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FOR GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD

The publication of the full text of the Waterways Treaty shows that its critics have missed the main point. They have been stirring up a tempest over the distribution of Niagara power between the two countries, and ignoring the tremendous importance of the provision for the settlement of future disputes.

It would be foolish to quarrel with the United States over Niagara power. The Americans, by building a canal two or three miles above the Falls, and one of their chafed divert the whole river, and completely destroy the cataract. Another company on the American side sought permission to change the channel by blasting so as to divert the greater share of the water to the American side. If the development were not limited by the consent of both countries there would be a mad competition in which the Falls would not only disappear, but the bulk of the water be percolated by the United States. The present treaty provides for a division of the water for power purposes in the proportion of 5 to 3 in Canada's favor. As the Dominion Government has taken authority to prohibit the export of power to the United States, the whole development on the Canadian side will be available for this country when it is demanded.

The overshadowing feature of the treaty is the establishment of a permanent joint high commission. It is provided that to this body "shall be referred for examination and report all questions of difference arising between the two countries in relation to their common frontier, and to it may be referred also any other matters of interest to the two countries." Its decision will be binding or not, according as the United States Government and Senate, on the one hand, and the Canadian Government on the other, stipulate, before any question is referred to the commission. If the commission cannot agree the matter in dispute will be referred to an umpire chosen by the procedure prescribed in article 45 of The Hague convention.

The mere report of such a commission on a disputed international issue will in most cases suffice to settle it or prevent it from becoming an irritant. Where the commission cannot agree the subject of controversy will be transferred to the realm of impartial arbitration. Surely such a provision will contribute to good neighborhood and be a gain to civilization.

THE BIRRELL LAND BILL.

One of the most important measures of the present session of the British Parliament is the Irish land purchase bill, the author of which is Mr. Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland. The main object of the bill is to so enlarge the scope of the Wyndham act as to insure the distribution among peasant proprietors of not merely a part but virtually all the landed estates in the Emerald Isle. It also contemplates a distinct improvement in the terms of payment obtainable by prospective purchasers.

The passage of this measure would relieve the congestion from which the west of Ireland has so long suffered and bring vast tracts of soil long used as grazing lands back under the plow again.

Important in this connection is the fact that the national convention of the United Irish Party, held last week in Dublin, almost unanimously endorsed the bill. Such opposition as there was came from a small group led by Mr. Wm. O'Brien, but eventually a resolution by Mr. John E. Redmond, favoring the proposed legislation, was carried with but ten dissenting votes. Significant also was the rejection of a motion proposed by what is known as the physical force faction, that the Nationalist members of parliament be instructed to oppose and embarrass by every means in their power the government which is giving evidence of a sincere desire to carry through parliament legislation in the best interests of Ireland. Mr. Redmond and his followers in parliament feel that although they may not obtain all they want they can rely on getting more for Ireland from the Liberals than from the party now in opposition.

The Unionists oppose the bill on economic grounds, contending that it will impose an immense additional burden on the imperial exchequer which, in view of the requirements of the old age pension law and of the naval expansion programme, would become well-nigh unbearable. Mr. Lloyd-George's budget may furnish the answer to that question.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM AND SALARIES.

The Ottawa Government is evidently determined to carry out its pledges in regard to civil service reform. Of the five principal recommendations of the civil service commission,

three were covered by the bill of last session. The result has been the introduction of the system of competitive examinations for entering the service; the establishment of a non-partisan and independent commission, under whose authority such examinations will be held, and who will have other powers in connection with the administration and development of the service; and the adoption of a scheme for a reorganization of the departments on the basis of the duties of the offices rather than their personnel.

There is now before parliament a measure covering the fourth of the commission's recommendations—that is, providing for a flat increase of \$150 in the civil servants' salaries, which, in view of the increased cost of living, the commission considered absolutely necessary. As Hon. Mr. Fisher pointed out when introducing the measure, the increase in the salaries of civil servants has been very slight since the scale was arranged over half a century ago. Since that time not only has the cost of the necessities of life immeasurably risen, but the work and responsibilities imposed upon members of the service have been augmented.

