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THE FEDERAL SQUARE ONDON'S CITY HALL dreams and

cent building through the application has proved to be "permanent" enough

hall problem would have been ruinous of the last few years' experiments. to a commercial concern. What business house would have sold its old quarters before providing new ones, with the Federal Square. Citizens then knunched forth on a grandlose should endeavor to come to a reasonscheme, ambilious even for a city of able solution, and the sconer this is 200,000, and, while it awaited develop- done the better. The plebiscite is by

The Federal Square scheme had some merits before the war, when the mir and the blood of the burghers was full of "booster" spirit. The purchase TT IS QUITE a tragi-comedy, a of the McCormick property, though I crowded theatre watching and apcriticized by some, has built for and plauding the ordinary vaudeville one saved for the city one of the greatest act skit. Here are the graduates of Industries in the Dominion. At the London schools, trained expensively time citizens voted for the Federal in at least the three R's and some Square, Sir Sam Hughes was then min- mature study, laughing and cheering over fister of milita, also, and he agreed to the strangest insanity and perversion go into partnership with the city in to be met with outside a lunatic asylum its civic-military centre plans, but the Surely the vandeville theatre is not city had no bond, and can attach not immoral, but simply an idiot's tale or the slightest value to the idly-given pitifully abortional. promise, especially in view of the said In a recent sample of this cheap slop

vill be probably the reverse. vith the square unless the Government Furthermore, it is not "playing the play. He skips across the room, hat her dilemma. There was no avoiding game" to go in for such an extravagant still on, then starts to shake all over, fore she could go further in her thought undertaking in war time. As quickly up and down, in and out. This shaking as possible, and as far as possible, goes on for a long time, as the crowd up and the child into her keeping and what has been done should be undone. seems to enjoy it. One spectator asked room for another chair," and the chair

careful and businesslike methods may between gasps of laughter, "Why, don't "Not after I knew you were on board; disentangle staelf from the city hall you see he's nervous?" The girls on before then, yes. You have given me jumble to a large extent. The city has
the stage sympathized with the shaker,
asked the question pleasantly, but she miready purchased a considerable shricking, wringing hands and doing was tingling with ill-suppressed irritaamount of property and there may anything to keep up "business." But tion that she could barely control. The the some loss, in addition to the the lantern might have hung the scroll irritation was against herself at the were the stage for the benefit of the comfortable feeling that had come over the loss is made up by the sale of a released "We is nowness." the loss is made up by the sale of a unlearned, "He is nervous." the loss is made up by the sale of a unicarred, "He is nervous."

Lansdale always gave her this sense of security and well being. Whether it point of examining the foot. He applies was his bigness, his forceful honesty, his genial laugh, or his confidence in himself that inspired confidence in which at the present time is sadly nounces an immediate cure. All apshe felt his influence. mon-existent. London, as has been plaud, on and off the stage, but when edged, but she felt that in marriage the "doctor" explains that he is only she would sink her personality and become if not a mannerity, something very tumns, is deplorably lacking in facili- the piano-tuner, he is ordered out by come, if not a nonentity, something very ties for conventions, lectures and pub- the indiguant girls, and the curtain falls near to it. She had filled her own par-Nic gatherings. The theatres at the on so witty a finale. present time do so profitable a business Now think of paying money and willingly for the seclusion of a home. that it is entirely out of the question spending time to hear and see such She was also afraid that in an unso meet their rates for rental. London ineffable rot! The theatrical world has guarded moment he would learn how much he was to her. She faced this thought now. For a moment it had Detter class and many conventions a performance. And yet, no! A been forgotten in the pleasure of his through the lack of a local Massey spectator said that this was nothing to presence, but it returned with force, as derstanding. ing could be found than the old Mc- was quite clever. Well, it beggars ing away and made it my business to Cownick property, and the space is so imagination to think of anything more ample that provision might be made empty, but then liquid air is far below sister. She was loyal to your wish ample that provision might be made empty, but then liquid air is far below to construct such a place so that a Siberian weather, and hades is a good harse show or stock show could be deal beyond 140 in the shade One confidence, and after five minute's talk

