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ALMOST A DEADLOCK.

The Nationalists have supported the Liberal government in Britain because of a belief that that government would do more for Ireland than could be expected from the Conservative party. Let this opinion be changed and Asquith at once loses the Nationalist vote. The eighty-three who have now been or will be elected, represent Ireland. Whatever their sentiments may be on the budget, the Lords, or tariff reform, their desires are primarily for the well-being of Ireland, according to their own ideas, while Imperial interests come in second place. Thus although the Nationalists have generally endorsed the Liberal policy they have done so from motives other than such endorsement would primarily imply, and their support may be wholly lost to the government on the first intimation of a change in the policy toward Ireland.

The state of the poll as reported this morning shows that the Unionists have elected exactly as many members as the Liberals and Laborites combined. Up to date 533 constituencies have reported, leaving 187 still to be heard from. Several of these have already voted and the results will be known here this afternoon. Of the 187, the Unionists in the last Parliament held 88, Liberals 115, and Nationalists 18. Of the total 122 are in England. Judging from past results, the Unionists will capture twenty-five of the English seats, and eight in the other divisions of the kingdom; the Nationalists will hold their own. On this basis, the complete result will give the Unionists a total of 137 seats, Liberals 267, Nationalists 23 and Laborites 23. With the Nationalist support Mr. Asquith therefore will be powerless, for under even the best of conditions he could produce counting the solid Labor party, a majority altogether too small for working purposes, and this exclusive of Nationalist opposition.

If Mr. Balfour were to win every seat still unreported, exclusive of the sixteen conceded to the Nationalists—which of course he will not do—he would have a majority of only sixty odd. This, however, is not the question, for it is admitted that twenty-five or thirty more gains are all the Unionists can expect.

Thus no matter what conditions are suggested, it is clear that the Nationalist eighty-three will hold the balance of power, and as this would naturally prove intolerable, the expectation of another general election within a year may prove to be justified.

THE COST OF LIVING

In an address before the Canadian Club of Ottawa on Saturday, Hon. Mr. Fisher touched briefly on the high cost of living in some parts of Canada, referring particularly to the apparently excessive price of bread. He found that although four cents for the same in Montreal as in England, the price of bread in Montreal is double that in the old country. Had Mr. Fisher been so disposed he might have cited many other instances, to show that the home consumer is taxed to the limit by the producers, while for export a moderate profit is regarded as satisfactory. Indeed, for example, retail here today is twenty-two cents per pound. The very same bacon sells in England for sixteen cents. Kings county cheese which is bought in every St. John grocery at eighteen cents, can be had in Devonshire for thirteen cents. Carleton county butter was recently purchased in England for one shilling, but it costs thirty-two cents in St. John today.

It has always been the policy of Canadian governments to provide a maximum protection, within reason, to producing industries. Less attention has been paid to the rights of consumers, the inference being that those who have to pay would profit by the better conditions created under a moderate tariff. In theory this is excellent, but in practical application sufficient allowance has not been made for the desire for wealth displayed by a majority of those who go into business. And even those institutions partially supported by government assistance are often among the first to demand from their customers the extreme prices. It is difficult to check this tendency, and only when what is regarded as a species of extortion goes beyond all ordinary bounds and incites general protest, is any definite opposition created. Just now there is a movement under way in the United States against the high cost of living; its influence is spreading to Canada, and perhaps under the direction of the government which, judging from Mr. Fisher's words, is willing to assist, something may be done to bring the necessities of life down to a more moderate cost.

CONCESSION TO CANADIAN TRAFFIC

Leopold's Daughter to Marry in October

More American Gunboats for Nicaragua—Crushed to Death in Peculiar Manner.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—An order was issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission that rates on traffic from a point in Canada through the United States to another point in Canada may be charged at ten days as to advances in rates and three days as to reductions given to the commission as required by law, provided the traffic moves in bond and no stop over privilege is allowed on it within the United States.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 22.—The Chronicle announces that the marriage of Princess Clementine, youngest daughter of the late King Leopold and Prince Victor Napoleon has been fixed for October and that the ceremony will take place in Brussels.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Orders issued from the Navy Department today for the gunboats Paducah and Dubuque which have just been hauled at the Portsmouth navy yard to proceed to Guatemala and thence to Nicaragua waters. Upon their arrival, the Marietta will be detached to come north to receive some much needed repairs to her machinery. The navy force will continue on the east side of Nicaragua indefinitely or until the political situation in that country settles.

