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AN INDEFENSIBLE UTTERANCE

The now notorious speech delivered by Col. Sam Hughes, minister of militia, in Vancouver, in which he endeavored to give force to the familiar opinion that war with Germany is inevitable, by declaring that it was "well known" that that country had offered to slacken its pace in the race for naval supremacy provided Great Britain ceded to her certain British colonies, finds a defender in the Daily News, of St. John's, Newfoundland. Of this speech, which few even of the militant colonists' political friends ventured to defend, The Daily News says: "It may not have been statesmanlike; it may even have been indiscreet, but it was the clear-cut expression of a man who believed every word he said."

Few who are familiar with the militant colonel as a figure in public life will question the assertion that he believed what he said; not many however, would venture to make this the sole ground for approval of his utterance. To us his unwavering belief in the truth of a statement so palpably absurd as that which referred to a bargain between Great Britain and Germany in which British colonies were to be offered in consideration of a cessation of German activity in naval construction, affords the best of all possible ground for distrusting the discretion of the colonel, discounting his intelligence and doubting his fitness for the responsibilities of so important an office as that which he fills. If he had been able to announce at the close of his speech that he was merely making a little joke in order to relieve the seriousness of the international situation, we might have pardoned him, while believing that he had overestimated his own abilities as a humorist. But that a responsible minister could make himself and Canada ridiculous by suggesting that such a bargain could be seriously made or considered by either of the two powers concerned, would have been almost impossible of belief until this time. That a Canadian minister should entertain such extraordinary notions of the diplomatic relations of two great powers is surprising, that he should give utterance to them is regrettable, that any responsible newspaper should commend him for doing so presents a phenomenon for which no suitable label can be found without violating the conventions of permitted speech.

THE DUKE'S VISIT TO THE WEST

By the time H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and other members of the Royal party have completed their progress through the West and have returned to Ontario late in October, they will have made a pretty thorough inspection of that vast and diversified section of Canada lying on this side of the Great Lakes. This is the thought that strikes one on glancing over the extensive itinerary that has been mapped out by His Royal Highness. It is fitting that at the commencement of his

term of office, Canada's new governor-general should become acquainted at first hand with all the different part and peoples of the vast Dominion over which he presides. That he has decided to do so commands the hearty approval and respect of the people of Western Canada. It makes them feel that His Royal Highness is a man who has a real sympathy with Canadians of every province and who desires to meet them personally that he may the better understand their aims and interests. It makes them feel that underneath all the gold braid and inherited prestige of his royal rank, our new governor-general is a warm-hearted man. It is not a mere diplomatic compliment to Western Canada, but the wise act of an experienced and high-minded imperial statesman who is determined to fill his important office well.

Western Canada stands with a warm smile of welcome to receive the Duke, his gracious Duchess, and the charming Princess, whom Canada has already come to jealously regard as her own. The Royal party are sure of the frankest and heartiest reception in this, "The Last Great West."

That which Canada's new governor-general is doing, others should do. If Canadians travelled more extensively within their own Dominion, there would be less of that unfortunate misunderstanding between East and West which sometimes darkens our counsel. This is a great country, and the only way we can progress rapidly and harmoniously is by getting to know each other and sympathize with each other's view point. Let public men of the older provinces follow the example set them by our new governor-general and come out to see for themselves what manner of men we are here in the West. The sooner we come to a realization of what a great country we are, the better will we be able to face and solve the problems that confront us.

Vest Pocket Essays By GEORGE FITCH

Fountain Pens A fountain pen is a mechanical misdemeanor which acts like a fountain when it is carried in the vest pocket and like the Sahara desert when its owner is four miles and 789 yards from an ink bottle.

The fountain pen was invented by a man who has since changed his name and escaped. It consists of a hard rubber barrel of ink and a gold pen with soft flexible points which braid up when writing. It also has a cover which comes off automatically when the pen is in the pocket and can be removed by a pair of automobile pinchers when the pen is needed.

When it is feeling well, a fountain pen will write on paper, on the floor, on the clothes of its owner and also on his fingers and thumbs. A man can write twice as much with a fountain pen as he can with an ordinary pen, but the other half is not useful. In order to avert damage suits we will now state that there are also perfect fountain pens which will not only suck up ink out of a bottle, but will hold it for years and will not let a drop escape. It is a common sight to see a big burly man shaking a small fountain pen as a terrier does a rat and addressing it in terms which no gentleman would use even to a dumb animal in an effort to make the faithful thing give up some of its precious ink and write.

