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LONDON, SATURDAY, APRIL 4. In the spring the young girl's fancy

lightly turns to thoughts of lids. If the old Union Jack could speak, what would it have to say to these Unionist "patriots?"

The attacks on both Liberal Oppositions make it quite clear which side sees the danger signals.

The next calamity to be reported is a sickening plunge from a pair of the latest high heeled shoes.

Speaking of knockers, it's wonderful the number of hammers that are smashed on a good anvil.

literature has run its course, and at that it was a muddy course and much too long.

Since the Japanese navy was shown up, it is pretty well proven that nations other than the Christian nations can be grafting nations.

The bull ring at Torreon has been destroyed. However, it is likely that sanguinary spectacles will be plentiful there for some time.

or four pages to prove that he cannot produce a single economic argument against Home Rule. The Greek warriors are coming back

A writer in the Outlook takes three

Their duty to the home land bravely fulfilled, they are to make an onslaught on another kind of turkey.

There are many calm, sincere men on both sides of the Ulster issue who would settle the question overnight if left alone by the religious fanatics.

We are now told that for many years King Alfonso of Spain has been a Mr. Borden and his colleagues should heavy cigarette smoker. That is what one would infer from some of his por-

victory at Torreon it raised a cheer, but listen for the roar that will go try besides, that is unpardonable. up when Mr. Umpire megaphones

The Manitoba Free Press prints these lines daily: "A school for every for himself and his associates is prechild; and every child at school." The necessity for repeating them is the shame of the great prairie province.

J. Castell Hopkins, the Canadian historian, celebrated his fiftieth birthday on April 1. Mr. Hopkins met Sir John Macdonald in this city by chance and as a result of the meeting started his newspaper career.

Rube Waddell, the eccentric pitcher, was a good fellow, all agree. He tried pugilism on the side with baseball, however, and picked John Barleycorn as an opponent. And the aforesaid John retires a lot of them

About one year ago Dayton, Ohio, was stricken by a serious flood. Today she had advanced wonderfully as a result of the apparent setback. Galveston is another example of the great disaster that proved a blessing.

Noted American suffragist says that man will soon reach the status of a domesticated tomcat. But some all night and come home all mussed

An Indiana college girl claims \$7,000 damages to health from hazing. They painted her chest with red ink and stuck pins into her. But girls go through more than that any day and live. Painting is as common as dyeing, at least, and a little pin-sticking is nothing to forcible feeding and hunger-strike.

When Anglophobe Senator Lodge declares against tolls exemption as a violation of treaty, the American jingoes must have morally a bad case. And yet it is pathetic to find so sturdy a champion of the right as the New lower motives of self-interest. It urges that exemption votes a million a year into the pockets of a special interest, contrary to Democratic principle, and that, to help a monopoly, "95,000,000 Americans are made to pay the bill in money and to pay the bill in international enmity." But it is to the honor of this great American newspaper that 'it rests its argument primarily and with splendid force upon the principles of national rectitude.

effecting of rescues no doubt brought justly place the blame with the city, the same thought to many minds. It and if it is seeking to withhold im- ceal the locality from observation.

is gratifying to learn that a rescue station has been established on Goat Island. Persons carried down the river will have a chance of escape from that awful plunge into eternity, and many a despondent one may be detained by the officials and prevented from throwing his life away. Any work that saves life is good work.

THE LAST OF THAT REPORS.

HE debate on the notorious transcontinental report has come to an end. It commenced with a brilliant speech from Mr. Graham. It closes on the Liberal side with a burst of illuminating elequence from Sir Wilfrid Laurier. When the garbled synopsis was first sent out through the Conservative press the question in the minds of most people was: What defence can the Government make? So far as the Liberals are concerned their defence soon became an attack. And an attack it has been all along the

The commissioners have been the subjects of attack. Not as to their ability, but as to their character. They have been cited to appear before the public without disguise. The one a bitter partisan, and a strong opponent of the Transcontinental Railway, the other an employee of a rival road, temporarily in the service of the Government at the highest salary Canada has ever paid. They have been attacked for the way they carried on their investigation, holding their sessions behind closed doors, confining themselves to the time of the late government, and making no inquiries into the conduct of the present administration, though the terms of their appointment covered the latter period as well as the former. It has been shown that Publisher McClure says that sex they presented false statements, and gave a garbled account of facts, that in their conclusions they have disregarded the opinions of the best legal and railway experts; and they have overlooked the well-considered policy approved by parliament and people, that they have accused the former government of business methods which, if bad, have been imitated by the present authorities, that in their report "from every syllable partisanship oozes out in distortion and misrepresentation."

