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A SENSIBLE PROCEEDING

One of the first acts of the new king was to inform the public that he believes he correctly interpreted the wishes of the late king, when he opposed any unnecessary display of mourning and that Edward VII. would have objected to any interruption of business or other engagements, or proposed programs. And it is likely that he did what the late king would have advised, had he been consulted in the matter. It was wise.

The day of the dramatic and ostentatious funeral is past. The period of long and loud mourning is over. In ancient days, the friends of the mourners hired professional mourners to express the sorrow of the community in wailing. We have passed that stage, but we have retained many features for funerals, which are but little less barbarpus.

It is well that we should show our appreciation of the worth of the departed, and it is wise that we should refer to his services to his people and display evidences of our sorrow. But there is such a thing as being extravagant and vulgar in the display and this is evidently what the new king feared when he gave the wise and tactful advise to his people.

PRESERVING THE RANGES

The Calgary Herald deplores the passing of the range and believes that a certain portion of the vast ranges should be preserved for the cattle men. And in this the Calgary Herald is right. But as soon as an attempt is made to preserve a certan portion of the range, which is not well adapted for homesteading for the exclusive ownership of cattle men, immediately a cry goes up from the Conservative party that the government is adopting a policy of closed leases, and the Herald usually is in the van.

The Albertan believes that certain parts of Alberta should be set aside for the rancher, even if it means closed leases. This entire country is not fitted for mixed farming. There are large areas near the foothills which are fitted for ranching and for nothing else. In that part of the province, homesteads should not be allowed, and as a matter of fact they are not encouraged. The homesteader who breaks in upon a range like that does little or no good for himself and makes ranching practically impossible for the larger man.

The cattle business is a big business in this country. No enterprise could have sustained the disaster that the cattle business of Alberta sustained a few years ago, and right itself in three or four years. But that is what was done by the cattle business. This is a great cattle country and the day of the rancher is not over, and it should not be over.

SOUTH AFRICA'S NATAL DAY

A suggestion has been made by Mr. H. Pousette, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Durban, in a report to the department of trade and commerce, that May 31, the natal day of South Africa, be celebrated by the flying of flags in every school from coast to coast throughout the Dominion. The department has endorsed the idea and the suggestion is well worthy of consideration. It is only a few short years since Britons and Boers were engaged in a desperate struggle, but thanks to the liberality with which the conquered Boers were treated by the British government, they are now loyal subjects of the Empire. In that struggle Canadians took no small part and many brave sons of Canada laid down their lives to uphold the honor and integrity of the Empire. For this reason alone, it would be fitting that the day should be observed in some way in Canada.

As stated in Mr. Poussette's report, the school child, with his or her plastic mind, would receive an enduring impression of a demonstration of the greatness of the British Empire, associated with their kinship with the united people of South Africa. A further suggestion is made that if this idea meets with favor, it may be possible to perpetuate it from year to year, not only in the Canadian schools, but among the Canadian people in general. Such an act of courtesy to a sister member of the Empire family would no doubt be greatly appreciated by the Union where Canada is admired and held in high esteem.

Canada has several times taken the lead in matters affecting the unity of the Empire and right here is another opportunity to take the initiative in a movement which, no doubt would be followed by other portions of the Empire.

Pointed Paragraphs

(From the Chicago News)

Circus employes are subject to ring rule.

A woman's idea of a good photograph of herself is one that shows as much of her neck as possible.

People who do their own marketing are beginning to doubt the old adage, "what goes up must come down."

CHRONICLES OF THE KHAN

The Best of Them All

I have long considered that she has never been done justice to. She has never got what is coming to her. Very well, here is an instalment of it.

She is the balance wheel, the king pin, and yet she rarely ever gets a line in the papers, while the people who would be lost without her get columns.

Take, for instance, the popular concert.

Is not the great tenor sitting yonder, blase, perfectly groomed, confident tapping his knee with his music roll—superb?

And the soprano, impudently pretty, insolently beautiful, toying with her bouquet of long-stemmed roses while she regards with slow and languirous eyes the audience, where every woman has her nailed and has studied every thread of her gown.

Is not the basso fine—the big fellow with the immense shirt-front with its twinkling string of diamond shirt-studs like the row of violet stars in the constellation Scorpio? With his clean-shaved face and his hair parted in the middle, he is groomed all right. He isn't worrying. He leans back in his chair and clasps his hands behind his head. He is sucking at a candy, and every time he swallows you can see his big Adam's apple travel up and down his wide, full throat. No, he isn't worrying any.

