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IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN

The things that "might have been," but for some moment of fatal irresolution or some trivial incident which changed the course of events, have been the subject of melancholy reflection by poets and philosophers whose name is legion. Even those who have no pronounced taste for literature will be familiar, through the widely published advertisements of somebody's fruit salts, with Whittier's poem: "It Might Have Been" dealing with a nearly accomplished romance, and most people have heard of the critic who remarked that the whole history of the world would have been different if Queen Cleopatra's nose had been but a fraction of an inch shorter or longer than it was. More recently, the inimitable Mr. Dooley has told us how different "the history books" would have been, but for the man who invented suspenders. We know of no man in Calgary at the present time who might more profitably devote his leisure hours to such reflections than John Gravity Watson, until recently a member of the city council. Mr. Watson it was who made the charge that thousands of dollars of the citizen's money were being wasted by incompetent or negligent officials. Mr. Watson precipitated by his charges the investigation which has shown that those charges were well-founded. If Mr. Watson were now a member of the council he would be the savior of the long-suffering ratepayers. If he were still a member of the council the highest honors to the gift of the citizens would be within his grasp. He might have been, if he wished, mayor of Calgary for 1913.

It might have been! But—that ugly word—Mr. Watson bolted from the city council at the crucial moment. He flung up his forces, gave the word to charge and then rushed to the rear and hid under the ammunition wagon. Hence he can have but a small share in the triumph. He might have been "Mayor Watson," but must now remain plain "John Gravity." The moment of Mr. Watson's resignation was that of which the poet spake when he said: "There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune." Mr. Watson allowed the waters to lap his ankles, then feeling a chill in his pedal extremities, retreated shivering. It might have been—but it cannot be!

WAUDEVILLE AND MUNICIPAL POLITICS

Having secured the adoption by the council of a report calling for the resignation of several city officials and the drastic re-organization of the civic administration, four of the aldermen will leave the city for one month's holiday, deferring until their return all action on matters which they declared to be of immediate and vital importance. This decision will be regarded by many as one of the absurdities so characteristic of the civic administration.

In no vandeville house on the continent would it be possible to see in the course of a month more ludicrous situations than are witnessed during any one week at the Calgary city hall. The grey stone pile wears an air of unvarying sobriety no less pronounced than that of any church or undertaking establishment in the city. So far as we are aware none of the aldermen or officials has a past which connects his name with light comedy. Taken as a body these gentlemen in private life are no less sober than the average citizen. They follow the trivial road and perform the common task with as much seriousness and as little humor as any church elder or undertaker's mute—until they become active in municipal affairs. Then the transformation is accomplished. Previous experience in vandeville is no essential qualification for the position. Men who have grown grey without seeing or making a joke develop in the municipal service a genius for humor that would rival that of Dan Leno. But for the fact that outside of the city hall they display no more humor than others, William Duckshot Sherman might recruit a first-class company of players from the municipal body.

MURDER ON STEAMER

One Negro Shot Another on Crowded Deck of Lake Michigan Steamer

Chicago, July 9.—Passengers on the steamer City of Benton Harbor were thrown into a panic this afternoon when one negro pursued another the deck and emptied a revolver into the flying man's body. James Brown and Marshall Cooper were in the pantry of the boat when Brown began shooting at Cooper and the latter fled to the deck, which was crowded. Every one ran from the deck and the boat was taken to the shore. Brown was locked up by the Chicago police.

T. R. PRAYED FOR CLARK

Kermitt Roosevelt Quoted as Revealing "Pop's" Yearnings

Seagriff, N.J., July 9.—State Senator Franklin D. Roosevelt, of New York, was among the many who called today on Gov. Wilson. He came about noon. Kermitt Roosevelt, son of the former President, is Senator Roosevelt's cousin. "I saw Kermitt in New York this morning," said the senator, trying to avoid a threatened fit of mirth. "He said to me: 'Pop's been praying for Clark.' A society woman is a person who can be more embarrassed over what she has on at breakfast than what she has off at dinner."

SOLD A TITANIC LIFE BUOY

A Needy Survivor Parted With a Souvenir in a Pawn Shop for \$1

St. Louis, July 9.—H. M. Olsen of Cedar Lake, Ia., who is a survivor of the Titanic, sold to a pawnbroker today the life preserver with which, he says, he saved his life. The consideration was \$1. "I have been 'down and out' since the Titanic disaster," Olsen said in the pawnshop of F. L. Macka, 108 Col. Lincolnville avenue, East St. Louis. "I have been trying to make my way across the country. I wanted to keep the life preserver as a souvenir, but I've got to have some money." On the life preserver is stamped the mark of the British Board of Trade.

IS WAR DYING?

As an antidote to the poison of militarism which has recently found its way into the system of a large section of the press, manifesting itself in a violent outbreak of editorials which would give the impression that a world-shaking war is imminent and perhaps not altogether undesirable, an article by David Starr Jordan, under the caption: "Foreclosing the Mortgage on War" in The World's Work, is not without interest.

