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THE PACE THAT MAKES NO FRIENDS.

The Detroit News makes the down-fall of ex-Police Commissioner Andrews the occasion for extending the following good advice:—

There is nothing splendid about the isolation in which Frank Andrews finds himself, now that the crash has come and his misfortunes and worse are known to the world. There is something infinitely pathetic in the fact that this man, who has been dealing in hundreds of thousands, should have been obliged to canvass practically the whole list of his business and personal acquaintances in this city to get bail in the sum of \$10,000, and should be finally forced to find his surety in Chicago. It is a sad commentary on his astounding career that, when the dark day came and he needed friends, he should discover that he had made none during his days of sudden and surprising success, and that the only men who even concerned themselves with the task of preventing his imprisonment awaiting trial were those who knew him in the humble days of his residence in Detroit. Homer Warren, to whose office he came fresh from the farm; Robert Murray, who knew him at that time, and John Beaumont, the latter Andrews' attorney, were also his office mates in the old days, before he had entered on his course of desperate money hunting.

It is significant that the men of money who have been his later associates, who have been in large deals with him, who have backed many of his enterprises and profited by some of his lucky deals, had formed no attachment for this self-centred man whose soul was absorbed in the dollar chase. They had used him for the prosecution of enterprises so daringly speculative that they did not wish to impair their reputation for conservatism by being directly connected with them, but they were not there to risk a dollar on his bond or even to have it said that their relations with this man were close enough for them to help him in time of trouble.

These are facts which the young man ambitious for riches may well ponder. They may, well make him pause and inquire: What is success? Will money repay a man for failure to gain the esteem, the confidence and affection of those with whom he is thrown into daily contact? Is that man successful who piles up dollars and forms no warm and lasting friendships? Suppose that Amalgamated had not slumped, that it had risen and that Andrews, instead of failing and becoming a criminal in his efforts to avert the crash, had gone on with his accumulations and had realized his ideal of retiring at the age of 40 with a few million dollars. What, save the sudden joy of possession or the physical comforts which wealth can purchase, would have comforted the years of his retirement? To live in a palace without friends must be a bitter and a barren triumph. Where was the gain to be?

AMERICAN WAYS.

The American newspapers which are berating Great Britain for refusing Holland's offer to act as mediator in South Africa would be better employed in trying to bring their own Government to a sense of the injustice and brutality of its attempt to force itself on the Philippines. Those islands had cast off the rule of Spain before the outbreak of hostilities between that country and the United States, and if the Americans had been true to republican principles they would have recognized them as a free and independent nation,

instead of a Spanish possession, to be seized among the spoils of war. The Americans excuse the course they have taken by declaring that the Philippines are not capable of governing themselves, but no one believes that they took the islands off the hands of the Spaniards at a valuation of many millions of dollars for the sake of the inhabitants, and everyone does believe that they were actuated solely by the expectation that the islands would prove of enormous commercial value to them.

They have been engaged for two years now in the pastime of shooting down these poor people, whose only desire is to be left to themselves, simply because they think that the possession of the islands will increase their trade, and they have done this in the face of their pet rule of political faith, the Monroe doctrine, which should certainly deter them from extending their territory into the Eastern Hemisphere, when it preaches that Eastern nations should be prevented from further occupation in the Western Hemisphere, even at the price of war, if necessary. When the most extravagant Boer claims are allowed, Great Britain's cause in South Africa is far more just than this unprovoked assault of the Americans on a semi-barbarous people, whose country happened to rouse their avarice, and when the press of the United States has done its duty by its own country it will be time enough for it to turn its attention to the faults of other nations.

THE LIBEL LAW.

The Ottawa Citizen, in an excellent article on this subject, says:—

The announcement that there are now eight newspaper men in the local legislature reminds us that it is about time the newspaper representatives in the house did something to amend the libel law to protect the press against the operations of legal harpies. The newspapers ask for no change in the scope of the law. If a Canadian newspaper does a man an injury or injustice it always stands ready to make reparation or take its medicine without squealing. It is very seldom that a wrong is done intentionally—it is usually accidental or, not infrequently the result of over-zealousness for the public interest. But under the present law any person can fire a writ at a newspaper without putting up any guarantee that if the newspaper wins the case its costs will be paid. This state of the law has given rise to two abuses. In nearly every community there are lawyers of no professional status, who seize upon opportunities to work up libel actions on the part of financially irresponsible persons, banking on the fact that as the newspaper company knows it will not be able to recover its law costs when it wins it may be induced to pay what is really blackmail to settle the case, as being cheaper in the end and saving trouble. Most of the leading papers in Canada, however, have, on all occasions, fought these actions to a finish, and rather discouraged the business, though it comes high. Another class of persecution consists in certain interests which a newspaper may be opposing for public reasons backing a "straw man" in a bluff action in order to put the paper to financial loss in defending the suit. Of course the paper wins, but it cannot recover its costs from the "straw man" and is bled for several hundred dollars. This is a class of purely vindictive prostitution of the law.

The newspapers ask that any financially irresponsible person who prosecutes an action for libel should put up a guarantee for at least a portion of the costs, practically as a guarantee of good faith. The answer to any demand that an irresponsible plaintiff shall put up a guarantee for the costs has been that this may prevent a poor man who has actually suffered injury from securing justice. But the poor man seeking redress is quite a different proposition from the tool of the blackmailer or vindictive interests. The newspapers would be quite willing to have the right to demand security for costs made optional with the courts. Nine times out of ten the cause of action is a blackmailing of vindictive suit is so weak that no judge would hesitate to order that the newspapers costs should be guaranteed before it could be proceeded with. If the poor man has a sufficiently strong prima facie case to warrant the judge in refusing to order a guarantee of costs then the newspaper must perforce be content. But the fact of having to meet a motion for the guarantee of costs would prevent newspapers being dragged into court on frivolous causes of action and being heavily mulcted in costs for the privilege of demonstrating that they had never injured the individual.

WHICH IS IT?

Ottawa Journal.
Evidently the principle is becoming established in Canada that the best judge for the Supreme Court or any court is a successful politician getting to be too old or too lazy for politics.

Salt Rheum

It may become chronic.

It may cover the body with large, inflamed, burning, itching, scaling patches and cause intense suffering. It has been known to do so.

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Thoroughly cleanse the system of the humors on which this ailment depends and prevent their return.

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SHOULD SEE HOW IT WORKS.

Toronto Mail and Empire.
Ontario's proposed new law of conciliation should be tried first on Mr. Dryden and Mr. Pettypiece. If it can catch up the trouble between them it may be of some service to the rest of the province.

WILL GET BACK AT HIM SCIENTIFICALLY.

Ottawa Citizen.
The Halifax Herald refers to Christian Science as a "grotesque humbug." The industrious gentleman who runs the Christian Science press bureau in Toronto will now proceed to smother the audacious blue-nose sheet with antiseptic literature.

BACKWARD GOTHAM.

N. Y. Tribune.
The day must come sooner or later in this generation when no streetcars drawn by horses will be seen in any part of this city. Years ago American communities of one-tenth, or even one-twentieth, of the population and wealth of New York abandoned entirely the use of horses on their tramways. How backward Gotham has been in adopting some forms of improvement!

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