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LONDON, FRIDAY, JAN. 30.

No, we wouldn't advise taking 'em off just yet.

Yes, the Calgary Eye-Opener was in the list.

We have a Government of butchers and butchers.

A woman customs officer has stopped smuggling at Samia. Another victory for woman's rights.

Out-of-date gowns are soon to be the fashion. Now for a grand rummage through the attic.

If the Canadian farmer cannot find an exit for his wheat he is liable to find an exit for himself.

Let Bonsetter Laurier have a chance to correct the manipulations of those quacks at Ottawa.

Shouldn't that commission also investigate the high cost of living-in-control-of-the-Government?

This is a great poultry centre all right, but will somebody please litter up the landscape with a few more hen-coops.

It cost the Government thirty-five thousand dollars to discover partisanship among postmasters last year. Details lacking.

Sir George and Sir James, lying near each other, probably feel better friends than ever, since the white-washing of Gamey.

A New York lad is to send onions to a girl in a pretty box. But it is the same old homely smell.

Refused a kiss by his sweetheart Georgia man kills himself. We are quite sure that no Canadian girl would permit such a tragedy.

We are waiting anxiously to learn whether we can make the mail man take back the stale eggs he will bring us when we order strictly fresh.

If someone is going to build a ditch from London to Lake Erie to overcome the spring freshets let us hope said ditch will be wide and deep.

A wireless message has been sent direct from Germany to America, and it said nothing about an emergency. All the emergency messages have come indirect.

Sombody makes the claim that the tango is a reversion to type. That it was a dance of our simian ancestors. Something that has come over from the orang-outang, as it were.

The British doctors made a good deal for themselves in the insurance act. The London Times says that in the cities, their incomes "have increased in almost every case."

The Kaiser says that the crown prince will turn out a Moltke yet, but it would be a much better thing for Germany and Europe if he was to take Lloyd George as a pattern.

Dr. Neeley pointed out that wheat is dearer and flour cheaper in the United States than in Canada. Both producer and consumer are paying tribute to keep the Conservatives in power.

The good news comes from New York that that grand woman, Eva Booth, is recovering from her serious illness. The world has too few Eva Booths. It cannot afford to lose one of them.

Out of the taxes paid by the Canadian people nearly a million dollars and a half went to Conservative newspapers last year. A tribute of almost twenty cents from every man, woman and child in the country!

With earthquakes in Asia and South America, strikes in Africa, blizzards and wolves in Europe, militancy, home rule and labor troubles in Great Britain, destructive cloudbursts in the United States, raging seas on both Atlantic and Pacific coasts, this little old Ontario seems not a bad place to hang around in, despite the high cost of living.

When Professor Taft, of Yale University, reached Toronto he told the newspapers that as President he did not even dream of political union between the United States and Canada. And yet it is altogether probable that future Toronto generations will learn from their grandmothers how their great grand dads saved the country for the empire.

The St. Marys Journal has sought opinion of its readers as to the ben-

fit of a radial line connecting the Stone Town with London and Stratford. The view generally expressed is that a route tapping intervening villages would be of greater advantage to the town than a direct line. The promoters of the road, undoubtedly, will seek to serve the greatest number of people, but they must also consider the cost of construction and operation as related to the probable revenue. One thing is certain, electric cars are everywhere and rapidly taking the place of passenger coaches on steam roads for short hauls. The freight business and long distance traffic will continue for some time to rely on the locomotive.

THE "LESSER BREEDS."

THE Harvard Senior Class has elected a negro member as class orator, to be principal speaker at the commencement exercises next June. It is a youth by the name of Jackson. Not only in the flaccid ring does the black American win crowns of victory. Johnson and Jackson are names of mark in the world of sport, but Jackson, the orator, wins a place of honor in the greatest and oldest of American universities.

The Caucasian is not played out, but is not so exclusively great as a while ago. The knitting up of the world by rapid communication, free education and commerce is producing strange results. The chance advantages of a race benefitted by the geographical conditions of Europe and by the heritage of the Roman Empire cannot be kept secret or secluded. All the others will be nibbling.

For a long time back the Jew has pressed the occidental in the race. In music, in poetry and scholarship, in statesmanship and law he stands up high. There are Jews as well as white and black men in the boxing championships and even in big league baseball.

The world's prize for literature goes this year to a Hindu poet, Rabindranath Tagore, writing both in Hindu and in English. Only a small percentage of Hindus get any school education to speak of. When the new educational plans of India have time to work out, we shall hear a good deal more from that great population than stories of superstition and famine. The same with China and semi-Asiatic Russia. The world will be the better for wider and keener competition.

