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LONDON, SATURDAY, MAY 15.

THE ATTACK UPON THE WATERWAYS TREATY.

The Ottawa Opposition has taken the short-sighted, partisan view of the waterways treaty, and has placed itself on the wrong side of a great international question.

Nothing could be feebler than its ground of attack upon the treaty. The proposed division of the water power at Niagara is wholly in Canada's favor. It gives Canada a development of 422,000 horsepower, and the United States 260,000 horsepower. It is true that half of the Canadian development is not market for it in Canada. The Dominion Government may prohibit exportation at any time, and has taken power to regulate it in accordance with the demand for Niagara power in Canada.

Those who argue that Canada should have a share in the development proportioned to the quantity of water which flows over the Canadian side of the river at the Falls, overlook the fact that the Americans may intercept the water above the cataract and leave the Canadian power plants stranded. This they would be justified in doing if Canada claimed for power purposes all the water which the accident of the formation of river channel throws to the Canadian side at a particular point.

The antagonism to the treaty has been stirred up chiefly by the Ontario Government. In this case the Ontario authorities are in the wrong, since it is only by an international agreement that Canada can hope to hold what she has in respect of Niagara power. The treaty would be binding for only five years, and there is no possibility that its provisions could work to the disadvantage of this country within that period.

The waterways clauses are not the most important feature of the convention. Of much greater consequence is the provision for the reference of a large class of disputes, the only class likely to produce friction, to a permanent commission. As a means of promoting goodwill between the United States and Canada, and making a permanent peace more probable, the treaty should be cordially welcomed in both countries.

LORDS VERSUS COMMONS.

The St. Michael's, commenting upon some remarks in The Advertiser adverse to the House of Lords, argues in defence of that chamber with more ability than consistency. We can understand a Tory journal of the vintage of 1832 talking feverishly of the danger of "taking over the concerns of four hundred million people to vox populi," but it is not language that becomes a newspaper bearing the name of "Reformer," especially in this day and in this democratic country.

Our esteemed but reactionary contemporary is in the company of every despot in history. Its plea has been urged against every proposal for the extension of the franchise in the mother country, and in defence of every hoary abuse which the privileged few wished to perpetuate at the expense of the masses.

The Reformer goes on to say that the speeches in the House of Lords show "a marked superiority in breadth of view, expression, and grasp of the larger aspects and the underlying principles of the subject," as compared with speeches upon the same questions in the House of Commons. We dissent most emphatically from this opinion. Our contemporary selects a list of peers whose names it says are familiar, not only in England, but in Canada, too, among reading people. Among these are the Dukes of Norfolk, Portland, Sutherland, the Marquis of Londonderry, the Bishop of York, the Bishops of Winchester and Birmingham, the Earls of Meath, Clarendon, Kimberley, Jersey, Spencer, Wemyss, Dudley, Derby; Viscounts Cross, Hampden, Huntford, Peel and Selby, and Lords Aberdeen, Amthill, Hemphill, Northbrook, Burton, Welby and Redesdale. Very few Canadians have heard of any of these men, and most of them are regarded as mediocrities in their own country. The Reformer might as well have taken them at random from the telephone directory of an English village for all the meaning they convey to Canadian readers. Take out of its list the Archbishops of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, Lord Roberts, Lord Wolseley, Lord Lister, Lord Avebury, Lord Kitchener, Lord Rayleigh, Lord Strathcliffe, Lord Rothschild, Lord Strathcona and Lord Mt. Stephen, who are noted in special spheres which lie outside of politics, and the Reformer's catalogue of parliamentary talent in

