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KING EDWARD'S LATEST.

British journals generally view King Edward's visit to Russia as a most important step in the direction of world-wide peace. It is spoken of as the culminating act in the King's great work, begun four years ago, in binding together all the nations in frinedship. Coming, as it does, within a few days of the visit of the president of France to London, there is a tendency in some quarters to the belief that the King may be conveying to the Emperor of Russia a message or expression of sentiment from France. This is, however, unlikely, but the circumstance is sufficient to create a feeling of uncertainty in France. Paris papers and those throughout the republic generally welcome the latest move, believing that it signifies the beginning of negotiations for a new alliance to be composed of Britain, France and Russia. Opinion in the latter country is wholly in favor of such an entente, while in Britain there is nothing but favorable comment. With the three parties to this agreement in such a state of mind it is not at all unlikely that some formal understanding will be reached in the near future. Germany, it will be noted, is still out in the cold, not through any fault of the other powers, but rather because of her own policy, though during the past three or four years Emperor William has been anxious to bring about a more friendly relationship with France. That he has not yet been able to do so is not because of any action of Britain, and Germany is unable to find cause for criticising King Edward's work. Indeed in Germany there is now such a marked tendency as was the case a few years ago to view with suspicion the efforts made by King Edward to ensure the peace of Europe, for relations have considerably improved of late.

MOVING PICTURE LICENSES.

There is a movement on foot in the Common Council to impose a much larger tax on moving picture shows than is now paid. Almost all the aldermen seem to be affected by the notion that these institutions are taking from the city immense amounts of money, that their profits are enormous, and that they can well afford to pay many times what is now asked in license fees. Some even go so far as to declare that the picture shows are undesirable and should be put out of business. There is an evident intention to make conditions so hard that the majority of these houses of entertainment will have to close. Such a course is by no means wise. If the aldermen were able to go about and examine the accounts of the picture companies they would find that the net profits are really quite small. The present license fee is $75 per year. There is now a proposal to make it not less than $50 per month or $600 per year. It is doubtful if more than one or two shows in town could continue in business and pay such a license. These picture houses are not the very best institutions that a city could possess, but they are in many ways worthy of support. Since the fad became popular in St. John thousands upon thousands of the poorer class, who cannot afford to attend higher priced entertainments, have been able to secure amusement at an insignificant cost. It is a pleasure in most cases to spend an hour in watching the pictures shown and in very rare instances has there been any cause for complaint. More than this, the moving picture industry is assuming an important position in the education of the world. A man may sit at home and read books of travel all his life time, but by watching a so-called travel picture for ten minutes he will learn more of some particular place than he could by all his reading. Years ago the subjects chosen were frivolous, today they are educative, although, as in all other amusements the comedy element must play a part in order to hold the interest of audiences and to attract business. In St. John there are five or six picture houses. Each one gives employment to local people. In most of them by far the greater portion of the receipts is expended in running expenses. Only in one or two cases do the net profits go out of the city, and these profits are not such as would warrant the Common Council in imposing an exorbitant tax. Such a move would mean that a number of St. John men who have invested their money in this form of amusement enterprise would lose. Double the present license fee would be quite enough to charge, but if the aldermen insist on squeezing money from every possible source it may be that the majority of the picture houses could pay up to $20 a month. Anything beyond this would be extremely unfair.

The depression in the labor market this spring is evidenced in the departmental report for the month of April, which shows that there were twenty-five fewer disputes last month than in April 1907, and a decrease of 83,750 in the number of working days lost. The total number of disputes in Canada last month was only eleven, involving six hundred and ninety-five employes, and the loss of time was approximately 5,400 working days.

Wantanno—Why do you call that boy of yours "Flannel"?

Duzno—Because he just naturally shrinks from washing.

The Employe—Please sir, I've gone an' got married, and I'd like you to raise my wages.

The Employer (worried over thoughts of the workmen's compensation act)—Very sorry for you, Smith, I'm sure; but I can't do that. I'm only responsible for accidents that happen in the works you know.

"Have you named your little niece yet?" asked the doctor.

"Yes," said the professor. "They're saddled her with an experimental name."

"Haven't they christened her?"

"Yes."

"Then how can it be an experimental name?"

"It's Tryphena."

"Yes," said the prospective investor to the Billville real estate man. "your terms of $2 an acre are very reasonable. Is there any gold in the land?"

The agent looked around, as if to assure himself that no one was listening, then he leaned over and whispered:

"It's mostly gold!"

Just 'cause my brother Alferd, he
Is two years older 'an me.
W'y, ever'thing he gets 'at's new
They give to me when he gets through

But now it's worse 'an ever! I'm
Just mad clean through and through this time.
It's got to more 'an I can 'stand—
This gettin' his things secon'-hand!
An' I told ma 'at I think it
Is purty near th' time to quit
My brother Alferd, he's been sick
With measles—he was speckled thick,
But now he's through with them, you see,
He's gone an' give 'em all to me!

"Here waiter," cried the guest in the cheap restaurant, "this food is simply vile and I don't propose to pay for it. Where's the proprietor?"

"He's gone home to lunch, sir," replied the waiter.

