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THE CARNEGIE LIBRARIES.

In a recent issue of Collier's Magazine, Mr. Andrew Carnegie comes to his own defence on the library question. His gifts to various countries have been the cause of some criticism of his distributing so much money in what has been called an attempt to perpetuate his name, and at times envious writers have seen in his course little else than selfishness. Mr. Carnegie in his reply to these critics suggests that something of his library giving propensity is due to heredity. His father, a weaver of Dunfermline, was one of five workmen who agreed to combine their few books and lend them out to applicants. A corner in the older Carnegie's shop was given over to these books and this was the beginning of the library movement in that town. The original collection of books was moved seven times to different buildings and finally became a mechanic library. Mr. Carnegie believes that his gift to not to pauperize a community because the libraries are supported by taxation. Communities provide the sites and by no investment could be made that would reflect more quickly on the province of the whole people and no better inducement could be offered to attract new settlers to the lands of the province.

not deliver their merchandise at the homes of the country customers and haul back to the city the produce which represents the farmer's purchasing power. The farmer supplies the horse and wagon for the exchange of commodities but it does not follow that the entire burden of providing the roads should fall on him also. The principle that a man should keep in good condition the roads passing his own property may be fair but, provided he does so, it is not fair that he should be penalized for the carelessness of another man or another district where the roads are not kept properly. The worst piece of road between the farm and the city is the measure of the size of the load a horse can haul and consequently of the cost of hauling. Good roads mean a better supply of farm products for the city at reasonable prices and also reasonable remuneration for the work of the man who produces the crops. On the other hand even the best of farmland is valueless to both the owner and the community unless good roads provide a means of outlet for the crop.

The problems of roads are not the problems of the individual but of the community. To construct satisfactory and enduring roads at a reasonable cost is no small business, and to be carried out successfully it demands expert supervision and organized effort. While the sentiment of the province is strongly in favor of home rule in the expenditure of the money raised by the road tax, yet there should be some system whereby the whole province, city and country alike, could unite in the endeavor to put our highways on a plane of uniform excellence. No investment could be made that would reflect more quickly on the province of the whole people and no better inducement could be offered to attract new settlers to the lands of the province.

FINEST ACHIEVEMENT OF A FAMOUS FRUIT GROWER.

Dame Nature heard a man remark one day that when she made The peach and plum she surely reached The limits of her trade.

She put her apron on and said: "I'll show him something new, I'll let him see that better yet Than either I can do."

She took the petals of a rose Some silver frost as well, And honey mixed with morning dew, And tossed them in a shell. She set it down before the man Among the grasses tall. He ate the watermelon up And cried: "It beats them all!"

MINNIE IRVING.

"CALLING THE DROWNED" AT GLOUCESTER.

"Benny O'Neal of the whaling ship, Petrel, Laid the Banks!" In snug harbor above, Last voyage over, give ear while we call you,

Strewing the sea with the flowers you love!

Hover in spirit to look at the roses, Crimson ones, picked from your bush by the door,

Each year, please God, on this day of calling, Dead though you be, you may sense them once more!

Smooth now as glass, the cruel, green, billows, Safely the flowers ride each crested wave—

Ah, but I envy a mother whose lad lies Safe in God's Acre, while she guards his grave!

Rocking and tossing, great ocean, have mercy! Since you have stolen my dearest and best,

Hide him away in some still, twilight grotto, Where, in my dreams, I shall see him at rest.

MAZIE V. CARUTHERS.

GOOD ROADS.

In considering the problems of good streets residents of the city are apt to overlook the importance of good roads beyond the city limits. The problem of building and maintaining highways probably means much more to the citizens of St. John than the question whether German street gets a granite pavement or has to struggle along with the same mixture of mud and cobble stones that constitutes the other unpaved city streets. Yet because the matter is not more insistently brought to our attention we are inclined to forget that we have a very large interest at stake in the country roads. Lately the autists, sore from unnecessary bumps, have begun to encourage the making of good roads. This effort is, while excellent, does not go beyond the limits of the present road policy. The majority of our citizens, however, do not take even this amount of interest in the subject. The highway act may, at election time, be vigorously discussed in the city, yet the problems which arise in connection with it are considered essentially the problems of the agricultural population. This attitude is assumed without recognition of the dependence of the city on the farmer who are forced to use the roads. Back of every prosperous city is a prosperous farming community, and a very large share of the business of the city merchants is dependent on the success of those who reside outside the cities.

It has been said that while the farmer is accustomed to haul his produce to the city market and carry back the goods purchased from the city merchants, it is only a matter of convenience that the merchants do

BEULBACH EQUALS PITCHING RECORD

By Winning 14 Straight Games for the Chicago Nationals.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—By winning today's game from Brooklyn, Pitcher Edward Beulbach of the Chicago National League team is said to have equalled the record for consecutive victories with the pitching staff at its present distance of 60 feet from the home plate. Jack Chesbro established the record of 14 straight games while pitching for Pittsburgh in 1902. The record of 24 straight games made by James McCormick of the Chicago Nationals in 1888 was established when the pitching staff was closer to the batter.

