

COMMENT ON CURRENT EVENTS

By CARL LINCOLN

It makes one feel as though his father had been convicted for chicken stealing to read of "grafting" in England. If a little boodling and grafting go on in this country we call those responsible for it "a bawling brood of corruptionists and blacklegs," or some other equally polite name, and vote against them at the next election. In the States the details of public "steals" are dished up for the delectation of the readers of ten-cent magazines. It makes mighty good copy, without any danger of libel suits. The matter ends there. Boodling in England! What next? Our preachers have held up the "way things are done in England" as the model for this colony; our editors have referred to public honor in England as though it were the only brand worth having. On the top of all this comes the intelligence that the director of army supplies sold the surplus stores after the war to contractors at greatly reduced prices, and that the contractors re-sold them to the government at figures far in advance of what they paid for them. There is, however, a great difference between here and there. The instant the charges were laid they were investigated. The findings were reported to Parliament by the committee. It will not take long for John Bull to decide what to do with the guilty parties. He will save his sympathy until the felons are in jail. That is why British politics are in the main clean.

Col. John Hay, Secretary of State under the McKinley and Roosevelt administrations, is dead. In his passing United States has lost one of her most distinguished sons. He was a writer of considerable ability; a statesman of unimpeachable integrity and extraordinary talent; a diplomat possessing a perfect genius for dealing with the intricate problems arising from international relations. He was a man of peace. He held the esteem and good-will of foreign powers. He ranked as one of the three greatest living Americans. Another will take his seat in the Cabinet; no one will fill his place. Such a man happens but once in an age.

The expected has happened in Russia. The rebellion has broken out. This time the autocracy has to reckon not with ignorant workmen armed only with petitions, but with frenzied sailors who have been schooled in the art of using arms, and who have them to use. They will not be so easily repulsed as were the striking workmen. It is improbable that they will achieve much more than they, however, because their movement is unorganized. It would seem as though this were the beginning of a new day in Russia. In different parts of the country the downtrodden will be encouraged to rise in rebellion. If they do, the end of Czarism is not far distant. All that is needed to-day is a man who holds the confidence of the people, and who has the genius for affairs. Such an one could, in but a few months, make Russia the scene of as bloody and fearful a revolution as that which stirred the world a hundred years ago, and which resulted in the freeing of France from the tyranny of a degenerate monarchy. Bloodshed is sure to come; rebellion and lawlessness will characterize the efforts of those who are intent upon gaining their freedom. May the men who lead in the great movement be large enough to lead their fellows to the fullest and purest liberty!

I had a dream—a day dream—the other day. I had been witnessing the exploits of our baseball team—when fancy came and disclosed to my view a scene of exceeding interest. I will try and describe what I saw as nearly as I can. A large plot of ground, several acres in extent, was enclosed by a high board fence. On one side was a large grand stand, in front of which was a baseball diamond. The seats on the stand were rough but comfortable. A large roof protected those occupying them from the sun. On the opposite side were tennis courts and a large bowling green. A large, closed rink occupied another corner. My guide led me through the latter building. There was room for two large curling rinks, and in the centre space for a hockey rink. The whole was arranged so that it could, when necessary, be used for skating. At the front end was a series of rooms. One used as a general waiting room, and a couple of others, nicely furnished, served as club rooms for the various athletic associations. Above stairs was a reading

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BASEBALL.

Dutton Wins and Loses

The locals played two games with the London Greys on Monday, being almost shut out in the morning, but winning the afternoon game in a close and exciting finish. Hamilton was in the box in the morning and although he was hit pretty freely, the 16 runs made by the visitors were to a great extent due to imperfect support in the field. When the Greys pounded out 8 runs in the first three innings the locals lost heart and saw they were leading a forlorn hope. Shaddock scored in the eighth and saved them from being kalsomined. The score:

Greys.....3 3 2 0 1 3 0 2 2—16
Dutton.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—1