When a young man's heart is lacerated, look for the lass.

It takes a certain amount of ability to back up even a bluff.

We wouldn't mind the unexpected if it didn't happen so often.

Success merely means hard work, but then so does the lack of it.

TOLSTOY LONGS FOR DEATH TO COME

Famous Russian Author Writes Remarkable Letter to Paris Newspaper.

PARIS, May 27.—Count Tolstoy, the famous Russian author, replying to a friend who congratulated him recently on the approach of his eightieth birthday and the celebrations planned for it, said: "It is another happiness that I await—death." Now the Matin publishes a letter from the veteran writer in which he amplifies that saying and adds that all earthly life is a dream and death the true awakening.

"All our life from birth to death," he writes, "is it not, with its dreams, itself a dream? Does not our belief in its reality spring solely and entirely from our ignorance of any other life more real? Our earthly life is one of dreams of another and more real life, and that other life is a dream of yet another life, and so on ad infinitum, even to the last life, the life of God.

"Death in youth is as when a man is awakened before he has slept full measure. Death in old age is as when a man wakes of his own accord after good sleep. Suicide is as a nightmare, which a man banishes by remembering that he is asleep; he makes an effort, and he awakes.

"Deep sleep, without dreams, is comparable to semi-bestiality. It is the sleeper conscious of what goes on around him and ready to wake at any moment; but has knowledge though but vague, of the life whence he came and whither he shall return.

"Even in this present dream life we feel that which the new life will perhaps make real to us. The earthly form in which awakening of our knowledge of the true life finds us appears as a limitation to the free development of our spirit. The true life begins when that limitation is removed. This idea embodies all the knowledge of truth which gives to man the consciousness of eternal life.

"I believe with all my soul in what I say. I feel I know with certainty, that in dying I shall be happy, that I shall enter a world more real."

ANOTHER PRESIDENT ELECTED IN PERU

LIMA, Peru, May 28.—Senor Dona De Ligua has been elected to succeed Dr. Pardo, as President of Peru.

Senor Legue is forty years old and was formerly in the life insurance business. Later he became managing director of the British Sugar Estates, Limited, a corporation which has many million dollars invested in Peru. He has served as Minister of Finance and Premier.

LIMA, Peru, May 28—The military judge here has ordered thirteen political prisoners, including one American, to be set at liberty as in no way implicated in the recent insurrection of which Dr. Durand was the leader. Several Senators and Deputies who are still imprisoned as political suspects, have appealed to the Supreme Court against illegal prosecution by the military judges.

TWO WRECKS DUE TO SAME EMPLOYE

Belgian Pointsman Responsible for Former Collision.

Despite Protests of Station Master, Employe is Punished Only With Short Suspension.

BRUSSELS, May 27—The foreman in charge of the repairs at the signal box at Contich has been arrested.

The station at Contich is very small and is considered one of the most dangerous in the country. Three hundred and ten trains pass through the station each day, and all shunting operations have to be carried out on the main line.

An accident which was reported to have been caused by the same pointsman occurred here on May 19, 1907. He omitted to place the signals at "Danger" during shunting operations, with the result that the Amsterdam express came into collision with a freight train. The pointsman fled on this occasion, as he did three days ago. It is believed that possibly his nervous system did not recover from the shock of the first accident. He was punished by some months' suspension from work, and was then replaced in his former situation, despite the protests of the station master.

The railway company will have to meet claims for indemnities amounting to 3,000,000f. ($600,000). One of the passengers in the pilgrims' train, a journeyman baker, escaped without bodily injury, but the shock was such that he went mad yesterday while at work, and had to be placed under restraint.

AERONAUTIC CONGRESS IS MEETING IN LONDON

LONDON, May 28—The International Aeronautic Federation is holding its fourth annual conference in London.

The delegates represent Great Britain, the United States, France, Germany, Belgium, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and Sweden.

The business before the federation is largely technical in nature and is directed toward the elimination of grounds for dispute in international competitions in furtherance of the conquest of the air. A subject of interest discussed yesterday was the proposal made by the British and Italy's delegates that there should be a differentialization between amatours and professionals. This was defeated on a vote.

The principal topic of discussion will relate to balooning as a sport. One of the propositions to be made is that the pilot of any baloon taking part in a race who is carried out to sea and requires assistance to get back to land shall be disqualified or the distance covered over the sea not counted.

INTERESTING ROMANCE OF A PICTURE.

There has just come to light in Bristol, England, an interesting romance of a picture. For some years there has been hanging in the Bristol Young Men's Christian Association a picture entitled "The Holy Family." The owner lent it for a long time, and once proposed that the association should buy it. He did not wish to drive a hard bargain. The picture was obviously a good one; it was six feet by four and a half feet. Would the committee like to buy it for £10? "If you would," he said, "I am so much in sympathy with your excellent work that I am willing to contribute £5 myself toward the purchase money." But the committee felt that they had more important demands for their £5 notes, and they replied accordingly. By and by the owner died, and the executors began to realize his estate. The picture was looked up and the work was ordered to be packed and sent to London for sale. Judge the satisfaction of the executors when they received an offer of £7,000 for it, and were advised not to sell under £10,000. Experts have identified the picture as from the brush of Pietro de Cortona, the great Italian painter of the early seventeenth century.

