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## The Banks Reaching Out.

It is reported that several Canadian banks will increase their capital by \$5,000,000 in the aggregate. The statement of the chartered banks for October shows an increase in the note circulation of \$7,000,000, compared with October, 1938. Public deposits also increased last month by \$5,000,000, call loans by \$1,500,000, and trade loans \$5,300,000.

The bank statement is an infallible register of commercial conditions, and that of last month, which we have quoted, shows a remarkable expansion in the volume of business throughout the country. An increase in their capital would indicate that the banks set no limits to the growing time, and that they deem it necessary to enlarge their facilities to meet future requirements. An increase of \$5,000,000 in paid-up capital means an increase of \$5,000,000 in the note-issuing power of the banks concerned. It is one of the wise provisions of our banking laws that the note circulation of any bank cannot exceed its unimpaired, paid-up capital. While this permits due elasticity in the currency, it is an effective check on reckless inflation, to which an ill-regulated banking system would be tempted by the present demand for money, caused by industrial activity. The Canadian banks are governed by a sound and cautious policy, and may be trusted to feel their way discreetly.

## A Vigorous Policy.

The Guelph Mercury neatly summarizes the policy laid down by Premier Ross, as follows:

1. Rigid inquiry into corruption at elections.
2. Ascertain the true financial position of the province.
3. Apply the surplus means to develop New Ontario.
4. Open up New Ontario by trunk colonization roads and railways.
5. Make land grants to railways rather than by cash grant. If lands not occupied in certain time will revert to the crown.
6. Increase the population by from 2,000,000 to 5,000,000.
7. Spend \$40,000 or \$50,000 on practical survey of the province north of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Hudson Bay.
8. Develop latent resources of Old Ontario by improved methods in farming, increase the grants to farmers' institutes, county fairs, dairy schools, Agricultural College.
9. Reclaim, by draining, 3,000,000 acres of swamp land.
10. Encourage more cold storage stations.
11. Increase technical schools.
12. Assist Dominion in obtaining quick, cheap transportation to Great Britain.
13. Encourage the manufacture of raw material into finished product in the province.
14. Sturdily maintain provincial rights in face of Dominion or other provinces.

## Worse Than Bullets.

The mortality in South Africa is already great, yet the war has scarcely begun. Even more to be dreaded than the bullets of the enemy are the diseases that infect an army in unhealthy surroundings, or that grow out of inadequate food supplies and lack of sanitary equipments. The terribly fatal nature of army sickness may be surmised from the statistics of the Philippine war. Here is the table as compiled from August last year down to the beginning of the present month:

Killed .....	823
Died of wounds and accidents .....	138
Died of disease .....	612

Total deaths ..... 1,573 || Wounded ..... | 1,758 |
| Captured and missing ..... | 31 |
| Total ..... | 2,923 |

What shall the harvest be in the Transvaal? Already the war has brought death and desolation into many a household. Let us hope that the conflict will be speedily ended, and that all classes and races will soon agree to concede one another equal rights, a fair field and no favor in that portion of the British Empire.

## Enemies of the Rest Day.

There was an interesting discussion with regard to the secularization of the Sabbath at the recent meeting of the Church Congress in England. The most marked address was that given by the Dean of Hereford, who said it was all very well to lament the religious indifference of the working classes, but it was the upper classes who were the worst offenders in breaking the Lord's Day. They had their dinner parties, card-playing and billiards, all on Sunday evening. The new millionaires, he says, are especially addicted to these frivolities, and they have added lawn dinners and golf to the Sunday routine. What this representative English preacher desires to emphasize is the power of example. Those who set the fashion have a great responsibility, for human society is like a child in this respect. Each class is, to a great extent, a copyist of the class just above it. In justice to the nobility let it be said that their conduct has, on the whole, improved in the last 100 years. Much of this is due to the moral influence of a pure court.

When the Kaiser stepped on English soil, the band played "O, Willie, We Have Missed You." Oom Paul thinks of Willie's famous telegram a few years ago, and probably hums the same tune now.

## Thicker Than Water.

The interesting remarks following are from the Chicago Interior: "At last we are acquiring that which it was a shame so long to leave us without, an efficient navy. The demonstration of the rare excellence of our mariners and of their ships has already exerted a powerful influence in the preservation of the peace of the world. From a hostility on the part of Germany which brought us into dangerous proximity to war with them, we now have more friendly relations with that country than ever before. The naval battles at Santiago and at Manila effected the change. As for England, while there is no alliance, expressed or understood, the European powers can see that America could not permit the British to be crushed by a combination—could not afford it—and would go to war to prevent it. This it not because of sentimental considerations, but because of the ruin it would bring to all our industrial interests, and because it would be an open threat against our own national existence. Whatever alliance there may be, it is something that is not the result of diplomacy, but it is in the nature and laws of things—and is therefore manifold stronger than the articles of a treaty."

