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Mr. Blair's Resignation.

It is probably true, although not officially announced, that Mr. Blair has resigned his portfolio as Minister of Railways and Canals.

Mr. Blair is known to have very advanced views on the transportation question. He has made no secret of his desire to see the Intercolonial extended to the west. He would have the Government not only build, but control and operate a transcontinental line. The majority of his colleagues are not prepared to go that far. They went further in the direction of Government ownership than it was generally expected they would in deciding to construct a road from Moncton to Winnipeg and lease it to the Grand Trunk Pacific. Mr. Blair has not seen fit to submit to the judgment of his colleagues, and has chosen to resign office as the only constitutional means of asserting his difference with the Cabinet, and following his own bent. His course, if it is inspired by conscientious motives, and there seems no reason to doubt it, is one which commands the respect of those who disagree with his conclusions. There will be no disposition on the part of his old associates, because he has left the Government, to depreciate his services to the country and the Liberal party. He has been an excellent administrator. He has inaugurated the Intercolonial and brought it up to a standard which makes it for the first time an efficient competitor of the other railroad systems and a good commercial proposition. The railway bill which he has been piloting through the House this session shows his great constructive ability, and will always stand to his credit. It is to be regretted that Mr. Blair could not see eye to eye with his colleagues, or at least accept their policy as a substantial concession to the principle which he advocates. It is said the crux of his objection to the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme is that the extension from Quebec to Moncton would parallel the Intercolonial and militate against its success. His fellow-members for the Maritime Provinces are responsible for this extension, claiming that unless the Grand Trunk Pacific were prolonged to Moncton the export traffic would inevitably find its way to Portland. It is an odd situation, in which Mr. Blair finds himself in opposition to the delegation from his own Province.

Where the Credit Belongs.

Yesterday Mr. Hyman had the courtesy to wire the newspapers of the city the information that the Grand Trunk were prepared to enter into inter-switching arrangements with the other railroads in London.

The Free Press carefully eliminated Mr. Hyman's name from the dispatch and suppressed all reference to his part in the matter.

Isn't that rather small of the F. P.?

Why so fearful lest the able member for London should be credited with this excellent stroke of business in the interests of his constituency?

Is it because the Free Press thinks any credit given to Mr. Hyman in this connection would reflect on Mr. Beck?

Readers of the Free Press know that Mr. Beck has done a great deal of talking on this subject. They must not be told that Mr. Hyman has done all the work.

In an interview with Mr. Beck the other day the Free Press quotes his worship as follows:

"His worship expects to see Mr. Hyman before long and when the dog days are over the question will be taken up in earnest. The general manager has, of course, been kept busy with matters appertaining to the pushing through of the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme to give very much consideration to a situation, the settlement of which would not be particularly in the interests of his line, inasmuch as they have very much at present the inside track."

Mr. Hyman took the question up in earnest from the first and did not wait till the dog days were over.

When Mr. Hyman goes out to do something for the city he doesn't take a brass band and a kodak artist with him.

A Dangerous Doctrine.

A school trustee who argues that no Roman Catholic should be given a contract by a public school board takes an absurd and pernicious position.

Would a Protestant congregation building a new church, be so bigoted and foolish as to reject the lowest tender because the contractor happened to be a Roman Catholic? Or

would Roman Catholics, under the same circumstances, pay more money for the satisfaction of having a co-religionist do the work?

If a religious organization refuses to consider creed in a purely business matter, what shadow of justice or common sense would there be in a school board introducing it? A public school board has nothing to do with religious dogma. The public schools of this Province are open to all classes and creeds, and are attended by thousands of Roman Catholic children in those districts where the Catholic population is too meager to provide separate schools. A public school board is a business organization; it spends the taxpayers' money, and its duty is to get the best value for that money. Would any individual public school supporter refuse a contract to a Roman Catholic who offered to do the work at a lower price than competitors? Certainly not; and the taxpayer wants his money spent by the school board in the way that he would spend it himself. The principle is the same in both cases.

Trustees Gammage, Macpherson and other members of the board did their duty in protesting against this reprehensible attempt to apply religious tests in public business. If this doctrine were to gain a foothold it would be subversive of good citizenship and a menace to national unity.

Maud Gonne, who recently became Mrs. McBride, has been raising a ruction again in Dublin. Poor McBride!

Mr. Hyman must have contracted some of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's sunny ways. They worked on the Grand Trunk to perfection.

The Provincial detectives have been ordered to arrest all persons traveling about with no visible means of support. Is that why Ganey takes Dr. Beattie Nesbitt around with him?

The district west of Lake Superior wants a representative on the supreme court. What the supreme court wants is a little strengthening, and it doesn't matter where the strength comes from.

These prize-fights at Fort Erie, Ont., should be stopped. The local police should be made to do their duty or resign. It is disgraceful that a gang of Buffalo rowdies should be able to arrange spectacles on the soil of Ontario which are not permitted in their own state. Canadians have always prided themselves on their superiority in these matters.