The salary increases now contemplated apply only to the inside service at Ottawa only, but the Government is not unresponsive to the claims of the outside service. Sir Wilfrid Laurier pointed out during the debate, that no government has ever yet undertaken such a task as to reform at once both the outside and the inside service. In Great Britain and the United States they proceed by stages, and this is what the Dominion Government is doing. It has undertaken to reform the inside service, reserving the power to do the same with the outside. This it will begin as soon as possible after it has got through with the inside departments. When the plans of the Government have been fully carried out members of both the inside and outside service will no longer be subject to party "pull," and at the same time will be required to gain and hold positions in the service on merit alone.

The Attorney-General should wake up and get after the municipal corporations which are illegally bidding for industries. Municipal law-makers should not be law-breakers.

The Western Fair has no liabilities and a cash surplus of \$10,000. This is a comfortable provision against a rainy day during Fair week.

An extra session of Congress has been called for next month to deal with tariff revision. The President-elect is evidently sincere in his tariff reform professions.

Mr. Nicholas Wilson is a unique landmark in this community. His battle for life will excite the sympathetic interest of thousands of his pupils scattered far and wide.

A British royal commission reports alarming moral and physical deterioration among a large class in London and other industrial centres. This is less important in the opinion of an influential party in England than the building of more battleships.

The Dominion Government has disavowed the legislation known as the Natal act, which would have enabled the Government of British Columbia to exclude all Japanese, Chinese and Hindus from that province. Of course, the McBride Government had no desire to go to such extremes. It passed the act in order to play to the gallery, knowing that the federal authorities would be obliged by imperial considerations to over-ride it. The passage of the bill was an exhibition of cheap politics by men who are playing their own selfish game regardless of Canadian or British interests.

A QUIET AFFAIR.

A prominent lawyer of Vicksburg, Mass., who, after two months of widowhood, took unto himself another spouse, having to indignant when he read in one of the local papers the following notice of his marriage:

"The wedding was very quiet, owing to a recent bereavement in the bridegroom's family."

MISDIRECTED EFFORTS.

A St. Louis man asks divorce because his wife forced him to eat pie with a fork when he was accustomed to use a knife. Thus do efforts at culture oft come to naught even when undertaken under the happiest auspices.

MATRIMONY.

[Paris Figaro.] At forty a man may regret that he married. At sixty a bachelor regrets bitterly that he did not take a wife.

PREPARED.

[Chicago News.] He—Fifty miles an hour! Are you brave? She (swallowing another pint of dust)—Yes, dear, I'm full of grit.

THE "CLASSES" IN ENGLAND.

[New York Sun.] The following gem of an advertisement appears in the London Tablet of Jan. 9: "DEBILITY. Home for Ladies (1st and 2nd Class.)"

DON'T KNOW WHEN THEY'RE WELL OFF.

[Petersboro Examiner.] London the Less is not a slow place, by any means. It is perishing with thirst, having to struggle financially and otherwise with a water supply problem. Yet on Jan. 4 the electors voted \$5,000 towards a hospital for consumptives. This seems a trifle, but it is to be remembered that London maintains a general hospital at a large expense. We in Petersboro do not, perhaps, appreciate the extent to which we are indebted to private liberality for hospital service. The Nichols Hospital, one of the best in the Province, was erected and is maintained without a cent of expense to the general body of rate-payers. Nothing but an equally excellent hospital, St. Joseph's, make any munici-

pal levy upon the tax rate, yet we can't get a \$5,000 or \$5,000 isolation hospital built.

NAUGHTY CANADA.

England will build more Dreadnoughts. What Canada contributes to the Dreadnoughts is the naughts.

LONGBOAT'S CLAIM.

[Montreal Herald.] Just when it is conceded that Tom Longboat has a peerless pair of legs, he flares up and claims to have a head, too. These Alexanders are always signing for more worlds to conquer.

THE OPPOSITION.

[Toronto News.] The Legislature starts today. The Liberals have a sigh. When they regard the mournful few Who sit about Mackay.

HOW THE WORLD COULD BE IMPROVED.

[S. E. Kiser.]

How grand a place this world would be if no man ever had to labor. If each man might from debts be free. And somewhat richer than his neighbor. How happy we could all become. If pleasure never were denied us. If scolding women all were dumb. And others never rose to chide us.

This world would be a splendid place. If we could spend our lives at pleasure. If coal men never asked for pay. To try to cheat us with short measure. What happiness we all might claim. If each man who was lured or driven To foolishness or sin might blame Some fellow-man and be forgiven.

