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WEALTH AND LEADERSHIP

The men who are absorbed in the practical activities in this age of commerce and industry, and particularly those who are foremost in these activities, must always acquire an ascendancy, as great warriors did in a military age. Indeed, the ascendancy and power of a man like the late J. Pierpont Morgan rested upon qualities similar to those by which Clovis and William the Conqueror obtained distinction. The capitalist was a great organizer and so was the conqueror, and it was chiefly through this power of organization that they became great.

For better or for worse the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few is inevitable in any society that has vast mobile wealth subject to competition. In so far as concentration of wealth means that wealth is in the hands of those who know best how to use it, it is a good thing. We are all eager to entrust our property to those who will make it profitable to us, and society, under a system that can be devised will no doubt do the same. That all men are born "free and equal" is a fiction of politicians. The truth is that equality of power or influence, in any sphere of life, is inconsistent with the free working of human forces, which is ever creating differences, and some of these differences at least are useful to society.

It is true, too, that the ascendancy of the rich man depends, in part at least, upon service. That is to say, the great work of the last decade has been the extension and reconstruction of industry; in this work leadership and organization have been needed on a great scale. The men who performed that function secured the power. They performed it with energy and imagination. Of course, a large part of the accumulation of wealth has been accomplished by methods more akin to piracy than to social service. Modern industry offers a greater field for service than the world has seen formerly, but it offers a still wider field to the freebooter and he has not been diffident about exploiting it.

It is a common opinion that the sway of riches over the mind is more general today than at any previous time. It is doubtful if that is true. The finest minds, have for the most part not cared for riches, or not cared enough to go out of their way to seek, preferring to live on bare necessity than to pass their lives in a scramble. Thoreau, among others, proved that a man may have the culture, which is the finer product of wealth, while remaining individually poor, and the spiritual leaders of the world have always regarded wealth as inconsistent with their aims. The advice to "provide neither gold nor silver, nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your journey," has never been far from the inner life of the race. Never before was there so large a class of people, who, having wealth, feel that it is a doubtful blessing especially in relation to the nurture of children. Many a man is hard put to, to give his children the advantages of forced industry and frugality which he himself enjoyed and which are essential to worthy achievement. Andrew Carnegie has stated many times that accumulated riches are generally bad for children and often for society. Men will continue to think to the end, whether rich or poor, that a straightened spirit, and not a straitened purse, is the real evil.

THE SALE OF CIGARETTES

An increase of 200,000,000 in the consumption of cigarettes in Canada during the past year is a discouraging fact, especially as it is well known that many children help to swell the total. The twinkle of those electric signs unfortunately appear to have more effect than the well-meant efforts of those fighting this growing evil.—Hamilton Herald.

Cigarettes are peculiarly objectionable for immature persons—not because tobacco in that form is more noxious than in any other, but because cigarettes are so handy that a smoking habit thrives on them more rapidly than on a pipe or a cigar, and almost always the smoke is inhaled.

For several years there has been in Canada a very busy anti-cigarette propaganda, which has produced considerable legislation. The sale of cigarettes to minors is strictly forbidden, but it is not uncommon to see boys in this city under twelve years of age, smoking them. An examination of the statute books would probably indicate that important headway had been made in legislation intended to reduce the use of tobacco in this form, but, in fact, one reason for the recent boom in tobacco sales was found in the enormously increased consumption of cigarettes.

In the United States in 1910 less than 8,000,000,000 cigarettes were sold. During the next year the number rose to more than 9,000,000,000. In 1912 the sales amounted to 12,000,000,000, and for 1913 it is estimated that the output will exceed 15,000,000,000.

Every boy who smokes cigarettes should be spanked into total abstinence; but the law prohibiting sales to minors

should also be more strictly enforced.

Boys seen smoking cigarettes should be taken by the police and forced to tell where they got them, and swift punishment should be meted out to the dealer who made the sale.

ANOTHER MOOSE IN TOWN

St. John is gaining additional reputation every day as a summer resort of unique character, and as the centre of a fine hunting country. This morning Captain John McMillin found a moose in his garden, and it was a three-year old at that. Nowhere else in the world does the citizen have a moose drop into breakfast with him. On many occasions moose have been seen in the early hours of the morning running through streets on the outskirts, and more than once one of these forest monarchs has passed through the centre of the city.

