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THE THORNE LETTER.

Mr. Thorne's letter is quite interesting merely as a piece of literature. The epistolary art is not dead among us. One may raise a pedantic objection to the slang, but the vigor, the easy vivacity, the human vein, the racy humor, show a man of lively intellect and a certain rich experience, expressing himself well in a familiar way. One would like to have Mr. Thorne as a regular correspondent.

It is absolutely clear from the tone of the letter that it was not, as the writer emphasizes, intended for any other eye than Mr. Maisonville's. This lends piquancy as well as weight in the way of evidence. The somewhat cynical air of humorous detachment with which Mr. Thorne writes of our provincial lords and masters is immensely funny, except to Whitney, Hanna and Company themselves. With an amused disrespect he treads upon their toes of clay, and no wonder if they squeal with pain, rage and fear, so that the skies re-echo their unbiblical phrases, as Mr. Thorne would say. They are no gods to him; he knows them evidently too well. The impression of a sea-green incorruptibility in the Whitney regime, which has made many overlook its stupidity, would not seem to have been very strong in the mind of Mr. Thorne.

It is indeed a tantalizing feature of this letter, that while it reveals much, it suggests so much more unrevealed. A vast familiarity with the secrets of the prison-house, a breath-taking ease of movement among those sinister mysteries as everyday, commonplace realities to him, the repeated assurance to his discreet friend that he could a further tale untold to the ear of flesh and blood, but that so eternal a blazon might not be committed to tell-tale paper, all this imparts an unusual interest to the epistle of Thorne to Maisonville and invests its writer with some guise of a prophet of evil. We want to know more from this philosopher. If he would tell us all that he knows, would it not harrow up somebody's soul? But let the galled jade wince.

The letter is like a single flash of lightning, showing up dark places at night. Something is distinctly shown, something dimly hinted, something left to the imagination. There is depth, perspective, background, in the scenery of this document. Mr. Thorne knew some of Mr. Taylor's charges were true, he apparently believed that Mr. Hanna had done things that would cause his resignation, it is broadly suggested that the Taylor case is not isolated, but that this mode of doing business is characteristic of Mr. Hanna. Finally the references to Sir James himself are rather hazier, in need of a commentary.

If Mr. Thorne is keeping a cipher diary of Ontario governmental affairs, he may have a posthumous glory equal to that of Pepys. But the present generation would like to read it. More flashes are desired from one so familiar, it appears, with the leading persons of our public drama.

THE STRENGTH OF TREATIES.

The action of the United States in giving special privileges to certain classes of its own shipping in violation of the terms of the treaty with Britain, has received a new interest by a later proposition before Congress to abrogate the treaty. The facts may be briefly summarized. Under an old treaty with the United States, Great Britain had certain interests in the Panama Isthmus. When the republic undertook the construction of the canal, in order to give the Government a free hand in controlling the territory involved in the scheme, it was thought advisable for the interests of all other nations to be surrendered. This was effected, so far as England was concerned, by the substitution of a new treaty for the old one. Under this, called the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, the empire surrendered all its rights. This was not done, however, without some equvalent. The equivalent secured was that all nations should be allowed the free use of the canal on equal terms.

As the canal neared completion, it was decided by the United States to give its coastwise shipping exemption from the tolls imposed on other nations. To this Britain objected as a violation of the treaty. The answer was that the term "all nations" in the treaty meant "all other nations." The exact wording of the treaty, as well as its history, renders this answer untenable. We are happy to say that the great majority of the best journals, and some of the best statesmen in the country, irrespective of politics, coincide in this view, and declare that the honor of the republic requires that it should be true to its engagements, even to its own injury. Now, the friends of the shipping interests are tacitly recognizing the soundness of this view by proposing that the treaty shall be abrogated.

But this does not improve the situation. To abrogate a treaty when the nation is not getting the best of the bargain is no more honorable than to violate it. The only honorable method is to submit the question at issue to arbitration. This Britain is willing to do, but so far the United States has not agreed.

