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BLOODSHED IN MEXICO.

This is bad news from Mexico. There is fighting in the streets of the capital reminiscent of the Paris barricades. Shot and shell are raining in the heart of the city. The Diaz forces are entrenched mainly in the arsenal, and have also turned the neighboring Y. M. C. A. building, a steel and concrete structure, into a fort, bristling with machine guns which sweep the surrounding streets. The Government forces reply with heavy artillery planted on the thoroughfares.

The great Diaz imposed peace and order on Mexico for 30 years. Under the shelter of his rule, foreign capital and enterprise poured in, and the economic development of the country was almost unexampled. But Diaz was a despot and Mexico a republic only in name. Millions of his countrymen remained desperately poor, almost enslaved to the owners of the soil. Madero appealed to this mass of discontent, which burst into flame two years ago and drove the President from the country. But Madero in office has done little to fulfill his promises in the field. He may have been sincere, but his problem was appalling. Only a small proportion of the people are whites; the others are Indians or mixed bloods, ignorant, downtrodden, and passionate. With this intractable human material, what could he achieve in two years?

Democratization of such a country must be slow and painful at the best. In these conditions, the Madero regime has been one of continuous turmoil. The insurgent leader, General Felix Diaz, a nephew of the former president, represents the tradition of military dictatorship. His success may be necessary to a revival of order and stability for a period, but only for a period. The grievances of the Mexican millions are too genuine to be long repressed. Unless the white aristocracy develops a social conscience and puts itself at the head of a reform movement, the outlook is black under any form of government. Patriotic Mexicans deserve the sympathy of the world.

A QUESTION ANSWERED.

"If local option in liquor licenses falls to meet Liberal approval, wherein is local option in taxation to be commended?"—London Free Press.

"If local option in taxation falls to meet Conservative approval, wherein is local option in liquor licenses to be commended?"—London Advertiser.

We are aware that two questions—our own a jest—do not make an answer, and we propose to supply one, as the Free Press has not followed up the subject.

There is no relation between tax reform and the liquor business; our contemporary drags in a false analogy. Even if the two things were related, the Free Press would fail to score a point. Mr. Rowell is desirous of a general reduction in the taxation of improvements over the whole Province, just as he favors a provincial act to abolish barrooms. Here is an extract from his evidence before the taxation committee:

"In view of these different conditions existing in different parts of the Province, I would suggest that either or both of these bills (Mr. Ellis' and Mr. Rowell's) should be modified so as to provide an amendment to the assessment act which would apply to the whole Province, and which would provide for a lower rate on improvements than on lands. What that rate may be is a matter for discussion. I would not make it less than 25 per cent. It would not have much value unless it amounted to that at least, but it is probably not wise to go too far at first; 25 per cent. or something over that would appeal to most, if made part of a general law applicable to the whole Province.

"Then, under that heading of permitting a lower rate of assessment on improvements, we should include the business and income tax as well. It is quite true that under the law as planned, if we reduce the rate on buildings and do not change the law with regard to business assessments at all, we do to a certain extent reduce the business tax, because the business tax is based on the value of both land and buildings; but in some form or other we should work out a bill which would give a reduction on the business tax corresponding to the reduction on buildings, and we should make a similar provision as to income.

"Then, further, I submit that we should give to all the municipalities of the Province the option of going further. Why should we not give to any municipality of the Province that believes it would be more equitable and fair that the municipality should raise the taxes necessary for municipal purposes by taxing land more largely than improvements—why should we not give such a municipality the power to do so?"

It will be seen that Mr. Rowell's policy on tax reform and his policy on the liquor traffic follow parallel lines, though the questions are not related. He would pass in both cases a general act supplemented by local option provisions to enable any municipality to go further than the general legislation.

We should like to hear from the Free Press again.

WORDS THAT ACCUSE.