The view taken by Dr. Jordan, namely, that the operation of economic laws is sounding the death knell of war, is not new. It found its best expression, perhaps, in "The Great Illusion," a recently published work by Norman Angell, which excited world-wide interest.

The article in The World's Work was in part as follows:

"War is dying. It dies because it cannot pay its way. It dies because, through the spread of education and the demands of commerce, no part of the civilized world can be suffered to engage in a life and death struggle with any other part. The nations are no longer separate entities, but each is a part in a unified whole to which international war is mischievous and hateful.

"To control a railway it is not necessary to own it, only to administer its debts. The same is true of nations. Thus it came about that in all matters of war, peace and finance, the international bankers had the last word. At first, the control was more or less a matter of dominating personality, but in time, with the vast increase in the complexity of business ramifications, it has naturally become more and more impersonal and automatic. Lord Rosebery has said that 'Royalty is no longer a political but a social function.' This is another way of saying that the will of no individual is now supreme as opposed to the common interests of the people. With the economic growth of the last thirty years has come a parallel change in financial domination.

"As war is now mainly a matter of finance, armies and navies being mere incidents as compared with financial reserves, the bankers still have the last word. No international struggle, accident aside, can break out until they give the signal. In our belief, whatever the apparent provocation of noisy speech or hectoring diplomacy, we shall never see another war among the great nations of Europe. There is too much at stake. War is a disturbance of all normal relations. It is a sort of world sickness, local in its inception, but likely to spread to other parts of the social organism. A great war is a great defeat. It means ruin to the victor as well as to the loser. Under the present conditions there can be no such thing as victory, and neutrals must share with the others in the settlement of loss.

"Banking, according to Norman Angell, is 'providing the economic and social organism with sensory nerves, by which damage to any part, or to any function, can be felt and, thanks to feeling, avoided.' The influence of sound banking is therefore everywhere and automatically opposed to war. To the modern banker, as to Benjamin Franklin, 'there never was a good war or a bad peace.'

"The present complex condition, incongruous as well as disconcerting, is apparently a necessary phase of the passing of war, a world process involved in the change from the rule of force to that of law. The power of old tradition keeps alive the sinuous diplomacy of Europe, with its use of warships as counters in its games, and its use of war scares as means to force the people to build the warships. We still have the Deferred Payment and the Indirect Tax, the means by which an outworn statecraft extorts money from the people. We have all interests of commerce totally and openly opposed to war, and all interests of finance quietly opposed to all war which does not pay. We have the murderous cost of the whole thing at all times, with the final certainty that the perfection of our monstrous implements will never allow any sort of war to pay, while the alternative of 'Armed Peace' is equally impossibly expensive. We have also the growth of international relations, of the spirit of mutual understanding, the development of international law, the extension of arbitration and our own emergence from the mediæval darkness when war was deemed natural and good, an institution to be cherished for its own sake. Lastly, the bankers have given ample evidence of their power, for example, in the Morocco affair. They have long since skimmed off the cream of the international loan business. There is little gain to them in further extension of the policy. And so war is dying, self-slain by the costly weapons science has forged for it, and it now remains for finance to give it a decent and fitting burial.

"The way out of war will open, the world over, with the enlightenment of public opinion, with the extension of international law, and the perfection of international courts at The Hague. The machinery of conciliation is created by public opinion; and with its more perfect adjustment, the force of public opinion behind it will grow steadily more and more insistent. Little by little war will be erased from the possibilities. As the years go by its crude and costly conclusions become less and less acceptable and the victories of peace become more and more welcome as well as more stable."

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

JULY CLEARANCE SALE

Now On—Big Bargains in All Dep'ts STORE CLOSSES TODAY AT ONE O'CLOCK

Women's and Misses' Cloth Coats Half Price



At the time of writing there are 27 of these coats left and in sizes 32 1-2, 34, 36, 38, 41, 44. They are made of tweeds, serges, fine broadcloths and worsteds, and in colors of navy, black, tan, brown, gray, green and black and white effects. Some are plain tailored, others have large collars and cuffs and are trimmed with braid or buttons.



Children's Coats at Half Price
Misses' and Ladies' Cream Serge Suits, 1-3 off
Children's Wash Dresses at Half Price
Ladies' Silk Coats at Half Price
Ladies' Cream Serge Suits, Third Off
Children's White Tams and 24 Embroidered Hats at Half Price