The afternoon game just suited the fans. The noise from a boiler factory was a gentle whisper in comparison with the din made by the bleachers. But it was only the natural outburst after the reverse in the morning. Jimmy was in the box, and although the Greys are good at the stick they simply couldn't find the ball—or, at least, made only baby taps. Had it not been for the unfortunate error at first the visitors would have been shut out, for they were never in the game. The Greys did not score until the eighth when McCallum muffed on first, after one man was out. A good hit followed by a couple more costly errors and the visitors made three runs, tying the score. It was then the fans really broke loose. The Greys failed to score in the ninth, and when Duncanson crossed the plate for the locals the day was won. He was followed by Peacock. The score:

Greys.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0—3
Dutton.....0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 2—5

Dutton was short McAlpine and Leitch. Shaddock caught both games and deserved the congratulations he received. Bodman and March umpired satisfactorily.

NOTES.

The Greys are snappy fielders and can give the boys cards and spades in running bases. But they are tricky and it would take four umpires to watch them.

West Lorne defeated the Typos in two games on Monday and as a result have found it necessary to increase the dimensions of their hats. The juniors likewise defeated Dutton juniors.

In the Greys the boys were up against the strongest aggregation that has visited Dutton this season and we couldn't expect to win both games.

The Banner's Report of the Game at Chatham.

Dutton sports sauntered over to Tecumseh park yesterday flush with rolls of the good stuff and large quantities of hot air. They departed just as the little lumps of Chatham good stuff and more hot air. They felt so big over their victory that a small town like Chatham was hardly big enough to hold them.

Six to one is the mournful tune to which Dutton put it all over the local bunch. There seemed to be no let up to the scoring. The fault for the greater part, lay in Chatham's work at the bat. No one seemed to be able to connect with the terrible Duncanson collection of delusive benders. Duncanson is not such a wonder after all if he was once got wise to, but he certainly had the Chatham bunch queered for fair. He has steam in plenty, and his arm never seemed to give out. For the first half dozen innings Chatham never smelt a home.

Little Belepereche, who pitched for the locals, put up a spirited one, but some how the other fellows managed to connect, and much of his fancy delivery was for naught.

There were some brilliant plays throughout the game, and a number of errors chalked up to each team.

From the drop of the bat it was pretty much a pitcher's battle, but Duncanson was too much for the locals. Chatham's solitary run was scored by John Cartier, who, on his rounds over the sacks, acquitted himself most gracefully.

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DUNWICH WEST.

Miss F. E. Newton left for her home at London on Saturday, after a three years' term of teaching with us. We regret to lose her services in the school as well as in the different organizations in the church. On Wednesday evening, as a small token of regard, she was presented with a beautiful silver fruit dish and a gold watch chain. On Friday afternoon on the school lawn the people of the community were entertained with an excellent program by the pupils, after which refreshments were served.

CRINAN.

Mr. and Master Ross Buskard, of London, and Miss Norma Smith, of Petrolia, are visiting at "The Gore."

Mrs. and Miss Flossie and Bella McMillan, of Cleveland, are spending a few weeks at Dugald McMillan's.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stewartson, of London, visited friends in this vicinity over Sunday.

Miss Tena McCallum is home from Owen Sound and Miss Grace B. McMillan from Windsor, for the holidays.

A shipment of cheese was made from the Crinan cheese factory, realizing 9 cts. per lb.

Mrs. and Master Jimmie McMurchy and Miss Anna McLean, Delhi, Minnesota, are spending the summer with the latter's father, W. H. McLean.

Rev. J. Munroe, who has been visiting friends here lately, returned to Gladstone, Man., last week.

Misses Tina and Kate Campbell are home from Calumet, Michigan, for the summer.

Mrs. Charles Young and family, of Chicago, are visiting with the former's sister, Mrs. A. McLean, at 355 St. James St. Rev. D. Kelso, of Walkerton, occupied the pulpit of Argyle church last Sabbath.

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Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Dress Skirts, reg. 4.00 and 5.00. SALE	2 50
Ladies' Cravenette Rain Coats, in fawn and grey, reg. price was \$8.50 and \$10.00. SALE PRICE.....	3 00
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