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THE GREATEST KING.

In estimating the proper value of character of any person or event, the perspective of things must be considered as a most important factor. At close range we are liable to receive a distorted or imperfect impression which prevents the proper realization of true worth. For this reason it is altogether probable that Edward VII. is looked upon by us as a very capable man in his way, but nothing out of the ordinary, while in years to come he will be regarded as the greatest of British monarchs. We scarcely appreciate the magnificent work our sovereign is accomplishing, and are rather inclined to think of him merely as a diplomatic mouthpiece for a council of eminent statesmen.

Yet there has never been a king in British history who has accomplished so much in so short a time. In the roll of fame a few names stand out prominently, some of them attaining their positions because of wholly undesirable traits, others winning glory through the accomplishment of important reforms or other virtues. We have had kings who improved social conditions and others who personally conducted military campaigns; queens who have won notoriety or renown by accepting the advice of astute counsellors. But there has never previously been a monarch who on his own initiative has arranged and carried out such great diplomatic changes as has King Edward. We look away back to the time of Alfred—surrounded by the Great—and his struggles with the Danes. If Edward had been on the throne about that time the job would have been finished years earlier, and the Danes paying for the privilege of not bothering England. Several kings found difficulties in Scotland. Edward in six weeks would have concluded a commercial treaty with the border clans and established a system of customs collections. There is nothing in the history of the past, which can compare with the accomplishments of the present, though as a rule we are too familiar with great events to properly classify them. France, in years gone by was subdued by force of arms; Germany today is driven into a corner by peaceful diplomacy.

The halo of victory is on King Edward's head, but we do not notice it, because the color is the white of peace instead of the blood red tint of war. The present sovereign on assuming the crown found Britain isolated; jeered at by almost every other civilized nation; practically friendless, and in a somewhat serious position. In half a dozen years how conditions have changed! Today the friendship of Britain is sought on all sides; alliances, offensive and defensive, commercial treaties and other diplomatic understandings have been arranged with the majority of the nations and the web has been so closely woven that worldwide peace is no longer a dream.

MORE SLAUGHTER.

Only once in the history of America has the number of casualties in railroad accidents in three months exceeded the total for the last quarter of the year 1906. The bulletin issued for that period by the Interstate Commerce Commission has very much the appearance of the report of a battle, so great is the list of killed and injured in railroad wrecks. During those three months the total number of collisions and derailments was 3,965, of which 501 affected passenger trains. The number of passengers and employees killed was 474, an increase of 307 over the number reported for the quarter immediately preceding. Of the total, 189 were passengers, the largest list on record for any quarter excepting that ending September, 1904. The total number of casualties to passengers and employees on duty in the quarter was 20,944, an increase of 1,944 over the preceding quarter. Damages to cars, engines, and roadway resulting from these accidents aggregated \$3,099,223. The number of employees killed in coupling and uncoupling cars was 84 against 81 the preceding quarter. The report concludes: "There is a startling significance in the compilation of causes of forty noteworthy train accidents. In twenty-one the cause was traced directly to carelessness, error of judgment or negligence by railroad employees. In a surprisingly large number of cases the men responsible for these lapses were either new to their duties or had been working for a continued period until they were presumably too exhausted to efficiently perform their work."

THE LABORERS ARE FEW.

Never in the history of the association, said the secretary of the Associated Charities yesterday, has there been such a demand for help as at the present time. Men and women, boys and girls are all sought, and cannot be found. Merchants, manufacturers and householders want help, and find that it is practically impossible to keep up

the full complement. In St. John there is no reason why any person should be without work; the demand was never so great, wages were never so high, and servants never so scarce.

What is true of St. John is equally true of all Canada, and it is interesting to note that representatives of employment agencies are now scouring this city endeavoring to engage men for contracts in Upper Canada or in the West.

TRY SOMETHING ELSE.

St. John is not to have an exhibition this year. Very well. The men who reached this decision are all deeply interested in the city's prosperity and their verdict will be generally accepted as a wise one. But if there is to be no exhibition, why not something else? An old home week, a horse show, or a summer carnival are all good enough; they will draw the crowds, will provide amusement for citizens, and will give an impetus to business. Since the exhibition is impracticable try something different, and let everyone boost it along. The suggestion that a citizens' meeting be called is a good one, and the sooner this is done, the better.

The new hotel at Chatham is to be called "Touraine." Judging from weather reports from this bustling North Shore town "To-snow" would be more appropriate.

LONGING FOR THE OPEN.

I am longing for the hillsides and the pastures wide and green,
Where the blossoms of wild berries are beginning to be seen;
I am longing to be straying where the sod is newly turned,
Where the lambs are blithely getting meals that they have never earned;
I am longing for the orchards with their blossoms sweet and phlegm,
I am longing for the open, where there stroll around and think.

