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HON. R. W. SCOTT.

After a career full of honor, and longer than is granted most men, Hon. R. W. Scott, secretary of state, has resigned from the federal ministry. Mr. Scott leaves behind him a record of which any man may feel proud. He has been a hard worker, conscientious in every undertaking, unobtrusive, yet one whose words were always received with attention. It has not been his lot to administer the affairs of any of the important spending departments, but his position has called for an evenly balanced mind and a keenness of insight, and of these qualities Mr. Scott possessed. He entered politics upwards of fifty years ago, becoming a member of the Ontario legislature, and later held office in the provincial ministry. It has not been his lot to face many federal campaigns, for when he became a member of the Mackenzie cabinet he was called to this office from the senate to which he had been appointed. Freed from the worries of elections, he has been able to devote his whole attention to the administration of his department and has conducted its affairs with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the people of Canada.

MOVING THE CROP.

Despatches from different points in the Canadian Northwest predict a somewhat serious grain blockade caused by shortage of rolling stock. These reports, the wording of which may be to some extent influenced by representatives of the shipping and railway companies, are to the effect that the railway company is unable to handle the grain already offering, that the elevators at many places are full and that a regrettable delay in moving the crop will be experienced. The Railway Commission will this week receive evidence from the shippers, to show that the law regarding inspection of rolling stock and the running of trains is not being properly carried out. On the other hand, the officials of the C. P. R. state that there are not enough elevators in the West to store the grain as fast as it is being threshed. The farmers did not anticipate the strike and there has been little reason for building elevators when they thought they could have the crops handled without storing. A number of millings companies, from which enquiries were made by the C. P. R., state that they have not as yet suffered very great crop shortages, although some of the cars which have been detailed for their use are in poor condition and are not fit to carry grain without considerable repairs. The elevators are fast filling up, and while the whole business could be put through more quickly if a larger number of cars were on hand, still there is nothing as yet to indicate that a serious blockade is imminent.

GLASGOW'S UNEMPLOYED.

Yesterday the municipal authorities of Glasgow commenced the public relief work which is not usually started until winter sets in. This was done because of the problem of providing for the unemployed, which during the past few weeks has become very serious. There are a great many estimates as to the number of men and women along the Clyde who are out of work. Some of the Socialists place the total as high as 150,000, which must be absurd, but even the most conservative believe that there are no less than 25,000 skilled workers now unable to obtain employment. The whole Clyde Valley depends for its prosperity on the shipbuilding industry, and this is peculiarly susceptible to outside influences. During the past few years business has been booming and shipbuilders have increased their plants, and the number of their employees in order to satisfactorily meet the requirements of customers. Then business fell away suddenly. The financial crisis in the United States lessening the power of capital, resulted in a falling off in orders and shipbuilders were compelled either to shut down completely or to keep small numbers of men employed on part time. The depression is all the more severe because of the exceptional prosperity which preceded it, and the problem which the Clyde now faces is the most serious in many years. Glasgow and the neighboring cities in the valley have been the victims of a boom. They have been overbuilt, provision being made for increase in population such as should not have been expected to become permanent. This has been followed by the present dull period by a complete stagnation in the building trades. It is stated that there are now 16,000 empty houses in the city of Glasgow alone.

The unemployed have held several demonstrations. The majority are mechanics or skilled laborers, persons who have been accustomed to fairly comfortable conditions of life, and they are not making any extravagant requests.

They ask only sufficient food to sustain life, or work by which they can earn this food. In consequence of the serious condition public relief work, as mentioned, has been already started.

UP-TO-DATE.

"Bigby is right up to the times." "What has he done now?" "Why, he's been looking ahead a little, and in a day or two will finish the construction of a patent aerial roost for airship pilots who want to tie up for an hour or two."

HINTS FOR DR. WATTS.

Sunday School Teacher—"What lesson do we learn from the busy bee?" Tommy Tuffnut—"Not to get stung."

NO DISPUTE IN THAT.

A man and his wife were riding their troubles on the sidewalk one Saturday evening when a good Samaritan intervened. "See here, my man," he protested, "this sort of thing won't do."

"What of business it is of yours, I'd like to know," snarled the man, turning from his wife.

"It's only my business in so far as I can be of help in settling this dispute," answered the Samaritan mildly.

"This ain't no dispute," growled the man.

"No dispute! But, my dear friend, I tell you, it ain't no dispute," insisted the man. "She"—jacking his thumb toward the woman—"thinks she ain't goin' to get my week's wages, and I know darn well she ain't. Where's the dispute in that?"

## QUEEN HONORS ALPINE VETERAN

Her Majesty Presents Souvenir to Leopold Grand.

Old Man Has a Record of Having Saved Over One Hundred Lives in a Day.

GENEVA, Sept. 14.—A pretty incident occurred during Queen Margherita's recent trip to the mountains of Chamoni and Aix-les-Bains over the Little St. Bernard into Italy.