Siberian weather, and hades is a good that I should not be told, but I sho the serious and educational side are immoral. There is a touch of nature likely to become a phase of civic life, and best of all, a public hall would world kin. But this is not nature. provide a common centre for citizens, a meeting ground for the discussion of our questions, a harmonizing influence in the community, and a forum for the exercise of free speech. A permanent city, and be of more practical benefit | makes the following comment: than the Federal Square. It could be made self-sustaining, or very nearly so. Other property acquired by the city for the Federal Square might be disposed of for commercial or industrial

It is a pity that the technical school does not now occupy a portion of the numerous secretaries, making himself for you to feel that I am here because equare, rather than to have caused inaccessible to reporters, refusing to of you

the city hall be placed? Surely not at the Spencer property, which is one of the few remaining sections for the erection of business blocks, and stores

The next question is. Where should grant this "only interview" to an over his silence. Perhaps it was that for which he was waiting, a growing dependence that made him necessary to her. Be that as it may, he kept silent, and therefore kept her thinking.

Near Cape Race the steamer ran into a storm and from storm into heavy.

The next question is. Where should grant this "only interview" to an over his silence. Perhaps it was that belonging to T. Roosevelt, and T. R. is mad. He likes to do all the cutting.

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Winter continues to loll in the lap of sprouting. We are just crazy to go hunting wild strawberries. Dundss street should be left by the "Kind words for the stranger Dundas street should be left by the And smiles for the unseen guest; city for business purposes (one only But we give to our own the bitter tone,

business district to realize how difficult will be business expansion in any direction). The Spencer property should be saleable for at least as much as the city paid.

The Advertiser returns to its first love for a city hall site-Court House Square.

The thoughts of citizens turned from this ideal location for a municipal building all too soon. A beautiful square overlooking the forks of the Thames, the jail removed to the country, as has long been planned, an adequate, handsome, but not too costly building, and every need of the city would be provided for. Councils of the future could improve this location by expropriating the land between the Courthouse Square and the river, banks could be cleared, cleaned and terraced. and the whole section improved and enhanced in value. Dundas street, east of Richmond, needs no city hall to bring up its value. Values in the western section are already rising and the upward tendency would be stimu-

The city could maintain its present A achemes so far have come to quarters until such time as a favorable Ettle. The old Erchmond street hall offer was received (we would not adhas been transformed into a magnifi- vise leaving one building for another without having disposed of the first). of private enterprize and meany; the The courthouse site is ample and no emporary" city hall (Spencer Block) false values can be placed upon it by private parties. With a public hall Go far as cost is concerned (the money on the old McCormick property, the ment for and upon it would have re- Spencer block disposed of for business built the old hall) and the Federal purposes, and a commodious, hand-Equare scheme is very march "up in some, but not necessarily expensive city hall erected on Courthouse Square The city's correc in the whole pro- citizens would be well on the way to teedings toward a solution of the city redeeming the mistakes and ill-fortunes

At any rate, the city cannot with any measure of common sense proceed enother large building on the supposition that it could be disposed of at to-sleep-on-it policy to a conclusion

VAPID VAUDEVILLE.

Sir Sam's present status. The people we have some school girls at the and Government will not be likely to flapper age anxious to get acquainted nothing the matter with her except She had been rammed by a steam increase armories and parade grounds with a young doctor. They make up a strain from overwork and a little nate whose ghostly shape could be so acrease armories and parade grounds with a young doctor. They make up a strain from overwork and a little na after the war; in fact, the tendency game to pretend that one of them has ging worry at the back of her brain that faintly through the thickness that en sprained her ankle, and, taking off her in the humble opinion of The Adver- slipper and stocking, paint her pretty tiser further development of the Fed- white ankle with some sort of blue-black eral Square scheme is simply out of Ink or varnish. In the meantime they the question. The city cannot go on push and pull one another around and scream like peacocks, just to keep the and dining saloon to herself, and it was is the was the most precious thing willing to carry on its share of audience's "mind" in the illusion that not until the steamer reached Halifax andience's "mind" in the illusion that that the tables began to fill. Then, to her consternation, she saw the man of

is unlikely, and on the knees of the ink will, of course, fool any doctor, all others she did not wish to see-the to spend the amount required They send for the doctor, and the ning away. would be to threaten ratepayers with arrival of a smart young man in sailor toward her, so she slipped unseen from the rope that separated the first

enigmas, as in the cinema. The neigh- and then he laughed. The Advertiser believes the city by bor, trained and experienced, replied Madeline?

