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GETTING ON THE NERVES.

St. John is a city of noises. One would imagine from the unceasing ringing of bells at all hours of the day and night, that we either have perpetual church services, or that funerals are a great feature. No one who has lived in the city for some time, then, there are a score of factory whistles, the ferry bell, Trinity every fifteen minutes, and the ship laborers bell, dozens of street cars, and locomotives dooming around the outskirts, but in the midst of upturn life little attention is paid to the continuous noise. It is after the ferry has sounded the last trip, and human activity for the day may be regarded as over that these varied noises begin to make themselves more noticeable. When bedtime comes the harbor tugs get busy; they go tooting around the wharves as if their only aim in life was to keep people awake, locomotives running from the island yard right around to the water front, persist in a ceaseless clanging of bells and blowing of their whistles. Although the street cars at that hour are about out of business, there are ice wagons and milk wagons during the summer months which assist in making the early morning hours hideous, and Trinity every little while is certainly more of a curse than a convenience. As if these things were not enough some ghastly genius has placed out in the harbor a bell of doleful tones which, during periods of fog, or other thick weather and even if it is felt, on occasions when there is really no possible excuse, change its weird warning to persons who do not care a hang whether there is rain or not. And the horn out on Patridge Island every few seconds, sends its howling note up the harbor, with no other apparent motive than that of developing the habit of profanity. For a town of this size and with the activity of St. John there is far too much noise. Perhaps the fog bell and fog horn will not submit to reason, maybe it is a matter of convenience to allow Trinity to keep on ringing every few minutes, but certainly there is no excuse for the harbor tugs and the locomotives. They should be shut off.

THE HUNTER PETITION.

Ald. Frink and other members of the water and sewerage board are anxiously unwilling to allow Trinity to keep on ringing every few minutes, but certainly there is no excuse for the harbor tugs and the locomotives. They should be shut off.

Already the aldermen have expressed the opinion that Mr. Hunter's services are no longer necessary. He has been released from his engagement with the city, and on the face of the petition there is nothing to indicate that his re-engagement is absolutely necessary. But it is likely that the insurance men are afraid of Mr. Murdoch's dual system, inclinations, and in order to avoid anything like a reversion to former conditions are anxious to keep him from direct control of the water service. If this is the case, why not say so? St. John merchants believe they are at the mercy of the underwriters, and a clear understanding between all interested parties will be of value. Perhaps the insurance people will threaten another increase in rates, perhaps the continuation of the present schedule will be made conditional on Mr. Hunter's re-engagement. But whatever may be said or done, another panic, such as struck the town four or five years ago, is to be avoided. Hence Ald. Frink is acting wisely in delaying action until the full purpose and meaning of the Hunter petition is known.

BEAUTY IN THE MAKING.

(An esteemed contemporary has made the authoritative statement that "no woman has completely reached the zenith of her charms until she has suffered, nor a man until he has had disappointment.")
The papers said the usual things. Mentioned the bride's unearthly grace. Her angel figure (less the wings). Her tresses trimmed with costly lace. Told how the bride's head was tired. And what the midget page was wearing. And found the gallant much admired. For mainly build and martial bearing.

Well, I was also there and felt that, if I had to tell the tale A plainer couple never knelt At the marital altar-hill. She might be good and be brave, But nothing surely could be sorer Than the design which Nature gave To both their faces—bride and warrior.

So they were wed, this "happy pair." But scarce the bridal moon had waned. When discord, darkening all the air, Got their relations rudely strained; Another month—and (oh, how sad!) They parted, miserable creatures, Each sore because the other had A simply rotten set of features.

On rolled the earth, till both were fain To fix the breach and have recourse By separation (or divorce); And I, the loyal fellow who Assisted at the earlier function, Turned up to see the business through, And watch their secular disjunction.

A feather might have knocked me flat! What mystic power had wrought the change? A (fairer) couple never sat Among the wisps within the wall! Then, I recalled how beauty's glow Will thus occur as though by magic When men have had a horrid blow And women sampled something tragic.

A most affecting scene ensued. The sight of such amazing charms Moved them to drop their bitter feud And fall inside each other's arms. Tough Counsel melted who had seen Whole stacks of married pairs un-mated. And through the lids of Bagnave The stealthy tear-drop percolated. —O. S., in Punch.

WILLING TO HELP.

