

EVENTS.

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A PENALTY OF FAME

Poor Mrs. Chadwick! Incarcerated in a prison cell the woman for whom men of millions became financial sponsors and for whom women of society became social sponsors is paying the penalty of great achievements. In this age of predatory wealth and social distinction with gallantry obsolete the woman who by look or crook wrests millions from men who have them, with no intention of returning with or without interest and thereby climbs to lofty heights in the social world, merits a monument; she certainly does not deserve a prison cell. But there are men who do not think as we do. Just now there are men gloating over Mrs. Chadwick's downfall, notably among whom are those who suffered by her manipulations. Just now kicks are in order where once it was kisses. Mrs. Chadwick will doubtless find herself similarly situated to the great Napoleon. She will merely pay a penalty of greatness.

General Jacob S. Coxey, once leader of the "Commonwealth" Army has filed a petition in bankruptcy. Coxey was always bent on doing something out of the ordinary.

TRUTH AND FALSEHOOD

"Some churches and their problems" is the inspiring title given by a "minister's wife" to an article in the current number of a popular magazine whose editor is a pronounced agnostic. Apart from its aim to discredit the "old theology"—as it is termed—the article possesses merit, which no one will deny. That the welfare of the church would be materially advanced by a process of elimination of cant and hypocrisy is quite clear, and the key to such a process is gratuitously furnished by a minister's wife. Unfortunately however, the tone of the article as a whole is not an elevating one and will doubtless do more harm than good. When the writer declares that the man in the pulpit is the pitiable victim of a deplorable condition in the evolution of the moral life of the human race, she descends to the florid and extravagant rhapsodies of a Marie Corelli.

VILE LANGUAGE THIS

Intemperate language is sometimes less excusable than intemperate conduct. It is often more injurious. It is always advisable for one to weigh the goods before one delivers them. The Rev. D. L. Hilliard, pastor of a congregational church and a member of the Vermont legislature evidently thought he was giving the correct measure to his colleagues in the House when he gave utterance to the following words: "Before my God, I swear to you gentlemen, that were it my own sister standing in Mrs. Rogers' place, I would vote to hang her." Mrs. Rogers will be hanged.

THE STRENUOUS ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt's advocacy in his annual message to congress of large families is freely commented on by women. It is gratifying to learn that Mr. Roosevelt incorporated in his annual message a subject which the majority of women should be able to discuss

intelligently. One prominent club woman disagrees with the President. She says "Child-bearing is not the highest thing that God had in mind for women." Mr. Roosevelt should never have tried to inculcate a love of his strenuous life in the minds of such empty-headed women. He worked much harm. Women have misinterpreted his meaning and got beyond their sphere as instructed above. The President should now preach Wagner's gospel.

IT TAKES TWO ETC.

It is extremely amusing to note the interest and complacency with which some of our southern neighbors argue on behalf of reciprocity with Canada. They entirely overlook the fact that reciprocity does not present the same inducements to Canada that it does to New England and that it takes two to make a bargain. But when they are prepared to submit terms to us they will jolly soon discover the truth. They are now wasting very valuable time and money.

THE POWER OF PERSUASION

A man who can't "persuade" another man to abandon a \$10,000 a year job could do good work as a revivalist—St. John Star.

HARD TO SATISFY

Chatham's fire alarm will cost \$6000 but that will not satisfy the Insurance Board—Chatham World.

Surely the Board of Fire Underwriters do not receive a rakeoff.

RUSSIA IS CRIPPLED

A Severe Blow to Russians

Policy of Revenge

Berlin Dec 9th.—Herr Von Voellmer, Socialist, assailed the Government to-day in the Reichstag, pointing out that the increase in the army was unnecessary. "Russia," he continued, "is so crippled from a military and moral sense that there can raise no question of danger on the eastern frontier for a long time and Europe is hereby relieved of an enormous burden and Russia's defeat has given a severe blow to France's policy of revenge." Referring to published statements that Russia intends to raise a great loan in Germany, and that Germany will get the largest part of the orders for war material and for building the new Russian fleet, he said "It would be a crime to advise Germany to lend money to Russia under the present circumstances, and it would be a breach of neutrality if Germany allows the new Russian fleet to be built here." The Chancellor asserted that the Government's policy toward Russia was one of strict neutrality corresponding with the traditional attitude of Germany toward the Russian Empire. The Chancellor denied that a secret treaty exists between Germany and Russia, explicating declined to take Herr Von Voellmer's optimistic views regarding the French plans for revenge and remarked "Germany has been able to become the pivotal point in

the peace movement precisely because of her strength. Any weakness of our race would immediately arouse warlike passions, Germany's weakness would not be a danger to us alone but also to the peace of Europe and of the world which we all want to maintain."