the House of Lords is narrowed down to the Duke of Argyll, the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Earls of Rosebery, Aberdeen, Minto, Crewe, Grey, Cromer, Elgin, Halsbury, Carrington, Viscounts Morley, Goschen, St. Aldwyn, and Milner and Lords Loughborough, Mt. Stephen, Strathcona, James and Brassey. Of these only Rosebery, Lansdowne, Cromer, Halsbury, Morley, Balfour of Burleigh, Goschen, St. Aldwyn, Milner and Loughborough are statesmen of the first rank, but they are a small group compared with the brilliant Commons-men who could be named—Asquith, Lloyd-George, Chamberlain, Churchill, Burns, Balfour, Law, Cox, Birrell, Grey, Haldane, Harcourt, McNamara, Masterman, Dilke, Redmond, Healey, Dillon, Cecil, Wyndham, Seely, Robson, Acland-Hood, Buxton, Carson, Chiozza-Money, Hothhouse and others. The House of Commons has been for fifty years greatly superior to the other chamber in ability, character and influence.

Our contemporary contends that the House of Lords has never failed to submit to the House of Commons when satisfied that the nation has been fairly treated upon a certain line of conduct; but it is a matter of record and history that the peers have never been on the right side of any settled question. Home rule, which our contemporary cites, is not a settled question; nothing is more certain than its ultimate triumph. The House of Lords acts as a check upon legislation much as an obstruction on a railway track. It retards progress and is happy if it can derail the engine while the Liberal party is at the throttle. It goes to sleep when the Conservatives are in office, and awakes to a mischievous and meddling activity when the Liberals control the Commons. In the past three years it has rejected such beneficent measures as the licensing bill, the Scottish land bill and the education bill, from partisan and selfish motives, and it will reject the Welsh disestablishment bill during the present session. Many of its eminent members have been sent up by the House of Commons, but eight out of ten peers represent nothing but landlordism and the aristocracy, and are dominated by class interests and class prejudice. The St. Michael's Reformer is welcome to its worship of these irresponsibles, and to its contempt for the chamber which has won every liberty the British people possess, but the Reformer ought to change its name. To say the people's chamber is not to be trusted is to say that the people are not fit to rule themselves. There are many who do say it, but they are not Liberals.

RAILWAY AND STREET ACCIDENTS.

The contention of accident insurance actuaries that human life and limb are worth a railway train in the street, seems to be borne out by English statistics. So satisfied are accident insurance companies of the correctness of this theory that as a rule they offer a double indemnity for accidents incurred by the policyholder when travelling.

The statistics in question are interesting. They show that in 1908 for the second time in eight years, not one passenger was killed on the railways of England and Wales. In 1901 these roads carried 1,172,385,990 passengers, in addition to those travelling by sea. The number of deaths was not one fatality, while only 476 persons were injured. The record for last year was even better. The number of passengers carried was 1,259,000,000, the number injured was only 253, and there was not a single death. Railway travel in England is safer than in any other country in the world.

In marked contrast is the showing as to street accidents. During the seven months ended Dec. 31st last, there were 17,973 street accidents in England and Wales, 746 of which were fatal. These accidents were distributed as follows:

Accidents, Fatal.
Motor cars and cycles.....4,499 198
Motor omnibuses.....1,156 50
Horse-drawn omnibuses.....294 11
Other horse vehicles.....3,043 418
Horse-drawn trams.....111 —
Mechanically-propelled trams.....2,878 69

A large proportion of these accidents of course, occurred in London streets, where the number of casualties causing death or injury rose from 3,200 in 1897, to 17,055 in 1907. The number of fatalities in the metropolis increased from 155 to 253, or four deaths in every five days. This increase, it is to be presumed, is largely due to the introduction and growing use of motor vehicles.

The Advertiser's great free Trip to Europe contest closes tonight, and half the people of Western Ontario will lose some interest in life.

The Kaiser and the Emperor of Austria have been hobnobbing. Since the downfall of Abdul the Damned, Austria is Germany's one remaining friend in Europe.

The 24th of May is the great impending event for the children of Canada. Next to Christmas it is the most popular holiday of the year, and probably it always will be.

A bill to amend the coronation oath and remove some disabilities from Roman Catholics, passed its second reading in the British House of Commons yesterday by a vote of 133 to 125. The smallness of the majority and the fact that 200,000 persons petitioned against the bill, shows that the bigots are not all dead yet, even in the most tolerant country in the world.

