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LONDON, FRIDAY, FEB. 6.

If Darius Green could only see us now!

"Let London walk," seems to be the attitude of the city solicitor.

Mr. Lanctot thought he was in a hockey match, Canadiens vs. Wanderers.

General Villa made a "killing" at Juarez and he is planning another at Torreon.

First blood drawn in the Quebec scandal and probably the worst is yet to come.

We would advise Mutt and Jeff to quit Mexico. The signs are not encouraging.

The groundhog joke having passed, we call spring fever as the next paragraph provender.

These men who think they have a monopoly on brains usually meet the trust-buster before long.

Of six hundred thousand Chicago women entitled to vote, one hundred and fifty thousand registered.

No Conservative paper has yet denounced the Calgary Eye-Opener as a fit companion. A kindred spirit.

The Fenian raid on the treasury is the apt way in which The Advertiser's Ottawa correspondent describes it.

One can believe that there is to be no senatorship for the major. Mr. Billy Gray has disappeared from our gay white way.

At last reports, the Conservative organs had not offered to give back the million and a half to help out the dreadnought fund.

British Columbia Conservatives follow Sir George Ross in reproaching Mr. Borden that he does nothing to aid imperial defence.

The parcel post will be in operation for St. Valentine's day, but real heavy chunks of affection should be sent by express, prepaid.

General Botha, followed French example, in suppressing a labor combination by means of the troops. How often will this trick work?

No man of the name Oreste was meant to be president of Haiti, anyway. Theodore is on the way to the throne and that sounds better.

Farmers are almost commanded to keep their sons and daughters on the farm. This is like ordering a man not to go to such and such a show.

Nothing doing at Ottawa. Bulletin this morning: Mr. Borden's condition is about the same, a lethargy that sleeps even the Opposition almost to sleep.

If the Government would build a great lakes channel to Fort William and put on a few dreadnoughts to carry wheat to the coast, it would get the farmers' vote.

A Conservative meeting in Victoria urged Mr. Borden to wipe out "Canada's reproach." It is unkind of Sir Richard McBride's friends to add to the embarrassment of the premier in this way.

Admiral Von Tirpitz said that Germany's naval expenditures during the last five years had increased by \$13,750,000, while Britain's expenditures increased by \$54,000,000, not counting the emergency.

Sir William Ramsay is said to have suggested that the unit be called too much and might better be left to die. Many a coroner has found the same sentiment expressed in letters of suicide victims.

Dessert spoons found in a man's stomach at Toronto. Spooning is often dangerous. The Irishman of whom the story tells that he took the box along with the pills, is not in it with this Mr. Murphy.

The Portuguese Republic has a long bad time getting started. The ex-king seems to have got away rich and left the country poor. Portugal might ask to join Brazil as a new state, and be done with it.

Opposition is developing in some quarters to the students of the University of Toronto taking an interest in politics. Of course, it is not a question for students in psychology or political economy, but why not for students in mathematics?

The school system has long been blamed for the boys leaving the farm. Now it seems the preachers have a hand in it. Perhaps there is founda-

tion for the argument. In the days when we had few preachers and fewer schools, the farm was well manned.

There are enough Mexican leaders of armies to form a league or two, with full schedules. If the regular season ever ended, the world's series between the "Nationals" or "Mexicans" and the "Federals" would abolish bull-fighting by monopolizing the patronage of the public.

The United States House of Representatives went on record as opposing national legislation conferring the rights of suffrage on women. This does not mean that women may not be permitted to vote for congressmen, but simply that the suffrage problem is one for the individual states to settle.

Airman Raynham has succeeded in ascending fifteen thousand feet in a biplane. Airman Curtiss is constructing a flying boat with which he hopes to cross the Atlantic in fifteen days. A race by air around the world is to be a feature in connection with the Panama Exposition. Yet some people are still thinking of army mules.

"We must have Sunday cars run at least to the city limits, so that our citizens who are going to the cemetery for the purpose of renewing their grief, will not have to walk from their homes," said a London public man, addressing the street railway directors. What a pleasant prospect it must be to think through the week of being able to "renew one's grief" on the seventh day? It must be something after the order of "enjoying poor health" or being "quite poorly, thank you."