Before the House of Commons divides on the naval bill, these words, uttered by Mr. Borden in the same chamber on March 23, 1909, should rise accusingly before him and his followers:

"I am entirely of the opinion, in the first place, that the proper line upon which we should proceed in that regard is the line of having a Canadian naval force of our own. I entirely believe in that. The other experiment has been tried as between Australia and the mother country, and it has not worked satisfactorily in any respect."

And again on Jan. 12, 1910, in the same place:

"But, sir, from a constitutional and political standpoint, I am opposed to it (a policy of contributions) for many reasons. In the first place, I do not believe that it would endure. In the second place it would be a source of friction. It would become a bone of partisan contention. It would be subject of criticism as to the character and the amount of the contribution in both parliaments. It would not be permanent or continuous. It would conduce, if anything could conduce, to severing the present connection between Canada and the Empire."

The cry for closure in this Parliament comes from the obstructionists in the last.

It is said that Sir James Whitney has dropped his anti-treating proposal. If it has not been killed by ridicule already, it would be a dead letter on the statute book.

Captain Scott and two companions could have saved their own lives if they had left behind sick comrades, who would have told no tales. But they were not built that way.

An official return shows 500 dismissals from the civil service in the first three months of the Borden Government. The spoilsmen got a good start, and have kept up the pace ever since.

The only Labor member of the House of Commons moved an amendment calling for the submission of the naval law to the electors. In other words, he asks Mr. Borden to keep his own promise.

Mr. Fielding is right: the Borden navy policy does not speak for Canada but for a party. There would be far greater moral weight to a policy agreed on by both parties, but moral considerations were kicked out by the Conservative party to make room for the Nationalists.

SWEET REVENGE.

[New York Evening World.]
Judge—It seems to me that I have seen you before.
Prisoner—You have, your honor; I taught your daughter singing lessons.
Judge—Thirty years.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

[Boston Transcript.]
From an English paper: "Married to the eldest daughter of the Earl of Strathmore, Lord Elphinstone is a great traveller, is never so happy as when on some shooting or exploring expedition."

WHAT ANNOYED HIM.

"Have you been annoyed by the snapshot photographers?"
"Not until recently," replied the statesman. "Since the election went against me I find that I can walk through a crowd of them without anybody's snapping a camera."

THE INWARD KINGDOM.

[Sir Edward Dyer.]
My mind to me a kingdom is;
Such present joys therein I find,
That it exceeds all other bliss.
That earth affords or grows by kind;
Though much I want that most would have,
Yet still my mind forbids to crave.

I see how plenty surfeits oft;
And hasty climbers soon do fall;
I see that those which are aloft
Mishap doth threaten most of all;
They get with toil, they keep with fear;
Such cares my mind could never bear.

I laugh not at another's loss,
I grieve not at another's pain,
No worldly waves my mind can toss,
My state at one doth still remain:
I fear no foe, I fear no friend,
I loathe not life, nor dread my end.

Content to live, this is my stay;
I seek no more than may suffice,
I press to bear no haughty sway;
Look, what I lack my mind supplies;
Lo, thus I triumph like a king,
Content with that my mind doth bring.

NEW EVIDENCE.

[Washington Herald.]
"Why do you want a new trial?"
"On the grounds of newly-discovered evidence, your honor."
"What's the nature of it?"
"My client dug up \$400 that I didn't know he had."

WAY OUT.

[New York Sun.]
Knicker—A judge has ruled that a woman shouldn't spend more on clothes than on rent.
Mrs. Knicker—Well, then, we shall have to pay bigger rent.

PRACTICAL.

[McCall's Magazine.]
"Yes, my friend, I was about to marry the countess when I suddenly learned that she spent more than \$12,000 a year on her dressmaker."
"Then what did you do?"
"Married the dressmaker."

UNCONQUERED.

[Boston Transcript.]
Youngleigh (in art museum)—I wonder why Victory is represented by a female?
Weedmore—It's plain to be seen you're not married.

ONE VIRTUE.

[Detroit Free Press.]
Poverty is no disgrace, but that's about all that can be said in its favor.

WISE.

