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A FAMILY ROW.

The Yorkshire woolen men and the Canadian woolen men are at logger-heads—and imperial sentiment be hanged! The Canadian woolen men, or such of them as are agitating for higher duties on British woolsens, issued a pamphlet in which the products of the Yorkshire mills were described as shoddy or otherwise inferior to the Canadian article. The Yorkshire men are in high dudgeon over this literature, which they characterize as worthless and libellous. They will send a protest to the British commercial agent at Montreal, and will call the matter to the notice of the Associated Chamber of Commerce of the United Kingdom.

A case like this indicates that there may be a flaw in the theory that tariff bonds are the only ones which will hold the Empire together. If the representatives of the mother country and Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, should sit at the same table to try to frame an imperial tariff treaty the woolen makers would not be the only interested parties that would claim to be heard. In effect, the captains of industry would be at the elbow of each negotiator. It would be impossible to reconcile the claims of British manufacturers with those of Canadian manufacturers in many lines. We know by experience that Canadian manufacturers are not meekly submissive if they don't get the tariff favors they want; and British manufacturers would be no more tractable after they got a taste of protection, for protection must prevail in Great Britain before there can be any scheme of imperial preferential trade. The rumour over the woolen duties is only a faint indication of the storm that would break on the heads of the British or the colonial governments no matter what mutual trade arrangement they agreed upon.

In Canada, while a good many are skeptical of the value or necessity of imperial preferential trade as an aid to imperial unity, the Liberal party is pledged to meet the mother country half-way, even at the risk of antagonizing powerful interests which, like the woolen industry, demand excessive protection. But the mother country would get no such concession from the Conservative party, which is tied hand and foot to these private interests, and pledged to protection to the hilt. Yet a Conservative organ like the Toronto News has the hypocrisy to argue that a Conservative government at Ottawa is necessary to the cause of imperial preferential trade.

THE UNITED STATES IN 1950.

Magazine writers are just now discussing the estimates of statisticians as to the probable population of the United States at the end of the first half of the present century. Some of these estimates go as high as 200,000,000.

In the current number of the Century, Mr. Edward C. Parker predicts that in 1950 the population will be 142,000,000, and expresses the belief that at the present rate of consumption the present wheat acreage, with the present methods of cultivation, will not meet this future demand, and in the life of the next generation the pressure of population upon the wheat supply of the United States is going to become acute.

The most conservative estimate is that of Mr. W. S. Rossiter, a noted census expert, who, in an article in the Atlantic Monthly, contends that the rate of increase in population is diminishing, and that if the rate of diminution should continue to the middle of the century at the same rate per decade as shown from 1850 to 1890, the population of the republic in 1950 would not exceed 130,000,000, and after that date would become stationary. It might be remarked that the increase from 1870 to 1890 was 31 per cent; from 1890 to 1900, 24 per cent, and from 1890 to 1900 21 per cent. Generally accepted forecasts are dismissed by the writer as "sensational in their liberality," and as evidence of the popular tendency to over-estimate future population, he points to President Lincoln's forecast of a population of 103,208,415 in 1900. The actual population in 1900, the record shows, was 217,900,000 below that figure. Mr. Rossiter's conclusion, based on official returns, is that but for the ever-increasing reinforcements from abroad, the United States would now be making slow progress numerically. He argues that the natural increase in population is greater in rural districts and agricultural countries than it is in cities and in manufacturing countries. The urban population of the

United States is increasing with a rapidity four times that of the country districts, and it is in the most populous sections, such as the large industrial centres, where the diminishing rate of increase is most conspicuous.

FIRE PROTECTION THE MAIN NEED.

