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GENERAL BOOTH.

The 50th anniversary of the birth of General Booth is being celebrated today in many countries and climes, and he is being extolled in many different languages.

Whatever may be the future and fate of the Salvation Army, William Booth will be remembered as one of the most remarkable men of the age. He has been called the John Wesley of the nineteenth century. The spiritual kinship of the two leaders and the resemblance of their aims and methods are obvious. The founder of Methodism stirred eighteenth century England from its religious indifference. The founder of the Salvation Army stepped outside the churches to do work which the churches were not then doing, or were not adapted to do. This modern reformer did not think it enough that the doors of the churches and chapels should be open; he carried religion into the highways and byways, and presented it in a form which compelled the attention of hardened sinners. Today we can scarcely understand the derision and persecution suffered by the Salvation Army in its early days. Even the attitude of the churches at first was unfriendly and suspicious. Now they welcome the Army as an ally. This change of view reflects a change in the churches themselves. Their denominational jealousies are dissolving, and if they are not exactly copying the methods of the Salvation Army, they are broadening the range of their work and reaching out for the people under the influence of a new social spirit.

General Booth is still the master mind and dynamic of the movement which he originated 40 years ago. He governs with a firm hand, and his word is law. He has been called arbitrary, but it needed a General Booth to create the Salvation Army, and there are those who fear that it will need a General Booth to maintain it. When his ardent spirit and iron will are removed, will the Army rally to his successor, and will he really be the qualities of leadership needed to hold together a highly centralized organization, such as Booth has made it? Christianity may well hope that Booth's mantle will fall on capable shoulders, for the Salvation Army can ill be spared. The few years of life or activity left to the grand old man are very precious, not only to the Army, but to the world. The world, which is better for his life and work, does homage to him today, and will revere his memory long after he has left it.

AN ENGLISH RAILWAY MERGER.

Three of the great English railway systems have entered into an agreement the effects of which, it is hoped, will greatly improve the transportation facilities of the country, and at the same time benefit railway shareholders.

The railways in the agreement are the Great Northern, the Great Central and the Great Eastern. For years they have engaged in an absurd and ruinous competition. In some instances the lines of the three companies run over almost the same ground and serve the same centres, and in their efforts to secure patronage they have been cutting one another's throats, while the public has gained no advantages. As a result of the duplication of services, passenger and freight trains have been run half empty, charges of all kinds have increased without anyone being benefited and dividends have diminished.

In order to fully protect the interests of all, Mr. Winston Churchill, president of the board of trade, has introduced some important amendments to the bill legalizing the merger, and to these the companies have agreed. Mr. Churchill proposes that after the passing of the act, for the purpose of calculating maximum rates for merchandise conveyed over the railways or any two of them, the distance for which this freight is conveyed shall be reckoned continuously, as if the joint lines formed a single railway. At present merchandise carried over more than one line pays an additional rate in respect of the first twenty miles travelled over each. In order that the three companies may not take advantage of their joint monopoly to raise fares and rates and diminish facilities, Mr. Churchill has added a clause which provides that the ordinary passenger fares on the railways of the three companies at the date of the passing of the act shall not be increased by reason of this measure. The onus will lie upon the joint companies of proving that any increase of fares is not due directly or indirectly to the act or rendered possible by any alterations in the relations of the companies made under

it. In regard to freight there is a similar clause and in either case the railway commissioners may decide on any complaints of increase of fares and charges.

If it can be shown that the facilities afforded by the joint companies in any district have been unreasonably diminished as compared with those provided by the companies before the passing of the act, the board of trade may call for an explanation, and if it sees fit and is unable to bring about an amicable settlement with the parties affected, the board may require the companies to restore the former services.

The interests of the employees are protected by a clause which provides that any servant of any of the amalgamating companies who may be discharged as a consequence of the new arrangement shall be entitled to compensation, the amount to be settled by arbitration.

The amendments of Mr. Churchill which practically establish Government regulation of private corporations, meet with general approval.

THE DEATH OF SWINBURNE.

The most brilliant luminary in the firmament of English letters was extinguished today by the death of Algernon Swinburne. He was the last of the great poets of the Victorian era, and one of that splendid company which made English literature illustrious in the nineteenth century, and of which Hardy and Meredith are the sole survivors.

Swinburne never had the vogue of Tennyson or Browning, with whom he ranks; the license of his early work and his wildly revolutionary sentiments repelled many of his countrymen. But no poet has excelled him in melody of utterance, and in mastery of metre and of the technical resources of the poetic art. For his sheer sensuous beauty, his verse will be imperishable. He was a legacy from a golden age of English poetry, and there is none who inherits his spell.

