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**OIL FUEL FOR THE NAVY.**  
 When Mr. Winston Churchill announced that oil will supplement coal in the case of large as well as small ships of war, he called attention to another of the long series of changes that have revolutionized ocean transportation. The use of oil will bring with it not only increased speed, but a much larger radius of action and easier and faster replenishment. The Admiralty has not come to this decision without full assurance that it is justified. For more than a hundred destroyers are built or under construction dependent entirely on oil fuel, and the experiment of building battle cruisers and a number of light cruisers burning oil fuel, Mr. Churchill affirmed, has proved successful.

The immediate policy of the Admiralty, as announced by Mr. Churchill, is to make contracts for oil five years ahead, and one contract, for a substantial proportion of the quantity required, is being placed with the Mexican Eagle Company, which is a British concern. This will be only an interim arrangement, enabling the Government to have for a time the certainty of being able to buy a steady supply at a steady price. In Mr. Churchill's words, "the ultimate policy is that the Admiralty should become the independent owner and producer of its own supplies of liquid fuel." It is to do this by building up an oil reserve sufficient to keep the navy supplied in time of war, and to be above price fluctuations in time of peace; by acquiring the power to deal in crude oil as it comes cheaply to market, afterwards distilling it as needed; and by becoming the owner or controller at the source, of a proportion of the natural oil that will be required.

The use of oil as fuel will effectively meet the increasing difficulty of securing stokers in sufficient numbers to feed the boilers of the great modern battleships, and thus will make possible a considerable reduction in a ship's complement. Larger and healthier living quarters can be provided for the men, because of the lesser space required for the storage of oil fuel, and the harsh and dirty work of coaling ships will become a thing of the past. But of greater consequence than any of these are the strategical advantages which the use of oil will offer—greater speed and secrecy of movement.

Coal will not be entirely abandoned because, as Mr. Churchill explained, oil is only required in ships when an exceptional speed has to be reached. Whatever may ultimately happen, coal will continue to be the main basis of British sea power in battleships at present. But the stake in oil ships is already so important that Great Britain must have the certainty of a steady supply of oil at a steady price. The Admiralty recognizes that it must become the independent owner and producer of its supplies. In the United Kingdom are great potentialities, since the Scottish shale deposits, if developed, can supply a large quantity of oil for many years. There are also many other sources of supply available in various parts of the world besides Mexico. The problem, Mr. Churchill stated, is not one of quantity, but price.

**MR. WOODROW WILSON.**  
 The New York Post considers what has been going on at Washington since the inauguration of the present regime as of capital importance in the development of the Presidential functions. From the first Mr. Wilson made it plain that he proposed to take an active part in the making of laws. This became clear when he, in person, read two messages to Congress, and when he spoke of the members of Congress as "colleagues" with him in the legislative branch of Government.

It is, says the Post, the President who has been the chief driving force behind the two great measures (tariff and currency reform), that have been occupying the attention of Congress. Both now seem likely to become law, and if they do their passage will constitute a record without parallel in the annals of the Presidency.

In the words of the Post: "Nothing is so fascinating in public life as the study of a new personality wrecking itself upon old tasks. Some how, from this business President sitting at his desk, there has come an impulse and a sustained force which have made the legislation that looked impossible two months ago seem today almost within sight. It would be folly to attempt as yet anything like a complete account of the way in which President Wilson works his will. It is evident, however, that he is a firm believer in the light which comes from the striking of iron on iron. He has the historic English conception of taking counsel as a part of his administrative system, and when the cabinet discussion seems to him properly ended, an increase of 504 per cent.

