W. Clarke, former governor of Iowa, born in Shelby County, Indiana, 67 years ago to-day.

Ted ("Kid") Lewis, prominent welterweight pugilist, born in London, 23 years ago to-day.

TO-DAY'S EVENTS

One hundred years ago to-day the Erie Canal was opened from Utica to Rome.

The Prince of Wales and his party are to be entertained to-day at Galt.

King Albert of the Belgians is scheduled to pay a visit to-day to the steel works at Bethlehem, Pa.

An Anglo-American conference on the English-speaking tradition of liberty has been called to meet to-day in New York City.

TO-DAY'S CALENDAR OF SPORTS

SWIMMING: Canadian indoor championships, at Montreal.

BOXING: Richie Mitchell vs. Johnny Dundee, 8 rounds, at Jersey City.

Smile or Two

Lost a Husband

"Maud is a victim of the stock market." "You don't mean to say she speculates?" "No, but her finance did, and the engagement is broken."

Why She Worries.

"Jim's wife is never at peace when he is out of her sight." "Is it because she loves him so?" "No, it's because she knows him so."

His Vacant Dome

Boreleigh—Yes, the bullet struck my head, went careering into space. And— Miss Keen—How terrible! Did they get it out?

Female Side-Whiskers

"Do you think side-whiskers will ever come in fashion again?" "They're in fashion now," said Mr. Rufnek. "The girls are wearin' 'em over their ears."

ODD AND INTERESTING

Except on the coast there are no inns or hotels in Morocco.

London has more than 1,000 churches and other places of worship.

Stammering is practically unknown among all uncivilized peoples.

Coal was first mined in the United States at Mauch Chunk, Pa., in 1806.

The Bible chapters number 1,189, of which 929 are in the Old Testament and 260 in the New.

Football is almost as popular in Burma as it is in England and America. The natives play the game with bare feet.

It takes only one-tenth of a drop of oil to keep all of the machinery of the watch in good running order for a year.

Sweden was the first country to recognize the equality of sons and daughters in the matter of inheriting property.

Fifty-two different varieties of oak grow in Asia Minor and half of these are to be found in no other parts of the world.

In Mexico the school children are given daily lessons in politeness and are taught to utter all manner of pretty speeches.

China has more suicides than any other country in the world. In a single year as many as half a million cases of self-destruction have been recorded.

Constantinople boasts of more dogs than any other city. The dogs are the common property of the city and are maintained at public expense because of their valuable work as scavengers.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR HAIR BEAUTIFUL

Ten Minutes' Home Treatment Works Wonders, Stops Falling Hair and Dandruff and Makes the Hair Soft, Brilliant, Lustrous and Fluffy.

Better than all the so-called "hair tonics" in the world is a simple, old-fashioned home recipe consisting of plain Bay Rum, Lavona (de Composee) and a little Menthol Crystals. These three mixed at home in a few minutes, work wonders with any scalp. Try it just on night and see. Get from your druggist 2 oz. Lavona, 8 oz. Bay Rum and 1/2 drachm Menthol Crystals. Dissolve the Crystals in the Bay Rum and pour in 8 oz. water. Then add the Lavona, shake well and let it stand for an hour before using. Apply it by putting a little of the mixture on a soft cloth. Draw this cloth slowly through the hair, taking just one small strand at a time. This cleanses the hair and scalp of dirt, dust and excessive oil and makes the hair delightfully soft, lustrous and fluffy. To make the hair from falling and to make it grow again rub the lotion briskly into the scalp with the finger tips or a medium stiff brush. Apply night and morning. A few days' use and you will not find a single lock or straggling hair. They will be locked on your heads as tight as a vice. Dandruff will disappear. You will find fine downy new hairs sprouting up all over your scalp and this new hair will grow with wonderful rapidity.

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If you have catarrh, catarrhal deafness or head noises caused by catarrh, or if phlegm drops in your throat and has caused catarrh of the stomach or bowels you will be glad to know that these distressing symptoms may be entirely overcome in many instances by the following treatment which you can easily prepare in your own home at little cost. Secure from your druggist 1 ounce of Eucalypti (Double Strength). Take this home and add to it 1/2 pint of hot water and a little granulated sugar; stir until dissolved. Take one tablespoonful four times a day. An improvement is sometimes noted after the first day's treatment. Breathing should become easy, while the distressing head noises, headaches, dizziness, cloudy thinking, etc., should gradually disappear under the tonic action of the treatment. Loss of smell, taste, defective hearing and mucous drooping in the back of the throat are other symptoms which suggest the presence of catarrh and which may often be overcome by this efficacious treatment. It is said that nearly ninety per cent of all ear troubles are caused by catarrh and there must, therefore, be many people whose hearing may be restored by this simple, harmless, home treatment.