The park authorities have wisely declined to accept the moose for Rockwood, as they have no proper place there in which to keep it. A moose is a danger and to confine such an animal in a small space is wrong. This brings up the subject of the growing menagerie in the park. If bears, wolves, foxes, wild-cats and other animals, are to be kept there, it will be necessary to make enlarged provision for them, and to take measures to prevent idle and ignorant folk, young and old, from teasing or abusing them. So magnificent a park at the city's door is an asset of incalculable value, and the gentlemen who have cared for and improved the property should have the most considerate support from the public at large.

St. John calls this a hot wave, but in most of the big cities of this continent today the people would regard our temperature and our breeze as life-savers.

The Toronto oarsmen were unfortunate enough to meet Leader in the first heat at Henley, and it was all day with Toronto. Toronto sportsmen are plucky; and this country admires their persistence. That is the right spirit. Some day we shall be able to send over a crew that will be good enough to win. Toronto is doing the right thing by keeping on trying.

WEeping ROGUE TRICKS UNDERTAKERS

Boston Funeral Directors Swindled by Young Man Who Wanted "Brother" Buried

Boston, July 2.—Undertakers have been warned against a young man who may call with tears in his eyes and ask them to bring the body of his "dear brother" from Montpelier, Vt., and prepare it for burial. The young man is a fraud and always has in his possession an unlimited number of worthless checks.

A few undertakers have been "stung" by the fraud and the police are eager to prevent the "bereaved one" from getting any more easy money from embalmers. The police will not disclose the names of the undertakers that have been deceived, nor even admit that any such larcenies have been committed. However, the secret manifolds of yesterday contained considerable information about the man who has been defrauding funeral undertakers and directed the patrolmen to make the warning widespread. The man operates under the name of Wilson and Watson. He is between 30 and 35 years old, 5 ft. 8 in. in height, weighs 180 pounds, has dark complexion and hollow cheeks, and sometimes wears glasses. His method is to enter an undertaking establishment with his glasses in his hand, wiping tears from his eyes with his handkerchief.

This is the cue for the undertaker to take sympathy with the family. "Well, what can I do for you my good man?" Then the weeping one tells how "his brother" has died up among the green hills of Vermont, and it is the wish of the family that his body be prepared for burial and brought here for burial at Mt. Hope. If the undertaker will procure the deed to the grave and have arrangements completed for interment by the time the body arrives. Then comes the "touching" part. The bereaved brother has a check written which is in excess of the amount the undertaker charges and the undertaker returns the balance in cash and begins preparation for bringing the body from Montpelier.

Communication with a Montpelier undertaker has followed and speedily word has been flashed back that no such death has been reported there. A day or so later when the undertaker tries to put the check through he discovers that it is not genuine.

Bermuda Men Win
Hamilton, Bermuda, July 2.—The University of Pennsylvania cricketers lost their first match against the Bermuda garrison eleven by something more than one wicket. The match began yesterday and the Bermuda team scored 141 in the first innings. The visitors were able to tally only thirty-eight today. The garrison players scored 141 in the first innings and 86 in the second innings today for nine wickets.

The Pennsylvania team will play the Hamilton cricket club eleven tomorrow.

A three-wheeled cab, invented by a London cabman half a century ago, still is in use, and it is said that it never has been overturned.

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

THURSDAY, JULY 3
Richard Bedford Bennett, Conservative M. P. for Calgary, is forty-three years of age today. He was born at Hopewell, N. B., and is now one of the leaders of the Alberta bar. He first entered the assembly of the North West Territories in 1898, and prior to his election to parliament sat in the Alberta legislature, of which he was offered the Conservative leadership in 1910.

LIGHTER VEIN

AN ADVANTAGE
"Well, there's one advantage in a losing ball team."

"What's that?"

"After a while a man gets used to it and quits taking it out on his wife when the home team drops one."

WHY NOT SAY SOMETHING TO THE BOSS?
"Why don't you take a wife, old chap?"

