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Prime Minister Condemns Canadian Postage Rate.

"Idiotic" the Term Applied by Sir R. A. Squires --- Railway Owners and Strikers Deadlocked --- Free State Demands Unconditional Surrender of Rebels.

THE RAILWAY STRIKE.
CHICAGO, July 9. The railroad shippers entered the second week of the strike with no apparent inclination to follow the only avenue of peace held open by the Railroad Labor Board which stands on the position that the striking shippers could only receive recognition in conciliatory conferences by returning to work and then entering into negotiations for a settlement. B. M. Jewell, head of the Shop Crafts, held himself open to approach by any responsible person authorized to negotiate a settlement, but declined to make the move, saying the blame for the continuance of the strike rested on the Labor Board and rail companies. The railroads remained immovable in their attitude of considering the strike as against the government rather than against the roads.

IDIOTIC!
MONTREAL, July 9. "Idiotic" was the characterization applied to the action of the late government of Canada in doubling the postage rate to Newfoundland by Sir Richard Squires, Premier of Newfoundland, in an interview. Sir Richard spent two days in Montreal, leaving on Saturday night for New York, where he will sail for England for a final conference with English capitalists, who are considering the investment of approximately twenty million dollars in development in the Humber Valley, Nfld. In view of Canada's efforts to develop and increase trade with Newfoundland, Premier Squires considered the doubling the postage rates not only inadvisable and shortsighted, but absolutely idiotic. Through the department of Trade and Commerce Sir Richard, Canada spent a considerable sum in sending a Trade Commissioner to Nfld. for the purpose of convincing the merchants

there, they could transfer to Canada the trade they were conducting with the United States. Through the Postmaster General Canada nullified its other efforts, discriminating against Newfoundland in favor of the United States.

QUIET IN DUBLIN.
DUBLIN, July 9. The week end was quiet but in the Provinces, operations on a large scale continued. The National troops have taken numerous positions from the irregulars.

IRREGULARS TREATED AS REBELS.
DUBLIN, July 9. Irregulars at Inch Island, one of the last remaining Republican strongholds in Donegal, are trying to arrange a truce but the Free State officers demand unconditional surrender. One hundred Republican prisoners, captured in Donegal have asked to be treated as prisoners of war. The request has not been granted on the grounds that they are not prisoners of war, but rebels against the Government. At Wexford and other places, where the Republican forces were defeated, the Free State Regulars have been received with acclamation, the townspeople turning out in torchlight processions with bands.

PROMINENT RAILWAY MAN DEAD.
MONTREAL, July 9. One of the best known railway men in Canada, W. H. Bigger, K.C., Vice-President, and general counsel of the Grand Trunk railway system, died here suddenly on Friday night in his sixty-ninth year.

MAJOR GENERAL BARTON DEAD.
LONDON, July 9. Major-General Sir Geoffrey Barton died here to-day, aged seventy-eight.

SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

FLASHLIGHT COMMENTS.

How our tastes do change as the years fly by! Is there anything more interesting than looking back down a vista memory lined with household gods we once worshipped and now are ashamed of? ... People who have an attic of many years standing can look down this vista with the physical eye by going up into their eaves. But an attic stored with the accumulations of 40 or 50 years is not such a common possession as it used to be. I suppose there are millions of children to-day who never played in one, never dressed up in clothes from some old chest, never dragged out big bundles of old St. Nicholas or Harper's Young People from the nearest reaches of the eaves, or looked longingly into the forbidden far reaches of them with the feeling that any number of wonderful treasures were surely hidden there.

A Japanese Flame Bush.
But a Japanese flame bush, instead of an attic, was the agency that turned my eyes down the vista of household gods foregone. I saw such a bush in the full glory of its stiff, scarlet blooms in an artistic garden and realized for the first time how beautiful a flower it is. And yet we had a Japanese flame bush in our garden when I was a child and I hated it, because it looked so stiff, and because it would not make good bouquets for the house, which, at that time was my idea of the sole mission of a garden. I have other ideas now.

That Dreadful Lamp shade!
I also have other ideas about a certain lamp shade we bought in those same days. It was a wonderful yellow globe with Chinese dragons in gilt on it, and we bought it to go on an old fashioned lamp which should have had a simple little spreading shade. Fancy! For some years we regarded it as the one artistic and attractive bit in an old fashioned parlor. Then we began to have

doubts which carried it into a less conspicuous place. Finally it disappeared altogether from the haunts of the living. A Nubian girl's head is another of the sign posts on my progress toward better taste (I hope). I wonder how many homes contain such a sign post. And the poster period! Somewhere I don't know just where, there is a collection of posters that were stripped off my wall when my ideas of decoration changed. I should have burned them up then and there but many of them were such hard won trophies of a chase which at the time seemed all important that I could not quite commit that sacrifice.

The Rogers Group.
Out in the barn of a little Inn where I stayed a few days lately I found two bits of flossam and jessam that indexed the taste of 40 years ago as nothing else could. Two Rogers groups! I suppose to some of my readers that will mean nothing. But if they will ask their fathers and mothers they will doubtless be able to tell them what a mark of gentility and taste the Rogers group once were. No better class home was ever without at least one. And to-day they are hidden in the barn behind the old buggy and the tool chest!

As you look down the vistas of the household gods you have set up so painstakingly, worshipped so fervently, discarded so completely, I wonder what you see.

The Pony and Small Horse Race will be run on measured ground and exact time taken at the Garden Party on Pennywell Road on Wednesday, in aid of the Methodist College and Orphanage. Don't miss it.—11

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