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THE DAY OF THE SMALL CITIES.

The phenomenal growth of cities which in 1900 had a population of 25,000 to 100,000, is one of the tendencies revealed by the United States census this year.

The New York Sun offers an interesting explanation. It says that in the ten years from 1890 to 1900, the most notable industrial engineering development was the extensive introduction of hydro-electric power. Electricity generated by water power was transmitted over long distances, and proved of commercial value in regions where, as in the New England States, streams were plentiful and fuel was high-priced.

In the last ten years, however, and especially since 1905, there has been a remarkable development of the steam turbine and the internal combustion engine. The steam turbine has reached its modern stage of perfection only in the last five years. The cost of fuel, even where it is high-priced, and of attendance, has been reduced to a comparatively small item in the production of electric power by large steam plants.

This progress of mechanical engineering has helped to distribute factory production throughout the country. It is now of more importance to be near the source of raw products than to be where water is plentiful and coal abundant. This explains in large measure the growth of urban population in the agricultural west. Under modern conditions of power production a great variety of manufacturing enterprises yield higher profits on inexpensive sites in the towns or smaller cities than in the large centres where ground values are high. This tendency, which exists in Canada as well as the United States, makes for national and individual well-being. If the rush from the country to the town cannot be checked, it is better that the increase of the urban population should be spread evenly than that it should be absorbed mainly by a few of the huge cities. The town will be able to hold its own against the city, and the smaller city against the metropolis.

CANADA'S DIPLOMATIC VICTORY.

The London Free Press is one of the few newspapers that pretended to see humiliation for Canada in the recent tariff settlement with the United States. Even the Ottawa Opposition realized there was no party capital in the affair, and made no show of fight. It was left for half a dozen of the more rabid party organs to do the howling.

The Free Press invites The Advertiser to name one concession granted by the United States "in return for one hundred concessions given by Canada." The United States surrendered its claim to a super tax of 25 per cent upon every article imported from Canada. It surrendered its claim to be given perfect equality of treatment with France in the Canadian market. Canada made a few trifling reductions of duty mainly upon articles which are not produced in this country. The agreement injured no Canadian producer in the slightest degree. It left the British preference unimpaired, and Canada untrammelled in her trade relations with the mother country. And because it enabled Canadian consumers to purchase nuts and perfume a little cheaper we are told that the country was humiliated, and "clubbed" into surrender.

It cost Canada nothing to escape the infliction of the American maximum tariff, and she obtained the good will of the Washington Government. To have acted otherwise would have been churlish and unneighborly, and poor business to boot.

A REMINISCENCE OF SIR JOHN.

In a memoir, now running in Collier's, Goldwin Smith wrote: "Sir John Macdonald was my guest at the time of a general election in which the question between free trade and protection was an issue. It was apparent that he was by conviction a free trader. But the election having gone the other way, he lightly bowed to destiny."

It is possible Sir John was what his host thought he was—a free trader—if he had any convictions on the subject at all. He was above everything an opportunist, but a masterful one. He was not made of such heroic stuff as the early advocates of responsible government; he would not fight for an unpopular cause for long years as a matter of principle, but he had a sure instinct for what was practicable at

the moment. He entered parliament as a supporter of Metcalfe's reactionary policy, but he soon discovered that the family compact had had its day. He helped to overthrow it, and he climbed into power on its ruins. He secularized the clergy reserves, though the old Tory party was clerical to the backbone. He was opposed to a federal system for British America, preferring a legislative union, but he helped to create Confederation when he was convinced that it was the only feasible solution. In the very resolution in which the National Policy was brought before the country, in 1878, Sir John sought to commend it to low tariff sentiment as a path to reciprocity with the United States. Thus: "The welfare of Canada requires the adoption of a National Policy, which . . . moving (as it ought to do) in the direction of a reciprocity of tariffs with our neighbors, will greatly tend to procure for this country eventually a reciprocity of trade."

THE BRITISH COTTON CRISIS.

A crisis has been precipitated in the greatest of Britain's industries. Today 120,000 cotton operatives are out of work in Lancashire, 700 employers closing their mills.

This gigantic lock-out has ensued from an apparently trifling dispute. A few score of card-room hands at the Fern mill, near Oldham, struck nearly four months ago because one of their number was not reinstated after some rearrangement of work. The strike threw all the operatives in the mill out of employment. The owners of the mill brought the matter before a tribunal, which exists to deal with such cases. As the card-room employees' organization refused to terminate the strike unless the offending operative was reinstated, the Employers' Federation, on Sept. 17, offered to refer the matter to arbitration. No reply being received, the employers announced that a lock-out would begin on Oct. 1, unless the strikers accepted arbitration or returned to work. The British Board of Trade brought the contending parties together yesterday in a final attempt at settlement, but without result.

Unless the trouble is speedily settled, it will be felt through the whole range of British industry, already disturbed by stoppages of work in the mines and the shipyards. The cotton industry has been recovering from a period of depression, partly caused by the scarcity and high price of raw cotton. Only recently the employers' and the operatives' associations concluded a five years' agreement on the wages question. It is amazing that the operatives should choose to invite another spell of unemployment and privation, when arbitration offered an honorable method of adjusting the dispute. Either they have not been wisely led, or, as in the case of the mining and shipbuilding strikes, they have declined to follow their leaders.

Wouldn't it be an awful "humiliation" for Canada if the Government dropped the duty on soft coal?

Canada's foreign trade is 20 per cent, in advance of last year. Banking and other statistics show that business generally is about 20 per cent, more active than last year.

Enter October! Thoreau complained that it had "hardly tinged" American poetry. Why not? It is "the sunset of the year," and the loveliest month of the twelve in this latitude, at least.

