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From the North.

"CATCH THE THIRD."

Some little fuss seems to have arisen at Grand Falls, and at present there is a sort of block on the Magisterial bench. Magistrate Fitzgerald does not seem to go to Curling, and he seems to have obtained the sympathy of a good many folks in the paper town. A petition has been presented to the Government, we hear, saying that Grand Falls is satisfied with Magistrate Fitzgerald and has no desire to lose him. The petitioners point out to the Government that if it has vacancies the proper thing to do is to appoint the new comer to that vacancy and not to conduct a "general post" business.

Magistrate Roberts seems to be firmly settled down in the position here, and Magistrate Fitzgerald "stands out." Our late Magistrate, therefore, seems at present to occupy the rather uncomfortable position of the odd man in "Catch the third."

So do Governments play tag with its servants. Great Governments? Sure.

THEY GREASED THE FLOOR.

No man can serve two masters to any one whit more than he could two years ago. One William F. Cook arose once upon a time, out some considerable dash and announced that he was the one and only Moses II. who was going to lead the people of Newfoundland out of the wilderness into the promised land of their dreams. He had many followers, for the doctrine he preached was a most popular one, and even those who did not agree with his extravagant claims, looked upon him in a sort of mild admiration for the way he "squared off" at the Big Incesters as exemplified by Reid's, Bowler's, etc. They thought that the man who was game to tackle these fellows with no cuffs on must be, after all, the man to protect the poor people.

But, ah me, those days are past. The Big Incesters know better than to get blown with blows; they know that "grease" is much more dangerous to the fighter's feet than blows are to his chest; so they greased the floor. If one may mix metaphors, they

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Reids, whom he attacked, have got him; "the buck that sold the spars" never forgave the epithet and has him lashed to the mast, and "his people" who thought so highly of him have discovered the feet of clay to their idol.

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How the Publishers Camouflaged OUR GREAT WAR ACTIVITIES.

(By Thos. Wesley Horner in Newspaperdom.)

Wonderful has been the work of the American newspaper publishers in co-operation with the Government since war was declared. There have been exceptions—a few, of course, but these have been so weak in their influence that they should be swept from consideration. The American people have been given new ideas regarding the power of the press; new respect for its honesty and its sincerity of purpose; new faith in its independence and freedom from what has been referred to as corporation dominance, and new conceptions of the loyalty of the American press to the American Government, the people and their sacred privileges.

Newspaper publishers have known many facts right along which if published would have brought fright and discouragement to our people. They have never for a moment wavered in their loyalty, and the information that would have perhaps handicapped the Government in its work was kept secret. There was no necessity for the Government to ask the publishers to withhold the publication of the news the people must not know for military reasons. The publishers are their own censors. Their one purpose has been to safeguard the best interests of the people. True, some of the publishers have published criticisms of certain policies. And yet how few people have known that in much of the criticism printed there were pitfalls for the Central Powers.

Enslaving French Girls.

A book appeared some months ago which treated of the deportation to the country districts in the Ardennes of young French girls, gently bred, who were torn from their families by the Germans and condemned to work in the fields. The intervention of the holy Father and the energetic protests of the Bishop of Lille, had some effect at the time, and at Lille, these deportations are now more rare.

They entailed upon the girls who were thus reduced to slavery great suffering and humiliation, and being untrained for manual labor, they were in all kinds of ways, these girls soon proved themselves absolutely incapable of performing their tasks. A venerable prelate, well known all over France, told me, only the other day, that although the Pope's action seemed to have had some effect at Lille, in other places the Germans continue to practice their system of making slaves of young French girls. One whom he knew well, for she was educated at a convent where he acted as chaplain, was transported, after the taking of Novon, in March, 1918, to the Ardennes, where this delicate, town-bred girl, became a field laborer. She has lately died of hunger, misery and exposure. This case has come to my knowledge, but it is only one of many.

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Cyclist in Spectacular Feat Saves Officer.

An army motorcyclist at one of the training camps recently averted the death of a young lieutenant by a most extraordinary feat of heroism, says the October Popular Mechanics Magazine. Racing at high speed across rough ground, he drove his machine into a runaway parachute that was dragging the officer to his death. The latter had made a practice parachute jump of 2,000 feet from an observation balloon. A high wind had carried him a considerable distance, and in landing he became hopelessly entangled in the cords. The parachute was caught by a strong air current and blown at terrific speed across the field, pulling its helpless prisoner with it. At the same instant the cyclist, passing along a near-by motor road, saw the officer's plight. He averted his machine into the field, and raced at top speed squarely into the middle of the belted parachute. The ropes fouled the machine and the weight of the latter anchored the derelict against further movement.

Too Many Words.

After reading some recently published official proclamations the editor of the Toronto Star offers these puzzled observations:

"Why cannot official proclamations be expressed in the plain, ordinary, twentieth century language that everybody speaks, reads, and writes? The proclamation to Americans in Canada sounds most impressive, but no American knows what it calls him to do. He is forced to go to the American Consul to find out."

