

CLOSE OF A SPEECH TO THE ELECTORS OF BRISTOL

GENTLEMEN, I have had my day, I can never sufficiently express my gratitude to you, for having set me in a place wherein I could lend the slightest help to great and laudable designs. I have been able to do this by giving quiet to private property and private conscience; if by my vote I have aided in securing to families the best possession, peace; if I have joined in the cheering kings to their subjects, and subjects to their prince; if I have assisted to loosen the foreign holdings of the citizen, and taught him to look for his protection to the laws of his country, and his comfort to the good-will of his countrymen;—if I have thus taken my part with the best of men in the best of their actions, I can shut the book. I might wish to read a page or two more, but this is enough for my present;—I have not lived in vain.

And now gentlemen, on this serious day, when I come, as it were, to make up my account with you, let me take to myself some degree of honest pride on the nature of the charges that are against me. I do not here stand before you accused of venality or of neglect of duty. It is not said, that, in the long period of my service, I have, in a single instance, sacrificed the slightest of your interests to my ambition for fortune. It is not alleged, that, to gratify any anger, or revenge of my own, or of any party, I have had a share in wronging or oppressing any description of men, or any one man in any description. Not the charges against me are all of one kind, that I have pushed the principles of general justice and benevolence too far; and further than the opinions of many would go along with me. In every accident which may happen through life—in pain, in sorrow, in depression and distress—I will call to mind this accusation, and be comforted.

EDMUND BURKE
(Born January 1, 1730; died July 9, 1797)

"TO DO HIS DAMNEDST"

Sir,—The Tank Corps expects that every tank this day will do its damnedest. Such was the Order of the Day issued by Sir Julian Byng on the 21st, and followed by a victory which astonished our enemies but cheered ourselves. The phrase hereof belongs to English history, and its origin and author have a new interest.

I first heard the words forty-four years ago, and from the lips of Dr. John Brown, author of *Rob and his Friends*. I met him in the streets of Edinburgh, when he at once began to talk of America, from which he had lately returned. He was deeply impressed by the spirit of the men to whom he had there been introduced. For myself, I was somewhat crestfallen, thinking that he, at least, could have little to learn from them, and asked if he could not more closely define their merit. "They were more alive than we," was his incisive answer, spoken somewhat sorrowfully and with full conviction. Seeing that he had an interested and not fully-persuaded listener, he went on.

"Let me tell you a story, which I lately heard. A friend of mine, a Free Church minister, was in conversation with Carlyle, his old acquaintance. They were talking of early Scottish ideals, and the minister insisted on the merits of the Shorter Catechism. Nothing, he said, could better bring the most important truths before the thoughts of the young. 'I don't think so,' said Carlyle. Take, said the minister, the first question and its answer. 'What shall the chief end of man be?' To glorify God, and enjoy Him forever. Do not those words give an idea of life as can be given? 'I don't think so,' still replied Carlyle. Then said the minister, a little puzzled, as being unused to such opposition, can you improve on it? 'What do you believe the chief end of man to be?' The chief end of man, replied Carlyle, with strong emphasis, 'is to do his damnedest.'"

From the tone of his words I knew that the "beloved physician" thought the reply as unanswerable as it was unexpected.—I am, Sir, &c.

A. MONTGOMERIE BELL
South Newington, Banbury, The Spectator, London, Dec. 1.

LORD MORLEY AND THE STEAD

Lord Morley in his "Recollections" gives two pictures of W. T. Stead and of his son "Willy," who predeceased him.

"Of this gallant ship, the *Pall Mall Gazette*, of which I now undertook to be the captain, under a liberal-minded and courageous owner, as loyal and bold as he was indulgent. We were lucky enough to be due to join us, as an assistant, a man from the North of England, who, by and by, sailing under his own flag, became for a season the most powerful journalist in the island."

Stead has said enough of our relations. He was invaluable; abounding in

journalistic resources, eager in convictions, infinitely bold, candid, laborious in the mastery of all the facts, and bright with a cheerfulness and geniality that no difference of opinion between us, and some of the passing embarrassments of the day could ever for a moment damp. His extraordinary vigor and spirit made other people seem, wet, blankets, sluggish creatures of moral defaultance.

