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THE PRINCE OF WALES.

From stamp collector to King is a long step and one that requires careful preparation. Prince George of Wales is commencing to realize that he is near the throne—a fact which he has not wholly eliminated those qualities. His harmless escapades were the talk of the empire, and he was the cause of considerable worry to his aged mother. But through it all he held the love of the people. Men like a happy-go-lucky chap, and Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, was the most popular man in the kingdom. During the latter part of Victoria's reign he outgrew all his youthful frivolity and assumed that seriousness and dignified bearing which so well become him, and which are expected in the ruler of a great nation. Edward's rule was looked upon for a time as too easy-going and reckless to uphold in the proper manner the majesty of a throne, but a complete revolution occurred in his personality, and he cast off all that could possibly have given cause for criticism, assuming those qualities which tend to raise a sovereign to first place in the hearts of his people, while at the same time he increased by the exercise of sound, common sense and keen administrative ability his hold on the popularity and esteem of his subjects. He has been, as a king, a brilliant success.

Prince George is a different type of man. He has lived in retirement, has given himself up to private pursuits, taken part in little beyond the duties of his own family, and has not enjoyed the personal favor of the people simply because of the fact that he is unknown to them. He has but rarely appeared at social or official functions and his almost entire avoidance of gatherings beyond his own small circle has withheld from him the liking of the public. But of late the Prince of Wales has been endeavoring to take his proper place and to assist the King in meeting the demands made upon his time. He is commencing to show himself at official functions, to mingle with the people at gatherings of various natures, and to shake off that listlessness and tendency to retirement which have so far marked his life. He has, in his father, an excellent example and cannot do better than copy from the one who now wears the crown.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

If the compulsory school law now in operation in St. John is to be enforced so that school children may be kept in jail for a week because they follow their natural instincts in seeking out door life rather than the confinement of the classroom, this law cannot be thrown out any too soon. Two children—two years of age and the other twelve—were arrested on Wednesday last week on the charge of truancy. They were given some good advice, which no doubt would have been beneficial, and were sent into the police cells. Nobody but the boys themselves knew what they had to eat on Wednesday, but it might be believed from the indifference shown by their parents after the lads were arrested, that they could pick up. No food was furnished them in the station cells but word was sent that if they wanted anything they would have to be inmates of the jail. Accordingly, they were sent to jail, but arrived too late for dinner. This was on Thursday. They had been in the cells over night crying as if their hearts would break, and punished quite enough for all their foolish conduct since they were born. Instead of being an hour or two in jail as a taste of what they might get if they persisted in wrongdoing, they have been left locked up in separate cells for five days and nights. This is simply outrageous. It would have been far better for those boys if they never attended school another day in their lives. Their first introduction to the jail was quite sufficient. By remaining for five days they have lost all fear of the place and it will no longer be a terror to them. They may play truant today or tomorrow or next week without fear of the consequences because all that can be done to them will be confinement in cells to which they are already accustomed. They were placed in these dark holes, having as their neighbors drunkards and thieves, respectable men and women, and for nearly a week listened to the conversation of those creatures. What at first must have shocked them later became familiar and the effect of this is not the effect which is sought

under the Compulsory Education Act. Indeed, the sort of compulsory education which these boys obtained in the jail cells is just the kind that the jail is intended to prevent. This incident should not be allowed to pass unnoticed. It has created a great deal of unfavorable comment about the city. Either the administration is being unskillfully administered. Whatever the trouble, there should be no repetition of such an occurrence.

ANOTHER SCANDAL EXPLODED.

One after another in almost monotonous sequence, the sensations exploited by the federal opposition have collapsed. Yesterday Major Hodgins, whose charges against the Transcontinental Commissioners were taken up so eagerly and dwelt upon at such length by the Conservative press, admitted that he had absolutely no evidence to offer in support of his allegations. He has placed himself in a most unfavorable position, and the opposition which endeavored to make political capital out of his unfounded charges, finds that it has once more been placed in a most ridiculous position. Those famous and widely published interviews so readily given by Major Hodgins appear now to have been the whinnies of a disappointed employee, properly dismissed because of failure to mind his own business.

The developments at Ottawa yesterday can scarcely be regarded as gratifying to the Conservative party. Along with the collapse of the Hodgins bubble comes the victory of Premier Laurier in the Manitoba lists dispute, the Roblin government having been forced into admitting the fairness of the demands made by the premier. Besides having completely backed down, and the only result of the four weeks' obstruction have been a large increase in the cost of parliament, ill-feeling created among many who formerly were favorably disposed towards the Conservatives and the utter discomfiture of the opposition.