[London Standard.]
Friend—The public will miss you now that you have left the stage.
Actor—That's why I left. I dislike being hit.

GILLETT'S LYE

EATS DIRT

CLEANS DISINFECTS

CLASS 5 MAKES ITS FIRST BANQUET SUCCESS

Thirty Members Hear History of Church Given by Rev. Mr. Harvey.

Class Five of the Askin Street Sunday school held its first banquet Tuesday night, about 30 members and guests being present. Among the latter were Rev. Mr. Harvey, Mr. Courtis and Dr. Reynolds, who represented the Sunday school; Messrs. Alford Hogg and Bob Baker, who were past teachers; and Bert Childs, representing the other classes.

Refreshments, in charge of Mr. H. Lawson, were done justice to, after which toasts were replied to. Rev. Mr. Harvey responded to "Our Church." He gave a history of the church and its object.

Dr. Reynolds spoke of "Our Sunday School."

Mr. M. Colling gave a brief account of the development of "Our Church" in reply to that toast. Mr. Lawson replied to a toast on "Athletics," giving its aims and objects. Mr. Bert Childs gave a few remarks along similar lines. Messrs. Hogg and Baker both expressed their interest in the future of the class. Mr. R. Reynolds, jun., replied to a toast to "The Ladies." Mr. Brazier presided.

Music was furnished during the evening by the Victrola.

CHOIRS OF TWO CITIES WILL UNITE IN SONG

Central Methodist, of Stratford, and Adelaide Street Baptists to Give a Concert.

A songfest which should merit the approval of even the most critical and equal in choral work, of a wonderful nature will be held in the Adelaide Street Baptist Church on Thursday evening. The combined choirs of the Adelaide Street Baptist and Central Methodist Churches, Stratford, totalling one hundred voices, will render a program consisting of choral and solo numbers, and music lovers are awaiting the event with interest.

On Tuesday of last week the same body of singers performed in Stratford and won compliments on every hand for their excellent work. The return visit will be made to London on Thursday, and there promises to be a record crowd. Dr. J. H. Smith, of Stratford, is the organizer for the occasion, and Mr. J. H. C. Woodward, of London, the conductor of the choirs. Mr. F. L. Willgoose will conduct the singing of his own anthem. A silver collection will be taken at the door.

RIOTING AT OSAKA

Mobs Attack Newspaper Offices and Residences of Bureaucracy.

[Canadian Press.]
Tokyo, Japan, Feb. 12.—Count Gambei Yamato definitely accepted the Japanese premiership this morning and immediately took up the duties of his office.

Rioting of an extremely violent nature occurred last night at Osaka, resulting in several deaths by the police with drawn sabres. Many people were injured. The cause of the outbreak was the breaking up of two meetings by the police. The gatherings were attended by large holiday crowds who were celebrating the anniversary of the Japanese constitution. These were greatly incensed at the action of the authorities, and many of them proceeded to demolish or attempt to set fire to the offices of the bureaucratic newspapers. Others paraded the streets of the city, attacking and destroying the residences of the bureaucratic members of the Diet. A large force of police reserves was called out and attacked the crowd, who offered a fierce resistance. The rioting continued until the early hours of the morning.

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BUILD SIDINGS TO FIVE NEW FACTORIES

C. P. R. Completes Surveys for Extensions in East End.

Surveys have just been completed by the C. P. R. for new sidings into the five factory buildings which the McCormick Biscuit Company will erect in East London in the spring.

NEW UNIFORMS FOR ARMY SERVICE MEN

Full Equipment of Saddlery Also Received by Major Coles.

New uniforms of blue and white have arrived in the city for the Army Service Corps, a new unit which was formed by the Government last year. Full equipment for 106 men including saddlery for 16 non-commissioned officers has also arrived, and practices in drilling will be held every week under the direction of Major W. G. Coles, commander. The quarters of the corps have been redecorated, the armories, and a well-trained bunch of men is expected to turn out for camp next June.