How fair a place this world would be. If each man who is fond of speaking Had knowledge that by you and me. Might be considered well worth seeking. How glad we might become ere long. If when we spoke all men would heed us.

If we might proudly lead the throng. And no man ever tried to lead us.

This world would be a splendid place. If each man might indulge his passion Without the danger of disgrace. Or punishment in any fashion. What cause could men have for complaint. If each man could surpass his neighbor. If each were free from all restraint. And laws were only made for others.

WARNING AGAINST THE GRIP.

[Chicago Record-Herald.] Health Commissioner Evans issued an appeal to the public yesterday for aid in the department in its war against pneumonia. If you would avoid that disease, avoid bronchitis and influenza, take the following advice: Keep away from spitters. Keep away from spit.

Keep out of poorly ventilated stores, cars, theatres, schools, churches, offices and homes. Do not go into hot places. Do not get overheated. Do not get too warm. Do not dress too warmly. Get the inviting action of fresh, cold air or cold water upon you. Keep your body clean inside and out. Do not eat to excess. Do not gorge. Do not drink. Temperance in all things.

DECEIVED.

[Chicago Record-Herald.] "Your feet are small," the shoe clerk said. As he he inatop pressed: The lady sighed and bowed her head. And gladness filled her breast.

But little time with her he spent. A busy clerk was he. He sold her sixes ere she went— But they were numbered three.

TWO OF A KIND.

[Chicago Record-Herald.] At St. Louis philologist wants the Simplified Spelling Board to tackle the word "colony." Why pass "colonization" by?

BELLE MARQUISE.

[Austin Boston.] You are just a French trifle, Belle Marquise. Just a thing of puffs and patches. Made for madrigals and catches. Not for heart wounds but for scratches. O Marquise.

Wrought in rarest rose Du Barry, Quick at verbal point and parry, Clever, doubtless, but to marry, No, Marquise!

IF YOU WORK HARD IN THE EUROPEAN TRIP, YOU MAY POCKET PART OF THE \$20 IN GOLD AS A PREMIUM.

Advertisement for a contest.

Comments.

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A Big House.

The biggest house of the week was at the Grand Opera House last night to see the Power Stock Company in "The Heart of a Hero." As on their former appearance the company pleased their patrons with the presentation.

The specialties between the acts were excellent, and delighted the audience. This pair of colored girls sing very well, indeed.

Mr. Herbert Power was excellent, and his support lived up to their former good work.

Tonight the offering will be "Over the Hills to the Border," said to be a very interesting play.

Benefit for Ushers.

The ushers for the Grand Opera House will have a benefit under the name of Kathryn Osterman plays here. Tickets are already on sale, and the prospects are for a bumper house. The play is a good one and will draw on its merits, while the ushers' benefit will help considerably.

The contestants in The Advertiser's Free Trip contest have everything to gain and nothing to lose by joining in the pin-money contest mentioned on Page Five.

INCREASES IN BANK CLEARINGS

Denote Returning Prosperity to the Dominion. Splendid increases in bank clearings are shown by nearly all the Canadian cities. Last week's figures were as follows:

Montreal.....\$22,408,000
Toronto.....24,342,000
Winnipeg.....10,305,000
Vancouver, B. C.....4,006,000
Ottawa.....2,945,000
Quebec.....2,284,000
Halifax.....1,685,000
St. John, N. B.....1,167,000
Calgary.....1,418,444
London, Ont.....1,110,000
Victoria, B. C.....1,035,000

You Can't Afford To Feel "Dopey"

—to have headaches—an easily-tired body—a stuffy feeling brain—even for part of the time. There are too many keen, alert men and women, always at their best, to give much chance of success to one thus handicapped. These things are the direct results of a sluggish liver—constipated bowels—dry skin—overworked kidneys—in short, of a body whose sewers are clogged.

Nothing opens up these outlets of the waste, and clears the system of poison so gently, yet so effectively, as "Fruit-a-tives." "Fruit-a-tives" are the juices of oranges, apples, figs and prunes combined—by a process that greatly increases their medicinal value—with valuable tonics and internal antiseptics, and made into tablets. Take one or two "Fruit-a-tives" every day, eat plenty of ripe fruit, and see how quickly your brain clears and headaches leave you. 50c a box—6 for \$2.50. Trial size 25c. Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

REV. MR. DEWEY

WILL REMAIN HERE

Accepts Unanimous Invitation of Empress Avenue Methodists to Stay Another Year.