A Chicago woman has obtained a verdict against a bookmaker for the amount her husband lost in gambling on the races. If the precedent were established in this country it would do more than the Miller bill to stop betting.

"The Free Press advocated the removal of the soft coal duty ten years ago."—London Free Press. The Toronto News says the removal would be a hard blow at Nova Scotia mining interests, because 90 per cent of the production profits by the tariff. The Conservative papers are not giving the party a very clear lead on the tariff question.

The Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto will reach Quebec tomorrow, homeward bound. The regiment has undergone the full rigors of the Aldershot manoeuvres, and has challenged comparison with the British regulars for endurance. Canadians will share Toronto's pride in such a corps and such an occasion.

"HE MAKETH THE WRATH OF MAN TO PRAISE HIM."

[Epilogue of "The Tragedy of Pompey the Great," by John Massfield.] And all their passionate hearts are dust, And dust the great idea that burned In various flames of love and lust 'Till the world's brain was turned.

God, moving darkly in men's brains, Using their passions as His tool, Brings freedom with a tyrant's chains And wisdom with the fool.

Blindly and blindly we drift, Our interests clog our hearts with dreams, God make my brooding soul a rift Through which a meaning gleams.

GENERAL BOOTH'S HEALTH.

General Booth's state of health, which has been much discussed of late, is sufficiently satisfactory to allow arrangements to be made for a German preaching and lecturing tour which he will undertake later in the autumn. He will probably before returning to England visit Denmark, where his youngest daughter is territorial commandant of the Salvation Army.

As regards his eyes, while the sight of one is entirely gone, that of the other is blurred by a cataract to such an extent that General Booth cannot recognize his most intimate friends even at close quarters. At most he perceives them in vague outline. Still on occasion he manages to write a few lines in a large hand where he has some special interest in doing so. Otherwise he dictates every-

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thing. Apart from this he is in excellent spirits and his bodily and mental vigor continues to be remarkable for a man of his years. He will be 82 next spring.

ECCLESIASTICAL REFERENCE. [Haverhill Gazette.] Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis described Mr. Roosevelt as "the only man on earth who can throw double sixes every time." While we do not understand these ecclesiastical references, the remark sounds good.

FULFILLMENT. [George Meredith.] No, no, the falling blossom is no sign Of loveliness destroyed and sorrow mute;

The blossom sheds its loveliness divine; Its mission is to prophesy the fruit. Nor is the day of love forever dead, When young enchantment and romance are gone; The veil is drawn, but all the future dreads Lightened by the finger of the dawn. Love moves with life along a darker way, They cast a shadow and they call it death, But rich is the fulfillment of their day, The purer passion and the firmer faith.

AMAZING GUNNERY.

[London Daily News.] A remarkable new development in naval gunnery is recorded this week by the home fleet at Portland during squadron firing by battleships of the newest type at a battle practice target towed by the Indomitable. The target consisted of an elaborate lattice work measuring 90 feet long by 20 high, covered with canvas and mounted upon a float.

The Indomitable left the harbor, towing the target, at 7 o'clock in the morning, and was followed into the channel two hours later by the firing squadron, headed by the Dreadnought, and including the Superb, Lord Nelson and Agamemnon. Steaming at 16 knots, the vessels opened fire simultaneously on arriving within a distance of five miles from the Indomitable. The din was terrific, and the water near the target rose in a series of waterpuffs, rendering the target itself invisible except for rare intervals. Nevertheless, says the Hampshire Telegraph, hardly a vestige of it remained after three minutes of firing. The aim of the gunlayers on the swiftly moving battleships, who were firing at an objective all in motion.

An official photograph on board the Indomitable took cinematograph records of the firing for the information of the Board of Admiralty. Other warships carried out this new form of battle practice under varying conditions, with similar success, and squadron firing is expected to become an annual institution with the fleet.

A WISE PRECAUTION.

[Wise Head.] Plodder—Your wife will raise a fine time when she comes home from the country and finds the house in such a plight. Why don't you tidy it up?

Gayboy—If I did, she would swear there had been some woman here to keep things neat!

HOBLED MARY.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.] Mary had a little skirt, So tight below her knees, That she could neither run nor walk, And didn't dare to sneeze.

REMARKABLE SUICIDES.

[London Daily News.] The influence of suggestion on certain types of mind was remarkably illustrated in a story told at two London inquests yesterday on men who committed suicide while insane.

In the case of Charles Herbert Pitard, a warehouseman, who threw himself in front of a train at Kensington High street station, the coroner said that a singular coincidence was the fact that at the same station two years ago the deceased's employer took his life exactly in the same way. The deceased might

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PUNCH CRACKS A JOKE.

[London Punch.] "The Government are making a road to Porcupine Lake, using about fifty convicts for the purpose."—The Record. This may not be the best kind of road, but it is better than if they had made one to Convent Lake, using fifty porcupines for the purpose.

VIRGINIA HARNED SUES FOR DIVORCE

Alleges E. H. Sothern, Her Husband, Has Deserted Her—Files Bill in Reno.

Reno Nev., Sept. 30.—Virginia Harned Sothern, the actress, today filed suit for divorce against Edward H. Sothern, the prominent actor. The suit was filed in the district court here.

Mrs. Sothern alleges failure to provide and desertion for a period of more than one year. The complaint is unsealed, and alleges that Sothern deserted the plaintiff in 1906, ten years after their marriage at Philadelphia. Since that time the plaintiff alleges her husband has failed to contribute to her support.

Mrs. Sothern alleges a six months' residence, and also alleges that her husband is now and has been for the past two years a resident of Washoe County, Nevada.

This is the second suit for divorce filed by Mrs. Sothern. Two years ago she began an action, but the decree was denied on account of Mrs. Sothern having never resided in Nevada.

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