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"THE TWENTY-FOURTH."

The festive aspect of the holiday is clouded by the King's death, but it will be as usual a day of outdoor recreation for the multitude. For such a purpose, in this country at least, the birth of Queen Victoria occurred on a happy day. A month earlier the weather is rarely enjoyable, and a month later would make a long time between holidays in the season in which open-air delights begin. Its timeliness has been a factor in its popularity. Having been celebrated for 64 years, during the life of Victoria, there were few people when the good Queen died who could recollect when the twenty-fourth of May was not a holiday. To have abolished it would have seemed like uprooting a custom or an institution interwoven with the life of the people. Certainly the boys and girls would have felt that they had been robbed of their rights. Grey-headed men and women had sung and heard their children and grandchildren sing:

The Twenty-Fourth of May
Is the Queen's Birthday;
If they don't give us a holiday,
We'll all run away.

This is not great poetry, but it is doubtful whether a more popular verse was ever written. To perpetuate the holiday is a happy method of commemorating Victoria's name and virtues. The birthday of King George the Fifth falls on June 3, but it is probable that like the birthday of Edward the Seventh the public celebration will be merged in "The Twenty-Fourth."

The day has also acquired new significance from the inception in 1898 of Empire Day. For this, May the twenty-third was chosen, so that its sentiments might be associated with those of the following day.

This year "The Twenty-Fourth" almost synchronizes another great national day in the Empire—the formal proclamation of a United South Africa. The memory of Queen Victoria, the accession of George the Fifth, and the birth of another nation within the British Empire—all of these are suggested by the holiday, and are reminders of the world-wide circle of our relationships as a unit of the greatest empire in history.

ELECTORAL REFORM IN BRITAIN

The adoption of the alternative vote in cases where more than two candidates stand for one seat, and the abolition of two-member constituencies at the earliest convenient opportunity, are in brief, the recommendations of the British royal commission on systems of election appointed at the close of 1908, with Lord Richard Cavendish as chairman. Their report has just been made public.

The instructions of the commission were "to examine the various schemes which had been adopted or proposed, in order to secure fully representative character for popularly elected bodies, and to consider whether and how far they or any of them are capable of application to the United Kingdom, in regard to the existing electorate."

The commissioners maintain that the alternative vote system is preferable to and goes farther than the second ballot, against which they declare.

The alternative vote system, which is found in Queensland and Western Australia, is thus explained: The voter is invited to arrange the candidates in the order of his choice by placing the figures 1, 2, 3 against their names. At the first count only first votes are reckoned. If then no candidate is found to have obtained an absolute majority the candidate who has received the smallest number of first votes is regarded as eliminated, and his voting papers are distributed according to the names, if any, marked 2 on them. The papers on which no second preference is marked are regarded as "exhausted," and their number is deducted from the total for the purpose of calculating the absolute majority at the second count. If still no candidate has received such a majority (which, of course, could only happen if more than three candidates originally stood), the process is repeated as often as necessary until the desired result is obtained.

As regards schemes for producing proportional representation, the commissioners express the belief that the transferable vote systems would have the best chance of ultimate acceptance, but they decline to recommend its adoption in existing circumstances for elections to the House of Commons.

The London Daily News, commenting on the report, undertakes to show that proportional representation, against which the commission pronounced, would destroy the present form of cabinet, which depends upon the large majority and the two-party system. It says:

"The authority of a Ministry over a majority varies directly with the size and the compactness of that majority. If the majority is big the sentiments of its minor sections within it can be ignored with impunity; if it is all constituted by a single party the cabinet can take its own course. The very reverse is the case when the majority is small and made up of members of groups owning different party allegiance. The majority under such circumstances can shape the policy of the cabinet with far more effect. With justice the Commissioners say that 'The multiplication of small parties feared by opponents, and the encouragement of the independent member hoped for by advocates alike exaggerated' in the evidence as to proportional representation. But it is undeniable that proportional representation would destroy the big majority, and it would destroy the two-party system."

The News proceeds to show that under proportional representation, the 1885 Liberal majority of 158 would have been cut down to 92, that the 1886 Unionist majority of 104 would have been converted into a Liberal majority of 18, and that subsequent parliamentary majorities would have been similarly affected. Majorities would be small and they would be composite.

THE CONTRARINESS OF COMETS.

