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Think of all the work all the "fightless" armies of the world might do!

This Boardin' Government will eat Landlady Canada out of house and home.

The scoffers at prophecies of man's achievements have little left at which to scoff.

Hurry up the finish in Mexico, for the summer cometh when no Mexican will even fight.

The "concessions" cannot be expected from Ulster. Only reasonable men can make them.

What has become of the old-fashioned person who used to deplore the use of chewing gum?

The marvelous thing about the English suffragettes is that they haven't quite "succeeded" their cause yet.

The Americans have waived quarantine on polo ponies. Nothing seems to be in the way of genuine enjoyment now.

Boston lady says that before marriage a two years' courtship is long enough. But after marriage a two score years' courtship is not too long.

A preacher at Kingston penitentiary heard a man sobbing during the service. The minister found an old schoolmate in stripes. What a crossing of life's strange currents!

While the Ulster volunteers practice gun-fire, the Ulster business firms are buying, selling, promising and ordering as though quite unconcerned. Which is the bluff?

Dispatches tell us that Parisians are studying how to blush. Judging from advance illustrations of the French spring fashions there will be a lot of graduates early in the summer.

Perhaps Mr. Borden might reform the Senate by appointing as close as possible to the age minimum. Young fellows will live longer and plague Liberal administrations to come. The only drawback to such a scheme is that youngsters may change their politics, even in Canada.

The forward movement of the American Government for the development of Alaska by railroad facilities will have a good influence upon the whole Pacific coast. Already the wonderful advance of reindeer breeding in Alaska furnishes a model to Northwestern Canada of what may be done.

Dr. Klotz, of the Dominion Observatory, says that it would require one respectable-sized earthquake a year to enable us to solve the problem of the earth's interior. But if earthquakes are necessary for this purpose then we are quite willing that the problem should remain unsolved. We might have to pay too dear for our knowledge.

The St. Louis Republic says that the British Government's proposition to allow the Ulster counties to vote on the question of remaining in Ireland "is only what Americans in a similar situation would have done in the first place." Many years ago, a number of the Southern states voted to go out of the Union, and stay out. But we notice there were a great many Americans who were willing to spend much blood and money to keep them in.

The secretary of the Association of Commerce of Minot, North Dakota "drew a blank" when he sent the following letter to The Advertiser: "My Dear Sir: I have very great pleasure to inform you that the Association of Commerce has opened a press bureau and that this bureau will supply you from time to time with news from Minot and the surrounding country." We might say that, much as we regret it, all surplus space in The Advertiser will be devoted to a cause nearer home than North Dakota.

We have heard a great deal about the operations of millionaires, and the accumulation of vast sums. But the story of the greatest financial transaction we have heard of for some time comes from Philadelphia. A firm in the city of brotherly love has just gone into bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$2,593,793 and cash assets of 76 cents. This throws the operations of Rockefellers and Morgans into the shade. Even the Tory Governments of Canada fall short, for they have always got some assets, no matter how high they run up the liabilities.

SHALLOW REASONING.

PROFESSOR Frederick Starr, of Chicago University, expects a hero to arise in Mexico to save the situation. "History has shown us that in the hour

of need a hero ALWAYS arises," he says. (Capitals his or his reporters). This is very shallow of a professor. He seems not to remember anarchical Poland, or the long subjugation of nations such as Greece, Bulgaria, Egypt, Ireland, through internal disunion or outside oppression. Hindustan never achieved peace or stable government until England stepped in. The Mexicans are largely Indian, and Professor Starr might think of the desolating internecine wars of Indian tribes here in Western Ontario which had reduced this garden of the earth to a wilderness before the white man came.

Every one will hope to see order established in Mexico, if possible without outside intervention, but such optimism as Professor Starr's is not scientific. This world is full of uncertainties.

THE BRAZILIAN DISTURBANCE.

BRAZIL is now adding its share to the general unrest of Latin America. Ecuador, Columbia, Venezuela, Hayti, and above all Mexico, are disturbed by revolutions and riots. The addition of Brazil to the number only enlarges the area of turmoil.

Brazil is one of the largest countries on the continent. It covers more ground than the United States, though its population is only about 12,000,000. It has always been one of the most peaceful and orderly of the Latin American communities. For many years its government was monarchical, and its emperors ruled as nearly constitutionally as was possible. But the people got the idea that they were not free unless they had a republic and so the emperor left. And since then presidents have ruled instead of emperors. It is doubtful if there has been any more freedom under the new form of government than there was under the old. The present ruler, from all accounts, is a man with an iron hand. President De Fonseca does not seem to be as much of a constitutional governor as Emperor Pedro. Troubles have broken out in some of the northern states, and martial law has been proclaimed. Rio Janeiro, the capital, has also been placed under a state of siege, though it is many miles distant from the seat of revolution. That would seem to indicate that there is disaffection in the capital, even if it has not advanced to actual rebellion.

