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ITALY RETROGRADING.

La Rivista Marittima publishes an article by Signor Crispi in which the ex-Premier urges an increase of the navy. He says the navy has descended from third place, in 1890, until it is now seventh among the naval powers. Sicily, continues the article, cannot be defended without a strong fleet, nor can many Italian colonies be safeguarded against foreigners.

Signor Crispi asserts that the economic future of Italy demands that she search for new fields in the extreme Orient, and he concludes by warmly recommending that the Government provide for the necessities of the situation, "for to relinquish a fleet proportionate to the needs of the country would be to abandon the sole hope of safety to which Italy could trust her fortune in the day of trial."

HOW PUBLIC FUNDS ARE WASTED.

Among the subsidies voted by the Dominion Parliament at its last session was one of \$9,000 to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for a telegraph line between Golden and Windermere, in British Columbia, a distance of ninety miles. A correspondent, writing to the Winnipeg Tribune, states that last year a company was formed in British Columbia to construct a telephone line between these points, and the necessary capital was subscribed. Notice of application for a charter to the Legislature of British Columbia was published and the necessary deposit put up when the announcement of the Dominion subsidy to the C. P. R. was made. The promoters of the proposed company at once dropped their bill, and now, instead of a line built with the money of the promoters, there will be a C. P. R. line built at the public expense. This is simply an insignificant instance of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's idea of public economy.

THE RISKS SWIMMERS TAKE.

Talking about the causes which lead to swimmers drowning, the Toronto Star thinks that in every case medical men should ascertain the real cause of death. The object of this, it says, is that, if possible, it may be learned why so many good swimmers lose their lives in the water.

How is it, for instance, that people when upset in the lake can often cling to boats for hours and seldom, if ever, take cramps, drowning only when exhausted? How is it that in the swimming baths so few take cramps, and how is it that so few take cramps and escape drowning to tell of the experience? It is not reasonable to suppose that cramps should always attack swimmers in deep water, and always when nobody is near enough to offer assistance.

Not long ago an eminent English physician stated it as his opinion that in the great majority of drownings ascribed to cramps, death was really due to the bursting of the ear drum, which causes an instant unconsciousness. He said that if all bathers would put cotton batting in their ears to protect those delicate organs there would be fewer deaths from drowning. Why should medical men be content to view a body recovered from the water and pronounce life extinct? They should enquire farther.

WAR IN THE LIBERAL CAMP.

The Toronto World has some interesting gossip from Montreal which shows what a happy condition the ministerial leaders are in. The World's correspondent says that there can be no doubt that Mr. P. A. Cadieux and the Quebec wing of the French Liberals have declared war against Mr. Tarte. The other day Le Soleil published the rumor that Mr. Tarte was to leave the cabinet and join Mr. Bourassa in the anti-Imperial campaign, and La Patrie said the next day that it was a shame that Mr. P. A. Cadieux should so ill-use the friend and colleague of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Mr. P. A. Cadieux replied by stating that La Patrie has never denied the rumor, and tells Mr. Tarte that if he publishes a denial Le Soleil will reproduce it. It is indeed a happy family.

There is an important story going the rounds here regarding the alleged meeting of the Hon. Messrs. Tarte, Blair, Davies and Fielding on the other side of the ocean. It is said that when they first met, the three Lower Province members made a dead set upon the master of the administration, declaring that either he or they must get out of the cabinet. The rumor has it, however, that Mr. Tarte, by a fine piece of strategy, again made himself cock of the loft. He managed to get Sir Louis Davies and Mr. Blair away from Mr. Fielding, and succeeded in converting those two statesmen over to a coalition against the Finance minister, and that this was the situation when the ministers left England. It is also stated that Hon. Mr. Fielding was so incensed at the conduct of his colleagues that he gave the election secret away to Sir Charles Tupper, and that this was the reason the leader of the opposition left the other

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If M. C. Cowan means business let those public improvements in Essex commence at once. The money has been voted and there is no excuse for delay.

Papets like the Ridgetown Dominion which are continually endeavoring to incite ill will between the county and the city, are doing harm to both. This ever-lasting cry that Chatham is grabbing everything is as false as it is silly.

Why should a gentleman from Pittsburg be jeered at because he claims to have seen a sea serpent in Muskoka?—Toronto Star.

He shouldn't be; it's discourteous. At the same time it would do no harm if the government inspector for adulterated foods would examine the brand of whiskey he drinks.

John D. Rockefeller has an income of \$30,000,000 a year, but is a confirmed dyspeptic and is restricted to a bread and milk diet. We make this explanation in justice to John, because some people might imagine he was simply trying to live within his income.

By offering a bonus and a loan without interest, St. Catharines has induced a Brantford bicycle-making firm to move. The odd thing is that it is necessary to bribe anybody to leave Brantford.—Hamilton Herald.

What! And move to St. Catharines! Ugh! The wonder is where St. Catharines got the money to make the bribe large enough. It's like moving from a hospital into a cemetery.

The attack of the machine in Lisgar upon Mr. Richardson's seat is a very decisive proof of the character of machines and their relation to the public good. Mr. Richardson was elected as a Liberal and a Liberal he has continued to be. It is not even alleged that he has ever swerved from the broad principles of the party. Nor is it alleged that he has been actuated in anything he has done by a spirit of hostility to the Liberal leaders or a desire to displace them from power. He has simply acted as an honest defender of the public interest, in matters entirely outside political principle, against frauds and abuses, such as no political party could attempt to cover without branding itself as corrupt. Will Sir Wilfrid Laurier, as the head of the Liberal party, venture to say that independence on such subjects ought not to be allowed to a representative of the people?

