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## A LONG BATTLE

The Standard Oil Company has made through its secretary a flat denial of the charges by the government of the United States and will fight the case. "It is not to be lightly assumed," the management says, "that there is to be a reversal of the wheels of progress or a destruction of the great industrial business of the country."

Commenting on the attitude of the company the Boston Post says:

"This seems to be plain enough. The Standard Oil is ready to fight the people of the United States. There is the possibility, of course, that the declaration from headquarters is in the nature of a bluff. By the statute under which the suit is brought, conviction of the offence carries a penalty of imprisonment as well as fine, and intimations have been received of a willingness that the corporation should plead guilty to the civil charges if thereby immunity can be secured for the individuals upon the criminal counts. A line of tactics similar to that which saved the conspirators of the Beef Trust is indicated. In any case, it promises to be a battle long drawn out. The answer of the Standard Oil Company does not have to be filed until some time in February next, and the taking of testimony itself is likely to be a process practically interminable. Then, should the people win through conviction, the series of appeals will begin, with the end far distant."

## PROHIBITION IN ONTARIO

It is interesting to observe, in connection with the temperance campaign in this province, that great activity prevails in prohibition circles in the province of Ontario. We quote from Saturday's Toronto Globe:

"Seven weeks from next Monday there will be local option contests in one hundred and nine municipalities, and in these two hundred and eighty-nine licenses will be affected. In five of these places repeal contests are on, viz., the towns of Toronto Junction and Steeles, and the townships of Niagara, Moleen and Ridout, and Raleigh. The by-laws will be retained in these if a majority of the votes cast are in favor of retaining local option. In the hundred and four new places the temperance people will have to obtain 60 per cent. of the votes polled. The township of Elma carried the by-law last year, but it was quashed on account of informality."

## DISCOUNTING PROSPERITY

Touthing the fear that the great prosperity in the United States is being over-discounted by Wall Street operators, the New York Evening Post says:

"It is not going too far, or misrepresenting the convictions of sober financiers, to say that a completely successful and profitable outcome to the reckless adventure of our high financiers, this season, would be received in such quarters with distinct misgiving. The feeling has for its basis the experience of years and the knowledge of human nature, both of which teach unerringly that success in exploits of this sort points the way to ultimate disaster. The experience of 1901, when our largest capitalists were simply intoxicated with their apparent supremacy over natural law, and the sequel in 1903, can hardly have been forgotten; nor can the necessary inference have been ignored, that each of these exploits is bound to be just a bit more reckless than the one before it, and that there is a necessary end to them."

## ONTARIO IS ALL RIGHT

Mr. W. Richmond Smith, in another of his articles in the London Standard, asserts that unless the British government in April next decides in favor of closer trade relations with Canada this country will start along the road which leads towards annexation. He takes the

view that unless the mother country responds to Canada's overtures for closer relations a result will be brought about which is thus referred to by a leading Chicago trade paper:

"Some time, as Goldwin Smith says, the United States and Canada will be united. It will probably not be in this generation, but, as he says, 'Two countries so closely related by nature and so similarly populated can hardly forever remain apart.' When that expectation shall be realized then all these questions of tariffs and trade relations will be settled."

But the people of Canada are not looking toward the United States. The commercial and political absorption bugbear is being over-worked.

The latest dictum of the civil building experts seems to be that you may proceed to frame a structure according to exacting plans and specifications, and then tear away sections of the foundation and otherwise weaken and pull apart the whole structure, without any serious results whatever. Why then have any plans and specifications? Why not dump in the material in any fashion and pronounce it good? The question at issue on the west side is not one of sympathy, but of the future stability of a work costing this city a very large amount of money. Will the structure stand? That is the only question the aldermen can afford to discuss at this stage. The questions of responsibility and who pays the bill are secondary.

The orator of the New Brunswick Temperance Federation has begun his campaign by alienating the sympathy of people who insist that vituperation is not effective argument. This is to be regretted. If the Federation merely desired to have liquor dealers called by hard names they could have it done very cheaply. Mr. Smith could use his fine gifts to much better advantage.

Rev. Dr. Craspey has been suspended from the Episcopal church of the United States on the charge of heresy. But not a member of the court which suspended him entertaining any such notion as that Dr. Craspey is in any danger of eternal torment. That stage of dogmatic belief has been passed long since.

If the people of St. John had any desire to thrust the boy problem to one side the boys would have to be reckoned with. Each day brings its tale of depraved conduct, and worse the citizens that they are not doing their duty in this matter, of such vital importance to future citizenship.

The announcement that the tariff will be ready when parliament opens, indicates that if they choose the members may make this a business session. But some of them will doubtless choose to make it a talking session.

A number of gentlemen are apparently confident of being hailed soon as members of the Canadian senate. It is well that the disappointment of some of them is not to mar the joys of the Christmas season.

An indication of the tendency of the times is the fact that forty-seven new students at the University of New Brunswick twenty-eight are students in engineering, and of the nineteen taking the arts course, eight are young ladies.

## THE BRIDGE ASSAULT CASE

J. W. Sleeth and Thos. Collierin on Trial for Assaulting Two Women on the Suspension Bridge.

F. William Sleeth, an employee of the gas house, and Thos. Collierin, teamster for the street railway, were arrested yesterday afternoon by Police Sarge, Campbell and Patrolman Robert Crawford, on a charge of brutally assaulting Mrs. Parker and Miss Jennie Crawford on the Suspension Bridge, last Saturday night.

Both prisoners were brought into court and denied the charge, but were identified by three witnesses.