SIR PATRICK SPENS.

1. The Sailing.  
The king that sits in Dunfermline town  
Drinking the blude-red wine;  
"O where will I get a skeely ship o' mine?"  
To sail this new ship o' mine?"

Our king has written a braid letter  
And seal'd it with his hand,  
And sent it to Sir Patrick Spens,  
Was walking on the strand,  
"To Norway, to Norway,  
To Norway, to the north;  
The king's daughter o' Norway,  
"Tis thou must bring her home."

The first word that Sir Patrick read  
So loud, loud laugh'd he;  
The next word that Sir Patrick read  
The tear blinded his e'e  
"O wha is this has done this deed  
And tauld the king o' me  
To send us out, at this time o' year  
To sail upon the sea?"

"Be it wind, be it west, be it hail, be it alest,  
Our ship must sail the faem;  
The king's daughter o' Norway,  
"Tis we must fetch her home."

They hoysed their sails on Monday morn  
Wa' a' the speed they may;  
They has landed in Norway  
Upon a Wednesday.

II. The Return.  
"Mak' ready, mak' ready, my merry men a'  
Our gude ship sails the morn;  
"Now ever slack, my master dear,  
I fear a deadly storm."

"I saw the new moon late yestern  
Wa' the sail moon in her arm;  
And if we gang to sea, master,  
"I fear we'll come to harm."

They hadna sail'd a league, a league,  
A league but barely three  
When the lift grew dark and the wind  
blew loud,  
And gurry grew the sea.

The ankens brak, and the topmast lap,  
Tha' latter'd on the faem;  
And many was the gude lord's son  
That never mair cam hame."

"Go fetch a web o' the silken clath,  
Another o' the twine,  
And wrap them into our ship's side,  
And let nae sea come in."

They fetch'd the web o' silken clath,  
Another o' the twine,  
And they wrap'd them round that gude  
ship's side,  
But still the sea cam in.

O laith, laith were our gude Scots lords  
To vet their cork-heel'd shoon  
But lang or a' the play was play'd  
They wat their hats aboon.  
And many was the feather bed  
That latter'd on the faem;  
And many was the gude lord's son  
That never mair cam hame."

And lang, lang may the maidens sit  
Wa' their gude kames in their hair,  
A-waiting for their ain dear love!  
For them they'll see nae mair.

Half-owre, half-owre to Aberdour,  
"Tis fifty fathoms deep;  
And there lies gude Sir Patrick Spens,  
Wa' the Scots lords at his feet."  
Anonimus.

"When I started in business," said Mr. Dustin Stax, reflectively, "I resolved never to tell an untruth."  
"And you kept your word?"  
"Yes. Whenever I had any delicate business of that sort on hand I hired an expert."

"The idea of stopping your machine to flirt with me!" said the pretty little widow at the cross roads. "Why, you missed a mile in the race."  
"Oh, I don't mind that," laughed the handsome young man in the big racing machine. "You know a mile is as good as a mile."

"That may be," she replied, "but I am not a mile; I am a widow."

"We must have purity in politics!" exclaimed the speaker, earnestly.  
"But then, we wouldn't have any politics," remarked an old campaigner, shaking his head disapprovingly.

"Simpkins refuses to have his fat papered," reported the agent of the building.  
"What's the matter now?" inquired the owner.  
"He claims they haven't room enough as it is."

"Confound it!" cried the angry husband, "any old thing appeals to you if it's cheap!"  
His bargain-hunting wife grimly answered:  
"Don't forget," she sarcastically remarked, "that you yourself are one of my characteristic investments."

He—Isn't she a seraph?  
She—Yes, indeed! Just too sweet for anything!  
He (after a pause)—Did you think I said seraph?

Howitt—I have been pinched for money lately.  
Jewiss—Well, women have different ways of getting it. My wife kisses me when she wants any.

"Did you enjoy the social season?"  
"Not personally," replied Mr. Cumrox. "But on looking through my check book I am convinced that it enabled my wife and daughter to forget all my business troubles."

A VOTE FOR BUNG.