THE CARE OF OILCLOTH.

When washing oilcloth, whether for the table or floor, use no soap if desirous of preserving the polish. Skimmed milk is serviceable, but milk rots rubber. Hot vessels, onion juice and such drippings discolor light oilcloth. Varnish floor oilcloths and linoleums fall and spring to rejuvenate their appearance and to lengthen their days of use. Heavy canvas, painted yellow and spotted with shadier colors, makes a durable and handsome kitchen or entry carpet. New canvas absorbs much paint, but will outwear many common oilcloths, washes easily and saves the floor and the good wife's muscle. Wherever else one may economize let it not be in floor paint. Next to washing and hot weather cooking, scrubbing comes on the list of wife killers.

ANARCHY IS RIFE IN PERSIAN CITIES

The Shah Helpless to Cope With the Situation

The Governors are Tyrannical, the Administration Corrupt and the Soldiers' Wages are Unpaid.

BERLIN, May 27—The most recent advices received here are to the effect that anarchy prevails throughout Persia. As an example of the Shah's helplessness to cope with the situation is a libel action brought against the Persian newspaper Mussawad, for an article which contained the following passage:

"Khaljbul and Ardebit, the most important posts on the Russian frontier, have been plundered. Bana and Urumian are as good as lost frontier districts. The Kermanshas are in open revolution. Blood is flowing at Shiraz, Fars and Kasmin. Hilan is in possession of brigands. Khorasan, Asterabad and Masanderan are suffering from raids of the Turks. The governors are tyrannical, the administration is corrupt and inefficient, the taxes are in arrears, the exchequer is empty, the soldiers' wages are unpaid and the army is helpless. What is the Shah doing in these melancholy circumstances? What are the Shah's occupations? He contents himself with satisfying his own animal instincts and devotes himself to orgies night after night until daybreak."

The newspaper proceeds to give proofs of its allegations, and concludes by demanding the dethronement of the Shah and the establishment of a Republic.

The Shah brought the libel action, but withdrew it when the editor offered to prove the charges in detail. Copies of the paper containing the attack on the Shah are being sold at eleven shillings each, and the walls of Teheran are covered with placards calling upon the people to assassinate the monarch.

ROBBED THE DETECTIVE.

Chicago Has Burglar With a Sense of Humor.

CHICAGO, May 27—A burglar with a humorous turn of mind, who picked as his victim a detective noted in his district as an expert "thief-catcher," is one of Chicago's latest acquisitions.

The midnight prowler broke into the policeman's room while he lay asleep in bed, appropriating diamond cuff buttons, stick pins and other articles of jewellery and $30 in cash, which he found under the detective's pillow. The thief added insult to injury. He left the policeman's gun, removing the cartridges before he left, but he took the officer's star.

Detective-Sergeant P. A. Reynolds was the victim of the midnight raid. Wm. Levy, alias George Davis, a negro under arrest, is said to be the burglar.

Reynolds asserts he was chloroformed before he was robbed.

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DEATHS.

NEVINS—At the residence of Senator King, Chipman, N. B., on May 27th, Sarah, wife of Charles Nevins.
Notice of funeral hereafter.

FITZPATRICK—In this city, on May 27th, William Fitzpatrick, in the 65th year of his age, leaving a wife, five sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.
Notice of funeral hereafter.

In the recount of the first two ballot boxes in the New York mayoralty election W. R. Hearst made a net gain of 27 votes over G. B. McClellan. The first returns showed McClellan 163 and Hearst 195. The recount makes McClellan 156 and Hearst 167. There are 1540 precincts and McClellan's plurality was 2478.

The St. John Medical Society held its annual meeting last evening when Dr. C. M. Pratt was elected president, succeeding Dr. T. H. Lunney. The other officers for the year are: Dr. J. Bentley, vice president; Dr. T. D. Walker, secretary; Dr. James Christie, treasurer; Dr. G. G. Corbet, financial secretary, Dr. Ellen M. Douglas, librarian; Dr. W. Warwick, pathologist; Dr. G. J. Crawford, Dr. S. Skinner and Dr. Corbet, room committee. After the meeting a dinner was enjoyed at White's with Dr. Lunney in the chair. Several speakers expressed the opinion that when patients are sent to the General Public Hospital their own physicians should be permitted to attend them.

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LISBON, May 28—A procession of students of Coimbra University to present homage to the King was attacked last night while passing through certain quarters of the city. Five of the students were injured. The police arrested twenty-eight of their assailants.

GHENT, May 28—Henry Farman, the British aeronaut, today made two flights of 1,600 metres in his aeroplane. This is the greatest distance accomplished in a straight line.

LONDON, May 28—J. Pierpont Morgan arrived here last night from Vienna, where he had not visited in thirty years. He will remain in London for several days.

Rub light gloves with fine bread crumbs after each time of wearing. If you allow them to get very dirty home cleaning is seldom a success, but treated in this way they look nice for quite a while.