Hall. No better site for such a build- some of the shows for silliness; this he said slowly: staged therein. Moving pictures on despairs of humanity as worse than I broke every speed law that has been

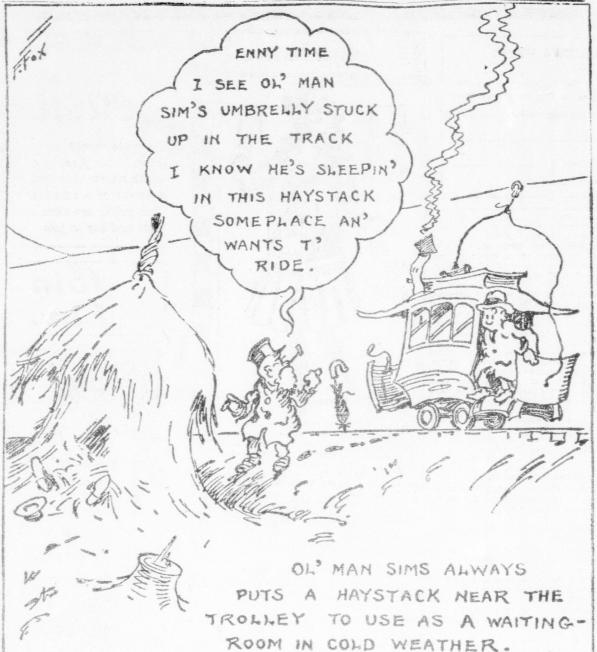
INACCESSIBLE SAM.

"It was to ask him how he had transformed peaceful, anti-militar-ist Canada into a nation in arms that I long sought an interview with Sir Sam Hughes-a privilege, that had not been granted since the

the tearing down of many houses and the blocking of business development for anyone journalistically inclined to blocking of business development for anyone journalistically inclined to blocking of business development for anyone journalistically inclined to blocking of business development for anyone journalistically inclined to blocking of business development for anyone journalistically inclined to blocking of business development for anyone journalistically inclined to blocking of business development for anyone journalistically inclined to blocking of business development for anyone journalistically inclined to blocking of business development for anyone journalistically inclined to blocking of business development for anyone journalistically inclined to blocking of business development for anyone journalistically inclined to blocking of business development for anyone journalistically inclined to blocking of business development for anyone journalistically inclined to blocking of business development for anyone journalistically inclined to blocking of business development for anyone journalistically inclined to blocking of business development for anyone journalistically inclined to blocking of business development for anyone journalistically inclined to block in the block in th

has to make a casual survey of the! Though we love our own the best,"

The Toonerville Trolley That Meets All the Trains BY FONTAINE FOX



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The Touch of a Baby Hand

disappeared.

ly toward the sea. She heard him say there was no danger, but all else

nad worked hard to fill her own par-

a rough sleeve as it was lifted to

Wait a Minute!

have made the Eskimos dishonest. Who -

Baltimore is planning a new city hall.

London has been planning ever since

be popular then.

editor, please write

Hector was a pup.

Calves are, though.

Madeline Grahame was worn out, when the fog was thickest, a horrib mentally and physically. There was shiver ran the length of the vess seriously she dropped her work and but terrified crowd, she clung to l

The first two days out she had deck

a burden almost ruinous at this time. straw brings the emotional crisis of the the saloon to her chair on deck to face

What is the best method of approachfing the matter? What is to be done
his neighbor, "What is the matter with
him?" There ought to be a lantern
There was an instant's silence as they flash giving an explanation of such looked straight into each other's eyes, "Did you think I would not find you,

ticular place in the scheme of things that other lowered one, and she knew of typhus. Good old typhus. too long to give up her independence that Peter Lansdale, not a career, ticular place in the scheme of things

"It was a sudden decision." she re-

ESLIE'S, an American publication, which recently has had quite a would not get away from me; that civic building would do much for the long interview with Sir Sam Hughes, we would have ample time to thrash out our differences, time for me to convince you of the futility of your present attitude. You have evaded me long enough. Before we return I think our understanding of each other will

She turned upon him enraged. "You will spoil my trip!" "No," he answered gravely, Hedged in as he has been by his not revert to this talk. It is enough

approach Sir Sam Hughes since the war the first night out from Halifax that, even in the pleasure of his constant companionship, she began to wonder The next question is: "Where should grant this "only interview" to an over his silence. Perhaps it was that to a storm and from storm into heavy, hunting wild strawberries. depressing fog that shut her in completely. All of one night and into the following day the siren and fognorn had most more think they be a play, rasped nerves already tense, Then, but most men think they mar-

too. Our head's hard. Villa is surrounded. He will likely give Carranza an awful licking for that.