The veteran French Alpine guide, Leopold Grand, was waiting on the summit of the pass, hat in hand, to salute the Queen.

He was wearing on his breast the Order of Merit presented to him in 1887 by the late King Humbert, of Italy, and the Order of the Legion of Honor, which was planned to his breast by President Loubet, both orders having been obtained for saving the lives of French and Italian Alpine troops near the pass and for exceptional bravery.

Queen Margherita stopped her motor car, and stepping out, shook hands with Grand, whom she congratulated on having saved three more lives during the past winter.

The old man with a souvenir, then, re-entering her motor car, waved her handkerchief as long as she could see the solitary figure standing on the pass.

Grand has lived in a tiny refuge hut on the Little St. Bernard for the last twenty-five years in the employment of the French government, and during that time has saved about 100 lives. He bears a charmed life for he has been swept away by avalanches over precipitous several times.

Six years ago, while rescuing French soldiers from an avalanche, Grand and his only son were overwhelmed by a second avalanche and his son was killed.

The old guide, who lives alone in his hut, is entitled to a pension, but he refuses to leave his post, though he is 72 years old.

LONGBOAT TO TRY THE NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE

TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 14.—Those who imagine that Tom Longboat, the Indian in the Olympic Marathon would be the signal for the Indian to fade away into oblivion, have probably come to the conclusion by now that they have several more conjectures coming to them.

It has been understood all along that Longboat will be entered in the Ward Marathon. Now the announcement is made that the Redskin's date book will also have no less than two important engagements for Thanksgiving Day, to wit: the Hamilton annual 20 mile road race around Mantion Beach, and the Guelph marathon of 15 miles. Moreover, it is the present intention of the only Tom to keep both dates. Tom's plan is to cover the two races consecutively. The Hamilton race takes place in the morning, and if Longboat runs time to the form he has been displaying of late he should be the winner. Immediately after the race, which should be over by 11.30 a. m., he will enter a waiting automobile, which will take him at top speed over the 15 miles or more miles, which separate Hamilton from Guelph. He will thus reach the latter city in time to start at 2 p. m. as a competitor in the Marathon. To win two such races in a single day will be a difficult and spectacular feat. Yet this is the task Tom Longboat has set himself, apparently with complete confidence that he can encompass it.

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## TURKEY FOR TURKS SAYS AHMED PASHA

Would Govern Macedonia as Britain Governs India.

Is Opposed to Dynastic Changes and, Therefore, Against Deposition of Sultan.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—Gen. Ahmed Pasha, a Turkish officer of wide culture, who fought as a commandant, with great distinction, at Plevna, and, having subsequently honored the displeasure of the Sultan, has resided in Europe for several years in exile, has given his views on the Turkish situation.

Ahmed Pasha, who is a pronounced Anglophile, is now on his way from Paris, through London, to the York shire moors, as the guest of an old English friend, for grouse shooting. Asked if he would grant a short interview on the situation in Macedonia, the General replied:—"With pleasure. I am always delighted to have been our true friends; even when you have been angry with the Sultan you have never disliked the Turk."

"I cannot well call myself (pointing to his short grey beard) a Young Turk," he continued, laughingly, "for I am over 60; but, of course, I am a reformer, and, as a soldier, I rejoice that the eternal honor of smashing up the nest of the infamous parasites at Yildiz has been reserved for the army, the powerful aid of the Sultan, Islam, who has proved to be a valuable ally in this reform movement, for he has guided the Sultan with marked sagacity, opened their eyes to the true state of affairs, and prevented the movement from degenerating into a thing of fanaticism or anti-Christian feeling."

HASTE BAD POLICY NOW.

"We must not hasten too quickly in politics, but rather confine work to administrative reform in every way. I shall certainly require English and French help in reorganizing the civil service, revenue, finance and police administration generally. I should like to see each Minister have an Englishman or Frenchman as his department for at least two years to start things on a sound footing. In Cyprus since 1878 you have shown your kind of administration, and during your thirty years' administration you have made some splendid Turkish officials who would now be invaluable in the new regime."

"The Cyprus gendarmes are a fine body of men, and Winston Churchill formed the best opinion of them during his recent visit to the island. We must not, however, make the mistake of regarding on a similar basis, and also the courts of law on the Cyprus plan."

"My sincere hope is that the Grand Vizier and Council of Ministers will make a resolute stand against entering at this stage into any premature undertaking with the Bulgarians, Albanians, Greeks, Jews or Armenians for local autonomy or home rule. Your kind wishes for the privileges which they are now entitled to enjoy under the hatti humayoun and existing firmans. The Ottoman Turks hold their empire by the tightest tenure—that of conquest. We won it by the sword. You acquired India, partly by the sword, partly by treaty, and you maintain your Indian Empire by military garrisons and by an equitable government, and you stamp out sedition with a firm hand."

MAY IMITATE ENGLAND.

