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WHAT OTHERS SAY

And become famous.
 All men are born free and equal, but many of them marry when they grow up.—Columbus, Record.

The Observer writes:
 Asked on his twenty-fourth birthday to give advice to young men starting in the world of business, Thomas Watson declined on the ground that the request was foolish. He has learned by this time that the number of people who take advice is insignificant, and that the majority of this remnant take wrong advice.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Sorrow for Interrupters.
 It was generally regarded as a promising sign when a morning paper reported that a chronic interrupter was tossed twenty feet on a platform where he had forced himself in order to interfere with a lecture given under G. W. V. A. auspices. The press is now informed by the local secretary that this statement is a great exaggeration. The correction is hereby made with profound regret.—Toronto Telegram.

Let's Get It Out of Our Systems—
 Suspend all business!
 —Quit buying and selling!
 —Quit advertising!
 —Quit eating!
 Let's give ourselves up heart and soul to an orgy of gloom!
 —Let's howl, and howl, and howl!
 —Let's curse the country, business, our town, our neighbors and each other!
 —Let's get it all out of our systems and then GO TO WORK!—Western Paper.

Some People's Ideals.
 The more conclusive the proof that Brindley was a grifter on labor, betraying the workmen in order to line his own pockets, the more enthusiastically certain types of mind among the labor politicians demonstrate their sympathy for him.

Benny's Note Book

BY LES PAPE

Ma was getting ready to go out yesterday and my cousin Artie came over and me and him started to talk about what to do, me saying, I tell you what, let's play we're detectives and go around detecting things.

Wait, the use of that if we ain't got anything to detect, let's make something of ma's and then let's detect what it is in her.

Which we did, hiding ma's beaded bag that she always goes out with, and pretty soon she was all ready to go except the beaded bag, saying, Now I want that beaded bag, I could of sworn you had it all ready I can find my beaded bag, I could of sworn it was on my dressing table, O goodness, just when I'm in such a hurry.

And she kept on looking around and not finding it, and getting in a even bigger of a hurry, and I said, Why don't you hire a couple of detectives, ma?

Why don't you talk some? said ma, and I said, I am talking some, ma, me and Artie are detectives now, do you want us to find it for you?

You can look for it if you want, its somewhere in this room, I know its somewhere in this room, said ma. With us 2 detectives whined at each other, me saying, Do you suspect anybody, madam?

If you're going to look for it, look for it, said ma getting in a bigger and bigger of a hurry.

Have you looked everywhere including on top of the medicine chest in the bath room, madam? said Artie.

Why on earth should I look there? said ma. With us 2 detectives I said tell her why, being because that was where we had hid it, and ma kept on picking up the same things to see if it was underneath, which it wasn't, and I said, Forward march. And me and Artie walked to the bathroom like in back of each other like Dutch comedians and I climbed up on the edge of the bath tub and got the beaded bag and we took it back to ma, me saying, Is this anything like it, madam?

Yes, is this? said ma. And she gave me a fierce crack and quick went out in the biggest hurry of all.

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AGAIN IMMIGRATION

Many of the most thoughtful people of Canada have been questioning the advisability of allowing the present stream of immigration to pour unchecked into our country.

The solicited questioning of course, has been aroused chiefly on account of the unfavorable economic conditions. No widespread opinion that immigration is an untimely thing, associations, conferences and societies have debated the points involved, and not a few have directed petitions to the Government on the subject.

This condition of affairs prompts the London Free Press to conclude that the state of mind in which Canadians find themselves on this subject is one kindred to it which is at present stirring Switzerland so profoundly.

A day or two ago word was received from Bern that the Swiss Government had issued injunctions to all national authorities reiterating an earlier petition which begged the restriction of permits for foreign workmen, in particular agricultural laborers, from entering Switzerland until further notice.

As reason for this demand, the Government of the composite republic states the new order is based on the increasing unemployment among the Swiss, "which threatens to become still worse and sap the foundations of our national existence. Nothing angers our people more than seeing that owing to the indifference of the authorities they either have no work or cannot get any."

All strangers now travelling in or through Switzerland are submitted to the strictest surveillance and the lines of entrance into the country are marked by frontier guards.

Canada's position, fortunately, is not commensurate with that of Switzerland, but there is a charity which not only begins at home but which would save those desiring to enter our country from coming to conditions far different from those they expected and with the balance against them of the several hundreds of dollars which had to be deducted from their little herds to meet expenses of transport and the period of enforced idleness.

The situation is one that requires earnest consideration and prompt action, founded on charity to all and malice towards none.

FARM PRODUCTION

There are in Canada, according to statistics, about 867,000 farms, with an average area of 75 acres, growing crops. Much additional area is devoted to pasture and ranching. The value of the field crop per farm is put at \$2,174. If to this is added the average value of the dairy, meat and fruit production, another \$1,000 can be added. The dairy production of Canada is at least \$300,000,000, and the meat production probably more.

It is rather interesting to note that the United States claimed last year a record production of field crops. The value placed on it is \$15,000,000,000. This includes cotton, corn, tobacco. But there are in the United States about 7,000,000 farms, of the same average acreage as in Canada, and the value of the crop production works out at about \$2,150.

Considering the great advantage of a larger variety of crops, made possible by southern fruit-growing, and warm climate crops, Canada's farmers are holding their own fairly well.

The United States Secretary of Agriculture claims that the United States crop production, per farmer, is more than twice as much, in value, as the Germans, British or Belgian production, more than three times as much as the French and more than six times the Italian.