HOLYOKE, Mass., Jan. 22.—Shipping of the late descending a concrete staircase in a partially finished house at Dwight and Maple streets, late today, George E. Bullock, aged 24 years, of 151, the bridge, fell the length of the staircase, carrying down with him several other persons. One of these crushed his head, killing him instantly.

OLD LEDGER DISCLOSES SOME OLD HISTORY

Account Book of Major John Ward Begins at 1780—List of St. John Militia at Time of War of 1812.

A most interesting relic of the days of the Loyalists and of the early history of St. John is the old ledger of Major John Ward, now in the possession of Jonas Howe of this city. The first entry in the ledger is dated May 15, 1780. Certain entries in the ledger show that colonial persons who were slaves or had been of them are still common in St. John. The most interesting feature of the ledger is the fact that it contains in its back pages a full roll of the St. John County Militia of 1812, which was organized on July 19, 1812, near the close of the war mentioned. The St. John County Militia, as constituted in 1812, contained 88 men, which was very likely the beginning of the Third Regiment, a company of the "sea-fencible" and nine companies of infantry. The names of the company commanders follow and it is interesting to note that some of them are still common in St. John. The captains in the regiment were Hatfield, Simonds, Brown, Bell, Milner, Milnes, Harry Peter, Chas. J. Peters, Magee and Read. The regiment numbered upward of seven hundred men at the time. Major John Ward, whose ledger contains the regimental roll, was commanding officer.

GATHERING EVIDENCE IN PANAMA LIBEL CASE

Two Continents Searched for Facts Dealing With the Charges Made by New York World

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Two continents have been scoured for evidence and witnesses from far and near who have been called by subpoena to attend the trial of the Free Publishing Company against the Free Publishing Company, publishers of the world, is charged with libel in connection with stories printed during the last presidential campaign regarding the government's Panama Canal purchase. Paris and Panama have been visited by commissions to investigate and secure evidence and the defence is credited with the intention to summon various well known men to give testimony.

SPORTING CHIP.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 24.—Arrangements have been completed for a marathon race between Henry Stives and John D. Marsh, the Canadian runner, either on February 6 or 13.

TOO SHORT.

"These are the shortest days of the year," "I'm mighty sorry," "Why?" "I shall have to raise money somehow to pay a note which will fall due in a few days."

—SASCONSETT, Mass., Jan. 22.—A derelict floating bottom up was sighted by the steamer Cymric in 40-41 north latitude 62-21 west, according to a wireless message received from a wireless message receiver on the steamer today. The vessel which was apparently a schooner, was about 90 feet long. The spars and masts were floating alongside and the derelict is a menace to navigation. The point where she was sighted is about sixty miles southeast of Siasconsett.

THE STAR ST. JOHN N. B., MONDAY, JANUARY 24 1910

The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

Chit up. It may not be true, ringing a little cheer to anyone who feels that he has not been doing as good work as usual the last few days. You see, I'm putting the moral at the beginning and keeping the tale for the end—which isn't such a bad place for a tale when you come to think of it.

A newspaper man came to me yesterday in state midway between puzzlement and delight.

"Say, Miss Cameron," he exploded, "The Managing Editor called me into his office this afternoon and I thought I was going to be fired for fair."

"I knew I had been doing beastly work lately. Fell down on one or two stories and didn't do that murder work and raised my pay. Say, it was all I could do to keep from telling him he was making a mistake."

All of which goes to show, of course, that you can't always tell.

In other words, we do not always know by any means when we are doing our best work.

A friend of mine, who is a salesman wrote to me the other day:

"Sometimes I find my best efforts in a business way are unappreciated, while at other times I seem to get credit without deserving it. That certainly is true, as most of us can testify from one experience or another, and while we ought not to feel elated by praise that seems undeserved to us, we can cheer ourselves up by remembering that there may be some grain of truth beyond what we realize in what our employer says."

Authors are seldom good judges of their own work. Wordsworth, for instance, was very fond of some poems which posterity has declared close to ridiculous and did not appreciate some poems that are considered his masterpieces.