The proposed plan of getting over the unsatisfactory portions of a treaty by abrogating it is proposed also in the case of the California alien land law. As it has been held that certain provisions of that law conflict with the treaty between Japan and the United States, a New York paper suggests that the treaty must give way, as it interferes with the rights of an individual state to make what laws it pleases for its own government; and that notice should be at once given Japan of its termination.

Foreign nations have always been embarrassed in making treaties with the United States, for the reason that in this latter country the Government has no power to conclude the arrangement. It can negotiate and draft a treaty that shall be acceptable to the other party, but that is all it can do. The Senate is the sole treaty-making power. If to this is to be added the further encumbrance that a treaty, even after it is made, can be abrogated by the republic at its own will, then our neighbors may find some difficulties cropping up in their diplomatic relations. But we are satisfied that this danger will not arise, and that the necessity of national good faith and honor will be recognized in the republic, as it is in Great Britan.

THE CASE NOT CLOSED.

The partisan majority of the Legislature has, of course, accepted the partisan report of the partisan majority of the privileges and elections committee. It has further abused its power by censuring Mr. Proudfoot for making the charges, cynically ignoring the fact that this course was forced upon him by the obstruction of the public accounts committee. Mr. Proudfoot hoped to bring out in that committee the evidence concerning the improper payment to Mr. Hanna, but every avenue of inquiry was blocked by the majority. The levying of specific charges was the only chance for investigation. Mr. Proudfoot courageously took the step. He asked for a royal commission of two judges, and was given the packed jury of the privileges and elections committee. As if the tyrannical suppression of evidence by that tribunal were not sufficiently a public scandal, the followers of Sir James Whitney in the House add insult to injury by abusing the man to whom they had denied justice and fair play.

The case is not ended. Mr. Proudfoot offers to resign his seat if he cannot sustain his charges before a royal commission. The Government will not accept his challenge, but the Proudfoot charges will continue to echo in the forum of public opinion. The public knows that Mr. Proudfoot has not had a square deal. A corner of the curtain has been lifted in spite of the Government. Mr. Hanna could have bared everything if he wished. Why did he not insist on a full disclosure? That question will plague him throughout his public life.

Against Mr. Proudfoot the Ontario Government loaded the dice and called the score.

Mr. Hanna has lost the reversion of the leadership. He is too shrewd not to know it.

The German navy throws no fright into the Borden Government comparable with the prospect of a general election.

Mr. Proudfoot would have merited a vote of censure and failed in his duty if he had refused to try to probe the Hanna-Taylor incident to the bottom.

Hon. T. W. Crothers has been chosen to speak with Mr. Borden at Toronto Arena, perhaps as a delicate compliment to the victims of the Farmers' Bank.

A good freight boat service at Port Stanley is not dependent upon electrification. Our local contemporary's effort to couple the two projects is altogether insincere.

The London Free Press seems to be under the impression that it was Mr. Rowell who demanded and received that $500 subscription from a Government contractor.

Mr. Borden will follow Sir Wilfrid Laurier's meeting in the Toronto Arena. But he will not be able to eclipse or efface the greatest indoor political rally ever held in the Dominion.

J. J.

[London Evening Standard.]

A woman stated at a Hackney inquest that her husband's Christian names were James Jonathan or Jonathan James, she did not know which. "You see," she explained, "he was one of twins, and they got mixed up a bit."

IN THE MIDST OF THE GAME.

[The Washington Herald.]

"What's de matter wit' Jimmy?"
"Aw, he feels disgraced for life."
"How's dat?"
"His mudder come out yesterday and took him home right off second base."

THE RACONTEUR.

[Lippincott's Magazine.]

He is so full of classic jest
That as he tells his tales to me,
I feel as though I lay at rest
Beneath some spreading chestnut tree.

CANADIANS IMPROVING.

[Ottawa Free Press.]