DR. HODGETTS ON "THE HOUSING PROBLEM"

Will Address United Canadian Clubs and Members of Civic Boards.

Dr. Hodgetts, of Ottawa, will address the United Canadian Clubs of London at the Normal school on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, subject "The Housing Problem." Members of the board of health, the board of trade and the city council are invited to attend.

This problem is one of great importance to Londoners in view of the great amount of building going on in the city at the present time. Dr. Hodgetts is an able authority on the subject, and a large attendance is hoped for. The address will be illustrated.

OFFERED PROMOTION PREFERS THIS CITY

Roadmaster Fred Nicholls Asked To Go To Montreal.

Roadmaster Fred Nicholls, in charge of the C. P. R. lines between London and Windsor, has just received an offer of an important position with the road in Montreal.

The position of general supervisor of the branch lines around Montreal will be vacant, and Mr. Nicholls has been asked to take it.

It is understood that he prefers to remain in London, although he has not definitely decided.

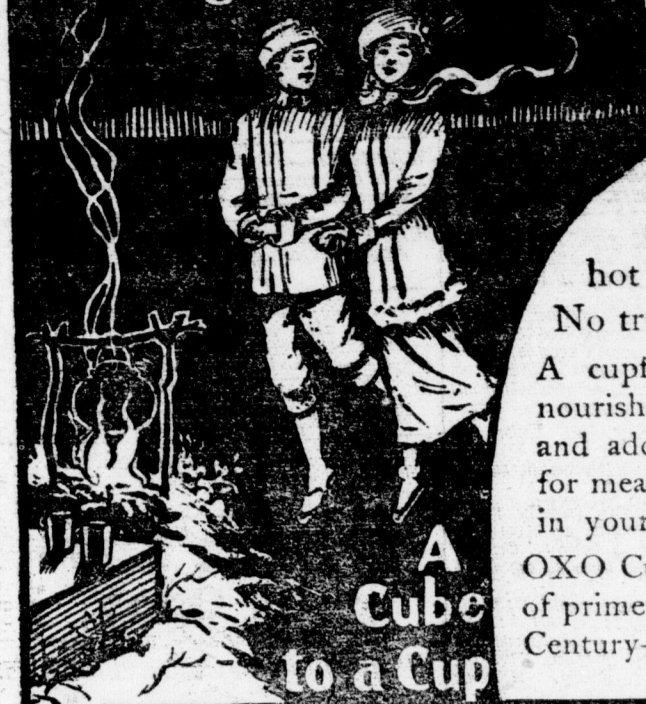
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T. E. ROBSON, Vice-President.

Financial Statement

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1912.

To Losses Paid	\$28,346 37	By Balance, January 1st, 1912	\$2,900 00
To Re-Insurance	11,315 37	By Premium Income	57,826 79
To Rebates	7,917 28	By Interest and other sources	1,254 99
To Expenses of Management, including Commission, Salaries, Directors' Fees, Travel, Ling Expense, Rent, Adjustments, Postage, Interest and Exchange, Taxes	17,326 52	By Re-Insurance Claims Paid Company	5,344 86
To Balance forward	2,111 01		
	\$66,426 55		\$66,426 55

Assets and Liabilities

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1912.

Government Deposit	\$20,000 00	Capital Stock paid up	\$22,398 85
Cash in Bank of Toronto	7,297 83	Shareholder's Note Account	130 00
Cash on Hand	533 75	Re-Insurance and Accounts Payable	1,165 99
Mortgages	4,000 00	Unpaid Losses—	
Office Furniture and Fixtures	1,031 26	Adjusted	\$5,580 00
Good's Plans	1,810 31	Unadjusted	2,712 85
Re-Insurance Claims due the Company	631 23	Less Re-Insurance	2,867 15
Accounts Receivable	4,153 84	Re-Insurance Reserve Government	
Unearned Re-Insurance Premiums, Government Standard	5,558 77	Standard	31,959 14
Premium Note Capital (net)	18,454 69	Reserve Fund (Shareholders)	14,421 49
Cash Value, Calls Due Capital Stock, 1st March, 1913	6,756 15	Bal. at Credit of Profit Account	2,111 01
Capital Stock, subject to call	68,045 00		\$16,532 41
	\$138,187 83	Surplus Over Liabilities	63,104 33
			79,636 79
			\$138,187 83

