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WHEN THE MONEY TREE BLOOMS

Without any desire to anticipate the findings of the good men and true, Liberals, Conservatives, and one Progressive, who are making an inquiry into alleged frauds in connection with the customs service of Canada, attention may be directed to some of the testimony given at yesterday's hearing of the committee regarding certain transactions credited to Mr. J. E. A. Bisillon, former special inspector at the port of Montreal. Whether this gentleman shall be proved to be guilty of various crimes and misdemeanors or whether he shall emerge as one who stood valiantly before the public treasury on the one hand and a host of hungry malcontents on the other, we must not predict, yet it may be remarked without violence to the proprieties that Mr. Bisillon, as he is presented in the testimony of Mr. Sparks, who was endeavoring in the interest of many mercantile firms to prevent smuggling, is an engaging figure.

Mr. Sparks sent a letter to the Prime Minister on May 30 last directing his attention to deposits of \$69,000 made by the former special inspector. Where did Mr. Bisillon get \$69,000? Mr. Sparks is unwilling to accept Mr. Bisillon's explanation that the amount represented in part collections made at the customs house in Farnham, which he was in the habit of depositing to his private account and remitting to Ottawa at his convenience. Mr. Sparks thought such an explanation should have led to the discharge of this public servant, whereas he remained for months after that as chief of the preventive service for the Province of Quebec. In explaining a deposit of \$14,000 placed to his account, according to Mr. Sparks, Mr. Bisillon remarked that he had sold an automobile for \$2,000, and later bought one for \$1,500, and "there," he said, "is a total of \$4,000." "I resold it," the statement continued. "The government put a machine at my disposal—that made \$6,000. For the remainder there is my salary and bank discounts, and I borrowed \$2,000."

Until the committee has heard the whole case it would be highly improper to judge Mr. Bisillon by the opinion, or even by the evidence, of Mr. Sparks. We are bound to assume, in the premises at least, that he came by the money honestly—in spite of the color of the explanations quoted by Mr. Sparks. Once upon a time there was a legislative investigation of police conditions in New York. A very famous police inspector of that day was questioned as to his bank account, which was found to contain some hundreds of thousands of dollars. He was pressed rather savagely by Mr. Charles Evans Hughes, afterwards United States Secretary of State, to tell where he got all the money. He replied that he had invested largely in real estate in Japan, and that the outcome had not been very unfortunate. He retired from the service, and lived in affluence to the end of his days.

This anecdote, of course, is historic rather than pertinent. It has not more to do with the case than the flowers that bloom in the spring.

TO ADVERTISE HALIFAX.

Will the world's greatest passenger steamer, which is to be built by the White Star Company, make its first voyage to Halifax?

When it was announced a few days ago that the White Star line proposed to have built at Belfast a steamer of far greater size than the Majestic or the Leviathan, a ship exceeding by many thousands of tons any now afloat, the Halifax Chronicle made an offer to pay the steamer company \$10,000 as a bonus for making the maiden voyage of the new giant from a British port to Halifax and return, with mails, passengers and freight, for the purpose of affording an opportunity of demonstrating the superiority of Halifax as the trans-Atlantic terminus, its natural and acquired advantages and its unsurpassed facilities for the quick despatch of the largest ships afloat. The Chronicle submits that if this plan can be brought to fruition it would be a striking demonstration of the value of Halifax as a passenger and mail port, and that in no other way could the port be so favorably and widely advertised. It has noted that the White Star Company, through its local agents and its Canadian manager, has shown a friendly attitude toward Halifax—as it did, in fact, towards Saint John, also—and it submits that if the greatest ship in the world should make this test trip, it would be the biggest advertising Halifax could get as a shipping port, and would be a noteworthy step in building up that city and the Province of Nova Scotia.

Colonel Jones, representing the Halifax agents of the White Star, commends the Chronicle's offer in general terms, but says with respect to the proposed gratuity: "As the ship in question has yet to be built, I suggest that your articles might be directed to the ships of less tonnage on the principle that 'Great oaks from little acorns grow.' Others said that in the be-

terial of a year or two before the ship is launched, the Halifax Board of Trade, the City Council, the province, the Canadian National Railways, and the Federal Government should put forth every effort "to prove beyond doubt that the position of Halifax is pre-eminent on the whole Atlantic seaboard of North America for handling freight, passengers and mails for the whole continent."

The bid for the world's greatest ship makes a strong appeal to the imagination, and, whatever the outcome, it will doubtless stimulate an organized effort in Halifax to secure for that port the additional business which is warranted by the striking character of the harbor and the short voyage it affords to the Old Country.

