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LONDON, SATURDAY, JUNE 17.

A Crinoline Riot.

Two young women went shopping in Pittsburgh yesterday, wearing the old-fashioned crinolines. A mob collected and the young women had to take refuge in their carriage, followed by a thousand jeering men. There have been ominous rumors from Paris of a recurrence of the hoopskirt, and a committee of prominent British women, headed by the novelist, Mrs. Craigie, has been formed in London to resist the French invasion. The riot in Pittsburgh is the first intimation that the cause of the crinoline has found its heroines on this side of the Atlantic. In this age of the elimination of non-essentials, the return of the crinoline would be a curious anachronism. We have the careless apocryphal, the seedless orange, smokeless powder, the horseless carriage, and wireless telegraphy. Why fly in the face of modern ideas by banishing the wireless skirt? In these days people are so bent on economizing time that the feat of clipping an hour off the journey between Chicago and New York is hailed with testimonial joy. The skyscraper is one testimony of the tendency to economize space, and against this tendency the hoopskirt flings a bold defiance.

The public conveyance at once comes to mind. In this city a street car seat holds four people comfortably, and five at a pinch. But three crinolines would drive the fourth and fifth passengers into the aisles. On railway trains, in theaters and other auditoriums, and in every public gathering the hoopskirt would be an intolerable nuisance to the male species. The Pittsburgh men who howled and hooted, were moved by the instincts of self-preservation. It looks as though the revival of the crinoline was a willful attempt to spite mankind, but if Dame Fashion has decreed it, mankind may as well give up the fight. Two hundred years ago Addison was leveling his shafts in satire against the hoopskirt, but it reigned until a generation since. Ages of ridicule failed to kill the bustle, which died a natural death not long ago. It is said that the crinoline is already making headway in this country in a disguised and modified form to lull public suspicion, but that pretty soon it will be in full bloom.

A Losing Concern.

The earnings of the Intercolonial Railway for the last fiscal year were a million and a half or two million dollars less than the expenditures. The Minister of Railways explains that the unusual snowfall last winter and the frequent storms, which kept up traffic for two months, doubled and trebled the expenses of operation and cut down the revenue. An increase in wages of three-quarters of a million dollars was another factor in piling up the deficit. The local freight rates are from 25 to 80 per cent lower than the local rates charged on railways in other parts of Canada. It is difficult to raise the rates; any move in that direction would be resented by the people of the Maritime Provinces. It is equally difficult to pare the operating expenses by cutting down wages. The minister frankly confessed that the Intercolonial was not a commercial success and that he saw little prospect of making both ends meet. The road had been brought up to a high physical standard, and the cost of carrying freight could be further reduced by continuing the policy of betterments; but it should be borne in mind that the Intercolonial was handicapped at the outset because it was built for political and military reasons, not as a commercial proposition.

The Opposition railway experts raked the minister fore and aft, but it cannot be said that their criticisms were of much value. Mr. Borden made the highly illuminating remark that some way should be found of putting the road on a paying basis. The way he proposed a year ago was to extend it to the Pacific coast. The record of the Intercolonial under both Liberal and Conservative management was not such as to inspire faith in such a plan, when it was presented to the people as an alternative to the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme. The extension of the road to Georgian Bay, by securing running privileges over the Canada Atlantic, might put it in a more favorable position to secure through traffic, but that is as far as a prudent government will care to go.

France and Germany.