YOUNG TURKS OUST LOAFERS FROM OFFICE

Twenty-Seven Thousand Persons to be Dismissed or Relieved on Pensions

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 10.—The newspapers announce that 27,000 officers and officials will be dismissed or relieved on pension by the retirement scheme of the new government. These include the hundreds of hangers-on at Turkish ministries, and the followers of the late Sultan, who are a little army in themselves. Thus, at the Ministry of Public Works there were nearly a thousand clerks, where a hundred would have been amply sufficient. So great was the overcrowding that there was never room for all to be present at the same time, and the clerks, therefore, used to divide into batches, which relieved each other weekly.

MARY MANNERING DROPS HER SUIT

Applied for Divorce From Her Husband, James K. Hackett, Last Summer.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—It became known tonight that Mary Manning, the actress, who brought suit here last summer for divorce from her husband, James K. Hackett, the actor, has dropped the proceedings. She has instructed her attorneys to withdraw the suit, according to reliable information obtained in New York tonight, although the reason for her action was not disclosed.

THE POET'S BREAD.

Morn' offers him a flaked light That he may shake his thirst of soul, And for his hungry heart will light Her wonder-child of stars outroll.

However fortunate gods or comes He has his bread, he has his light, Taking the heaven's starry crumbs, And with a crust of sunset feed.

CHARLES L. O'DONNELL.

CONSTITUTION OF TEMPLE OF HONOR WILL BE RADICALLY REVISED

Recommendation of Most Worthy Templar Adopted—Order is in Splendid Condition With Increased Membership and Large Financial Resources.

At the business session of the Supreme Council, Temple of Honor, last evening the various reports for the past year were received. Upon motion the reports were referred to a special committee with power to act. The session was held in Temple Building and was largely attended. W. C. Whitaker, most worthy templar, occupied the chair. In his report, Mr. Whitaker extended a cordial welcome to the visiting brethren. He referred to the last session of the Supreme Council in this city in 1877. Since that time the great prohibition wave had swept over countless states in the republic and was now making a marked impression upon the Dominion of Canada. The progress may be slow, but the workers must not be discouraged. The chairman stated that the twentieth century was the age of progress, and the Templars must work vigorously in order to keep pace with the temperance sentiment which is agitating the whole country. He would strongly recommend that a representative committee be appointed at the present session for the purpose of using the old one and the decisions bringing into life a new constitution. Referring to the re-organization fund the chairman suggested that a good representative committee be appointed by the Grand Temple to act in the different constituencies to hold a series of popular concerts in which all could participate and there would be little trouble in raising the required amount. Reports from deputies to Mr. Whitaker showed favorable progress in the various districts. Mr. Whitaker also considered the union sections to be in a most encouraging situation.

ITALIAN HISTORIAN ON AMERICAN CONDITIONS

Sees Struggle Between Traditions of Puritans and a New Plutocracy—Following in Rome's Path.

PARIS, Aug. 11.—Concluding a series of impressions of America which he gained during a recent visit to that country, Guglielmo Ferrero, the Italian historian, finds that the anti-plutocratic movement is essentially a struggle between the old traditions of the Puritan democracy and civilization, gold, luxury and pleasure, a reputation under modern and more complicated forms of the struggle which rent Rome for centuries.

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NO MORE WHITE LIGHT NOR BUBBLING WINE

For Thaw If He Is Freed—Only Wants a Quiet Spot in Which to Rest.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Aug. 10.—Harry K. Thaw issued a statement reviewing the evidence given in his recent hearing on his application for release from the Manhattan asylum. In the course of his argument to sustain his contention that he is sane Thaw said that, according to the stenographic report, he had been "driven to the wall" by the District Attorney Jerome had proved him to be sane "forty-five times over" in his long questioning.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 10.—Roger O'Mara has returned to Pittsburgh and tonight was willing to immediately declare Harry Thaw to be not only sane, but able to pass a lawyer's examination with credit right at the present moment.

Mr. O'Mara says Harry Thaw will soon be liberated and will go to Europe, "where in some secluded spot he will quietly rest, never to touch a drop again." He said: "Mrs. Thaw and I have decided to live in Europe. Harry Thaw is a 'safe sane man'."

ALPHONSO MAY CHALLENGE FOR THE AMERICA CUP

Glowing Reports of Gold Discovery in Central Africa—Seeking Kidnaped Children—Noted Engineer Arrives.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—Reports are current in racing circles here that King Alfonso of Spain is a possible challenger for the America Cup. This rumor apparently is based on the fact that the King during the construction of his yacht, Hispania, which was built in Spain from designs by Pile, the English designer, evinced curiosity regarding the conditions governing the contests for this trophy.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 11.—Following a report that Grace and Tommaso Virano, the kidnapped children, were in Duquenne, Pa., Pietro Viviano, rather than the children, had been found. The trip east was postponed for several hours because it was reported by telephone that the children found in Duquenne had been identified as belonging in Altoona.

