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Uncalled-For Excitement.

There is a great deal of panicky discussion over the defects of certain public services in the city, and an effort is being made to rush the taxpayers into dangerously large expenditures. Twenty-five thousand dollars is demanded for the fire department. The trustees of Victoria Hospital ask the same sum for that institution. It is also suggested that the time has come for a separate waterworks system to utilize the river water for streets, lawns and commercial purposes.

The city is facing no crisis, and can afford to proceed deliberately. An immediate outlay of \$25,000 for the fire department is out of the question, no matter what the fire underwriters say. The McClary fire revealed some deficiencies, but they are not so alarming as to demand wholesale expenditure all at once. The fire losses in London compare favorably with those of any other city on the continent. The brigade can be strengthened and the equipment improved gradually and systematically. It is suggested that the efficiency of the force would not be impaired if a little more attention were paid to fire drilling, especially to ladder exercise. It is rarely a fire occurs in the city requiring the men to scale the walls of a building, and the blaze at McClary's seemed to show they were out of practice. The chief of the department should also give an absolutely free hand in disciplining his staff. There has been too much administrative interference and favoritism.

The waterworks will not consent to another outlay of \$25,000 on Victoria Hospital in a lump sum. The cost of maintenance last year exceeded the estimates by 50 per cent. It is claimed that improvements have been effected which will reduce the maintenance expense this year, but the Trust must convince people that it has a sincere regard for economy before they will sanction further large expenditures on capital account.

The waterworks situation is no more serious than it has been for some years. This is no argument against a doing-nothing policy, but the water commissioners have time to move cautiously. The engineer will report on the cost and effect of a separate meter system, and the waterworks revenue, and correspondingly increase the tax rate. This would make a little difference, however, to the large body, who pay both taxes and water rates. To utilize the river water would require a separate system of mains, pipes and pumping machinery, at an enormous outlay, but it would relieve the pressure on the present source of supply and add to the waterworks revenue. A correspondent of The Advertiser says there is a great deal of water still running to waste in the vicinity of Springbank, which might be impounded for the city. The problem must be carefully worked out, and the city must be guided by expert advice. In the meantime there is no occasion for a panic or emergency measures, either as regards the fire department, the hospital or the water supply. The city fathers should keep their heads cool.

Germany's Sorry Indiscretion.

The shelling of the forts at San Carlos, Venezuela, by three German warships yesterday, was a bad diplomatic blunder. It is bound to create an uproar in the United States. The American press has been all along suspicious of German designs and resentful of the bullying attitude of the German naval commanders in Venezuelan waters. It recalls the conduct of the German admiral, Diederichs, who nearly came into open collision with Admiral Dewey in Manila Bay by refusing to respect the American blockade of that port until he was threatened. This is still a sore spot with the American people and it is being badly rubbed at present. The quarrel with Venezuela has been referred to The Hague tribunal, yet the German squadron is acting as if a state of war existed.

Berlin dispatches say that the German Government disclaims all responsibility for the apparently wanton attack on San Carlos. This explanation will not satisfy the United States. Berlin is in cable communication with the German squadron and even if not apprised of the intention to bombard San Carlos, the Government has evidently sent no instructions to the German commander to maintain a pacific course. The British fleet on the contrary has stood aloof while the negotiations for a settlement have been in progress. If the Kaiser is sincere in his professions of friendship for the United States, he is most unfortunate in his choice of instruments. Unless it can be shown that the Venezuelans were the aggressors, the action of his naval officers was grossly disrespectful to the United States Government, which is striving to promote a settlement. American feeling will be embittered and the solution of the difficulty retarded by German indiscretion.

Prosperous London.