When the fountain pen was invented the recording angel put in three adding machines and four clerks and they got so far behind in the profanity department that he had to give up two summer vacations. There are also fountain pens which will not only hold their ink when it is not needed, but will place it on paper carefully and evenly when asked to. But these pens are always wet. It was undoubtedly a fountain pen instead of the fountain of youth for which Ponce de Leon spent his life in hunting.

The fountain pen is a great convenience when a man hasn't one and this is why so many are sold. A good fountain pen, like a good wife, is one of Nature's grandest works-and can be admired to an unlimited extent, but a pen which insists on weeping on its owner's bosom does not win his affections, and sooner or later he gives it away to an enemy with a grin of evil glee.

WILLIAM BARNES SAYS HE IS NOT A BOSS

Says He Will Not Try to Dictate Nomination for Governor of New York

New York, Aug. 24.—Just to prove he is not a boss, William Barnes, Jr. issued a statement in which he announced that he would not try to dictate the nomination of a candidate for governor, that he has no personal interest regarding the name of the man who will head the ticket, and that no individual can dictate to the Republican convention.

"I can only hope," he said, "that the man who will head the ticket will not be the agent of a party organization or the choice of an individual citizen is not desired by the people of New York; but a governor elected by the party who controlled the nomination, and who he has written a great many things for which the public is indebted to him."

Senator Barnes declared Governor Wilson had never said anything unkind about the men who had been President of the United States since its foundation.

HORSES WILL BE BARRED FROM INDIANA CITY

Horses will be barred from the new town of Speedway, laid out in the environs of Indianapolis, says Popular Mechanics. The city council has passed a resolution which will bar horses from the new city, which will be well under way, and it is expected that the place will become an important industrial center, devoted entirely to interests allied with the motor car trade.

It is admitted that the humble equine is doing in building the new town, but it is completed, and will not be any of his four-footed fellows will be permitted to enter the city sacred to motor driven vehicles. Leases will stipulate that horses must not be used for any purpose; and the butcher, baker and grocer will necessarily have to resort to the motor truck for delivery purposes. The police will be wholly equipped with motor driven apparatus, and the patrol wagons will be motorized.

Another feature of the horseless town is that it will be constructed throughout of concrete, brick and fireproof. It is predicted the motor fire department will have little to do.

DO YOU SPEAK AUSTRALIAN LANGUAGE?

New York, Aug. 25.—There are many English dialects," said a visiting Australian, "and some of them are so peculiar that the man who knows only the real English or your American form finds it difficult of comprehension. It is a rule the vocabulary is identical in all, but the pronunciation is of our own, and Professor Moore has published a dictionary of the language."

ONE COLLECTION OF FORTY THOUSAND PENNIES

Rochester, N.Y., Aug. 25.—A chest containing 275 pounds of pennies is deposited at a bank here to the credit of Carl W. Stordant, a real estate man. The pennies, more than forty thousand in all, were turned over to Stordant as an initial payment to bind the sale of a downtown restaurant. The purchaser, a cafe owner, had taken in the pennies over his bar during a long course of years. He had made a habit of brushing all the pennies he received into a slot which connected with a chest in the cellar.

Riches Gone, Held for Theft

St. Louis, Aug. 24.—Dr. Leo C. Lemoine, who says only once with worth \$100,000, and a medical college lecturer, was arrested today charged with the theft of a few dollars several bottles of whisky and \$2.35 from the saloon of Edward Light. Doctor Lemoine denies the charge, saying he went to sleep in the saloon Saturday night and did not wake up until Monday morning. Light says he found a rear door open and Doctor Lemoine took this money from a pocket. The colored dealer Mr. Bliss told him of no such contribution. Moreover, he (Colonel Roosevelt) made public writing of the contribution of \$100,000 by Mr. Archibald and appropriated it. The colored dealer Mr. Bliss told him of no such contribution. Moreover, he (Colonel Roosevelt) made public writing of the contribution of \$100,000 by Mr. Archibald and appropriated it.

ROOSEVELT AND LINCOLN WERE BEST PRESIDENTS

That is the Opinion of the Bull Moose, Says Senator Williams of Mississippi

Washington, Aug. 24.—The first attempt of the Senate to debate the Works resolution for a single 6-year term for President and Vice-President plunged that body into another open discussion of the political situation.

Senator Cummins made the chief speech in support of the resolution, but was demoted with a running fire of comment from Progressives, Republicans and Democrats. Before its conclusion the brief debate became an issue between Senator Borah of Idaho, Republican, and Senator Williams of Mississippi, Democrat, as to whether Colonel Roosevelt or Governor Wilson had been guilty of indiscretion in use of language in the writings of recent years.

