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—An Ottawa correspondent points out that the average duty on dutiable goods imported in August was over 30 per cent. The customs duty on coal oil amounted to over 90 per cent. The figures are: Value of oil imported, \$27,030; duty thereon, \$24,830. The duty on cotton clothing was 33 per cent.

—The Hamilton Spectator argues that the way to supply manufacturers with cheap pig iron is to increase the tax on imports. There is a pretty steep tax on pig iron now. How would manufacturers and their customers relish trying the proposed experiment? Surely this nonsense about cheapening an article by levying a tax upon it should cease.

—The other day we asked, "Why, in this land of rivers and great inland seas, is not every boy and girl taught to swim as a part of their education?" To this query the Hamilton Times now gives the following very sensible answer: "One reason is that municipalities which fritter away the taxes of the people in wildcat schemes too often regard the expenditure of a few hundred dollars to make a safe place for boy and girl bathers to practice swimming as being a gross waste of money. Another reason is that when boys or young men are caught swimming within range of military opera glass they are made the victims of police justices. A third reason is that parents are not sufficiently impressed with the importance of teaching their children to swim. If they were it could be accomplished."

—A great change is taking place in French society which deserves more notice than it receives, and that is in a sense what characterized manners at the close of the last century, only the status of the sexes is reversed. Before the revolution the nobility was all; the only "occupation" open to its members was that of going a soldiering; the more studious members entered the church. For a noble to be engaged in any profession was to lose caste. When he ran through his property the daughter of a wealthy trader was found for him, who was glad to exchange her cash against a title—to be a marchioness was her social ideal. Today, they are the rich fabricants and merchants who seek in marriage the penniless daughters of the old nobility. The choice adds no importance now to the husband; the French only respect those, whether patrician or plebeian who raise themselves by their own talents. The most interesting spectacle at the Lyons International Exhibition is a comic bearing one of the most historic names in the French peerage, who, destitute of all fortune, entered a foundry and worked his way up to be at present its director. And he dresses and labors like the other artisans, claiming to be nothing more than simply the head foreman. He has a relative, a blue blooded marquis, who is a rural letter carrier since 45 years in one of the wildest regions of France, but who boasts to be the most contented citizen in the land. He has plenty to eat and drink, enjoys the best of health, has no ambition, envies no man's happiness, and regrets everyone's sufferings.

MR. LAURIER AT OLEARY.

Hon. Wilfrid Laurier addressed a great mass meeting of the people of Calgary and neighborhood in the opera house of that Northwest capital city on Saturday afternoon. The Liberal chief spoke with his accustomed earnestness, and was heartily cheered as he took his seat. Thereupon Registrar S. A. McLean, an employee of the Dominion Government, made a set speech, in which he claimed that Mr. Laurier had prescribed no remedies for the evils that he had set forth. Mr. Laurier briefly epitomized his policy for the benefit of the official objector, and added that none were so blind as the wifely blind. In answer to a query Mr. Laurier said that he supported the platform of his party on the prohibition question. In convention assembled it had resolved that when returned to power a prohibition on the question would be taken. "That prohibition," concluded Mr. Laurier amid loud cheers, "we will have, and by the result of it we will abide." Hon. Mr. Fraser, M.P., Mr. Hyman, M.P., Mr. Gibson, M.P., and Mr. Sutherland also made what the telegraph says were convincing speeches. In the evening the citizens crowded the opera house at the invitation of Mayor Orr, who devised the reception in order that the council of the city might present an address of welcome to the visitors, and that they, in turn, might personally meet many of their fellow-countrymen in the district.

LORD ROTHSCHILD, according to foreign papers, has undertaken to train zebras for carriage use. He had three recently, and had them at first driven singly with a pony. One of them has become so docile that he was driven about the streets of London a few days ago.

Over the Atlantic.

Bad Match-Taking Season in England.

Peculiar and Fatal Hypnotic Experiment.

A Funny Present Sent to the Prince of Wales.

The last London season is said by a cable correspondent to have been almost the worst on record for match making. The number of engagements publicly announced is surprisingly small, and one of the most interesting, that of Lord Willoughby de Eresby, M.P., eldest son of the Earl of Ancaster, to Miss Mariel Wilson, the youngest daughter of Arthur Wilson, of Tranby Croft, has been broken off this week for reasons unknown to the public at large. The lady's parents were the Prince of Wales' hosts at the time of the dreadful baccarat scandal. They are enormously wealthy, and their daughter is pretty and amiable, so that polite society is much worried as to the cause of the quarrel which has led to such a disastrous result. The fault is believed to rest mainly with the parents. Arthur Wilson, though a plebeian by birth and a sheep owner by trade, thinks himself as good as any earl living, and he is entitled to that faith in his social standing, seeing that he has hobnobbed with princes on more than one occasion.