Many years ago Charles M. Hays said repeatedly that when the new railways had been built through the West and that country had been opened up there would be more import and export traffic than the St. Lawrence ports and those of the Maritime could handle, and he warned all concerned that port equipment must be pushed forward in order to accommodate the greatly enlarged volume of business certain to result.

The trade of this country has increased enormously since he expressed that view, and when the sound principle of all-Canadian transportation is adhered to and the requisite facilities are provided, not only at these ports, but including more storage elevators for grain along the C. N. R. as well as at the terminals, there will be no trouble about traffic.

There is a good deal of practical sense in the suggestion that, while the new Queen of the Seas is under construction concerted effort should be made to bring to Maritime harbors the smaller White Star ships which are going to Portland, although the company would prefer a Maritime port, and other steamers which seek American harbors because the Canadian railways haul Canadian freight there instead of to our own ports.

A proposal to spend \$85,000,000 in the next five years in increasing the naval service has been approved by the naval committee of the House of Representatives at Washington. Construction contemplated includes a thousand new airplanes, and two aircraft carriers, each three times as large as the Shenandoah, which was wrecked some months ago. Talk of spending \$85,000,000 merely to supplement aviation in connection with the cost of posturing disarming, for while all the civilized nations are talking about stopping warlike preparations, they are all engaged in enormous expenditures "for defensive purposes."

Odds and Ends

A Week in Epigram

We exact two eyes for the loss of only one eye, and a whole set of teeth for the loss of only one tooth.—Benito Mussolini.

Take the hard for those of us who take the American tradition of liberty seriously to find America money-bulldozing up this opera-bouffe Napoleon, Mussolini.—Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.

Theatrical managers seem to me to be all quite mad.—G. K. Chesterton.

There is such a thing in life as nobility, and nobility which elevates it will always be the nobility which is finally loved.—William Somerset Maugham.

If the early works of John Donne should be published now as by the Dean of St. Paul's they would command a large and scandalous sale.—D. M. W. R. Inge.

We owe to Sweden dynamite, cordite, and all manner of explosives, Strindberg included.—Chancellor Brown of New York University.

For good and bad good technique, the Soviet Union is ready to pay good dividends.—Leon Trotsky.

It is better to be a good husband, father, brother, son, friend than to be a successful professional machine.—William Lyon Phelps.

I do not know that there will be any British national assets to deal with if Mr. Churchill remains at the Becho-gar for four or five years.—Philip Snowden.

No! I couldn't retire. Just like trying to stop smoking cigarettes.—Thomas A. Edison.

Avoid industrial splendors of the man race is in danger of losing its immortal soul.—John Edgar Hoover.

My experience is that the last thing wanted by those with whom I deal is that I should do them justice.—Lord Justice Darling.

Just Fun

MEN are people who either run away with or run away from women.

PROF: "Why haven't you your lesson?"
Girl: "I could not study—the lights went out."
Prof: "Why didn't you turn them on and send him home?"

PITHY COMMON SENSE

NEVER blow on cold ashes.
If you wish to receive favors, show favors to others.
Enthusiasm is the steam that raises the dough in business.
A misfortune which teaches a man to think becomes a blessing.
It is too bad, but a howling success cannot be achieved by howling.
Don't complain. Every time the sheep bleats it loses a mouthful of grass.

MOST homes are so little used nowadays that they are almost as good as new.

THEIR DOMESTIC STATUS.
Bill for divorce has been filed, but hasn't been granted yet.
She wants the custody of the child, and he has the radio set.

IF IT were not for this modern dancing a lot of our young people would never get any exercise.

MRS. O'GAY—John, with my make-up on I could pass myself off as your daughter.
Mr. O'GAY—Yes, and with it off, my dear, I could pass myself off as your son.

THERE is no man so lonesome as a cross-word widower.

WOMAN is the only fur-bearing animal that continues to be plentiful.

MEN have their biggest rows about business; women have their biggest rows about men.

THERE'S one good thing about rheumatism and triplets; one no longer fears for the worst.

MOTHER: "You were very wrong to disobey me, and I have punished you to impress it on your mind."
Son: "Mamma, aren't you mistaken in regard to the position of my mind?"

"WHO gave you the black eye, Bess?"
"Nobody, gave it to me. I had to fight for it."

SOME people have so much confidence in themselves they will call a dictionary a liar.

EVERY school teacher should carry up of that society which a re-creation mirror.