Senator Borah read from one of Governor Wilson's works, to show that the Democratic candidate had favored Roosevelt in a presidential office.

Williams to Give His Belief "The governor has endorsed the Baltimore platform," said Senator Williams, "and I will show me any judgment, but I don't think it is his judgment." Senator Borah said: "I think the governor has endorsed Senator Williams, that Governor Wilson has never written more precisely than President Roosevelt."

"If the Colonel has written some things which he ought not to have written," replied Senator Borah, "he has written a great many things for which the public is indebted to him." Senator Williams declared Governor Wilson had never said anything unkind about the men who had been President of the United States since its foundation.

DARROW CASE TO A NEW JUDGE

Monday is set for the trial of the Bain indictment.

Los Angeles, Aug. 24.—Before any of the opposing counsel could offer a word of argument, Judge George H. Burton summarily relieved himself today of participation in any further prosecution of Clarence S. Darrow by assigning to Presiding Judge Willis of the Superior court the duty of presiding at the trial at 10 o'clock next Monday morning.

MOVING PICTURES

A ten-year-old kid went to the "week's review" at a moving picture show on the Pacific coast. The "week's review" it may be noted for the benefit of the ignorant, is a series of moving pictures of current events. When the particular kid got home he reported that he had seen: "The arrival of Roosevelt at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, for the progressive convention." "Governor Wilson at Seagriff." "Army maneuvers in the state of Washington." "Hospital dogs in service in the French army." "The reception of the King and Queen of Bulgaria in Germany." "The launching of an unsinkable lifeboat proposed to be carried by ocean liners." "In one afternoon in Kansas City he had traveled from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic, and across to the continent of Europe. He had seen stirring events in half a dozen countries. He had acquired a graphic idea of what the world is doing in a way that would have been impossible twenty years ago."

Overdue Virginian Arrives

Quebec, Aug. 24.—Due in port at 6 o'clock this morning according to the time she was reported from Cape Race, the Allan R. M. S. Virginian, via New York, from the English capital, Hon. Judge Doherty, and other prominent people, only arrived at 6 o'clock this morning. The detention of the Newfoundland coast she met, which for which caused a detention of six hours.

Horse's Kick Killed Rayville, Mo. Boy

Rayville, Mo., August 24.—John Couch, 8 years old, son of Mrs. Couch, a well known farmer residing ten miles northeast of Rayville, died yesterday as a result of being kicked in the stomach by a horse Saturday afternoon.

HUDSONS BAY COMPANY



First Glimpse of the New Styles For Fall

NEW SUITS, plain man-tailored effects are again the main feature of the new suits for fall. Coats have attached or buff edges, and are lined with good quality Beading's or Skinner's Satin. Coat lengths are 32 to 34 inches and fronts are cut straight or in the modified cutaway effect. Sleeves are plain and set-in; some coats are in the Norfolk style with belted effect. The Robespierre collar and the director's revers are new features of some of the fall suits, and also very attractive. Suit skirts are, in most cases, not less than two yards wide, while a great many are plain tailored. A new feature of some of the styles is the introduction of side pleats or fullness at waistline. We are showing these new suits in men's wear, chevrot, whip-cords, plain velvets, corduroy velvets, mannish tweeds and a few broadcloths. Prices \$15.00 to \$47.50. COATS AND WRAPS—The newest ideas in coats for fall are the chinchilla and boucle novelties, which have plain set-in or the new Russian sleeves. They also have large collars that can be buttoned close around throat or left open as the wearer chooses.

Stetson Hats for Men in the New Fall Styles

OUR fall shipment of Stetson Hats has just arrived and will be ready for your inspection and selection on Monday. The Stetson is a standard hat that represents the best in style and the utmost in quality, durability, efficiency and service. It is made from the finest materials procurable, by the best workmen and comes in styles to suit all tastes. One line which deserves special mention in view of the Stampedie, is that famous range hat known as the "Big Four." Other lines are shown in wide selection and in conservative, modified or novelty shapes. Prices \$4.00 to \$10.00

A COLLECTION OF FAMOUS IRISH BULLS

(From W. R. Le Fanu's "Seventy Years of Irish Life") Of Irish bulls there is no end. Some have become household words, as for example, Sir Boyle Roche's. "A man couldn't be in two places at once, but he was a bull," there are others of his not so well known. In the Irish House of Commons in 1795, in a debate on the leather tax the champion of the exchequer, Sir John Parnell, observed, "that in the prosecution of the present war every man ought to be ready to give his liver to protect the remainder." Mr. Vandeleur said that "however that might be a tax on leather would press heavily on the barefooted peasantry of Ireland." To which Sir Boyle Roche replied that this could be easily removed by making the under leathers new wood.

