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A DANGEROUS MENACE.

The careless casting of oil into the sea from oil burning and oil carrying steamers is becoming a serious menace to the maritime and fishing industries of Great Britain and the United States. In England the danger to the fisheries from this source has been pointed out by Sir Arthur Shipley, vice-chancellor of Cambridge University, and in New York the Bureau of Survey of the Board of Fish Underwriters has recently published a report on the fire hazard created by the accumulation of floating oil on the piers and bulkheads in the coastal waters along the water front have occurred on both the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard. More self-interest on the part of shipowners should prompt them to exact greater care from the men in charge of their vessels to prevent the negligent discharge of oil into the harbor; for the shipping loss of all when a concentration results from the ignition of floating oil or oil soaked piers and bulkheads. Of less importance but by no means wholly negligible is the discomfort caused to sea bathers by the presence of fuel oil in the waters of the ocean.

Most serious, on the other hand, is the destruction of ocean fisheries which may result from the constant discharge into the Atlantic of the waste products of the oil used for fuel on so many steamers, large and small, in place of coal.

The food of fishes consists chiefly of minute marine animals found near the surface of the water. The waste oil thrown out upon the sea by steamers has a destructive effect upon these organisms, so that they lose their value as fish diet, and the fishes are thus deprived of their principal means of sustenance.

During the last three or four years it has been observed in England that some factor detrimental to fish life was at work in the North Sea; and Sir Arthur Shipley, who is a recognized expert in marine zoology, has recently proclaimed his belief that the fatal agent is oil discharged from oil burning steamers. On his last voyage home from the United States he noticed that even so well built a vessel as the mighty Olympic could not help leaking a little oil occasionally, and a very little oil can do an incredible amount of damage to the diminutive aquatic animals upon which fishes feed. "Whatever boat carries oil," he says, "or uses oil as fuel is from time to time or all the time anointing the face of the waters."

Confirmation of this view is found in the fatal effects of oil on seabirds observed last winter at various coast stations in Great Britain, where gulls, terns, cormorants and seagulls were cast ashore dead with their feathers clogged with oil.

The remedy for the danger to the ocean fisheries which these warnings reveal would seem to be tolerably obvious. The practice of permitting oil to get into the sea should simply be stopped. The leakage of tankers can doubtless be prevented by sufficiently careful construction, and oil burning steamers can be built which will consume all of their oil instead of wastefully pouring some of it into the sea.

These precautions may involve difficulty and expense, but it is worth a good deal of trouble to save the great fisheries of the Atlantic Ocean from destruction or serious diminution in productivity. The substitution of oil for coal as a fuel for ocean steamers must not be allowed to destroy or lessen one of the great food supplies of the world.

IRISH NOT SEPARATE RACE.

It is commonly taken for granted that the Irish are a pure, separate race, as different from the English as from the Germans or the Italians. But this is a fallacy, as the Rochester Post Express points out. It quotes the late Dr. William K. Sullivan, president of Queen's College, Cork, as doubting if there is a pure Celt in existence, yet the Irish seem to be of opinion that all Irishmen, except those of Ulster, are Celts. The original Irish, so far as they have been traced, were not Celts. The Celtic strain came from the Milesians who conquered the Tuatha De Danaan, but the latter were not exterminated. They intermarried with the Milesians, and there is now a considerable strain of Danish blood in even those Irish who most pride themselves on their Celtic blood. Since the time of Strongbow, seven hundred and fifty years ago, the Celt and the Saxon have mingled in Ireland. The Danish influence has been strong in some names as Eric, Gerald, Justin, Pius, and Harry and many others.

Millitant rebels and antagonists of England, dying for the cause on the field or the scaffold. Tonn, Emmett, Steele, Davis and Parnell are not Celtic names, and the distinguished Irishmen who bore them came of families originally as alien to Ireland as the Scotch, who were planted there by James I. in the seventeenth century.