It can no longer be denied that diplomatic relations of France and Germany are seriously strained over the Morocco situation. It is the upshot of the Anglo-French treaty of a year ago, under which Great Britain recognized Morocco as being within the sphere of French influence. The treaty was not submitted to the other powers for their opinion or sanction, but Germany entered no protest during the months which intervened between the publication of the agreement, and its ratification by the French and British Parliaments. The first intimation of Germany's dissent was the Kaiser's speech at Tangiers in the course of his Mediterranean cruise a few weeks ago. His blunt declaration that Germany would continue to recognize Morocco as a sovereign state was a challenge which shook the chancelleries of Europe. Then came the resignation of M. Delcasse, the French foreign minister, who had negotiated the Anglo-French treaty and was responsible for France's Moroccan policy. His resignation, which was attributed to German intrigue, was withdrawn, and he

remained at his post until the early part of the present week. Standing firmly by his own policy he was an obstacle to negotiations with Germany, and his second resignation gave the impression that the Rouvier ministry was inclined to compromise. Another theory is that M. Rouvier views with alarm Russia's military and financial exhaustion, and has improved the Russian Government to end the war, and place herself in a position to fulfil her obligations to her ally, France. The weakening of Russia has given Germany a preponderance of military strength in continental Europe. With Russia in her present plight, France would be helpless against German aggression. The Kaiser for the moment holds the trump card. Will he play it?

Political Bourbons.

Mr. Philip H. Bowyer, the Conservative member for East Kent in the Legislature, has been giving his party some straight talk. In his paper, the Ridgeway Plaindealer, he says he looked for no other result in London and North Oxford, because of the tactics employed against the Liberal candidates. Here is some of his sound advice:

"When Mr. Borden and Mr. Gray and their near circle of advisers determined to contest London, making the fight on the educational clause of the Northwest autonomy bills from a constitutional standpoint, they were well within their rights and respect for their own honor and respect for their constituents. That this was their intention we have no doubt, but the campaign once opened, they either permitted a departure or found themselves too weak to control it, and it practically passed out of their hands into the hands of men closely identified with the old discredited P. P. A. organization, and assumed a character on the platform, in the press and on the canvass that stamped it in the eyes of a great many Conservatives as mischievous, not to say malevolent.

"In this paper we have often felt it necessary to make passing references to what we call the Bourbon-Tory element in the Liberal-Conservative party. That element was to the forefront in the battle which raged in London and Oxford. Learning nothing from the past, they with wide open eyes decided to adopt tactics which to the merest tyro in politics meant not only defeat in the riding, but injury to the party throughout the Dominion.

"Surely Mr. Gray's managers in London should not forget the Essex contest and the result of the former visit of E. E. Sheppard and Mr. Munter to London. Let us repeat, in our opinion it was not so much the issue at stake as the methods followed on the platform, in the press and canvass that caused defeat, and which made thousands of good Conservatives blush with shame."

The crinoline may come and the crinoline may go, but mankind hopes the shirtwaist girl will go on forever.

Thinking it might do Billy good to "take a walk" these June days, the electors gave him his walking ticket.

The decision of the Pekin Government to fumigate all Americans entering China proves conclusively that Uncle Sam is in bad odor there.

The construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific and the operation of The Advertiser's new fast press will begin about the same time.

The Czar has deposed Grand Duke Alexis from the job of high admiral of the Russian navy, and Japan has deposed the Russian navy.

The price of hair-cuts has been advanced to 25 cents in Toronto, which is the greatest hardship the city has suffered since the brewery strike.

The Spanish Government having accumulated a surplus has decided to create another sinking fund by spending the money in warships.

The Toronto newspapers which flooded the city before the election made a mistake in imagining that London people wanted to be saved the trouble of doing their own thinking.

A deputation from the Liberal Association of Medicine Hat waited on the town council last night and asked that a delegation be sent to Ottawa to urge that Medicine Hat be made the headquarters of the Strathcona Horse. This was the Liberal deputation which was going to Ottawa to protest against the autonomy bills, according to a fake telegram which Premier Haultain stopped to use from a public platform in this city.

Rural Mail Delivery.

Mr. William Mulock's refusal to make rural mail delivery a feature of the Canadian postal system is justified by the results of that system in the United States. It has caused a deficit of \$15,000,000 in the United States post-office department for the last year.

Shifting the Blame This Year.

"Have you decided where you will spend the summer?"

"No," answered Mr. Hepdorn. "I'm going to let my wife decide this year. She used to wake up in the dead of the night last summer, to remind me that I picked the place out."

