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THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

The agitation in favor of a board of control is proceeding along somewhat unusual lines. Instead of rushing thoughtlessly into radical revisions of the existing order there is a marked tendency to discover the advantages of the proposed change. Local discussion has been very well supplemented by the very practical observations of Mr. F. S. Spence and citizens cannot fail in gaining a fairly clear idea of the nature of the proposal.

Mr. Spence points out the fact that good government is after all a matter of organization. There must be, however, a reason why it has been difficult to persuade many men of recognized ability to serve on the common council. The lack of public interest in local affairs, the sense of the greater importance or greater charm of Provincial and Federal politics has doubtless a good deal to do with the local situation. Men are attracted to politics for various reasons. It may in a few instances be the expectation of direct or indirect financial profit. But in the majority of cases it is the noblest desire to perform useful public service and perhaps to gain the honor consequent upon such ability. Few men will serve the City of St. John for gain. That evil we do not need to contend against. But we fear that a good many strong men are kept out of public office by their sense of the futility of attempting to accomplish through the present means the reforms they may have in mind.

The apparent advantages of the Board of Control idea is that it places responsibility upon a small group of men who are constantly before the public, who must face criticism of the council, who at all time have under their control the various departments, and whose chance for popular approval rests upon the success of their administration rather than upon their skill in the arts of petty politics. The value of a board of control would be absolutely determined by the character of the men who would compose it; but there is a fair chance that an office involving responsibility would find men capable of filling it.

Mr. Spence finds reasons of a more or less theoretical nature for the success of the idea. These are interesting and rather convincing. But the strongest argument he presents is the success which has attended the work of the Board of Control in the City of Toronto.

The Globe Casket Works in London have been destroyed by fire. Dead loss.

Fifty good men can save St. John, says Mr. Spence. Let's see how many we are able to find in St. John.

It is announced that the session of parliament which commences today will be a short one. Is not this prediction just a little stereotyped?

Are't these frequent changes in temperature becoming just a trifle monotonous?

From all reports it would appear that the Royal family of Italy are not anxious to have the Duke of the Abruzzi marry Miss Eklina.

Halifax is a little skittish about some record regarding the future policy of the government relating to the I. C. R. Halifax is not always so modest.

Canadian curlers find a scarcity of ice in Scotland, but probably enough to make a tinkle against the glass. Anyway, did the Canadians go over to curl?

There is not as yet any announcement that Mr. Holy has found the money sunk in St. John harbor. This is nothing new. Money has frequently been sunk in the harbor, and never found.

Frequent changes are not desirable, says Mr. Spence. That is why A. L. McGoldrick, who has been in the council since he was a little chap, is such a valuable member.

The Presbytery yesterday passed a resolution pledging support and active assistance to the anti-consumption campaign. If this really means anything and is not merely a matter of form, the Presbytery can do a great deal. Clergymen often are acquainted with conditions which do not come to the knowledge of doctors, and many opportunities present themselves in which sensible advice is of value.

## THE NEED OF THE HOUR.

(From the Washington Star.)  
We've trembled in the presence of the fiery untamed phrase;  
We've heard tumultuous speeches; we have stood with glassy gaze,  
And watched the gathering frowns that seemed to cloud an anxious world.

Prepared to do some dodging when the thunderbolt is hurled.  
The milk of human gentleness seems turning into curd—  
Will some one please oblige us with a few kind words?

The mighty din of battle is impressive, doubtless;  
But we weary of the echo of the victor's mighty shout;  
The ugly money-battle with short and vicious bark

Makes men afraid to travel in the daylight or the dark.  
We long for purring streamlets or the melody of birds—  
Will some one please oblige us with a few kind words?

## THE SUPERFLUOUS FORK.

(From the London Globe.)  
Discussion arose at a meeting of the Ballycastle (County Antrim) board of guardians yesterday on a letter from the Local Government. Board adding what order the guardians had made on a former letter from the board requesting that the paupers should be supplied with forks at meals. It was decided to inform the Local Government Board that the guardians did not consider forks necessary.