FLYING AROUND THE WORLD

VEDRINES, who is perhaps the greatest of all aviators, declares that he is about to fly around the world. If this can be done Vedrines is the man to do it, as he easily leads all other airmen for long distance flights. He will go by way of Asia Minor, India, China, Australia, that is as a starter. What course he will take after reaching Australia has yet to be decided upon, but it is presumed that he will fly from island to island of the many groups that dot the Pacific. While at a first glance the risk looks tremendous, a study of the South Pacific will show that the trip is well within the range of possibility. It is possible for Vedrines to go by way of New Zealand, Cook, Pitcairn, Easter and Juan Fernandez to Valparaiso, on the west coast of South America, using many smaller islands on route. To a man who has sailed across the Alps, the Andes should not prove too great an obstacle. A point on the east coast of South America, nearest to St. Paul could be selected for a starting point of the sail across the Atlantic. Probably the attempt would be made to reach St. Paul, the journey from there being to the Cape Verde Islands, and so on to the West African coast, across Gibraltar and through Spain to France. Under the most favorable conditions the adventure is a titanic one, and if carried through to success Vedrines will have accomplished the greatest achievement in the history of aviation up to the present time.

THE PARCEL POST.

THE inauguration of the Canadian parcel post is now announced for the early part of February—the arrangements with the railways having been completed. The rates, as published, are sufficiently reasonable for a beginning. It was at first proposed to have each province constituted a zone, within which the rates would be uniform. The demand for smaller zones has been partially acceded to by allowing a lesser rate within twenty miles of the office of mailing. This rate will be five cents for the first pound, and a cent more for each pound exceeding the first, up to four pounds; beyond that, and up to the limit of eleven pounds, it will be a straight two cents per pound. A parcel delivered within the province of mailing, or the one immediately adjacent, will be ten cents for the first pound—the rate increasing with the increase in weight—but in greater proportion in adjacent provinces than if delivered in the province of mailing. It will take some time for the public to become familiar with these diverse rates, but there need be no difficulty about that, as the postmasters will have all the information.

Parcels may be insured, but that is simply our present system of registration under which the payment of five cents insures the packet up to \$25. There is an additional provision, however, by which two registration fees may be paid on one parcel, insuring it to \$50. Perishable and fragile goods, eggs, etc., cannot be insured. The present limitations as to size of fourth-class matter, wrapping of parcels, will apply to the

new system. If the article is to be delivered by letter-carrier in cities there will be an extra fee of five cents irrespective of weight. During the first three months no parcel will be carried over six pounds. Such are the main features of the new system, and full details will be supplied at the postoffices in the shape of printed matter, which can be there obtained by anyone desiring it. That it will be a success need not be questioned. It has been so in the United States, and will be with us. The postoffice employees who have to carry it out are capable men, and can be depended upon to do their work as thoroughly as possible. It is, of course, apparent that it is simply the extension of the privileges now enjoyed as to fourth-class matter, with a material reduction in rates. As such it will be very acceptable. This has been under consideration before especially when Mr. Lemieux was postmaster-general. The defeat of the Liberal Government postponed it for the time. But it was sure to come. Our neighbors had already adopted it with marked success, and the demand of our people for a similar reform could not be avoided, even by a Conservative cabinet. Despite their affected aversion to Yankee methods they have to adopt them when the people make the demand. We will all welcome this latest innovation.

NO, INDEED.

[Chicago News.]

While a radium trust is terrible to contemplate it does not have the peculiar horror of a pork and beans trust.

BUSINESS NOTE.

[Pittsburgh Dispatch.]

Our old friend Mula Hadd, former Sultan of Morocco, has taken to the lecture platform at home. The Young Turks might fill their empty treasury by looking at Abdul Hamid for a swing around the Chataqua circuits.

TIMELY RESUKE.

[Philadelphia Star.]

Hubby was in a bad temper. He was late in getting up, and then he cut himself while shaving. So he reached the breakfast table scowling blackly. "Look here, Mary," he said crossly to his wife, "I've made me late again, and I asked you specially to wake me up at 8." "And I did call you at 8 by my watch," said Mary calmly. "Then your watch must be slow." "Well, I can't help that, I asked you what time it was when you came home last night. My watch said it was 2 o'clock, but you said it was only midnight. So I set my watch right by you."

DEAD QUIET.

[Louisville Journal.]

The little chap was playing "store" along with other boys.

And as they romped around the floor they made a lot of noise.

"Keep that store quiet," mother said. The little chap was wise.

"All right," quoth he, "we'll just pretend."

"That we don't advertise."

ON GOES REFORM.

[Cleveland Leader.]