That may hold well enough, so far as comparisons with European countries go, but Canada's million farm workers are producing an average of \$2,090 each. This compares very favorably with the average wage of the Canadian factory worker. The 1917 census showed that the average factory wage was \$775, and even if it now is \$900, the much higher cost of living in the cities leaves the comparison as to net profit from labor clearly with the farm worker.

THE PRICE THE GOVERNMENT PAY

Chatham Commercial:—"J. W. Van derbeck, M. L. A., was 'wombed' last Monday after his serious illness." He said while in St. John, at the Provincial Labor Convention, "Hon. Premier Foster extended an invitation to meet him and talk over things in Northumberland. Among the things explained to him, Mr. Martin reported that the ferry at Chatham was out of date, and there were three weeks last fall it could not run on account of ice. Hon. Mr.

"MADE IN CANADA"

"Poster told Mr. Martin to have a 'boat built in Chatham and that the Government would pay for it. Have it from clad to break ice so it could run until teams could cross on the ice."

"Mr. Vanderbeck says that Hon. Mr. Veniot will be in Chatham this week or next, and will meet the citizens and look into the ferry matter, and will likely start right away to have the boat built. It will cost 'in the vicinity of \$28,000."

There are quite a number of people in Chatham who will remember the time when it was practically impossible to get an additional \$500 subsidy to run the ferry. Now that the Government wants more supporters, \$25,000 is thought little enough to pay in the effort to get them.

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One Million Seized by United States Came from Her Father.

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The complainant alleged that none of the property involved came to her from Germany, Austrian or other enemy sources, it having been inherited from her father, the late Edward Luckemeyer of New York city. Attached to the complaint was a copy of a passport issued by the State Department to Mr. Luckemeyer in 1918 to visit Germany. It was submitted as evidence of his American citizenship.

The complaint alleges that the property was in custody of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., New York, at the time of its seizure, a citywide bond to make up a financial deficit. The bond issue went over with a big majority. Upward of 300,000 men and women voted out of a total registration of about 800,000.

Considerable violence was reported from the river wards, where crumpled automobiles, carrying crews of gunmen brandishing drawn revolvers succeeded in kidnapping election workers, stealing ballots and attempting to establish a reign of terror wherever the underworld dynasty seemed to be imperiled by the legal voting.

The police captured 200 pounds of dynamite, a number of loaded shells for anti-aircraft guns and two men, who said they were supporters of Alderman John Powers, the Democratic incumbent of the Nineteenth ward, on a lonely farm on the south side. The dynamite was hidden under a pile of hay in a barn. The men arrested were Italians, and explained that the powder was to be used to kill bugs. They admitted that they were residents of the Nineteenth ward. They are under arrest.

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A BIT OF VERSE

HOW LONDON PLAYS.

R. G. Coventry.

The rooms are full of blinding light,
 The music and music blares and brays,
 And to its maddest all it night,
 A crowd of dancers swings and sways.
 This is how London nightly plays,
 Nor finds a nobler way than this
 To give the useful after-days
 Of Britain's triumphal emphasis.

Here is a hell of heat and noise,
 A gray-haired satyr leers and grim
 And half-clothed girls and effete boys
 Voluptuously whirl and spin.
 And innocence is dressed like sin,
 And Virtue promenades with Vice,
 And here the heavens we fought to win,
 Or worth a nation's sacrifice.

And far away from London town,
 Are solitudes that moonbeams fill,
 And earl's light looks divinely down
 On many a lovely vale and hill,
 And all the earth is sweet and chill,
 Where only ways and fairies dance,
 And Fairy lines may wander still
 Along the ways of old romance.

But here even youth goes weary-wise,
 Pursuing that which only tries,
 And lonely eyes meet lonely eyes
 Across a gulf of dead desire,
 Oh, ye who chase such phantom fires
 How is it when the hour is flown,
 As at the feverish night expires,
 You commune with yourselves alone?

THE LAUGH LINE

The Retort Snappy.

"I wouldn't be a fool if I were you!"
 "That's the only sensible thing you've said during this discussion. If you were I you certainly wouldn't be a fool."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Naturally He Felt Blue.

"What are your hopes for the future?" asked the questioner. "I have none just now," replied the youth. "Tomorrow is my girl's birthday, and I am worrying about the present."

The Brute.

She—Do you remember, dear, how before we were married you used to tell me I was worth my weight in gold?
 He—Yes; and do you remember how terribly skinny you were in those days?—Boston Transcript.

Results Disappointing.

Fitz Jones—Did you go to music last evening, Percy? De Brown—No; I attended a sleight-of-hand performance. Fitz Jones—Where? De Brown—I went to call on Miss Le Smythe, and offered her my hand, but she slighted it.

Speaking Figuratively.

One of the novelists, referring to the hero of his book, says:
 His countenance fell.
 His heart sank.
 His hair rose.
 His eyes blazed.
 His words burned.
 His blood froze.
 He appears, however, that he was able to pull together and marry the girl in the last chapter.

No Need of Adornment.

One evening a charming young woman invited a young man, who has the reputation of being a clever conversationalist, with two or three other acquaintances, informally to supper. She promised them some of her mother's wonderful coffee.

Upon reaching home she introduced her mother, who made apologies for her appearance.

After a moment's conversation, the older woman started to leave the room, remarking:
 "Oh, don't put on the percolator!"
 "Oh, don't bother," said the young man, smiling sweetly. "You look all right just the way you are."

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Gunmen Kidnap Election Workers

Chicago Thugs Steal Ballots—Police Find Dynamite and Sawed Off Guns.

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