The quarterly board of the Empress Avenue Methodist Church met last evening and extended to the pastor, Rev. George W. Dewey, a hearty and unanimous invitation to remain in that capacity for another year.

Address to Pastor.

The following address was presented to the pastor: Rev. George W. Dewey, Dear Beloved Pastor:

We, the quarterly board, upon this, the close of the third quarter of the first year of your ministry among us, desire to express to you, from the fullness of our hearts, the deep, abiding love and respect we, each and all, hold for you, our pastor and teacher, God's ambassador, we believe, sent to minister unto us by the guidance of His Divine Providence.

From the wisdom of your first appearance among us at the Sabbath morning class, when you talked and sang of the forgiving Savior, our hearts warmed to you, and we then have learned to know you more intimately, to love you deeply and to serve you implicitly. Each successive service, whether upon week days or Sabbath, has marked a progressively-increased drawing together of the people, young and old, in the fold of Christ. The truths of his word have been, and are being, at every service, set before us so plainly, so clearly, and with the fearless zeal begotten of the confidence of Christ, of love and Holy Ghost power—that it has been a constant delight to all of us to listen to him anew. To many of us the Old Story has been revealed as never before in your unflinching, loving, unflinching to us of God's Word.

We may be pardoned when we sincerely say that the spiritual profit and benefit received under your guidance, by the care of the congregation, of every age, rank and condition, have been estimated nor measured. Because of this we all with gladness and joyfulness, praise and thanksgiving.

We hope and believe that the earnest prayer of every member of this congregation, by the care of the committee for the coming year: Finance, George McCormick; grounds and buildings, Col. Little; printing, Col. Garthshore; and the various departments, Mr. Pringle; and the Sunday school, that you may remain with us. We pray God to spare your life and give you health and strength throughout the year.

And, our dear pastor, we herewith extend to you an earnest invitation to continue your pastorate with us throughout another year, and we pray God that he may make it clear for you to accept.

Empress Avenue Methodist Church, London, Feb. 17, 1909.

The Pastor's Reply.

Rev. Mr. Dewey, in reply, stated that he appreciated very much the resolution, and that he was never the invitation to remain another year just as heartily as it was given.

SOUTH LONDON LIBERAL WHIST

Regular Match Will Be Held on Friday Night.

The South London Liberal Club will hold its weekly whist tournament on Friday evening.

The attendance at these meetings has been increasing considerably of late, and the largest crowd of the season is expected on Friday night. All Liberals are invited to be present and spend an evening.

Keep Friday evening for the South London Club.

C. E. BERNARD SELLS THE "HOTEL SAVOY"

Mr. John O'Flaherty, Well-Known Hotelman, Is New Proprietor.

The Hotel Savoy, owned by Mr. C. E. Bernard, has been disposed of to Mr. J. O'Flaherty of this city.

The deal was consummated yesterday, and Mr. O'Flaherty will take charge as soon as the transfer can be arranged.

Mr. O'Flaherty is a well-known hotelman, having formerly owned the Wellington House, and later the hotel that he has now purchased, when it was known as the Oriental.

The consideration is said to be about \$20,000.

The advertisement on Page Five will tell you all about the pin-money project in connection with the European trip. Don't fail to read it.

Chapman's

Ladies' Tailor from New York

Our Ladies' Tailoring Department is ready for spring orders. We have a first-class ladies' tailor, Mr. Diamond, who has had twelve years' experience in New York, and is second to none in the country. Many ladies have been waiting for this re-opening, and we ask them to call and see the work we are turning out in this department.

NEW TAILORING CLOTHS

Preliminary spring showing of the new imported fabrics, including satin-cloths, plain and striped broadcloths and peerless English suitings. If you wish to give your order for cloth gowns or tailored suits to your dressmaker and tailor early, you can find a fairly representative range of materials, as high as \$2 a yard.

HALF-BLEACHED COTTON

Fine Half-Bleached Cotton, absolutely pure, nice soft quality: Piece of 28 yards at\$1.96
Piece of 30 yards at\$2.10
Or what you want at a yard8c

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO., 126, 128, 128½ Dundas St.

