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PUGSLEY AGAIN REBUKED.

With the passing of the Japanese Treaty there will have been consummated a forward step in the autonomy of Canada as compared with that which existed under the Laurier regime.

Mr. Borden clearly expressed himself in the following words yesterday afternoon in the House: "Our view is that while friendly with Japan and ready to co-operate in the broadest way, and while we have confidence that the Japanese Government will carry out loyally the arrangement made, yet final control must be with the Parliament and Government of Canada."

This expression of opinion from the Prime Minister will give assurance to the country at large that the present Government will carry out to the utmost their duty to the people, while careful at the same time not to antagonize their friends over the seas.

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AUTONOMY PLUS AUTONOMY.

Speaking recently before the Canadian Club of Toronto Mr. Arthur Meighen, M. P., completely answered those angry patriots who pretend to find a sacrifice of Canadian self-government in the Prime Minister's avowed proposals.

Even the permanent naval policy which is to follow the present emergency contribution must dovetail closely with the Imperial Government's defence plans. Surely this is common sense. If the people of the Empire as a whole were to take the advice of Canadian Oppositionists we should become very easy victims of foreign aggression.

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THE IMPERIAL SQUADRON.

What foreign admiral would dare to risk a doubtful battle with the knowledge that five unjured Dreadnoughts were sweeping up the English Channel to fall upon his fleet?

CURRENT COMMENT.

To Get There First. (Vancouver News-Advertiser.) St. John, N. B. is to have a moving picture show under the auspices of the church.

The Organ for Closure. (Toronto Globe, Aug. 12th.) There is no lack of justification for the adoption by the Australian House of Representatives of a rule limiting the length of a member's speech to 45 minutes, with additional time in special cases, and limiting speeches in committee to two of 30 minutes each for any one member.

The Chastened Spirit. (Louisville Courier-Journal.) In his "Possible Autobiography" Col. Roosevelt tells an engaging story about a spanking he received when he was four years old, and says: "I hope, and believe, it did me good." Well, Teddy, let us hope, and believe, that the same was true of the licking last November.

The Best of Both Worlds. (Boston Transcript.) Bill Hayward's sentence of six months at hard labor is certainly a terrible blow for an industrial worker.

DIARY OF EVENTS

FIRST THINGS

BANKRUPTCY LAWS. The first bankruptcy law of the United States was passed by Congress 113 years ago today. It was repealed in 1803, and a second act adopted in 1841, which was repealed two years later. A third act was passed in 1867, but, discredited and unpopular, was sent to the legislative scrap heap in 1878.

The first bankruptcy law in history was probably that of Draco, the seventh century B. C. who made business failure punishable by death. Solon amended this stringent law, and abolished enslavement for debt, although a bankrupt and his heirs forfeited the rights of citizenship.

In ancient Rome the unfortunate debtor was either executed or sold into slavery. In Caesar's time the insolvent debtor was not even deprived of civil rights, unless first denounced by a creditor, and then outlawed.

England began legislating on bankruptcy in 1543, and since then has passed some forty statutes on the subject.

THE PASSING DAY.

CENTENARIANS GALORE!

A skeptical person recently took occasion to cast aspersions on the claims of alleged centenarians, asserting that in most, if not all cases, the proofs of such longevity were not forthcoming. The Boston Post, rightly indignant, pointed with pride to Mrs. Sarah Robie Wilson, of Corinth, Vt., who celebrated her centenary a year ago today, having been born on April 4, 1812, as the Post prepared to prove. Also the Post found several other New England centenarians whose claims were well attested. The skeptic was very properly discomfited, as he deserved to be.

CANADA AND MR. PUNCH.

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THE HUMAN PROCESSION

THE EARL OF DERBY.

The Earl of Derby, who will pass his forty-eighth milestone today, is the holder of the oldest earldom in the peerage, with the exception of that of Shrewsbury. The first Earl of Derby was created in 1485, as a Royal recognition of his valor in the battle of Bosworth fought in that year. The first Earl of Shrewsbury received his title in 1445.

The Duke of Norfolk whose title was created in 1482, is the only other English title of nobility above the rank of baron that antedates that of the Earl of Derby. There are a number of barons dating from the fourteenth century.

The present Earl of Derby is the seventh holder of his title, and succeeded to the title five years ago. He married a daughter of the Duke of Manchester in 1889, and spent the next three years in Canada as a member of the cabinet of the Earl of Derby. He is a Unionist in politics, an authority on educational affairs, a geographer of considerable reputation and the owner of a large estate. He was knighted ten years ago.

SIR HENRY HIBBERT.

Sir Henry Hibbert, who was recently elected to the British Parliament in the bye-election for the Chorley division of North Lancashire, is sixty-three today. Sir Henry is a Unionist in politics, an authority on educational affairs, a geographer of considerable reputation and the owner of a large estate. He was knighted ten years ago.