It is no new thing for the astronomers to be astray in their calculations regarding the reappearance and movements of comets and that they should have made mistakes in connection with the celestial wanderer bearing the name of Halley, is not surprising in the light of history.

One of the three comets whose reappearance has been predicted is Biela's, which was first noted by the Austrian officer whose name it bears on Feb. 28, 1826. Its orbit was ascertained and its velocity computed. The astronomers found that its period of revolution was six years and thirty-eight weeks. There was some fear of Biela's Comet, on account of the nearness with which a certain part of its orbit approached the orbit of the earth. Yet there was great interest in it on account of the frequency of its visits. Biela's Comet was observed for the second time in 1832, for the third time in 1839, for the fourth time in 1845, and for the fifth time in 1852. Everybody had become used to it then. There had grown up what might be considered friendly relations between Biela's Comet and the inhabitants of the earth, and astronomers were on the alert to catch the first glimpse of it in 1858. But in that year it failed them, and it has not been seen since.

What disappointment there was among astronomers owing to the failure of Biela's Comet to keep the date for which they had advertised it in 1858 was more than offset by the apparition in that year known as Donati's Comet, so called because it was first observed by Donati, of Florence, when at a distance of 228,000,000 miles from the earth. He saw it in June. Everybody in the northern hemisphere saw it in September and October, when the length of its tail was calculated at 40,000,000 miles. On the 10th of October it was nearest to the earth. On the 18th it was so near Venus that there were apprehensions of collision. But the comet moved on, and so did Venus. Venus is still a brilliant object in the heavens, but what has become of Donati's Comet nobody knows.

Three years later came the great comet of 1861, first seen in Australia in May, and in June beheld of all beholders in Europe and America. It travelled at the rate of ten million miles a day. On the 30th of June the heavens of the northern hemisphere were illuminated with a phosphorescent auroral glare, and there was a general belief, which still persists, that the earth was in the comet's tail. If so, no harm came of the contact. The comet of 1861 passed on and nothing has been heard of it since.

Telescopicists see many comets which are not visible to the naked eye. It is computed that more than six hundred are recorded in history. A book on comets by Amedee Guillemin, published in 1877, contained the estimate that the number of comets in the solar system is 17,500,000. However numerous they may be, there is no positive evidence that they have ever done the earth any serious harm.

Brain-food quatrains.

In picking out a food for thought
From all the bookish jargon,
Adapt your mood to worthy food,
And try a little Lamb.
—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

Or if Lamb is not your favorite dish,
And with no gusto taken,
Some Hogg might do, or else a few
Nice juicy bits of Bacon.
—Boston Transcript.

If Lamb and Bacon prove too tough,
And difficult to Chaucer,
With Browning o'er you'll like it Moore
Than Campbell eaten raw, sir.
—Chicago Record-Herald.

Perhaps Crabbe's Tales will please your taste.
Beware of Burns when fired;
To poorly cooked you're surely booked
To get an Akenside.

A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.
Submarine A-8 had a remarkable experience while manoeuvring off Plymouth on May 19.
She went out in the morning with Submarine A-7, A-9 and A-10 for exercise in discharging torpedoes, accompanied by the destroyer Snapper. The commander of the Onyx, tender to the submarines, was on board.

MOST REMARKABLE CURES

EVER MADE BY ANY REMEDY

ARE DAILY CREDITED TO THE WONDERFUL POWERS OF "FRUIT-A-TIVES."

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It is the old chronic case, the stubborn case, the case that will not yield to the ordinary remedies of the physician, that "Fruit-a-tives" never fails to cure. Many of the cures made by "Fruit-a-tives" are the wonder and admiration of the doctors who cannot understand how "Fruit-a-tives" can do what they cannot.

Bancroft, Ont., Oct. 17.
"I have been troubled for years with indigestion—have tried every kind of medicine, and found only temporary relief. Then I used 'Fruit-a-tives' and now I am no longer troubled with indigestion. I think it is a splendid remedy."

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difficulty, and after more than an hour's anxious labor, that the boat could be made to rise. It is stated that she touched bottom. The crew consisted of eleven men, and Lieut. Donald Greig was in charge at the time. The men had a most exciting and trying experience, and the fact that they were in such deadly peril created intense anxiety. After they had been down for nearly an hour the crew had the satisfaction of seeing her nose rise, and their pent-up feelings found vent in hearty cheers. All the submarines afterwards returned to Devonport, where the matter was reported.