## CALVIN CHURCH WILL REOPEN NEXT SUNDAY

After having been in the hands of the workmen for some weeks Calvin church will be re-opened next Sunday. The interior of the church now presents an extremely attractive appearance, having been entirely redecorated. Electric lights have also been installed and this will add much to the modern appearance of the church.

To celebrate the reopening Rev. Robert Johnston, pastor of St. Andrew's church, Halifax, will preach on Sunday. On Monday evening Mr. Johnston will deliver a lecture and on Tuesday evening a sacred concert will be given in the church.

## CANADIAN NEWS.

TORONTO, Jan. 19.—The board of control today rejected the electric light company's offer to share lighting in the city, the company to supply individual consumers with light and small blocks of power, and leave the rest of the field clear for the municipality, and also give the city the use of the company's poles and conduits.

Mayor Oliver afterwards expressed the opinion that it was still open to the company to accept the offer, but that no one besides his worship appeared to know anything about that offer.

TORONTO, Jan. 19.—Runners that three prospectors were frozen to death in Gowanus were very numerous in Toronto today.

MONCTON, Jan. 19.—Boddington and Peters, who have been conducting a paper box factory here for the last year, have decided to remove to Amherst. The change will take place within the next month or two. G. D. Peters is retiring from the firm.

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 19.—The Globe Casket works at this place were burned this morning. The loss is \$100,000. Insurance about \$80,000.

## JERE McCAULIFFE TO START MONDAY NIGHT.

A change of policy will go into effect at the Opera House next week, as on Monday night Jere McCAuliffe will introduce no less than eleven plays, seven vaudeville acts, and the new ones being the three Castlevol Brothers in a big musical act. A Halifax paper speaks of the company as follows:

People still flock to see Jere McCAuliffe and his stock company, as a big gathering appeared at the Academy of Music last night to see A Jealous Wife's Revenge, and they were well repaid for doing so, as they saw a good four act melodrama of the better type. Jere was seen in a comedy part that showed his versatility; there is only one Jere when it comes to making the people laugh. His several new parodies are the talk of the town, they are bright, new and catchy, and are always looked for. Mr. Howatt, the well known leading man, had a mainly part, and did it full justice, his work is strong and faithful. Miss Eldridge did a neat bit of acting and looked well. Miss Soye and Miss Gray also added greatly to last night's success. The male members, including Mr. Martell, Al Wilson, John Taylor, Carter Cash, was a strong support, and as the villain Mr. Leveau was there all the time; he was good bad. This play will be repeated next week, and on Friday and Saturday nights of next week, the successful drama Shipwrecked will be presented. At the matinee on Saturday "How Baxter Butted In" will be repeated.

Thursday night will be amateurs.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Norwegian steamship Stockholm bound from Glasgow for Sydney, with a crew of thirty men, has been finally given up as lost. The vessel is several weeks overdue and absolutely no trace of her has been found.

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## 5,000 VICTIMS HAVE SINCE DIED

Many Earthquake Injured Failed to Survive

Cool Weather and Deluges of Rain Have Improved the Situation Sanitarily.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—A careful summary of reports from various points indicates that fully 5,000 victims of the catastrophe have died since the day of the earthquake. These include the injured taken to Naples, Syracuse, Palermo and Rome, and inmates of the hospital ships at Messina and along the Calabrian coast.

The situation has been improved sanitarily by cool weather and deluges of rain, which made possible efforts which otherwise would have been impracticable.

The endeavors of the Government to force the survivors to leave have been only partly successful. Some say they would rather starve near their old homes than go elsewhere as paupers. A device to smuggle away a thousand from Messina by inducing them to go aboard a ship to receive food supplies and then sailing off proved too cruel for repetition. It proved that some families had been broken up by this manoeuvre and the resulting grief on top of the calamity was pitiful.

It is now regarded as certain that a great majority of the many thousands of undiscovered dead lie beneath the ruins on the pavements, not debris of dwellings. Nature's final convulsion came at a moment when half the population of the city was in the streets trying for their lives towards the few open spaces where safety alone was possible.

An old woman and two men were rescued from the ruins at Messina yesterday. They were exhausted, but will probably recover. The belief increases that there are others alive under the ruins and that they are living on various foods, old and new, which were usually stored in the cellars of the houses of the city.