The London Times of Jan. 9 says: "A correspondent writing from London, Ont., draws our attention to the possibilities just now offered in Canada, and more particularly in Ontario, to skilled mechanic labor. In London, Ont., he says, there is hardly a single factory which has not increased its floor space within the past eighteen months; some have been working overtime to meet the demand upon them, and a few are employing both night and day labor, thus making their machines do double duty." It is pleasing to see this testimony in the Thunderer to the prosperity of London the Less, which is in vivid contrast to the melancholy scenes in Old London, where thousands of unemployed march in daily procession. The Times' correspondent is not exaggerating the conditions here. Labor is fully employed, and the factories are working at high pressure. The manufacturers are clapping on all sails, in the confidence that good times will continue for years to come. The only cloud is the tariff agitation, which may have a disturbing and unsettling effect. It is singularly inopportune at a time when Canadian industry is so marvelously prosperous and the farmers as well as the artisans are contented. There is not a single industry in London that is handicapped by the present tariff and we have heard of no local manufacturer shouting for an increase in the duties.

One hundred and fourteen pupils at the London Normal School! Yet some politicians said another Normal School wasn't needed.

Two thousand British farmers and laborers will sail for Canada in March in charge of Rev. Mr. Barr. That clergyman is doing a good work.

The German navy is a recent creation and the average German naval officer is like a boy with a new toy pistol. He wants to "shoot it off" every chance he gets.

Sir John Colomb, one of the wooden-heads of old England, is continually driving at Canada because of her refusal to contribute a lump sum to the 'British navy, to be spent as the Admiralty, and not Canada, thinks best. Canada submits that she is doing her duty to the Empire by developing her own resources, by providing for her own defense, by a preparedness to fight Britain's battles abroad, by putting herself in a position to feed the mother country, thus rendering the latter independent of foreign food supplies, and by furnishing Great Britain a military highway to the east.

The Detroit Free Press laments that "few American newspaper correspondents are able to withstand a European environment." Mr. George W. Smalley went to London as the correspondent of the New York Tribune, and became identified with the anti-British school of the Tory square, which still clings to him. Julian Ralph, who died on Tuesday, also went to Great Britain after he had made a reputation in American journalism, and the Free Press complains that no native-born Englishman who went to the South African war was more fulsomely pro-British and anti-Boer. The Free Press ascribes these changes to the glitter of rank and title in the old country. Isn't it because the American gets his anti-British prejudices rubbed off by contact with the real thing?

The Best Days.

[S. E. Kiser.]

There was gladness in the old days when all the lanes were long. When every brook went singing a happy, winding song. How blue the sky was over us, how fair the meadows spread. When the charm of youth was ours and life was on ahead.

But they had to pass, the careless, the rosy, happy days. To leave us toiling onward along the winding ways. They've gone, and never, never may man return. To bravely start all over, with trouble still to learn.

Not He.

[Chicago Tribune.]

"Do you take this internally?" asked the customer as he put the bottle in his pocket and handed over the change. "No," said the druggist's new assistant. "Great Scott, no," said he.

Comparisons Are Odious.

[Brooklyn Life.]

Perkins, jun.—Why don't you buy that horse of Seth's, pop? He's got a fine pedigree. Perkins, sen.—Pedigree? The question is, is he worth anything? Why, boy, when sassy folks what comes here in the summer has pedigrees.

The Trail of the Skirt.

[Westminster Gazette.]

Skirt, skirt, skirt. Mode of woman's attire. In it she walks with footsteps true. Picking up dirt and mire. Sweep, sweep, sweep. Through fifth and flood and dirt: It neatly trails the trail of the skirt. O England's sisters dear! O England's mothers and wives! It is not your dress you're wearing out. But human creatures' lives. Larks in that murky dirt; You carry today with a double tread. A shame as well as a skirt. Trail, trail, trail. The labor you never shrink. Through filthy food and slush and mud. Doing but scavenger's work. Trail, trail, trail. Gather muck as doctors assert; Fit style with wealth, 'gainst comfort and health. This is the song of the skirt.

Resented It.

[Chicago Tribune.]

Mrs. Upjohn—"What beautiful floor!"