It may be that the prompt measures of the president will restore order. But it is very difficult for outsiders to realize the actual conditions of those countries. News from there is sure to be distorted by the channel through which it comes, and cannot be accepted implicitly. But one thing is certain, that the germs of unrest are always there. The majority of the people are uneducated natives, or half-breeds. And even among those of European descent, the idea of political liberty in conjunction with obedience to law is but little understood. Dissatisfaction with the government of the day is not allowed to show itself by constitutional agitation, and it breaks out in armed rebellion. That has been the history of Latin America, and there seems little prospect of a change for the better.

A CONSISTENT POLICY.

THE C. P. R. management have an extensive program for the year. They propose to expend some \$80,000,000 in improving the condition of their road in the mountain sections, and making extensions. When originally constructed, like all other old railway lines, the chief object was to get it running as quickly as possible, and with as little initial outlay as possible. Steep grades, sharp curves, poor stations, anything was permissible that allowed a speedy opening of the line. Now that the road is established, they are doing just as other companies have done, and are laying out millions to make up the deficiencies in the original construction.

The managers of the C. P. R. are recognized as shrewd men, and their employees are capable. So our Government, anxious to improve its intercolonial railway, has borrowed an employee from the C. P. R.—a Mr. Gutelius—to look after its line. And Mr. Gutelius very sensibly proposes the C. P. R. policy—straightening it out, levelling it, and attending to all the weaknesses inseparable from its early construction. His recommendations are approved by the Minister of Railways, and will be carried out. To this no one will object.

But this same Mr. Gutelius, as a commissioner for the Government inquiring into the construction of the National Transcontinental vigorously condemns the policy of the Liberal administration in undertaking to construct the line in such a manner that it will not be necessary to do what is being done with the C. P. R. and the Intercolonial, and that is to spend money in reconstructing the line in the future.

This might look to some people as rather inconsistent. But there is an underlying consistency that goes beyond details. The Conservative Opposition was not in favor of the building of the Transcontinental. We can all remember the speeches of Mr. Borden and his colleagues on the subject. Now Mr. Borden is in power, with the Transcontinental on his hands. He cannot get rid of the road, but he can make it as useless and unprofitable as possible. He can not only through his commission condemn the road, but he can reverse the policy of his predecessors and make a second-class road of what was intended to be first-class. His appointee, Major Leonard, who has control of construction now, has already started on the second rate policy. He has been increasing the grades. He will go on and finish the road, if he can, in the cheapest manner possible. Mr. Gutelius indorses the cheap policy for the Transcontinental while he puts the Intercolonial in good condition, and his regular employers spend \$30,000,000 to make the C. P. R. what the Trans-



On the Spur of the Moment

by Roy K. Moulton.

Signs of Spring.
We have in mind to sing of spring—It soon will be about.
No groundhog's shade cuts ice with us—Seed catalogues are out.

We had in mind to sing of spring.
We're just about to warble.
When winter's backbone's healed again,
Oh, Alice, ain't it horrible?

We had in mind to sing of spring.
In verses 'bout a dozen.
When from the kitchen came this cry:
"The water pipes are frozen!"

We had in mind to sing of spring
When came another bliz
Which brought about the old complaint—
Sciatic rheumatism.

"Sort of a Relative."
The lawyer eyed the woman in the witness box in despair. "You say, madam, that the defendant is a sort of a relative of yours. Will you please explain what you mean by that?"
"Well, it is like this," replied the witness, beaming upon the court. "His first wife's aunt married brothers named Jones, and they were cousins to my mother's aunt. Then again, his grandfather on his mother's side were second cousins, and his stepmother married my husband's stepfather after his father and my mother died, and his brother Joe and my husband's brother Harry married twin sisters. I ain't figured out just how close related we are, but I've always looked on him as a sort of cousin."
We guess he was quite right.

Signs of The Times.
Pittsburg man wants a divorce because his wife gives him nothing but beans to eat three times a day the year round. What that man needs in his family is not a divorce, but a hired girl.
Fashion journals say women will wear

fewer clothes next summer than they did last summer. Some things are impossible, and this is one of them.

Baseball magnates, judging by recent announcements of salaries, have learned how to use stage money to good effect.

It would be interesting to know the opinion of Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, on the question of direct primaries.

Denmark has only one automobile to every 400 inhabitants, but even at that, who wants to be a melancholy Dane?

Champaign (Ill.) minister got mixed at a double wedding and married a woman to the wrong man. There are so many women married to the wrong man that one or two additional will not be noticed.

Don't Be a Crab.
Boost and the world boosts with you.
Knock and you're on the shelf.
For the world gets sick of one who'll kick.
And wishes he'd kick himself.