Sleeth was traced by his connection with the gas house, as he carried with him a strong odor of gas. Collierin, his brother-in-law, was located by description. The evidence showed that on Saturday evening last, Mrs. Parker and Miss Crawford boarded car 51 on Douglas avenue for Carleton. Two men were on the car. After alighting one of them was heard to make an indecent remark. They came close to the women, one of whom threatened to report them to the police. One of the men made improper references to Policeman Marshall and struck Mrs. Parker on the head, knocking her down. Mrs. Parker was sure this was Sleeth. Miss Crawford corroborated Mrs. Parker's evidence, and told of being chased on the bridge by one of the men, who struck her with his dinner kettle, the granite iron cup from which hit her on the head, hurting her badly.

Olin Campbell, conductor of car 51, identified the prisoners as well as the plaintiff. Collierin seemed indifferent to the evidence and paid more attention to his dog. He was inclined to be saucy. The case was set aside for the present.

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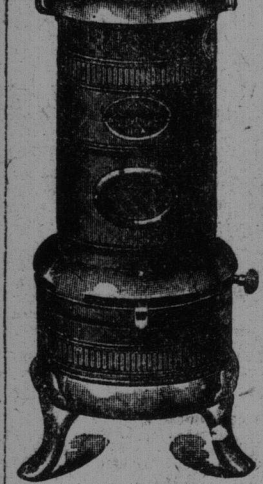
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## AUTUMN'S GIPSY NOTES

(Bliss Carman in University Monthly) There is something in the autumn that is native in the blood. Touch of manner, hint of mood; And my heart is like a rhyme. With the yellow and the purple and the crimson keeping time.

The scarlet of the maples can shake me like a cry Of bugles going by. And my heart's spirit thrills To see the frosty asters like a smoke upon the hills.

There is something in October sets the gypsy blood astir; We must rise and follow her. When from every hill of flame She calls and calls each vagabond by name.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

REDDER THAN A ROSE. Mr. Jagway, who was at the flower show, leaned forward to get a closer view of a beautiful red rose. "Ebeneser," sharply spoke Mrs. Jagway, "take your nose away from it and give the rose a chance!"—Chicago Tribune.

## TOO MUCH SCOTCH.

Cockney Tourist (to native boy): "Where does that road lead to, my lad?" Boy—"A'm no' shair." Tourist—"And that one?" Boy—"I dinna know." Tourist—"And this one?" Boy—"A canna tell y'e." Tourist (to himself): "Great Scott! What names they give to places in this benighted country."

## THE CAUSE OF IT.

Magistrate—You complain that your husband struck you? Why, you're a big, strong woman and he's a physical wreck. Mrs. Murphy (in 77 Amer): "But he's only been a physical wreck since he struck me!"—Cleveland Leader.

## DOUBTFUL SENTIMENT.

The widow had just selected a monument for the late lamented. "What was his age?" queried the stonemason, preparing to make a note of it. "He was just 79," answered the widow.

"And I suppose you will want an appropriate epitaph?" he said. "Yes," she replied. "You might add 'The good die young.'"—Chicago News.

## A BROAD HINT.

A good story is told of a couple of farmers living a few miles apart. One day one called on the other, happening around at dinner time. The person called upon, by the way, was rather a penurious old fellow. He sat at the table enjoying his dinner. The visitor drew toward the table, expecting the farmer to invite him to dine. The old farmer kept on eating.

"What's the news up your way, neighbor?" No news, sir.

Presently a thought struck the visitor. "Well yes, friend, I did hear of one item of news worth mentioning."

"Ha! What is it?"

"Neighbor John has a cow that has five calves."

"Is that so? Good gracious! What in thunder does the fifth calf do when the others are feeding?"

"Why, he stands and looks on, just as I do, like a fool."

"Mary, put on another plate," drawled the farmer, as he caught the point.—Judge's Magazine of Fun.

## A FARMER'S COMPLAINT

Nov. 19th. To the Editor of The Evening Times:—Your copy of October 29th, 1906, containing an article headed "Produce Prices Have Been High." When comparing the price of farm produce this summer with the price of past summers this summer's prices have not been as favorable to the farmer as the Indianapolis grocers would have you report. Just take into consideration the advanced wages of farm laborers; and the very dry summer had the effect of a very short crop. From my experience the farmers on the river have nothing to be proud of, especially those who sent their produce to the commission merchants of the north end. I admit the prices to the consumers were high, but the farmers did not get the benefit of that. In some cases the consumers paid ninety per cent more for their goods than the commission merchant gave the farmer. From my experience the commission merchant of the north end is a money and not the farmer, for they (the merchants) are like two-edged swords, they cut the consumer and farmer alike and pocket all the profit. I admit the prices that the farmers should form themselves into a company and make arrangements as they can deal direct with the consumers and get rid of the middle men. Another hit at the consumer.

The time was when a consumer could enter a dry goods establishment and get his dry goods, by the dozen if underwear, or by the piece if it was cloth, dress goods, cottons, etc. But now the consumer has a large family to clothe and he enters a dry goods establishment with an order as large as some of the small retailers, he has to undergo a cross-examination by the president of the establishment, and if the president, during the examination, finds that the would-be dealer is not a retailer, he is informed that he must go to a retailer for his requirements; as the retail trade must be protected. The result of all this is—We the consumers are compelled to pay more for our goods than they are really worth if we deal in St. John.

But there is a way of escape. We can send our orders to an upper province department store and get our goods. Thousands of persons in this province are availing themselves of this means of getting their goods at a reduced price, driven to it by the stupidity of our merchants. By this St. John is losing a very large trade and the upper provinces are getting our money when it would be expended in New Brunswick if the merchants would give the consumers as good value for their money as the merchants of the upper provinces do.

Thanking you for your space, I am A FARMER.

## TARIFF WILL BE READY

## WHEN THE HOUSE OPENS

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