WALTER PULTZER.

Walter Pultzer, nephew of the famous journalist who founded the New York World, and son of the late Albert Pultzer, editor and author, is thirty-five today. He is the founder and editor of a weekly journal, Satire, that attempts to be satirical and humorous, and succeeds as often as any of them.

CHIEF OF GRAND ARMY.

Corporal James Tanner, for half a century famous as a soldier and public official, will pass his sixty-ninth milestone today. Corporal Tanner lost both legs in the second battle of Bull Run, but despite that handicap has made a good record in the race of life. In 1895 he was honored by fellow veterans by election to the chief command of the Grand Army.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE COPY BOY ON BOOKS.

give the sun olden story of Carson and his crew When the West was in its glory and the paint was on the Sioux not from the humdrum fiction of knights and ladies fair And people whose addiction was talmuc on their hair.

give me some male adventure When the wimmen didn't count And the terrible Gros Ventre bestride his fiery mount.

a fig for gentle manners and all that tommyrot Give me the old gold panners and the redman piping hot.

give me the old bullwhacker who strode beside his ox And the Blackfoot cannon cracker that thundered from the rocks.

not from the maudlin lovers who bill and coo and fite But the hardy men whose covers Were bear robes in the nite.

give me sun olden story where the doings soon begin later pagan Rome first formulated the idea that the honest debtor was entitled to a discharge. The middle ages reverted to the atrocious laws of Draco and early Rome.

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Past and Present.

(From Punch.) (Mr. Justice Bankes has in public protested against the excessive wordiness of Counsel.)

The world observes and notes with thanks The views of Mr. Justice Bankes. But he, alas, is not the first Whose iate has been to learn the worst.

To wit, how very prolix are The speeches spoken by the Bar. Yes, Counsel's tendency to bore Has been remarked upon before.

By their unhappy Lordships, who Have been obliged to hear him through Since Judges first began to sit They always have complained of it!

Nor were they more contented men Or less inclined to grumble when The Bar included in its ranks The very learned Mr. Bankes.

At The Zenith. Don't talk about the decline of Poetry in England. This is from a Personal advertisement in The London Daily Chronicle:

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Squaring Accounts.

A French medical weekly records a way of discouraging over-entertaining tradesmen. One of these sent a Strasbourg doctor a box of cigars, which had not been ordered, together with a bill for fifteen marks. The accompanying letter stated that "I have ventured to send these on my own initiative, being convinced that you will be quite as satisfied with them as I am with your cigars. As my charge for a prescription is five marks, this makes us quits."—London Chronicle.

Make Your Choice.

"Do you think it is unlucky to postpone a wedding day?" "It may be, but if you don't postpone it you will be married, so what are you to do?"—Houston Post.

Think of It. "Think of the women's marvellous voices!" exclaimed the musical enthusiast. "Yes," replied Mr. Cumrox, "but why give her all the credit? Think of our marvellous ears!"

She Said It. "He pleaded with her to say the one little word that would make him happy for life." "Tell me quick! Did she say it?" "She did. It was 'No'."

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The English big noise, and as to the wise... Suffrage

I am not dissatisfied with the suffragette... Suffrage

"If these women would understand... Suffrage

The earnest misjudges are cause of heart... Suffrage

"What do you and stores know... Suffrage

In the first place, the suffragette... Suffrage

for women and for men in fact... Suffrage

It was that gave to us a better education... Suffrage

to testify in court to claim her things which... Suffrage

of today think These mad... Suffrage

fratist has fifty short years... Suffrage

was the woman who cast the... Suffrage

ber that in all kind has never... Suffrage

times, in all the 1 per cent... Suffrage

slashed stupid call the civil... Suffrage

stores and factories. The... Suffrage

the vote, but she wants it for... Suffrage

up to her to get up to her... Suffrage

same women "If they do... Suffrage

do men's work we do not... Suffrage

There are no rights and few... Suffrage

But there are many things... Suffrage

means casting to have an... Suffrage

own going to drain pipes... Suffrage

things "A.E.B." the suffragette... Suffrage

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is decided later. Yes, I know... Suffrage

and touching seriously. We... Suffrage

have had and a good deal... Suffrage

has been deploring—ingring... Suffrage

to carry out take what I... Suffrage

good or an order. I don't say... Suffrage

to a man's him into see through his... Suffrage

Did you ever at a thing just... Suffrage

it? Men and truth from their... Suffrage

they are true because of the... Suffrage

represent the simply asking... Suffrage

women, see we are carry... Suffrage

themselves. "A.E.B." of... Suffrage

of children a better judge... Suffrage