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Tomorrow, Dominion Day, the Star will not be issued.

SAVING THE EMPIRE.

Why is it that during the past few years most of the newspapers and a large number of orators in towns and villages scattered throughout Canada have been worrying themselves into premature old age in their endeavors to shape the destiny of the British Empire? Why is there such a fear that things are all going wrong and that the Empire is liable to break up at any moment? Who ever suggested that Canada and Australia and India and New Zealand and half a dozen more of the overseas dominions were about to break loose and start out on their own hooks? What is all the excitement anyway? The British Empire has gone along very nicely. It was quite a power a thousand years ago. It is a greater power today. Some of us can trace our ancestry, if we try very hard, back for two or three hundred years and we find that at that time things were conducted in a fairly satisfactory manner, that those who guided the ship of state were competent pilots and indeed there is nothing in the present condition of the Empire to indicate that they followed a mistaken course. It is true that during a period of temporary insanity on the part of the home government the American colonies revolted and formed the United States of America. That was a very happy occurrence. The people of the United States would have demanded separation anyway and it is lucky that it came at such a time when its effect was not nearly so injurious as it would be if delayed until now. Britain has got along very nicely during the past eight or nine hundred years and will no doubt struggle on in a sort of a way for a few days longer. There is no apparent evidence of a break up of the constitution. Old age has not made itself felt, nor in the colonies—although some people do not like that word—are there any serious indications of discontent. There is not one portion of the Empire now in a condition to stand as an independent nation. Yet some are clamouring for a representation in the Council contributing anything towards the administration. When these colonies are in a position to bear their share of the expenses of maintaining an army and navy, or consular services, and all those other branches of government which benefit the whole Empire, Britain will no doubt be more inclined to meet the requests of these colonies. As a matter of fact we are being treated very generously just now.

It would pay Canada and others much better to solve some of their home problems rather than to exhibit such great anxiety over the affairs of an Empire the condition of which does not demand any worry.

THE FAILURE OF WOMEN.

In Appleton's Magazine Mrs. Mary Newell, over whose signature articles frequently appear, discusses in a most reasonable way the failure of women in professional life. She apologizes for her sex because of this failure but explains it very simply and declares that if women received as much mental assistance from husbands and brothers as men receive from wives and sisters, it is their success, and not failure, of which she would be writing. Mrs. Newell declares that she has thoroughly studied her subject, and her conclusion is that professional and commercial life is entered by three classes of women, namely those who marry, those who are permanently discontented and nervous, and those who become desecrated. The thoroughly feminine women, Mrs. Newell contends, achieve brilliant results. They get on very well. They all get married. If they did not do so they would become degenerate and as the marriage habit is a popular one, the numbers of this type of women engaged in business are not increasing. But there are others upon whom the duties of commercial life fall more heavily, who are not sufficiently vigorous mentally or physically to properly perform the tasks to which they set themselves, and who are consequently always worn out and nervous. Those who really attain a measure of success are the women who undergo a certain evolution, who become mannish in their habits and appearance, go everywhere, see everything, and endeavor to look upon all conditions from the masculine point of view. Men regard these women as good fellows, but at the same time are thankful that they are only exceptions among their sex. Yet even this class in Mrs. Newell's estimation have failed to make good. There is not in the world today, she asserts, one woman who has reached the highest point in her profession, other than among those rare artists who are by nature specially endowed. There are good female lawyers, good doctors, good jour-

nalists, but none which can be ranked as great, in comparison with men. They have failed and the failure is due not to lack of mental power, but to lack of sympathy, to universal opposition, to insufficient strength, and to refusal of assistance on the part of men. Yet the writer concludes: "Women is being driven back into the home—and in many cases there is no home. It behooves her to examine into her position more closely, take herself more seriously as a business factor, and strengthen her entrenchments, if she wishes to remain or must remain, on the field of fight. She should copy men more assiduously with respect to business foresight and business honor, lay aside the vanities of sex and its wiles, mend her manner of dressing—in a word, model herself on man's pattern. "Can she do so? Will she? And if so, will life be worth living to her after such a labor of readjustment and conformation?"

THE HAPPY-DISEMBODIED SPIRIT

I'm a happy spirit, so light and free I ride on the rainbow's glory. The dewy cloud is the bed for me, As I list to the wild wind's story. I sail where thunder clouds crash and roar, Midst the "storm king's" rush and fury. O'er the mountain peaks I gently soar, On the light blue mist I tarry. Gaily I dance on the crested foam, Or trip light o'er the surging billow, With the wild sea-gull I make my home, Tossed high on his briny pillow.

I sit on the firefly's burnished wing, As it flits o'er the flowery mead, But oft stop to hear the fairies sing, Where soft moonbeams gently plead. I'm gay as a lark when snowflakes fall On the breast of glistening river, Or cap the tops of the pine trees tall, Whose branches tremble and quiver.

I dance in the moonbeam's mystic light Where gay sparkling cascades tremble, Or join the rays in the titill night, Where the "white cape" rage and tumble. I glide midst bloom of the perfumed trees, Where the hum of the bees makes music sweet, I float o'er the sunlit grassy leas, And listen to the lambskins' bleat.