I am longing for the open, where there are no whirling wheels,
Where the speckled hen is clucking as she searches for her meals;
Where the long-legged coals are playing while their mothers pull the plow,
Where the farmer waxes the offspring of the faithful brindle cow,
Where the toilers work till sunset, having started at the dawn;
I am longing to be out there, merely as a looker-on.

I am longing for the freedom that the farmer's boy enjoys,
Far from where the coming ticker mocks the hopes which it destroys,
Far from all the angry rabble, far from smoke and clanging gongs,
Where no agitators bellow, maligning people's wrongs—
Oh, I long to be there, caring little how the world is run,
Calmly watching other people do the work that must be done.
—B. S. Kiser.

NO CHICKEN.

Lloyd Griscom, the new Ambassador to Italy, described a dinner in Washington a diplomatic game of baseball in Brazil.

"An Englishman," he said, in the course of this description, "caught for his side, though the poor fellow was strange to the catcher's box. The Englishman grew confused in the second inning, missed a ball, and it struck him on the nose, killing him over."

"What was it?" he said feebly, as he came to.

"A foul—only a foul," said the umpire.

"Man alive," said the Englishman, "I thought it was a mule."

GAS SHUT OFF.

Miss Corliss Bawson, the champion woman high jumper, is very fond of chow at tea at Vasser the other day she repeated a quaint child saying.

"I was walking in Gloucester one morning with a little girl," she began, "and looking over my shoulder, I saw the moon—large and round and pale, as it is often seen—in the bright blue sky."

"Oh, look at the moon," said I. "The moon in the morning!"

"The little girl looked at it and frowned."

"Yes, that is the moon," she said. "Tain't lighted, though."

KEEP IT UP.

An elderly and most respectable looking man was recently brought before a magistrate, says The London Telegraph, charged with unbecoming and hilarious conduct.

When he was asked what he had to say for himself, he mumbled something about "doing as the Romans do."

"Very good," returned the magistrate. "Continue to do as the Romans do. Pay seven shillings and sixpence."

SHOULD HAVE SOME CHANCE.

"Enrico, do you know that for some time you have talked in your sleep?"

"Well, what of that? Won't you let me talk even in my sleep?"

—THE WHOLE PARTY.

The composer Rosini was a great eater. He went one day to a restaurant and ordered a dinner for three. After a while the waiter said: "The dinner is on the fire, when the people come it is ready."

"Very well," said Rosini, "serve it. I am the people."

NOT LIKE THE EXPRESS.

Upton Sinclair during a recent reunion of Columbian men said that he thought athletics too often exerted a harmful influence on undergraduates.

"When I was in Chicago," Mr. Sinclair said, "making notes for The Jungle, I knew an old lodging-house keeper and one night the old man said to be suspiciously:

"Do you know I don't believe that there student who has taken by fourth floor back, is a student at all."

"Why not?" said I.

"He studies too much," said the old man."

MYSTIC SHRINE NOBLES IN IMPERIAL COUNCIL

Great Throng, in Picturesque Red Fez, Congregate for Los Angeles Session.

Parades, Arabian Patrols, Daylight Fire-works and Banquets Supply Entertainment.

LOS ANGELES, May 6.—Hundreds of red-fezzed nobles of the Mystic Shrine, accompanied by their wives and families, with bands playing and banners flying, have poured into the city during the last twenty-four hours from every state in the Union, from Canada and across the Mexican border, for the annual session of the imperial council. The visitors have received the heartiest kind of welcome. From every place of business and from many private residences and arches float the national colors, interspersed with the emblems of the shrines.

Today the visitors were taken on an excursion to Avalon, Catalina Island, to attend the opening of the mid-summer carnival. The programme of business and entertainment for the remainder of the week is as follows:

Tuesday—Morning, the Imperial Council will begin its sessions at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Afternoon, typical California banquet; excursion to Pasadena. In the evening there will be a grand parade, Arab patrols and Shrines acting as escort.

Wednesday—Business session; automobile and trolley-ride; exhibition drill by all Arab patrols in Asot Park; exhibition of Japanese daylight fireworks. Evening, second grand parade.

Thursday—Special excursion for all Arab patrols to Avalon. Evening, third and last parade.

Friday—La Fiesta de los Flores; miles of decorated coaches, carriages, automobiles, equestrians and bicycles. Evening, Grand Shrine ball at "Al Malabak," new auditorium.

Saturday—Grand Spanish baroque and bull-head breakfast at San Gabriel to 10,000 visitors. Cowboys from the ranges of Arizona, New Mexico and California will give a true western exhibition of steer-roping.