The First Consideration.

Victim—What has happened? Where am I?

Doctor—You have been seriously injured in a trolley accident. But cheer up—you will recover.

Victim—How much?

The Dark Americans.

No one could have attended the class Day of Columbia College without being struck by the prevalence of dark young men. Out of 120 or so there were two with hair of fiery red and three with flaxen locks—five blonds in all. The rest were either decidedly dark, looking in their black gowns like young priests in Rome, or were darkish brown of hair and eyes.

A study of names and faces revealed French, Welsh, Flemish, Spanish and Jewish derivation in many cases, and perhaps a majority were native Amer-

icans by many generations, and of the native American tint, dark brown. The professors, older men, show a much larger proportion of blonds. Gladstone used to say that during his long life the average English complexion visibly darkened. Is the same process going on here even more rapidly? By A. D. 2000 will the "sandy complexioned" American be a rarity?

Political Amenities.

[Toronto Star.]

An interesting sidelight on British politics is given in an English newspaper in discussing a play by George Bernard Shaw. The British Premier has gone five times to see the production. "He went first alone," says the writer, "and was so impressed with it that he invited Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, and then he invited Mr. Asquith. Both these men are among his leading adversaries in politics."

Growing Popularity.

[Hamilton Herald.]

This is the time of the year when attendance at Sunday schools is suddenly augmented. The picnics cannot be postponed much longer.

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His Last Hope.

[New York Sun.]

Knicker—So Henpet is going to sue for breach of promise?

Booker—Yes, Mrs. H. once promised not to marry him.

Appearances Deceive.

[Detroit Tribune.]

"He isn't as black as he's painted."

"No, and his wife isn't as white as she's powdered."

Where George Came In.

[Wardsville (Mo.) News.]

George Black's fine team of sorrels ran away Wednesday morning. One of the horses, worth \$250, was badly injured, and we are sorry to state; the new buggy, valued at \$150, was smashed to pieces; the harness was broken in several places, and it is to be regretted that a fine dog belonging to Mart Simpson was run over and hit by the team. Black was killed in the runaway.

Punishment to Fit the Crime.

[Answers.]

Judge: "It seems to me I've seen you before."

Prisoner: "You have, my lord. I used to give your daughter singing lessons."

"Twenty years."

Told Out of School.

[Chicago Tribune.]

Stranger (stopping to admire the house)—"That's a pretty little school house."

Johnny—"I heard papa say there was a 'curbance on the house' and I guess—that's where he keeps it."

Why She Wept.

[Judge.]

"But, my dear," protests the young husband, "you have paid \$50 for this Easter bonnet, when I asked you not to exceed \$25."

"Yes, love," she explains, "but you don't see, the \$50 one was marked down from \$72, and the \$25 one was only marked down from \$30. I saved \$16 instead of only \$5. You—ought to commend me instead of—boohoo—of scolding me."

MONTREAL WITNESS ON THE RESULT

The Great English Protestant Daily Pleased With the Elections.

[Montreal Witness.]

The most interesting news of today is the return of two Liberals in the very heart of Ontario in support of the Government view of the educational autonomy issue. This result is interesting because the controversy on the autonomy question in Parliament has been hanging fire owing to a hope on the part of the Opposition that the people of Ontario would strongly condemn the Government measure, and because there is now no further cause for delaying the session in that hope. It is interesting also because the papers of both sides of politics for absolute and unconditional educational autonomy for the new provinces. It is interesting as a rebuke to those degraded newspapers that have been full of disgusting pictures and slanderous assaults upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier as being a Jesuit, whereas there is not a man in Ontario more loyal to the British principle of religious liberty than Sir Wilfrid.