Emblamed beef would be a far more dangerous enemy to the British than the Boers. The American troops can testify to that.

Within 25 years, since the enactment of the Crooks Act, liquor licenses and commitments for drunkenness have each been cut down one-half. Not a bad showing of progress.

The report that scurvy has broken out among the British prisoners at Pretoria is probably on a par with a good many other scurvy stories alleged to have come from that quarter.

It is a common saying that if an American statesman wants to be forgotten he has only to get elected Vice-President of the United States. Mr. Hobart's death has recalled his name to the public mind. If he had lived he might not have been heard of during his term. A Vice-President is less in the public eye than the humblest Congressman.

The house presented to Dewey by popular subscription may prove a hornet's nest. In deeding it over to the new Mrs. Dewey he has roused the ire of the donors, and his picture has actually been hissed by a Washington audience. But the gallant admiral, to paraphrase the words of Captain Lawrence, never will give up the house. Mrs. Dewey has fixed that.

Some 125,000 tons of structural steel are being shipped from Philadelphia to be used in the erection of steel works on a great scale at Sydney, C. B. It is not possible to purchase this steel in Canada, but trade restrictionists will point to its importation as a detriment to Canada. They rant against the volume of our purchases from the United States, when, as a matter of fact, most of the imports from that country are necessary to our industries.

In Toronto the high school board refuses to amalgamate with the public school board. Mr. E. F. Clarke, a high school trustee, gives as a reason for opposing the union that it would lead to a demand by the Roman Catholics for a separate high school. What is his warrant for such a statement? In London, and, we believe, every city in Ontario, excepting Toronto, the high and public school trustees sit at the same board, and we never heard of friction arising therefrom. Mr. Clarke is not altogether free from bigotry.

There are many Englishmen who still insist that the American admiral John Paul Jones, was a pirate who had no right to be treated according to the laws of war. It is strange that the British brethren can't eliminate the bitterness from their recollections of that terrible thrashing.—New York Mail and Express.

We are not aware that the name of Paul Jones excites any bitterness in the British heart. Why should it? Jones was a Briton by birth, and learned his sea craft in the mother country. He was an adventurer, who sold his services to the highest bidder. Both British and Americans can admire his genius and daring; but it is hard to see how his memory can inspire patriotic sentiments, when he never felt any himself. If Jones had been born an American, and had fought with the British, our neighbors would have classed him with Benedict Arnold.

An English pigeon expert has been giving some interesting information in regard to the supply of birds in South Africa. It seems that the pigeons at Ladysmith, which carried the war messages, belonged to the Durban Pigeon Racing Club, and were brought from England for purposes of sport, though some of the more far-sighted members may have had some idea of the possibility of using them in war. The same authority said that there were 1,000 English pigeons in Johannesburg belonging to a racing pigeon club there, and that if these should fall into the hands of the Boers they might do mischief in the early stages of the war, as they have been trained as far south as Cape Colony. The English Government took early measures to organize pigeon posts, and they have already done signal service.

For twenty years Mrs. A. R. Long has been postmistress at Charlottesville, Va.

Twelve thousand microbes, strung in a line, would make a procession only one inch in length.

## What Others Say.

Sarkasm.  
[Hamilton Herald.]  
London has a boy bargar who robs banks. But as the banks are only little tin savings-banks, the boy may be convicted.

Cured Quickly.  
[London Truth.]  
Callow curate, cyeing, calling, Counting coy Clarissa comes. Consternation, carriage crawling, Captain Cocker! Crier! Crumbs! Churchman, calling, crying, chiding; Coasting cleric cannoning; Crash comes, crew colliding. Checking, cleric's crazed career, Caleb Coker, coleslaw captain, Carelessly Clarissa calls, Coarsely cursing, charging chaplain, Calicet contemptuously "Chawles." Calm Clarissa comes condoning, Censures Caleb's contumely; Curate's crimson cuts consoling, Comforts "Chawles" consumedly, Captain Coker circumvented, Creeps crestfallen, can't compete; Clarissa cheerful, "Chawles" contented, Consummation, cure complete.