## GIRL CHUMS GAMBLE WHILE FACING DEATH

Toss of Coin Decides Which Shall Go Under Knife First.

UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 19.—Miss Leona Gayford and Miss Mercedes Alexander, lifelong friends and daughters of wealthy parents, residing in Turin, were seized almost simultaneously with symptoms of appendicitis while they were making social calls Wednesday night.

Miss Gayford and Miss Alexander, each accompanied by a friend, came to Utica hospital last night, on the advice of physicians, and prepared to submit to the knife today.

At the hospital the question arose between the girls as to whom should be operated upon first. Though both were suffering great pain, they finally agreed to flip a coin, to see which should be first to undergo the ordeal.

A nurse tossed the coin, and Miss Alexander lost. She was operated on early today, and an hour later Miss Gayford went under the surgeon's knife. Both are expected to recover.

## GIRLS AND GRANDPA IN TRIPLE WEDDING

Family Celebration, One Widow Becoming Wife of Brother-in-Law.

STAMFORD, Conn., Jan. 19.—Rowayton, Conn., had three weddings last night which were pretty much all in one family, among those making up one family being a grandfather and his two granddaughters, and one of the latter married her brother-in-law.

All of this took place at the home of Captain John L'Hommell, a close friend and neighbor of Charles Klein, the playwright. The captain was married to Miss Hattie G. Deniger, it being his second marriage, and the fourth for his bride.

The granddaughters were Mrs. Grace Shyne, who was married to her brother-in-law, Edward G. Shyne and Miss Nettie Plander, who was married to George Minor.

Captain L'Hommell is one of the wealthiest oystermen about Rowayton. Both the granddaughters who were married are daughters of his daughter, Mrs. John H. Plander. One was a widow a year.

In a dynamite explosion at Greenhill, near Stanley, in York county, on the G. T. P. construction work, a Polish laborer whose name is not known, was badly injured. He belonged to Rigby and Hyland's camp at Greenhill, and one story of the accident was that, when the blast was about to be set off he became excited and, instead of running away, ran into the danger zone.

The result was that he was struck about the face and badly injured. Dr. Moore, of Stanley, attended to him, and he was taken into Stanley last evening for treatment.

## UNDRAPED DANCE SHOCKS THE DIET

Prussian House Debates the Question of Morality.

Von Moltke's Limits of Permissible in the Nude Too Wide to Suit Views of Stricter Colleagues.

BERLIN, Jan. 19.—The question of the nude dance which people appear to be inaugurating some time ago by Die Schoenheit, or Beauty Society, was debated in the Prussian Diet today on an interpretation by Herr Roeren, a Catholic member, who wanted to know how the Minister of the Interior intended to defend the country's morals, which were threatened by performances in which the use of drapery was reduced to the minimum. The question of the nude dance then given, in which a young woman appeared wearing only a diadem in her hair. They declared the deep shame they felt on seeing women of all ages present on that occasion, but some few light-hearted deputies got much amusement from the debate and roared with laughter at the shocked countenances of their graver colleagues, when Count Moltke, Minister of the Interior, after stating the purely legal aspect of the case, spoke as follows: "As to the limits of what is permissible in representation of the nude, opinions differ widely. In my own judgment this point is unalterably settled. The beauty of the human body as God made it is as incontestable as it is harmless. To represent the human body in its beauty has always been the highest aim and justifiable endeavor of every serious scientific art. Who could feel anything but ideal emotions at the sight of the Venus di Medici and other immortal works?"

NO ACTION TAKEN.

After this Count Moltke in vain denounced the "beauty society" of which he spoke as an abuse of good principles and as a danger to public morality, for the minister brought upon himself the angry rebukes of the seven moralists, whom he found it impossible to placate. The debate was adjourned indefinitely, without any concrete result.

Olga Desmond, whose nude dances scandalized the complainants, was an interested auditor in the public gallery of the Chamber. She maintained a demeanor of wide-eyed amazement at the denunciation of her performances, for she claims only moral and artistic motives.

