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Putting Up Millions.

The smash of the L. R. Steel Service Corporation is a cruel thing for many Canadians, for Canadians put nine million dollars into the proposition.

It is a fact that a great deal of this stock was sold in face of the bitterest opposition from the financial press of Canada, who denounced the scheme as being unsound in principle and too high a hazard to be touched by the person who was not financially able to take a loss.

The salesmen who sold the stock were well schooled before they ever approached the general public. They gave the impression of handling a superior sort of a proposition in which they had every confidence themselves.

Of course this crash will renew the call for blue-sky legislation. Every time anything of this nature happens it is followed by a demand for state protection against it. We should go back farther than that. Provincial or federal legislation will help, but it should be possible to put something in our school courses that would give the coming generation a fair idea of investment and speculation.

No good purpose is to be served in trying to censure those who invested their money in Steel stock; they were convinced that they were doing right. Every effort should be made in a bold, determined way to retain in Canada the funds raised here, so there may be something left to give back or reorganize with.

A Blunder in the Ruhr.

A French lieutenant and a French railroad employee in the Ruhr district have been shot to death, in each case the shooting having been done from the rear.

Germany is going to be the loser in this form of assassination. The French have made their case stronger since they went into the Ruhr valley because they have refrained from making use of their superior power and military advantage in that district.

They have carried on their invasion with a moderation that has surprised the world, and their attitude has been that of a collector who has a legal right to proceed by legal measures.

Germany's passive resistance was as good a tactic as could have been devised to make the work as hard as possible for France. It was a form of opposition hard to overcome and hard to lay to the charge of any person in particular.

Germany could never have with a lot of this passive resistance to the taking out of debt coal by France. Germany makes a serious blunder when she permits the shooting of French soldiers.

Punishment for such actions, according to reports, will be directed from Paris. The punishment should be directed from Berlin.

Jail the Right Place.

Not many months ago Harry Flynn had his name in all the papers. He was heralded—or rather he heralded himself—as the man who was going to lead the returned men of Canada on to better things than they had ever received.

His addresses were abusive and vulgar, and papers often did not print things he said for that reason. Even after all his bombast he was received and heard at Ottawa, and a special train was made up and paid for by the government to take Flynn and his marchers back to Toronto.

Today Flynn, the deliverer, has been delivered to the keepers of the penitentiary, where he will spend two years and be lashed before he departs. It is not possible to print the nature of his crime.

Considering the strenuous efforts of Flynn and his organizers, and the number of returned men in the country then out of work, it is a tribute to their good judgment that they were content to let Flynn go this way.

Worth-While Titles.

The Canadian parliament may again debate the matter of people of this country accepting titles and honors from foreign lands. The Nickle bill precludes any such thing at present.

Mr. L. J. Ladner, M.P. for South Vancouver, put forward the case of Dr. Ashton of the University of British Columbia, who made a notable contribution to research work on the French language. France wanted to recognize the work, preferring to give Dr. Ashton a membership in the Legion of Honor.

No Canadian is going to quarrel about this sort of recognition. The Nickle bill in the first place was put up as a barrier to the very definite trend of affairs that aimed to establish a titled aristocracy in Canada, by which titles and distinctions would be handed from father to son.

If a Canadian student, doctor, mechanic or writer made a notable contribution to the world through his skill or genius, recognition of that work from an outside source should be welcomed. It hardly seems possible that Mr. Nickle ever intended to prohibit such a thing.

Effective.

Sir Basil Thompson, head of Scotland Yard, writing in the Saturday Evening Post, tells rather a striking story this week on the original methods of the Italian Fascist, the great Nationalists and the simon pure antidote for Bolshevism.

A big day had been set for the Communists in the city of Milan, a day of harangue and general exhortation, which was to be followed by a march on Rome and the seizure of government. Speeches were to be made in all parts of the city.

The night previous to the demonstration, each speaker well known and marked out, and there were many of them, was called upon by two Fascist, and offered the alternative of a quart bottle held in one hand or a revolver held pointedly in the other. Sir Basil states that the Communists, having no relish for fighting, outside of shooting some one in the back, all inclined toward the contents of the bottle, and they were compelled to drain the last drops of the whole quart.