A BARREN SESSION.

The session of the Ontario Legislature just closed was not a fruitful one. A timid measure of law reform, which is of no substantial advantage to litigants; the validation of Niagara power contracts on the bad principle of ignoring the rights of ratepayers and over-riding the courts; the limitation of the powers of the auditor-general; a few changes in the license act which in no way promote the temperance cause; the wholesale grant of money and land to railway corporations; the creation of the new town of Gowanus; the further protection of mine workers; the requirement of a plebiscite for the granting of a franchise to a public service corporation, and the establishment of a provincial police force—these are the principal achievements of the session.

The Opposition showed no signs of depression over the election results; it was exceedingly active, and Mr. MacKay so distinguished himself as to earn a compliment from Mr. Whitney. It placed itself on record against the three-fifths provision of the local option act, and against land grants to railways, and in favor of the promotion of technical education, of civil service reform, and of the removal of the license administration from party control. The neglect of the Government to take steps to establish a system of technical education is particularly blameworthy in view of the advances being made in other and smaller provinces. Altogether it was not a progressive session, but that was the fault of the administration, not of the Opposition.

A blue outlook for the Easter hats.

The session of the Ontario Legislature just closed broke the record for brevity. This was the only notable achievement of the Government.

The world of letters has suffered a serious loss in the death of Marion Crawford. Of American parentage, he was born in Italy, and he derived his inspiration from that enchanted country, which was practically his home.

Saskatoon has been made the site of the University of Saskatchewan, and the town celebrated the announcement for two days. London should show some of this enthusiasm for its own university, which can serve a much better territory than the institution at Saskatoon can hope to do for many years.

The best service the daughter nations could do the mother country would be to subscribe a fund, not to build Dreadnoughts, but to destroy the House of Lords, which is the arch-enemy of every measure that tends to the betterment of the condition of the British people.

Nine hundred and ninety-nine Americans out of a thousand would hold up their hands for free lumber. But the House of Representatives would go no further than to reduce the duty to one dollar per thousand. The lumber makers are organized; the lumber users are not. It is an old story.

A partisan commission in New Brunswick has cast some reflections upon the integrity of Hon. Mr. Pugsley. He denies the accusations and makes a detailed explanation. That does not prevent certain Opposition newspapers from finding him guilty and asserting that he will be dismissed from the Cabinet. Even if he had sent in his resignation as they report, they would have no means of knowing it. Most of the Ottawa advice of the Opposition papers are mere invention.

EDWARD FITZGERALD.
[New York Evening Post.]
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ory, and as time goes on he, who was once so loved of Tennyson and Carlyle and Thackeray as Old Fitz (always "old"), grows to be almost the dearest of the Victorian names. Not for what he accomplished, not for his "Rubiayat," which, if truth be told, has been a little cheapened by overmuch quotation and imitation; but for his life and the record of that life in the inimitable letters. If the locked door of the past were opened for one moment, how many of us out of all the privileges of those years would choose an hour's walk with Fitzgerald in Regent street on that eventful day, when, with Tennyson he stopped before two figures of Dante and Goethe, in a shop window, and asked the poet: "What is there in old Dante's face that is missing in Goethe's?" And Tennyson (whose profile then, according to Fitzgerald, had a remarkable likeness to Dante's), said: "The Divine." If we had been there we should have heard Fitzgerald's reply, which he omits in the letter written long afterwards to Professor Norton. Or perhaps we would choose rather one of those nights when, in indescribable attire, and with his great plaid shawl wrapped about his head, he used to walk alone over the flat meadows about Woodbridge, muttering to himself what strange fancies suggested by the opaque shadows of the moon and by the windmills that reminded him of his hero, Don Quixote.

THE LOST OCCASION.

[Robert Louis Stevenson.]
Farewell, fair day and fading light!
The day-horn here, with westward sight,
Marks the huge sun now downward soar.
Farewell! We twain shall meet no more.

Farewell! I watch with bursting sigh
My late contemplated occasion die.
I linger useless, and my head, alas,
Farewell, fair day, so foolishly spent.

Farewell, fair day! If any God
At all consider this poor clod,
He who the fair occasion sent,
Prepared and placed the impediment.

Let him divine vengeance take—
Give me to sleep, give me to wake
Girded and shod, and bid me play
The hero of the coming day!

OFTEN DO.

[Washington Herald.]
"What's fresh in spring hats?"
"Well, the milliners have invented two or three new vegetables, I believe."

PHYSICAL CULTURE.
[Louisville Courier-Journal.]
"What's the best thing to induce chest expansion?"
"Medals."