Extra Specials from the Carpet Department

FLANNELETTE SHEETS—In white and gray, with pink or blue border, full size. Regular \$2.00, for \$1.65
3-4 size, regular \$1.75 for \$1.40
PILLOWS, size 19x27, Regular \$2.00, for \$1.45
Size 19x23, Regular \$2.00, for \$1.45
WHITE DAMASK BEDSPREADS—Size 64x88, Regular \$1.35 for \$1.05
Size 76x93, regular \$2.00, for \$1.35
DUMFERLINE BEDSPREADS—Summer weight, size 70x93, Regular \$2.00, for \$1.35
WHITE HONEYCOMB BEDSPREADS—Size 68x87, regular \$2.00, for \$1.35
WHITE MARCELLA BEDSPREADS—Size 84x93, regular \$2.75, for \$1.95
BRUSSELS CARPETS—Splendid range of piece Brussels, in green, pale blue, fawn, red and Oriental designs and with border to match. Body or border, Regular \$1.50 and \$1.85, for \$1.15
STAIR CARPET in above shades, Regular \$1.50, for \$1.15
TAPESTRY STAIR CARPETS—in a large assortment of designs and colors, 23-inch, Regular 85c yard, for 60c
27-inch, regular 75c yard, for 55c
A few ends to 23-inch, to clear at less than the above sale price. Carpet Department, Second Floor.

Women's Embroidered Cashmere Hose

Embroidered Cashmere Hose that formerly sold for 65c to 85c will go one sale commencing tomorrow, at 50c pair. These hose are made of good quality black cashmere with spot and other designs, embroidered in silk. They are also full fashioned and have high spliced heel and toes; sizes 8 1-2 to 10. Regular 65c to 85c. July Sale 50c

50c to \$1.00 Hair Bands, 25c
Half price and less than half on these Hair Bands is of very rare occurrence. We therefore advise that you make the most of this opportunity. Made of imitation shell with patent attachment. Regular 50c to \$1.00, Thursday 25c

35c to \$1.25 Cluster Curls, 25c
In order to ensure a complete clearance we have reduced these 25c to \$1.25 Cluster curls to the low price of 25c. Better come early, however, if you hope to get one. In shades of blonde, black, light, mid and dark brown. Regular 35c to \$1.25. July Sale 25c

REMNANTS

TODAY, 8.30 to 10 a. m. --- HALF PRICE

Specials in Brassware

Such radical reductions on high grade brassware affords you an opportunity to buy one or more pieces at a big saving. On sale commencing tomorrow.
CANDLESTICKS—Bright or brass finish:
July Sale, 5-inch, pair \$0.85
July Sale, 8-inch, pair \$0.95
July Sale, 9-inch, pair \$0.95
July Sale, 10-inch, pair \$1.25
July Sale, 12-inch, pair \$1.75
July Sale, 14-inch, pair \$3.25
UMBRELLA STANDS, regular \$11.50, July Sale, each \$5.00
JARDINIÈRES, ASH TRAYS, GONGS, VASES, KETTLES, FERN DISHES, CUSPIDORS, HALF PRICE Second Floor

Clearance of Ladies' Fabric Gloves

Commencing tomorrow twenty-five cents will buy a pair of ladies' summer gloves that formerly sold at 35c to 75c. Included in the assortment are black and white Silk Gloves, black and white lisle milanese, with silk fourchettes, black milanese cashmere, with silk lining and leather trimmings; also fine lisle suede in fawn and gray. Some have two dome fasteners, others have button. There are all sizes in the lot, but not all sizes in each line. Regular 35c, 50c and 75c pair. July Sale 25c

Enamel and Tinware Specials

TIN DISHPANS, 10-quart; Tea Kettle, 1-quart; Flour Sifter, Each 15c
BREAD BOXES, white japanned, 3 sizes, 75c, 85c and 95c
WATERING CANS, 6-quart, 35c; 10-quart, 45c; 14-quart, 55c
COAT AND HAT HOOKS, 4 dozen 25c
WHITE ENAMEL CHAMBERS, any size, each 25c
BLUE ENAMEL TEA KETTLES, No. 7, 75c; No. 8, 85c; No. 9, 95c
TIN CAKE TINS, 8x8x2, straight sides; no waste ends on cake, 3 for 25c
DRIP PANS, sheet iron, 12x17 15c 13x19 20c
WHITE ENAMEL SLOP JARS—Regular \$1.00, July Sale .95c Second Floor.

MEN'S SUIT SALE, Reg. \$18.50 to \$30.00 for \$16.85
The man who needs a new suit cannot afford to miss this great opportunity to provide himself with a high grade model at a very small outlay.
These suits represent the balance of our spring lines and are reduced to this price in order to dispose of them before fall stocks arrive. They are all hand tailored and in fine all-wool worsteds and tweeds. The styles are neat and distinctive and come in a wide range of patterns of fawn, brown and grey.
Regular \$18.50 to \$30.00
July Sale \$16.85

OR SPECIAL NO. 4 TAPESTRY TABLE COVERS \$1.50

DOOR SPECIAL NO. 8 CHILDREN'S MILLINERY 25c

LTS & PEPPERS 98c

SILK WAISTS \$1.85

ESSES

BOYS' SUITS \$1.25

LADIES' CLOTH 45c

ATIONS IN SATIN

HIEFS

TOASTER \$12.50 complete

By "HOP"

Illustration of a man in a suit.