BITUMINOUS, South Africa, Aug. 11.—Glowing reports have been received here of the discovery in the Aberech district of British Central Africa of gold deposits similar to the Rand formation which are said to extend over an area of 60 miles.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Sir John Jackson, the civil engineer who built the Manchester ship canal, arrived from Colon today on the steamer Prinz August Wilhelm.

ROCKEFELLER HELD UP AS DESIRABLE EXAMPLE

For Nation to Follow, in Policy of Conservation of National Resources.

SPokane, Washington, Aug. 10.—John D. Rockefeller as a philanthropist as an example for the nation to copy in the conservation of the National Irrigation Congress today by W. J. McGee of Washington secretary of the Inland Waterways Commission. Dr. McGee said that he admired Mr. Rockefeller and regarded him as a man among millions.

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KILLED THE MAN WHO MURDERED HIS BROTHER

Stage Struck German Sent Threatening Letters—Balloons Makes World's Record—Sioux Indians as Orators.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—Ralph Gerson, proprietor of a Mulberry street cafe, who served thirty-two months in Sing Sing after his conviction for murder, was shot down and mortally wounded in front of his cafe tonight by a man whose brother he killed four years ago. His assailant gave his name as Arvano Santanelli.

MILAN, Aug. 10.—The balloon Albatross, piloted by Lieut. Mina, today ascended to a height of 11,000 metres or over seven miles, which is believed to be a world's record.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 10.—Sioux Indians addressed in their own language the convention of the American Association of Catholic Societies tonight, their speeches being translated by members of the Order of Jesuits.

Prof. J. O. Monahan, of New York, taking as his subject "Socialism," declared that while Andrew Carnegie had given millions to complete the Carnegie idea of education, yet it would have been more fitting had they been donated by the American working man who had earned the money.

STRICKEN WITH HEART DISEASE IN MOTOR BOAT

Sudden Death of J. G. Elderkin, a Prominent Passmore Citizen.

PASSMORE, N. S., Aug. 11.—The death of a prominent citizen of Passmore, N. S., occurred at seven o'clock at Port Greville of J. G. Elderkin, of the firm of H. Elderkin and Co. While in his motor boat, he was taken suddenly ill with heart trouble and in spite of all that could be done he gradually grew worse and passed away tonight. He was about 47 years old and was one of the most active and enterprising men in this section of the country. He is survived by one brother, Hubert W., now living in Truro, and one sister, Mrs. C. Jost, of Bridgetown, and a wife and family of small children.

HOW THEY GAVE STREET CONTRACTS IN MONTREAL

Contractors Made Almost a Dollar a Yard on Asphalt Paving.

MONTREAL, Aug. 11.—It came out yesterday why the City of Montreal had resumed its sittings at the Modern Paving Company had received a number of contracts at high prices and that they had been sublet. The evidence showed that this company received a yard for asphalt pavement more than Toronto pays. Mr. Belanger, the official head of the company, said he had received \$12 a yard for a certain brand of stone and had sublet it for \$12 for artificial purposes. The city was charged \$2.11 and the subs did the work for \$1.30. The city surveyor, Barlow, declared that the committee takes little or no notice of his recommendations.

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NO STRIKE AT SYDNEY

MINES JUST YET

Meeting Deferred and No Action Will be Taken Until Return of Officials—Coal Output Increased.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 11.—Although the report was current that the U. M. W. locals at Sydney Mines would meet last night and decide the question of strike or no strike no meeting took place and no action will be taken at these mines until the International Vice President and the District President return from Springfield.

The production of the Dominion Coal Company yesterday has been surpassed only twice since the strike began, 11,000 tons were mined and secured from banks and the colliery production furnished 6,000 tons. The output at the bank declined off somewhat, except on the 13th, where there is about 20,000 tons of coal which remained untouched up to a week or so ago. Since the strike began a very large amount has been taken from number 2 and number 8 banks and it would appear that now that the collieries are showing considerable improvement the company were easing upon the banking stations.

SENSATIONAL LAWSUIT

OPENED AT ST. PIERRE

Result of Shooting Affray Between Mayor and Editor a Year Ago—The Editor Has Flown.

NORTH SYDNEY, Aug. 11.—A sensational lawsuit has just opened at St. Pierre, Magdalen, and excites more interest than any which has taken place in years, as the result of a clash between Mayor Louis Lefevre, of St. Pierre, and Paul Mazier, editor of the defunct newspaper La Revue. The dramatic incident which led to this lawsuit occurred over a year ago when Le Reveille, whose policy was antagonistic to the mayor and civil government, bitterly attacked these officials. The attacks were followed by denunciatory articles in which the mayor's father was assailed with vile epithets. Mayor Lefevre resented this and demanded the author's name. Instead of complying the editor fired point blank at the mayor, wounding him seriously. The case was adjourned several times. When the case opened on Saturday it was found that the editor Mazier had decamped for France, and the case was again adjourned. The newspaper La Revue has gone under since several months. Mayor Lefevre figured prominently last year in denunciation of the school affair and was at the head of the procession when the American flag was carried through the streets of St. Pierre.

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