BOTH SIDES LOSING MONEY THROUGH LONGSHORE STRIKE

NEW YORK, May 8.—The contest between wise steamship companies and the striking longshoremen, which followed the refusal of the former to accept a wage increase of approximately 33-1-3 per cent. continued today to the disadvantage of both parties. The men remain idle, the steamship people are obliged to sail with partial cargoes to their monetary loss.

The only persons receiving direct and immediate benefit from the situation are the crews of the vessels, who have been pressed into double service and are receiving the wages of stevedores in addition to their regular pay as ship employees. But with the services of the crew and such other help as could be picked up, the work progressed slowly and much freight was necessarily refused.

THE BRIDGE WAS OPEN.

William E. Bowman, of Bowman & Cole, had an experience last night which has aroused his indignation. He started to drive to Belyea's Point, and all went well until he reached the Nerepis bridge. He discovered that the draw was open and that the handle used to turn the crank was missing. Mr. Bowman was obliged to wait on the open bridge until midnight when the draw was closed.

Mr. Bowman states that James Kennedy a lumber operator had come to the bridge early in the evening with a number of scows to take up the Nerepis. He opened the draw and carried the key off with him.

Mr. Bowman was not the only one put to inconvenience. L. A. Curry, K. C., was on the other side of the draw and he had to engage a boat and be rowed across to the Westfield side.

HAD TO LEAVE SOMEONE FREE.

In a small town in Pennsylvania are two brothers who are engaged in the retail coal business. A noted evangelist visited the town and the elder brother was converted.

For weeks after his conversion he endeavored to persuade his brother to join the church. One day he said to him:

"Why can't you, Richard join the church as I did?"

"It's all right for you to be a member of the church," replied Richard, "but if I joined who's going to weigh the coal?"

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CUMMINGS COVE, Deer Island, May 8.—Seventeen hogsheads of herring were taken out of a Union weir at Leonardville, yesterday, and sold to the Globe Packing Co. of North Lubec, Me. The boatmen paid the union price, \$8 a hogshead. These were the first fish sold to a Maine packer, at the union price. It is understood that the Globe Packing Co., has a connection with Maine Packers' Union.

Herring are reported more plentiful and the fishermen are looking forward to good catches, when the factories open for the season. The lobster fishermen are doing better lately, and line fish are becoming more plentiful.

The young people of the Methodist Society, at Cummings Cove, will give an entertainment on Monday, May 13th, at a cream sale in Moss Rose hall, May 18th.

MINISTERS SCARCE.

Rev. Dr. W. E. McIntyre returned yesterday from Charlotte Co., where he has been engaged in work connected with the United Baptist church Mission board.

The board wrote to divinity colleges in England and the United States for young ministers to come here and supply pulpits. Answers have been received from Rochester and several other United States colleges and a number of preachers are expected here in June.

Dr. McIntyre states that there are at least twenty parishes in New Brunswick without pastors, and there still seems to be no prospect of increasing the number of ordained preachers.

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MARRIAGES.

DONNELLY-CHASE—At 263 Union street by Rev. Howard Sprague on May 7, William Francis Donnelly, of St. John and Elizabeth Chase, of Fredericton.

BIRTHS.

OBORNE—In Toronto, May 8th, the wife of Jas. Osborne, general superintendent of the C. P. R., of a son still born.

DEATHS.

OBORNE—May 8th, died in Toronto early this morning, Alice Maud Barrie, beloved wife of Hazen Hughes and second daughter of L. D. Ferris, leaving a sorrowing young husband, father, mother, two sisters and one brother, to mourn their loss. Funeral Friday afternoon at the Methodist cemetery, Youngs Cove.

JOHNSON—In this city on the 8th inst., Murray M., youngest son of John and Violet Johnson, in the second year of his age.

Funeral from his parents' residence, 71 Summer street on Saturday at 2:30 o'clock. At rest in Jesus.

Thursday, May 9, 1907.

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SHE APPEARED SO.

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If these corpuscles are allowed to run out of the vessel at the rate of 1,000 per second it will require seventeen quintillions (17,000,000,000,000,000,000) of years to empty it.

Such a computation seems almost like tritling with science, indeed, apparently tritling with the human intellect; but it is with these subtle theories that our physicists are wrestling, delving into the innermost chamber of the infinitely minute, to build for us, upon the most stable foundation, the microcosm of a universe.—Scientific American.

St. John County Rifle Association will hold their annual meeting this evening at the 62nd headquarters at 8 o'clock.

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AGE BRINGS WISDOM.

Wilhelm—Well, old man, I haven't seen you for an age. And how do you find matrimony suits you?

Johann (sighing)—It's an expensive joy; if I had only known what I had to pay in milliners' bills—

Wilhelm—You would have remained single, eh?

Johann—No; I would have married the milliner.

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