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THE RIGHT OF WAY

A law-abiding citizen, bespattered from head to foot with mud of a dark color and very adhesive texture called at the times office yesterday.

After cautiously separating a naturally open and ingenious countenance from the embrace of as much of the substance as made a plantation of modest proportions on the editorial floor, he was understood to express a qualified approval of the efforts of this journal of the home to have pedestrians protected while crossing "Water street to and from the ferry flats. He hoped, moreover, that these efforts would finally succeed. For himself, and some ladies who were crossing at the same time yesterday afternoon, they could testify that at present there is no protection. Teams block the passage, or bespatter the passing throng.

The police authorities should take action in this matter. Pedestrians should be protected. In any other city a policeman would not hesitate for a moment to suspend traffic for the very brief period necessary to let the ferry passengers cross the street. Once the rule was established it would be observed. Therefore let it be established.

BRITISH RAILWAY TROUBLES

If the statement made in London on Monday of this week by Richard Bell, M. P., general secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, be true, the Montreal Witness was not far wrong in asserting that "probably, if ever a strike was warranted it is the threatened strike of the railway servants of England." Mr. Bell stated "that there are over 100,000 men employed on the railways of the United Kingdom who are paid less than \$3 a week."

The strike has been averted for the present. Mr. Lloyd-George, President of the Board of Trade, succeeded in getting the companies and the men to agree to submit matters in dispute to a board of conciliation. Of his powers in such cases a recent London cable said: "Mr. Lloyd-George is the official representative of the nation and is empowered by law to employ means of conciliation, whether his services are solicited or not. He has not waited to be asked, but has intervened in a benevolent spirit before the contestants had exchanged ultimatums and entered into a destructive conflict. He cannot compel them to accept arbitration or any proposals for settlement or compromise, but he can remind them that it is a public duty for them to avoid hostilities and that the forces of opinion will be against them if they are unconciliatory and are controlled by selfish interests."

The demand of the men to which the companies declared themselves unalterably opposed was the recognition of the union. Yesterday's cable does not indicate in what way this question was treated in the agreement, but it is probable that the men made some concessions for the sake of getting their grievances before a board of conciliation. The London cable already quoted, said on this point:—"If Mr. Lloyd-George calls upon them to limit their ideas of recognition to representation of their own membership as a minority of the railway servants, without doubt they will accommodate themselves to his proposals. They will not insist upon any action by which the interests of non-unionists will be sacrificed and the companies prohibited from protecting them. So long as the door is open for the trade unionist officials they will be satisfied and the strike will be averted."

A year has passed since the labor congress at Birmingham formulated the demands of the union. The companies refused to treat at all with the society, and the latter therefore proceeded to organize for the strike which has just been averted. The companies declared that the claim for recognition of the union was nothing less than socialism. Each party in turn appealed for public sympathy, and each prepared for the struggle. The companies relied on the fact that the members of the union were a minority of the whole number of employees, and that the non-union men would remain at their posts. They argued that if the union were recognized, the non-unionists would swarm into the unions, and the demands of the men for increased wages and reduced time would gradually be forced upon the companies, to the cost of the shareholders. The companies, they declared, could not divide the

responsibilities of management with the unions. When last week nearly 90,000 members of the union declared in favor of an immediate strike the crisis had come, and everybody realized the far-reaching calamity which threatened the country. Mr. Bell has steadily advocated a policy of moderation on the part of the men, and no doubt counselled the course now adopted at the suggestion of Mr. Lloyd-George. Another quotation will shed some further light on the general situation. "British railways have never been allowed to avoid close supervision by national authorities. There was a railway department in the board of trade as early as 1840, and its powers have been repeatedly enlarged by special legislation. No railway comes into operation without official inspection; serious accidents invariably are followed by a board of trade enquiry; level crossings are regulated; there can be no increase of rates without the knowledge of the department and a special report to parliament; and there is a commissioner's court by which disputed points are settled through arbitration. Railways are under constant supervision by the board of trade, and the conciliation act for the adjustment of industrial disputes applies to them with peculiar force. Public opinion has always been behind the department in its dealings with railway corporations; and it will be so in the present controversy, if, after a full and impartial hearing, Mr. Lloyd-George makes it plain that he considers a calamitous strike unnecessary and that the privilege of trade union recognition can be granted with safety under definite limitations."

It seems probable that the men receded to some extent from the position with regard to the recognition of the union, on condition that their grievances be fairly considered. At all events a strike is postponed, and it may be hoped that it is entirely obviated. Of the late Rev. William Dobson, who died recently in Charlottetown, the Victoria Colonist, a member of whose writing staff was an old friend, says:—"Mr. Dobson was a man of striking ability, a deep thinker and a pulpit orator of much power, and if he had cut himself loose from any denominational connection might have been one of the leaders of religious thought. He used to say, however, that it was better to keep within denominational limits because when a man once set himself adrift he could never tell where he might land, and after all the great thing was to do good and help others to do the same."

