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INFANT MORTALITY.

During the year 1920 the number of children in the city of Montreal who died before they had attained the age of one year was 4,072, a percentage of 192.2 per thousand.

The number of deaths under one year for each 1,000 live births in England and Wales in 1891-1900 was 153, and in France in 1891-1900 was 176.

The action which Congress is urged to take is the adoption of the Sheppard-Towner bill before that body, its purpose being to stimulate the states in the public care of maternity and infancy.

Montreal Gazette: "Archbishop McNeil, in unveiling a memorial statue in St. Paul's R. C. church, Toronto, claimed that in connection with the war it had the largest number of enlistments of any church in the city."

The cotton strike in England has been settled on the employers' terms. If the miners would now go back to work, the industrial situation would at once improve.

Knowledge of the efforts now being made throughout Canada to improve conditions for prospective mothers and for infant life. There is no reason why the infant mortality rate in Montreal should be 192.2 when it is 48.4 in New York city.

The ramored revolt in the Unionist party against Premier Lloyd George has not materialized. If he were overthrown who is there that could ride the present storm in the United Kingdom?

It would not be unwise in this pleasant summer weather to consider the possibilities for work and wages and the possible need of measures to provide both in the coming winter.

There are more than 111,000 Japanese in the United States, and the rate of growth in numbers in ten years surpasses that of any other race.

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GET EVERYTHING GOING.

The Toronto Star offers a suggestion that is worthy of attention in every city. It says: "There are too many people out of work in this city at present, too many people looking for work and unable to find it."

The national committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce, which seeks to co-operate with the public schools, says in a recent report: "Superintendents of schools and chambers of commerce throughout the country need to bring to the attention of the public the needs of the schools and to help them to understand that money spent on education is in fact an investment in the economic and social well-being of our country."

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Modern Portia of the North

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INTERNATIONAL HYMN.

(Sung at the American University, Washington, June 8th, 1921, when President Harding delivered the commencement address):

Two empires by the sea Two nations great and free. One anthem raise, One tongue, one faith, we claim, One God, whose glorious name We love and praise.

What deeds our fathers wrought, What battles we have fought, Let fame record, Now, unselfish passion cease, Great costs and islands cease, Nor hate nor pride's caprice Unhate the sword.

Though deep the sea and wide 'Tis not the realm and realm, it binds Strands strait to strand, So be the gulf between, Great costs and islands cease, With words of peace serene And friendship spanned.

Now may our God above Guard the dear lands we love, Both east and west, Let love more fervent glow As mutual ages go, And strength yet stronger grow, Blessing and blest, GEORGE HUNTINGTON.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Cost of Covering. Mr. Hardfax—Do you ladies save much by skipping the goods in your evening clothes? Mrs. Lowcut—Not much. Rice powder's awfully expensive.

Not a Fighter. Bergdoll is said to be real angry at the United States, but from what we know of that bird it isn't likely he'll get mad enough to fight.

Classic Observations. "Some of the greatest works of literature and philosophy lie buried in obscurity." "Don't I know it?" agreed Senator Sorghum. "Look at any of last year's party platforms."—Washington Star.

Doing Their Best. "Couldn't you find any eggs, dear?" a woman asked her little niece who was visiting her on her farm. "No, auntie," said the child, "the hens were scratching all around as hard as they could, but they hadn't found a single egg."—Boston Transcript.

Why Subscribers Hate That Wild Look. Operator—That line is busy. Subscriber—What line is busy? Operator—What line are you calling?

Business Associates. "Who's the man you were just talking to?" asked Tony, the bootblack. "Aw, him and me's worked together for years," answered Mickey, the newsboy. "He's the editor of one of me papers."

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Out in Edmonton, Alberta, a city of 60,000 souls that nestle on the banks of the bewitching Saskatchewan, there is a modern Portia who sits in judgment over sinners of a province larger than France and England and several smaller countries combined.

Like the great Klutchnan of Indian folk lore, she watches the scales of justice quiver, sag and then steady, as the sordid stories of life, intermingling paths, tragedy and blasted hopes are poured forth.

"Janey Canuck," she is endearingly called by all Canada, for she is the idol of the land. In her place are represented the philosophy, courage, initiative and general independence of the Canadian woman. Janey Canuck—Mrs. Emily F. Murphy, author and writer—works as magistrate of the woman's police court for the province of Alberta, and judge of the juvenile court in the city of Edmonton.