The danger point with regard to the water supply has been passed for the present season, except for the unlikely contingency of another hot, dry spell. Citizens have lived in dread of a conflagration every summer for some years, and have escaped more by good luck than good management. The one fire in the congested district this summer happened when the reservoir had been replenished by timely showers. Thanks to the weather there has been little public inconvenience this year. In any event there would have been no cause of fire protection, apart from the matter of fire protection in the down-town section. The springs which have been drawn upon since the waterworks system was established, are yielding as large a flow as ever, and those impounded recently are measuring up to the estimates. The problem would not be a pressing one if it were merely one of finding enough water for domestic use and for protecting the residential district from fire. There would be no panic every time the water in the reservoir dropped a few feet. When this happens under present conditions the city's supply is often shut off until sufficient water is pumped into the reservoir to furnish higher pressure and a reserve against a big fire. If the business section and the large factories were protected by a separate service, with plenty of water and high pressure, the Springbank system would be almost equal to all other needs at present and for some time to come. By installing an independent system, using river water, and by taking in a few more springs, or checking reckless waste of the present supply by means of a few thousand meters, there would be no occasion for a further scheme of waterworks extension for many years to come.

It is to be hoped the Western University is not to be brought under the party patronage system, like another educational institution in the city.

Colonel Giles has been nominated to oppose Colonel Sam Hughes in Victoria. Colonel Giles' best ammunition will be Colonel Hughes' philippics against his own colleagues.

Joe Martin is still inveighing against public life in Canada, probably because he is on the outside. But what did he do to sweeten it in British Columbia?

The Whitney Government is actively promoting British emigration to this Province, while the Conservative press is crying out against immigration under the Laurier Government.

If Opposition papers are determined to lie, why not lie to some purpose? For instance, what was gained by the yarn that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Richard Cartwright were at daggers drawn, and that a disruption in the cabinet was imminent?

The Western University cannot be organized because of Mr. Beck's tardiness in appointing senators of the Western University to represent the Province. As the fall term is nearly due to open, the delay is seriously hampering the work of that institution. Perhaps Mr. Beck has some reason, but it is not apparent. He should take the public into his confidence.

THE CALL OF THE TOWN.

[Washington Star.]
Oh, sing no more of the sylvan shade,
And the bee and the butterfly,
And the flowered expanse and the perfumed glade,
Where the hours go drifting by;
For the mind grows weary of branches tossed,
And the salt of the ocean spume,
And sighs as it dreams of autumnal frost;
"Sing hey for my furnished room!"

Somewhere there's a spot where you may alight
From a swift convenient car;
Where electric lamps will illumine the night
Instead of a distant star;
Where the katydid doesn't sing unbid,
And mosquitoes do not presume
To follow, no matter where you're hid;
"Sing hey for my furnished room!"

Somewhere there's a place where the warmth you'll get
Is measured by pipe and screw,
And the roof's way off, where you can't get wet,
If the rain comes trickling through.
No doubt ere long we will sadly miss
The breeze and the bounteous bloom,
But at present the song that soothes is this:
"Sing hey for my furnished room!"

HAD TO COME SOME TIME.

[Detroit News-Tribune.]
Here is the latest story about honey-moons.
This time the happy couple had gone to the lakes for their trip, and spent the first morning before breakfast boating gloriously about Windermere.
"Oh, Tom," exclaimed the bride, "isn't it heavenly? Let's send a telegram to papa and mamma, and tell them what a perfectly scrumptious time we're having!"
Let's say: "Getting on splendidly. Grand row before breakfast."
Forty minutes later a telegram was laid on the breakfast table of the parents.
The old man read it, and sadly shook his head.
"Ah," he exclaimed, dolefully, "they've begun already, my dear!"
"What is it?" anxiously inquired the fond mother.
"Listen to this, my dear," Grand row before breakfast. Well, well, I suppose it had to come some time."

LARGE CATARACT.

[Philadelphia Record.]
"My poor man!" exclaimed the benevolent old lady, "how did you lose your sight?"
"Well, you see, ma'am, it was this way."

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Second Wind

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explained the blind beggar: "I once went over Niagara Falls in a barrel, and I got a cataract in the eye."

WASTING AWAY.