**DIARY OF EVENTS**

**HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA**

**SURRENDER OF DETROIT.**

Detroit was surrendered 101 years ago today to the British forces under Major General Sir Isaac Brock, Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, and commander of the troops in Canada. A month before General Hull, the American commander at Detroit, had invaded Canada, announcing himself in a proclamation as a savior who offered relief from "British tyranny and oppression." Nobody seemed particularly anxious to be saved, and early in August Hull returned to Detroit, having accomplished nothing. Governor Brock, with the promptness which was his chief characteristic, organized an invasion of his own, and with 320 regulars, 400 Canadian militia and 600 Indians under the great Tecumseh crossed the St. Clair and moved on Detroit. Hull had 2,500 men under his command—brave men who were able to put up a good fight. The advantage was all on the side of the Americans, and yet when Brock came in sight, "erect in his canoe, leading the way to battle," the craven Hull ignominiously surrendered without firing a shot. Brock's bloodless victory not only gave him possession of Detroit, which practically commanded the whole of Western Canada, but also the entire territory of Michigan. Valuable and much-needed stores, many stands of arms, thirty-three cannon and a war chest fell into the hands of the British. Hull was sentenced to be shot for cowardice but was pardoned.

**FIRST THINGS**

**GAS LIGHTING.**

The first street to be illuminated by gas was Golden Lane, in London, where the new method of lighting was first used 106 years ago tonight, AUG. 16, 1807. The method was invented by William Murdoch, who in 1809, and between 1813 and 1820 the system was installed throughout London. Gas-lighting was introduced in New York in 1823, and in Paris in 1825. The first experiments with illuminating gas were made in 1792 by Mr. Murdoch, in Cornwall, England. In 1803 the gas, which had been lighted with gas and in the following year a Manchester mill adopted the system. The cost of illuminating gas continued high until kerosene and electricity forced a gradual reduction. In 1860 the price per thousand cubic feet fell from \$1.50 in Pittsburgh to 37 cents in New York and Boston the rate was \$2.50, and in St. Louis, Detroit, Milwaukee and most of the middle western cities. In Maine, upper New York and Canada the rates ranged even higher, as high as \$7.

**THE HUMAN PROCESSION**

**JAMES WILSON.**

James Wilson, for sixteen years the head of the United States Department of Agriculture, will today celebrate his seventy-eighth birthday in citizen's clothing. Dr. Wilson recently visited his birthplace in Scotland, and the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him last month by the University of Edinburgh. He is a Scotchman, and he has received the same degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1904 and McGill University in 1909. Dr. Wilson—or "Tans Jim," to give him his less formal name—came to America at the age of sixteen, settling first in Connecticut and soon afterwards in Tennessee. He was actively engaged in farming for many years before the political bee began buzzing. He was tried, convicted, and sentenced to the State legislature. Later, for good behavior, he was permitted to go to Congress, appointed him secretary of agriculture in 1897. He continued to hold that portfolio throughout the McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft administrations. When he retired last March, owing to the election of a Democratic president, he held the record for cabinet service, having far surpassed that of Albert Gallatin, who served as secretary of the treasury just a century ago, after a service of a dozen years.

**THE PASSING DAY**

**THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.**

In Santo Domingo, the capital, and throughout the Dominican Republic there will be a great celebration today, commemorating the semi-centennial of the establishment of the independent republic. The 675,000 people inhabiting the black republic will today give themselves over to merry-making and patriotic fervor, forgetting for the time the political warfare which began last November when Eladio Victoria resigned the presidency and was succeeded by Archibishop Nouel as provisional president. The Dominican republic occupies the eastern and far the larger portion of the island of Hayti, and is nearly twice as large as its neighboring black republic, Santo Domingo was discovered by Columbus on his first voyage, and he found it inhabited by a race of Indians, who had divided the island into five kingdoms. Then came the Spanish conquistadores, and built the city of Santo Domingo, now the capital of the republic, but for a century the principal base and metropolis of the far-flung empire of Spain. The island died peacefully, and four centuries ago 4,000 African slaves were landed on the island—the beginning of the present population. French buccanniers gained a foothold in the island, and in 1795 the flag of France was supreme, but in 1809 the combined Spanish and English forces captured the island, and Spanish sovereignty was restored. In 1821 the people of the Spanish part of the island declared their independence, but President Boyer of Hayti was able to extend his dominions to include all of the island. In 1846 the Dominican Republic was established, and continued until 1861, when the Dominicans, fearing foreign invasion, appealed to Spain for protection. Spain accepted the appeal, and in 1862, at Capotien, a revolution was proclaimed which overthrew the restoration of the republic.