## Sir William Dawson.

[Montreal Star.]  
A city has no choicer possession than its great citizens; and, when to greatness is added renown, the jewel has received a polish which shines to the outermost limits of appreciation. Such a possession had Montreal in Sir William Dawson. There were people in the geologic world who probably knew little of our city except that it lay at the base of an extinct volcano and was the residence of the discoverer of the "Eozoon Canadense," the earliest trace of fossil remains found in the earth's crust. Wherever geology was studied, the name of Dawson of McGill was held in high honor; for he was not only one of those who collate the facts literally dug up by working geologists the world over and reconstruct them from a skeleton history of the aging earth, but he was also one of the practical laborers in the field who with hammer and microscope search the stony breast of our ancient mother for the secrets of the past. In both regards his contributions to the stores of scientific knowledge were beyond computing; and, for this, if for no other reason, his name will be recalled by independent and tireless investigators and vigorous thinkers so long as man must peer into the past through spectacles of barely translucent stone.

## Light and Shade.

HALTING SPEECH.  
"Money talks."  
"Well, with me it has always stuttered."—New York Sun.

REGINALD'S SALARY.  
J. Brutus Coldstuff—And what salary do you draw now, Reginald?  
Reginald—Five hundred pounds.  
J. B. C.—Per what year or month?  
Reginald—Per-hape—Tit-Bits.

FRIGHTFUL ALTERNATIVE.  
"George is a nice fellow," mused Arabella, "and looks splendid in his lieutenant's uniform, in spite of the fact that he lost one of his arms in Cuba. And Harry is a nice fellow, too, although he is an agent of one of these hated trusts. It is a hard thing to be compelled to choose between a one-armed man and an octopus."

Cousin Bob—So Arthur proposed last night?  
Maud—Yes.  
Cousin Bob—And did you accept him?  
Maud—I was so awfully excited, I don't know whether I accepted him or not. If he comes tonight I did, and if he doesn't I didn't.—Boston Home Journal.

## POLITICAL POINTS

East Elgin Liberals Renominates Mr. A. D. McIntyre.

Petrolia Conservatives Organize—By Elections May Be Held Next Month.

Aylmer, Nov. 22.—Mr. A. D. McIntyre, of Yarmouth, was yesterday unanimously nominated by the Liberals of East Elgin, who met in convention in the town hall here, to be the candidate of the party for the riding at the coming bye-election. The greatest enthusiasm was displayed, and Mr. McIntyre's election by a good majority is confidently looked forward to. The vacancy is caused by the unseating of C. A. Beveridge, the late Conservative member of the legislature. W. S. Caron, president of the Liberal Association, presided. The candidate thanked the delegates in a neat speech for this expression of their confidence. Speeches were made by H. J. Petty, M.P.P., Dr. Wilson, ex-M.P. for the riding, Dr. Sinclair and J. C. Dancy, M.P.P.

PETROLIA CONSERVATIVES.  
Petrolia, Ont., Nov. 22.—A large gathering assembled last night in the Foresters' Hall, in this town, for the purpose of electing officers for the Conservative Association of this town, which resulted as follows: Geo. Moore, chief, president; J. W. McCutcheon, first vice-president; J. Isbister, second vice-president; F. W. Wilson, secretary; Wm. English, treasurer.

DATES OF BYE-ELECTIONS.  
Toronto, Ont., Nov. 22.—It is understood that the pending bye-elections in South Ontario, South Brant, East and West Elgin will be held on Dec. 12 with nominations on the 5th. This will leave only North Waterloo vacant, and there Mr. Brethaupt has appeared against the judgment unseating him.

## BESANT ON EAST LONDON.

Sir Walter Besant begins in the December Century a series of papers illustrating life in East London, as it is today. His manner of treating the subject is that of the novelist, rather than the historian, for he takes as his point of departure the birth of a typical girl of the East End—"One of Two Millions in East London"—and traces her career to the time of her marriage to a young countryman who has come up to town to make his living as a porter. Liz is a "Board School" girl, and Sir Walter holds that what the average East Londoner learns from books at school he afterwards forgets; but that the civilizing influence of the schools is incalculable, and has marvellously transformed the East End within the past 30 years. No one knows more of the life of the poor girl in London than the author of "All Sorts and Conditions of Men"; and no one is better known as their pictorial interpreter than Phil May, who collaborates with Joseph Pennell in illustrating Sir Walter's article.