There was no Bolshevik oratory in Milan the next day. The bottle contained castor oil.

The Status of Canada.

It was necessary to sign a treaty to regulate fishing in waters where Canada and United States had common interests. Hon. Ernest Lapointe went to Washington, signed the papers, and returned.

That's all there was to the incident, until some of the U. S. papers proceeded to put on the story such headings as "Rejects British Domination." Elsewhere the same paper has a map carrying this wording: "In breaking away from the old tradition Canada becomes practically an independent country."

Much of all this comes as news to the Canadian people. It is worth while to know that all that is necessary for Canada to step forth as a new and different nation is that one of her ministers shall pay a trip to Washington to transact public business.

It might be well for the U. S. papers to know that Canada is not thinking of changing her position in the British Empire. And just at the same time let it be added that Canada looks upon this form of separatist journalism as something almost impudent.

Note and Comment.

The writer of popular pathetic songs of the sob type has been forced to seek work as a window washer. It is simply the law of retribution.

The British minister of labor wants to keep out an American jazz band because so many musicians in London are out of work. It will be news to some to hear of the playing of jazz coming under the supervision of a labor department.

The New York Herald starts its editorial page with this: "The First Budget Under Smith." We were wondering if Peter were operating two sets of governments, but then we remembered that New York has its own Smith for governor.

One of the most unlikely reports was that which said that negroes from United States were being sent to Germany to mine coal for the French in the Ruhr. The denial that followed the story was hardly necessary.

The move to make the police commission an elective body is not making much progress. The mayor of the body, and he represents the elective powers of the people; the magistrate and judge represent unbiased forces that are keenly interested in a fair and honorable enforcement of the law. The idea as it stands is not a bad one at all.

A remarkable case of surgery is reported from New York. An Italian boy of 17 leaped from a fifth floor window of a burning building. When he had a fracture of the spine, skull, pelvis and right arm; paralysis of both legs, punctured bladder and intestines, and hemorrhage in the spinal cord. That was 19 weeks ago, and today the young man can walk. The reports say doctors are pleased with the progress he has made. Why shouldn't they be? The measure of his progress is the measure of their success.

DIBS AND DABS

—BY HARRY MOYER



UNCLE SAM AND HIS EMPLOYEES.

From the New York Herald. ONE of the best accomplishments of the Harding Administration has been the reduction of the Government payroll. This is an economy which is easy for the public to understand, and they are large enough to be heard.

In two years there has been a net reduction of 102,101 in the number of Government employees. This means one-sixth of the total has been laid off, for in 1921 no fewer than 597,000 persons were in Uncle Sam's pay.

The reduction in the personnel would have been greater if it were not that certain departments not only could not stand the knife but needed more men; the postoffice department, for instance, took on 9,100 new employees. Additions like this are necessary and, in the case of a department which tries to support itself, not alarming.

With due compliments to President Harding and his iron-fisted boss of the budget, General Dawes, the next question is: How much more can the payroll personnel be reduced? It is perhaps the most interesting question of the day. Three years ago, when the Government had well emerged from the turmoil and book-keeping of the afterwar period, it was 700,000. The pruner is getting along nicely, but how far will he go?

It is interesting to note the steady rise in the number of Government employees in the last seventy years. The following table shows the jump from one decade to another:

Table showing the number of Government employees from 1851 to 1921. The table shows a steady increase over time, with a significant jump in the 1920s.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

CHURCH UNION.

Editor of The Advertiser: Sir—I have a warm personal regard for Dr. Ephraim Scott, as well as a profound admiration for his skill as a tactician. He understands the futility of argument, the efficiency of brief, dogmatic and unargued propositions. He is well aware that every one of the statements contained in his last letter have been answered scores of times. The only one of his twelve "fictions" that is new to me is that which refers to the Student Christian Federation, which Dr. Scott claims to be a separatist movement. The note of the whole recent convention at Toronto was union, not separation.

I beg your permission to express myself briefly on some of the points mentioned by Dr. Scott's letter: 1. It is not true that it is pure fiction to say that the assembly is the servant of the church. It is neither the servant nor the master of the church. It is the church itself, acting in its representative capacity. The deliverance of the assembly, arrived at under the due process of reference to presbytery under the barrier act, is the voice of the church, and is not a fiction.