Hampton is to be congratulated on its consolidated school. The cause of education in that locality will be greatly advanced by this splendidly equipped institution. The province should have more consolidated schools. Premier Robinson is still of opinion that there may be a session. The premier's mental processes in such matters are marked by grave deliberation. Mr. Bourassa will continue his fight against the government of Quebec province. He is too good a fighter to be disturbed by any defeat.

The P. E. Island people have not forgotten that they want a tunnel. They do not propose to let anybody forget the subject until the tunnel is constructed. There is after all a likelihood that very large shipments of grain will go forward from this port during the coming season. The Mauretains promises to rival the Lusitania as an ocean liner. The Atlantic ferry is growing shorter year by year. The marriage of Charles Titus White, of Sussex (N. B.), to Miss Louise G. Triton, of Edmonton, formerly of Sussex, took place at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at the residence of W. A. Noble, Sixth street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. M. McDonald, in the presence of a few intimate friends of the parties. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. White left for the south on the C. P. R. They will take an extended trip through California and the Southern States before returning to Sussex, where they will make their home.—Morning Journal, Edmonton, Alberta, Oct. 31.

At the regular meeting of Victoria Section Juvenile Templars of Honor and Temperance last evening in their hall, Market building, the following officers were elected: Rex Garter, W. A.; Geo. Brown, W. V. A.; Stanley Lewis, W. R.; Cecil Alexander, W. A. R.; Clinton Brown, W. F. R.; Harry McFarlane, A. F. R.; Herbert Yeomans, W. U.; Ralph Fakes, W. A. U.; Willie Dodge, I. W.; H. Murphy, O. P.; Fred Smith, F. W. A. The installation will take place next Thursday evening. The grand officers will conduct the ceremony.

THE LAY OF THE HEN. One of the jokes Lewis Carroll, the author of "Alice in Wonderland," did dare publish, according to his biographer, who found it among his papers, is the following: A schoolboy asked, "What is the meaning of average?" at once replied, "The things hens lay eggs on."

When requested to explain his answer the boy said: "I read a book that hens lay on an average two hundred eggs a year." Billy McCarney plans taking Unk Russell and Willie Fitzgerald to the coast.

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Not as we take, but as we give; Not as we pray, but as we live— These are the things that make for peace. Both now and here time shall cease. —Clarence Urmy in The Outlook.

IN LIGHTER VEIN WHAT AMAZED HIM. Merchant (entering his office suddenly to his clerk)—Ah, caught you this time. Clerk—What do you mean, sir? I am working, am I not? Merchant—Yes, that's just it. Strange to say, you are—Justing Blaetter.

MADE TO ORDER. Apropos of vanity, Secretary Root told at Yale about a politician who the day before he was to make a certain speech, sent a page to report of it to all the papers. On page 20 appeared the paragraph: "But the hour grows late, and I must close." (No, no! Go on! Go on!)

IT WORRIED HER. Eeelya—Some of our proverbs are so ridiculous. For instance, "Where ignorance is bliss." Ethel—What's the matter now? Eeelya—Why, you know, Fred gave me my engagement ring last week and I simply can't find out how much it cost him.—Judge.

SOMETHING DROPPED. "You look worried. What's the matter?" "Oh, we're all upset at our house. There's been another drop in copper." "But I thought you never speculated." "I don't. Our cook let the coffee pot fall on her foot, and she has had to go to the hospital."—Chicago Record-Herald.

LOBSTERS. (N. Y. Sun.) If all the lobsters in the bright, blue sea were cooked and stacked in front of you and me, Now what a paradise this earth would be. And then if all the lobsters that we meet Were dropped into the ocean's vast retreat, How few there would be left on earth to eat!

THE COWBOY'S CRITICISM. J. E. Clifford, general press representative of the big Sells-Floto shows, recently a good one on Senator El Caudador, who, with two handsome young lady assistants, does a thrilling empanelment act with this circus.

In Wallace, Ida, two rough-looking fellows sat quietly watching the show until this feature appeared. Nudging his companion, one of them said: "Come on, Bill; let's get out; this show is rotten."

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When fishing the pelicans show great ingenuity. They will form themselves in a circle, screaming excitedly and dropping their wings till they frighten the fish into a corner. They will dip, each pelican coming up in turn with a squaring fish held tightly in his beak. Into the convenient pouch the pelican drops his fish the appears to swallow it; then dives for more. I have seen one pelican secure five fish before stopping work. Then away flies Mrs. Pelican with a fine fresh meal for her young. Or, in the case of their being no young to feed, the bird will fly to itself leisurely and with apparent reluctance. The pelican is an inhabitant of warm countries always living about large bodies of water.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 7.—M. Gurko, viceminister of the interior, who was implicated in the great grain scandal during the famine relief operations of 1906, and who was tried before the senate as a high court of justice, has been found guilty of malfeasance, sentenced to dismissal from office, and ordered to make restitution to the amount of more than \$250,000.

Eyeglasses ought to be worn whenever the eyes are weak and easily tired. Whenever the eyes are old, consult Dr. Boyaner, scientific optician, 38 Dock street, street.

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