One's ideal should be to satisfy oneself, of course, but it is a good thing that one's own eyes are down in the depths that what does not satisfy your own eyes may look good to someone else.

So, next time you get real blue because you think you aren't doing as good work as usual, remember other people's experiences and—

Cheer up. It may not be true.

The Lighter Side of Life

CHANCE.
Evasive, smiling, Orient-eyed. This elms maid, coqueting. Comes flitting fondly to my side, And sends my pulses fretting.

And pauses timidly, and sighs, And sets a stare, and smiles. Then, silently, with stealthy eyes, Allures away my reason.

And hesitatingly, half bold, Puts on my steps deceiving. And sets a stare with bait of gold, To feign she is not trying.

Till, eager, burning, ardor-blind, With hopes new-born unuttered, I hasten on, and on, and find The golden wings have fluttered.

LIFE.
A crust of bread and a corner to sleep in. A minute to smile and an hour to weep in. A hint of joy to a peck of trouble, And never a laugh but the moans come double.

And that is life!
A crust and a corner that love makes predominate. With a smile to warm and the tears to refresh us; And the joy seem sweeter when cares come after, And the moan is the finest of folk for laughter.

And that is life!
A VICIOUS INSECT.
We have made the tropics habitable by exterminating the mosquito, the cause of malaria and yellow fever; and we must find out the mosquito of destruction and exterminate it.

CYNICISM.
A romance is where a couple wed who are totally unqualified for each other.

HER DRAWBACK.
Calder—"How pleased you must be to find that your new cook is a stayer." Archer—"My dear, don't mention it. She's a stayer, all right, but unfortunately she's not a cook."

A GREAT SINGER.
Amelle de L'Enclous, we are informed, "reaches what is described as the 'four-lined C' in a note which it is claimed, has never before been reached by a singer."

Hint for the lady's admt. manager: She was the first That ever burst Into the "four-lined C."

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THE RIGHT REMEDY FOR WRONG CONDITIONS

"Aghator" Urges Working Men to Organize—Meeting to be Held N. x1 Week.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 23. The Editor of The Star.

Sir—Allow me to congratulate you on your leader in Saturday's issue "The Meat Boycott." I am a diligent student of the local press but I never remember seeing anything with which I was more heartily in accord. Both in the general tone and the way the subject was treated it was in every sense of the word excellent.

Allow me to quote: "It is clear that the people have in their own hands the absolute control of everything in life and if conditions exist which are not in the public interest, it is due almost wholly to lack of organized effort on the part of those who suffer from the injustice."

Such words as these are well worth quoting. They deserve to be framed and hung on the walls of the homes of every one interested in the welfare and social progress of the poorer class. But will they do any good? The class which ought to take such words most particularly to heart seem to be steeped in such apathy that they have neither the energy nor enthusiasm to organize. I had very nearly said intelligence, but I am convinced there is enough of this commodity in St. John, but it requires an enormous amount of poking before it shows a sign of waking up. Anyhow, I, for one, am taking a hand in this waking process.

Take the condition of the housing of the working class in St. John. In many cases human beings are housed in shacks, and in some cases in a place which is a den of vermin. The press has time after time called attention to these "habitations."

Take the condition of the wages of the working class in St. John. The wages of the men are so low that they are barely enough to keep the family from starvation.

Take the condition of the health of the working class in St. John. The houses are so crowded and so filthy that disease is a constant menace.

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A COLUMN FOR WOMEN

Fashions and Fads

Long, tight, severely plain sleeves are rapidly giving way to the elaborate models. Fine trills of hem-stitched lawn, brighten up a woollen or dark silk waist wonderfully. Unfinished fabrics, such as honoree and poppock basket weaves, are popular as novelties.

Sleeves made up in a series of douces are among the prettiest novelties in dancing frocks.

The four most popular blue are deep marine, dark blue, bright Persian blue and lapis lazuli.

Among the newest stockings are those embroidered in designs over the instep an up the ankle.

Some Russian coats, preferably in velvet, have decided pouches below the belts which hold them in.

Green is unrivalled in popularity. Zeppelines are still immensely popular. It is the style to look snug and warm. Gaudy stockings are being flaunted again.

Skirts are to be a bit wider about the feet. Blouse effects in bodices are with us again.