It was sixteen years ago that Janey Canuck, who was born in Conestoga, Ontario, went into western Canada and took up the cause of women. It was twelve years later that her almost uncanon knowledge of people and her judicious turn of mind were recognized and led to her appointment to the juvenile court in Edmonton and subsequently to the magistracy for the entire province.

She will tell you that goodness is a by-product of efficiency. She has learned from studying that army of unfortunates who have stood before her with bowed heads that the fallen girl usually is the lazy, ignorant lass who has not been taught to use her hands. She will let you know that one of the greatest accomplishments of western Canadian women is the teaching of citizenship. It is making better boys and girls; it is making for higher standards of morality.

"Child, I am going to give you a fresh start. And you're going to make good"—how many times Janey Canuck has said this! How many times Magistrate Murphy has adjourned court to become plain Janey Canuck, and to give motherly advice! The court itself is shielded from the public, and names are seldom published.

But when Janey Canuck wants to strike at the very bottom of a case, court is adjourned, the child (the law defines a child as a boy or girl under 18) is seated beside her, and Janey Canuck says: "I want to be the friend of every woman and every child in Canada. I want to be your friend; I intend to help you, not punish you. I am going to make you think good thoughts and live a good life. And right now I want the truth."

"This is Janey Canuck. But Magistrate Murphy, when dealing with a professional law violator, man or woman, is an entirely different person. She can be as cold and hard and resolute as a New York police judge. Her freedom of opinion, her disdain of pretensions and insincerities, and her deep understanding, coupled with an Irish wit, qualify her to meet all situations. And wit is an important factor. "A sense of humor to act as a kind of shock absorber is one of the most necessary adjuncts of the woman judge," says Magistrate Murphy.

Old-fashioned as a kind of blank census paper, waiting to be filled in with marriages, births and other domestic affairs. "Talk to a woman about a man whose exploits are filling the world, and she will ask you only two questions—is he married, and has he any children?" "The soul of the moral courts should be protection, not punishment."

Besides her multitude of legal duties, Janey Canuck finds time for riding, horse-back playing golf and curling, and taking a leading part in many women's organizations. She is president of the Federation of Canadian Women's Institutes, which is rapidly advancing all phases of the woman movement. Women's institutes, substantial buildings for study and recreation, are scattered through the provinces.

Western Canada has not stopped with Janey Canuck; it has appointed other juvenile court judges, including Mrs. R. Jamieson and Mrs. Fred Langford of Calgary, has sent Mrs. Louise Crumming, McKinney and Miss Roberta McAdams to the provincial legislature, and has honored Mrs. W. J. Gale of Calgary by electing her to the city council.

CHINA'S CHRISTIAN PRESIDENT. Sun Yat Sen, said to be the ablest statesman in China, is back in power. He was inaugurated as president of the republic amid scenes of great enthusiasm at Canton.

China, the oldest, or if the claims of Japan are conceded, the second oldest monarchy in the world, first became a republic on February 12, 1912, and Sun Yat Sen was its first president, though he was very quickly forced to retire in favor of Yuan-Shi-Kai. In 1920 his arrest was ordered on the allegation that he was concerned in the setting up of a military government at Canton, but he eluded his pursuers, and has now perhaps succeeded in creating a revision of his fate, which may mean great things for the future of China.

Of many men of action it can often be said that their most conspicuously brilliant qualities are unfortunately marred by defects which seriously operate against a successful career. This is not true of Sun Yat Sen. In the case of the great Chinese leader, whose life-work is being unfolded before the eyes of an astonished world, it is a remarkable fact that the conditions of his campaign were solidly laid upon four cornerstones—unselfishness, patriotism, courage, capacity.

Sun Yat Sen is said to be no idle dreamer of visions; no adventurer seeking, under the cloak of philanthropy, to float schemes for his personal profit and aggrandizement; nor are his plans for the regeneration of the Chinese nation the idle vapors of a disappointed politician. He is, in truth, a sincere and humble-minded Christian, who translates into action the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount.

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A heavy electrical storm swept down the St. John river yesterday morning, but before hitting Fredericton it split and spread in other directions. Last evening from the outlying districts about the city there were evidences of a heavy thunder storm in the distance, although it didn't touch St. John. One building between Fredericton and Woodstock was struck by lightning and destroyed.

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