Boost and the world boosts with you.
Boost when it starts to rain.
If you happen to fall don't lie there and bawl.
But get up and boost again.

Boost for your own advancement.
Boost for the things sublime.
For the chap that's found on the topmost round
Is a booster every time.

Uncle Abner.
Miss Lottie Bibbins has taken a course in cookin' school. She made a lot of pancakes the other day and her father is going to keep her right at it, as he can sell them for asbestos stovetops.

While Mrs. Lem Higgins was doing her washing the other day the wringer busted and she had to run the clothes through the mangle.

Mrs. Oet Whiffle has been practicing a difficult piece on the slide trombone called "The Cavalier and Rustic Anna" and property in that vicinity has depreciated in value 40 per cent. in two weeks.

Land Grants to Canadian Roads Bigger Than Many Nations

Dominion Has Made No Grants Since 1894—Canadian Pacific Has Received 26,135,882 Acres, and C. N. R. 5,718,192 Acres—None for G. T. R.

[Toronto Star Weekly.]

Railways in Canada in addition to the bond guarantees, cash subsidies, loans, "implements" of bonds, which failed to realize the desired sum in the money market, and subscriptions to shares of stock, have been granted land by the Dominion and the various Provinces to the amount of 43,561,449 acres. Of this amount the Dominion Government has granted 31,864,074 acres. Quebec has granted altogether some 20,000,000 acres, but with a peculiar provision that the grantees in certain cases could convert them into cash by accepting 52½ cents an acre instead. Of the total Quebec grants, 1,146,150 have been alienated, and 6,995,599 acres converted at 52½ cents per acre.

The grants by the various Provinces and the Dominion are distributed as follows:

Dominion, 31,864,074 acres.
Quebec (alienated), 1,146,150 acres.
Ontario, 2,824,232 acres.
British Columbia, 5,113,221 acres.
New Brunswick, 1,647,772 acres.
Nova Scotia, 160,000 acres.
Total, 43,561,449 acres.

An Official Analysis.
The Dominion has not made any grants of lands to railways since 1894. Following is the official analysis of the Dominion land grants to the different lines, some of which have, since the grants, been absorbed by the larger railway systems of the country. Land grants, of course, being included with the other assets of each company so absorbed.

Alberta Railway and Irrigation Co. (C.P.R.), 1,114,368
Calgary and Edmonton Rail-

way (C.P.R.) 1,888,448
Canadian Northern from C.P. R. to Hudson Bay 2,624,128
Canadian Northern (formerly Lake Manitoba Railway) 798,400
Canadian Pacific (main line) 18,206,988
Canadian Pacific (Pipe Stone extension) 200,320
Canadian Pacific (Souris branch) 1,408,704
Great North-West Central (C.P.R.) 320,000
Manitoba South-Western (Colonization Railway (C.P.R.)) 1,396,800
Manitoba and North-Western Railway Company (C.P.R.) 1,501,376
Canadian Northern (Manitoba and South-Eastern) 680,320
Qu'Appelle, Long Lake, and Saskatchewan (C.N.R.) 1,625,344
Saskatchewan and Western Railway (C.P.R.) 98,880

Total 31,864,074

Not Much for the N. T. R.

This table of Dominion land grants figures out at 26,135,882 for the C.P.R., and 5,718,192 for the Canadian Northern. The Grand Trunk Pacific and the Transcontinental bought their right-of-way and with one exception received no land. Remains the Provincial land grants of 12,079,376 acres to account for. The Grand Trunk Pacific got its sole land grant, namely, from the Province of Ontario, for the branch lines down to Lake Superior, 624,232 acres. The Canadian Northern got 2,000,000 acres from Ontario for the line from Sudbury to Fort Arthur. The rest is divided among the roads in various Provinces, some of it dating back a considerable period.

the treasury. She is 24 and he 59. If this sort of thing keeps up much longer, instead of the White House they will be calling it the Bride House.

VICTIM OF ADVERTISING.

[Chatham News.]
A Maine woman is the victim of advertising. She inserted a little advertisement in a local paper, offering a parcels post dinner for four \$2.21 postpaid, and she can't keep up with the demand. Perhaps the parcels post meal is to solve one of life's most bothersome problems.

HENSALL'S NEED.

[Hensall Observer.]
The recent fire which damaged the Smallcombe building and a considerable quantity of onion sets, ought to have the effect of stirring our people to take action respecting an improvement in our fire protection. We have been crawling along quietly, adding a few feet of hose or putting a new block on a tank cover,

ABE MARTIN

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Women's Raincoats Popularly Priced at \$5 and \$6. All Sizes

Women's Poplinette Raincoats, thoroughly rubberized, full length, collar fits close to the neck and sleeves are set-in. A desirable Olive Green shade. Price \$5.00

Fawn or Olive Green Poplinette Raincoats, full length, with raglan sleeve. A well made garment. Seams are double stitched throughout. Price \$6.00

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239, 241, 243 Dundas St., LONDON, ONT.