It is amusing to note that anti-unionists claim to be Presbyterians. This is not true. It is pure fiction. They are not Presbyterians. Congregationalism has had a greater history; but it is not Presbyterianism. The difference of Presbyterianism is the principle of representative government. To deny this, and to pour contempt on the chief court of the church, is to display ignorance of the constitution and history of the Church of Scotland, and that of the United States.

2. It is not true—it is pure fiction to say that we are tied up forever to forms of doctrine or of policy framed and enacted in the 17th century, or any other period of the history of the church. The Church of Christ is free. It lives and grows and is in bondage to no man and to no system. It is not true—it is pure fiction to say that the Bible, our supreme standard, is to be interpreted by the confession, our subordinate standard, on any point that may be in dispute. To say so is to make confession final, if not infallible, and that is following the blasphemous teaching of the church under the Lord and His word, to adopt new forms, both of thought and ecclesiastical procedure, when the spirit of God moves her thereto.

3. It is not true—it is pure fiction to say that our Lord and His apostles expected or permitted the existence of denominational divisions in the church. There is not a shred of justification in the whole New Testament for the existence of schismatic churches. It is curious to note how anti-unionists urge that the onus pro- banti rests upon unionists. This is at true—it is pure fiction. The scriptures, as well as the expediency of union, is a direct inference from the teaching of the New Testament regarding the unity of the church. The

onus pro- banti lies on the anti-unionists. They must produce Christian reasons against union. Such reasons do not exist. With many, probably the majority, of anti-unionists, the union is the feeling of superiority they profess to entertain toward the morally and spiritually soundness; and is exposed to the vine judgment that follows upon houses, built on sand, and which will be blown away by the wind of truth. 4. It is not true—it is pure fiction to say that the United Church will be dissolved. Read the doctrinal basis of the union. The doctrinal basis of the ground common to the statement of uniting communions. It is an inter-pretation of their living faith; and by the test as to their soundness in the faith. The statement is certainly and far shorter than Wesley's 62 sermons. Is it any worse for that? It is not true—it is pure fiction to say that the United Church is a system of expediency, and that the faith, the basis on which the three churches are uniting. It is not true—it is pure fiction to say that unionists are callous, ruthless and oppressive in spirit and in practice. It is true—blessedly true—that they believe in the holy catholic church, that they are true to the teaching of John Calvin regarding the nature and authority of the church, and that they are absolutely loyal to the spirit and tradition of the Church of Scotland, which has borne a steadfast witness against separatism and sectarianism.

I absolutely agree with Dr. Scott when he says, "freedom still lives. And so long as freedom lives among the descendants of the mother church, they will refuse to be coerced by a captious majority, and shut out from the experience of a living and a growing Christ, not to the 17th century, and we refuse to be manacled by forms, which, however fitting for the period in which they are framed, will mean for us chains and slavery." T. B. KILPATRICK, Knox College, Toronto, March 3, 1923.

LIGHTER VEIN

Quite Natural. "Did you sell your vote?" "No, siree. I voted for that fellow 'cause I liked him." "But I understand he gave you \$10." "Well, when a man gives you \$10, 'tain't no mor'n natural to like him, is it?"

A Real Day's Work. The farmer had engaged a Scottish laborer, and placing a cheese on the breakfast table told him to help himself. "When the farmer returned, some time later, he found the man still eating." "Sandy," he exclaimed, "you take a long time to breakfast, don't you?" "A'weel," replied the man, "a cheese o' this size is nae wee soon eaten as ye may think."

Your Health

HOW YOU CAN BE SURE TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR EYES.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M.D., United States Surgeon from New York, Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

About the most common of all the forms of human neglect is abuse of the eyes. It stands head and shoulders above all other foolish things done by men and women to damage their bodies.

The motion pictures have not produced poor eyes for those who patronize them. But the pictures are a way of searching out imperfect vision, of making the owners of bad eyes aware of the defects, which may lead to the remedy, and so prove a big advantage after all.

Lots of people refrain from reading, from sewing and from going to the theatre and from going to "save" their eyes. If you think there is need of "saving" your eyes, there probably are some things you can do to save them. The wrong thing can be found and removed.