STOP THE MASSACRE.

OUR genial friend, Mr. Roy K. Moulton, here below, suggested in his "Side Talks With Girls" that "an old birdcage smashed out of shape with an axe" would do for a hat. If only the girls would wear the bird, they might do what they liked with its "old cage."

Man-made laws, as the militants say, are beginning to curb the feminine propensity for birds of paradise, lyre-birds, white herons, ospreys, humming-birds, and albatross down. The United States has prohibited the importation of wild plumage; Australia has shut down on the traffic, and it is expected that in the approaching session of the British Parliament time will be made for an exclusion bill in the passing of which the hostile factions can, for a moment, join hands.

It is high time that the barbaric vanity which demands the feathers of tortured birds or the murdered birds themselves for headgear, should be put under restraint. The worst crime of all is that of wearing the albatross produced by white herons only in the breeding season. The shooting of the parent bird means the death of its young by starvation. Another pleasantness in the lady's ornament trade, is the cutting of wings from the living albatross, or the slow starving of the birds to free their skin from fat and grease. Photographs show islands covered with hundreds of thousands of their skeletons and carcasses. The Ancient Mariner was a saint.

CHICHE.

ONCE upon a time old-fashioned debating societies argued the question whether or not to chew gum. With many it has been somewhat of a moral problem. Now there are gum trusts and legal battles for rights and advertising on the most continental scale, and the gentler sex from bashful fifteen months to the widow of fifty joins sportive man and boy in the ritual of gum.

The chewing of the chicle is a sort of dance. Some turn it to utilitarian uses, aid to digestion, or scouring of the teeth. With young ladies it may be an aid to silence, or with young men to thought. It may even carry a suggestion of kneading bread or pounding sand or other serious industries. But chewing gum is, after all, first and last a pastime, a care-destructor like rocking in a chair or canoe or any other dance. Useful or even ritual it may incidentally be, but primarily it is play. It is akin to music in its rhythmic joy.

The writer remembers hearing a vigorous sermon in a New York church, whereafter the young man in frock coat, speckless shirt-front and cuffs, and supremely ironed trousers, who passed the collection-plate, was chewing gum the while. The sermon had so lifted him into the upper joy of things. Some rhythmic utterance had to be. His teeth danced a chastened, religious minuet, as it were.

Other sports have come and gone since chewing gum came in. Bicycling, roller-skating, cricket have faded but ill. But the festive chicle holds its own. The child takes it up and the child is father of the man.

THE STRESS OF LIFE.

A noted American clergyman recently declared from the pulpit that the heart and mind of women were becoming hard and unwomanly and that before long the normal womanly nature would vanish and with it the family and the home. He charges these conditions to the decay of faith, but in so far as they exist, are they not due to the grind of necessity to a large degree? It is pointed out that luxuries which but a few centuries ago could be had only by the royal or the rich have become the common necessities of today, but as the average head of the average household cannot supply these for a fair-sized family out of his income, it follows that the boys and girls must become breadwinners. And because

of the qualities of womanhood that have been developed in the home for centuries—submissiveness, meekness, dependence—woman enters the arena of employment under a great handicap. Wasn't it to be expected that a spirit of revolt would take hold of the woman in order to secure for herself fairer treatment? In her struggle to get along, to make a living, she necessarily meets with rough conditions and it is reasonable to suppose they have their effect; but, after all, she only appears hard when compared to the shrinking, timid creature of the past. In the rough and tumble scramble of competition, the timid and submissive will go under, and in order to hold her own, the modern woman is developing the fighting, staying qualities of her brothers.

But beneath this cold, hard surface, we think that men and women have not changed so much. The faith is still there, although we may hurry through the observance of church forms in a manner that would have shocked in other and more placid days. We are all of us racing at top speed and sadly in need of more reflection and introspection than the rushing life of today will permit, but we haven't altogether lost our grip on faith and high ideals.

SHIP BUILDING ON THE PACIFIC.