Our thoughts have flowed in materialistic currents. Indeed, the man who showed any tendency to depart from these currents was generally regarded as an impossible visionary and dreamer. He who talked of music, or pictures, or poetry, or the thoughts of the masters in preference to the prices of real estate was more or less pitied, while he who choose an afternoon in the woods studying the wonders of nature in preference to watching a baseball or lacrosse game was utterly despised. It is not so long ago, even if that day has yet passed, when for a schoolboy to spend time learning a musical instrument was to have himself classed as a ninny and an effeminate.

But, thank goodness, those days are passing in Canada, as they are passing in the United States.

NATURE AND ART.

[Galveston News.]

As a general thing, when a woman gets it into her head that she has a perfect figure she wants to dress like the pictures in the corset ads.

THE SUBJECTION OF MAN.

[Pittsburg Dispatch.]

Why so much fuss over a husband promising in the marriage ceremony to obey his wife? Most of them do it without promising it.

A LOGICAL CURE.

[Washington Post.]

The venom of bees is now employed as a cure for ophthalmia. Nothing really opens a fellow's eyes like being well stung.

PAINFULLY ACCURATE.

[The Delineator.]

A woman of philanthropic tendencies was paying a visit to a lower east side school. She was particularly interested in a group of poor pupils and asked permission to question them.

"Children, which is the greatest of all virtues?"

No one answered.

"Now, think a little. What is it I am doing when I give up time and pleasure to come and talk with you for your own good?"

A grimy hand went up in the rear of the room.

"Please, ma'am, youse are buttin' in."

WILL POWER.

[Atchison Globe.]

Don't brag too much on your great will power; a setting hen is similarly equipped.

TERRIBLE PREDICAMENT.

[Life.]

"Here's a funny advertisement in the paper—'Wanted, a girl in Simpkins' store, partly outside and partly behind the counter.'"

"If the boss ever shut the door she'd lose her position."

THE FIVE GREAT RACES.

[The Sketch.]

Chinese students, like other foreigners seeking to master the English language, sometimes make ludicrous mistakes. Bishop Montgomery, at a recent anniversary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, gave some examples of answers given by students to examination questions.

When asked, "What are the five great races of mankind?" a Chinese student gave the following answer: "The hundred yards, the hurdles, the quarter-mile, the mile, and the three miles."

JUDGING A MAN BY HIS CLOTHES.

[Judge.]

"What a mistake it is to judge men by their clothes!"

"Yes. I know a self-made millionaire who dresses as well as the clerks in his establishment."

DOUBT.

[Judge.]

Barker—"Congratulate me, old man! My best girl has just accepted me over the telephone!"

Candidate—"Are you sure she understood what you were saying."

THE OTHER LADY.

[London Sketch.]

The Boy—"Quick! Bring a hambulance down to Paradise Court."

The P. C.—"What for?"

The Boy—"Mrs. Murphy caught another lidy sneakin' 'er broom."

LIKE ALL THE REST OF US.

[Boston Record.]

"I never say I will speak at a public gathering," said one of the wittiest after-dinner speakers in Boston, "without lying awake the night before, wondering what kind of a darned fool I'm going to make of myself. Then I lie awake the next night wondering what a darned fool I have made of myself."

PROOF.

[Judge.]

"Father, my watch is mentally deranged."

"Why, my son, a watch can't be mentally deranged!"

"Mine is. The jeweler told me today it had lost its balance."

NO FIGHTER.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]

"I don't like that disagreeable Mrs. Parker." "I thought she was very pleasant. What's happened?" "We lunched together down town today. She said she'd pay, and, of course, I mumbled 'Let me'—and she said 'Very well.'"

BADLY ULCERATED LEG

Zam-Buk Cured Her When So Bad She Had to Use Crutches.

For varicose sores, bad leg, or chronic ulcers, Zam-Buk is without equal as a healer. A proof of this is just to hand from Montreal. Mrs. T. Edwards, of 164 Amherst street, writes: "Some time ago a bad sore broke out on my left leg near the ankle. For a week or two I did not heed it, but it got so bad that I could hardly walk. I sent for our doctor, and he told me that I would have to lay up with the wound. I did so for three weeks. At the end of that time the ulcer healed a little, but I could only move about by using crutches.

