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THE YACHT RACE.

There can be no gainsaying the fact that disappointment, keen and bitter, will be felt today throughout the whole of the British Empire at the result of the race for the America's Cup. Much sympathy will go out to the veteran sportsman who has made so many gallant attempts to win this coveted trophy from its present holders and take it back to British shores once more. Nothing daunted by yet another defeat, after success had appeared to be reasonably within his grasp, Sir Thomas Lipton declares he will try again, either next year or the year after; and we notice from a cabled despatch from Sandy Hook that he does not intend his death to interfere with the effort to restore the cup to Britain again; for it is reported that he has made ample provision in his will for the contest to be continued until the cup is won back. Every loyal Briton will devoutly hope that Sir Thomas will live long enough to succeed in this himself; if ever a sportsman deserves success it is he. The majority of men would be inclined to "chuck" the effort in disgust, but "that is not Tom Lipton's way."

Some criticism has been offered to the Sandy Hook location as not being in many respects the best for a contest of this class. There is no doubt it will always be a source of regret to yachtsmen that the races did not try conclusions on Saturday when for the first time since the races began there was a real wind. As each skipper was understood to be wishing for a sharp breeze, the postponement of the race was a surprise.

Apparently the desire not to race on Saturday, because of the stiff wind, actuated both contesting skippers as when the judges asked if they desired to postpone, they both assented. Later, Sir Thomas Lipton manifested his disappointment, but as the commanders thought a race Saturday might have serious results, it was doubtless the path of wisdom to postpone.

Discussing this feature of the case, the Bangor Commercial thinks that if the racing yachts could not face a sea that was faced by hundreds of excursion boats, including many under sail, it indicates that there is something wrong with the conditions under which the race have been held. It has always been declared that seamanship as well as speed and seamanship must be an essential characteristic of the international race, but it is now demonstrated, what yachtsmen have long known, that this is not so. The racing yachts are built for speed alone and are mere shells. They are all right for the light winds, but not constructed to stand a blow and it is a fair guess that the episode of Saturday, when the racers passed up a test because of a wind that would not be considered by our fishermen, will result in a revision of the rules of the international race that will compel construction for seaworthiness as well as for speed.

IMMIGRATION TO CANADA.

The promise of a wonderful immigration to Canada from Britain is made by the Canadian commissioners for examining applicants for Soldier Settlement grants. By the terms of the Act, the Settlement Board is empowered to grant assistance in settling to ex-soldiers of the Imperial army. Six hundred candidates of the British army have been approved by the commissioners appointed for the task, and these will take up land in Canada as soon as arrangements can be made.

But these ex-soldiers are merely a vanguard of an immense, surging crowd of newcomers from Britain. Even now, a year and a half after the armistice, the ships to and from Britain are unable to accommodate the traffic offering. As soon as space becomes more plentiful, the migration to Canada will assume record size. Notwithstanding the extraordinary business that has poured in on British industry, the Motherland still has a surplus of workers, and as soon as the post-war rush is over, is likely to have more. The way out for the surplus—which consists largely of men of fine character and ability whose service in the army set them adrift—is to begin life anew in one of the overseas Dominions. Canada can offer them more than any of the other Dominions, and it is to this country that their inquiring gaze first turns.

The British Government provides free transport to any ex-soldier and family who migrates to one of the Dominions. This offer is to encourage emigration to some country under the Union Jack. The Dominion Government has not seen fit to encourage the immigration of any ex-soldiers but those who are willing to go on to the land, and the British Government's offer is, therefore, negated. But these men will keep coming for the next

five years, because the logic of circumstance will drive them to it. Is it too much to ask whether anything is being done to attract some part of this stream of immigration to New Brunswick? We have in this province as good opportunities for successful farming as there are to be found anywhere in the Dominion, and nothing apparently is being done to bring them to the notice of the intending new comers to this country. If the Provincial Department of Agriculture is not asleep, it should get busy and make this province's advantages known.

NOVA SCOTIA ELECTIONS.

