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## TROUBLES ON THE WIRE.

The C. P. R. wires to Montreal went out of commission last night and left the night editors of the morning papers in the condition of Mahomet's coffin by cutting off the press service just as it was about to become interesting. The average citizen, who does not suffer from wire trouble, but who has other absorbing troubles of his own, like light money or an irritable feeling in the mornings, ought to get a job as night editor on a bustling morning newspaper and learn that life is worth living.

"Wire trouble" is supposed to have many causes, but all these causes, real or imaginary, come down to this, that one after another of a whole group of wires relapses into a stubborn silence which may last a minute or several hours; and it always happens just at that place in the story where the fuse is about used up and the explosion is due.

"Aurora" is one of the favorite explanations when the wires go out of commission. Nobody knows this lady at all well, but chief operators have a theory that she represents some mysterious sort of electric disturbance which loads the wires with electricity from upper ether. Anyhow, Miss Aurora, reminding one as she does of the rascals down these June mornings, has been responsible for more profanity than the stock market and domestic infidelity combined. Of course there are windstorms, and lightning, and a score of other "explanations" for interrupted transmission, but a favorite newspaper theory is that somewhere up in the Maine woods some lawless shanty man borrows a couple of hundred yards of C. P. R. wire every once in a while, with perhaps a telegraph pole or two in addition, for use in his logging and rafting operations. It's a toss-up between that and the other idea, that some strange and solitary animal, long annoyed by the singing of the wires, climbs a pole and bites off the strands that bring the news from the big world beyond.

Of course there is such a thing as spending money enough on a line to keep it in such excellent condition as to defy ninety-nine out of 100 causes of interruption; but if you ask any well-behaved telegraph company about that they will tell you, with streaming eyes, that last year's expenditure on maintenance and betterments was so prodigious that scarcely one of the stockholders has ordered a new 1914 model six cylinder. Any time the reader misses his full daily allowance of news he should ponder these things, along with faith, hope and charity.

## IT'S WORTH MORE THAN A MILLION.

The suggestion is often made that swimming should be taught in connection with the public schools. Certainly more attention should be given to such matters as training boys to swim, not only for the sake of safety but for the good of their health as well. It would be no hardship for any boy in good health if he were compelled to pass examinations along these lines, just as he is asked to pass other school tests. Of course, any boy not fit physically, need not be forced to try the water.

The Toronto department of health, in a bulletin just published, declares that there ought to be in connection with the public playgrounds, swimming pools for the boys and girls, under the supervision of competent instructors. It is felt that parents who are afraid to let their children take risks in the river or bay would have no fear about the use of these pools, and that it would then be only a short step toward the organization of public school swimming classes.

Vacation schools, it may be added, are very popular in the American cities and there is no good reason why they should not be organized in Canada.

No one should enter a canoe, who cannot swim, for, as the Toronto health bulletin points out, the unskilled man, in case of accident, may cause the death of himself and the swimmer who is with him. The bulletin strongly urges everyone to learn to swim; but at the same time it emphasizes the fact that the swimmer not infrequently meets his death through heart failure, wrongly described as cramp, everyone should have his heart examined at the beginning of each season. Ability to swim well is something to be proud of and it is worth more than all the money in the world.

Prince Edward Island farmers by means of a plebiscite have declared strongly against the admission of the automobile to their province. Perhaps if they would listen to the advice of the farmers of other provinces, particularly those of the West, as to the advantages of the machine they oppose, they would be converted to another and more reasonable attitude.—Montreal Gazette.

No doubt that is how it looks from Montreal, but that is not all of the story. A. P. E. I. farmer values nothing on earth like his right to do as he pleases. After he gets rich out of the black foxes he will want an automobile. In the meantime he remembers too well what happened when a few cars were

used by city folk on the island a few years ago. Some of the horses climbed trees, taking family carriages along with them. As wealth grows the island farmer will send his horses away to the mainland to get accustomed to the automobile. Then he will sell one of his foxes and buy a touring car and a limousine.

They might as well settle the Valley railway route now as next June. Who is profiting by this delay? St. John might to know about it now, not next year. Public money is available to do the work. That means there is no good excuse for not getting on.

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales is nineteen years old today. The heir apparent is a fine-looking young man of admirable character, who is becoming as popular as his late royal grandfather was when he was Prince. The whole Empire will wish the Prince of Wales "many happy returns of the day," and there will be a world of loyalty and good will back of the words.

Section 16 of the Commission Act calls for the open door at all City Hall meetings except those where legal matters are to be discussed. The law means that the taxpayers shall see how the wheels go round. Publicity all the time is one of the essentials of commission success. This thing has been tried out before in St. John. The old school board was compelled to open the door after an indefensible period of meetings in camera. Public business ought to be done in public. Any other plan is reactionary and unsound.

When the Donaldson Homestead case was discussed in Parliament and it was shown that a friend of the government had secured a \$875,000 "homestead" for \$10, Hon. Mr. Oliver tried to get all the documents in the case. He was denied some of the more incriminating. He tried persistently to get them and was as often promised them by Hon. Mr. Rogers. Parliament prorogued without these documents ever being produced.—Quebec Telegraph.

There were many other things about which the government refused to give the country any information, although persistent inquiries were made by the opposition. Such disregard of the people's rights does not appeal to the electors, as Mr. Borden and Mr. Rogers will find when they are forced to bring on an election.