On the other hand, many descendants of Irish kings and chieftains have been either Protestants, or as Roman Catholics, strongly pro-English and Conservative. Thus Lord Lonsdale, who is a descendant of Brian Boru, is both a Protestant and a Tory, and the O'Connor Don, who claims descent from the last king of Ireland, is a Conservative Roman Catholic. The greater part of the population of Ulster, of course, is Scotch by race and Presbyterian in religion. They and many English families long domiciled in Ireland, have been more than once referred to in history as "more English than the English," though there is a type of Irishman, like Henry Quinn, in "Changing Winds," who had little use for the English, and still less use for the South of Ireland Republicans. The claim that the Irish, with the exception of the people of Ulster, are a separate and distinct race, entitled on the grounds of ethnic homogeneity to independence is absurd. The Irish may be as mixed a race as the English. The people of Armagh are probably more heterogeneous than the people of Berkshire, or of Yorkshire. Eamonn de Valera himself was born in the United States and has represented himself as an American citizen. His mother was Irish, his father was of Spanish blood, and the suggestion is put forward that in all probability he was christened Edmond, and not Eamonn, which is the Irish form of Edmond. The people of Ireland today are not pure Celts, but a mixture of Celtic, Danish, Norman, German and Gallic.

According to The Globe, the seats of Dr. Baxter, Mr. Jones and Dr. Taylor in the Provincial Legislature are likely to be vacant in the near future. Should this happen, it would leave Premier Foster in control of a clear, though small majority over all in the House. Mr. Foster has been known to leave a seat unfilled for an indefinite period, when it appeared to be to his advantage to do so, and there is nothing to show that he would not do the same thing again unless he could be convinced that his candidates could win out. However his course in this case will probably be shaped according to the results of the forthcoming Dominion election; in fact these results may decide the question which was so strenuously discussed at the last two Government meetings as to the desirability of holding a general Provincial election before another session. In its present condition, having only a majority in the Legislature, the Government is powerless to carry any contentious measure, such as a proposal to shift the burden of by-road maintenance on to the municipalities; so that another appeal to the people could not do it any more harm than to defeat it and the Premier may think it no worse to be defeated than to be unable to do anything.

The biennial Exhibition of the Miramichi Agricultural Society opens on Monday the 26th. It is of course purely a coincidence that that day should also be selected as Nomination Day in the forthcoming by-election in Northumberland; and such members of the Foster Government as may attend the opening proceedings will naturally not take any advantage of the opportunity thus offered of doing a little missionary work on behalf of the candidate of their party. Nothing whatever doing along that line, oh no.

A poster outside the Imperial Theatre advertises Mr. Roscoe Arbuckle as the leading actor in a picture called "The Life of the Party." His conduct at one party, at any rate, appears to have started him on one of "The Roads of Destiny" that he probably would have preferred not to take. Apparently the question in Dr. Johnson's lines

Must helpless man, in ignorance
Roll darkling down the torrent
Of his fate?

has in Mr. Arbuckle's case, to be answered in the affirmative. In view of the exceedingly interesting account given by The Globe of what took place at the private meeting of some members of the Provincial Opposition on Monday, it would be superfluous for any one who knows the actual facts to detract from it. In fact it would be a pity to spoil the story as printed. Dr. Campbell says, however, wonder just

why The Globe should think it likely that he will run again in the by-election that should not necessarily follow Dr. Baxter's retirement.

Elsewhere in this issue we publish a short account of conditions in Central Europe from the pen of Dr. A. Pierce Crockett, which will be read with interest by his many friends in this locality. In a private letter Dr. Crockett says that he finds things are not so bad, but that they might be worse; but that he "would like to taste a piece of white bread for a change."

"In this province," says the Charlottetown Examiner, "we are still in ignorance as to Mr. King's position. If there is no constituency in Ontario that will have him for its representative, he must needs, we presume, come again to Prince County." However, no matter where Mr. King runs he will still be entitled to be known as the un-candidate.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Beginning To Think of Christmas.
Have you done any of your Christmas shopping yet? Postmaster, we are not going to take a chance with the Christmas mail, and he has already asked the superintendents of branch stations to send in suggestions, and to put in bids for extra equipment which they will need to handle the Christmas rush.—Boston Globe.

Cause For Worry.
The Anti-Cigarette League discovers that tobacco smoke contains arsenic, acid, acrolein, carbon monoxide and various other ingredients as dangerous to life and health as the well known nicotine, and the announcement will be read with interest by the millions of Americans who daily take this fatal dose and live to tell the tale.—Boston Transcript.

V. P. Coolidge's Common Sense.
Vice President Coolidge is not one of those orators who delight in flights of fancy. He keeps his feet on the ground and his eyes on the elemental facts.