Foulards are in high popularity for separate waists. Lilies of the valley are used on blue and pink stockings.

Nothing is more in the style than the untrimmed fur turban. Everything tends to show that this is to be a big silk year.

High shoes of suede with patent leather vamps are very smart. The cost of the coming season is very likely to be shorter.

Household: Hints
Cookies put into an earthen jar, lined with a clean cloth, while they are still hot, and kept covered close will be much more melting and crumbly than if they are allowed to cool in the air.

The label on a glass jar will keep clean and will stick much longer if pasted on the inside. Of course, this applies only where dry materials are stored in the jar, such as seeds, rice, tapioca, etc.

A dry rubber "sponge" is excellent for cleaning woollen materials. They should be laid flat and the sponge swept over them briskly, cage being taken care to rub the wrong side of the nap.

A mixture of finely powdered fuller's earth and alum is excellent for cleaning white gloves. It should be rubbed in well, then brushed off, and the gloves sprinkled with dry bran and whitened.

If a gas stove is not equipped with a broiler, try heating a pan piping hot. Put the steak into the without greasing and turn as soon as it is browned on the bottom. Keep turning till the meat is done.

To clean a burned kettle, turn out the burned contents, but do not fill with water. Set it aside to cool, and then place in a handful of wash soda and water and let the solution boil for an hour or more.

are far, far in excess of what they should be. Talking with an owner of flats the other day, he admitted that he got 20 per cent. from his investment and yet he scouted the idea that he was being paid too much rent. This also is not an isolated case, but it is the general rule for landlords to get this percentage and more. Talk to any working man on this subject and he will tell you that he is not getting his money's worth.

So with this idea I shall endeavor to get all working men in line. No matter what your politics, no matter what your creed or religion, no matter what your race, I shall welcome you all. Clergymen especially do I invite to take an interest in the beginnings of this movement to improve the conditions of the poor in this our city.

A meeting will be held in McLean's Building, Union Street, behind the Clipper Athletic Club, next Monday evening when these questions will be discussed, and I hope there will be a large attendance of working men. You have the power to alter these things.

Yours truly,
THE AGITATOR.

WANTS ONLY 60 DAY IMPRISONMENT FOR EGG.
And Fish and Poultry—Cold Storage Should be Limited, Mr. Lachman Feels.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 22.—Epicures and the stickler for his fresh egg in the morning will hail with delight the prospect of a limitation being placed on the term of imprisonment of certain foods in cold storage. Assemblyman Lachman, of Brooklyn, seeks to have an amendment to the Penal Code made to make it a misdemeanor to keep a longer than sixty days if offered or sold any fish, game, poultry, butter, cheese or other articles of produce.

When this law goes into effect, if it does, the diner can be reasonably certain that he is not eating game which has been held at a freezing temperature during a whole close season, or fish which has been frozen for a year or two. Then, too, it will be safe to order a broiler, ungarminated, and to spread the butter on good and thick with a feeling that your olefactory nerves will not be offended. There is some game and some cheese that take longer than six weeks to "ripen," but there is nothing in the law against their sale if they are kept out of cold storage.

For the first offence against this provision the offender will be fined \$100, and for each subsequent offence by a fine of not more than \$500 or less than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than one year. Under such a law the much maligned hen would come into her rights by establishing the fact that it is not her fault if the product of her industry is not always fresh.

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Price of Pattern, 10 cents.

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F. J. NISBET, Local Manager, January 22nd, 1910.

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What did you discuss at the literary club today? The people that have moved into the house next door.

DEATHS
POSTER—In this city, at 4 p. m. on Friday, Mrs. Herbert Foster, of consultations, at her home, 115, Alcott street. Notice of funeral hereafter.

LINDSAY—Suddenly, at his residence, Celebration street, on Jan. 22nd, John J. Lindsay. Funeral from Zion's church, Burpee Avenue, on Tuesday. Service begins at church at 2:30 P. M.

CLAYTON—Entered into life eternal on Saturday, January 22nd, Eva Alma Clayton, eldest daughter of Joshua Politt and Eva J. Clayton, aged 34 years. Her remains will be interred from her father's residence, Penny cemetery on Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock. Funeral private. (Boston papers please copy.)