## HOW GOLD IS BEATEN.

Gold beating is one of the oldest trades in Birmingham, Eng. To a large extent this trade has gone to Germany through the competition of cheap labor, but it is asserted that the best gold leaf is still made in England. The work is done entirely by hand, and the customary sign is the picture of a gilded arm bearing a hammer poised for the blow. The leaf is hammered out in small home workshops from 24 carat gold, but is first sent to the rolling mills, whence it is returned in long thin ribbons 1 1/4 inches wide and one-thousandth part of an inch in thickness. Then it is ready for the beater. The ribbon is generally cut off into small 1 1/4-inch squares, weighing about six grains. The thin square is placed in the centre of a vegetable parchment pad, consisting of 100 sheets on top and the same number underneath. This is beaten with a 14-pound hammer, and the gold, when considerably reduced in thickness, is placed between leaves of gold-beaten skin—that is, skin prepared from a thin but tough membrane found in the large intestine of the ox.

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An odd custom is invariably to preserve the leaf for sale purposes in old Bibles and testaments, and enormous quantities of these sacred books are used for this purpose. There are not many goldbeaters left now in Birmingham, but a generation ago there were many factories, the largest of which employed 800 hands.—Chicago News.

In thirty years the area of Manchester has extended from 4000 acres to 20,000 acres. The Corporation employs 20,000 workmen and officials, and pays one and three quarter million pounds in wages.

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## BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

MONDAY, JUNE 23

H. R. H. Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David, Prince of Wales, is nineteen years of age today. He is the eldest son of King George and heir apparent to the throne. He is being prepared for his high position with great care and has been given all sorts of experiences to fit him for sovereignty.

## LIGHTER VEIN

REVERSES

Men were born to command, but some of them married suffragettes.

A RAPID SOUTHERNER

"Col. Julep is the most rapid Southerner I ever saw."

"Yes."

"He even goes so far as to call Montenegro 'Montenigger'."

A COMPROMISE

Gibbs—I often wonder who those fellows are that loaf around watching a new building going up.

Dibbs—Easy! They are men who start out in the morning to look for work and compromise by looking at it.

WHAT THEY GET

Wife (with suffragette leanings)—Until women get the vote, it is impossible for them to get justice in the courts.

Husband—True; they get more mercy than justice—London Opinion.

BUSINESS IS BUSINESS

"It's all in knowing how to sell," explained the manager.

"So?"

"Yes; first you offer 'em this set of Shakespeare at \$100. If they shudder at that, try 'em with this patent corkscrew at 15 cents."

A PROPHECY

A melodrama, "Murdered at Christmastide," was to be given for two nights on a small town. The first night there was a fair audience, but when in Act III, the senior villain said to the junior, "What are we alone?" a voice from the gallery growled:—

"No, Hamlet, not tonight, but you can bet you'll be tomorrow night"—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

AT THE THEATRE—A LULLABY.

Sleep, little foot, beneath my chair; Father will guard thee with loving care. The back of the seat in front of me is closer, much, than it ought to be. My legs are cramped, and I'm rather ill, I dare not move, and I can't sit still; So, sleep, sleep, Sleep, little foot, sleep on!

Sleep, little foot, what'er betide; Mother is close at thy starboard side. By and bye, when they've solved the plot, Mother will rise, but Papa will not. He'll rub and stamp, while the air turns blue; But a trifle like that won't bother you. You'll sleep, sleep, Sleep, little foot, sleep on! —Dennis Taylor, in The Century.

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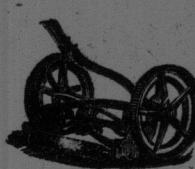
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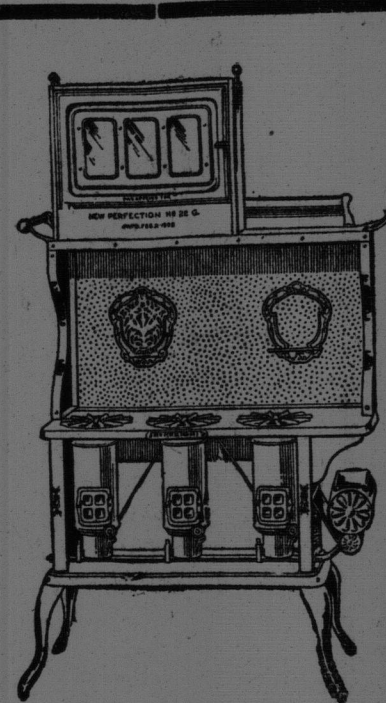


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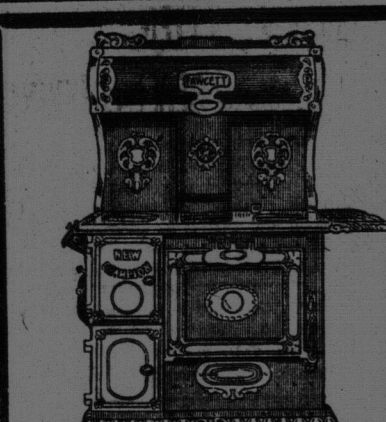
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## FREDERICTON HALF HOLIDAY

Forty-six merchants and business men of Fredericton have agreed to close their places of business at one o'clock on Thursday afternoon during July and

## MR. HAM APPRECIATED.

Montreal Gazette.—The new wing of the C. P. R. hotel at Banff Springs was formally opened the other day with a grand ball given in honor of the visit of the Canadian Women's Press Club, when George H. Ham led the grand march with Mrs. Arthur Murphy, of Edmonton, the latter carrying a sheaf of red roses. During the evening Mr. Ham received a handsome leather suit, beautifully fitted, from the whole of the club. In making the presentation Miss MacMurphy described Mr. Ham as a prince of generosity and entertainers.

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