Callers—"Sir, I am collecting for the poor's hospital. Will you contribute anything?"
Editor—"With pleasure. Call tonight with the ambulance and I will have some poor boys ready."

A Maine man tells a story of a friend of his in the west who was in-duced by a stranger to buy what was claimed by the latter to be the best wolf-dog in the country. A few days later the man took his new purchase and started out early in the morning to try him out. The dog soon picked up the scent and started off, the man following on horseback. The dog was soon out of sight, but the man could hear him bark occasionally and followed on. About noon he met another man, coming from the opposite direction, and asked him if he had seen a wolf and a dog anywhere, to which the man replied that he had. And that for two days he had been in custody of the dog, and that he had nothing to eat, so he came back. He disappeared after several attempts were made last Friday night to wreck trains on the Pictou division of the Boston and Maine R.R. by putting sleepers on the tracks. The police say Rice has been reading dime novels. Another boy, Kenneth Foster, is also in custody. The Cambridgeville and Cambridge police expect to make a third arrest within a few days.

"Paw!"
"Well, Tommy?"
"Do you believe there's people living on Mars?"
"I see no reason to doubt it."
"Well, wouldn't it be a good job on 'em if they should find out, after we get to talking to 'em, that they don't know that the name of their planet?"

Stella—Is she up in society?
Bella—Yes, she used to "go" her hair, and now she coifs it.
Nan—I like a play with a stirring plot.
Fan—That's the kind that thickens, isn't it?

Father—And how are you getting on at school, Johnny?
Johnny—Oh, I have learnt to say "Thank you" and "If you please" in French.
Father—That's more than you ever learnt in English.

Tommy—I looked through the key-hole when Sis was in the parlor with her beau last night.
Father—What did you find out, my son?
Tommy—The lamp, sir.

"Come over and see me."
"Sorry, old man, but I have an engagement with my tailor in 20 minutes."
"Gee! but you're getting swell! Couldn't break such an important date, eh?"
"No. The date is in the court room."

THE SALE OF FIRECRACKERS

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Thanking you,
PROPERTY OWNER.

THE STAR, ST. JOHN N. B. TUESDAY, MAY 25 1909

HEAVY RAINS BRING DISASTER IN OKLAHOMA

Earthquake Shock Felt at Messina.

Jack O'Brien and Ketchell Matched—
Fifteen Drowned—Negro Lynched
—Dime Novels Again.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 24.—Five persons are dead, at least ten seriously injured, several thousand acres of crops are inundated and every stream in the northern and eastern part of Oklahoma is raging as a result of heavy rains during the last twenty-four hours. A number of houses were washed away.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 24.—Jack O'Brien and Stanley Ketchell were matched tonight to fight six rounds before the National Athletic Club, this city, on June 9th. The men agreed to weigh in at 160 pounds at noon on the day of the fight. Each fighter deposited a forfeit of \$1,000.

MESSENA, May 24.—One of the severest shocks since the great earthquake occurred here this afternoon. The movement was both vertical and horizontal and lasted ten seconds. The shock was preceded by a rumbling noise. The populace fled panic-stricken, and the walls of the ruins in various places collapsed.

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 24.—A photograph helped the Jersey City club of the Eastern League to win a victory for Sunday baseball. The victory was held today by Fisher Eiderge, the eleven-year-old son of state Senator James F. Shaw, was returned to his father today by Fisher Eiderge, the father of Mrs. Shaw, who, with the boy, was found in company with Mr. Shaw's chauffeur in Santa Barbara, Cal., recently.

LINCOLN, Ga., May 24.—Albert Aiken, a negro, who wounded John Spire, a white farmer, last Thursday, was hanged early today by 100 men who came into the jail, seized the negro and carried him into the country. The body was found today by a steam launch in which Julius Jacobson, a representative of the General Electric Company of New York, and fifteen others were making a trip on the River Tietze today, ran into a sunken rock and was wrecked. Jacobson and six of the other excursionists were drowned.

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Eccentric Hat's Still Vogue, But They've Beautified It



The eccentric hat still obtains, but it has become beautiful as well. The harsh outlines are softened with large plumes, masses of flowers and ribbon. One side is almost universally wider than the other, and this width is usually chosen as the place to set the trimming.

THE INDIAN FRONTIER.

Where There is Always Fighting of Some Sort to Do.