On the other hand, the Earl of Ancaster is not an ordinary peer. He holds the exalted post of Lord Great Chamberlain, and is the head of one of the most ancient families in this country, with a fine old-fashioned contempt for upstart bourgeoisie. But polite society asks, if he didn't like the family into which his son proposed to marry, why did he consent to the match? The parties concerned invited controversy over what would ordinarily be a purely private matter by the ostentatious manner in which engagement and rupture alike have been announced.

Almost the only other great match arranged last season was that of Prince Adolphus of Teck and Lady Margaret Grosvenor, daughter of the Duke of Westminster, the richest man in England. It is publicly confirmed this week by the announcement that the marriage will take place on Nov. 28. Although his sister is the Duke of York's wife, the prince is poor, and the Duke of Westminster is understood to have behaved nobly in the matter of settlements. Rumor fixes the bride's dowry at £500,000, with a gift of a fine freehold estate to the bridegroom thrown in.

Peculiar New Disease.

The medical profession is again puzzled by the peculiar new disease which has broken out at intervals during several months past, principally among the inmates of the London workhouses. For want of a better name they call it Jermatidis Exfoliativa. The mortality, at first more than 50 per cent, is now comparatively low. The first symptoms are inflammation of the skin, great irritation following this. The skin peels off in large patches. In some cases there are hemorrhages under the skin. In others large blisters are formed. The origin of the disease is a mystery. The patient usually becomes extremely weak and emaciated. The duration of the illness is variable. It frequently continues several weeks. The best authorities think it is contagious, but up to the present, in spite of the fact that the bacillus has been differentiated and microscopically examined, so little is known of the nature of the disorder that the medical profession confess themselves completely puzzled. The disease is distinctly a new one.

A Great Office Vacant.

The post of Master of the Queen's Household, rendered vacant by the death of Sir John Cowell, is still vacant. The office is one of great dignity and court influence, but nobody supposed much work was connected with it. Lord Edward Pelham Clinton, however, is of a different opinion. The Queen offered him the appointment, and he asked and received permission to experiment as to his fitness for it. Now, after three weeks' actual trial of the work, he has respectfully intimated to her Majesty that he is not equal to the task, and begs to decline it.

A Log for a Present.

The Prince of Wales has received this week a curious present in the form of a log of mahogany 40 feet long and 42 inches in diameter. The sender is Prince Kuku Eduma, of West Africa, who has never met Albert Edward, but has heard far away echoes of his fame as a soldier, statesman, and what not. The log is a somewhat unwieldy sort of a gift, but it is understood that the Prince of Wales proposes to turn it into furniture.

Mummy Wheat.

The belief in the vitality of mummy wheat is so persistent that it probably will not be overturned by the result of careful tests this summer on Lord Winchester's farm. Every visitor to Egypt is besought by the Arabs to buy wheat, which is declared to be a veritable portion of the grain Joseph stored in Pharaoh's granaries, but which are really gathered in the neighborhood of the pyramids. The Arabs have been impudent enough to offer Indian corn, which is of American origin, to credulous tourists as "from a mummy." A few months ago Lord Sheffield, on his return from Egypt, gave Lord Winchester a handful of wheat which he had himself taken from a sarcophagus containing a mummy. A hundred of these grains were carefully planted under a glass frame. After some weeks it was discovered that the seeds had rotted away.

Emperor William at Home.

The domestic life of Emperor William's family is full of homely affection, of which the world gets occasional charming glimpses. A few days ago, before the Emperor and Empress started for East Prussia, the three elder princes had just said good-night in the usual way, and requested their mother to come to their quarters just for a moment for a last goodbye before she left.

"But you'll be asleep long before then," the Empress said.

"No, we will not," the boys replied, and begged again for another visit.

Quite late at night, when she was ready for her journey, the Empress went to the bedroom of the boys and to her surprise found them wide awake. In order to keep each other awake they had roped themselves together. When one began to sleep

signs of sleepiness the two others pulled away at the rope till he recovered from drowsiness. There was a tender last farewell and then the trio went to sleep satisfied.

No Suicide for Profit.

For some time past there has been considerable discussion among the officers of insurance companies respecting the marked increase of suicides, and the question has been raised whether the elimination from insurance policies of the clause dealing with that subject has not tended to encourage self-destruction. The leading insurance journal has been collecting the opinions of the principal coroners. They are unanimous that the idea of benefiting their heirs never enters the minds of those who take a short and unnatural road to the undiscovered country.

Should Wives Obey Their Husbands?