In calm or storm the whole day long, Midst Summer's heat or Winter's cold I join in the fairies' mystic song, Over the upland or the wood.

Then who would not be a joyful spirit Set free from all ill and sorrow, The blighting frost or the burning light, And no thought or care for the morrow.

HER OPINION.

A father whose looks are not such as to warrant the breaking up of all existing statues of Apollo, tells this on himself:—"My little girl was sitting on my lap facing a mirror. After gazing intently at her reflection for some minutes she said: 'Papa, did God make you?' 'Certainly, my dear,' I told her. 'And did He make me, too?' 'Taking another look at the mirror,' 'Certainly, dear. What makes you ask?' 'Oh, I don't know. Seems to me He's doing better work lately.'"

HIS EXCUSE.

The Rich Father—"Why don't you go to work?" If you only knew how much happiness work would bring you you'd start in at once. His Son—"Dad I'm living a life of splendour. I'm denying myself all happiness."

A POETIC FACE.

Bess—He said my face was a perfect poem. Jess—It is like one of Browning's. Bess—What do you mean? Jess—Some of the lines are so deep. On leaving his study, which is in the rear of the church, the pastor of a church in Brooklyn met a little boy, a friend of his, talking to a stranger. "What was he saying to you, Dick?" asked the divine, as he came up to the youngster. "He just wanted to know whether Dr. Blank was the preacher of this church." "I told him," responded the lad, with dignity, "that you were the present incumbent."

A commercial traveller is on friendly terms with the porter of a sleeping car that he uses frequently. "Well, George," announced the salesman one morning gleefully, "I have good news for you. We've had a birth in our family—twins." "Dat am no birth, sir," said George. "Dat's a section."

In ten minutes the battle would begin. The enemy, outnumbered them five to one.

"Boys," said the captain, solemnly, "We have hard work before us. See that you are all armed to the teeth."

Far down the line little O'Flarity nervously held up his hand.

"Please, captain."

"Well, O'Flarity."

"I—I haven't any tath."

SURE ENOUGH HOGS.

Moses, the darky cook of a party of survivors in eastern Texas, was greatly annoyed by the razorback hogs that roamed around the camp. One evening while he was at the spring a particularly ravenous band of these "pinny woods rooters" raided the cook tent and ate up everything that was edible and some things that weren't. For several moments after his return from the spring Moses could find no words to express his feelings. "Waal," he finally exclaimed, "de good Lawd suttainly knowed his business when He named hawgs hawgs! 'Eay sho' 'e hawgs!"

THE KING SNUBBED THREE LABORITES

Hardie, Grayson and Ponsonby Not at Garden Party.

They Weren't Asked, Perhaps Because They Opposed Royal Russian Visit —British Volunteers Scare.

LONDON, June 29.—Feeling is running high among the Liberal Labor members of the House of Commons over the exclusion of Keir Hardie, Victor Grayson and Arthur Ponsonby from the invitation list to the recent Windsor garden party. Mr. Ponsonby was the private secretary of the late Premier Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. He and the other two voted with the minority in a protest against the king's visit to Reval, where he met the Czar, and this is assumed to be the only reason why he did not receive an invitation, though the fifty-six other members in the Parliamentary minority on that vote received invitations.

Keir Hardie was invited last year, but did not go and it was well known that he would not have gone this year if he had received an invitation. Nevertheless the Laborites resent the discrimination and it was discussed at a party meeting, which addressed a letter to Lord Knollys, the King's secretary, asking for an explanation. The Liberals talk of signing an address to Mr. Ponsonby, who is in receipt of letters from his constituents expressing regret and indignation.

Great efforts have been made all over the country to induce old volunteers who have not yet joined the new territorial force to do so by Tuesday, when the force should be complete. After three months' existence the territorial army has less than 200,000 of the 315,000 men required. The number of units required is 897, each of which must have 240 men. It is estimated that only 245 of the 876 required and the City of London 4,292 of the 10,717 necessary. Middlesex has less than half the required number.

The medical officer of Westminster calls attention in the Lancet to the danger of post office public health notices as disseminators of disease. He points out that the call boxes are dark, dirty and dusty, suitable for the harboring and breeding of dangerous bacilli. He quotes cases where in an examination of the mouthpiece of a transmitter resulted in the finding of typical tubercle bacilli which developed tubercles in two guinea pigs.

An influential meeting was held at the Mansion House yesterday with the object of forming an association for the organization of London charities. The annual income of London charities exceeds \$20,000,000, which is received by some 1,500 separate institutions, each with its own exceptions regarding the income without any relation to other institutions. This leads to great waste and a misdirection of effort.