This reminds us that when legislators prepare a bill for enactment, they usually find it necessary to give a "short title" for it, and a sort of summary of each section, which summary is supposed to save the public the trouble of wading through the verbiage of the complete text. This is good so far as it goes, but it seems not so far, for the average citizen does not read now legislation in detail, contenting himself with the assertion that the law-makers place so many acts on the statute books, and so many amendments to the old ones, that the mere layman is too busy to examine their activities in detail.

If the recent American proclamation fails in clarity and brevity, it would not be difficult to produce Canadian proclamations which will match it in that respect. When the authorities of this country find it necessary and legal to ask John Doe to step up and to the captain's office and settle, or wish to warn him that his rights and privileges have been enlarged or curtailed—and in these days curtailment is the rule—it should be possible to express the facts in short-word English so clear as to be readily understood. Brevity is difficult, but it pays. Public men who are the authors of long documents, or who make long and involved speeches, would probably be amazed if they could ascertain with accuracy how few of their fellow-citizens dutifully read extended reports of their utterances.—St. John Telegraph.

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Colonies After the War.

That Britain should retain all of the German colonies occupied by her troops and those of the Overseas Dominions, is stoutly advocated by Col. Roosevelt. "One item in making peace," he writes, "ought to be insistence that Britain keep every colony she has conquered from Germany, both in the South Sea and in Africa." The New York Times strongly supports that view, and says: "The notion that Germany should sit at a table and bargain for her lost colonies with Belgium and Northern France and Poland is not to be entertained." There are many reasons why it will not be entertained. In the first place, there will be no discussion of terms while Germany occupies Northern France and Belgium. So long as she does occupy them she will not be defeated, and until she is defeated it will be useless to talk about rearranging the affairs of the world, establishing justice, and making civilization safe.

German colonial policies and adventures have shown that she is unfit to govern subject peoples. Her colonial record is one of fustian cruelty and exploitation. From the standpoint of the tribes in Africa and the South Seas, German rule could only mean continued darkness and misery. The British system introduces justice and prepares subject peoples for self-government. The British do not need more territory, and they are not in this war for the purpose of enlarging their empire. But to restore the conquered colonies to Germany would mean that after all the sacrifices made in the present struggle the future condition of the subject peoples would be as bad as ever. Furthermore, the free nations will never consent to permit Germany to occupy territory which would provide her with coaling stations and naval bases along the great trade routes, or which would give her control of great natural resources and millions of subjects from which she might draw revenue, man power and material to assist her in carrying out another assault upon civilization.

Germany desires a discussion of peace terms now, while she still possesses conquered territory in Europe with which to bargain. When her armies have been driven within her own frontier in the west the final stage of the war will have begun. But the struggle can never be ended until the breaking of German military power has caused the collapse of her grip upon the east. As for her African colonies they are gone for all time.—St. John Telegraph.

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Fishing Made Easy.

Halifax, September 19.—Rapid transit of fish from ocean storage at the rate of 4,000,000 pounds in twenty-four hours is the accomplishment of the deep sea harvester, the invention of a Scandinavian mariner. Enticed by an electric fish for bait the fish are caught in a rapidly moving scoop raised to the deck of the fishing boat and distributed in cold storage before they have time to die. It is expected the fishing industry will be revolutionized by the device and that new eligible products made from fish meat will come into general use. The harvester resembles a large house boat. It is about 300 feet long and 150 feet beam. On the forward upper works are four giant reflectors, from which rays are flashed across the water for a distance of two miles, over a radius ten miles wide. Penetrating to a depth of 100 feet these rays attract the fish in great schools and then the scoop starts harvesting. This scoop, 100 feet long and 50 feet wide, is connected with the deck by means of a conveyor which forges ahead of the craft. The fish are caught on the conveyor and carried to the deck at a speed which makes it impossible for them to escape. By this means, the inventor says more than 4,000,000 pounds of fish can be caught in 24 hours. Upon reaching the deck the fish are sorted automatically and carried to the refrigeration room, where they are frozen in solid blocks of ice. Fish unfit for human consumption are carried to another part of the vessel, where they are reduced to fertilizer.

Fish Eggs.

The cod is estimated to yield 45,000,000 eggs each season. As many as 3,000,000, 9,000,000 and even 9,500,000 eggs have been found in the roe of a single cod. An eel was caught in Scotland some years ago which contained upward of 10,000,000 eggs. This, however, would appear to have been an exceptional find, and it is generally admitted that the cod is more prolific than any other fish. Though not equalling the cod, many kinds of fish are exceedingly prolific. More than 36,000 eggs have been counted in a herring, 38,000 in a smelt, 1,000,000 in a sole, 1,120,000 in a roach, 3,000,000 in a sturgeon, 342,000 in a carp, 383,000 in a tench, 546,000 in a mackerel, 992,000 in a perch, and 1,357,000 in a flounder. The oyster is also very prolific.

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