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purposes; and methods will have to
be devised by which that work will
be carried on in the most effective
way, the cost being duly apportioned
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PUBLIC PAYS THE PIPER. (Renfrew Mercury.)

WHEAT has gone up in price, and
up in sympathy with it goes the
price of bread, "the staff of life." A
factor contributing to the bull move-
ment is undoubtedly the operations of
one James A. Patten, who with some
associates at Chicago "cornered" a
large amount of the world's visible
supply of wheat, one result of which
was the clearing by them of some
\$4,000,000, the most of it going into
the pockets of Patten, the master
mind, who is now said to be holiday-
ing in the island of Trinidad. With-
in a very brief space this money
came to these men, and while of
course the means employed to win it
were all right in law, they are far
from being right in morals. By skill-
ful manipulation the commercial value
of a commodity is made to soar, and
millions of treasure thereby brought
to the manipulators, while millions of
people, getting no compensating ben-
efits, are obliged to face an increased
cost for one of the necessities of life.

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THESE FIGHTING EDITORS. (Hamilton Times.)

THE editorial dictator of the Tor-
onto Telegram in his desire to
glorify militarism quotes from Low-
ell's Biglow papers:

"Civilisation does go forward,
sometimes on a powder cart."

The wording of this is not exact;
but let that pass. The Telegram
chap declares that it should read,
"Always on a powder cart." That
was not Lowell's idea; it has never
been the idea of any sane, intelligent
man. How Lowell regarded the mat-
ter may be gathered from his own
words:

"Ez fer war, I call it murder—
There you hev it plain an' flat;
I don't want to go no furdur
than my Testymnt fer that;
God has sed so plump an' fairly,
It's ez long ez it is broad,
An' you've got to git up airly
Ef you want to take in God."

Really, there is little to choose be-
tween the public journalist who seeks
to apotheosise militarism and glorify
war as the great civiliser and pro-
moter of Christian fraternity, and
Abdul Hamid and his policy and
methods. But in any event spare the
gentle, peace-loving, Christian-minded
Lowell, who appreciated the war
spirit and properly held it in abhor-
rence.

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ENGLISH CLEAR ENOUGH. (St. John Globe.)

THE dual language question is con-
tinually coming to the front in
Quebec. Transportation companies
and business men are now worried
over a measure proposed in the Que-
bec legislature by Mr. Armand La-
vergne, providing that public utility
contracts, such as railway tickets,
bills of lading, telegraph, and other
such contract forms, shall be printed
in both French and English. The
penalty for non-obedience to this rule
is to be a heavy fine. Although the
Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk and
Canadian Northern railways claim
that such legislation in regard to their
lines is ultra vires of the province,
and that any such regulation should
come under the federal railway act,
and although manufacturers and bus-
iness houses oppose the bill, it has

passed the Legislation Committee.
The question is a very delicate one
in the province of Quebec, but there
is hope that the legislature will reject
the measure.

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TRIO OF TROUBLES. (Victoria Times.)

THREE terrible blows have fallen
upon the musical world. Pad-
erewski is afflicted with muscular
rheumatism in his working parts, the
arms; Caruso is suffering from an
affliction of the throat, and his mus-
ical organs are therefore out of tune;
Tetrazzini has gripe, and her whole
physical organism is out of harmony.
The great artistic trio have gone to
Europe for treatment. It may be
that America will hear some of them
nevermore. New York is said to be
in mourning, refusing to be comforted
even by the thought of the opening
of the baseball season.

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DOMESTICS ARE NEEDED. (Toronto Mail and Empire.)

THOUGH immigration keeps up,
it affords little relief to Canada's
overworked housewives. Among the
newcomers the women are possibly as
numerous as the men, but such of the
former as are not to have the care of
homes of their own seem generally
to have preferences or qualifications
for other than domestic work. Fac-
tories and restaurants and like places
of employment have an increasing
volume of women labour to draw
upon, and even in business offices
vacancies are being competed for to
an increasing extent by young women
and girls from abroad. The thous-
ands of Ontario homes where good
places and liberal wages await women
competent to do housework remain
unfilled. Yet the need for such help
is literally a crying one. Go where
you will in this province, you will
hear the lament that capable domestic
help is not to be had at any price.
This yawning want is one of which
surely there is little knowledge among
British women and girls trained to
serve as cooks, housemaids, and maids
of all work. Of the few we get who
have really been brought up to these
callings the majority come from Brit-
ish cities, and have little fitness for
the domestic duties of an Ontario
farm house. Were the need and op-
portunities here for women who are
prepared to turn their hands to any-
thing in the economy of rural house-
keeping made known in the right
circles of the United Kingdom, many
more of such women than we are
now getting would be induced to try
their fortune in Ontario.

A CLOCK MADE OF BICYCLES.

A CLEVER Frenchman named Al-
phonse Duhamel has constructed
a timepiece twelve feet high, com-
posed entirely of bicycles or their
component parts. The framework
is a huge bicycle wheel, round which
are arranged twelve ordinary sized
wheels, all fitted with pneumatic tires.
A rim within the large wheel bears
the figures for the hours, the figures
themselves being constructed of crank
rods. The hands are made of steel
tubing, which is used for the frame-
work of bicycles. The minute strokes
on the dial are small nickel plated
pieces. The top of the clock is an
arrangement of twelve handlebars.

The clock strikes the hours and
the quarters, bicycle bells, of course,
making the chimes. The pendulum
is made of various parts of a bicycle
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sides being a curiosity, is an excellent
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