He demonstrated this while he was Governor of Massachusetts. He demonstrated it again in London when he told a Massachusetts audience that economic success will be found not in resisting, but in obeying economic laws. Those laws are pretty well known.

The man who works and saves part of his wages is seldom in want. The man who is idle usually has to be supported by those who work.

The country, which first recognizes this and acts accordingly will take the lead in the business world. This is so simple and so true that it needs no elaboration. It points the way to the resumption of business activities suspended because of the demoralization of the war.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Lesson of Cheap Production.
Concerning the always interesting Henry Ford, last week furnished two items. One is that Detroit, on the basis of a tax assessment just made, estimates the Ford fortune at \$750,000,000. The other is that the price of fivers is again reduced, and that a touring car is now purchasable for \$365.

The two items might, it would seem, be profitably studied by muddled economists of the radical type who hold that when a man grows rich it necessarily means he is a robber. Business men say that as industry is prevalently carried on in this country the way to wealth is to produce an article or a service at a lower cost than others, and to command the market by dividing the saving with the public. But the voice of the agitator is loud and its noise drowns out the arguments. Congress passes tax laws specially penalizing those who get high profits through profit sharing.

Much is said of the hardships flowing from the business depression. A hard winter is foreseen. There is much discussion of measures of amelioration. About the most effective one that can be conceived of is to turn the managerial genius of the country loose to produce as economically as it can. Such release would tend to keep wages low and prices down and give every worker a job. What else will?—New York Tribune.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE BLUE BIRD.
He's hovering around our house—
A little bird that brings
To mortals gifts of happiness
And life's most precious things.
(This morning, on the grass, I found
A quill dropped from his wings.)
A feather, shaded evenly
From dark to pale blue—
It seemed to prophesy "Glad days
Are coming soon to you!"
(I put it in a book to keep,
As women always do!)

Like the pateran that shows
Where passed the Roman,
This blue bird's token is his sign
Of happiness for me.
(And so, with heart grown strangely glad,
I wait for what may be!)

—Mae V. Caruthers in N. Y. Times.

THE LAUGH LINE

Unusual Incident.
"I had an unusual experience today."

"What was it, old top?"
"I found a drug store that still handles a few drugs."

That's So, Too.
The Yarmouth yep says a fellow never kicks on the length of a sermon if the preacher says something worth sayin'.

How Did She Do It.
Last—A cotton umbrella by a poor

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

Pop was smoking and thinking and ma was imbrodering in broderly and I was wishing I was a grate moving picture actor, and I sed, Hay pop, hay ma, wats this a imitation of?

And I started to wawk all around the room picking up everything and putting it down agen with hardly any expression on my face and saying, Let me see, let me see, let me see.

It looks to me like an imitation of a can opener looking for a soft can, sed pop.

No sir, its a imitation of ma hunting for something and forgetting wat she's hunting for, I sed.

Being just the way ma does, and pop started to laff like anything, saying, Ha ha ha, thats rich, that is, the boy would make a grate movie actor thats one on you, mother.

Nothing of the kind, if it was sutch a good imitation wy didnt you gess wat it was supposed to be, and besides imitation is the sincerest form of flattery so wat do I care, sed ma.

Ha ha, it is to laff, sed pop, and I sed, Well hay pop, hay ma, wats this supposed to be a imitation of? And I started to wawk around with faces and wawing my hands around, saying Confound it, I laist it all, confound it.

Offhand I should say it was a imitation of a soft shell crab being pulled out of its native element, sed pop, and I sed, No sir, its you feeling for the towel with soap in your eyes.

Hee hee hee, well I've seen good imitations before, but that one wins the gold medal, hee hee, soft shell crab, that the time you called yourself a good one, Willyum, soft shell crab, hee hee, sed ma.

All rite, all rite, I can see the humor of the situation without having it explained to me, sed pop, Benny, get to bed, you'd stay up all nite if nobody sent you to bed, I suppose.

Wich I properly would.

widow with a broken rib.—Advt. in Western Paper.

Some Difference.
The Westbrook wit says the girls used to roll up their sleeves and wash the dishes, but nowadays they roll down their hosiery and parade the streets.

Altered Epigrams.
Two can look as cheap as one.

The Daily Don't.
Don't get on your ear—except when you are sleeping.

Helpful Wife.
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Even If He's There?
That Gotham girl says some girls worry when they have to spend even one evening at home.

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