The difference between those who argue that Canada should contribute to the cost of the British navy, and those who favor a Canadian navy acting in concert with the British fleet, is the difference between anti-Canada and Canadian imperialism. It is reproach to this country that the former view is held by a considerable number of people who call themselves Canadians.

Queen Alexandra, a noble type of womanhood, has let it be known that she is opposed to woman's franchise. The revered Victoria held the same view, and expressed it strongly. But there are noble women in Great Britain who demand the ballot, and nothing is more certain than that they will get it in the near future.

Who are the brave? The lucky few whom Chance or Fate selects to do the deeds that earn glory? Are they alone the brave who lead where martyrs fall and heroes bleed, Of whose achievements we may read in thrilling song and story?

Who are the brave? Those whom the crowd Are cheering when they pass? The proud For whom the flags are flying? Is he not brave and bold and strong, Who, having groped in error long, Acknowledges that he was wrong, No former fault denying?

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COOLING OFF.

[The Globe.]
There is an obvious cooling down of public opinion in Great Britain on the subject of building a canal. This may be due in part to the interest taken in Mr. Lloyd-George's proposed fiscal measures, but it is apparently due also to the fact, now emphasized, that if all her Dreadnoughts were destroyed in a war, Great Britain would still have a powerful fleet.

ONE UNSYMPATHETIC P. M.

[Hamilton Herald.]
Police Magistrate Love, of London, appears to be a cold, unsympathetic sort of person. Yesterday a woman of highly respectable connections, who appeared before him on a charge of shoplifting, pleaded that she was a victim of kleptomania, but the magistrate sent her to jail for two months. Perhaps, however, the magistrate prescribed the best possible remedy for kleptomania.

CANADIAN "FOREIGNERS."

[Winnipeg Free Press.]
English papers just to hand contain interesting notes of the progress of the Stratford-on-Avon by-election. Quite the unkindest cut of all was the manner in which Conservative sneers were uttered against Mr. Joe Martin as a "foreigner." The special correspondent of the London Standard objected to Mr. Martin's accent as well as to his political opinions. Iron must have entered the Canadian candidate's soul when he read in that organ of high Toryism, so-called tariff reform, an article entitled "Foreigners," derisive remarks about his "pronounced American accent" and "his wearing practice of reading lengthy extracts from Canadian and other political pamphlets."

FORTUNATE.

[Pittsburgh Courier.]
Captain (spinning a yarn)—I was for eight days a prisoner among the cannibals.
Lady—And how was it they didn't eat you?
Captain (calmly)—Well, the truth was the chief's wife had mislaid her cook book.

HOW HE FOOLED THEM.

[Chicago Record.]
"Well," said Uncle Hiram Skinner, "I don't know if it's your teeth cut at last, I know he'd get it sooner or later." "What's happened?" asked the postmaster.
"He sent an advertisement in one of them papers that's published down in Maine, saying 'if you tryin' to beat 'em, tell 'em about a sure way to cure sea-sickness.'"
"Didn't they tell him, but it's a blame swindle, just the same. The answer he got was, 'Travel on the cars.'"
"Yes, they told him that, but I got ahead of these city sharpers, but I got ahead of 'em once." "How did you manage it?"
"I seen one of their advertisements that said 'I'd send \$2 they'd let me know how to keep my razor from pullin'.' Course I knew that your tryin' to beat 'em, so I wain't surprised when the answer come to let my whiskers grow." "How did you get ahead of them?"
"One of the dollars I sent 'em was a counterfeit I'd got shoved off onto me at the county fair."

IN THE WRONG PLACE.

[Toronto Star.]
That policeman in Rome who denounced his constituents as had been a great New York business man if he had emigrated in his childhood.

HIS CONVINCING REASONS.

[Life.]
"Like lettuce, Pat?"
"No, O. don't. An' O'm glad O don't. For if O liked it O'd ate it, an' O'd have the damn stuff."

THE POET LAUREATE AT WORK.