It is interesting also, in view of the fact that the demand for unconditional educational autonomy was backed by strong expressions on the part of many of the church gatherings. Why the churches should have committed themselves to the absolute autonomy view is not very evident. If their declarations had been in favor of absolute secular schools, or of an absolute state school system, or of a bid to tax by or for any schools which should dissent from the provincial system, there would seem to be at least some connection between religion and the demand. But the demand that the churches should have made was not based on any doctrine of religion at all, nor, taking it in the abstract, is it so far as we can see, in harmony with our national interests to forbid the voice of the nation to be heard in matters of religion. We can only think that the strong demand for provincial absolutism was due to the fact that the applicants for national interference were in this case Roman Catholics, and that their demand was for separate schools. It is to be remembered, however, that the first applicants for national interference in educational matters, and for separate schools, were Protestants. At Confederation it was the Roman Catholics who wanted provincial autonomy in educational matters, and it was on behalf chiefly of the Protestants of Quebec that the people as a whole placed certain limitations on provincial absolutism. It is to be remem-

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He Says Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets Cure Stomach Troubles and Gives His Reasons for Saying So.

"Yes, I mean what I say about Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets," says Henry A. Coles, of St. Mary's River, Guysboro County, N. S., in a recent interview. "I had stomach trouble for about five years. It got so bad I was taken to my bed and the doctor was called in. He couldn't reach the trouble, however, and I was suffering very bad, and not knowing what to do when my wife said, 'Let us try Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets.'"

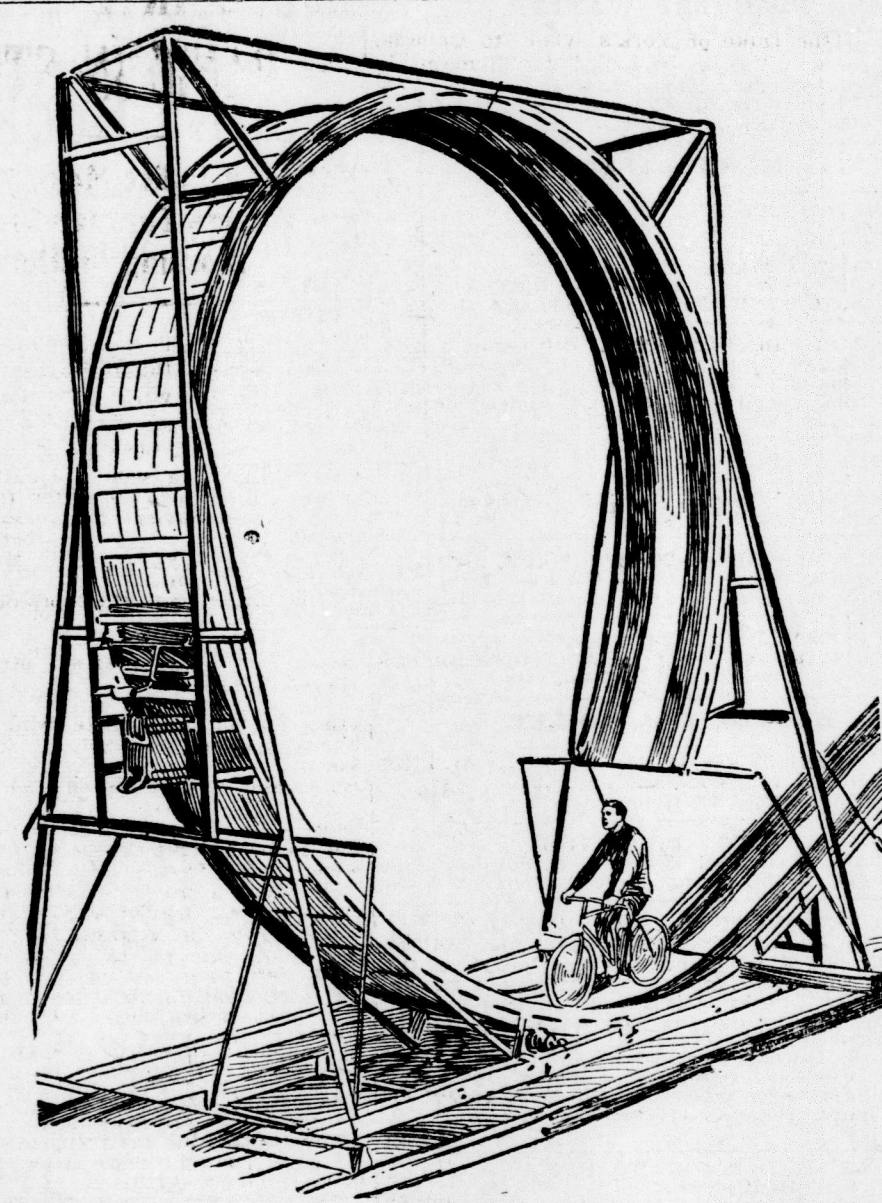
"Well, we tried them, and the result was that I used seven boxes and the stomach trouble left and has not troubled me since. Do you wonder I recommend Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets?"

