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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15.

THE LABOR FAMINE.

The cry for labor comes from all parts of the continent. It is literally true that the harvest is great but the laborers few. The labor famine extends to the wheat lands, the orchards, the fisheries, the lumber camps, the railways, the mines and even the factories, if we are to judge by the circular recently issued by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. In Ontario many farmers are desperately in need of help, and cannot be expected to view with complacency the exodus of thousands of able-bodied young men from this Province to the western wheat fields. A farmer's wife or daughter—all honor to her!—seated on a reaping machine is a frequent spectacle from a car window in this neighborhood. In the west the problem is said to be more acute, in spite of the influx of harvesters from the east. The railroads there are competing with the farmers for labor. Sir William Van Horne says the situation is so critical that the only relief will be the importation of Asiatics. Unless this is done, he said, Canadian railway extension must be abandoned, and a serious setback given Canadian development and prosperity.

The crisis extends to the Pacific coast, and to every productive industry there. Canners say that if there had been a heavy run of fish one-half the cans would have remained unfilled for want of men. They are grumbling at the $500 head tax on Chinese immigrants, which is virtually prohibitory, and they say that it has given a labor monoply to the few Chinese in the province, who are saucy, independent and lazy. They exact an advance of $60 per man before doing a stroke of work, and will do nothing that is not specified in their contracts. The canners contend that they cannot get white labor at a price which would leave them any profit in their business. Fruitgrowers in some sections must let their fruit rot because they cannot handle it. Girls cannot be got for domestic service, and the Chinese servants fix their own price.

In the United States the same scarcity of unskilled labor everywhere prevails. The Pacific coast states require 40,000 men to gather the field and fruit crops. The rebuilding of San Francisco has created another large demand for labor, skilled and unskilled, and wages are soaring. A peculiar situation has arisen, also, in the Isthmus of Panama. The United States Government, in face of the protests of the American Federation of Labor, has resolved to permit the importation of Chinese laborers under contract to work on the canal. The Government is doing what the laws of the United States will not allow an American citizen to do on the smallest scale. It is being done, too, at a time when the British Government is gradually abolishing a similar system of coolie labor in South Africa which has been denounced as semi-slavery.

The British Columbia papers report an influx of Hindoo laborers, who have mostly found employment in the sawmills. The Vancouver World says they are strong, active and intelligent. The Grand Trunk Pacific is not allowed to employ aliens in construction work, but the East Indians are British subjects and may come in freely. The proposal to remove the Chinese head tax, even temporarily, would be strongly opposed by the labor organizations, and it is doubtful whether the Federal Government would sanction it. The country will probably pay for its attitude toward Oriental labor by a slower development, but a large admixture of the yellow races is a heavy price for greater material progress.

A HAPPY OMEN.

Despite Kipling's superheated verse, and Balfour's hysterics, and the caterwauling of newspapers in this country which know no more about South Africa than the man in the moon, but echo English Tory sentiments for the same reason that a valet imitates his master, the new constitution for the Transvaal has been accepted calmly by the English-speaking element of the Transvaal. The governor of the colony, the Earl of Selborne, a Unionist, and a son-in-law of the late Marquis of Salisbury, has given his approval, and will do his share in making the measure workable. The Boers, also appear to be fairly satisfied with the arrangement. The spirit shown by all parties in South Africa promises well for the success of the experiment.

The cabled version of Mr. Churchill's address, explaining the new constitution, gave a very imperfect idea of it. Contrary to the impression conveyed by the cable dispatches, the elective chamber is to come into existence at once, not five years hence. There will be a second chamber during the first parliamentary term, but this is only a provisional arrangement. Its members will be nominated by the crown, and it will be a counterpoise to the popular chamber during the early, formative, and perhaps critical, stage of the working of the new system. At the end of the term the second chamber will permanently disappear. The popular assembly will consist of 69 members, and the seats will be so distributed that it will be in the power of the British to secure a majority in the first election. This is regarded as a fair arrangement, because there are more British voters than Boer voters in the colony. Mr. Churchill, however, expressed the hope that the new assembly would not be divided upon racial lines, but that the Government would be a coalition one, with some moderate leader acceptable to all parties. Responsible government will not for the present be granted to the Orange River Colony, but there will be no unnecessary delay.