The present Government has been attacked with vigor. Its animus object in appointing a commission of partisans for the sole purpose of proving wrong-doing on the part of its predecessors was self-evident. But most clearly has been shown another underlying motive-the desire to injure the Transcontinental, and to justify themselves in completing it as an inferior line, at a serious disadvantage when compared with rival railways. And they have been attacked for their possibly unintentional blow to the credit and good name of the Dominion. That when they undertake to damage what When Carranza's bugler tooted the should be one of Canada's greatest assets, and cast reproach on their coun-

So far as the defence of the Liberal Government was concerned, the attack on Mr. Bordon and his commission served the purpose amply. Sir Wilfrid pared to take all the responsibility for the course pursued in constructing a railway that should have no superior on this continent. The Liberals have faith in Canada, and are not ashamed of any effort to have our public works worthy of Canada's future. And they can confidently appeal from the judgment of prejudiced partisans of the present to the common sense of the people both now and hereafter.

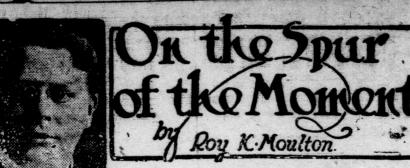
#### GET DOWN TO CASES.

the operation of streets cars in Lon-

By the same logic if the city came into dispute with the telephone company, he would no doubt advise that telephone company might be struck a to be a better test than the monthly severe blow, but the business interests of them have arrived there already, extent. The same would be true of the general powers and acquisitions judging from the way they stay out the suspension of the street railway of mind and less the detail informaservice. The thousands of men who tion derived from the daily round. use the cars would be inconvenienced to a degree that would offset the lesson taught the company, even if the lesson were deserved.

Too much talk for the sake of talking is the case in connection with street railway conditions in London. Someone or other has been threatening to do something to the street car company ever since the operation of trolleys began. City engineers have in their turn promised drastic action. Checkers have been placed on the street corners to time the cars. New schedules have been prepared and enforced. The franchise has been threatened. And the whole method of attempting York World forced to appeal to the improvement has been nonsensical so

far as results were concerned. The street railway is not a perfect system. There is need for improvement in its services. But there are some extraneous causes for delays and disrupted schedules. The daily blockades at railway crossings is thep rincipal barrier to good service. But no one has taken any action to co-operate with the company and remove this difficulty. To make any move for mutual benefit would take away the opportunity to attack a public service corpora-More than six months ago The tion, and appeal to a certain ignorant Advertiser suggested that more lives class in the community that thinks could be saved by the stationing its legislators should be first of all of a live-saving crew at Niagara Falls loud-mouthed. So long as the city perthan are saved along the ocean coasts mits conditions to exist over which the by all of the corps in the employ of the street railway has no control, and \*United States Government. The fre- which prevents it from maintaining a quent loss of life at the cataract service, no matter how much equipthrough lack of proper facilities for the ment it might have, the company can



The Ams, the Nats and the Feds Are ransacking their heads And get all of his trade they can. We may expect the rival camps To offer him some trading stamps Or car fare for his patronage. To bid for trade. They may put up free lemonade,

ice cream cones and peanuts, E'er they are through. Yes, they even may set forth free

pop Before they stop. If competition grows more keen. They may e'en offer well to pay The fans to come and see them play.

The war is on in earnest and The baseball bugs think it is grand.

The ult consumer of baseball inducements for his patronage A golden age. His days of grovelling are past, He's come into his own at last.

It is some question whether the gang down to the gruc'ry store will git the Mexican situation straigtened out in time to git busy and do their spring

In just a short time we will have to change our brand of onhappiness. Instid of being froze to death, people will be suffering from heat prostations.