ACIDS IN STOMACH CAUSE INDIGESTION

Create Gas, Sourness and Pain, How To Treat.

Medical authorities state that nearly nine-tenths of the cases of stomach trouble, indigestion, sourness, burning, gas, bloating, nausea, etc., are due to an excess of hydrochloric acid in the stomach and not, as some believe, to a lack of digestive juices. The delicate stomach lining is irritated; digestion is delayed and food sours, causing the disagreeable symptoms which every stomach sufferer knows so well. Artificial digestions are not needed in such cases and may do real harm. Try laying aside all digestive aids and instead get from any druggist a few ounces of Bismarck Magnesia and take a teaspoonful in a quarter glass of water right after eating. This sweetens the stomach, prevents the formation of excess acid and there is no sourness, gas or pain. Bismarck Magnesia (in powder or tablet form—never liquid or milk) is harmless to the stomach, inexpensive to take and is the most efficient form of magnesia for stomach purposes. It is used by thousands of people who enjoy their meals with no more fear of indigestion.

Stragem Used By Horse Thief. Among the many interesting stories told by members of the Canadian Mounted Police is one that has to do with the cleverness of an Indian.

One morning a band of Crees went to find that about a dozen of their ponies had been stolen during the night. A band to go in pursuit was immediately organized and in the course of an hour the trail was struck. The band followed it for thirty miles or more, till it entered a river and headed for a little wooded island.

Smoke was rising from the trees and an opening apparently the mouth of a cave, was in plain view. Presently a goodly number of ponies were seen to be gathered about the opening.

Why Do French Women Always Look Young?

In France mothers and daughters look like sisters. How are the women there able to retain their youthful looks until long past middle age?

It is because they are much given to the use of mercolized wax? This wax possesses a remarkable absorbent property which quickly removes the fine particles of cuticle which are constantly dying and which are the immediate cause of an old-looking complexion. This the Kvetter, healthier, younger skin beneath is given a chance to breathe and to show itself. Try this treatment yourself. Mercolized wax will not require two weeks to make your complexion as clear, soft and beautiful as a young girl's. Just one ounce of mercolized wax (all American druggists have it), usually does the work. The wax is put on nights like cold cream and washed off mornings.



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by a Piegan Indian showed himself in front of the opening. At his heels was a dog.

Pretty soon the dog scented the Cores who were lying low, and began growling and barking. The Piegan looked up, glanced about him for a moment and then instantly entered the cave. In about ten seconds another Piegan came round the rocks and also went in, then another, and another and another. The Cores lay silently in the bushes, counting till upward fifty Piegans had come round the rocks and gone into the cave, and still they kept coming. Each carried a file.

When at last twenty men had disappeared in the cave, the very superstitious and cautious Cores concluded that the evil spirit had some thing to do with it. So thoroughly they were filled with this idea that even when re-enforcements came, which was in a few hours they were reluctant to attack the island.

That night, however, one Cree, less credulous than his comrades crossed over the ice to investigate. On approaching the supposed cave he found that it was no cave at all, but simply an opening leading some ten feet into the rock, where it made a turn and came out on the other side.

A Good Bill at the Imperial. The bill at the Imperial theatre that last half of the week is one of the best that has ever been presented to the public. Why? Jack Canuck in Berlin and Mack Sennett's Bathing Beauties are the answer.

The comedy "Jack Canuck in Berlin," is wonderful story replete with excitement, humor and lessons at the same time. It kept the crowd in laughter practically all the time while at the same moment it aroused the patriotic sense. The coolheadedness and determination of Jack Canuck which assured victory over the foe were in evidence all the time. The comedy centres at headquarters in Berlin where a Canuck dressed as a lady spy gains the favor of the Emperor and his general staff and ultimately secures information on their plans.

And as to Mack Sennett's Bathing Beauties. These beauties, six young ladies, appear in person. It is only with the permission of Mr. Sennett that they are making the tour. In them there are examples of what outdoor and wholesome living bring about. They are the picture of health and their symmetry of form is indicative of this health attained and maintained at the beach in southwestern California.

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