And the alto—ever dark and with the lips—the mouth—which is the mark set upon every alto; the sweet alto, the cello, the aeolian-tongued, the dark-eyed, olive-skinned, inscrutable alto—sits there complacent as a cat. She isn't worrying, either. And why this preternatural calm before they pick up their ladders to scale the heights of glory?

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Because it's a case of "Put your trust in Gallagher and he will pull you through." They know that the little accompanist is on deck. They cannot fail. If they trip she will catch them; if they fall she will pick them up. They can lean on her.

That's the girl that I want to do justice to. Without her, the singers would wobble and stagger and teeter and trail off the platform damned with the faint applause. O most lame and impotent conclusion! But she prevents all that. She has a string to each of them, and without her they would look foolish. Tomorrow the papers will give them half a column, anyway, and they won't vouchsafe the little accompanist a line—they may not even mention her name. Yet if there was one person in the audience who understood music, he must have noticed the masterly way she helped that ass of a tenor through his number; how she improved, filled in, how she kept right with him and gave him lifts that were not in the score. That lame dog would never have got over the stile if she hadn't helped him.

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Some of the things she does fill me with wonder. They will call upon some yahoo to sing, and he will prance on to the stage with his little roll of music and unfold it under her nose, while he almost stifles her with his peppermint-candy breath as he leans over and gives her hoarse and disconnected instructions. He would be a scream only for her. She realizes that this song doesn't suit his voice or style, and she improves an accompaniment that lifts the bawl over the left-field fence for a home run—and she doesn't get any credit for it; not even from the singer whom she saved from shame and mortification. She is the power behind the throne. At the conclusion of the festivities, some one gets up on his hind legs and moves a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who have "contributed so much to the pleasure of the evening, on this occasion," etc.; but she is never included—she doesn't count.

Somebody ought to get up and say: "I move a special vote of thanks to the little accompanist, whose work tonight has made enjoyment possible. She converted the fifty-dollar second-hand piano which we placed at her disposal into a harp of a thousand strings. We got that piano cheap for this auspicious occasion. Its only merit is its historic interest. It came to this hemisphere with some of the very earliest settlers. As a rule, it gives a good imitation of a tin roof in a hail storm; but tonight it was filled with heavenly sounds."

I second the motion.

Carried unanimously.

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The Spring Festival

When I hear the bullfrogs croaking, with their laughing, shouting, poking,
Round the willow-bordered bottom and the dam,
'Tis a musical regatta, a sub-aqueous cantata,
It's a festival, an anthem, it's a psalm!

And pretty little throats are venting other notes;
There's the killdeer, the robin, and the lamb,
There's the blackbird in the fallow where the juicy earthworms wallow—
It's a festival, an anthem, it's a psalm!

The bull calf in teh paddock is as thirsty as a haddock,
And he hollers like blue murder for his dam!
The new-born pigs are squealing, they are rather hungry feeling—
It's a festival, an anthem, it's a psalm!

Oh, there's lots of music round us, its sounding pickets bound us;
Hear it, if you will, 'twill bring you balm.
To the tooting and the luting, to the fifing and the fluting,
It's a song-and-dance, an anthem, it's a psalm!

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The Woodsey Smell

If you would breathe the perfume sweet
That scents the trailing skirts of spring,
Forsake the office and the street
And hie thee where the bluebirds sing

The pretty flower that died last fall
Comes forth again benign and brave,
And with her tender fingers small
She makes a cradle of her grave.

Her little blanket and her sheet
Were woven in the looms of love;
The angels made them soft and sweet
With holy incense from Above.

Draw softly near and mark it well,
This little stranger in the sod.
For in her tender breath you smell
The far-off greenhouse of our God!

—The Khan, in Toronto Star.

The happiness handed over a bar lasts only till the foam disappears.

It is, however, not at all strange that so few fast young men come to the front.