Although at the time of writing, the final results of the elections to the Nova Scotia Legislature are not all to hand, enough is known to show that the Government of the Hon. G. H. Murray, which has been in power for the last twenty-four years, will still remain in control for another term at least. Premier Murray's policies are evidently approved of by the people of his province, and his appeal for the people's support met with a response that must be highly gratifying to him. Out of a House of forty-three members, the returns show that his party will number thirty; the remainder being made up of farmers and labor representatives. The Conservative party seems to have met with all the bad luck, a matter which must cause some regret, for, no matter how competent a government may be, an active opposition is no drawback. What line of action the farmers and labor representatives will take yet remains to be seen. Some of the former who are now returned as farmers, have hitherto sat in the House as Liberals supporting Premier Murray. The latter's majority over all other parties, however, makes him absolutely independent.

PROLONGATION OF LIFE.

While our scientists are experimenting to prolong life it appears that much can be done to correct ailments which lead to decay. From examinations of many thousands of industrial employees active at their work and of others in all walks of life made by the Life Extension Institute of New York, it was found that more than one-half were in need of some form of medical, dental or surgical treatment, and practically all had at least some slight defect, the correction of which would improve their life prospect.

In an article in the North American Review, Dr. Eugene Lyman Fisk, who has written much on personal hygiene in relation to the prolongation of life, says that there was no record on any perfect man or woman among reports of 150,000 physical examinations made by the Life Extension Institute, but he shows the practical benefit in a group of several thousand of insurance policyholders examined periodically under this system for the purpose of prolonging their lives, the death rate during a period of seven years was cut down 50 per cent. It has been figured by a leading statistician that the periodic examination of any group will save at least three lives per thousand per annum, apart from the dividends in increased living expectancy. The possibilities of scientific life investigation must not be overlooked, but in the meantime, as Dr. Fisk says, the attainment of longevity by regulation of conduct and by following the rules of personal hygiene is not likely to cause any social upheaval or dislocation. "Periodic physical examination and an intelligent regulation of our lives, of our social and industrial conditions may seem a commonplace formula after discussing an elixir of life, but it will do much to lift the burden of woe and of error that now weighs down the nations of the world."

The demonstration in Dublin for the release of James Larkin from prison in the United States was rather in the nature of a fizzle, but the ultimate result would have been the same in any event. Denunciation in Ireland of American law procedure is not likely to have the desired effect on the authorities in the United States. Larkin was convicted and sentenced for a criminal offence against the country he had found refuge in.

The chief license commissioner of Ontario has given it as his opinion that a man may legally drink alcoholic liquors in his bath room, if he can get the stuff. There is still some personal liberty left in the good province it would appear; but it is limited.

THE DEAR OLD GLOBE, JULY 27. Congratulations to ex-Prince Oscar, fifth son of the former German Emperor, born at Potsdam, 32 years old today.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Economics in Verse.
(London Free Press.)
Part of a topical poem written during the Civil War reads as though it might have been penned yesterday:

Sing a song of greenbacks,
Pockets full of trash;
Over head and ears in debt,
And out of ready cash;
Heaps of tax collectors,
As busy as a bee,
Ain't we in a pretty fix,
With gold at sixty-three

A Conundrum.
(A French-Canadian father in New York is aiding the U. S. military authorities to find his son, who is charged with having evaded military service during the war. This French-Canadian father is ashamed of his son's conduct if he had stayed in his native country and province he would doubtless be among those who regarded conscription as a crime of the first magnitude. What's the explanation?)

A Frank Reply.
(Hamilton Spectator.)
According to a correspondent of the Sun and New York Herald, Premier David Lloyd George, when asked if he did not think the American people would believe the Allies were giving considerable before the Germans, replied, rather warmly: "Perhaps they will take that way in America, but I want you to tell your people this for me: If the Americans were here with us, things might be entirely different. But they have left us; they are out of it. They are not giving us any help at all now to solve these problems. If they were, they would have some right to talk." Frankness was over one of the daughter of a Welshman's most refreshing characteristics.

Russell's Conviction Sustained.
(Hamilton Herald.)
The appeal of R. B. Russell, the convicted Winnipeg strike-leader, to the Imperial Privy Council against his conviction on the charge of seditious conspiracy has failed. On the argument presented by the appellants' counsel, and without calling the respondents' counsel for reply, the judicial committee of the Privy Council rejected the appeal.
This is cause for satisfaction, so long as there was any excuse for harboring a suspicion that the prosecution of Russell savored of persecution, that his trial was irregular, and that he was a victim of popular prejudice—perhaps even a victim of "capitalistic conspiracy"—his friends and supporters could continue to appeal to public sympathy, with some hope of success, and to make use of his case for purposes of propaganda. But there is now no chance for them. The court of last resort declares that Russell's prosecution was proper; that he was properly convicted, and that justice has been done in his case.