It will be recalled that it was Submarine A-8 which sank in Cawsand Bay, Plymouth, five years ago, when fifteen of the crew were drowned. She was afterwards raised and repaired.

HIS ONE GOOD TRAIT.
[New Zealand Free Lance.]
Jones—Whenever I have to borrow money I try to get it from a pessimist. Brown—Why?

Jones—A pessimist never expects to get it back.

COULDN'T FOOL HER.
[Punch.]
Little Girl—Look, auntie, there's a poor man with a wooden leg. Can't I give him a penny?

Aunt—Certainly not, dear. I have no doubt he's an impostor.

HIM KNOWLEDGY.
[The Cicle.]
Stanley Jordan, the well-known Episcopalian minister, having cause to be anxious about his son's college examinations, told him to telegraph the result. The boy sent the following message: "My dear dad, fifth verse, last two lines." Looking it up, the father found the words: "Sorrow vanquished, labor ended, Jordan passed."

A WARNING.
[New Zealand Free Lance.]
Love's young dream appears to have met with an interruption somewhere, judging by the following warning ad. in the Auckland Herald of a recent date: "O. D. No. 4, father's home—V. R."

SPOTTED.
[Life.]
The man who gives in when he is wrong is wise; the man who gives in when he is right is generally married.

VIOLATING PROFESSIONAL COURTESY.
[Fleekende Blatter.]
First Trump—What time is it?
Second Trump—Come off! I'm a thief myself.

MURDER WITHOUT MALICE.
[The Green Bag.]
The Dean of the Suffolk School of Law, Boston, sends us the following gem from a freshman examination paper: "Where murder is committed without malice aforethought, it is a case of manslaughter."

POPULAR FICTION.
[Chicago Tribune.]
"I'm so glad to see you."
"Oh, what a beautiful new gown you have!"

"My friends, it gives me great pleasure to address this modest audience."
"I assure you it will not be the slightest inconvenience."
"Although you have defeated me I sincerely congratulate you on your election."
"Why, you don't look a day older than you did twenty years ago!"

"I shall be delighted to have you call."
"I do so enjoy hearing you sing."
"My attention has been called."

HER FLAT.
[The Sacred Heart Review.]
Mrs. Noobridge—Yes, dear, I was married last month. I'd like you to call on me and see the pretty little flat I have.

Miss Jelluse—I've seen him, my dear.

TWO OF 'EM.
[Boston Transcript.]
He [after a quarrel, bitterly]—I was a fool when I married you.

She—I knew it, but I thought you would improve.

WISDOM IN CHICAGO.
[Chicago News.]
"What State do we live in?" asked the teacher in the primary geography class.

And little Elmer, thinking of his Sunday school catechism, promptly replied: "In a state of sin and misery."

QUIT FOR ONCE
[Boston Post.]
"Johnny," said the boy's mother, "I hope you have been a nice, quiet boy at school this afternoon."

"That's what I was," answered Johnny. "I went to sleep right after dinner, and the teacher said she would whip any boy in the room who woke me up."

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AFTER THE LUMBER TRUST.
Washington, May 23.—The department of justice is investigating the subject of the price of lumber in the United States with the view to determining whether or not the so-called lumber trust may be reached by the Sherman and Trust Law in restraint of trade.

Mail
Orders
Carefully
Filled

THE BUSY STORE

Month-End Carpet Specials

The next few days will be days of special value-giving in the Carpet Department, because quick selling is desired for the remainder of the month of May. This event is worthy of the immediate attention of intending Carpet buyers, and like all our sales, is certain of a quick response. Purchases will be kept on a cash deposit until wanted.

Tapestry Carpet

Regular selling prices are 85c to \$1.00 a yard. Standard qualities of English Tapestry Carpet, including our well-known Alexandria, especially adapted for sitting-room use. Five patterns have borders to match, others without borders, forming a splendid range to choose from. Sale price, made and laid, a yard. 75c

Split Bamboo Porch Shades

It is time to consider the porch and verandah needs. These split bamboo shades are serviceable and inexpensive, genuine bamboo, split, firmly bodied and built for wear; not affected by sun or rain.