It is an immense advantage that all parties are in the mood to give the Transvaal constitution a fair trial. It is also an agreeable surprise, for the people of Great Britain had been warned that a grant of self-government at this juncture would be the signal for an explosion of race passion. It is earnestly to be hoped the British and Boers will join harmoniously in the great work of reconstruction, which has been intrusted to them by generosity of the Imperial authorities.

Demonstrations of the unemployed are taking place at Cape Town. Why not run a harvesters' excursion to Canada from the Cape?

According to the cable dispatches the destiny of nations hangs on today's meeting between King Edward and the Kaiser. The Kaiser may have illusions of that sort, but Uncle Edward has no such bee in his bonnet.

One of the Toronto World's daily recreations is nominating a new leader of the Liberal party in Ontario. Its latest choice is Rev. D. C. Hassack. But Mr. Hossack's only connection with the Liberal party was his habit of chasing it for jobs.

Mr. Goldwin Smith celebrated his 83rd birthday at Toronto this week, and congratulations were poured upon him from all parts of the English-speaking world. He is a great thinker; he says what he thinks; and he says it better than anyone else.

John Oliver Hobbes (Mrs. Craigie), was one of the numerous colony of anglicized American writers and artists. She was amazingly clever in a finical way. Her novels appeal to a limited, though cultured, constituency. They are brilliant in style, but somewhat thin in substance, and lack the elemental and universal touch which characterizes the great masters. But as literature they are infinitely above most of the modern fiction.

PRIDE.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]

"They say Bronston is threatened with nervous prostration as a result of being held up the other night."

"Why, I didn't know that the thugs had injured him."

"They didn't; but every newspaper in town mentioned the fact that the robbers got only 30 cents."

WHERE WOMEN FAIL.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]

A Kansas lady insists that woman can never hope to be man's equal until she is able to open a telegram as calmly as she is able to open a can of corn. Why not give her a chance? Let her have equality as soon as she is able to open a telegram as calmly as a man opens a can of corn.

WOULD SHE?

[San Francisco Bulletin.]

The average woman would rather have her husband pat her cheek than give her a thousand dollars.

WHY THE DEVIL LAUGHS.

[New York Herald.]

How the devil must laugh this morning!

Here is a great people, proud of its wealth, its humanitarianism, its organized, charities and its 150,000 peachers—barring those on vacation—who are at this moment holding forth on the Golden Rule "or words to that effect," while that unfortunate young Syrian leper on this Sunday morning is left upon a desolate West Virginian mountainside, rejected and shunned by all his kind. State officials, courts, health boards, populace, federal government, all panic stricken, helpless, antagonistic—a mere chuckle could not express the feelings of his satanic majesty; it must be uproarious, shrieking laughter.

A SUBSTANTIAL LOSS.

[Rochester Herald.]

An excited individual ran up to a porter at a railway station and asked "Have you seen a parcel I left on this seat?" The porter replied that he had not. "Oh, what shall I do?" exclaimed the excited passenger, "it contains three poems I have written." "Can't you write them again?" asked the porter. "Yes, I can do that, but," hesitatingly, "there were two sandwiches in the parcel as well."

GOLDEN AGE EVER DISTANT.

[Charleston News.]

Every country fixes upon some period of its past history which it delights to call its "Golden Age," but it is always some time so remote that nothing is known of it with certainty and around it myths and legends accumulate until all its events are seen through the glorifying mists of poetry and romance. No one has ever the courage to say "we try," however much he may realize the fact that it is far better than any period which has gone before it. With the good he sees intermingled so much evil, which he fancies to be incompatible with the highest prosperity, that he hesitates to speak of it with much enthusiasm. Did he but know it in the Golden Age so much lauded by the poet and romancer, evil was far more rampant than it is today and there was far less of what is admirable to counterbalance it.