A BIT OF VERSE

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("Pete" in Toronto Star.)
I speak for the little people in the crowded streets and lanes,
For the weary and sad-faced mothers,
For whom little of hope remains.
I speak for the sick and helpless,
The children of want and care,
And I ask for a small donation to the fund that is called Fresh Air.

The streets where you live are shady,
And gently the breezes blow,
And how would you like my lady,
To live where no trees ever grow?
Would you like to be barred forever
From the meadows green and fair?
I know that you'd not, so send in a sub. to the fund, Fresh Air.

There are babies who live in attics,
There are mothers who toil all day,
There are hundreds of little children
Who live in the narrow alleys,
On streets that are bleak and bare.
Would you send such a gleam of sunshine?
There's the fund that is called Fresh Air.

There are those to whom Fate's unkindly,
There are those who struggle for bread,
There are wives who have been forsaken,
There are mothers whose parents are dead,
There are hundreds in slumdom penned in, whose life is one long despair,
Would you help them a bit, then send in some cash to the fund, Fresh Air.

You'll be paid with the smiles of babies,
With the laughter of kids at play,
You'll be paid with the thanks of mothers,
Who toll for their bread each day,
And the Master likewise will pay you through the years of eternity.
For He said what ye do for others ye do also unto Me.

THE LAUGH LINE

A Practical Girl.
"I offered to marry him on condition."
"That your father consents to?"
"No, that Harold finds a fat."

As It Often Is.
"Number 1" snapped the telephone girl after her usual rest.
"I've forgot what I wanted now," replied the startled patron. "Thank you for waking me up anyway. I should have been in bed long ago."
The hostess no longer asked how many lumps. Greenville Piedmont.

You've Met Them.
Now and then a man will accidentally do the right thing and then spend the rest of his life telling others how wise he was.

Playing With Words.
Miss Hawkins—"If I think there's a great deal in that notion that people become what they eat."
Barlow—"Well, if they do you must have eaten venison. You are such a dear little thing."
Miss Hawkins (softly)—"You are not making game of me, are you?"
Fred—"Edinburgh Scotsman."

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

THE END OF A PERFECT DAY.

A Play.
Ack 1.
Scene, a little minnie swimming around in a big river.
Minnie. I wish I was bigger inside. I just ate a little insect and I know where there's another one but I ain't got room for it.
Shad. O boy, there's a minnie. Good by, minnie, I must eat you.
Minnie. Hey, shad, please don't. Think how young I am.
Shad. Its all the older you'll ever be.
Minnie. Tell my mother I died laughing.
Ack 2.
Shad. G, that was a tender minnie. If there's anything I prefer, its minnies. Heck, hear comes a shark.
Shark. Well, shad, you've lived long enough.
Shad. Aw, have a hart.
Shark. No thanks I ordered liver, I mean shad.
Ack 3.
Shark. Id like shads better if they didnt have so many bones, but I guess its aint their fault. Holey amooks heer comes a wale.
Wale. So long, shark.
Shark. Wy, are you going for a trip?
Wale. No, you are.
Ack 4.
Fisherman. I spy a wale. Hand me about 6 harpoons.
Wale. Owich.
Fisherman. This is the end of a perfect day.
The End.

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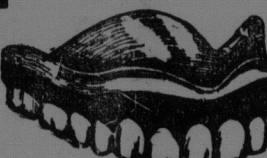
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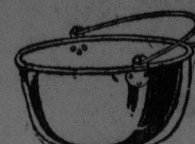
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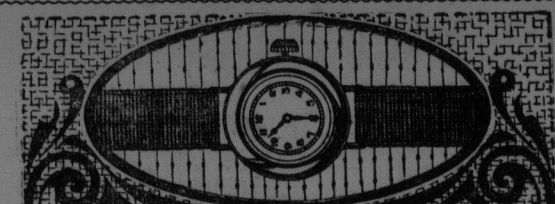
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