"After a striking career that was not without melodramatic phases and some singular vagaries of mind, he perished in a collision between a giant liner and an iceberg on the Atlantic Ocean."

Lord Morley, the oldest son, Lord Morley, writes referring to his famous "Life of Gladstone."

"So to work I went. Explorations in the crowded archives, with their two or three hundred thousand pieces, began in 1899. Two lieutenants gave me willing and valuable aid; for the first half, Mr. Hat, afterwards so well known as publicist and economist; for the second half, William Stead, too soon taken from his fruitful and admirably trained by his wonderful father in all those arts of close attention and minute accuracy that were required by such work as he now undertook."

THE ALASKAN WILDERNESS

Voyages on the Yukon, by Archdeacon Hudson Stuck. New York: Scribners, \$4.50 net.

ARCHDEACON Hudson Stuck is doing more than anyone else to interest the public in the Alaskan wilderness, and his books are enough to make anyone wish to be a traveller in these Northern wilds. But he is also a reformer, and he has bravely with his pen and camera against abuses. Dogs, wild animals, Indians, white men, all are his wards. The shuddering tenants of the frigid zone, as Goldsmith called them, must throughout wide regions look up to him as one of their best defenders.

Illustrative of the difficulties he meets is a story he tells in "Voyages on the Yukon" of the death of one Victor, found frozen stiff in his bed one bleak January at Beaver. Alaska. It was known that he had heart disease, and his end was not unexpected; he had apparently passed away in his sleep, and when Stuck examined the body to make sure that death came from natural causes, he found the cause of death. While the burial was being done, a man came up and confessed that he had seen the victim nine or ten days before, had asked him for liquor, and upon being refused, had knocked him down and dragged him about the floor. Three or four years before Stuck had prosecuted Victor for selling liquor to the Indians, and though he was acquitted, he had been over to the authorities for prosecution on the simple charge of assault, and went on. The Indian got hold of a way lawyer who persuaded the Commissioner that by statute no man could be tried for assault unless confronted by the person assaulted, and the case was dismissed. The Commissioner was an old retired physician, a good man and just, but knowing nothing whatever about law, and this is a commentary on the whole system of the Alaskan unpaid magistracy, handed over to the authorities for prosecution on the simple charge of assault, and went on. The Indian got hold of a way lawyer who persuaded the Commissioner that by statute no man could be tried for assault unless confronted by the person assaulted, and the case was dismissed. The Commissioner was an old retired physician, a good man and just, but knowing nothing whatever about law, and this is a commentary on the whole system of the Alaskan unpaid magistracy, handed over to the authorities for prosecution on the simple charge of assault, and went on.

Against the liquor traffic with the Indians Dr. Stuck never ceased to inveigh. He tells with gusto of the "worst camp of white miners in all Alaska, two hundred hardened rascals who used to run up a yearly whiskey bill larger than their food bill, despite the difficulty in bringing in food; yet when the liquor issue was posed, the camp voted bone dry—the men knew they were better off without it. He pleads for treatment of their Government mail dogs, lashed on to their sixty-mile stunts a day no matter what the weather, though there is no excessive reason for this inhumanity. He pleads for the humane treatment of the numbers of men who come to Alaska to do big-game hunting for the Smithsonian Institution, intimating that the Smithsonian Museum must fill a flock of balls with the trophies. An interesting word is even said in defense of the Alaskan fiction writers. The latest novel Dr. Stuck has read in the country pictures the hero snowshoeing fifty miles across country in one day with \$25,000 worth of gold dust in a bit of his waist—that representing 100 pounds. But Archdeacon Stuck reproduces a statement of an old miner and prospector regarding a long wilderness journey taken alone, in the face of some of the hardships which indicate something of the romance of Alaskan travel.

What does your garage cost you? "I save money there, anyhow." "How's that?" "I don't keep my car in a garage. I keep it in a repair shop."—*Louisville Courier-Journal*.

"American as you are, don't you think you would really be awed by the presence of a king?" "If I held an ace."—*Baltimore American*.

Monsieur: For 15 days in the month of January I was suffering with pain of rheumatism in the foot. I tried all kinds of remedies but nothing did me any good. One person told me about MINARD'S LINIMENT, and as soon as I tried it the Saturday night, the next morning I was feeling very good. I tell you this remedy is very good. It could give you a good certificate any time that you would like to have one. If you come to hear about any person sick of rheumatism, I could tell them about this remedy.