"The sore then broke out badly, and the doctor told me that the only thing that would cure it would be an operation, and that I should have to lay up for a year. This, I knew, was impossible, as I had a family to attend to.

"My son had cured a bad cut on his finger by using Zam-Buk, and he advised me to give this balm a trial. I did so, and in less than a week's time it gave me wonderful relief. It stopped the pain, which had been so bad that many nights I did not get a wink of sleep. In a very short time the wound was so much better that I had no more sleepless nights, and was also able to move about and do my work. I persevered with Zam-Buk, with the result that the wound is now perfectly cured, and the limb is as sound and strong as ever. To any person suffering from ulcerated sores I would say, 'try Zam-Buk.'"

Zam-Buk is just as good for piles, abscesses, boils, scalp sores, blood poison, festering wounds, cuts, burns, scalds, bruisas, eczema, eruptions, and all other injuries and diseases. All druggists and stores 50c box, or Zam-Buk Company, Toronto, for price. Refuse harmful substitutes and imitations.

Have you tried Zam-Buk Soap? 25c tablet.

After having spent a pleasant winter at Hanna Retreat, Guelph, two of the guests are reported to have suddenly departed, the hand-out route having been reopened for navigation.

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Someone might tell the mayor's own incinerator that it's time to smoke up.

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Have you withdrawn your pennant prediction yet? Neither have we.

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Our idea of a man with a highly-developed nerve is one who sends you a collect message saying he's just shipped eleven pounds of mullet to your address.

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In Merry England.

Along the coast the suffragette
Strolled on a springtime night,
She saw a mighty beacon there,
To guide the ships aright.
"A bomb put in it," she remarked,
"Would help to Spread the Light.'"

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Bill Hanna.

Bill Hanna is a breezy boy;
Bill Hanna makes it pay;
He let the boys in stripes work for
Just thirty cents a day.

Bill travels in a Thorne-y road,
Occasionally it seems;
He's quite a burden to his pa,
The Hon'rable Sir Jeems.

Bill gave a contract, it appears,
For stokers, under-fed—
We cannot make ourselves believe
The Government was bled.

The stokers may be under-fed,
We'll grant you that, at least;
But not the Government, we vow—
Its paunch is round and creased.

Bill Hanna is a breezy boy,
Bill Hanna means no harm;
We'll all join hands and gaily sing,
"Away down on Bill's farm."

And sing a song of coal contracts,
All correspondence lose,
And Mr. Froudfoot will recite,
"Poor Hanna! Binding Shoes!"

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Taken On.

"I want a job," said he to the sausage-maker, "Gee!!
For I'm out of work, which really is distressin',
And you need not be afraid that I don't know the trade;
I'm the guy that put the cat in delicatessen."

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The man who roots the home team after one game has been played must be the fellow who put the "knock" in "knocker."

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If the London Free Press is printed in green ink tonight, no one need be surprised. After the boomerang effects of its West London attack, it is feeling very bilious.

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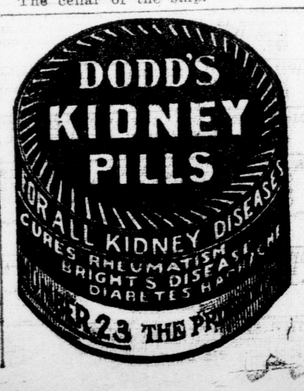
Under Daniel's Rule.

"I thought," the captain cried in wrath,
"That you, sir, had been taught
To pull the left side of the ship
Which you have just called 'Port'?"
"Take him away," and three marines
Clutched Jack Tar in their grip,
Rushed him downstairs, and put him in
The cellar of the ship.



