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## "STORING UP WRATH"

No retreat from the action taken to exclude Japanese is expected at Washington, but several important newspapers are suggesting that Japan be asked to consent to the abolition of the gentlemen's agreement before the exclusion act is carried into effect. After what has happened that would only be requesting Japan to assent to what the United States gave notice it would do without any such assent. It seems to be too late to find a way to let the Japanese down easily. A single unwise phrase in her ambassador's letter led to precipitate action; but had there been no such letter Japanese exclusion was coming anyway. It might have been approached gently instead of angrily, but now the wine is poured and it must be drunk. Nothing short of an about-face at Washington would soothe Japan's injured pride, and no retreat seems possible. Meanwhile the American newspapers pretty generally have rebuked Congress for haste and harshness and have spoken of the Japanese as a very fine people—in their own country.

Some of the more thoughtful reviewers believe Japan, through this issue, will have at once the sympathy and later the leadership of the Orient, and that trouble not only for the United States but for all the white nations will come in time. "We have slapped the awakening East in the face," says the Christian Century. "Our action in denying citizenship to Hindus last year has been published throughout Asia as evidence of the hollowness of our Christian pretensions. Our action now, coming on top of our previous exclusion of other brown or yellow men, will be taken as evidence of our determination to push the racial issue to its bitterest limits." All the Orient is awakening to a resentment of this sort of thing—racial discrimination—and that resentment, the Century predicts, will have "a profound effect within the next few decades."

That Japan will bow to the United States decision for the present is the Century's expectation. "For the Japanese to make more threats would be at once futile and unwise, for it will merely confirm the United States in our present ugly and belligerent mood." However, there is no use fooling ourselves concerning the mood in which this bowing will take place. It will be formal; not of the spirit. Mr. Hughes is perfectly right in saying that, by this single act, we will have wiped out most of our deposit of good will in the Far East. By this single act we will have done more to drive all the Oriental peoples into one another's arms for a future pan-racial course of action than all the agitators agitating for the next century could have done. By this single act we will have stored up wrath. That is what the action impending at Washington means on the other side of the Pacific.

It is true enough that such results may flow from Japanese exclusion. It is true, also, that each sovereign nation must have the right to control immigration absolutely. If it can be done without offending national susceptibilities, so much the better for all concerned.

## YOUR SAFETY.

In considering your own safety do not forget your duty to the other fellow as well as to yourself. An old rule of the woods was this, and it can be expanded to cover all sorts of risks: "Don't shoot yourself; don't shoot the other fellow; don't let the other fellow shoot you."

The cool, alert, cautious man prolongs his own life and those of others. He does his full share in preventing injury or death from accident. Just now when all over the continent there is a live and well devised campaign to bring home to all the responsibility which rests upon them in preventing forest fires and reducing the volume of national waste that has grown so great as to be criminal and appalling, it is worth while to present the following suggestions from the Ontario Safety League:

"A man with his own hands may build a cottage or small house, but to erect a school, many hands are needed. Not only hands, but many hearts are required to build the great school of safety. To those who can see the vision and want it to materialize this brief word is written that you may help to make it a reality."

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"Work for the public safety, as you want those appointed to safeguard our province to work for you, your family and your friends."

"To protect yourself and those with whom you come in contact from the risk of unnecessary chances. 'Always do your part to help reduce the number of accidents and fires.'"

Every New Brunswicker who earnestly recognizes his own responsibility in these matters is helping to

## Press Comment

### THE SCHOOL CHILDREN.

(Vancouver Sun.)  
Even if the children are a bit of a nuisance around the house in spring and summer, they should be turned loose from school the first week in June. Let them get down to the beaches and fill their little lungs and bodies full of fresh air and sunshine and by September 1 they will be ready to tackle the heaviest mental meal a beneficent Department of Education can cook up for them.

A healthy outdoor child can learn more in two months than a debilitated child can cram into its head in a year.

### ONE WAY OUT.

(Toronto Globe.)  
In effect Chicago can continue to snap her fingers, as she has done for the past fifteen years, at the Federal agencies that have been endeavoring in a half-hearted way to stop the theft of water from the Great Lakes which injuriously affects the people of Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and Northern New York, no less than those of Canadian lake cities. There is much talk of the centralization of power in Washington to the derogation of the authority of the sovereign States of the Union. This deliberate and long-continued theft of water by the Chicago Drainage Commission proves either that the talk of centralization of power is buncombe or that Washington orders Chicago in a loud and harsh tone of voice to stop stealing and mend its morals, and follows this up with a whisper that the order must not be taken seriously and is intended merely to impress Canadian public opinion.

If present conditions are not changed Ontario may show that water piracy is something which can be carried on north of the international boundary as well as in the State of Illinois. The Chippawa Canal has a much greater capacity than the machinery to be installed and connected with it. We may yet have to discipline Chicago by opening Chippawa's sluice gates and draining dry the American Falls at Niagara.

### THE QUATRAIN RONDEAU

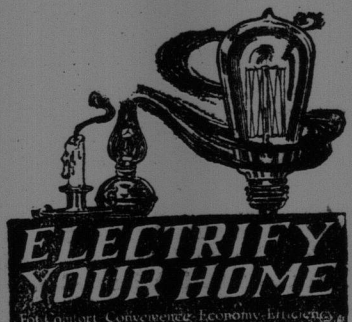
The year has cast its wide away  
Of rain, of tempest and of cold,  
And put on brocade of gold  
Of sunbeams bright and clear and gay.  
There is no bird or beast today  
But sings and shouts in field and fold.  
The year has cast its wide away  
Of rain, of tempest and of cold.

The silver fretwork of the May  
Is over brook and spring encircled,  
A blazon lovely to behold.  
Each thing has put on new array:  
The year has cast its wide away  
Of rain, of tempest and of cold.  
—Eustache Deschamps (Fourteenth Century.) Translated by John Payne.

### IN LIGHTER VEIN

In Her Shoes  
She—"Now if you were in my shoes, would you do?"  
He—"Glean with agony."

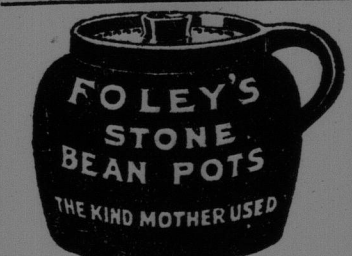
"So you've seen the doctor?"  
"Yes, and he ordered me to go up and down the front stairs for an hour in



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## Speed From A Tin Can

The teacher in a San Francisco public school was trying to demonstrate a simple experiment in the generation of steam. "What have I in my hand?" she asked. "A tin can," came the answer. "Very true. Is the can an animate or inanimate object?" "Inanimate." "Exactly. Now, can any little boy or girl tell me how, with this can, it is possible to generate a surprising amount of speed and power almost beyond control?" One little boy raised his hand. "You may answer, Carter." "Tie it to a dog's tail."

Widow—"Do you know, my daughter, has set her eye on you?"  
Bachelor—"I am delighted."  
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