Size 5x6 feet, at.....63c
Size 6x6 feet, at.....75c
Size 5x8 feet, at.....80c

Size 6x8 feet, at.....95c
Size 7x8 feet, at.....\$1.10
Size 8x8 feet, at.....\$1.25

J. H. Chapman & Co., 126, 128, 128½ Dundas St.

TEDDY TRIES ROLE OF PEACEMAKER

Would Reconcile Great Britain and Germany—Started With Wilhelm.

London, May 23.—It was inevitable that such a great gathering of heads of states and special ambassadors for King Edward's funeral should become an occasion of considerable discussion of political relationships. There was at first a tendency to attribute special significance to the friendly conversations of the Kaiser with M. Pichon, the French foreign minister. It was thought that the Emperor might have a definite plan in mind in connection with his suggestion that it was more than ever the duty of the European States to encourage closer alliance, into a confederation of peace. It is considered in diplomatic circles, however, that the Kaiser's utterances were more platitudinous than practical.

There is much gossip in the same quarters about the great ambition cherished by Col. Roosevelt before the visit to Berlin to act as peacemaker between Germany and Great Britain. The former President, according to the current version, conceived the idea before he left America. He made plans to use his utmost efforts while in Berlin to induce the Kaiser to consent to a practical peace agreement with England. This accomplished, he hoped to persuade King Edward when he reached London to do his part in bringing about a grand reconciliation.

The death of King Edward before the Colonel reached Berlin did not destroy the scheme. Indeed, it tended to promote it, for it removed the element of personal prejudices or antipathy in the Emperor's mind.

The denouement was disappointing. Col. Roosevelt found the Kaiser the personification of frankness and cordiality on nearly all subjects, but he refused to be drawn into a discussion of Anglo-German relations. Deep chagrin and disappointment are credited to the distinguished American over the failure of his official mission.

Many instances of private purchases of tanks of oxygen for use in case the atmosphere became vitiated by the deadly cyanogen were reported, and, of course, in the nature of things the vast majority of such instances were unreported. Some people who were in the possession of cylinders prepared them carefully as a last refuge, sealing up all apertures through which the death-dealing gas might enter, and installing an oxygen supply in instant readiness for the dread emergency.

The theory of these persons was that, given the tremendous combined speed of the earth and the comet, it might be possible for them, if thus well provided, to survive the brief period of contact of the two atmospheres, and they saw before them in this event a wonderful future of new experiences, in a thinly-populated world, for it was impossible for them to believe that there would be a great number of other human beings as fortunate as themselves.

RECEIVER FOR RAILWAY.
Chicago, May 23.—Judge Grosscup, in the United States circuit court today, appointed Mr. Ryer receiver for the Chicago Railway Company, which operates the west and north side street car lines. The company is not insolvent, and the receivership is believed to be a mere legal movement in connection with Judge Ball's recent decision holding the railway company liable for bonds of the

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Wilton Carpet

For the drawing-room, parlor, library or sitting-room these rich Wilton Carpets in elegant patterns are just right, at a special price for one week only. Besides two-toned and floral effects there are beautiful tilings for hall and stairs. Seven-day sale; made and laid.....\$1.50

Net Corsets for Summer Wear

Many women like to get new Corsets for the summer, to save their finer ones and be cool at the same time. They will find them here at 50c and 75c. Princess models with long hips and extension skirt, made of strong English net, firmly strapped with coutil; also Crompton's Batiste Corset, light weight, for summer wear, at a pair.....\$1.00

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The Globe.

As A Newspaper

"WHO is Maria; please tell us about her?" More than once requests of this nature have reached THE GLOBE, for Maria has become one of the features of "Canada's National Newspaper." But of course it would not do to tell of Maria more than she occasionally tells of herself in her bright contributions to the "Woman's Page." Maria's "The Size of the Loaf" campaign will not soon be forgotten.

The "Woman's Page" of THE GLOBE has long been noted for its originality and charm. The women of the household will always find particular entertainment and interest there.

Mrs. E. H. Brennan, Welland, received twenty-five applications, and one man walked from Catonia in response to a small ad. in The Globe.

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will make you fit and fine. Invest a dollar in a big bottle and if you're not satisfied we'll cheerfully return your money. We're taking no chances, because we know exactly what's in it.

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their flocks annually without decreasing the total number. Nearly £3,000,000 worth of frozen mutton and lamb is exported per annum, while the meat canning industry is rapidly growing, and has reached a value of over £100,000 a year.