Woman once bore the heaviest of all oads, says an expert. The husband is

ried the harp. One stringed harp,

The British cabinet has had another shakeup. That's one of the things it does very easily. Some sad sweet day this gang will get

together and work as a unit, Never say seen that we are not an optimist. As we gather it, the Conservatives

are in favor of a coalition, with their leaders having all the say, and the system. With natural gas a municipal

into a chair and told her to stay minds off the product exuded by aldermanic candidates. to a lot of fiddlers are running certain de

issue, we will be able to get our

the second-class passengers. Pande- frinstance, the midst was Peter, holding a baby in his arms and trying to quiet the paying a doctor's bill. It most fre-. . .

"Why Belgians Leave Home" It was the first time she had ever held a little child, and she looked down is a stirring drama with Kaiser upon it fearfully. She expected it to Rill and Von Rissing in the Limited General Agents, 50 King street upon it fearfully. She expected it to cry, but it poked at her eyes and Bill and Von Bissing in the caught her fingers in its chubby hand. rowdy roles.

ing she was holding the little face A Chicago man has 72 million eggs close to her own and humming an air stored up. What a chance for some-What a chance for someshe had not heard since she was a college boys. It was then that she glanced up into Peter Lansdale's face and the look in his eyes made her put the baby way. It lands right in their own homes.

into its mother's arms and turn quick-ly toward the sea. She heard him Old age is merely a process of was lost in the sudden emotion that held her in its grip. For the first doctor. How can solid ivory de-

Jacob Sasoon, who recently died in Bombay, claimed a direct descent from David the King and Psalmist. Nothing on us. We know where we got all our monkey business.

The day rough sleeve as it was lifted to the condition of the c Jacob Sasoon, who recently died in

One thousand Turks are dying dally

could give her complete happiness.

They were married when they reached St. Johns, and the two months she

The gent who stored up those 72,000,000 eggs must be trying in wandering to outdo Cecil Rhodes and other one about Newfoundland were glori- diamond kings. Never heard of

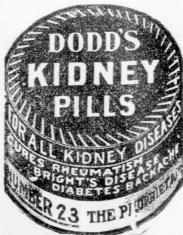
such wealth. A western tallor was pardoned so that he could finish a wedding suit. The authorities must have something against

some newspapermen the other day, but mas. Is it a joyful season for them? did not quite finish the job. Quite a It is not. Pity us.

task to take the life of a newsie gent. If old age is merely chemical An Indiana woman did not know until the other day that there was a war on. That's nothing. Some of the British started to decompose the minute That's nothing. Some statesmen don't know it yet. they were born.

A New York physician says that New York will be dry in lot of advertising. With the pillows the 1920. New York will cease to fight (?) is accompanied by, a four-hundred-pounder could scarcely wallop

An explorer says that the white men | Marriage in Belgium is 20 per cent



failure, we read. The other 80 per cent work on an armistice, so to speak.

King Tino wept when he handed over those toy pistols of his. Poor baby.

We wonder how the war can get on without a speech from Sir Sam.

With a flock of aldermanic *1:30 p.m., *3:30, *5:30, *7:30, candidates in the field, the na- 9:15 p.m. tural gas bylaw will feel quite at home in that company, we

H. Ford likes the Canadian West, we read. The West rises up in its might, and says, it says, wot do we care? If he approves of the Almighty's work, all well and good. He could not do much better.

Great Britain may give the Austrian minister to the United States a safe passage. Of course, the Allies do not control the seas. Why do the Germans not send him over in a submarine? Guess they would rather not clutter up the floor of the ocean with such an im portant package.

THIS, IF TRUE, WILL BE BLOW TO MILLERS

British Government to Take Flour Mad

From Old Wheat Solely. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 4 .- A startling port recived here says that the British government has decided to take no more flour from Canadian mills made by the new crop of wheat. Only old wheat flour will be accepted. As there is no old crop wheat in the country this will be a blow to Canadian mills and will affect flour prices downward.

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