HEALTHY CHILDREN

Psychine Made Her A Robust Child

It is not necessary for us to speak any words of our own, for the facts given below are strong enough to convince the most skeptical as to PSYCHINE'S power to restore health. Mr. John Sykes, of Victoria Harbor, says:—"When Nellie was about 4 years of age, she had wasted away so much that she looked like a little skeleton. The doctor treated her for 2 or 3 months, but the child got worse, and the doctor said he could do nothing more. We called in another doctor who told us everything had been done and that the child could not get better. We decided to take the little thing to a Montreal doctor, who said her lungs were filled with pus and that she would have to undergo an operation if we would save her life. The next day he came down from Montreal and operated upon her, but the operation was a failure, as he was unable to get any pus from the lungs.

"We were disappointed, and fully thought little Nellie was not going to get better, but it was cruel to let her suffer so. At this time we heard what a wonderful medicine PSYCHINE was for the lungs. We had been reading some of the advertisements in the papers of people who had been cured through PSYCHINE. We thought it would suit our little girl, and so decided to give it a trial. This we did, and after Nellie had taken the first bottle we saw an improvement. Gradually the little girl began to fill out, and by the time we had used 8 or 9 bottles, she was quite well. That was two years ago, and she is as well and robust to-day as the other children are.

"We have a great deal to be thankful for. We firmly believe little Nellie would never have lived if we had not heard of PSYCHINE. We shall be pleased to answer enquiries at any time."

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RUSH TO MARRY IN FRANCE

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Since the promulgation of the French marriage law of 1907 there have been more weddings in France that at any other period since the beginning of the last century, with the exception of the years 1813 and 1872, in the former of which men married hoping to escape service in the army, while in the latter many weddings took place which had been delayed by the war with Germany.

One way in which it helps persons intending to marry is that it has freed those who are over 30 from the necessity of procuring the whole series of documents and certificates upon which the civil code insisted. Neither is it necessary now to obtain the consent of the parents; indeed after the age of 21 it may be dispensed with provided it is shown that due notice has been sent to them.

The result is that many people of the lower classes are now married who might formerly have been tempted to do without the ceremony because it was impossible to collect the needed papers or because of the caprice of parents who refused their consent for no valid reason. What the relief thus obtained means may be understood when it is explained that in the case of persons who had lost their parents and were engaged to be married, nineteen documents were required by the civil code of 1804, including two birth certificates, two certificates of residence, two of nonopposition, the usual military record book, four certificates of the death of the parents, and eight of the grandparents, for the entire set of which $10 had to be paid.

It is in the large towns that the beneficial results of the new law have been so conspicuous.

WOMAN URGES MUNICIPAL INN

"Sister Bilkiss" Runs Factory in Spokane to Help the "Down and Out."

(From the Spokane Spokesman Review)

Not content with merely helping those "down and out," coming from the jails, converting holdups, and various other criminals and semi-criminals, one of Spokane's most unique characters, Flora M. Bilkiss, saver of souls, known as "Sister Bilkiss," is taking active steps toward securing the funds for starting a municipal lodging house for men in Spokane.

Mrs. Bilkiss is now running a hominy factory on the north side of the river, where she gives employment to the released prisoners from the local jails and any others who are seeking aid when they are "down and out," as she puts it. She holds meetings in her home every Sunday and until the street-speaking ordinance went into effect preached on the streets.

Mrs. Bilkiss depends upon her physical labors and providence to supply her wants. She never makes a collection and never asks money for her personal needs. "I pray for what I want from bread to sofa cushions," said Mrs. Bilkiss, "and I usually get what I need."

Wisdom, too often, is arid of joy.

Never judge a man by the company his wife invites to their home.

The girl who doesn't appreciate her father is likely to acquire a mean husband.

Some women won't be happy in heaven unless they can clean house twice a year.

THE OPPOSITION'S PLIGHT

Trying to Outflank the Government They Have Got Themselves Stuck Fast in a Bog

(E. W. Tompson in Boston Transcript)

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, always urbane, has been so very happy this week in debating over the bill for organizing a naval department as to be almost amenable to an accusation of cruelty to the Opposition. These gentlemen have put themselves into a plight so lugubrious that he might at least have tried to look sympathetically sad. Their situation resembles that of a regiment stuck fast in a bog which they entered in hope to outflank the enemy. Last fall, merely because the Premier had agreed to their proposal that his ministry should establish a Canadian navy, they took to opposing his scheme on the ground that he meant the navy to be really a Canadian one! That is not a travesty on their volte-face. Having started with favoring only coast defence, they worked around to favoring only a contribution to the British Admiralty. This week they have contended that the Ottawa Governemnt, through the Canadian people, are to pay for and organize a navy, should have no control of it at any time when Great Britain may be anywhere at war, but should hand it over straightway to the Ministry of the British electorate! It would be precisely as reasonable in a canstitutional sense to contend that the British navy, once involved in any war, should come automatically under Canadian or Australian control. But the folly of the Ottawa Opposition is a subject worth little descant. Let us turn to certain important declarations of the Premier which define what he considers Canada's position to be in consequence of the change of political status which her ownership of a navy will necessarily involve.