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Lot No. 1—50 pieces wide Fancy Flannelette; regular price 8c, for 6c

Lot No. 2—33 pieces heavy 34-inch Flannelette; regular 10c, for 8c

Lot No. 3—20 pieces Fancy Wrapperette, bright new patterns and good solid cloth; regular 10c, for 7½c

Lot No. 4—25 pieces Fancy Wrapperette, in new blue effects, also in handsome Persian designs; goods worth 12½c, till sold 9c

Lot No. 5—17 piece-dark, Wool-Back Plaids; worth 12½c, for 8c

Lot No. 6—3 bales Heavy Factory Cotton; 36-inch, good clean stock, worth 7c a yard, for 5c

Lot No. 7—15 pieces Fine Bleached Cotton; full 36-inch and worth 7½c a yard, for 5c

Lot No. 8—5 dozen Fringed Linen Drapes; 17 inches wide and 1½ yards long, selling for, each 25c

Lot No. 9—Fringed Linen drapes, 2 yards long, 17 inches wide, for 35c

Lot No. 10—5 dozen Hemstitched Lunch Cloths, 34x34, fine linen damask; worth \$1 25 each, for 75c

Lot No. 11—2 dozen only, very handsome Damask Lunch Cloths, 35x35, regular value \$1 40 each, for 95c

Lot No. 12—3 dozen Fine Damask Fringed Lunch Cloths, 33x33; worth \$1 15 each, while they last for 75c

Lot No. 13—3 dozen Fringed Linen Lunch Cloths, 33x33; worth 75c, for 50c

Lot No. 14—3 pieces heavy satin-finished Bleached Table Linen, 68-inch, polka dot pattern, chrysanthemum border; regular value 95c a yard, for 79c

Lot No. 15—5 pieces Unbleached Table Damask, 60-inch; all pure linen and fine satin finish; worth 50c yard, for 38c

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## MARK TWAIN'S DEBUT

How the Famous Fun-Maker Became "A Literary Person," Thirty Years Ago.

Mark Twain's first appearance in an eastern magazine was made over the name of "Mike Swain." How it came about, he explains in the November Century.

In those early days I had already published one little thing ("The Jumping Frog") in an eastern paper, but I did not consider that that counted. In my view, a person who published things in a newspaper could not properly claim recognition as a literary person; he must rise above that; he must appear in a magazine. He would then be a literary person; also, he would be famous—right away. These two ambitions were strong upon me. This was in 1856. I prepared my contribution, and then looked around for the best magazine to go up to glory in. I selected the most important one in New York. The contribution was accepted. I signed it "Mark Twain;" for that name had some currency on the Pacific coast, and it was my idea to spread it all over the world, now, at this one jump. The article appeared in the December number, and I sat up a month waiting for the January number; for that one would contain the year's list of contributors. My name would be in it, and I should be famous and could give the banquet I was meditating.

I did not give the banquet. I had not written the "Mark Twain" distinctly; it was a fresh name to eastern printers, and they put it "Mike Swain" or "MacSwain." I do not remember which. At any rate, I was not celebrated, and I did not give the banquet. I was a literary person, but that was all—a buried one, buried alive.

My article was about the burning of the clipper-ship Hornet on the line, May 3, 1856. There were thirty-one men on board at that time, and I was in Honolulu when the fifteen lean and ghostly survivors arrived there after a voyage of forty-three days in an open boat, through the blazing tropics, on ten days' rations of food. A very remarkable trip; but it was conducted by a captain who was a remarkable

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man, otherwise there would have been no survivors. He was a New-Englander of the best sea-going stock of the old capable times—Captain Josiah Mitchell.

I was in the island to write letters for the weekly edition of the Sacramento Union, a rich and influential daily journal which hadn't any use for them, but could afford to spend twenty dollars a week for nothing. The proprietors were lovable and well-beloved men; long ago dead, no doubt, but in me there is at least one person who still holds them in grateful remembrance; for I deeply wanted to see the islands, and they listened to me and gave me the opportunity when there was but slender likelihood that it could profit them in any way.

I had been in the islands several months when the survivors arrived. I was laid up in my room at the time, and unable to walk. Here was a great

occasion to serve my journal, and I not able to take advantage of it. Necessarily I was in deep trouble. But by good luck his Excellency Anson Burlingame was there at the time, on his way to take up his post in China, where he did such good work for the United States. He came and put me on a stretcher and carried me to the hospital where the shipwrecked men were, and I never needed to ask a question. He attended to all of that himself, and I had nothing to do but make the notes. It was like him to take that trouble. He was a great man and a great American, but it was in his fine nature to come down from his high office and do a friendly turn whenever he could.

Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has done it will do again.