The Conservative managers in Ontario have decided to hold a series of picnics in the fall. The plan has much to commend it. It will help to take the sting out of politics. The picnic is a promoter of peace and concord. The germs of bitterness do not thrive in a picnic atmosphere. It will be impossible for Mr. Whitney and his fellow-splitters to work a lot of well-fitted picknickers into a bad feeling. They will simply refuse to get mad at the Ross Government or anything else. Perhaps it will soften the orator, too.

British and American Friendship.

[Washington Star.]

If the speeches made in London yesterday and last night at the entertainment given in honor of the visiting American naval officers contained no sentiments that were new, they contained one which was certainly new to this country. The note sounded was that of friendship between the two great English-speaking nations and the importance to the world's peace and progress of fostering its growth with care.

London's Young Post.

[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]

The reception given in Britain to the volume of poems recently issued by the young Canadian poet, Arthur Stanger, whose home is in London, is exceedingly gratifying to those who have come to appreciate Mr. Stanger's great gifts. His reputation is no longer a local one and he may be looked upon now as one of the foremost poets of the day. Canada had produced no writer who has done more for the country's honor. The London Times speaks of Mr. Stanger's volume as "one of the original thoughts of any of the recent volumes of verse it has reviewed, with the one possible exception of Mr. Zangwill's." Another London paper says: "His blank verse is the best that has come out of money-making America in many days, and Canada may well call him the 'Keats of the Dominion'."

Gardener No Botanist.

[New Yorker.]

Botanical Old Gent (in Central Park)—Can you tell me if this plant belongs to the arbutus family (certainly)—No, sir, it isn't; it belongs to the city.

The Mathematics of It.

[New York Commercial Advertiser.]

She had fifteen million dollars. Placed in bonds and shares and rents; He had fifteen million dollars and his element of the Irish land troubles. Now they've raised a son who's valued At exactly thirty cents.

King Edward's Diplomacy.

[Louisville Courier-Journal.]

If the German Emperor be the most energetic of monarchs, King Edward is the ablest diplomatist that sits on a throne. As such he is accomplishing a more useful work than his prime minister and all his cabinet. England has always flourished at times of peace, but wars have cost her tremendous sums. She has now regained the prestige once destroyed in the conflict with the South Africans; and, better still, is composing her internal dissensions. The prospect of the settlement of the Irish land troubles promises vastly for the peace and good humor of the nation, and is a relief to humanity as a whole.

Tate's Tete-a-tete.

[New York Sun.]

There was a very handsome man named Tate who died with his girl at 8:30. At this very late date, Tate was not only a very handsome man, but he was also a very rich man. What Tate and his tete-a-tete, Tate-a-tete at 8:30.

Poetry and Business.

[Hamilton Herald.]

Pope Leo XIII. is not only a lover

of poetry; he is a poet of no mean order. There are extant some verses of his written during his school days, and he wrote a touching poem on his approaching death a few months ago. Throughout his long life the cultivation of poetry has been one of his chief delights and recreations, and scholars say that in modern Latin verse there is none that more nearly approaches the classic standard of excellence than the Latin poems of the supreme poet.

In some men of great executive ability—great statesmen, soldiers, churchmen and men of business—this cultivation of poetry has been a weakness. In Richelieu and Frederick the Great, for example, it was ridiculous. But it sometimes happens that men of great practical ability possess genuine poetic talent as well. Cases of such versatility are not numerous, but examples can be mentioned such as Chaucer, Milton, Macaulay, John Hookham, Press, Lowell, William Cullen Bryant and E. C. Steedman. These were successful men of affairs as well as poets, and their poetry was not only a recreation, but their possession of the poetic faculty was exercised as a serious pursuit, with others only as recreation; but their possession of the gift, however they used it, served to enoble and sweeten their nature, to give them a large outlook on life and a warmer sympathy with humanity.

That this has been an effect of Pope Leo's cultivation of the Muse there can be no doubt. He has been better as a man and as a pope because he is a poet and loves poetry. Let no one think the less of him for choosing to read his favorite Horace rather than the country Thomas à Kempis in his dying hours.

Our Don't Spit Bylaw.

[Woodstock Express.]

A "Don't Spit" bylaw has been adopted by the London council, making it an offense to expectorate on the sidewalks, in public buildings or in the street cars. In order to break in the people gradually the police and street car conductors are supplied with cards calling attention to the provisions of the bylaw, and when a person is found offending one of these cards is slipped to him, reminding him that he is violating the law and liable to a fine of fifty dollars. The idea is a good one, and might be adopted here. Observers tell us that considerable success has attended the efforts already made to check the spitting nuisance here. It is said to be exception rather than rule to find any person spitting on the sidewalk, but the exceptions are still sufficiently numerous to warrant some further action. Offensive indulgence in the spitting habit is usually the result of thoughtlessness, and very probably requires no more heroic remedy than a simple reminder.

Kissing Mouths.

[Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.]

The baby's kissing mouth is round and large and damp and full of sound; The prim young miss is apt to pout With kissing relatives about.