REQUIRES SMARTNESS.

[Pittsburg Post.]

"Jinks is a smart fellow."

"Smart nothing. He just married a millionaire's daughter, that's all."

"That's all? Did you ever try to marry a millionaire's daughter?"

CRUEL GIRL.

[Philadelphia Press.]

Miss Mugley—I'm thinking seriously of taking up the auto fad.

Miss Knox—Clever idea! It certainly would be becoming to you.

Miss Mugsley—Becoming?

Miss Knox—Yes; you know, you can wear a mask in an auto.

LIVE WITHIN YOUR MEANS.

[New Bedford Standard.]

The quiet, honest citizen who lives well within his income, having what he needs in the way of comfortable living, adequate feeding, tasteful dressing, with some relaxations and pleasures, all in such proportion as his means justify, stands agape at his neighbor who earns no more, but who makes a deal of show with what he has and what he does and doubts his own ability to manage. But the difference is not so much apparently in ability to make a given sum of money go its fullest length as of willingness to incur debt and forget it.

POST-PRANDIAL.

[Denver Republican.]

Swiss hotelkeepers have established a rate of ten per cent tips. But what else could be expected of a nation that invented a cheese that is ten per cent holes?

FACE.

[Puck.]

She started, recoiled, and then bent anxiously nearer her mirror.

"A wrinkle, as I'm alive!" she exclaimed.

She was of a buoyant temper, however.

"I suppose I'll have to put a good face on it!" she said, reaching forthwith for the necessary materials.

THE SOLUTION.

[Toronto Telegram.]

Manitoba is shy many thousands of harvest hands, but it need not be if the Winnipeg politicians and real estate agents would only stop talking and go to W-O-R-K.

COMPETITION USELESS.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]

The manager of the "East Lynne" Company threw up his hands in despair.

"What's the matter?" asked the leading man.

"There's no use of our expecting to draw a crowd here tonight. I've just learned that the rival house is to have a show with a chorus composed entirely of girls who have been mixed up in murder cases."

SAGE AND HIS MAXIMS.

[Chicago News.]

Russell Sage bequeathed the public nothing but a bunch of maxims that nobody could follow but himself.

JOHN MORLEY AND HENRY DRUMMOND.

[Westminster Gazette.]

The Rev. E. B. H. Macpherson tells that he was some years ago a guest with Mr. Morley in a house in Scotland. The conversation turned on Henry Drummond. "How was it," asked Mr. Morley, "that your church tolerated Drummond? His views of things were surely not the views that are held by the Free Church?" "No," was the answer; "but we never took him seriously as a thinker. No one ever believed that he would seriously influence the theological opinion of the church. We regarded him rather as a religious influence." "Ah, yes," Mr. Morley replied, "you are quite right; he wasn't a thinker." For a quarter of an hour or so the talk was of other matters. Then Mr. Morley returned to Drummond. "You said a little while ago that Drummond was a religious influence. How did he show that?" "For one thing, he cleansed Edinburgh University life for several years." "Ah, did he? That's better than being a thinker."

LOOKING FORWARD.

[New York Sun.]

"She promised to marry him if he would take the pledge."

"Does he drink?"

"No; but she feels sure he will after the ceremony."

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

[London Chronicle.]

The poverty of the English language is exemplified by a circular which is making the round of a suburb and inviting subscriptions to a testimonial to the stationmaster. It comes from one who styles himself "the longest resident," the said physical fact being that he is probably the shortest, although in bulk and rotundity he makes up for the inches he lacks in height. Here is a case in which the very clumsiness of the German language would be an inestimable help, for them this gentleman could quite correctly describe himself "for the longest time herein residing," or even, perhaps, "the for the longest time herein residingest" individual. Those compound adjectives of the Teutons may be awkward, but they express what the user means and insure accuracy.