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To what people say when they would discourage your hope of exchanging womanly weakness and sickness for perfect health. Women who have been invalids for years, scarcely able to be up half the time, and the other half of their time spent in bed, have been made healthy by the use of Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It cures the womanly diseases which undermine the strength. It establishes regularity, dries weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness.



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How do you keep them so nicely polished? Mrs. Gaswell (giving her the icy glare)—"I don't. I leave that to the housemaid."

Rough On the F. F.

[Galt Reformer.]

Among Tory journals there is no more willful perverter of facts than the London Free Press.

May Teach a Useful Lesson.

[Minneapolis Journal.]

The coal famine has proved that to draw national lines across the coal trade is to work a grievous wrong to the people of both countries. It will probably give us reciprocity in coal and it may serve as a reminder that reciprocity in other articles is as reasonable and desirable as reciprocity in coal.

Consoling.

[Life.]

"Why so dismal?" "I am afraid our wedding trip will take all the cash I have saved up." "What of it? A wedding trip only happens once in two or three years."

Figuratively Speaking.

[Life.]

"What's the woman of 60, who looks 50, thinks she's 40, dresses like 30, and acts like 20?"

Fault.

[Brooklyn Recorder.]

One hundred and forty additional votes in each constituency in Ontario would have carried the liquor bill of 1902 submitted to the people in December. These could easily have been obtained. Surely, then, Mr. Ross was not to blame that the act was not carried.

Blankety-Blank Situation.

[Hartford Courant.]

A very young reporter was sent to Riverdale to interview Mark Twain on the coal situation. He began with: "Mr. Clemens, I have been instructed to interview you on the humors of the coal situation." The humorist sat back in his chair.



How an abscess in the Fallopian Tubes of Mrs. Hollinger was removed without a surgical operation.

"I had an abscess in my side in the fallopian tube (the fallopian tube is a connection of the ovaries). I suffered untold misery and was so weak I could scarcely get around. The sharp burning pains low down in my side were terrible. My physician said there was no help for me unless I would go to the hospital and be operated on. I thought before that I would try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound which, fortunately, I did, and it has made me a stout, healthy woman. My advice to all women who suffer with any kind of female trouble is to commence taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once."—Mrs. I. S. HOLLINGER, Stillville, Ohio.—\$5.00 per bottle if original of above letter proving genuine cannot be produced.

It would seem by this statement that women would save time and much sickness if they would get Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once, and also write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., for special advice. It is free and always helps. No other person can give such helpful advice as Mrs. Pinkham to women who are sick.

and gasped for a few minutes, and then replied: "Young man, you go back to your editor and tell him that if he emptied all the short and long dashes in his composing rooms into the forms he would then only be able to set up a prelude to my opinion on the coal situation."

A Place Goes A-Begging.

[Toronto Star.]

There's a vacant chair at Knox College. And the pathos of the fact increases when we reflect that a stipend of \$5,000 goes with it.

What More Could He Want.

[Chicago Tribune.]

"What is your father's objection to me, Millie?" asked the young man. "He says you have no application, Gerald." "No application!" he echoed, bitterly. "I wonder if he knows I've been coming to see you twice a week for nearly six years!"

A Contemptible Slur.

[Saxby's Magazine.]

Miss Clifton—Yes, she was furious about the way in which that paper reported her marriage. Miss Avondale—Did it allude to her age? Miss Clifton—Indirectly. It stated that "Miss Olde and Mr. Yale were married, the latter being a well-known collector of antiques."

Earned His Christmas Box.

[Exchange.]

It was Christmas morning, and as Jones stood smoking on the doorstep a seedy-looking individual, wearing a ragged suit and a red nose, came up the garden path and addressed him thus: "Merry Christmas, guv'nor."

"Come to you, my good man," said Jones. "What can I do for you?" "Well, guv'nor, I've called for my Christmas box." "Hum, I don't seem to know you. Are you the dustman?" "No, guv'nor, I'm the chap who were playin' the cornet last Christmas, and yer father he took my book." "Oh, you played the cornet, did you?" said Jones in a threatening manner. "And why should I give you a Christmas box, eh?" "Because I ain't playin' it this year, guv'nor." Then Jones paid up.