"If you can't digest your food don't worry. Get a box or two of Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets and they will do it for you."

Kills Baby Brother.

New York, June 17.—"You play you are the clock. I will ask you what time it is and you can tell me."

Three-year-old Joseph Visco, of No. 668 Jackson street, West New York, N. J., in trying to convert his infant brother, Frank into a timepiece, jammed a wheel he had taken from an alarm clock down the throat of his brother. The child choked to death.



That London is going to have one of the biggest six-days' jollifications in its history goes without saying, when the Old Boys introduce Col. Mundy, and his great amusement enterprise to the local public on Monday night. The Fiesta will be started with a monster procession, leaving the Market Square at 7 o'clock that evening. Every effort is being exerted to have this the most notable affair in the way of pageantry that local people have ever undertaken. It will be led off by a platoon of mounted police, followed by city officials in carriages, together with the executive committee of the Old Boys and members of the Old Boys in marching order. Then will come the Mundy band, and the principal performers from the Mundy Shows in carriages. These will be followed in turn by squads from the uniformed ranks of the various fraternities and secret orders, and the Cadets. Between one of these sections the much-talked-of sensation, Mr. B. C. McCann in an auto touring car, with Schley, the big African lion, will positively be seen. The line of march will leave the Market Square and proceed to Talbot, along Talbot to Dundas, and from there to the show grounds on Queen's Park, where the gates will be swung wide to the general public as soon as the procession has entered. Of course, the mere fact that the Old Boys are the sponsors for the Great Mundy Shows is enough in itself to guarantee their interest in their coming owing to the fact they are really the first of the great modern carnival organizations to pay a visit to Canada. Hamilton and Toronto are the only other places in the Dominion where Col. Mundy will play roles in the line of the Mundy Shows are really a combination of circus, street fair and midway.

Two big features of the carnival will be the Hippodrome and the Trained Animal Show. In the latter, Col. Mundy will present what he claims to be the greatest and best aggregation of wild and savage jungle beasts brought into subjection under the hands of the trainer, ever presented in exhibition outside of the Columbian and St. Louis World's Fairs. The dozen or more trainers of the menagerie will appear in daily contest with scores of ferocious denizens of the wild in a spacious steel-girt arena, larger than the average circus ring, giving splendid opportunities for the seated spectator to witness the detail of every act. The Hippodrome contains a long list of the star acts from Barnum & Bailey's, Ringling Bros., and the London and New York Hippodromes.

Space permits only a brief mention of some of the other things to be seen, the mere enumeration of which will serve to give an idea of the pretentiousness of Mundy Shows. "Dreamland" with its big feature of the statue come to life; "Miss Brown, from London, or Levitation Made Easy," "Southland," a "real, sure enough" South before the war minstrel melange; the Gibson girls, in 40 minutes of vaudeville and specialties; "The Rottiers," with its realistic scenes of burning office buildings, and illustrations of the heroic lives of the fire ladders; the Laughing Gallery; hereafter, Rottiers's masterpiece, with its mystic cavern of strange and picturesque phenomena, and numbers of other concessions, booths and exhibits combining a myriad galaxy of superlative delights.

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