[New York Press.]
"You are losing flesh, old man," said Johnson.
"Yes, I know it," returned Smith. "I have been shivering myself since Christmas with a razor my wife gave me."

PROBABLY NOT.

[Exchange.]
Mrs. Gushlight (to steamer acquaintance)—I saved all of my husband's old love letters. Do you save yours?
The Other Woman—My dear madam, I have had four husbands.

BUSINESS.

[Exchange.]
It was a cool evening on Feb. 29, in this, the nineteenth hundred and eighth year. The scene was the lamp-lit library in Hazledene House, where Harry, at the request of Ethel—who adored him—was reading tit-bits from the evening papers. "Dear me," he said, "just listen to this ad: 'Mens' suits reduced to twenty-five shillings.'"
"Twenty-five shillings!" exclaimed the fair one, playfully. "Not wedding suits at that price!"
"No; business suits," answered the young man, unconsciously.
The young maid blushed in her confusion. What a very foolish mistake for her to make!
"Of course," she explained. "I meant business!"

LONDON AT NIGHT.

[Horse Messenger.]
There are few views which make a stronger appeal to the imagination than that of the Thames at night, seen from some point that gives a view of the historic towers of Westminster rising into the purple sky, and the long frontage of giant hotels, illuminated from basement to attic. The ugly features that crude daylight reveals are forgotten, and the hum and bustle of the vast city reach one softened and softened. It is the London of Whistler and Turner—an aspect of their own city of which many Londoners know nothing.

UP TO DATE.

[New York Sun.]
"Klecker—Is it a completely equipped house?"
Bocker—Yes; it has a cyclone cellar, a floor room, and a champagne porch.

ANIMAL SYMPATHY.

[Country Life.]
Immediately in front of my house is a small paddock, in which there have been feeding a pony and four cows. In a tiny clump of grass and butternuts there is a willow wren's nest filled with young. Though all the grass around is closely cropped, this little clump remains absolutely untouched. Am I wrong in believing that birds have some system of communicating their whereabouts, and that the larger animals show a consideration and care for the weak and helpless we too often despise and set at naught?

HER PLEA RESPECTED.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"Be merciful!" she cried.
"Why should I be merciful?" demanded the burglar.
"Those things which you are dumping out of the trunk are clothes I intended to take to the seashore. I have been working and packing for three weeks."
Being not altogether lost to pity, he left the other five trunks untouched.

INTENSELY HUMANE.

[Chicago News.]
New Arrival—So this town is strongly opposed to corporal punishment?
Waiter—Yes, sah. Why, boss, dey don't eben let us serve whipped cream.

THE MODERN JOB.

[Philadelphia Inquirer.]
Binks (who has ordered a pancake half an hour previously)—Er—I—say, will that pancake be long?
Waitress—No, sir; it'll be round.
Then he waited patiently another half-hour.

JUSTIFIED ANGER.

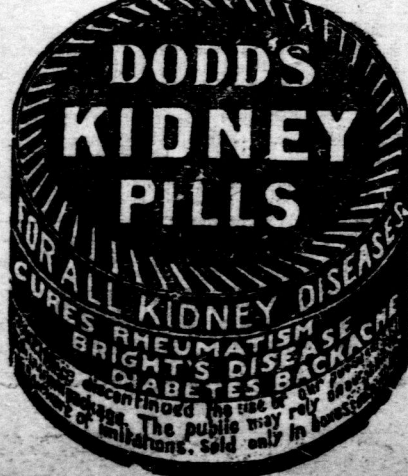
[Life.]
The Butler—What makes the missus in such a bad humor this morning?
The Maid—Some woman told her a secret last night, and she's forgotten it.

THE DUKE EXPLAINED.

[Reynolds' Newspaper.]
His Grace the Duke of Argyll was addressing a select company in a London drawing-room on the present state of things in South Africa. "I look forward to the time," he said, "when the Englishman will marry the Boer girl and have an English wife as well as a Boer one. Respectable dowagers looked their surprise, and the men began to smile. Then the duke explained that he meant, of course, that the Boer girl should become an Englishwoman to all intents and purposes."