**An Appeal for Aid.**

Rev. Elmer E. Court, superintendent of Methodist missions in Bulgaria, reports that there are thousands of refugees from the war in misery, want and dire distress. Scores of villages and hundreds of homes have been destroyed, he says, in his appeal for aid for the suffering. His testimony confirms the statements made by press correspondents and other observers. The price of war is not paid only on the battlefield, a fact that the history of every conflict teaches.

**Japan's Trade Development.**

(Victoria Colonist.)  
 In the record of trade development as estimated by the value of imports to different countries during the past thirty years Japan shows the most remarkable development, with Canada second on the list. In 1882 the value of Japan's imports totalled \$27,500,000, whereas in 1913 the total had risen to \$315,000,000. The value of her exports in 1882 was \$11,400,000, and in 1913 it had risen to \$188,500,000, an increase of 504 per cent.

**OPHELIA'S SLATE**  
  
 WIPPER TOMORRO BUY ABOUT TOMORRO

**IN LIGHTER VEIN**

**Muffled Knocks.**  
 "Bobby, you mustn't put your sticky fingers on Mrs. Kawler's nice dress; it's the only silk dress she has."  
 "No, Mr. Snyler, I haven't the least objection to your smoking in my house; let me offer you a good cigar."  
 "Old Scout, you always pitch a good game of ball—except when I'm betting on you."  
 "You live in Outsomehurst, do you, Mr. Blubbins? Has that suburb a respectable residence section?"  
 "Won't you let your little boy come to our Sunday school, Mrs. Jordie? It can't make him any worse, and it may do him much good."  
 "Chicago Tribune."  
**His Manifold Aspect.**  
 Small Boy—Mummy, is it really true that the devil has horns and a club foot?  
 The Mother—Ah, my dear, sometimes the devil appears in the shape of a very handsome and charming young man.  
 Small Boy (pittily)—Oh, Mummy! you're thinking of Cupid—Punch.  
**Mule Power.**  
 "I speak that gemman has his automobile figured wrong," said Mr. Erasmus Pinkley as he watched the man and the motor.  
 "What do you mean?"  
 "He said it were a fifty-horsepower inline. De way it balks, I speck he mus' a' meant mule power."  
 —Washington Star.  
**Untangle It Yourself.**  
 "This article says oleomargarine is made of beef fat."  
 "Yes, and the person who eats lots of it will be fat."  
 "Well, if beef fat makes a person fat that is nothing to beef at."  
 —Houston Post.  
**Unmusical.**  
 "I like the songs that were popular twenty years ago," remarked Mr. Growcher.  
 "But nobody sings them now."  
 "That's why I like them."  
**Quite Willing.**  
 Kindly Disposed Magistrate—Don't you think this is a case that could be settled out of court?  
 Plaintiff—I thought of that, but the coward won't fight.—London Opinion.