NEED OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

In so spite of the response of the public there are serious problems ahead, both for the women and for the community, which in the end must care for them. The profound impression left by the situation is the awareness of such unnecessary loss of life, the result of which cannot be obviated by gifts of money or by sympathetic interest. These mines were supposed to be models and the coroner's jury were unable to determine the exact cause of the explosion. In one month over 600 men were killed in four various mine explosions in this country. If this terrible waste of productive power is to be avoided, mine legislation and the means of enforcing it must be more adequate. But above all, more definite knowledge is needed of the causes and means of preventing such explosions. The fact leads tonight to President Roosevelt's plea for a bureau of mines which could make experiments too costly for individual companies and which could make available for the use of mine owners, legislators and the general public, the sum of information on the subject. No one can measure the cost of such a disaster in terms of human suffering, but there can be no question of the need of making every effort to prevent its repetition. Only when the horror roused by such a catastrophe and the sympathy felt for the sufferers is transformed into better methods of safeguarding the living can we feel that these men did not die in vain.

First Farmer—That new hired man of yours must have been a book-keeper before he came to you.

Second Farmer—Why so?

First Farmer—I notice that every time he stops work for a few minutes he puts the pitchfork behind his ear.

"I say, uncle, why don't you put that gouty foot of yours through the window?"

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FRENCH MINISTRY JUST WINS OUT

Nearly Beaten on Measure to Buy Western Railway.

Premier Clemenceau Had Declared the Government Would Stand or Fall on This Bill.

PARIS, June 27.—The debate on the question of the State purchase of the Western Railway, which has been occupying the Senate ever since Parliament reopened, reached a critical vote this evening. The government was sustained by a majority of only three, after Prime Minister Clemenceau had declared that the purchase was a measure by which the Ministry would stand or fall. He added:—"We have taken power for a time and have chosen reforms which seem to respond to the ideas of justice and liberty. The purchase of the Western Railway gives the State security against abuses by companies. It is said there are Senators here who are desirous of voting against the purchase who would be unwilling to cause our fall from power. We cannot give them satisfaction without weakening our dignity and authority. If you believe negotiations can effect anything vote in all liberty. Whatever may have been said you are free. I exercise no pressure."

The first vote was not taken on the direct question whether the State should purchase the Western Railway, but on a proposal by the Senate Railroad Committee that the question should be postponed until October in order that negotiations might be renewed between the Western, the Orleans and the State systems for partial purchase by the State instead of complete purchase. This proposed delay was refused by a vote of 128 to 125 and the first clause of the bill authorizing the purchase was passed by a vote of 15 to 116.

M. Clemenceau in his speech, derided the idea that the State could not manage the Western Railway. He said the Senate already managed 4,000 kilometers of railway and why could it not manage 9,000? It manages all great public services and why not this railway? He did not believe M. Rouvier's objection that the State could not control expenses satisfactorily. "That is not saying," he added, "that I am a partisan of State ownership. I do not agree with putting the state everywhere. I am convinced that in every society the existence of common interests exacts the constitution of a central power. This power needs to be proportionate to its action. At the point where we are in social evolution the hour has not come, if it ever does, to weaken power too much, but the State is not in a position to make its will felt in regard to these great organizations when the general interest obliges it to demand from them certain acts or concessions."

The Figaro says that the feebleness of the majority will be recognized when it is remembered that three of the ministers are senators. M. Clemenceau confesses that in the purchase of the Western Railway he sees means for bringing pressure on other companies so as to make them adopt the methods of work which the State proposes to apply to its own system. Consequently all sorts of election bids, like increased wages and diminished hours of labor, may be expected.

AMENITIES OF THE FAIR SEX.

Mrs. A.—I thought Mrs. C. was a friend of yours. Mrs. B.—And so she is. Mrs. A.—Well, the last. She's a hypocrite. Mrs. B.—How do you know that? Mrs. A.—Because she tried to get me to say something mean about you. Mrs. B.—She did? How? Mrs. A.—Why she asked me to tell her what I really thought of you.

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The total mileage of the steam railroads of the United States on December 31, 1907, was 228,123 miles, as against 222,068 miles on December 31, 1906, showing an increase of 5,362 miles.

The total capital liabilities of the railroads, including stock, bonds and other indebtedness, was \$16,500,418,069, showing an increase of \$807,864,112. Of this increase \$351,717,809 is represented by stock and the balance by bonds and other forms of indebtedness.

The following table shows assets and liabilities of all the steam railroads of the United States at the close of 1907:

1907.	1906.
Capital stock \$7,488,128,783	\$7,108,485,076
Bonded debt .. 8,228,245,257	7,831,107,778
Other bonded obligations .. 315,041,027	638,032,202
Accrued liab. 94,938,347	86,218,524
Miscel. liab. 75,440,828	124,819,942
Bill. payable .. 857,714,167	722,093,392
Sinking funds .. 239,727,345	242,256,471
Profit and loss .. 78,621,481	686,919,252
Total lia. \$16,508,881,437	\$17,485,286,828
Cost railroad and equip. .. 13,961,275,191	12,719,736,342
Stocks and bonds owned .. 2,884,031,173	2,344,985,852
Real estate and other investments .. 738,848,139	761,413,476
Cash, bills rec. and cre. .. 079,789,303	941,599,520
Materials and supplies .. 224,237,334	182,635,253

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