A CHILDISH FAKE.

[Hamilton Times.]
The Mail and Empire's childish fake about Sir Richard Cartwright has not been long in calling forth the proper kind of answer. Professor Goldwin Smith denies it that he has ever had any knowledge of a proposal by himself and Sir Richard to form a new party, and Sir Richard has been in daily attendance at the cabinet meetings. The organ's fecundity in falsehood is its greatest asset.

RAILROADS ARE
USING MILLIONS

Many New Lines Are Being Rushed in State of Washington.

Spokane, Wash., Sept. 2.—More miles of railway are now outlined or under construction in Washington than in any other state in the Union. The total exceeds 2,500 miles for the one state alone. Oregon, Idaho, Montana and all the far western commonwealths are boasting of their gains in trackage, while 4,000 miles of steel are to be laid in Western Canada. Because of this activity, the north-west to a lesser degree than any other part of the country has felt the effect of disturbances in money centres. Most of the big undertakings were financed early in 1907, so the work was well under way when last winter's depression came.

Seattle is the objective point whether most of the rail lines are hastening. From Chamberlain, S. D., the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul is hurrying across Montana, Idaho and Washington for the last 2,000 miles, to reach Puget Sound, and likewise the Harriman lines are building north from Portland to terminals in Seattle, the acquisition of which cost \$15,000,000. In retaliation for the Great Northern's invasion of Canadian soil, the Canadian Pacific is preparing to build a line across Washington from Spokane to Puget Sound, thence northward to its present terminus at Vancouver.

The North Coast Railway, the enigma of the western railroad situation, is another line, with branches and trunk amounting to 644 miles, building from Spokane to Seattle. So secretive have been the officials of the North Coast that the public does not know whether this is the Canadian Pacific in disguise or the Chicago and Northwestern, which already extends far towards the northwest, and which for the last two or three years has shown signs of following the Milwaukee's lead.

Other new lines of less prominence are projected or are under way, notably the North Yakima and Valley, partly built from North Yakima, in the central part of the state, to Tacoma. This is another unknown quantity. But the Northern Pacific and Great Northern have not been passive. Together they are ouliding the Spokane, Portland and Seattle, both the larger lines being under the direction of Mr. Hill. This jointly-owned line, more than half completed down the north bank of the Columbia River, provides a water level outlet from the great inland empire.



Bennett's Ladies' and Children's Matinee Club.

Manager Driscoll will inaugurate a children's matinee club for Saturdays. Each child present will receive a pretty souvenir. For the opening next week he has secured that great children's marionette act, "Holden's Marionettes." During the season special attention will be paid to the booking of an act each week that will especially appeal to the little folk. Saturday afternoons will be made special for the ladies and children. Parents who will be unable to escort their children to the theatre, may telephone to the box office, and an attendant will meet them and see that they are seated and cared for during the matinee. Every possible courtesy and kindness will be shown to the children.

The Grand Opening.

The Grand Opera House will throw its doors open Monday next, Labor Day, matinee and night. The announcement is made that the sterling English actor, Robert Ganthony, will present "The Tyranny of Tears," well and favorably known in this city, and made famous in London by Sir Chas. Wyndham, and in America by Mr. John Drew. Mr. Ganthony is, perhaps, best known as the author of "A Brace of Partridges," and "A Message From Mars."

The London Times said: "No English dramatist of our time has turned out more humorous or more human work than this delightful comedy. Every telling in it is, as the French say, 'lived,' and every word of it tells."

Mr. Ganthony will be supported by an excellent cast of players, and the production will be adequate. Among the players are Miss Hazel Stammers, late of Forbes Robertson Company; Miss Ella B. Cross, Mr. Geo. Brooks and Mr. John Holliday.

GLADSTONE.