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**PROVINCIAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT RESULTS**  
 Players Spent Busy Day Yesterday—Cup and Prizes to be Presented to Winners Today.  
 Sackville, Aug. 15.—The results in the provincial tennis tournament yesterday were:  
 Mixed doubles, semi-finals—Mr. Thompson and Mr. Chipman defeated Mrs. Wood and F. C. Harrison, 6-1, 6-2. Second round—Miss Robertson and Campbell defeated Mrs. Harrison and W. A. Harrison, 6-3, 7-5.  
 Men's doubles, semi-finals—Mr. Wood and Bigelow defeated McLean and Campbell, 6-4, 7-5.  
 Men's Singles, semi-finals—Chipman defeated F. C. Harrison, 6-1, 6-3. Ladies' Singles, semi-finals—Miss M. E. Robertson defeated Mr. Thompson, 8-10, 6-2, 8-6.  
 Ladies' Doubles, Second round—Mrs. Wood and Miss Fisher defeated Miss Palmer and Miss Sherman, 6-6, 6-1.  
 Semi-finals—Mrs. Babbitt and Miss Schofield defeated Miss Church and Miss McAvity, 6-0, 6-2.  
 Navies Ladies' Singles, First round—Miss McAvity defeated Miss Fisher, 6-1, 6-4. Second round—Miss Fisher defeated Miss Dobson, 6-1, 6-4. Miss Wiggins defeated Miss L. F. Cett, 6-4, 6-1. Semi-finals—Miss Fisher defeated Miss Wiggins, 6-3, 6-2. Second round—Miss McAvity defeated Miss McAvity, 6-2, 7-9, 6-1.  
 Novice Men's Singles, semi-finals—Mr. Smith defeated Mr. Pickett, 6-2, 6-1. Mr. Carney defeated Pickett, 6-1, 4-5, 6-2.  
 Today's Matches.  
 The following are the results of day's matches:  
 Ladies' Singles—Miss M. E. Robertson defeated Miss K. Schofield, 4-6, 6-4. The winner plays Miss Babbitt for championship Saturday morning.  
 Men's Singles—Chipman defeated Fraser Campbell, 6-3, 6-4, 8-6. 2nd round—Winnifred T. McAvity for championship Saturday morning.  
 Ladies' Doubles—Mrs. Babbitt and Miss Schofield defeated Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Harrison, 6-0, 6-2. 1st year's champions, Miss Mabel Thomson and Mrs. Thompson, not defeated this year.  
 Novice Ladies' Singles, semi-finals—Miss McKenzie defeated Miss McAvity, 7-5, 6-4. The winner plays Mr. Fillmore in the finals Saturday morning.  
 Novice Mixed Doubles, Finals—McAvity and M. Fisher defeated McAvity and Carney, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. Consolation Ladies' Singles, First round—Miss J. Church defeated Miss Palmer, 6-2, 6-1.  
 Men's Doubles, Finals—Geo. W. and Harrison defeated W. W. and Bigelow, 9-11, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.  
 Challenge Round—Turnbull Chipman defeated Wood and Harrison, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 2-6, 6-2.  
 Mixed Doubles, Finals—Miss Robertson and Fraser Campbell defeated Mrs. Thompson and Chipman, 6-1, 6-3.  
 Challenge Round—Miss Robertson and Fraser Campbell defeated Mrs. Babbitt and Turnbull, 6-3, 6-1.  
 Novice Men's Singles, Finals—F. C. Harrison defeated E. P. Smith, 6-0, 2-6, 6-0. The cups and prizes will be presented by Governor Wood at 2 o'clock on narrow morning after the finish of championship rounds, men's singles and ladies' singles.  
**MAY EXTEND PAVING TO THE SOUTH SIDE**  
 All Property Owners that Side of King Square have now Signed the petition.  
 C. M. Bostwick and the executor of the Robertson estate have signed a petition asking the city to pave the south side of King Square, and the one-quarter of the cost to the street owners. Com. Agard said he would bring a petition, which is now signed by the property owners interested, to the attention of the council on Monday and recommend that the work of paving the street be proceeded with this year. On this street the city will pay three-quarters of the cost of putting down permanent pavement. It owns the land on the north side of the improved street around square.  
**MAINE SUMMER HOTEL BUR**  
 Boothbay Harbor, Me., Aug. 15.—The Samsco House, a large summer hotel on Mouse Island, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The only phone wire between the island and the mainland was rendered unusable soon after the fire started and the calls were early obtainable. The house was filled with guests.  
**MILLIONAIRE FOUND WITH BULLET THROUGH THE HEAD**  
 Duluth, Minn., Aug. 15.—The John McAlpine, a pioneer Duluth millionaire lumberman, was found today in the basement of his home with a bullet through the head. One of the family and friends at the scene of the shooting shot accidentally while Mr. McAlpine was seeking a burglar.  
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