ARTIFICIAL DAYLIGHT

London, Aug. 24.—A method of producing artificial daylight seems to have been discovered, almost simultaneously in England and Germany, and the results promise that artists will soon be able to paint by a "day-light lamp" and that art classes may be held in the night time. Housewives also will not have to wait for a bright day in order to match dress materials. Dr. C. N. Kenneth Mees, who has been working on the new idea in England, is the inventor of the illuminating and Engineering Society of London, in a lecture today successful experiments with the new invention. His "day-light lamps" are made by using screens of various colors. The difficulty was to find a satisfactory blue. He recently discovered this. However, the light power losses by absorption 85 per cent. Therefore, so far, it was only suitable in small rooms, but was most useful in correct matching of colors. Simultaneously Dr. Voegel of Hamburg contributes to the Illuminating and Engineering Society's organ an elaborate description of his method of studying color by artificial illumination. His system is similar to that of Mees. Art galleries and other large buildings may be expected to be lit by daylight at night by the improved type of inverted arc lamps if the flickerings can be overcome.

GETS FIFTEEN YEARS

Wytheville, Va., Aug. 24.—Sidna Edwards, one of the Hillsville court-house assassins, pleaded guilty yesterday to second-degree murder, and was sentenced to fifteen years in prison.

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Every day it becomes more and more evident that the safest investments in the world are in well selected farm lands, especially when those lands are within a reasonable distance of a large city and well served with railroads. The following are some of our best offerings: 1—960 acres, 20 miles N. E. of Calgary, 2 miles from Grand Trunk road, 2 miles from proposed Calgary to Carbon Interurban road, all first-class land well situated.—Raw. 2—4 sections in a body, 2 miles south of Shepard, suitable for acreage subdivision or to divide for dairy farms. Reasonable prices. Terms. 3—Two and three-quarter sections in solid body, 2 miles N. E. of Airdrie and near proposed Interurban line; good soil, good water, especially good for mixed farming or dairying; \$20 per acre; terms. 4—30,000 acres in parcels of 1-4 section, 1-2 section, full section and blocks of 3 or more sections to choose from; north and east of Calgary and convenient to C. P. R., Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern Roads. We Own the Lands—Titles Perfect. Calgary Colonization Co. Ltd. Alberta Block, Calgary.

CLARKE AWAITS WORD FROM BIG FIRE IN LONDON POST OFFICE

(Continued from Page 1) for a candidate for the office to secure the votes of nine aldermen in order to get the necessary two-thirds majority. In the present state of affairs that body, it is unlikely that any candidate could secure a two-thirds majority vote of its membership. The only other recourse would be the submission of the question to the people.

OTTAWA

Another rumor has it that Mayor Mitchell himself is considering getting into the race for commissioner. Friends of the mayor have been endeavoring for some time to find out whether the mayor intends to make a race for reelection to his present office next winter but so far, the executive has declined to commit himself.

CLARKE SAID HE WOULD TAKE TIME

Commissioner Clarke will take the occasion of his trip east. At that time, he has acted in those capacities also, thus gaining an unusual wide experience with the financial side of the city.

ROOSEVELT ANANIAS CLUB SEEKING NEW MEMBER

(Continued from Page 1) Monday. My engagements are such that it will be the greatest inconvenience to me and to many others if the hearing is deferred to a later date. (signed) Theodore Roosevelt.

What Penrose Received.

"It is a most unheard of thing," he said, in commenting on Mr. Archibald's testimony and his departure for Europe, "that Mr. Archibald should depart without testifying about the \$250,000 he gave Senator Penrose. It is a most peculiar thing that the committee should allow him to depart without so testifying. There are no dead men in that transaction. He could be sure of what he was testifying to in that."

Ordered Money Returned.

Col Roosevelt is especially distressed of refunding that portion of Mr. Archibald's testimony in which Mr. Archibald said that the late Cornelius N. Bliss had told him that Col. Roosevelt knew of a contribution of \$100,000 by Mr. Archibald and appropriated it. The colored dealer Mr. Bliss told him of no such contribution. Moreover, he (Colonel Roosevelt) made public writing of the contribution of \$100,000 by Mr. Archibald and appropriated it.

TURKS REPULSE TRIBESMEN

Constantinople, Aug. 23.—Turkish reinforcements have been ordered to Scutari, Albania, where the garrison today repulsed the attack of a large band of Malissori tribesmen.