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## THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN.

As might be expected, the recent parliamentary deadlock has brought about a state of affairs which may be likened to trench warfare. It is difficult to decide whether the present modified activities are the end of the last battle or the beginning of the next. At the moment, we can only hear a rather desultory sputtering of rifle fire.

The preliminary strategy, however, of the three groups can be forecast with tolerable certainty. Whether this will continue along the same lines or whether other main attacks will develop therefrom cannot at present be said. The Liberals will bring convincing arguments to prove that they have been deprived of their rights by unconstitutional methods. The Conservatives will produce arguments equally convincing to prove the opposite. The Progressives will probably join in the Liberal chorus.

It may be expected that the Conservatives will allege breach of faith against the Progressives and remind the country that the Liberals were censured over the customs report. In addition to these there are rumors current that the story of the cruise of the "Margaret" is to be published in full. There have been several mentions of an anti-imperialist platform on which both Liberals and Progressives can stand. What does this mean exactly? Even admitting for argument the debatable claim that the Governor-General acted contrary to constitutional usage, it is hard to see that that can be made a reasonable excuse for weakening the Imperial connection. It would be satisfactory to have the word "anti-imperialist" clearly defined.

That is the expected opening phase of the coming battle. How it will develop remains to be seen. Meanwhile, we in the Maritimes must not forget our own policies. The good of a section must never be elevated above that of the country, but when the health of the whole is threatened by the ill of a member, it is allowable for a section to give prior consideration to its own policies. We know what these are—the removal of the troubles brought upon us by Confederation. Let us give them due consideration now and during the coming two months.

## INFANTILE INTELLIGENCE.

How the scientific delight in reducing everything to formulae! Here is a professor of the Kansas State Agricultural College conducting standardized intelligence tests for babies. This is one of them:

In the experiment known as the "precision test" a small standard perforated with a number of different sized holes is used. The object is to determine at what age the child is able to place a stick or pencil in the various holes of the first trial.

Presumably from this it may be deduced at what age the adult will be able to insert a latch-key in the key-hole with silence and precision at two a.m. Very useful indeed!

And then another:  
A more extensive test is performed with a Boston pencil sharpener. This test covers the various movements in the sharpening of a pencil beginning with the grasping of the handle, which can usually be accomplished within the first month and including the time when the child can hold a pencil in the sharpener and turn the handle at the same time. This is usually not achieved until the fourth or fifth year.

Exactly what is the object of acquiring this knowledge is uncertain. It may be that proficiency is to be taken as a warning not to leave the meat-mincer in working order on the kitchen table lest juvenile fingers or the cat's tail suffer. We hope correspondents will refrain from deluging us with authentic examples of office boys and stenographers who are twenty and thirty years behind the standard.

And this is more mysterious still:  
A mental test used with very young babies is to hold a string before the child causing him to grasp it. Then the string is removed to a distance outside his reach. In this way it is possible to determine how old a child is before he realizes that the string is beyond his grasp and will refuse even to attempt to catch it in his mind.

The test may do all it claims, but we should like to go a step further and register the child's thoughts after he realizes that some stupid grown-up is talking advantage of his helplessness—might it throw illumination on the vexed question of original sin. And what if he does not want to catch it in his mind? Presumably that fixes the age at which a baby can be rightly called blasé.

**A SCHOOL GIRL'S DISCOVERY.**  
A girl in her first year at Wellesley College has written a book on the famous Marshal Ney in which she indicates that the distinguished soldier did not die before a firing squad in France, as authoritative histories record, but that he was buried some years later in a village of North Carolina. Ney won the title of "the bravest

## Just Fun

**AFTER** morning service the family of the deceased, and churches and their procedure came in for criticism. Father criticized the sermon. Mother disliked the blunders of the organist. The eldest daughter thought the choir's singing was atrocious. But the subject had to be dropped when the small boy of the family volunteered the remark: "Dad, I think it was a mighty good show for a nickel."

**MOST** of us realize things are not as bad as we think they are.

**LOOK** out for the pennies and the dollars will go to the government.

**IN THESE** days a man must not only build his own character, but he must employ a night watchman to guard it.

**IF YOU** haven't any sense or any energy it doesn't make any difference what town you live in.

**AN ARTIST'S** MODEL is seldom wrapped up in his work.

**"IT'S** a shame that you don't know anything about cooking," the young husband informed his bride after the honeymoon. "Everybody ought to know how to cook. Why, I learned how myself in the army."

**"Oh, well,"** she sniffed, "I can warm a few beans, it that's what you mean."

**HE WAS** arrested for hay-riding but he got out on bail.

**OPTIMIST:** "When is the best time to marry?"

**PESSIMIST:** "If you are young, not yet; if you are old, never."

**KNICKS**  
A cold, damp grave  
For Benny Brew,  
He tried to Charleston  
In a canoe.

**THE MILK DITTY**  
Go on and "Moo"—you darned old swing your tail and make a row,  
Smear your hide all over with mud.  
Meas the floor while you chew your cud.  
We forget and forgive you all, by heck,  
When the postman brings the old milk check.

**"I'M** sorry, pop, but I can't get your point about going to work, at all. But while you're here, would you mind emptying my ash tray?"