## NO RACE SUICIDE HERE

Queen of Spain's Bet With the Princess of Wales.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The London social letter of the Liverpool Post, which is written by a well known club man, says that the Queen of Spain had made a bet with the Princess of Wales, the stake being a fan, that she (the Queen) would have a larger family than the Princess who has six children. The King has a much higher approval of large families than apparently the majority of his subjects have.

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## WOMAN AND HER TWO CHILDREN BURNED

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The blaze was quickly subdued and it was supposed everybody in the building had escaped. When the ruins were searched however, the bodies of Mrs. Maria Diaz and her two children, a boy of four and a girl of two years, were found. It is not known how the fire originated.

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## FACTION SEEKING

VON BUELOW'S FALL

German Reactionaries Striving to Gain Kaiser's Confidence

An Opposing Party—Holding That the "Divine Right" Has Passed in Germany.

BERLIN, Jan. 19.—Rival groups at the German Court, both of which have the ear of the Kaiser, are waging a titanic struggle for supremacy. One faction is headed by the Empress, Prince Buelow and the Crown Prince, and the Dowager Grand Duchess of Baden, who is the Emperor's aunt and the sole surviving member of the family of Kaiser Wilhelm I.

The other camp consists of a powerful group of reactionary courtiers and military dignitaries who are intent upon stiffening the Emperor's backbone sufficiently to induce him to rescind the pledge of reserve given the nation.

DIVINE RIGHT DONE FOR.

Just now the first party seems to have the ear of the Kaiser, and its members are advising the Emperor to adhere strictly to the policy of self-enforcement which has been carried out since the recent crisis. They are convinced that the only safety of the dynasty lies in that direction.

They are telling the Kaiser that the "divine right" is done for so far as public opinion in Germany is concerned and can never again be asserted with any show of authority.

VON BUELOW'S ENEMIES.

The reactionaries would convince him that advice of that kind springs from no disinterested motives. They are attempting to show him that the whole movement aims to shear him of the power which belongs to him alone and confer it upon others. The Emperor is assured that German public opinion is apathetic, short-sighted and puerile at best, and that as long as the army is at his back he may do as he pleases. These manoeuvres are

WATCHING THE WAR LORD.

So far the Kaiser has listened but has given no heed to the reactionary counsels, but it is plain that the struggle to deflect him from the straight and narrow path is by no means ended. Last week's short but sharp recrudescence of the "Kaiser crisis"—incidentally the Emperor's New Year's conference with his commanding generals—was significant because of the indications of the relentlessly close watch which the nation is keeping upon its supreme war lord. The depths to which many have been stirred could not have been exemplified more strikingly than by the censorship which the people have shown they are determined to exercise even when the Kaiser is discussing military matters with his commanders.

THE COUNTRY'S DETERMINATION.

The government waited for days before deigning to take notice of the country's anger over the New Year incident. When the growlings became louder and were gradually spreading over the whole empire the wheels of the "diving machinery" were set in motion. The nation was then assured that His Majesty had indulged in only harmless academic chatter and that the passions of the people had been aroused without cause. But the moral of the incident had already been learned—namely, that the country was irretrievably determined to tolerate no more "blazing indiscretions" in exalted quarters.

HALIFAX DODGES THE I. C. R. PROPOSAL.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 19.—At the Halifax Board of Trade annual meeting today a resolution was introduced to place the board on record against allowing the Intercolonial Railway to pass from the ownership of the government to that of any corporation. There was vigorous opposition to this resolution, not that any considerable position of the meeting favored the sale or lease of the road, but that they were almost unanimously in opposition to the board making any pronouncement in the matter whatever. The resolution was therefore withdrawn, after a half-hour's discussion.

The Nova Scotia Telephone Company has increased its long distance rates and cut down the time limit. The board holds that this subjects the company to a penalty of \$5 for each time they charge the enhanced rate, because the new schedule has not been filed with the approval of the government, according to statute. The company disputes the legality of this contention.

"Mother," said five-year-old Jack, "how much older than you is father?"

"Just thirteen years," replied the unsuspecting parent.

"Well, mother," seriously continued the child, "the next time you marry don't marry a man thirteen years older than you; don't you know it is bad luck?"