ENJOYING VACATION.

Premier Laurier Greatly Benefited by His Trip to California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier is staying at Hotel del Monte at Monterey, California and is finding the vacation he is enjoying most beneficial. He has however consistently refused to talk to American reporters on any subject.

MR EMERSON INHALIFAX

Since coming to the city the minister of Railways has been kept pretty busy receiving delegations of one kind and another. Some who have property to dispose of which they bonded in view of the election of a new round house at Richmond; others it is said, who pled that the extra men taken on at Halifax before the election campaign be continued. Altogether the minister had a busy time of it yesterday. The minister received the delegations in his private car at North street. He is accompanied by his daughter and Harvey Atkinson, of Moncton.

Election Protests

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—Seven protests have been filed against federal members for the province of Quebec. Excise of the two Montreal seats, the members whose election is contested are: Dr Desjardins, Terrebonne; Hon R. Lemieux, Nicolet; J. A. Rossseau, Champlain; Myrand Maskinonge Lovell, Stanstead; Hunt, Compton; Dr Worthington, Sherbrooke.

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INSURING THEIR CHILDREN.

How London's Poor Hope to Profit by Their Loss.

"I believe 95 per cent. of the children here are insured," said the master of a school in one of the poorest East End districts in London. "But how can the parents of those children afford insurance premiums?" he was asked—several ill-dressed, half-clad and bare-footed little ones being indicated. Calling one of the children to him, the master asked, "Tommy, when does the 'insurance man' call?" "Every Saturday, sir," said the boy, "and mother pays him 1s. 6d. a week. Billy was ill a little while ago, and mother paid up 10s. 7d. as soon as the doctor went."

"There is great ignorance among these people as to the amount they will receive in case of illness," continued the schoolmaster. "Oh! we leave that to the insurance man," they say when asked about the amount. "In every case that I have had to bring to the notice of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children the children were insured. It is always passive cruelty with these parents to neglect the insurance of their children. 'Nearly all my 'hoppers' are insured. Hundreds of infants under six months are at present with their mothers in Kent. Several women with babies in their arms have called here with reference to their other children doing 'hopping'."

"In many cases the only protection these babies will get against wet weather will be a condemned army tent. But then, they are insured. 'Thrift? Oh, dear no!' he continued, when asked to account for the popularity of child insurance among the very poorest. 'The only thrift these people know is the saving-up in the school penny bank for a 'bean'.' This insurance is not thrift. It is effected in the hope of getting a big return for a small outlay. This hope is often realized."

LADY PREACHER.

Novel Experiment in the Pulpit Carried Out at Leicester.

The first woman to become a fully qualified minister of an English church held her first services at Leicester on the 23rd September with a success which may lead other congregations to follow this interesting example.

Miss Gerud von Petzold, who has undertaken the duties of the ministry of the Unitarian Free Christian Church at Narborough road, Leicester, officiated at the morning and evening services as the appointed preacher. She had previously given three trial sermons, and the congregation were unanimous in inviting her to take the place of the Rev. W. Whitaker, who recently resigned.

Pale, but composed, the young lady faced the large congregation, and conducted the services in an earnest, impressive and graceful manner.

She possesses a pleasing and well modulated voice. The sermons were read, but the delivery was good. Learning with clasped hands on the desk on which her manuscript was placed, she kept her eyes mainly fixed on the congregation. She has a German accent, not strongly marked, and the quaint articulation of some of the words was rather attractive than otherwise.

Her language was simple enough to be understood even by the children. At the morning service she preached from the text: "But if thou shalt seek the Lord thy God thou shalt find him. If thou search after him with all thy heart and thy soul."

"Look at the world around you," she said. "Look at the men and women selling their souls for pleasure, for money, ever ready to take advantage of one another, to make the best of a worldly bargain, in their spare moments giving themselves up to their passions, degrading themselves body and soul."

The lessons of the Bible learned in childhood should, she urged, be carried into the lives of men and women. Her addresses were followed with close attention, and leading members of the congregation afterwards expressed approval of the manner in which the services had been conducted.

Miss Petzold was born twenty-eight years ago in West Prussia, and she said, "I was educated about six years. She soon obtained a complete mastery of the language, and graduated M.A. at Edinburgh University in 1900."

Afterwards she underwent a three years' course of ministerial studies at the University of Oxford, which is connected with the Unitarian body.

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