**"THIS** is what beats me," remarked the young hopeful as he carefully hid the paddle.

**DINNER STORIES**  
A MAN in North Carolina was saved from conviction for horse-stealing by the powerful plea of his lawyer. After his acquittal by the jury, the lawyer asked, "Honor, bright, did you steal that horse, didn't you?"  
"Now, look here," the reply, "I always did think I stole that horse, but since I heard your speech to that jury, I'll be doggoned if I ain't got my doubts about it."

**A TOURIST** woke up one night just in time to see a thief climbing out of the window with his clothes. "Stop, thief!" he yelled, and jumped through the window in pursuit. After a hundred yards or so the thief dropped his booty. The tourist gathered it up and was hurrying back to his hotel when a policeman arrested him as a suspicious character.

"In the police court the tourist told the death of his elder brother, Mr. Wallop at first spurned the title, then accepted it on account of his two sons. It will be necessary to reside in England for five years before he can take his seat in the House of Lords, and by that time he will be 70 years old."

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**Who's Who**  
IN THE NEWS

**OLIVER HENRY WALLOP**  
A FEW months spent in leave-taking and settling up business affairs and then Oliver Henry Wallop, for years a rancher at Sheridan, Wyo., will leave for England to be known henceforth as the Eighth Earl of Portsmouth.

He recently returned with Mrs. Wallop from a seven month visit to England. He went there last November when he inherited the title and estates on the death of his elder brother, Mr. Wallop at first spurned the title, then accepted it on account of his two sons. It will be necessary to reside in England for five years before he can take his seat in the House of Lords, and by that time he will be 70 years old.

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**School Teachers in The West**  
(Winnipeg Tribune)

Her field of activity is not bounded by the school. In our rural district school teachers easily set the tone of the society around them. . . . No one is engaged upon a nobler mission. Their task is with the fresh souls which take and retain so readily the form given to them. It is they who, with the mothers, mould society as it will be tomorrow, and in our parishes their influence may be beneficial beyond measure.

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## Watch Your Step



—From New York Times.

## POEMS HOME

"I Have a Rendezvous With Death," by Alan Seeger.

SEGER is one of those poets who found themselves in the war—and then gladly gave their lives to their country. These ringing lines lead one to believe that undoubtedly he foresaw his death. They contain courage and an abiding beauty, and will live as a glorious flower in the bouquet gathered by such men as Brooke, Sorley, Kilmer, and a host of others.

I have a rendezvous with Death  
At some disputed barricade,  
As time discomfited me,  
And he has come to my aid.

And close my eyes and quench my breath—  
I may be I shall pass him still,  
I have a rendezvous with Death,  
When Spring comes round again this year.

And the first meadow-flowers appear.  
God knows 'twere better to be deep  
Pillowed in silk and scented down,  
Where Love throbs out in blissful sleep.

Pulse quick to pulse, and breath to breath,  
Where hushed awakenings are dear.  
But I've a rendezvous with Death,  
At midnight in some flaming town,  
When Spring trips north again this year,  
And I to my pledged word am true,  
I shall not fail that rendezvous.

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It may be he shall take my hand  
And lead me into his dark land

## Queer Quirks of Nature

MEADOW BLOSSOMS FROM THE OLD WORLD

By ARTHUR N. PAGE  
President, The American Nature

THOUGH there are four-leaved clovers, the common shaded three-leafed leaf is the one we oftenest see. Clovers are so common that it is difficult to think of it as a foreigner, yet with one possible exception all the species known have been introduced from the old world, from southern Europe, Greece, Egypt, or Syria.

Many of the 300 species known have been introduced into North America, and most of these are well established.

The common red clover is a valuable forage crop, and is also extremely beneficial as a cover crop, that is, one to be plowed under in a green state. Its fertilizing value is due largely to its ability to fix the nitrogen of the air by means of its roots.

Crimson or scarlet clover is also especially valuable in this respect. Sown in midsummer, it commonly opens its showy blossoms in the following spring. From its great beauty with nature will be answered by the consulting staff of Nature Magazine of Washington through arrangements made by this paper.

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## The Very Idea!

By H. H. Cushman

LAYIN OFF.

THEY say it does a fella good to lay off work a day, but I'm right here to tell ya that it really doesn't pay. Ya make yer plans fer needed rest, and think ya'll stay in bed, but call yer plans go blaw when the honest truth is said.

The doorknob starts a ringing, while the wife is in the yard. You wonder why the dickens people push the thing so hard. You wait a while, just hoping that the ring will soon be still—but finally jump and answer. It's some fellow with a bill.

At noon the kids come trailla' in, and let ya know how glad they are that they are gonna sit right down to lunch with dad. Of course ya gotta hop right up, though feelin' far from able, and join the throng at luncheon at the bloomin' kitchen table.

By two o'clock the missus feels, as long as you are home, that you can tend the baby and she'll grab her chance to roam. When evening comes, your "rest" day's gone and, frankly, you are sunk. This layin' off a day, at home, is just a lot of bunk.

A healthy horse eats nine times its weight in a year—and he's a plier compared to what an auto drinks.

If it weren't for the Mediterranean, the two oceans and Hong Kong, movie lovers who have parted wouldn't have a place to meet unexpectedly.

An onion a day keeps the doctor away—and several of them have the same effect on everybody.

"I'll meet you when the moon comes up. Said she, with clever reason. There wasn't any moon that night. She knew 'twas out of season."

Just read about a groom who was married by wireless. Wonder how soon he'll be sending out S. O. S. calls.

In Paris some of the more fashionable men are wearing clothes to match their hair. Consider the baldheads. Ho, hum!