BRITISH Columbia papers, irrespective of politics, express great satisfaction because a noted British ship-building firm, Yarrow & Sons, has purchased the works of the Marine Railway Company at Esquimalt, and is prepared to construct vessels of all descriptions. In fact, Mr. Yarrow, in an interview, declares that whenever the Canadian Government is disposed to construct a Canadian navy his firm ought to be able to do the work as well as it could do it in Scotland. Of course this is not the opinion of Messrs. Borden, Churchill & Co., but it corresponds with what other authorities in the ship-building line have already told us. We notice that the Conservative papers in British Columbia are giving the Conservative members of Parliament from that province credit for their exertions in securing this new industry. But if the firm is only going to carry on the business of its predecessors, and build little ships for the coast trade, it does not appear that anything has been gained. It is safe to assume that the jubilation over this event are based on a general opinion that there will be something better doing in the future; and the British Columbians are more pleased at the thought that naval construction on a larger scale may be looked for some day than they are over a simple change in the ownership of a plant.

ILLEGAL STRIKE-SMASHING.

TRADES union men everywhere will be interested in the methods used by the South African Government to suppress the general strike recently started there. It appears that the general strike was proceeding in an orderly way. But General Botha, the premier, proclaimed martial law, prohibited all strike meetings, public speech and all written inducements to strike, and used the troops to effect

ABE MARTIN



It's a common thing for corporations to lay off men, but we never hear of them cutting any salaries. Spug is just another name for tight wad.

arrests of men breaking no law and to disperse crowds. The only excuse for all this was that the strike organizers had declared they were at war with society and aimed at nothing less than the establishment of an "industrial republic."

The strike was by such means crushed. It lasted only a week.

Probably the fundamental cause of the Botha Government's arbitrary action lies in the presence of the large black and Hindu population. The employers must keep the white worker down or the negro, and still more the Hindu workers, will be also making uncomfortable claims. The Hindu labor question is in fact still unsettled. Hence the panic of the Government.

Martial law thus employed is a bad precedent in the English-speaking world, but it is not likely to be followed elsewhere than in South Africa. It is dangerous to a popular government to use methods calculated to drive legitimate agitation underground and make every labor movement a conspiracy against the Government. The fundamental rights of British citizenship cannot be attacked without cost to the assailants themselves.

FINANCIAL.

[Washington Post.] Apparently the only use Turkey will ever have for the new battleship bought with borrowed money will be to stand off an attempt to collect the loan.

BRIGHT THOUGHT.

[Western Mail.] The railway ticket collector put his head in at the carriage door and addressed the jolly individual inside.

"Ticket please," he said. The smiling one looked at him with alcoholic sadness. "Got no ticket. Don't bother me!" he said, settling down again. The collector at once produced his receipts book, and after consulting a table of affairs exclaimed: "Five-and-six, please!" "What's that?" queried the merry one. "Five-and-six, please," repeated the collector. The other thought for a moment, and looking up, said, "Eleven."

On the Spur of the Moment

(Written for the Motion Picture Theatre.)

FIRST STANZA.

A man once said unto his wife, unto his wife he said,
"I couldn't bring home gasoline today.
The best that I could do was to bring three loaves of bread.
It pains me much those hateful words to say."
"You are a wretch," the lady cried,
"to go and spend your dough for luxuries like bread. You go too far.
Why don't you buy necessities, for very well you know
We've no benzine to run our touring car."

CHORUS.

We'll starve, we'll pinch, we'll dodge our debts,
But one fact we will know,
All else we'll gladly sacrifice and suffer no regret,
For our car has got to go.

SECOND STANZA.

The lady went and pawned her ring, the wedding ring, you know,
She sold the baby's highchair with a smile.
She pawned the parlor rug as well, the kitchen range also.
Accumulating quite a little pile.
She went to a near-by garage where gasoline was sold,
She laid her wealth down at the keeper's feet.
He filled her car with gasoline and then with joy untold,
She gaily honked and started down the street.

CHORUS.

We'll wear punk clothes the year around,
Our pleasure 'twill not mar.
We'll starve, but we are surely bound
To run our touring car.