GAS ONLY ON FAIR GROUNDS

Will Be Allowed for Lighting and Cooking Purposes.

THE FAIR BOARD PROTECTS PATRONS

Grave Danger to the Public From Use of Gasoline Torches Is Pointed Out.

The forty-first annual meeting of the Western Fair board was held in the city hall yesterday afternoon, and the attendance was the largest in the history of the organization. Fifty members answered to their names when the roll was called.

All of last year's officers were re-elected, and at a directors' meeting held subsequently the following were appointed to the various committees for the coming year: Finance, George McCormick; grounds and buildings, Col. Little; printing, Col. Garthshore; and the various departments, Mr. Pringle; and the Sunday school, that you may remain with us.

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PEOPLE PLEASED WITH NEW ROAD

London to Sarnia Line Will Prove Popular.

The people along the proposed route of the London and Western Traction Company's line between London and Sarnia are enthusiastic over the prospect of a road.

Such was the statement of Mr. John Farrell, of Forest, who attended the meeting of the Western Fair Association yesterday.

"The road will certainly go," said Mr. Farrell. "It is being most enthusiastically received in London County and elsewhere, and there is no doubt that it can be carried to a successful issue. It passes through a fine territory, and I cannot see any other outlook in Sarnia and other points it is being well received, and I think the promoters will have no trouble in securing funds to build the road. It will mean a great deal for that part of the country, as well as the city of London and Sarnia."

Read Page Five carefully, and find the particulars of the \$30 in gold offer for those competing in the Trip-to-Europe contest.

TORONTO TRAVELLER LOSE HIS MONEY

Went Into Car for a Smoke and Came Out Without His "Roll."

C. J. Murch, a traveller for an artificial limb company of Toronto, had an unpleasant experience. A couple of nights ago while coming to this city on Grand Trunk express No. 5.

Mr. Murch was on his way to Sarnia and had considerable money in his pocket. He went into the smoking compartment, and after smoking a while came out in company with several other men. A short time afterwards he was surprised to find that with the exception of 35 cents and his railroad ticket there was nothing in his pockets. He at once reported the matter to the railroad officials, but no trace of the missing money could be found.

A New Platform on Stage.

President Reid brought up the matter of a new platform in front of the grand stand at the meeting of the directors of the Western Fair yesterday afternoon.

"This is a necessity," he said. "The old platform is so far gone that it cannot be used another year. I do not think such a large platform is required, but a new one must be built."

Mr. McCormick thought that the council should be asked to do this. The fair, he said, brings a very large amount of money into the city every year, and he would suggest that it would be a good idea for the council for an annual grant of \$1,500.

Ald. Fitzgerald said the council were going to have their hands full this year, but he thought if the board needed help the council would do what they could to help them.

Will Ask for \$1,500.

It was decided to ask the council for a grant of \$1,500.

Mr. Brown stated that the roof of the main building was leaking very badly.

"Why, it was only put on two years ago," said Ald. Saunders. "It ought to be good for a long time yet. Who did the work?"

"We have a guarantee," said a director, from Messrs. Kernohan & Wilson, and although we have been trying to hold them to it, we have had a lot of trouble."

President Reid pointed out that the directors must increase their prize list this year. Ottawa has done so largely, and London must, too.

Ceil Upper Floors.

Mr. Spencer said he thought the floors of the upper grand stand should be ceiled if it were intended to use it regularly. There had been many complaints regarding dirt and dust coming down on the heads of people in the lower stand.

A Cat Show, May Be.

W. J. Bosch, president of the Western Ontario Pigeon Association, wrote asking the board to provide a building for cats, canaries, rabbits and pet stock generally. The association, he said, were willing to appoint a committee to do the judging.

Several directors pointed out that such a show would be largely attended in Toronto at any big fair, and thought it would be much better to provide a tent rather than a building. The executive will deal with the matter.

President Reid thought that as the board has spent \$19,151 in new buildings since 1905, only work that was absolutely necessary should be done.

THE TROUBLE LIES HERE

You Can't Work Like This

And You Need Not Suffer

Every little household task becomes a burden when you suffer with kidney trouble. Instead of being the bright, happy soul nature intended you to be you are becoming a nervous wreck. This need not be. A few doses of DR. ROOT'S KIDNEY AND LIVER PILLS will demonstrate this. They are the world's specific