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Enables Anyone to Play Piano or Organ Without Lessons.

A Detroit musician has invented a wonderful new system to play the piano or organ in an evening. Even though you know absolutely nothing about music or have never touched a piano or organ, you can now learn to play in an hour or two. People who do not know one note from another are able to play their favored music with this method without any assistance whatever from anyone.

This new system, which is called the Numerical Method, is sold in Canada by the Numerical Method Music Co. of Canada, and it is very desirable at once making it known in every locality, they are making the following special free trial and half-price offer to our readers.

You are not asked to send any money until you have tried and are satisfied with the new method. The Numerical Company is willing to send it to you on one week's free trial, and you will not have to pay them one cent unless you desire to keep it. There are no express charges to be paid, as everything will be sent by mail. Simply write a letter or postcard to the Numerical Method Music Co. of Canada, 117E Curry Hall, Windsor, Ont., saying "Please send me the Numerical Method on seven days' free trial." If you are satisfied after trying it, the Method and fifty different pieces of sheet music will cost you only \$5, although the regular price of these is \$10. You should not delay writing as the Numerical Company will not continue this special half-price offer indefinitely. Later on, the Method and fifty pieces of music will be sold at the regular price.



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New Idea Fashion Patterns 10c each—the only 10c pattern with a seam allowance. April patterns here—

SPRING SUITS

Arrived bright and early Monday morning, these attractive New Suits, in becoming and not extreme styles. Those who wish to choose their Easter Suits early should see the following models:

Black Worsted Serge Suit, coat is satin lined, with Shepherd's check collar and corded silk lapels, hip draped skirt, trimmed with buttons. Women's sizes \$16.50

Misses' Spring Suits, the coat is modelled with new front, sailor collar and long lapels, in one smart two-piece skirt, with hip fullness, navy serge, in sizes 16 and 18 years \$13.75

Women's Suits, of wide wale serge, coat is cut 30 inches in the back, lined with satin, peg-top and slashed skirt, perfectly tailored. Comes in Blue or Black \$18.00



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Besides, we pay our depositors 3½ per cent. interest compound.

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TUBS AND PAILS RETAIN THE HEAT OF THE WATER MUCH LONGER THAN THE WOODEN OR GALVANIZED IRON TUBS, ARE CHEAPER THAN THE LATTER, AND WILL NOT RUST THE CLOTHES.

KIDNAPPING OF KELLY WILL BE INVESTIGATED

New Brunswick Farmer Serving Term in United States Prison for Smuggling.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 16.—In commemoration of the event of St. Patrick's Day Parliament discussed the case of William James Kelly, a New Brunswick farmer of Irish blood, who smuggled potatoes across the international boundary into the state of Maine. Four years ago he was seized by an American customs official, who, when Kelly resisted, got two bullets into him, before the New Brunswick Irishman laid him out.

The United States applied for the extradition of Kelly and was refused. Six years after the murder Kelly was lured to the border by an American official, who pretended that he wanted to purchase from him. On the border a gang of officials seized Kelly, kidnapped him on Canadian soil, and carried him across the border to be tried, sentenced to four years in the penitentiary and sent to Georgia, where he has been four years serving his term. In the meantime his wife has died and his family disappeared.

Mr. Carvel demanded Judge Doherty continue the efforts made by Sir Allan Aylesworth to secure Kelly's release. Mr. Doherty promised to make representations.

The liability runs back to 1912, and

KINCARDINE MAN KILLED BY A WESTERN TRAIN

Moosejaw, March 16.—Dan McKinnon, who stated he came from Kincardine, Ontario, died here this morning as a result of injuries received when struck by a freight train on Friday last. The body is lying here awaiting instructions from the east.

The postmaster at Kincardine, in reply to a telegram from the hospital, stated that he did not know McKinnon and the authorities are anxious to get into touch with the people in Kincardine or thadistrict who knew him.

THE PREVENTION OF WAR.

[London Chronicle.]
No sign of the times is more hopeful and more full of possibilities for good than the growing consciousness, all over Europe and not less in the United States of America, of the wastefulness of heavy expenditure on armaments, and the importance, socially and ethically as well as in the realm of finance, of maintaining international peace. The relations of the English-speaking peoples, which are cemented doubly by the common celebration of the hundred years' peace between England and America, have been a powerful factor in spreading the conviction of the crime and wastefulness of war while the newer propaganda on the economic as a means of settling international rivalries has operated in the same direction.

USES OF POKER.

[Ottawa Free Press.]
They expelled students from the Toronto University residence for playing poker. Still these young men make a move to hang great political and financial bluffs in after life.