Hickoryville Items.

Elihu Bibbins, our popular and genial druggist, has just received eight barrels of whiskey by express to sell for medicinal purposes. There must be a good deal of sickness in our village, as he doesn't expect it to last more than two or three weeks.
Jed Frink, our inventive blacksmith, expects to make a fortune out of a new invention. He claims to have gotten up the only automobile tire in existence that can't be punctured.

AN INSTANCE.

[Life.] Professor—Give an instance of the fact that action and reaction are always equal.

Pretty Soph—A woman calling always hopes the hostess will be out, just as hard as the hostess hopes the woman won't call.

DISCOUNT.

[New York Mail.] Lady of the House—Half the things you wash are torn to pieces.
Washerwoman—Yes, mum; but when a thing is torn in two or more places, mum, I only charge for them as one piece, mum.

SEND HIM TO MEXICO.

[Brie Dispatch.] Why does General Coxy not think of invading Mexico? There's work there for his army of unemployed. And think of the sympathetic spirits he would encounter.

From Western Ontario Press

OLD BOYS' REUNION.

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New Wash Goods Are Coming

February is the sewing month and we are pleased to announce the early arrivals in Wash Goods, including Ratines, at 35c, 50c and 75c yard. Cotton Crepes at 12½c and 15c. Ginghams at 10c and 12½c. Also New English Prints.

Week-End Bargain News is briefly told in this list, but the savings are considerable.

The Satisfactory Store

A Clearance of Misses' and Women's Dresses

A rack full of Women's and Misses' Dresses, including blue and brown serge, in a variety of one-piece styles; also four only Silk Dresses. Worth much more. Clearance price **\$3.89**

Girls' Serge Dresses

Blue and Brown Serge Dresses, in Balkan style, with pleated or plain gored skirt, size to fit 6-year-old girls. Were \$2.50. Now... **\$2.19**
Sizes to fit 12 to 14-year-old girls. Were \$3.50, \$3.75 and \$4.00. Now **\$3.19**

CORSET SPECIAL — A good wearing model, medium length, sizes 19 to 30. Saturday only, per pair **47c**

Coatings 59c Yard

This is a bargain all right. Four pieces Boucle Coating, very fashionable for women's and misses' coats. Reduced from \$2.00 to, per yard **59c**

Satin Petticoats

Soft Finished Satin Petticoats, made with clinging, knife-plaited flounce. Choice of Paddy green and American Beauty rose shade. Price **\$1.98**

3 Only Plush Coats

Just three Plush Coats, elegant garments, lined throughout. Were \$25.00. To clear, each **\$22.50**

Women's Sweater Coats

Travellers' sample line of Sweater Coats, in white, cardinal, gray, brown and navy; also a few in three-quarter length, in white only. These long ones are splendid for motoring. Worth \$2.00 to \$3.50. To clear at **\$1.25**

GIRLS' WINTER COATS—Ages 6 to 14 years. Were \$3.75 to \$5.00. Now **\$2.75**

EIDERDOWN WOOLS—In pink and sky only. Worth 15c skein. Odd lot price **8c** skein, 2 skeins for **15c**

WOMEN'S STRIPED FLANNELETTE NIGHT GOWNS

Good weight and full sizes, Friday and Saturday **56c**

ODD LOTS OF GLOVES

1 dozen pairs only
Men's Wool Lined Mocha Gloves, tan or gray. Were \$1.25 pair. To clear **98c**
Women's Kid and Mocha Gloves, wool lined, sizes 6 to 7½. Were \$1.50. To clear, per pair **\$1.10**
Women's Elbow Length Leatherette Gloves, washable, in white, gray and chamois. Were \$1. At, per pair **79**

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hour of daylight after leaving work. I was much struck with the long evenings when I was visiting in Scotland. Bowling and other games were kept up in perfect daylight until after ten o'clock. I think if the council would take the initiative it would be a popular move. Try it, Mr. Mayor and aldermen. It would be a great boon to all citizens. WILLIAM ELLIS.

PANSHINE