UNLUCKY

AUNTIE: Now, you must not have any more cakes, Johnny, you've had quite enough.
Johnny: Well, if I'm ill it will be your fault. You've made me stop at the thirteenth, and that's unlucky.

HIS TOUGH LUCK

"I'll never ask another woman to marry as long as I live."
"Refused again."
"No, accepted."

Once a chapsy young lady named Frances.
On wearing short skirts took some chances.
And it's known for a fact
That some men grew humped-backed.
In taking such long downward glances.

BEING CAREFUL

MAN in barber chair: "Be careful not to cut my hair too short, people will take me for my wife."

ANOTHER FISH STORY

STEVENSON (describing a catch): The trout was so long—I tell you I never saw such a fish.
Hall: No, I don't suppose you ever did.

Who's Who

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

RAMON FRANCO.

FELLOW countrymen are hailing Ramon Franco, Spanish dictator, as the "Columbus of the Air." He and his comrades are the first to span the Spanish main, linking Madrid with South America.

Unlike Columbus, he had no difficulty in persuading the government to allow him to make the trip to South America. Through came to Huelva to see Franco take off in the "Zeppelin Ultra" and wish him well, and warships were dispatched to give him aid in case of trouble.

On the first leap of the trip the fliers (two Portuguese airmen, Captains S. Sacadura and Comandante, accompanied him) reached the Canary Islands, a distance of 870 miles. Then the jump from the Canary Islands to the Cape Verde group, 1,095 miles distant, was made. Then came the longest flight to Fernando de Noronha, 1,492 miles, and finally the last jump across the water to Pernambuco, Brazil. On his trip across the ocean Franco covered most of the distance unaccompanied, since the Portuguese had to abandon their planes at St. Paul's Rock and proceed to Fernando de Noronha by boat.

This new Spanish hero grew up in the town of Ferrol, where the government maintained large navy yards, but Ramon and his older brother attended military school. The older brother, Colonel Franco, was commander of the Foreign Legion in Morocco, a prominent figure in Spanish military history. When aviation began to develop in France the younger brother went to Morocco as an aviator. He remained there for eight years, only returning for a brief stay two years ago to get married.

He first came into prominence in 1924 when he took part in the French flight from Mendi to the northern coast of Africa to the Canary Islands. Franco was the pilot on this trip over a route which had never been flown before.

In Morocco his companions called him "the Jackal" because of the shaggy coat he wore. Franco was noted for his courage in the air. He would fly over the enemy lines, taking great chances, yet always coming back safe. His associates say he leads a charmed life.

Other aviators have flown across the Atlantic, but Franco is the first to traverse the southern route.

Uncle Sam, Daredevil!



From the Baltimore Sun.

Poems That Live

EPICLOGUE

At the midnight in the silence of the sleep-time,
When you set your fancies free,
Will they pass to where—by death, fools think, imprisoned—
Low lies who once so loved you, whom you loved so,
—Pity me?

Oh, to love, he so loved, yet so mistaken,
What had I on earth to do
With the slothful, with the mawkish, the unmanly?
Like the aimless, helpless, hopeless, did I drive,
Being—who?

One who never turned his back but marched breast forward,
Never doubted clouds would break,
Never dreamed that though right were worse, wrong would triumph,
Held that we fell to rise, are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake.

No, at noodny in the bustle of man's work-time,
Greet the unseen with a cheer;
Bid him forward, breast and back as other should be,
"Strive and thrive!" cry "Speed!"—fight on, fare ever,
There as here.
—Robert Browning.

The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

OVER THE RIVER OF FORGETFULNESS.

KNOWING little of life, foolish Man wastes time seeking to solve the mystery of death.

The fear of death is instinctive because so many past generations of men have feared it.

Yet it is as natural to die as to be born, as painful as the other.

Samuel Butler liked to think of death as the dissolving of a partnership, the partners to which survive and go elsewhere.

It is the corruption or breaking up of that society which we have called Ourselves.

"The corporation is at end, both its soul and body cease as a whole, but the immortal constituents do not cease and never will.

The souls of some men transmigrate in great part into their children; the souls of other men migrate into books, pictures, music, or what not; and every one's mind migrates somewhere, whether remembered and admired or the reverse."

The living souls of Shakespeare, Da-

Vinci, Goethe and other great ones appear and speak to us in their works with less alloy than they could ever speak through their children.

IT MAY be said that on death we do not lose life, we only lose individuality; we live henceforth in others.

Death is indeed a salient feature in the history of the individual, but one of which wants exploding as the end of the individual, not less than birth wanting exploding as his beginning.

Dying is only a mode of forgetting, it is written.