"Turkey will act wisely if she follows in Macedonia your Indian policy, and makes it clear to Bulgars, Serbs and Greeks alike that Ottoman troops will garrison the Macedonian vilayets, the courts and prisons be reformed, a brigade kept down, education encouraged, personal security and religious freedom guaranteed, public works and roads constructed. These elementary conditions of an improved administration being secured, we ought to suppress sedition with vigor, and punish as treasonable all attempts to sow discord among the non-Mohammedan subjects, or to solicit the intervention of any foreign State in the internal affairs of the Empire."

"I am not in favor of dynastic changes. They are not necessary. I am opposed to the Sultan's deposition. At a Moslem I should regard it as a breach of faith with his Majesty as well as a political blunder."

JUST LIKE HER.

Church—"What's that piece of cord tied around your finger for?" Chapel—"My wife put it there to remind me to post her letter."

"And did you post it?" "No; she forgot to give it to me!"

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## IT IS SPRING IN THE FAR NORTH

Arctic Sun Brings Measure of Warmth, Dr. Grenfell Writes

A Blizzard in April Lasted Two Days, and One Man Nearly Perished Close to Safety.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—D. A. Grenfell writes from St. Anthony under date of July 1: "A few weeks ago we were struggling with snow and ice. Warm weather was evidently prevailing somewhere on the earth's surface. We ourselves were already in shady cowboy clothing, and had long ago discarded skin suits, and even sweaters. But it still froze at night, and as soon as ever the sun sank low enough to throw shadows on the snow-covered ground, the snow of every rock and piece of ice. This was entirely due to a prevalence of easterly winds, which had brought us with lavish generosity a recurring contribution of ice from the Arctic, and which did not seem to understand that we had sufficient. The fact was the endless ice covering the sea, jamming the shores, and filling the bays and harbors converted the land into a large temporary refrigerator."

IN FRANCE LAST YEAR.

Perhaps all this sounds very unattractive to those who are only accustomed to warm climates. This time last year I was myself in Mentone, in the south of France, eating fresh strawberries under a palm tree, and later enjoying the in the exquisite gardens of St. Thomas Hanbury at Vortici, filled with its endless variety of tropical plants, so dear to the late Queen Victoria, who frequently visited the place. Yet, not only today do I see homes out here just as happy, people just as contented, and probably physically a great deal more hardy, but also like my compatriots in Europe and America, find even in the climatic conditions daily experiences which the young American would almost give his eyes for."

BIRDS ARE SINGING.

Our sheep have lambled, our cattle have calved, new batches of carefully selected puppies are playing around our doors, the snipe is whirling overhead, the large American robin and the brown song sparrow are waking the countryside with songs as sweet as ever. And, what is more, the circumstances of our life are such as to insure that almost every man in the community should be out of bed to enjoy it. In early spring there were advances of snow, even to the presence of the snow ice. Along its edge, as it lay off shore, large flocks of northward-bound ducks came in reach of our guns. Numerous young seals bawling north, played about in the open water spaces between the ice, bringing us fresh meat and good skins. Moreover, when the sun did shine down he shone up again from the snow-white mirror which not only killed the beetle lurking in our blood, and tanned our faces, but did not without prevent us from wishing to move about in the brisk air by the feeling of lassitude so general in the sunny south."

A STRIKING CONTRAST.

"Again, if contrast enables us to appreciate pleasure, that, too, we had in abundance. For, during the second week in April we had a blizzard, lasting for two days, of such violence that it was almost impossible to get out of our harbor positively wandered about all night without making a house on either side. I have seen it possible to be cold on the ice, with comfortable houses not more than a quarter of a mile on either side of me, and I was considerably exhausted in the morning. But sorry as we were for him, we felt he deserved all he got, for he was a sorry advertisement for the accuracy of our people, whose pride in their skill in navigating either sea or land is not inconsiderable."

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Funeral on Wednesday morning at 8.45 from his late residence, 224 Rockland Road, to Holy Trinity Church. Requiem High Mass at 9 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend.

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## G.P.R. STRIKERS CONDEMN IMMIGRATION POLICY

Meeting Which Passed Resolution to That Effect Broke Up in Disorder.

MONTREAL, Sept. 15.—Some five hundred G. P. R. strikers with a sprinkling of socialists held a meeting tonight on the Champ De Mars and passed a resolution condemning the government's immigration programme by which it was declared, strangers were brought to Canada to take the places of Canadians.

The meeting broke up in some disorder owing to the fact that one of the speakers declared the men could get along without the G. P. R. and the latter without the men. The remark was resented so strongly that it was impossible to hear anything more from the platform and the meeting was adjourned.

The resolution on immigration condemned the immigration policy of the government.

READY REASONING. They stood before a reproduction the Venus of Melos.

"Her hands must have been beautiful," said one.

"Very," assented the other. "I wonder what position they were in?" "I have a theory that she was represented as basted at her toilet. Her hand probably held a small mirror."

"And the other a powder puff. But that theory won't work."

"And why not?" "Had she been at her toilet mouth would have been full of pins."

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