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A LIVING WAGE
 A STANDARD of minimum wages for women employed in all retail stores has been fixed in Massachusetts. The State Minimum Wage Commission issued a decree effective the first of the year providing that "no experienced female employee of ordinary ability shall be employed in retail stores in Massachusetts at a rate of wages less than \$5.00 a week," and that "no other female employee of ordinary ability shall be paid at a rate of wages less than \$5.00 a week."

While the provisions of the Massachusetts laws are not mandatory upon employers, nevertheless, the action of the Commission focuses public attention upon what has been found to be a bare living wage in this employment. It must be a short-sighted employer indeed who will subject himself to just public criticism by forcing the women in his store to work for less.
 Here in this city we have girls employed at such magnificent weekly stipends as \$3.00 and in some cases even less. How can a girl keep the straight road, support herself and in many cases a widowed mother as well on such a salary? They toil from early morning till late at night and even in some stores along the street the act of being caught sitting down during business hours may mean dismissal. Girls who are compelled to earn their living in the world are entitled to at least a living wage.

WAR PARALYZES ITALIAN TRADE
 THE war has seriously crippled the commerce and industry of Italy. The export of all agricultural and most of the industrial products is prohibited and as a result farmers and wine growers are suffering severely and many factories are shut down. Invested capital is bringing no returns. The money formerly spent by tourists, which aggregated a considerable sum, is sorely missed.

The citrus industry has been particularly hard hit by the war; the former enormous export of lemons from several provinces has been practically stopped. Fruit that sold for \$4 a hundred pounds last year cannot be sold now for \$1 or even 75 cents. England is

MOSDELL'S BOOMERANGS!
 NOTHING more clearly indicated the true character of W. F. COAKER than invitation to Sir Robert Bond to lead the Union Forces during the recent campaign. A less cautious man or one more self-conceited would, in COAKER'S position, have essayed the task himself. But, sinking personal ambition and keeping an eye single to the interests of the F.P.U., the President (COAKER) secured a practical politician for the position.
 AND SO THE COUNTRY LEARNED THAT COAKER IS A MAN WHOSE HEAD IS NOT TURNED BY SUCCESS AND ALSO THAT HIS

PRESENT POSITION DOES INDEED REQUIRE MUCH SELF-SACRIFICE AND NO LITTLE DIPLOMACY. It is a foregone conclusion that under his (COAKER'S) Leadership the Fishermen's Protective Union will eventually become THE GOVERNING POWER OF THE LAND and thus in elevating the Toilers to this dignified position, which is theirs by every right, of manhood, W. F. COAKER HAS WRIT HIS NAME LARGELY ON THE PAGE OF NEWFOUNDLAND HISTORY. — MOSDELL in The Fishermen's Advocate, December 20th, 1913.

HELD OVER
 Some editorial comments on R. U. Right and our reply to Mosdell's outburst of yesterday must stand over till to-morrow.

ITEMS OF INTEREST
 Fourteen sports in Providence, R.I. were arrested at a cock-fight by agents of the S.P.C.A. They were handcuffed to a chain 35 feet long and marched more than a mile through the streets to the police station.
 It took the children of Israel 40 years to make their way out of Egypt, through the wilderness, under the leadership of Moses. Question: how long will it take the Turks to make their way into Egypt, through the same wilderness, under the leadership of the Germans?

Voltaire, the French author, held the medical profession in contempt and disliked both doctors and their medicines. He once gave utterance to the following definition: "A physician is a man who pours drugs of which he knows nothing into the body of a man which he knows less."

THE GUILTY ONES
 THOSE guilty of economic abuses for gain may be divided into these classes: Those who, by corruption and other devious means, secure franchises and special privileges of various sorts to exploit entire communities and whole sections of the country; the men who, by similar methods, secure a grip upon land and other natural resources, the common inheritance of all, to selfishly exploit the same, or hold it away from the beneficial use of their fellow-man; the men who work thousands of other men in dangerous and unhealthy factories and mines; the men who employ women and children in unwholesome occupations, or in unsanitary workshops; the exploiting employers who impose upon their helpless workers long hours at wages which will not allow for that sweet contentment of mind which makes of labor a joy; the man who sells decayed or adulterated food; the man who robs his own employees of the product of their toil and gives away the money in showy benefactions and tenuous foundations; the bankers and financiers who foster "watered" stocks and force employees of large industries to work for low wages because the earning power of the companies has been absorbed in advance; and last, but by no means least, that large class of lick-spittles who have little or nothing themselves, but side in with and work for bad conditions, because they get, or vaguely hope to get, a moiety of the general stealage.—Frank P. Walsh in La Follette's Magazine.