NOT FOUND.
[Cleveland Leader.]
Belle—I wish the Lord had made me a man.
Nell—Perhaps he has, only you haven't found him yet.

AND YET PRICES GO UP.
[New York Telegram.]
With modern machinery a pair of shoes can be made in four minutes at a cost of 35 cents for labor. With modern machinery a live hog starts at one end of a packing house and comes out at the other hams, shoulders, sausage, clothes brushes and bone collar buttons—everything utilized but the squeal—and still, with all these improvements, prices go up and up.

DR. GRENFELL.
[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]
There is an inspiration in meeting such a man. He is human to the heart's core. His creed is so simple that a child may master it in a few minutes. Yet at times he stands apart, a combination of hero and saint, an embodiment of Christian chivalry, such as the poets have dreamed of but the world failed to produce except at rare intervals.

EVIDENCE OF IRISH PROSPERITY.
[Detroit News.]
Ireland must be prospering, else the immigration from the Green Isle would have totalled more than 16,241 in 1908—a very small proportion of the number entering the port of New York last year.

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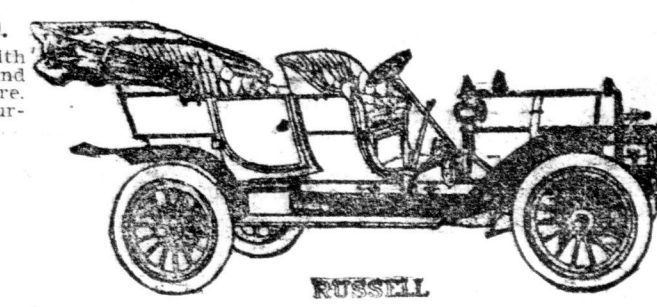
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There was a time when the influx of fish ran into the scores of thousands annually.

STARTED AT THE RIGHT END.

[Ottawa Free Press, Liberal.]
Canada, through her Parliament, has made it clear to the British nation and the world that she is prepared to make every sacrifice should the time ever arrive when the empire is threatened, and has announced her intention of promoting the speedy organization of a Canadian naval service along the lines suggested by the Admiralty in full sympathy with the view "that the naval supremacy of Britain is essential to the security of commerce, the safety of the empire and the peace of the world." By starting at the right end, Canada will not only have the ships, but the men to man them.

SIGNIFICANT.

[Chicago News.]
When a schoolboy begins to comb his hair and scrub his teeth of his own free will, it's a sign that he has matrimonial designs on his teacher.

FOLK'S FOOLISH FAD.

[Buffalo News.]
Gov. Folk will lose all reputation for common sense if he keeps on talking about the absorption of Canada and Mexico by the United States. In fact, nothing is less probable for centuries to come.

PORTABLE BOTANY.

[Everywhere.]
"My dear," remarked a gentleman, opening the dining-room door, "the girl has left the vegetables on the hall table."
"Don't be so stupid," exclaimed the wife. "That is my new hat."

UNACCOUNTABLE.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"When I got home this evening my wife gave me a great surprise."
"How?"
"She didn't ask whether I had come straight from the office."

ADAM BROWN.

[Stratford Beacon.]
Postmaster Adam Brown, of Hamilton, has completed 33 years of his life, with physical force but little abated. In the days when he was member for Hamilton he was well known throughout the country, and in the latter part of the sixties and early part of the seventies, when the Wellington, Grey and Bruce was seeking aid from the municipalities in the northern part of Perth, in Wellington and in Bruce, he did valiant service for that road. Outside of the duties of his office he is much interested in philanthropic work. Those who know him outside of Hamilton will wish him still more years of vigorous health.

GIRLS ARE HONEST.

[Toronto Star.]
But it must be remarked that, consider-

THE BOXING TOURNEY

Preliminary Rounds for the Championships at Toronto.

Toronto, April 9.—Following are the Canadian boxing championship preliminary bouts. Except where otherwise indicated, contestants are of Toronto.

155 pound class—F. Fudge beat R. Price, two rounds; J. Cruise beat J. Shaw, one round.

135 pounds—Thos. Smith beat F. Kelson, two rounds; D. McKay beat P. Lovett, three rounds; H. McEwan beat W. Sanford, P. Lansdowne beat W. Cassidy, two rounds.

125 pounds—A. Roffe knocked out T. Deron, R. C. R. Halifax, in the first round; C. Christie beat T. Murphy, three rounds; H. Weslerbee knocked out S. Laura in the first round.

135 pounds—F. Krompton won from H. Mott, R. C. R. Halifax, R. Barrett beat J. Forbes, two rounds.