Gladstone, Sept. 2.—The Rev. Mr. Burns has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Baptist Church, Gladstone.

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Regular business hours have been resumed after the summer months. Store opens daily at 8:30 a.m., closes at 6 p.m., Saturday 10 p.m.

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OAK HALL

SPERRY'S GOODBYE

Thanks the Commonwealth for Splendid Reception Given His Fleet.

Melbourne, Sept. 4.—On the eve of the departure of the American battleship fleet from Melbourne, Rear-Admiral Sperry has sent this farewell message to the people of Australia:

"The reception given the American fleet in Australia is pleasing not only to myself and the officers and men of the fleet, but as representing the feeling of the people of the Commonwealth towards the United States. The welcome, which has come from the Commonwealth, the state, the municipalities, and the crowds in the streets, has been generous and kindly beyond belief. This heartiness between the people of the two great English-speaking nations must tend to the preservation of the peace of the world."

KILLED IN MIMIC DUEL

Boy Who Played Part of Separator Was Fatally Shot.

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 4.—William Owen Sossaman, a 17-year-old white boy, was killed last night by Henry Leech, aged 16, in a mimic duel. Several boys were playing in the yard, and when one of them produced a revolver Leech is said to have gone into the house, and securing another, proceeded to unload it, as he thought.

As the mock "affair of honor" was about to be enacted, Sossaman, in heroic fashion, ran between the principals. At that moment the pistol held by Leech was discharged, killing Sossaman. Leech is being held pending action by the coroner's jury.

BOBBY KERR DOES
THE 100 IN 9 4-5

Halifax, Sept. 3.—Equalling the Canadian record under very unfavorable conditions, Bobby Kerr demonstrated his right to be called the fastest sprinter in Canada by doing the hundred yards dash in 9 4-5 seconds at Exhibition track tonight.

Much to the disappointment of his friends, Schaefer, who secured the hundred yards championship on Saturday last, did not compete tonight, claiming that he had difficulty in getting away from his work in the post-office, where he is employed as a clerk. It was also a keen disappointment for Kerr, who remained over expressly for the purpose of meeting Schaefer. The Hamilton man's magnificent exhibition left little doubt in the minds of the spectators that he is the faster sprinter.

Wm. Ross, of the Wanderers, won the mile run in 4:33 3-5, with Pryor, his clubmate, second. Tom Longboat was third. In the five-mile run, however, Longboat was the victor, winning the event handsly from Goodfield in 26:47.

COLDS

Coldstream, Sept. 3.—Next regular meeting of the Institute will be held Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the home of Mrs. Isaac Zavitz, lot 7, concession 13, Lobo. An excellent programme has been provided. One of the interesting features will be an "Informal Talk on a Visit to Whitford's Home," by one who has been there. There are several other topics which will prove valuable, as well as interesting. Roll call will be responded to by sentiments from Canadian poets. All ladies invited to attend.

ANOTHER INDIAN
WONDER IS READY

Entered in Hamilton Herald and Ward Marathon Races.

Tommy Longboat is going to be a busy young man this September. He returns home from Halifax tomorrow. They want him in Hamilton Saturday for the open five miles at the Penman games, and on Monday he, Percy Selten, "Tod" Sloan, and a couple more of the I. C. A. C. runners are going to Lindsay for the Lindsay 10-mile Marathon, and on Sept. 22 he goes to Midland for the Midland Marathon, another ten-mile affair. The Dunlop trophy race, a five-mile team race, comes along about the end of the month, too. He will have to sweat some in Lindsay, for he has to meet Fred Simpson, the Mississauga, and in Midland they are cooking up a deal with a Georgian Bay Indian named Henry Jackson. He is 32 years of age, and weighs 130 pounds. They think this fellow Jackson is the man to lift Longboat's scap, and Midlanders are ready to bet their wad that their redman will run no worse than second.

This will be about the 'steenth red wonder who has been scheduled to make Longboat look like a selling plater.