There were strong hopes until within the past few days that the almost summerless year in England would also pass without the usual journalistic silly season. There have been, however, a few manifestations of the periodical mania this week. The most noteworthy is a discussion of the question in several religious journals, should wives promise to obey their husbands. One paper consulted the leaders in theology, and those who allowed themselves to express an opinion have valiantly championed the new woman. For example, the Rev. John Wenn, president of the Primitive Methodist Church, says that the promise extorted from women at the altar is "out of harmony with modern ideas, a wrong to woman, and ought no longer to be tolerated."

Fatal Hypnotic Experiment.

The widest interest has been excited in Europe this week by the story of the death of a young lady, a member of a prominent family of Vienna, while under hypnotic influence in the hands of Neukomm, the well-known hypnotist of that capital. She suffered much for several months from nervous headache. Nothing could cure her but the last affair was before a numerous audience. The first accounts of the affair were incorrect, but the later version, given by Dr. Von Bragassy, who was present throughout, is almost incredible. The experiment, it seems, has been one of spiritualistic trance rather than hypnotic. Dr. Bragassy says: "It was with the consent of her parents and the medium herself that the hypnotist Neukomm selected as the object of the experiment the condition of his brother residing in Werchez, concerning which the opinion of physicians vary. In about twelve minutes the medium exclaimed: 'I am fast asleep.' The young lady gave signs of great excitement, which, according to her parents, had not been observed during previous experiments. Neukomm requested the medium to go and see his brother at Werchez and say what was the nature of his illness and what cure should be adopted."

"What followed was really incredible. The medium began a scientific description of the invalid's lungs, giving a minute account of their diseased condition, with technical particulars which even an ordinary doctor could not give, and which might only be expected from an experienced specialist. With full command and correct use of technical expressions, she gave the closest details, extending to a full diagnosis of inflammation of the lungs, and declared the prognosis very unfavorable, as being the kind of disease which is incurable. In conclusion she described the end of the patient in the usual Latin terminology, and immediately afterwards she fell back senseless, uttering a piercing shriek."

"If at once had recourse to every conceivable means of restoring consciousness, but all in vain. Within eight minutes her pulse began to fail and death shortly followed."

"According to the post-mortem the immediate cause of death was concussion of the brain."

Great Railway Opening.

The opening of the railroad, 743 versts in length, from Tashkubinsk to Omak, passed practically unnoticed in Europe, yet it was a great event, for it has united the railroad systems of Siberia and the Ural, and virtually brought a new continent of vast resources into commercial connection with Europe. M. Krivosheina, Russian Minister of Public Works and Communications, who was present in the inaugural ceremonies, declared that the line was the eve of an economic revolution, and that it was destined to be one of the richest and most flourishing parts of the empire. He believed Siberia would soon send an increased quantity of grain to Europe and other products on a vast scale. Meanwhile Siberia's most pressing need is men and women, and several Government missions are now traversing the country in connection with gigantic colonization schemes drafted in St. Petersburg.

Want Guelph Millions.

The German Emperor has been cited to appear before the Civil Tribunal in Florence, in virtue of article 142 of the Civil Code Procedure of the Kingdom of Italy, there to answer the complaint of Counts Giovanni and Raffaele Guelph. These gentlemen claim to be the male heirs of the royal German house of Guelph, and their property valued at many millions. They have not yet entered into particulars concerning their claim, and it is doubtful if the case will ever get beyond the present preliminary stage. The counts profess to be very magnanimous in not claiming the Guelphic crown, which they say is clearly theirs. They will be contented with the millions of which he is unjustly in possession, and they hint that they might be induced to listen to a compromise if the terms were sufficiently tempting. This is not surprising, for these counts are, to put it mildly, in financial low water just now, and the richest man of the family, Count Guelph, will not help them in their suit against the emperor. Count Guelph is gaining an honest, if a plebeian, living as manager of a skating rink, and he declines to risk any part of his modest income in what he considers a fool's chase after a phantom fortune.

A Railway Experiment.

The State railroads of Belgium, on which the cheapest fares in Europe are offered, have granted a new concession to travelers. They sell a third-class ticket, good for any railroad in the country for two weeks for \$5, and a first-class ticket for \$10.

Killed Her Husband By Mistake.

ALLGARD, Mich., Sept. 24.—Mrs. Hurd was shot in her own home at midnight Saturday and died of her wounds. His wife, who fired the fatal shot believing him to be a burglar.

The World's Fair Organ.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Sept. 24.—The great organ which stood in the festival hall at the World's Fair has been purchased and presented to the University of Michigan by friends and graduates of the institution.

Set your own price on what you have to sell.

SHUT THEM OUT.

The Customary Crowds Not Allowed in Police Court—A Peculiar Watch Case—Youth in Trouble.