A COUPLE OF IRISH BULLS.

[New York Press.]

They were looking over beautiful Woodlawn Cemetery, O'Comiskey, filled with admiration, said to his friend and guide: "This is the spot, the very identical spot, where I intend being laid, if I am spared."

Of, course, it was an Irishman who said to his physician: "Doctor, yer stuff me so much wid drugs Ol'm sick a long toime afther Ol git well."

WOMEN SWIM SEINE AT PARIS

Thousands Line River's Banks to View the Exciting Contest.

Paris, Aug. 15.—Thousands of people lined the banks of the Seine to see the great seven-mile swimming race in which the little English art sturent, Miss Herxheimer; the Australian, Miss Kellerman, and the Austrian, Miss Frauendorfer, were competitors. Thirteen men also took part, but they were mere incidentals in the eyes of the spectators.

The immense crowd cheered itself hoarse as the three ladies lined up on the pontoon at Brecy and threw off their white robes. Miss Kellerman was in black, her long hair streaming loose over her shoulders. She was eating the wing of a chicken. She ate three birds, by the way, during the course of the swim.

Miss Frauendorfer who was in black also, had hidden her fair hair under a red rubber cap.

Little Miss Herzheimer's plump pink face beamed at the crowd over a costume of dark blue. She is only18, and she looked a mere child beside the other two magnificently proportioned women.

Her curly black hair was tied up with a ribbon, but that disappeared with the first dive, and was carried off as a trophy by an enthusiast.

The three took the plunge together, and after Miss Kellerman had received another piece of chicken from her father, who rowed in a boat alongside, she took the lead. She and Miss Frauendorfer soon left Miss Herxheimer far behind. Indeed, it was apparent from the start that the child had no chance against the two expert women. But she pluckily swam the seven miles, and received a great ovation when she finished at Auteuil.

Miss Kellerman and Miss Frauendorfer swam neck and neck all the way, Miss Kellerman finally beating her rival by six inches. They did the seven miles in a minute under the four hours, and were cheered to the echo when they came out of the water. Miss Kellerman got an extra round of applause for insisting on removing Miss Frauendorfer's red cap, arranging her hair and kissing her before they climbed out of the water.

Five of the men did not complete the distance, which Bougoin (winner) covered in 3 hours 6 minutes 2 seconds. He is a boy of 18, who only learned to swim three years ago. Billington, the Englishman, was a second after, and Greasley third, his time being 3 hours 12 minutes.

EVER VISIT MARS? THIS MAN DID

Psychical Research President, Going 282,000,000 Miles in 40 Minutes, Saw Sights.

Syracuse, N. Y., Aug. 15.—Sackville G. Leyson, of this city, president of the Society for Psychical Research, says he recently paid a visit to Mars, and although the distance is 141,000,000 miles, his spirit went there and back in forty minutes, while his body was in his residence, No. 131 South avenue. In describing his visit he said:

"When I approached Mars it looked like a big globe of fire and it seemed as if I was about to plunge into a molten mass. It was surrounded with blood-red clouds, mixed with others of a greenish hue.

"There are two tribes of people on Mars, one so large that I only came up to their knees, and the other so small that they only came up to my knees. None wore clothing and all were covered with hair.

"The larger species had huge ears, a nose like a lion, and only one eye in the middle of the forehead. Their lungs did not move up and down in breathing, but the expansion was crosswise. The little men lived in holes in the ground or in rocks and the larger ones had houses made of rocks. The little ones had web feet and slipped over a mosslike substance as though skating. They could walk up perpendicular walls like flies. The small ones have two eyes, one in each temple. They had no nose, but there was a hole in each cheek.

"The trees looked as if made of rubber and I saw none decayed. There was a substance which looked like snow, but which was not cold, and easy and soft to walk upon. Down in a deep chasm I saw men working with some sort of machines which were guiding lights across transparent rocks and the rays seemed to be reflected clear to the atmosphere of the earth."