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$2.50 to $3.50 Values at . . **$1.98**

13 only Women's Parasols and Umbrellas, fine silk and wool tops, tape edged, paragon steel frames, graduated walking stick style, with handsome ebony and natural wood handles, sterling silver and gold mounts. Each with silk case. None of these were less than $2.50, mostly $3.00 and $3.50 values. To clear, each... **$1.98**

Hosiery, Gloves, Underwear

Children's Cashmere Stockings, tan only, fine 1-1 rib, summer weight. Sizes 6 to 7½. Our 35c line at per pair..... **25c**

15 dozen Children's Cashmere Stockings, in pink and sky, fine 1-1 rib. Sizes 4 to 7½. Were 25c, at per pair..... **19c**

Women's "Kayser" Silk Lisle Gloves, fine grade in tan, gray, black and white, 12 or 16 button length. Sizes 6 to 7½. Special, per pair..... **50c**

Women's Ribbed Cotton Vests, white rib, half sleeves and sleeveless. Just 15 dozen of these, at each..... **15c**
2 for 25c.

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2 dozen Women's White Striped Vesting Blouses, lace-trimmed, front fastening and ¾ sleeves, flat collar. On sale at.... **$1**

5 dozen Women's Blue and White Cambric Shirtwaists, in narrow and medium stripes, soft collars of same material, open fronts. Sizes 34 to 42. On sale at..... **75c**

1 dozen Women's Rajah Linen Blouses, in light blue, pocket and sailor collar of silk, ¾ sleeves. On sale at..... **$1.00**

4 dozen Women's Colored Blouse Waists, checks and stripes, in light and dark colors, side and front fastening, ¾ sleeves, neatly trimmed. On sale at **75c**

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TARIFF REVISION TO BE GONE INTO BY MANUFACTURERS

Trade Agreements With Foreign Countries Will Be Investigated at Conference.

Many Amendments to the Underwood Bill Will Be Presented.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, D. C., May 8.—A conference of manufacturers and producers called by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association met here today to talk over the tariff situation and formulate plans for pressing for some amendments when the Senate considers the Underwood bill.

President Kirby, of the National Manufacturers' Association; President Wilder, of the National Association of Tanners; C. A. Byers, Baltimore; C. O. Houston, Lewisburg, Tenn.; George W. Blake, Wooster, Ohio; J. R. Watson, Chicago; W. S. Thomas, Springfield, Ohio, and Paul E. Herschel, of Peoria, Ill., were among those leading the movement.

The object of the conference, as set out in a statement by J. M. Glenn, secretary of the Illinois Association, is to deal with the general proposition of tariff revision, as it is presented in the Underwood bill, and to look particularly to the working of the paragraph of the proposed law, which empowers the President to negotiate trade agreements of mutual concession with foreign countries.

Increase Problem.

The manufacturers contend that if the President is given power to negotiate concessions in tariff rates, he also is empowered to negotiate increases, if they are warranted.

Delayed in its passage last night by a parliamentary technicality, the Underwood tariff bill was engrossed today for presentation to the House at its hour of meeting, 1 p.m.

Because of the Democratic insistence on a point of order against the Republican motion to recommit the bill to the ways and means committee, with a view to forcing a tariff commission provision, the reading of the bill in its engrossed form was made necessary.

The Final Move.

The parliamentary tacticians of both the majority and the minority prepared today for the final fray over the point of order, but the result, in view of the large Democratic majority, was a foregone conclusion. Meantime the Democratic leaders in the Senate were preparing for the consideration of the bill there.

There is talk among the House leaders of taking a recess, about 30 days, during the Senate consideration of the tariff. While there have been individual conferences on the subject, the fact that the President has not yet communicated his views regarding the question of currency legislation at this or the regular session of Congress, has precluded any formal consideration so far as to what the House shall do when it disposes of the tariff.

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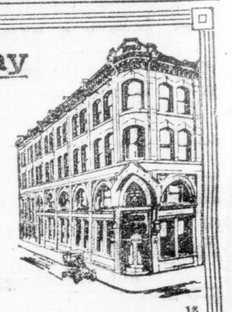

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