Yours truly,
ERNEST LEVEILLE,
215 Rue Ontario East, Montreal,
Feb. 14, 1908.

My Office is Somewhat Disfigured but I am still in the line of receiving Orders for New and Secondhand Typewriters and typewriter and Mimeograph Supplies.
A. Milne Fraser, Halifax, N. S.

WEIK Stuffs for Sale—All kinds of Weik Stuffs can be supplied on order. Apply to:
OSCAR WILKINS,
Canterbury Station, N. B.
21-6wp.

FOR Sale—One dark red Horse, weight about 1300 pounds, young and sound. For further particulars apply to:
WILSON GALLIBY,
Wilson's Beach, Campbellville,
21-4t.

THE WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

December 29.—Thomas A. Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, murdered, 1170; Lord Stafford beheaded, 1680; Archibald Alison, English historian, born, 1792; Andrew Johnson, seventeenth President of the United States, born, 1808; R. H. H. W. Gladstone, English statesman, born, 1809; Roy T. Malthus, English political economist, died, 1834; Queen Elizabeth of Rumania ("Carmen Sylvia") born, 1843; C. E. E. Usher, Traffic Commissioner, born, 1857; Lord Lisgar, eighth Governor General of Canada, born, 1865; American champion pugilist, born, 1887; Dr. L. S. Jameson's raid into Transvaal started from Mafeking, 1895.

December 30.—Jesuit Order founded by Ignatius Loyola, 1534; Roger Ascham, English author and scholar, died, 1568; John Phillips, English poet, born, 1676; Paul Whitehead, English poet and satirist, died, 1774; Rudyard Kipling, English novelist and poet, born, 1865; Accession of Alonso XII King of Spain, 1741; Amelia Bloomer, American dress reformer, died, 1894.

December 31.—St. Silvester, John Wycliffe, English reformer, died, 1384; Charter granted to the East India Company, 1600; Hon. Robert Boyle, Irish physicist and chemist, died, 1691; John Flamsteed, English Astronomer Royal, died, 1719; Charles Edward Stuart ("Bonnie Prince Charlie") born, 1721; Lord Cornwallis, English military leader and administrator, twice Governor-General of India, born, 1738; American forces defeated at Quebec, 1775; Benjamin Disraeli, Lord Beaconsfield, English statesman, born, 1804; Emily Louhel, President of the French Republic, born, 1838; U. S. Ironclad *Monitor* wrecked off Cape Hatteras, 1862; Leon Gambetta, former Dictator of France, died, 1882.

January 1.—Geronimo, NEW YORK'S DAY, Murillo, Spanish painter, born, 1618; Edmund Burke, British statesman, reformer, and author, born, 1731; Maria Edgeworth, English novelist, born, 1767; Union of Great Britain and Ireland, 1801; Tommaso Salvini, Italian tragedian, born, 1829; (died Jan. 1, 1916); Queen Victoria proclaimed Empress of India, 1877; King Vajiravudh of Siam born, 1869.

January 2.—Livy, Roman historian, died, 17; Ovid, Latin poet, died, 18; General Wolfe, hero of Quebec, born, 1727; First Session of General Assembly of New Brunswick Legislature in St. John, 1785; Johann Kaspar Lavater, Swiss writer on physiognomy, died, 1803; Dr. Andrew Ure, Scottish chemist, died, 1857; Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, American financier, died, 1877; Constitution granted to the Serbians, 1835; Japanese took Port Arthur, Manchuria, from the Russians, 1905; Royal Mint established at Ottawa, 1898.

January 3.—Cicero, Roman orator and author, born, 106 B. C.; Jeremiah Horrocks, English astronomer, first observer of the transit of Venus, died, 1641; Duke of Albemarle, British general and admiral, died, 1670; Josiah Wedgwood, English potter, died, 1795; Douglas Jerrold, English humorous writer and editor of *Punch*, born, 1803; Parliament house at Toronto burned, 1825; Rachel, French actress, died, 1858; United States resumed specie payments, 1879; William Harrison Ainsworth, English novelist, died, 1882.

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