The most common thing productive of painful vision, burnings and smarting of the eyes, redness of the lids and sticking together in the morning, is the need of glasses.

Most folks think they must have less than the normal power of vision to need glasses. It is a common error to think that to "save" the eyes, a steeple clock a mile away! or "I can read the finest type."

These are false notions. If your vision is so very defective that it isn't possible to see well, then you make no effort to see. If you can see to a marked degree, without the consciousness of its existence, there is constant strain without knowledge of it. These are the cases where the trouble is greatest.

If you have frequent headaches or any of the eye symptoms I have mentioned, you should have your eyes tested to see if glasses are necessary. Now, you may say: "Oh, I wouldn't wear glasses!" "How foolish. If glasses are needed, it isn't a question of your preference or preference. The welfare of your eyes and health is at stake. To go without the correcting lenses may mean a question of your preference, digestion and the general symptoms, but also long-standing and uncorrected eyestrain is fundamental to many diseases of the eye, some of them of very serious nature.

Have yourself looked over once in a while. See if you are in a fit physical condition. When this examination is made make sure that your eyes are normal. If they aren't, get the correcting glasses and wear them.

You have only two eyes, and can never get any more. It pays to heed the necessities and demands of these precious organs.

Answers to Health Questions. GRATUIT. Q.—Will you kindly tell me whether cod liver oil is a good tonic and health builder? Which is better, the pure oil or the emulsion? A.—Yes, cod liver oil is a good tonic. Either one, the pure oil or the emulsion, is very beneficial.

J. M. C. M. Q.—One side of my nose always seems to be closed by some obstruction. I cannot breathe through both sides of my nose at one time. Will you kindly tell me what causes this? A.—This may be due to nasal catarrh or some obstruction in the nasal passage. If you will send a self-addressed stamped envelope, full particulars of the treatment of nasal catarrh will be given.

A READER. Q.—I have been afflicted with rheumatism. After I was able to walk again after the last attack, my left leg was shorter than the right. Will you kindly tell me whether this can be overcome? A.—With proper exercising and massaging, I am sure your condition will improve. Consult an orthopedist or go to an orthopedic hospital clinic and they will advise you after an examination.

M. E.—Kindly send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for full particulars and restate your question.

The Daily Story

RED CARNATIONS.

By Laura Reid Montgomery. Dick took out his letter and read it as the train neared his station.

"Doesn't it seem odd, Dick, to be engaged, and yet to have been separated so long that we shall have to become acquainted all over again? I am greatly changed. I sometimes wonder if you will be terribly disappointed and wish you had waited to wear a red carnation on my suit. Sounds silly, but I want you to take a good look at me and if—oh, I can't bear to think of that contingency, but if you have any regrets, why don't speak to me."

The man's eyes were a bit misty as he read. "Nina was always so sensitive," he reflected, "sensitive and highly strung. She has brooded over her changed looks until she's lost her sense of values. Of course, her recent illness would pull her down, but a few months will—"

The darkening of the car as the train from the east drew into the Union Station in Chicago halted his ruminations, and with a glow of anticipation in his deep eyes the sunburned traveler from Africa alighted and looked eagerly about him.

Pressing about the great iron gates were many people waiting to welcome friends, and Dick's dark eyes loved from woman to woman in search of the face he loved. Nina would, of course, look much older, fourteen years makes a great difference.

He regarded admiringly the soft brown locks that lent her an oddly childish look. "I love it," he said simply. "Nina you are prettier than you were when I left you. Sometimes," he added cryptically, "mistakes make one appreciate what a man pos-

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ROYAL YEAST CAKES. As a health builder, Royal Yeast is gaining in popularity every day. It is a food—not a medicine. It supplies the vitamins which the diet may lack. Royal Yeast is highly beneficial in cases where the system seems "run down". Royal Yeast is the richest known source of vitamins, and when taken into the system acts as a corrective agent. Royal Yeast Cakes are well known for their purity and wholesomeness. It is the purest, the most convenient and economical yeast on the market.

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SURPRISE SOAP. A PURE HARD SOAP. SURPRISE SOAP. The frizzled head nodded gayly: "He's coming home to marry me," she answered, and Dick grew sick at heart; her voice, too, had coarsened, and her speech was punctuated by pauses in which she chewed gum.

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