There was an angry crowd around the Police Court doors today. Several scores wanted to attend the magistrate's morning reception. It has always been the practice to admit uninvited guests, or at least to let them remain, but this morning P. C. John Boyd stood at the portals and made every man of them right about face, unless he had business there. The rejected ones stood on the sidewalk and discussed the situation. Of course P. C. Boyd was acting under instructions.

Mary Cake and Louisa LeClair, two young women found in an empty house at the south end of William street, were remanded until Wednesday as vagrants, and John Ray, a youth found in their company, was released to appear on that date. A warrant will be issued for the arrest of another young man who made his exit through a window. The youth's counsel, Mr. Love, claimed that Ray went there to collect some money. "There's nothing in the case at all," put in the father, indignantly, whereupon the magistrate ordered him to be put out of the room.

Some merriment was caused at the expense of Albert Christian, who entered action for fraud against Henry Hyam. The latter was auctioneering off jewelry on Dundas street, just west of Richmond, last week. Christian, who has been out from Ireland a week, says that Hyam held up a watch, warranted the case solid gold, and the movement English, and guaranteed it for five years. The chain was also pronounced gold. Christian bought it for \$5. "It looked beautiful in the daylight," explained Reginald Christian, the complainant's brother. But there was quite a difference in the morning. It looked brass, and Christian claimed that the movement ceased to move.

"The case is of two parts copper and one part zinc, with gold gilt," testified George W. Pitt, jeweler. "The movement was Swiss cylinder. The composition was the same as all watches of the class were made of. The regular retail price would be about \$5; wholesale \$4."

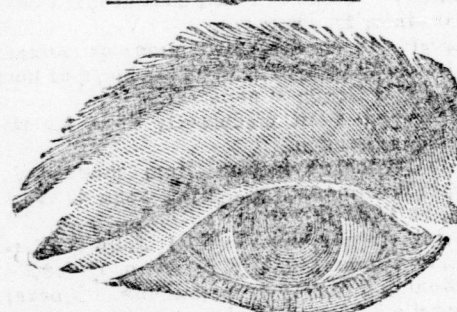
Mr. R. K. Cowan, defendant's lawyer, asked for a dismissal of the case, but the police magistrate said he would not try it but would commit it to trial. It affected a great many people who had bought watches. He didn't want to shut up the shop.

Mr. Cowan—This is the only case that came to my attention of its kind. Mr. McKillop—But not the only one complained of. Hyam was therefore committed for trial. He is only the auctioneer and not the proprietor of the goods. The latter is at a distance, but the police magistrate said he would hold an auctioneer responsible for false statements. Hyam had half a dozen witnesses on hand. He had given Christian a written guarantee of the watch when asked. Ruben Haskin, charged with peddling without a license, did not appear and will be made to.

AS VIEWED BY OUTSIDERS.

The St. Thomas Times editorially refers to the Western Fair, holding that it was a complete success. Here are a few of its statements: "Wednesday was Farmers' Day at the Western Fair, and they made good the name, turning out in large numbers, thronging the grounds, crowding the grand stand, filling the crystal palace and surrounding the show rings. It was a good time for any outsider to see the Fair, for the people always the most attractive part of the exhibit, were out in full force and made a noble display of themselves. It may be noted as a feature of this show that the rural population seem to take more interest in it than the city dwellers. If the latter took the same pride in their Fair that the people of Toronto do, things would be more brisk and the whole enterprise would assume an air of far greater prosperity. Taking a general survey of the Fair, it seems to be in all respects quite up to that of last year, with the exception of some of the horse classes, especially the carriage horses. While noting this exception, however, it should be stated in all fairness that there was a large number of fine horses in all the classes, and even in the carriage class there were some magnificent specimens. All the breeds of cattle were well represented, and some of them were out in far more than usual force. The entries of sheep and swine were so numerous as to compel additional sheds being erected for their accommodation. The poultry show for numbers and excellence surpassed all previous occasions, and proved that London fowl fanciers lead the Dominion in all the choice breeds. London is headquarters for Bull-Cochins on the continent of North America. In the crystal palace there was the usual assortment of manufactured and artistic products, and the multitude of people present on Farmers' Day gave but a poor opportunity of doing the exhibits justice either in the way of studying their separate merits or making notes of them. Dairy hall furnished fine samples of cheese and butter, together with from the apiary of tempting honey show from the apiary of M. Byron, Aches, and others. Considering the unfavorable character of the season, the assortment of vegetables, fruits and flowers was highly creditable. Agricultural and horticultural hall were well filled. Contrary to all expectations, the implement and agricultural machinery exhibit was far in advance of last year."

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