A correspondent of the London Standard writes:
Minor disturbances continue to be recorded along the northwest frontier—they always follow expeditions such as the Zakha Khel and Mohmand last March and May—but they have no political significance, though the political frontier in charge of the north-west is very tender about their chieftains of truculent tribesmen.

Last December there disappeared from the scene a character of some importance. There are few outlines of his name in the northwest frontier—they always follow expeditions such as the Zakha Khel and Mohmand last March and May—but they have no political significance, though the political frontier in charge of the north-west is very tender about their chieftains of truculent tribesmen.

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BRYCE SEES NO REASON IN THE WORLD FOR WAR

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 24.—James Bryce, the British ambassador, was the guest of honor and the principal speaker tonight at the Victoria Day dinner, commemorating Queen Victoria's birthday, given by the British Schools and Universities Club of Delmonico's. One hundred and fifty others were present, among them being Dr. John H. Finley, of the College of the City of New York; Dr. Francis L. Patton, former president of Princeton University; and J. M. Clark of Toronto. A toast was drunk to "the king" and "the president," and after some preliminary speeches, Mr. Bryce responded to the toast "the empire." As he arose every diner sprang to his feet and the room echoed with cheers. The ambassador paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of Queen Victoria, and then said:

"I feel an interest in the prosperity of the United States, only second to my interest in Great Britain, and I believe the citizens of the United States have an attachment to our empire. This is a good thing for the peace of the world. The two nations are of one mind and have one heart and desire to promote peace among other nations. I see no reason in the world anywhere for war and I hope that such an occasion may never come."

In conclusion he spoke of the responsibility of Great Britain for the people under her control not ready for autonomy, saying that the colonies were accepting their part of the burden.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 24.—British Empire day was celebrated in Louisville by a banquet tonight at the Maple Leaf Club, an organization of several hundred Canadian citizens. Dr. W. H. Montague, of Winnipeg, minister of railways in the cabinet of Sir John McDonald, made a speech, in which he advocated a supreme court of nations for the settlement of all disputes. He said that when England and the United States agreed to abide by this court, no other nation would dare refuse.

TWO SEINERS ABOARD.

LIVERPOOL, N. S., May 24.—Liverpool was swept by a northeast hurricane today that drove two American mackerel seiners on the rocks, shook many buildings and did much damage along the shore. The storm came from the east on Sunday morning as a light breeze that gradually developed into a fifty mile hurricane. There were a number of vessels in the harbor and they sought shelter under Brooklyn lights. Among them were fourteen seiners. Early today two seiners, Lena and Maud and Judique, broke their cables and drifted ashore at the foot of the river. They may be floated with considerable difficulty. All crews were kept busy for the entire day, for at any moment more of the fleet might break adrift.

Many buildings were badly shaken by the storm and the loss to shore fishermen will be heavy.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

Mr. John Griffith and supporting company appeared before a large audience at the Opera House yesterday. The bills were the bill for the afternoon performance, while in the evening Macbeth was produced. At the matinee Mr. Griffith was at his best and created a very favorable impression. Miss Totten, the leading lady, is a capable actress, and in the part of Annetta displayed considerable ability. While Mr. Griffith is an actor of no mean powers, his talents find wider opportunity in roles other than Shakespearean. His interpretation of Macbeth was not on a par with his work as Mathias, it was intensely dramatic, and the audience much to be pitied. Miss Totten in the difficult part of Lady Macbeth gave a consistent interpretation.

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MARRIAGES

HAINES-LEGGATT—In this city, May 24th, by Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, B. D., Bennett Haines of Richbucto, N. B., to Maggie F. Leggatt of St. John, N. B.

LEATHS

GUNTER—At the residence of Dr. J. A. McIntyre, 23 Douglas avenue, June 1st, Gunter, widow of the late John Gunter, of Springfield, Kings Co., in the 74th year of her age, leaving one daughter to mourn her sad loss.

ROUMANIA TO JOIN TRIPLE ALLIANCE

Military Convention Will Probably be Amplified—Result of the Royal Visit.

BERLIN, May 24.—A despatch from Bucharest says it is reported that the military convention already existing between Roumania, Germany and Austria will be amplified during the forthcoming visit of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austrian-Hungarian throne, to Bucharest into a formal inclusion of Roumania into the Triple Alliance.
The preliminary arrangements for this were made when the German Crown Prince visited King Charles last month.