In reference to a contention that the King, by prerogative, must have command of the Canadian navy, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said: "At this date I do not think that anybody can contend that the king of England can have any power either with regard to the army or with regard to the navy, which he can exercise through anybody else except through his responsible ministers, who are responsible to Parliament. This is the position we take in this instance, and we say that the constitution of England was introduced into Canada in 1867. At that time the prerogative of the Crown was limited to the authority of Parliament in the matter of the army and navy, and therefore we have jurisdiction over the same." Mr. R. L. Borden and the other members of the Opposition wasted hours in constitutional argument contra, but quite failed to budge the Premier. In vain they accused him of heresy in holding the right of Canada's Parliament to control its navy. He was not scared by the imputation that he was professing Canada to be independent. His Minister of Justice, Mr. Aylesworth, supported him brilliantly. Being taunted by the remark, "Under this bill the proposed navy will be entirely under the command of the Canadian Premier for the time being," Sir Wilfrid emphatically declared: "Hear, hear!" Being asked: "Does the First Minister maintain that this Parliament has authority to create a Canadian navy?" he replied: "That is my pretension, and I think that has been the pretension since the first day of confederation." Mr. R. L. Borden inquired what would happen if in case of war the governor-in-council did not make an order to place the navy at the command of His Majesty. "Then," said Sir Wilfrid, "the navy does not take part in the war, but remains in inactive service." He was clear in the belief that the Canadian government would naturally engage its navy in any war that might seem dangerous to Great Britain, and equally clear that the option of doing so would remain with the Canadian Government. If Canada were attacked by an enemy of Great Britain in any war in which the Ottawa government had not involved the Canadian navy, then Canada would necessarily stand on her defence and of course engage also aggressively.

These positions merely conserve fully, in respect of the coming navy, that degree of independence which Canada holds in respect to her army and for everything else her people pay for.

GERMAN FORTRESSES ON THE NORTH SEA

Britain Replies by Sending a Huge Fleet to Manoeuvre Almost in Sight of Them

London, May 10.—The naval manoeuvres in which over 100 vessels are engaged are at present taking place in the North Sea. More than ordinary interest attaches to them as the German Dreadnought squadron recently took up its base at Wilhelmshaven, the most important harbor on the German coast.

Experts in affairs of war contend that Wilhelmshaven, Emden, Borkum, and Heligoland form the greatest quadrilateral of naval fortresses which the world ever has known.

Mighty docks have been constructed at Emden, to which hundreds of thousands of soldiers might be quickly transported by a network of railways strategically arranged. Why England talks much about this new arrangement of German defence across the North Sea is shown by an editorial article which has appeared in the Pall Mall Gazette.

"Within two-thirds of a day's steaming of the British coasts," asserts this naval expert, whose pen produced the article with its ironical contentions, "those naval fortresses afford a guarantee of absolute seclusion and repose of the island sea of the north, which should fill with confidence and calm every believer in the millennium shortly to be chanted by disarming soldiers and sailors, sobbing for peaceful joy, as arranged for the crowning scene of the next military tournament.

"When in a few years the sixty battleships and cruiser battleships of the Dreadnought fleet of Germany are ranged in readiness behind those tremendous defences every Englishman ought to feel that prosperity and free trade of his ancient country can flourish unalarmed beneath the sheltering wing of the new sea eagles of the kaiser.

"As there is no possibility of those vast and menacing potencies of swift and overwhelming war being prepared in hostility to the British Empire, and as it is absolutely certain that no danger threatens the peace of the German shore, from England above all, it shows almost mathematically that all this tremendous power, all those miles and scores of miles of fort and mine and giant warship have been accumulated purely as a pledge of German protection of England. It is indeed the millennium of Victor Grayson and Winston Churchill. Such altruism is not merely unprecedented—it is unthinkable."