Apparently the wave of reform has reached the south. Two negroes lynched near Tampa, Fla., a day or two ago, were given time to pray and sing a hymn.

LONDON DITTO.

[Chicago News.]

Chicago would prefer its present landscape—which is pictured to be somewhat lacking in picturesque-ness of outline—to the most lovely volcano the globe could offer.

SAFETY VALVE.

[New York Sun.]

It is well known that there is grave danger in corking a speech.

On the Spur of the Moment

by Roy K. Moulton.

THE CANDIDATE.

I'm not a candidate for any public place.

No "past" doth haunt me day and night and stare me in the face.

No enemies are on my trail to bring me to disgrace.

They do not search rogues' galleries to try and find my "naug."

And see if I have ever been confined in any "jug."

They do not circulate reports designed to drive me "bug."

They do not dig old speeches up I made long years ago.

And try to prove that I said things that really were not so.

They do not search my family tree for things they want to know.

They do not publish letters that I wrote when but a cub.

They do not call me ugly names or make me out a dub.

They do not try to get me in the Ananias club.

'Tis well to be a patriot and do things for the state.

And be a hero that way, but I am here to relate.

I'll be a private citizen and not a candidate.

According to Uncle Abner.

There may be a lot of satisfaction in being poor, but nobody sees it in this light except those who have got money.

Elmer Jones has invented an undershirt that can't bunch up around the waist in hot weather, and expects to sell a lot of 'em if he can find any people who don't wear union suits. The trouble with most of Elmer's inventions is that they come about forty years late.

If all of the bald spots were the same size and shape it would add considerably to the monotony of this life.

Hank Tumms says "East Lynne" was the best opy he ever saw. I guess it must have been the only one.

If some fellow could invent a fountain pen that would get the ink on the paper, instead of on the fingers, he would make a fortune that would put John D. Oilyfeller in the shade.

Had Spink taken the butter down

to his office every day and keeps it in his safe. It doesn't matter where he keeps his money, for he hasn't got any.

There doesn't seem to be anything on this earth that will cure a man of the derby hat habit.

Hank Tumms says "his hat is in the ring and he is a 'receptive' candidate for town constable, which means that he will be glad to receive the nomination if there is any possible way, by hook or crook, to get it.

HOME COOKING.

My maw she cooked no fable dotes

And when it came to throwin' style, she wasn't very much.

There wasn't no French names hooked onto vitties she would cook, she got 'em from experience, not from a furrin' book.

She didn't have no casseroles like they have now in grills,

Or other high-toned rig-ma-jigs and she put on no frills.

She had an old-time cook stove and some kiddles, that was all,

But she could cook the biscuits, that, by jing, would never fail.

Her pie crust, sooth, 'twould simply melt right on a feller's mouth,

Her Johnny cake seemed like it came right from the sunny south;

Her crullers made a feller sit right up and call for more;

Her bread was one thing upon which she set a lot of store.

No, friends, she wasn't very long in what they now call style,

But she could surely cook the stuff that made a feller smile.

There wasn't no dyspepsy round our place, or gouty feet,

For she cooked up the kind of food that's really meant to eat.

In the Wake of the News.

A man dropped a \$1,000 bill in New York and has gone back to look for it. He has more faith than Christopher Columbus, but not as much of a chance of success.

New Jersey high school girl has raised \$9,000 pounds of tomatoes on one acre of ground. Probably the poor girl hasn't had time to learn the tango.

ABE MARTIN



Nobody takes as much interest in his business as a pawn broker. A boob is a fellow who can't see any harm in letting his girl tango with somebody else.

Unless some improved invention can be brought out, no better safety valve exists than the public dinner. It is the only precaution that the body politic has of protecting itself from explosion.

RARE OCCASION.

[Baltimore American.]

"There was a sensational case of kidnapping in our neighborhood today."

"You don't say so! What was it?"

"All the babies in the block were asleep at the same time."

A WINTER REVERIE.

[Harper's Monthly.]

I saw the moon so broad and bright sailing high on a frosty night:

And the air swung far and far between the silver disk and the orb of green;

And here and there a wisp of white cloud-film swam on the misty light;

And crusted thickly on the sky, high and higher and yet more high,

Were golden star-points, dusted through the great, wide, silent vault of blue.

Then I bethought me God was great, and the world was fair, and so, elate,

I knelt me down and bent my head, and said my prayers and went to bed.

From Western Ontario Press

NICE FOR THE GIRLS

[St. Mary's Argus.]

In St. Mary's parish girls will be put back on their feet. There will be no complaint from the Stone Town girls.

WHERE FARM WINS

[Glencoe Transcript.]