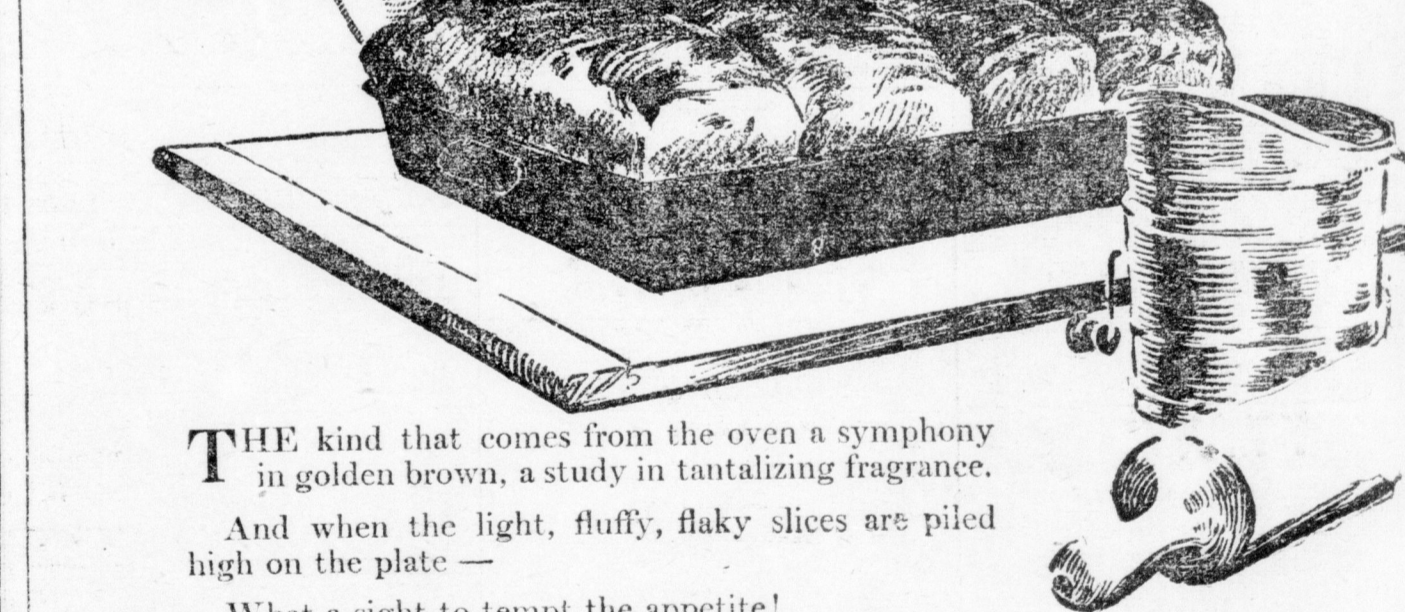
We hereby certify that we have audited the Books and Accounts of the Monarch Fire Insurance Company for the year ending December 31st, 1912. We have examined all Vouchers and checked all entries to the Company's Ledgers.

The foregoing Statement is in accordance with the Books, and in our opinion presents a correct view of the Company's affairs as at the 31st December, 1912.

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POULIN ELECTROCUTED.
Dannemora, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Fredrick A. Poulin was electrocuted at Clinton prison this morning for the murder of Charles Leonard at Brookview. In August, 1911, Poulin's electrocution leaves the prison death house without an occupant. When Poulin was without employment, Leonard, his friend, invited him to his home. Poulin betrayed the friendship and was beaten and sent away. Early one morning Leonard found Poulin prowling in the cellar. In the encounter Leonard was shot.