It is such sarcasm that inspires the storm of popular discussion to greater activity.

U. S. POPULATION 91,424,423

An Unofficial Estimate Points to a 15,121,036 Increase Since 1900

Washington, May 10.—The census office today unofficially estimated the increase of population in the United States since 1900 at 15,121,036. The unofficial estimate of the population of the United States, is 91,424,423. Greater New York's population is placed at 4,563,603 and Chicago's 2,282,926. Philadelphia has 1,549,429.

Perhaps a bulldog gets but little sympathy because he doesn't need it.

Friday's Good Buying Items

Editorial:- It could only happen here or in some other big Hudson's Bay Stores at this season of the year, that people run into such extraordinary buying propositions. Of course, with stock-taking so close at hand, it is our earnest desire to reduce stocks to as near their proper level as good storekeeping will allow. This is, perhaps, the main reason why the store is so busy these days and customers generally so intent on buying. But there is another reason, and one that all our customers thoroughly appreciate. It is the special advantages this store enjoys in its purchases. And these advantages are shared, every time, with Hudson's Bay customers. But tomorrow will be Friday and another day closer to inventory. Now for a busy day's selling.

The "Quality Store"

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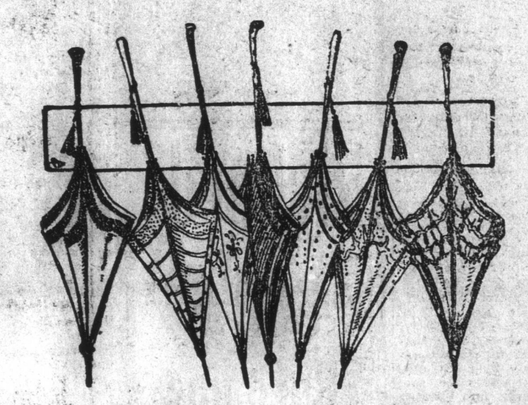

FRIDAY $1.35

Another Sale of Sunshades

HERE'S another most important event for the woman of fashion who is desirous of saving on the purchase of her this season's parasol from sixty-five to ninety cents. And on parasols of this season's newest creations and splendid value at their original figures. There are 150 in all, including white, black, ecru, tussore, pink, blue, helio, green and brown, floral effects of handsome designs, together with a variety of checks and stripes in newest shades. All are well made from good quality materials, and being bought direct by our own buyer from the makers, represent splendid value at the regular prices, $2.00 and $2.25 each.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK $1.35

Take Note of this Notice re Wall Paper Sale

We'll frankly state right here that the unprecedented rush so far exceeded our highest expectations that we couldn't keep pace with the steady demand. Even with an extra staff busy as bees all day long bundling them up we were "swamped." Under such circumstances we thought it best for all hands to call the sale off today, Friday and Saturday, so as to have three whole days to complete making the stock into sale bundles. This will give customers a much wider and easier choice and will include all and every pattern in stock, the 25,000 rolls left after the first day's selling. Sale will commence Monday again. The papers will be done up in exactly the same fashion as before, and will represent just as generous saving possibilities. Bundles are put up for rooms of the following sizes, and priced accordingly:

10 by 12, regular $3.50 to $5.00, for	75¢
12 by 14, regular $4.50 to $9.00, for	$1.00
14 by 16, regular $5.00 to $14.00, for	$1.50

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The shrewd buyers cut the quantity in half yesterday when they bought their share of these splendid varnish papers for kitchens and bathrooms, etc. They're regular 50c a roll.

SALE PRICE ..... 25¢

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So many orders have come to us already through the mails for these wall papers that we deemed it advisable to request our good patrons out-of-town to state if dark or light shades of paper is required, besides giving size of room and if 9 or 18 inch border is wanted. And whatever you do order early.

SALE WILL COMMENCE AGAIN MONDAY.

200 yards of Veilings Have Their Prices Cut in Half

With dainty one-dollar veilings selling for exactly half their original price per yard, you may be sure two hundred yards won't last long; not after the first morning rush. These are a fine gauze veiling in the newest colorings and shades. Get your season's variety tomorrow. Regular $1.00 yard.

FRIDAY ..... 50¢

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FRIDAY ..... 45¢

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FRIDAY ..... 50¢

A Duet of Hosiery Values Going for a Mere Song

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FRIDAY ..... 25¢

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FRIDAY ..... 35¢

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