[St. Paul Dispatch.]
Alfred Austin is said to be writing a poem on the visit of Mr. Roosevelt to Mombasa. Give him free rein. The friendship between the United States and England is strong enough to stand almost any strain.

CRUEL REVENGE.

[Chicago News.]
Boyce—I beat that your daughter has begun to take singing lessons.
Joyce—Yes, my next door neighbor poisoned my dog.

DURING THE HONEYMOON.

[Kansas City Journal.]
"Hubby, I want to wear my thin shoes in the rain."
"Well, honey?"
"Tell me I mustn't!"

MIND CURE.

[Chicago Tribune.]
Pretty Cousin—Ally, don't your knees get cold in that uniform?
Ally (in Highland costume)—Baw Jove, they did, at first, but I said to them: "Hoot! Danna forget that my ain grandfather was a Scotsman!" and baw Jove, they warmed right up to the idea.

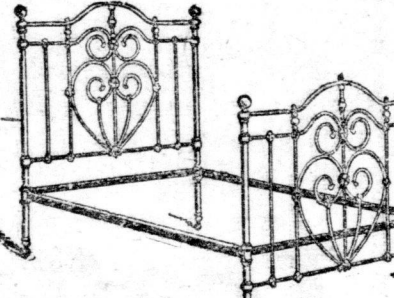
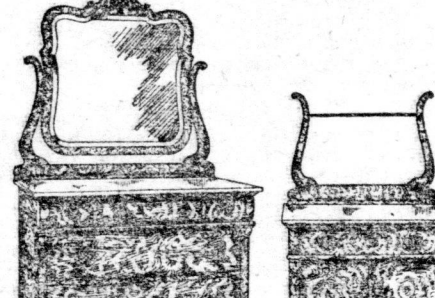
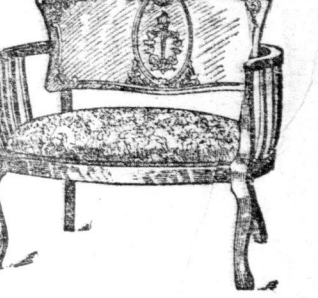
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The Balance of Our Stock To Be Cleared Out
in One Week Regardless of Cost

READ THIS—The alterations to our building are nearly finished. Our Alteration Sale was a big success. It greatly reduced our stock and made it possible for us to make room for the builders, but now that most of the flying dust and dirt is over we have about \$7,000 worth of stock left. This furniture is only dusty and dirty. It can easily be polished up again. But while it would look first-class in a home we cannot place it side by side with new furniture. There is only one thing for us to do if we wish to start off in the new building with a fresh stock, and that is to CLEAR IT OUT AT ONCE AT ANY PRICE THAT IT WILL BRING. We have marked it down to less than factory price. This is the chance of a lifetime to those who need furniture, rugs, linoleums, etc., this spring.

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DOINGS AT WOODBINE

Toronto, May 14. — The Hendrie King's Plater Shimonese was shot along the full plate distance this morning in the fastest trial done this spring, and the fastest authentic work perhaps ever done in preparation for this big race, in 2:12-5. The track was fast.

The filly was sent away with Glimmer, Ceremonious, Desert Star (Plater) and Better Half (Plater). She was ridden by Gilbert, who will ride her in the race, and who will ride for the stable, and carried 112 pounds. She finished first by a head over Glimmer and Ceremonious third, Desert Star a bad fourth, Better Half fifth beaten off.

Glimmer had a stable buy up, Ceremonious the same, Desert Star (Phair) and Better Half (McCarthy).

The Hendrie filly on this trial will be hard to beat. It looks as though the race lay among her, Port Garry (Dymond), and the Seagram stable. None of the others has shown the class.

The fractions this morning were—1:25, 37 2-5, 49 4-5, 1:04, 1:16, 1:43, 1:52, 2:12 1-5. Desert Star's time was 2:17-5.

Woodbine Belle (Bryan), and Saucy o'Gold, platers, worked the former 1:19 1-5, and the latter the full plate distance in 2:17-5.

The Seagram expected to have a trial this afternoon.