NO MORE PAIN

IN THE BACK.

Charles Gilchrist, of Port Hope.

Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Ex-Fishery Overseer in Splendid Health at Seventy-Four—What He Has to Say of the Matter.

Port Hope, Ont., Jan. 21.—(Special).—Everybody in Port Hope knows Mr. Charles Gilchrist, for fifteen years Chief of Police and afterwards Fishery Overseer of the Dominion Government. He is 74 years of age now and a healthy man. But he has had his share of suffering. For ten years he was afflicted with Diabetes and Kidney trouble. He says: "I have used Dodd's Kidney Pills for about five years, off and on. When I get a pain in the back and urine is full of blood, I take a couple of Dodd's Kidney Pills and I am cured. I generally keep them on hand, for there is no medicine like them. When I commenced to take Dodd's Kidney Pills I was in a fearful state of health. I could not take a new man. I have about one-quarter acre in a garden. I dug and planted it in spring. When I first took Dodd's Kidney Pills I could not have done it to save my life. "I believe I would have been dead only for Dodd's Kidney Pills. I feel like a new man now, and I am giving Dodd's Kidney Pills their popularity."

NATURALIZATION

WAS NO EXCUSE

Col. Lynch's Defense Against

Treason Charge Not

Allowed.

London, Jan. 22.—The court in which Col. Arthur Lynch, member of Parliament for Galway, is being tried on the charge of high treason, was again crowded today. After reading the deposition of an American, Lewis Handley, who said Col. Lynch had compelled him to take up arms in behalf of the Boers at Glencoe, but who had got off through the intervention of the American consul, counsel for the defense submitted that the prisoner was protected by the naturalization laws. He claimed that a man was entitled to become an alien at any time, even after the outbreak of war. He referred to the war of independence, saying there were at least 20,000 men of British birth in the American mercantile marine, and asserted that there were only 20,000,000 people living in America, who possess two nationalities. Counsel contended that Col. Lynch took up arms in the Transvaal without secrecy, and under the mistaken belief that the naturalization act permitted them. In any event, counsel added, if the court decided the prisoner was a British subject, he ought to be tried in Australia, where he was born. The attorney-general, Sir Robert Plunkett, replying for the prosecution, argued that Col. Lynch procured naturalization for the purpose of fighting against his own country, and added that even should naturalization cover the prisoner's subsequent actions it could not cover his anterior reason, namely, adhering to the Queen's enemies, and declaring his willingness to fight against her forces. Ultimately the court decided that the naturalization act afforded no defense against the charge of high treason. Naturalization was preceded by taking an oath of allegiance to the enemy, which was a crime. The case was then adjourned.

An International Dam.

Buffalo, Jan. 22.—T. S. Rubidge, chief engineer and superintendent of the Galop Canal and the K. Jones, secretary to the Minister of Railways and Canals of Canada, yesterday consulted Major Symonds, United States engineer

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Kingsmill's

for the Buffalo district, with reference to the proposition of the Canadian Government to build a dam in the St. Island and Galop Islands. The dam in question will be partly in American water, and will rest partly on American soil. If it is erected as proposed. After the conference Mr. Rubidge stated that he and his associate believed the United States Government would consent to the construction of the dam as a result of the conference. The dam in question will be about 800 feet long and about 15 feet high.

NOT A NAUSEATING PILL.—The ex-plicit of a pill is the substance which encloses the ingredients and makes up the pill mass. That of Parment's Vegetable Pills is so compounded as to preserve their moisture, and they can be carried into any latitude without impairing their strength. Many pills, in order to keep them from adhering, are rolled in powders, which prove nauseating to the taste. Parment's Vegetable Pills are so prepared that they are agreeable to the most delicate.

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