Who has the most at the end of the year, the man who works for the ruling wages in the progressive farming district, gets his board, his lodging and very often his laundry thrown in and saves from two-thirds to seventy-five per cent of his wages, or the man who works for the average laborer's wage in the city and pays out from week to week his entire earnings for the necessities of life? Again the farm wins.

UNDERPRODUCTION.

Recently-published statistics all go to show that the chief cause of the high cost of living has been the underproduction in this country. The urban population during the past ten years has increased 62 per cent while the rural population has increased but 17 per cent. In Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island the rural population has actually decreased. There are more mouths to feed than ever before and fewer farmers to feed them.

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO.

SATURDAY, the Last Day of the January Sale, Offers Wonderful Bargain Opportunities.

A RECORD DAY

Today and Saturday, Moire Velvets 39c yd.

This lovely fabric is very fashionable this season for dresses and waists. Red, royal, Copenhagen, navy and brown. Regular 85c. Now, yard 39c

Sale of Men's & Women's Irish Linen Handkerchiefs 2 for 25c

Beautiful fine quality Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, worth 18c, 20c and 25c, in Men's and Women's sizes. The kind you like to buy by the dozen or half dozen.

Black Silk Waists, Specially Priced \$1.98

In every size, from 34 to 42, Women's Black French Paillette Silk Waists, low neck and three-quarter length sleeves, front finished with bow and buttons. Charming style for such a low price.

Linen Sale Closes Saturday

As we have been announcing all week the Linen Sale will close Saturday, the last selling day of January. Cut prices which have been so interesting all month will be discontinued after Saturday night.

TABLE LINENS, TABLE NAPKINS, TABLE CLOTHS, TOWELS, TOWELINGS, ETC.

White Cotton

Full Bleached "Sunrise" Cotton, longcloth finish, soft and fine, suitable for underwear, etc., 35 inches wide, regular 10c, sale price, per yard 8½c

12 Yards for \$1.00.

Factory Cotton

Full Yard-Wide Factory or Unbleached Cotton, good quality for general purposes, easily bleached. Price 8½c per yard Saturday only.

14 Yards for \$1.00.

Women's Cashmere Hose, 25c pair.

The remnant of a big sale lot of Penman's 35c All-Wool Seamless Cashmere Hose which we had on sale at 28c pair because they were slightly damaged. The small balance Saturday at, pair 25c

Women's Plush Coats at \$14.95, \$22.50

2 only Black Silk Plush Coats, size 36 only. To clear at, each \$14.95

4 only Black Silk Plush Coats, size 36 only. To clear at, each \$22.50

4 only Misses' Winter Coats, black and white striped boucle cloth, with fur plush collar, 14 year size only. To clear, each \$7.00

Women's Black and Blue Dress Skirts. Three special prices—

\$1.39 \$2.19 \$3.49

SEE THEM IN THE WINDOW.

CHAPMAN'S

239, 241, 243 Dundas Street

CHINESE TO WORSHIP HEAVEN AND CONFUCIUS

Administrative Council Passes Bill—President's Idea of Moral Building Religion.

[Canadian Press.]

Peking, China, Jan. 29.—A bill prescribing the worship of heaven and of Confucius by the President of the Chinese Republic was passed today by the Administrative Council, which took the place of the Chinese Parliament, recently dissolved by President Yuan Shi Kai. The measure was submitted to the council by Yuan Shi Kai himself.

Need Religion.

It is understood that the President's idea is to set an example to the Chinese nation, which he thinks needs the moral-building influence of religion. The President will worship at the Temple of Heaven annually in the same way as the Manchou emperor did, but without wearing the diadem. The diadem was proposed, but was not adopted, owing to criticism that it was another indication of Yuan Shi Kai's monarchical designs.

A State Religion. The question of the introduction of a state religion has created considerable controversy in China, the Christian missionaries of all sects opposing such a step. The constitution adopted by the Chinese Parliament made no provision for any state religion, but for some months a Confucian revival movement has been in evidence, and a league was formed by representatives in China, not only of Christianity, but of Mohammedanism, Taoism and Buddhism to oppose the adoption of a state religion.

President Has Control. As was contemplated when Yuan Shi Kai dissolved Parliament, the administrative council formed in its place, and consisting of two representatives from each province, four cabinet ministers, a report from each ministry and eight members of the presidential secretariat, adopts all the measures proposed by President Yuan Shi Kai, who exercises practically entire control.

New York, Jan. 29.—Political rather than religious significance is attached by officers of the foreign missions to the action of the Chinese Administrative Council today prescribing the worship of Heaven and of Confucius by the President of the Republic.</