OWEN SOUND OUTRAGE

Authorities Arrest a Tramp in Connection With the Case.

Owen Sound, Aug. 15.—A tramp giving his name as Patterson and age as 53 years, was arrested under suspicion of being the man who assaulted Miss Louisa Jones, of this place, on Saturday night. Patterson, however, gives a pretty straight story of his whereabouts, and does not appear to be the man. He is of the "harmless" variety. The police are now seeking another vagrant, who may have been the attacker. The victim has not yet regained full consciousness.

Isn't it queer that the things people want to know most are usually none of their business?

PILES Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain and guaranteed cure for each and every form of itching, bleeding and protruding piles. See testimonials in the press and ask your neighbors about it. You can use it and get your money back if not satisfied. 60c, at all dealers or EDMANSON, BATES & CO., Toronto.

DR. CHASE'S OINTMENT.

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO

Thursday's Budget of Values.

AUGUST SALE---THURSDAY'S BUDGET OF VALUES

Men's Cottonade Pants

The kind wanted by those going to the western harvest fields—extra quality cottonade pants, in complete range of sizes, always our dollar quality. Reduced for this week especially for these west excursions, at **79c**

Black Sateen Shirts

Super qualities in Men's Black Sateen Shirts, well made and finished garments. All sizes, 50c, 75c and **$1.00**

Black Hide Working Shirts, all sizes. Special **75c**

Elbow Length Silk Gloves

The gloves you want are here.

Elbow Length Silk Gloves, black, white, cream and pastel shades. Buttoned at only **$1.50**

Elbow Length Silk Gloves, black and castor, buttoned, at only **$1.25**

Elbow Length Silk Gloves, white, cream and black, at only **$1.00**

2-Button Short Lisle Gloves, black, white, brown, tan, gray, beaver; also black and castor silk gloves with double tipped fingers, at only **50c**

Skirts Made To Measure, $1.00

Go to our Dress Goods Counter and choose the materials you want from our handsome new Fall Dress Goods—less than you can buy them elsewhere. Pick out your trimmings and findings at lower prices than they can be bought for,

And for $1.00 - - - - - - - - - - Yes!

One Dollar and we will make you a satisfactory Skirt to your order in our Special Ordered Department. A word of warning—fit is guaranteed.

Thursday Carpet Sale

A hustling among the remnants this week—lengths measure 3 to 38 yards. All-Wool Tapestry Carpet in light and dark colorings, suitable for almost any room. Were 65c and 75c, August sale price **43c**

Hemp Squares, Down

Down in price for Thursday's selling—the August sale price is responsible for this price cutting. Choice of the sizes of hemp squares in nice crumb cloth size.

2x2½ yard squares, were $1.75, for **$1.25**
2½x3 yard squares, were $2.25, for **$1.50**
3x3 yard squares, were $2.75, for **$2.50**

Hot Weather Vests

Infants' Summer Vests, another bunch on sale, at 2 for **5c**

Children's Knit Summer Vests, another supply, at **45c**

Ladies' and Misses' Summer Vests, sleeve and sleeveless, lace trimmed. Thursday at **19c**

Wash Goods---Special

Thursday's specials in wash goods section—good picking for early shoppers.

Washable Mercer Silk in green, pale blue, light navy, pink and brown checks. Nice for ladies' and misses' dresses. Usual 20c yard, Thursday **12½c**

Washable Taffeta in pretty effects for full dresses; colorings are in navy, cadet, green and natural. Usual 25c value, Thursday at **17c**

White Cross Bar Muslins, pretty effects for children's wear. Usual 12½c, 15c and 18c values, Thursday **9½c**

1 piece Black Fancy Muslin, mercerized. Was 25c, Thursday **20c**

New Idea Fashion Pattern for August, everything in the summer wardrobe, at only, each **10c**

LACE CURTAIN SALE IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST FEATURES OF THIS MONTH

Souvenir Post Cards

Assorted views of London, six different colored cards. At Chapman's for only, dozen **10c**

Come to us for your Souvenir Cards.