To him that hath shall be given, but, by gravy, I'd rather have my digestion Rockefeller's oil company. So long as a fool ain't got enough sense to know he is a fool, there ain't

nuch harm done. It is durned mean of a feller never to have a cold, for it deprives all of his friends of the pleasure of recom-mending forty different cures for it.

provements, it is given a very good ! excuse by the superficial and hypocritical attitude of such men as the mayor and those others who are suposed to advance the city and attend to its problems.

The present administration has certainly done nothing remarkable but make threats so far this year. It has failed to commend itself to public approval by taking up the transportation difficulty clause by clause, and adopting a sane policy, instead of one of corporation baiting. The intelligent element in the community is not blind to the "four-flushing" attitude of the mayor. He talks of cancelling the franchise. If he were foolish enough to have such a decision carried into effect he would completely cripple the city's transportation facilities and have been anxious to injure their pre- would make himself most unpopular decessors was perfectly excusable. But with those who are dependent on the car service.

#### FINAL EXAMINATIONS.

T this time of the year cranks be-A gin to condemn school and college final examinations, if they have ever left off grumbling. An American writer tells us that such examinations are an insult to the teacher who has had charge of the class examined. Should not he or she know who are fit to pass?

The school teacher has burdens enough to bear already without being saddled with the whole responsibility for promotions. Then again, how can the teacher of a class of 40 or 50 be sure, even after term tests, in all cases? Pupils may have been absent from this or that test, or uneven, or hovering near the plucking point. Some pupils do fairly well on a term's THE suggestion of Mayor Graham work piece by piece, but when it comes I that it may be necessary to stop to grasping the whole, they are found to be unretentive as an hour-glass. don if the company does not adopt the The final examination gets them. new schedule prepared by the city is Sometimes they lack "nerve," which is no recommendation.

Of course, examinations are often unscientific or misconducted. But that is no argument against an examthe telephone service be cancelled. The ination as such. A final should tend papers, for it ought to be more genof London would suffer to a far vaster eral in character, estimating more

NOTE OF ALARM.

[Puck.] Salesman-Here's an alarm clock that's guaranteed positively to make a fellow ump out of bed. Mr. Tardee-That's what they all say-

out let's hear it ring. Salesman-It doesn't ring-it honks. THE GREEN LANDS FAR AWAY. [Baltimore Sun.]

There's a laughter in the valleys and sunshine on the hills Where the dreaming morning wanders by the borders of her rills And along the violet zephyrs That come up from vales of May

The lips of love are telling

Of the green lands far away. love it most in winter, when the snow and sleet are here. glance along the vision of the green

hills of the year. To swing with footstep steady To the dancing tunes they play On the fairy flutes of beauty In the green lands far away.

cold winds cry about, The silver bells are tinkling where fairles dance and shout. I'm not in lands of winter When I hear the phantoms say That we'll soon be picking clover In the green lands far away.

Oh, don't you mind, fair spirit, what the

THAT JOYOUS GURGLE. [Hamilton Herald.] Ottawa folks are terribly afraid of geting doped water, but doped whisky goes down their gullets with a joyous gurgle

NATURE STUDY. [Providence Journal.] Mr. Crimsonbeak-I see an never goes straight to its nest, but always approaches it with many windings and detours, in order, if possible, to con-



Pete—You ask what is a dude. A dude is a party who wears a dress suit Sunday afternoons.

L. W.—You ask if we know where you can get a second-hand baby's cab. No, we don't even know where

you can get a second-hand baby. H. G.—You ought to be able to get enough beefsteak for 50 cents to bind over a black eye, but not much more. Lottie—You say your gent friend was shot in the cafe. We are unable to say whether that is a vital point.

Futilities. Five cent cigars. Starve-self restaurants. Welsh rarebit. Dramatic criticism. Patent glass-cutters. Fly swatters. Patent cigar lighters. Garters for men. Congressional garden seeds.

There are always about five times as many fellers standing and watching the work on a new building as there are fellers working on it. Hank Tumms says this life is just ne durned Easter bunnit after an-

It don't seem as though eggs will ever be cheap enough again to throw at "East Lynne" companies. The wise man buys his own tombstone and has the epitaph carved on it while he is alive and takes no

The Psalm of Wife. Wives of great men all remind us We can make our wives sublime, If we but make up our minds to Let them have a vote some time.