145 pounds—H. Lang beat R. Partridge, two rounds; H. Henderson knocked out F. Rainbow, three rounds; J. Sullivan knocked out F. Beck in the second round; F. Banks beat B. Jones.

YESTERDAY'S SCORES IN BIG LEAGUES

Philadelphia, April 9.—Philadelphia Nationals won today's game with the local Americans, giving them four out of five games played. The scores:

Americans..... 3 8
Nationals..... 4 9
Combs and Powers; McQuillan and Douth, Umpires, Messrs. O'Day and Connolly.

At Bridgeport—
New York (Nationals)..... 1
Bridgeport (Conn. State)..... 1

At Nashville—
Brooklyn (Nationals)..... 17
Nashville (Southern)..... 1

At Richmond—
New York (Americans)..... 5
Richmond (Virginia State)..... 1

At Charlottesville, Va.—
University of Virginia..... 4
Princeton..... 3

Called end 11th, account of darkness.
At Lynchburg, Va.—
Boston (Nationals)..... 12
Lynchburg (Virginia State)..... 3

At Baltimore—
New York (Nationals)..... 3
Baltimore (Eastern)..... 3

At Norfolk—
Elmira (N. Y. State)..... 8
Greensboro (Virginia League)..... 6

GROGERS DEFEATED HASSAN ABDULLAH

Toronto, April 9.—Yankee Rogers defeated Hassan Abdullah in a wrestling match tonight, securing two successive falls in 35 and 10 minutes respectively.

THE SPRINGWOOD SHOOT

Brook, High Man, With Twenty-Nine, Against High Wind.

The annual Easter shoot of the Springwood Gun Club was held yesterday morning. W. A. Brook scored high with 29. This was made in four events with ten birds each, and was a creditable record, considering the high wind. Below are the scores of ten birds shot at in each event:

Brice..... 33
Parker..... 17
Brook..... 29
Walde..... 27
Walker..... 23
Remington..... 19
H. Gibson..... 10

GOOD FRIDAY GOOD DAY FOR FAVORITES

Oakland, April 9.—The favorites were all in the front today, and the layers of the odds broke little better than even. Two horses, Madman and Little Siss, belonging to H. G. Bedwell.

First race, 4 furlongs—Helen Carroll, 102 (Gross), 12 to 5, first.

Second race, 4 furlongs, selling—Pen, 105 (Borel), 11 to 5, first.

Third race, Futurity course, selling—Madman, 105 (Taplin), 9 to 10, first.

Fourth race, mile and a half, selling—Peal Leaf, 106 (Scoville), 11 to 10, first.

Fifth race, mile, selling—Little Siss, 105 (Taplin), 9 to 10, first.

Sixth race, 8 furlongs, purse—Palo Alto, 109 (Taplin), 9 to 2, first.

Entries for Saturday:
First race, 6 furlongs, selling—General Haley, Pimkin, Saracinesca, Combury Platoon, G. Balerio, 108; A Muskoday, May Amelia, 106; Billy Myers, 105; Lord Provost, Minot, Pleasie, 103.

Second race, 5 furlongs—Turret, Glena Deane, 109; Sporting Life, 102; Pretend, Democrat, 97; Lady Rucker, San Leandro, Kiang, Galvesca, Sullivan, 105; Lord Provost, Minot, Pleasie, 103.

Third race, 7 furlongs—Marwood, 121; Prestige, 118; Ocean Shore, Blanche C. 115; Crossian, 113; Be-Thankful, Song Writer, 112; Duke of Milan, Rabellas, 105; Louis Strueber, George Kismet, 101; Cotyito, 100.

Fourth race, 6 furlongs, selling—Blagg, 114; Early Tide, Husky, 112; Fordello, Don Enrique, Gemmell, 110; Johnny Blake, Bucolic, Navesson, 108; Anna May, 107; Snake, 105.

Fifth race, mile and 50 yards, selling—Rubie, 111; Cabin, 108; Rockstone Niblick, 107; Import, Ed. Davis, Woolen, 106; Banpoal, Boggs, 105; Schleswig, 95; The Peet, 95; Yankee Daughter, 92.

Sixth race, 5 1/2 furlongs—King James, 122; Resigouche, 112; Booger Red, 112; Rose Queen, 90 1/2; Desirous, 92; Little Jane, 80.

CHELSEA SOCCER TEAM LOST AT INGERSOLL

Ingersoll, April 9.—There was an exciting game of soccer here this afternoon despite the poor weather.

The Chelsea football team of London, was defeated by the local team, with a close score of 5 to 3.

At the end of the first half Ingersoll was ahead with 1 to 0 and continued to play the better game throughout the last half.

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