Publican—"And how do you like being married, John?"  
John—"Don't like it at all."  
Publican—"Why, what's the matter with you, John?"  
John—"Well, first thing in the morning I get a letter from my wife saying I'm a dunno; when I go out to my dinner it's money again; and at supper it's the same. Nothing but money, money, money!"

Publican—"Well, I never! What do you do with all that money?"  
John—"I dunno. I ain't given her any yet."

PRUSSIAN ELECTIONS.

BERLIN, June 17.—The results of the final elections for the Prussian Diet yesterday make but little change in the composition of the house. A feature of the composition of the house will be the appearance of the Socialists, mentioned in the list of the votes in one of the districts has not yet recorded. The Socialists and possibly seven or eight members of the extreme Conservatives have gained eight seats at the expense of the more Liberal groups. Otherwise the changes are merely in persons. The representatives of most of the parties are expected to welcome the Socialists and their presence is considered likely to calm the agitation for suffrage.

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SUICIDE TOOK NOTES

John Tcherniac Found Dead in Guelph Hotel

Swallowed Repeated Doses of Morphine and Left a Record of His Act and Sensations.

GUELPH, June 16.—Lying dead in bed with his clothes on, John Tcherniac was found in one of the rooms at the Royal Hotel Sunday afternoon. Death was due to morphine, of which he had evidently taken about 30 doses or tablets, using chocolates to drown the taste. Life had been extinct for some six hours or more, according to the examination of Coroner Savage.

The suicide was a most peculiar one, in that the victim had made an attempt to chronicle his condition as long as possible after he had taken the first dose, although his statements were somewhat unintelligible and disjointed. One note says that the drugist told him that fifty tablets was enough to kill a horse, and that "thirty ought to be enough for me; or, if not, he does not know his business. I hope to die."

In another place he states that his only friends are Mr. Black of Acton, with whom he worked; President Greenman, of the Ontario Agricultural College, and Dr. Cox, of Acton, to whom his watch and clothes were to be sent, while among his last notes he adds that he has another friend in the drugist who sold the drug. From the notes it was learned that the first dose was taken at 10.55. The next writing was at 11.15, when more pills were taken, and the victim writes: "Am sweating as though I was pitching hay on a hot July day." At 11.55 five more tablets were taken, and the notes state that the unfortunate was beginning to have difficulty. One minute later another note was made, but it is illegible, except that five more tablets were taken. The last writing was at 12.25, which states: "I have been taken another five tablets. I won't be long now."

A letter was also found from his mother from Canaan, and a couple of applications for work. The deed had evidently been premeditated, as he only had a few cents in his pockets, not enough to pay for the night's lodging. He registered yesterday afternoon.

Tcherniac is known here, having been a student at the Ontario Agricultural College a year or so ago. He was then convicted of a kidnapping, and was confined to a couple of months in the city. He was dismissed from the college, and had been working at Acton with Mr. Black for some time. He came to the College from London, and was known as a remittance man. One of the letters found states that he had been employed in a wood-ensaw factory in the States.

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CAPT. BERNIER WILL GET AFTER DANISH WHALERS

Latter are Fishing in Canadian Waters Without a License.

QUEBEC, June 16.—Capt. Bernier hopes to leave Quebec on his next visit to the Arctic Ocean for the Dominion Government, about the 15th of July, so that it does not look as if the federal authorities intend to lend the steamer Arctic and the services of Captain Bernier to the American Exploration Society, which had asked for them, for a dash to the North Pole.

It seems that there are still a number of whalers, principally Danish, who are fishing in northern Canadian waters without licenses, who are to be overtaken and required to take out licenses or to stop fishing. The whalers are doing quite a trade with the Esquimaux and other natives and are of course paying no duties. The Arctic is to go into dock and be recaulked and repainted in readiness for the trip. The crew is to consist of about 35 men. Capt. Bernier expects to be absent about eighteen or twenty months, but will be provisioned for two years.

A NEW AILMENT.  
Have you heard the story of the Staffordshire doctor who called the other day on an old man suffering from influenza?

"Well, John," he asked, "what's amiss with you?"  
"Well, doctor, I think I've got a touch of the new theology."

"Indeed, what are the symptoms? Tell me how you feel?"  
"Well, it's this—there's a swimming in the head, and you don't know where you are!"

When a woman is young she will wash all the morning and iron all the afternoon to have a clean dress that she will only be able to wear once. As she grows older, she buys clothes that don't need washing.

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