Easy. It never is hard to be happy, It never is hard to be gay. It never is hard to be charming, Providing you have your own way. Mrs. Crimsonbeak-Do you know, John,

you remind me of an ostrich when you're SPRINGTIME. From the birth of a wind-blown violet, To the scent of the rain-drenched sod,

Some of us call it Springtime, But others call it-God. BOILING IT DOWN. [Winnipeg Telegram.] "What's the fuss over there in that cor-

"Lady sending a telegram." "I know that. But why the facial contortions? "She's trying to tell her husband what

she thinks of him in ten words." THE SECRET. [Kansas City Journal.] s through life's long and weary hike

We find there is no secret like The secret of success. Though many people would disclose The secret with a will; The latter, as the toiler knows,

We painfully progress,

ery busy woman.

Remains a secret still. ON THE GO. [Judge.] Madge—She says she hasn't any time to hop or go to the theatre. She must be a

Marjorie-She certainly is. She's dance ng all the time. NEW GAME FOR HUNTERS.

[Youth's Companion.] Clay-bird golf is a new sort of game that will appeal to the business man who wants exercise and likes to shoot, but who finds the wholesale slaughter of birds repugnant. The game is played on a stretch of rough land, similar in extent and irregularity to the average golf course; but instead of holes there are traps concealed at varying intervals along the course. As the gun. ners tramp over the ground clay birds of different shapes and sizes are re leased from the traps, so that the sportsmen get the same kind of unexpected shots that live wild birds would offer in their natural haunts. Claybird golf violates no game law, sheds no blood, causes no suffering, and yet there are healthy, vigorous men who

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DOWN HICKORYVILLE WAY. [St. Thomas Journal.] In a street car accident in Toronto

last week Lafe Knowlton's wife had her face quite bad bunged up and her new muff wuz spiled. Lafe settled fer \$10 for the muff and \$2 for his wife's

MR. GRAHAM'S SPEECH. [Guelph Mercury.]

Ordinarily, long speeches in Parliament are ineffective, because they are essentially and incurably tedious, but the sevenhour speech delivered by the Hon. George Graham in the early part of the week in the Canadian House of Commons must be declared an exception. As ex-minister of railways he was already well acquainted with his subject, and he greatly improved and systematized his knowledge of it between the appearance of the printed re-

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the delivery of the speech.

Mr. Graham was intensely analytical in his treatment of his theme. He tore the compilation to tatters and hung the fragments up to ridicule in dozens of ways. His speech, as reported in extenso in the official debates, should be republished and scattered everywhere to educate public opinion. It is a storehouse of facts, and a perfect chain of reasoning.

# Special Notice

Through some misunderstanding it has been reported that the Lake Huron Hotel at Sarnia has changed ownership. This is not correct. We want to announce that the hotel will be opened for guests on June 20th under he same management and ownership. From the number of reservations already made, this promises to be a very busy season for this popular resort, and we would advise an early application for rooms. JOS. A. CORTESE, Manager, Lake Huron Hotel Company. London address, 161 Maple street. 95c

Seeley, Who Fitted Czar of Russia Re-called to London.

F. H. Seeley, of Chicago and Philadelphia, the noted truss expert, will be at the Tecumseh hotel, and will remain in London this Monday only, April 6th. Mr. Seeley says: "The Spermatic Shield as now used and approved by the United States Government, will not only retain any case of rupture perfectly, affording immediate and complete relief, but closes the opening in 10 days on the average case. This instrument received the only award in England and in Spain, producing results without surgery, harmful injections, treatments or prescriptions. Mr. Seeley has documents from the United States Government, Washington, D. C., for inspection. All charity cases without charge, or if any interested call he will be glad to show same without charge, or fit them if desired. Anyone ruptured should remember the date, and take advantage of this opportunity. 96u F. H. Seeley, of Chicago and Philadel-

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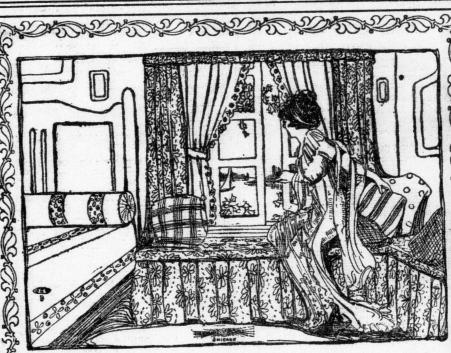
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