Parasols--August Sale

Ladies' Fine Black Parasols, full size, gloria covering, steel rods and a variety of pretty handle. Made to sell at $1.00, the August sale lets you have them at **75c**

A Great Shirt Sale

In a few days. 5,000 Men's Print and Zephyr Shirts, worth 75c, $1.00 $1.25 will be sold cheap. WATCH!

J. H. Chapman & Co., 126, 128, 128½ Dundas St.

RESULTS IN DUTTON

Names of Pupils in West Elgin Town Who Passed Exams.

The results of the departmental examinations at the Dutton High School are as follows:

Junior Teachers' Examination — Charles Zoller, Mary Watson, Herman Thibaudeau, Gertie Smith, Vera Silcox, Mary Ross, Kathryn McGuire (honors), Kate McAlpine, Charolette Killens, Effie Graham, Mary E. Dell, Wm. Crehan (honors), Malcolm D. Campbell (honors), Mary S. Campbell, Angus Campbell, Grace Campbell, Clara Louise Campbell (honors).

Junior Matriculation — William Lind Argo, Nina M. Dahl, Everett Walker, Annie McKellar, Edna Graham, Millie Doyle, Reginald Bocking.

Senior Teachers' Examination, Part II. — William Lind, Argo (honors), (including physics), Pearl Baker, Nina M. Dahl, Millie Doyle (including physics), Evelyn Garrett, Edna Graham (including physics), John Graham, Oliver Jewett, Robert Kelso, Effie Kirkpatrick, Nellie Mahon, James A. Murison, Annie McKellar, (including physics), Gladys Peck, Reginald Bocking (honors).

Senior Teachers, Part I. — Archie Stalker, Everett Walker, Reginald Bocking (honors).

The honor matriculation results have not yet been received, but will be announced later.

A married man shouldn't talk in his sleep unless he is sure of what he is going to say.

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EGYPTIAN PERIL

Movement to Wipe Out British Influence Rapidly Spreading.

Cairo, Aug. 14. — The wave of Pan-Islamism which is sweeping over Egypt is a factor in politics which cannot be too seriously interpreted by the Imperial Government.

It was stemmed by the firmness of Great Britain over the Tabah incident, and by the execution of the murderers of Capt. Bull at Denishawi, but only for a time. Even the warning which Sir Edmund Grey, the British foreign minister, uttered in the House of Commons ,that extreme measures may in contingencies be necessary, has lost its effect.

Lord Cromer has warned the Government in the gravest language of the consequences of lack of firmness or the appearance of it. No one knows the true inwardness of the situation better than the British minister, and the impressive tone of his dispatches recommending the increase of the army of occupation was received with delight by European residents.

The natives hold a high opinion of Lord Cromer—the man who has made Egypt what it is—but if his advice be disregarded it will appear in their eyes to be a sign of weakness in the once-dreaded and powerful Great Britain, and a spur to the campaign engineered by Mustapha Kamel Pasha and other preachers of sedition to strike a blow for national independence.

It is firmly established that a certain number of the officers of the Egyptian army are imbued with revolutionary sentiments, and would give expression to them on the first opportunity, and sheikhs continue to preach the expulsion of Christians. In the same degree Pan-Islamism and fanaticism are expanding and bringing nearer a crisis which will, in the words of Sir Edward Grey, compel "extreme measures — unconstitutional measures which Great Britain will be bound to take in an emergency."

THE TORONTO STRIKE.

Toronto, Aug. 15.—It is expected that today there will not be single carpenter at work in the city. Agents appointed by the union visited the various works where non-union men were employed and warned the workers that they must throw up their jobs and join the strikers or take the consequences.

It was reported that the paper hangers were also going out on strike, but up to the present they have taken no decided step.

One employer said that the men had absolutely nothing to complain of, and of they went out it could only be out of sympathy with the carpenters.