The maiden aunt, whose joys are few, Presents a straight line mouth to you:

While grandma's lips are apt to be A-droop with age, as you can see:

Papa, who furnishes the cash, Hides his beneath a big mustache:

But Mistress Fitt knows how to kiss; Her Cupid bow lips look like this:

TORTURED FOR A WITCH

The Terrible Treatment of a Young Italian Girl.

Rome, July 14.—An extraordinary case of superstition, worthy of the darkest middle ages, has just occurred at Verona.

A young girl named Annunziata Giannuzzi, employed as a housemaid by a lawyer, Lombi, received an offer of marriage some time ago from a man named Luigi Grigoli, which she refused. Annunziata, however, remained on friendly terms with her lover and his family till last May, when Grigoli went mad and was put in an asylum.

His family, consisting of his mother and two sisters, conceived the notion that Annunziata had bewitched him. So much beset were they with the idea that they contrived to decoy the unhappy girl to their house, where they seized her, and after a most horrible manner to make her take off the supposed spell from Luigi Grigoli. When the girl did not return home her master, Signor Loschi, who received a hint from the other servants where she might be found, went to look for her, and after a long search in the door with the aid of the police, found the poor girl half crazed with terror and almost dead.

The whole Grigoli family have been arrested.

Machine Lays Railroads.

At the rate of three and a half miles a day a peculiar piece of mechanism is laying the tracks of the Cincinnati, Richmond and Muncie Railroad. This tracklaying machine automatically and accurately lifts the ties and rails into position, the most drudging labor in all railroad construction. It also furnishes the motive power for its own construction train.

There were stretches of roadbed over which the construction train moved at a rate of 180 feet an hour. The machine utilized was one which differs in many essentials from that which has been used west of the Mississippi River. One of the most interesting features is the manner in which the material is delivered to the roadbed, and the comparatively few men required for the different operations, as the ties and rails are lifted and moved from the cars on which they are carried to the roadbed, being connected and spiked while the train is in motion.

An endless chain carrier puts the ties in position, while a crane suspended upon a steel trestle lowers the rails in advance of the construction train. In this manner the engineers in charge of the road hope to run into Cincinnati many weeks earlier than they could otherwise have done.

The machine weighs 50 tons, and was constructed in Scranton, Pa. It is the only one of its kind in existence, and its inventor, Mr. Hurley, who accompanies the machine, spent ten years in perfecting it and thousands of dollars on models before success crowned his efforts.

The work done upon the Cincinnati, Richmond and Muncie road demonstrated that a force of about 40 competent men could lay a heavy track to operate the machine to its fullest capacity, and that when conditions are favorable over three miles of track in a day of ten hours could be put down without difficulty, while an average of over two and one-half miles could be recorded. The gearing on which the material is conveyed from the platform through the machine can be operated at the same rate of speed as the train is moved or its speed can be doubled. The weight of the rails handled includes the heaviest used in standard gauge construction, some of them weighing 160 lbs. to the lineal foot.

Odell in the Rockies.

Laguan, N. W. T., July 14.—Governor Odell of New York, spent yesterday amongst the lakes in the clouds, one of the most picturesque parts of the Canadian Rockies, and expressed himself delighted with his visit.

PIRATE HUNTING

United States and Chinese Gunboats in Hot Pursuit.

San Francisco, July 14.—Information has been received from the Orient that the United States gunboat Callao is in hot pursuit of a band of pirates, which captured a Chinese member of the Callao crew. The pirates threatened to put the man to death unless a ransom of \$500 was paid.

The Callao had several skirmishes with the robbers and succeeded in locating six parties. The Chinese Government has sent a gunboat to the vicinity of Canton with soldiers and an attempt will be made to exterminate the outlaws.

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Keep your Stomach Healthy.

When you get up in the morning with a bad taste in your mouth that the tooth brush will not remove, a coating on your tongue, and a general "out of sorts" feeling, don't blame it on what you had to eat the night before. A healthy stomach would be able to look after that. It's poor digestion that makes you feel so badly. A teaspoonful of Abbey's Effervescent Salt in half a tumbler of water at rising will make you feel better—will cure you if you follow directions. Abbey's revitalizes every organ of the body—it clears away fermenting matter and refreshes and cleanses the stomach. It prevents the suffering that often follows a pleasant evening.

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GREECE AND CURRANTS

The New Premier Promises to Help the People.

Athens, July 14.—M. Ralli, the new Premier, made a statement of the government's policy in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday. The ministry, he said, would use every effort to secure the withdrawal of the objection made by foreign powers to the current monopoly, and if they were unsuccessful recourse would be had to other methods to satisfy the people. A vote of confidence in the new ministry was passed.

THE WEATHER BUREAU

A Protest Against Its Removal to Ottawa.

Ottawa, Ont., July 14.—A deputation of about 20, representing Toronto and adjacent municipalities, waited on the Minister of Marine and Fisheries this morning and protested against the removal of the meteorological bureau from Toronto to Ottawa as proposed. The minister said that a deputation urged very important reasons and had made out a strong case, and promised to take the matter into consideration before final action was taken.

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