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This county kick about Chatham Liberals getting all the offices ought to be measured by the fact that Chatham Liberals say they put up all the money at election times.

What an innocent lot of people those Leamington folks must be, who went to the lake shore to see the new dock located. That dock is intended to buy their votes. Not a stone of it will be laid before the general election, because to start it would kill the effect. After the election its completion will not be necessary. In the meantime a lot of people will be promised employment on it, and the poor suckers will all bite at the bait. It's an old game that we are sorry to say, both parties have played until it is threadbare, but still M. K. Cowan seems to think it new enough to fool the Leamington electors.

THE NON-VOTER.

Waterbury American.

The man who doesn't vote is an enemy to his neighbor, his country and himself. He is a menace to good government, a friend to corruption, a hindrance to progress. He is either a conceited, supercilious snob, or a sniveling, fault-finding, thick-headed ignoramus—and in either case he's a mighty poor specimen.

THE TEST OF SOBRIETY.

Ottawa Citizen.

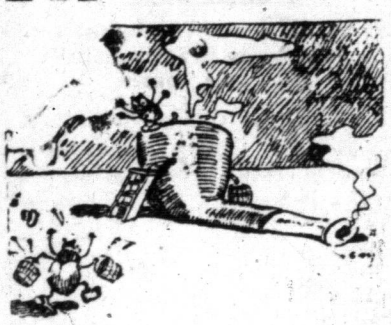
When is a man drunk? This long-debated question is yet far from being settled. The chief justice of New Zealand has recently given a decision affecting this point, which has excited some comment in England. He has held that "a man cannot be regarded, legally or otherwise, as drunk, so long as he can ask for more drink, or pay for what is supplied him."

DIPLOMATS ARE WELL PAID.

Indianapolis News.

All the English diplomats are well paid. Sir E. J. Monson, ambassador at Paris, is the most highly paid of all. He gets \$2,000 a year. After him comes Sir H. Rumbold at Vienna, with \$8,000; Sir F. C. Lascelles at Berlin, with the same yearly sum, and Sir Charles Stewart Scott at St. Petersburg, with \$7,800. Here is a list of some others, giving the place at which they reside and their incomes: Washington, \$8,500; Rome, \$7,000; Turkey, \$8,000; Tokio, \$4,000; Teheran, \$5,000.

To the Rescue.



Mrs. Bug—Oh, Jean, Jean, hurry up with that water! The house is on fire.

Brigade Jack.

"Oh, dear," said Brigade Jack, a fine young cockerel, as he looked through the meshes of the wire fence which inclosed the yard in which his family lived, says an exchange. "Oh, dear; how I wish I could go out and play with those chickens. They are having lots of fun."

"I don't wish you to play with such low-bred fowls," said his mother. "They are just common barnyard chickens."

"But I want to, Ma. See, they run everywhere, while I have to stay in this old yard," said Jack discontentedly.

Just then a rowdy little cockerel came to the fence, flapped his wings defiantly and crowed.

"Cock-a-doodle-doo. Say, who are you?" Jack looked at him scornfully and noticed how coarse and common he was and made up his mind at once that he didn't like his appearance, so he treated him with silent contempt.

"Cutty-quaa; you dassen't leave your ma," said the young rowdy, Jack, slowly lifting his one foot and then the other, gradually approaching the fence, but still he said nothing.

"Cock-a-doodle-doo. Who's afraid of you?" crowed the rowdy. Then he stuck his head through the fence and made a face at Jack. Jack who looked at him with astonishment. In all his life—and Jack was almost six months old he had never seen such impudence, and it made him angry. He drew himself up haughtily, as became a high-bred cockerel, and looked indignantly at the intruder, who still persisted in making faces at him.

Jack's patience was exhausted at last and he gave a quick, vicious peck at the head so temptingly near him.

"Cutty-quaa, I'll tell my ma," cried the little cockerel as he ran away. "There," said Jack's mother. "You see what rude, bad boys they are. I hope you don't want to play with them."

"Don't you see me lick him, Ma? Cock-a-doodle-doo," and Jack strutted about the yard, so proud of his achievement that he forgot to be discontented.

"WHO IS WHO."

The title, "Who is Who" which has been assigned to the musical farce comedy in which Chas. A. Lober, John A. McMahon and a large company appear under the direction of F. W. Shaw, certainly indicates the nature of the vehicle. It is termed a comedy of complications and promises, a merry antidote for the blues. Many of the situations are new and this is considerable of a triumph, now-a-days. While the play partakes of all the elements of legitimate farce, there will be sufficient interpolations of specialty features to entitle it to be classed with the most interesting farce comedy bill extant. This superb organization will open the Grand Opera House next Monday evening.

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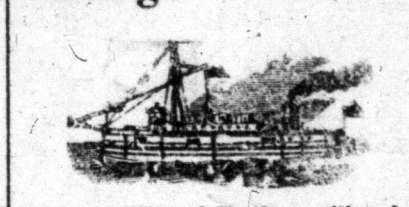
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