"O, I don't know."

"You must have a reason."

"Well, the fact is, I couldn't afford a 1918 wife on my 1902 salary."—Washington Herald.

A SURE SIGN
"Daughter and her beau must have had a terrible quarrel!"

"Why so, ma?"

"Five pounds of candy, a bunch of roses, and two machine tickets have just arrived."—Judge.

PATIENT
Binks—Could you lend me \$1 until Saturday?

Jinks—I'm busted—won't have a cent myself until Saturday.

Binks—Would you lend it to me then?

Kansas City Star.

SLIGHT MISTAKE
She—Give me a banana, please, but I don't like the look of that little one.

Shopman—That ain't a banana, miss, that's my thumb.—London Mail.

ONE BLAMED THING AFTER ANOTHER
"Optimistic persons may now take a chance on letting their furnace fires go out," remarks the paragrapher in the Boston Globe. After all, it's but a step from furnace fires to pilgrimages from sunstroke and the frying of eggs on the pavements.—Rochester Courier.

EVERY MAN SHOULD KEEP CASH ACCOUNT
"He must have a lot of friends."

"Why?"

"I loaned him \$5 the other day and just a little while ago he came in and tried to pay me \$10."

"I don't see how that proves anything."

"He explained when I told him that he owed me only \$5 that he had made several touches on the day I loaned him money, and he thought I was one of those who lend for \$10."—Detroit Free Press.

Bananas consumed in the British Isles during January and February reached nearly 1,000,000 bunches, or about 50 per cent. greater than two years ago. Most hens are past their usefulness as layers in two years, but this does not mean that all must be sent to the market. A few should be kept for raising chickens.

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CANADIAN NORTHERN MAY BE PURCHASED BY THE GOVERNMENT

Ottawa, July 2.—The acquisition of the Canadian Northern system, main line and branches, in every province of Canada by the Dominion government will be considered at a conference in Ottawa late in the summer or early in the autumn.

A conference of provincial representatives has already been arranged for. It was originally intended that the chief matter to be considered was that of federal representation and dominion aid. However, an intimation has been received of an informal character from some of the provincial governments and from British financial interests asking that the question of taking over the Canadian Northern companies and completing the system from coast to coast should also be dealt with.

Premier Borden has more than once expressed himself in favor of government control of public utilities. It was one of the planks of his Halifax platform. Other members of the federal government also have expressed themselves in sympathy with this view.

It has been frankly admitted by parties in the confidence of the government and the railway that the \$15,000,000 grant given last session by the federal government will by no means be the final measure of aid necessary to carry the Canadian Northern project to completion as a transcontinental system.

When the question of control and operation comes to be considered at the conference, it will be suggested that the combination of federal and provincial lines will require control by commission, or other form of management in which the provinces and their interests will be represented by men of their own selection. A joint board is not unlikely to be the result.

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MORNING LOCALS
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Jack Hipwell and Herbert Deverber of this city, students at U. N. B., will assist Professor Miller, dean of the U. N. B. forestry school, in his work this summer.

A young American attempted a bold piece of fraud yesterday in the saloon of Philip M. O'Neill, Mill street. He claimed that he had paid the clerk a ten dollar bill when in reality he had handed him merely a one dollar note. The trick was laid bare when the till was

opened in the presence of a policeman and no ten dollar bill was in evidence. Prompt ejection followed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Melrose received two letters from their son yesterday. Great anxiety had been felt as it was thought he had been with a party of surveyors some of whom were reported lost recently, but according to the letters received he had not gone to that vicinity. A telegram from the Public Works department also confirmed this opinion.

The eastern Canadian section of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board met yesterday afternoon in their rooms, Globe building, Prince William street. Rev. J. W. Spurgeon, of Fredericton, presided and Rev. E. C. Corey, missionary for India, was present. A resolution of condolence at the death of Rev. Dr. Joseph McLeod was adopted.

William Scovill of this city was a passenger on the Bellaventure which steamed from Halifax early Tuesday morning for Hudson's Bay. Mr. Scovill will be employed as time keeper on the construction work at Port Nelson, and he expects to remain in the far north until the Hudson's Bay Railway is completed.

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