We should learn to use death as a good deal lower than according to received notions and hereditary fears.

"He ain't got no more life like it," young Seth answered. "It took him all morning to pick that out."

IT WAS married men's night at the revival meeting.

"Let all your husbands who have troubles on your minds stand up!" shouted the preacher at the height of his inspiration.

Instantly every man in the church arose except one.

"Ah!" exclaimed the preacher, peering out at this lone individual, who occupied a chair near the door. "You are one in a million."

"It ain't that," piped back this one helplessly as the rest of the congregation gazed suspiciously at him: "I can't get up—I'm paralyzed!"

A Pimply Face Is Unsightly

Miss C. C. M. Smart, South Battleford, Sask., writes:—"A while ago I was troubled with facial blemishes, especially pimples, and was really ashamed to go out with such a bad looking face."

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Twenty Years Ago Today

From Times' Files.

THE automobiles in use in the province numbered 14, according to a report received in the city.

THE reports of the winter port business so far in the season of 1905-06 showed an increase over the previous part season of \$3,500,000.

THE Knights of Pythias celebrated their 42nd anniversary in their hall on Germain street. A very enjoyable program was presented.

JOHN E. WILSON was named as a possible candidate for the 1906 civic elections.

Timely Views On World Topics

A GREAT hall is to be built by the Brewers' Company at Dame Alice Owen's School at Irlington. An ancient story lies behind this latest development of the foundation whose fortunes have risen from practically nothing to over \$80,000 a year, solely through the growth of London.

In the days when Irlington was all fields and a popular playing centre for the well-to-do of old London, Dame Alice went for a walk.

She was passing near some archers when she saw a "shot at a venture," and started to mark the great mercy shown by the Almighty in this astonishing deliverance from violent death.

Some years afterwards, when she was the wife of a judge, Dame Alice bought "land from the Welsh Harp to the Turk's Head" at Irlington, and bequeathed the fields to the Brewers' Company to support a school for thirty boys.

This was 300 years ago. Irlington was then a secluded village, Clerkenwell a pleasant London suburb, and the whole of North London a rural paradise.

The original sum realized was a mere pittance, but as centuries passed and London spread outwards, the land at Irlington grew in value until today income is well over \$50,000 annually.

The school itself gradually increased in size until there was accommodation for 300 boys and the same number of girls. Today it is noted as one which gives a fine education to middle-class children.

When the new hall is completed it will probably bear on its walls two arrows. These are the three arrows which were fixed on the front of the original school to commemorate the incident which led to its foundation. The third arrow unfortunately lost in 1840 when the old buildings were demolished.

The surviving arrows are now to be found on the walls of one of the classrooms.

MOST everything is better by being used except friends and credit.

Watch the man with a sledge; doesn't his every motion make a man who has piles fairly wince? Yet laborers often get piles. They get relief just as quick—through Pyramid.

No man need lose a day because of piles, not even if they are the obstinate protruding kind; or the painful bleeding kind; or the school-days is allowed to them all. Relief is instant. And how pleasant means of ending this embarrassing affliction! Used in a moment—in perfect privacy—and your druggist will tell you where.

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Watch your little ones. See that they increase steadily in weight—that they are not affected by severe weather—that they are free of coughs and colds. If you are not satisfied with the health of any of the children, you can place complete confidence in Father John's Medicine to correct the trouble.

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58 King Street

Taken At His Word. Here's the latest political story buzzing around the senate corridors in Washington:

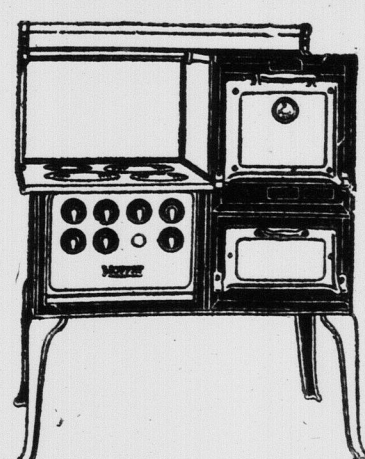
A certain senator up for re-election in November was recently being hard pressed by a leading opponent within his party ranks. The opponent thought it would be good political strategy to write an open letter to one of the party leaders asking his opinion about whether he (the leading opponent) should run. He of course expected the prompt reply that he should run and with that gun he would open his campaign.

Friends of the senator holding office, however, thought of a way to muzzle his guns. They openly misinterpreted the opponent's public letter as an indication that he would not run and got several hundred people to send him telegrams and letters congratulating him on withdrawing from the race.

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