Other Works.
Thomas' \$20,000 Flying Squirrel breezed a quarter in :23 4-5.

Jim Parkinson worked a half in :53 1-5, Al Bush five-eighths in 1:04, W. J. Hinch in 1:46 for the Shields stable.

ton, Clem Beachey and Fair Cecilia. From Windsor—Sherman & Baller's Awa We Gang and Grace Kimbell. From Windsor—George Hendrie's Long Service, Nat B. Desperado, Loyal Maid, Jassione and Cumberland.

It looks as though the Seagram stable would place its reliance in the King's Plater on Courtier, Tollendale and Pearl Fisher.

Seagram String.
Tollendale and Courtier worked with Crur d'or a half in :50 2-5.

Dog of War went with Seismic a half in :50, while My Valet and Mendip covered the half in :50 2-5.

Maximum and Miss Greenan worked together a half in :50 2-5, and Jubilee Juggins and Furslane a half in :50.

Xenocrates and Rubia Bird were sent a mile in :51 3-5.

Bouquet, the Seagram flyer, did the fastest half mile seen here this year and perhaps the fastest on an American track in preparation, in :48 2-5.

She is certainly in great shape. Throckmorton did a half in :50.

Clay's Restoration did the best mile at the track this spring in 1:45 2-5. Thomas' Light Wool did a mile in 1:47 with Stringency doing % with him in 1:06.

middle weight, from a large field, and took the silver cup offered by Mr. Montagu Allen.

The cup was presented by the governor-general, Earl Grey, who congratulated the young rider, and wished his team success in the contests in England.

The win created a great deal of enthusiasm here.

The fine jumping of M. Amellus Jarvis' horse "Hercules" featured the evening's show. This horse cleared a 6 foot 11 inches, winning the Lee Ribbon from that jumper of cow & Murray's, "The Wasp."

The Vanderbilt cracks, Lord Burleigh and Lord Brooks, in the open tandem came as a surprise, the American team having to acknowledge the prowess of a local exhibitor's team.

Miss Wilks' Cruxton Park, roadsters scored first and third in the roadsters' pair class. The win was very popular.

Tonight Lieut. Wood Leonard's horses were placed ahead of the Cornishian for England. A number of other horses were also put aboard.

Capt. Young, Lieut. Leonard and Lieut. Proctor accompanied their horses.

FATALLY BURNED.
Montreal, May 14. — A fatal accident occurred tonight, when Mrs. Terry Piammo met her death from a lamp explosion. The woman was lighting the lamp, when it exploded, causing fearful burns from which she died shortly afterwards.

TRAVIS IN FINALS AT CHEVY CHASE

Former Amateur Golf Champion Defeats His Opponents Easily.

Washington, May 14. — Twice today Walter J. Travis, former amateur champion of the United States, demonstrated his prowess as a golf expert, and tomorrow he will play in the finals for the first prize in the spring open tournament of the Chevy Chase Golf Club.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

At St. Paul—R. H. E. Indianapolis.....8 10 1
St. Paul.....8 9 0
Batteries—Graham, Glaze, Cheney and Shaw; Gehring and Carlson.
At Minneapolis—
Minneapolis.....8 10 2
Louisville.....8 6 8
Batteries—Olstead and Hook; Puttmann and Peltz.
At Kansas City—
Kansas City.....1 4 1
Columbus.....0 3 1
Fifteen innings, with
Batteries—Easick and Ritter; Nelson and Jones.
At Milwaukee—
Toledo.....5 10 2
Milwaukee.....2 3 3
Batteries—West and Abbott; Pape and Hostetter.



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WOOD LEONARD WON MONTAGU ALLAN CUP

Young Londoner and His Horse Distinguished Themselves at Montreal Horse Show.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Montreal, May 14.—The brilliant riding of Lieut. Wood Leonard, of London, was one of the team chosen to compete for the King Edward Cup at the International Show next month, featured the afternoon's session of the horse show.

Philosophy, won both first and second places in the qualified hunters' class,