Valuable manuscript stolen from the Academia Lincei have been returned to it by an American named Marshall who obtained them from an antiquary in Florence, paying for them \$4,000. At the time of the purchase he was not aware that they had come into the dealer's hands by theft.
 According to a recent statement of the warden of the Cook county, Ill., hospital, one person out of every 10 on whom post mortem examinations are made in the hospital is found to have died of trichinosis, a disease of the muscles due to the eating of raw or only partially cooked pork.

A contract was let a few months ago to a New York concern for the construction of a new coaling plant for vessels at Honolulu harbor. The plant which is to cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 will have a capacity of 165,000 tons and, with the exception of the coaling docks at Panama, will be the largest on the Pacific.

Mount Etna, Italy, was reported to be active again a short time ago, emitting great streams of red hot lava which coursed down the side of the mountain. An umbrella-shaped cloud, formed by glowing cinders and smoke, constantly hovered above the volcano, giving it a singularly weird appearance.

Large numbers of muskrats are being sold for food in some cities. By many they are considered a great delicacy, the meat being sweeter and of finer flavor than chicken. Indeed, they are an ex-

WORLD'S PRESS
 2½ Per Cent Patriotism
 London Free Press.—Canada can do a great deal to help the motherland in the rebuilding of her commerce, following the conclusion of the war, as well as in the maintenance of her trade during the war. It is urged in some quarters that the tariff against British goods should be entirely eliminated, but it might be found that too drastic a step in this direction would do serious injury to Canadian industry. Britain could hardly regard with satisfaction a Canadian trade policy that might tend to weaken Canada. What is desired is a policy that while enabling Canadians to take advantage of their own market to the fullest possible extent will remove the disadvantage under which Great Britain labors as opposed, for example, to the United States and Germany. Competition with British goods in the Canadian market is keenest, from the United States. Proximity to our markets and a close understanding of the needs of Canadians gives to the American trader an opportunity that it is difficult for the British producer to meet. To overcome this situation we have the British preference of 33 per cent. But in many cases this is not sufficient. The war budget increased the preference by enlarging the duties upon foreign goods by 7½ per cent. as against 5 per cent. upon British goods, and this has been a material help. When the war is at an end and conditions have become somewhat normal again, it may be found advisable to retain the increased duties against foreign goods and the removal altogether of the increase against Britain.

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GLEANNINGS OF GONE BY DAYS
 FEBRUARY 4.
 REV. FATHER FRIPPS died, 1862.
 Major Renouf appointed Chairman Board of Works, 1873.
 Thomas Lynch, blacksmith, died, 1879.
 Mercury newspaper started, 1882.
 Permissive Bill defeated in St. John's, 1885.
 Most Rev. Dr. Howley left for Rome, 1896.
 An appeal received from Irish relief committee, Dublin, 1847.
 Rev. S. B. G. Howe died at Selkirk-Come-By, 1888.
 Petition from public to Sheriff Talbot, asking to call public meeting to consider the forming of volunteers, 1888.
 Miss Ann Moran burnt to death, in house opposite Goodfellow & Co.'s, 1882.
 Guiteau (President Garfield's assassin) sentenced to death, 1882.

A woman who is popular with men is never reigning favorite with other females of the species.
 Juan L. San Fuentas was inaugurated recently as President of the Republic of Chile, succeeding Dr. Ramon B. Luco. H. P. Fletcher, U.S. Ambassador to Chile, transmitted to the new executive a special congratulatory message from President Wilson, expressing the hope that intercourse between the United States and Chile may be expanded mutually. The chief executive of Chile holds office for a term of five years. He is appointed by delegates nominated by the voters by ballot. A retiring president is not re-eligible.

A silver sword, an exceedingly rare plant which grows profusely in an outlet of the immense extinct crater of Haleakala on the island of Maui, Hawaiian islands, is one of the most curious plants in the world as well as one of the most interesting to botanists. It grows with magnificent silver spines and a handsome crest, flowering from June to October. It is found scarcely anywhere else in the world. Another variety, known as the green sword, occurs only in Haleakala crater, and, so far as is known, does not grow anywhere else in the world.

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