

## Current Events

Gold has been discovered near Schreiber, Ont. \* \* \* \*

On Oct. 14, Toronto University conferred the degree of LL. D. upon Cardinal Mercier, the heroic churchman of Belgium. \* \* \* \*

The Prince of Wales, after visiting Cobalt on Oct. 16, continued his tour among the cities of Ontario. \* \* \* \*

Hon. N. W. Rowell introduced in the House of Commons at Ottawa a measure to reduce the traffic in opium, cocaine and morphine to a minimum. \* \* \* \*

The Board of Commerce in Hamilton, Ont., recommended an immediate reduction of 10 per cent. in the retail, and 15 per cent. in the wholesale price of clothing. \* \* \* \*

On Oct. 16, Miss A. E. Marty, Toronto's first woman Inspector of Public Schools, received the degree of LL. D. from Queen's University, Kingston. The occasion was the first time in the history of the University that an honorary degree has been conferred upon a woman. \* \* \* \*

Robert Bruce Taylor, M. A., D. D., LL. D., was installed as Principal and E. W. Beatty, K. C., President of the C. P. R. as Chancellor of Queen's University, Kingston. \* \* \* \*

Standard time will be resumed on all Canadian railways at 2 a.m. Sunday, 26th inst. \* \* \* \*

President Wilson is recovering. His physician states that there was absolutely no truth in the report that his brain was affected. \* \* \* \*

The Shantung Amendment to the Peace Treaty, presented by Senator Lodge in the House of Congress at Ottawa, was finally rejected by the Senate on Oct. 16th. \* \* \* \*

Four airmen have entered the competition for which the Australian Government has offered a prize of \$50,000, for a flight from England to Australia. \* \* \* \*

Belvin W. Maynard, the "flying parson," (Baptist) with his assistant W. E. Kline, won the international U. S. army race, flying from Mineola, N. Y. to San Francisco and back. \* \* \* \*

The Red armies in Russia appear to be meeting steadily with reverses. In the Semirechinsk district last week 33,000 men surrendered after a single battle. Gen. Denikine's forces are steadily gaining along the Volga, while at time of going to press the forces of Gen. Yudenitch, who is working in close understanding with Kolchak (the head of the All-Russian Government) and Denikine, are reported to be entering the suburbs of Petrograd. On the Baltic coast, it is rumored, Kronstadt fortress has fallen before bombardment of British warships. Von der Goltz, the head of the German army which has been assisting the Reds against the Letts at Riga, is an agent of the German barons who before the war owned the greater part of the land in the Baltic provinces of Russia, whose people are now fighting for their liberty. The German Government reiterates that he ignores all orders to disband and return to Germany. \* \* \* \*

Acquiring Polish.—"Frances," said the little girl's mama, who was entertaining callers in the parlor, "you came down-stairs so noisily that you could be heard all over the house. Now go back and come down-stairs like a lady." Frances retired and after a few moments re-entered the parlor. "Did you hear me come down-stairs this time, mama?" "No, dear; I am glad you came down quietly. Now, don't ever let me have to tell you again not to come down noisily. Now tell these ladies how you managed to come down like a lady the second time, when the first time you made so much noise." "The last time I slid down the banisters," explained Frances.—*Philadelphia Bulletin*. \* \* \* \*

mbryo Ruskin. The composition on "The written by a New York This picture was painted contains a man and a fork, wheelbarrow and a The man and the ry poor and they have potatoes because they need on. The potatoes look ust at sunset they hear is the Angelus, it means ay. So they bow their for bigger potatoes." \* \* \* \*

## The Windrow

Miss Elizabeth Harrison, daughter of the late President Harrison of the United States, has recently been admitted to the practice of law in Indiana. She is only 22 years of age. \* \* \* \*

The degree of LL. D. was conferred by Queen's University, Kingston, on Aletta Elise Marty, M. A. Toronto's recently appointed woman Inspector of Public Schools. Miss Marty served for many years successfully as a teacher in the Public and High Schools of Ontario. \* \* \* \*

The prize-winners in the National Literary Competition for Canada, under auspices of the arts and Letters Club of Ottawa, are announced as follows: *Prose*: 1. "The Recoil," a play by E. S. V. Hughes, Montreal. 2. "Edinburgh Society at the Close of the Eighteenth Century," Prof. D. F. Harris, Halifax. *Poetry*: 1. "The Pioneer," by Miss Frances Taylor, London, Ont., and "A Revelation" by Herbert Ridgely, Toronto. 2. "In Life's Fields," by Rev. W. A. Thompson, Crapaud, P.E.I. *Veterans' Class (Prose)*: 1. "Education in the West" (Governor General's prize) by C. Bernard Reynolds, Victoria, B. C. 2. "Nomads of the North," by Diamond Jonness, Ottawa. *Veterans' Class (Poetry)*—donated by Governor General. "Canada's Fallen," Arthur S. Bourinot, Toronto. 2. "The King's Harper," John F. Waddington, Ottawa. *High School Class (Prose)*: 1. "Rose-colored Spectacles," Miss Barbara Villy, Calgary. 2. "Afraid," by Leslie MacFarlane, Haileybury, Ont., "A Beautiful Landscape," by Ethel Thompson, North Keppel, Ont. \* \* \* \*

Seven great air routes by which civilians may travel have been established through England to Scotland, Ireland and the Continent. \* \* \* \*

The French Government, to encourage farmers to replant orchards and timber lands destroyed during the War, is bearing the entire expense of the trees and sending experts in forestry to help and superintend the work. \* \* \* \*

The Salvation Army, practical as usual, is taking over corner saloons in the United States, wherever they can be obtained, and making them into "corner clubs" for working men and boys. At these are sold sandwiches, soft drinks and doughnuts. \* \* \* \*

Because of the inflammability of hydrogen, helium will be used henceforth in airships. It is found in appreciable quantities in Texas, where, therefore, the production of this gas will probably become an important industry. \* \* \* \*

The trip of the Vatican choir to America is especially interesting from the fact that the present occasion is the first time such a body has sung outside the walls of the Vatican since the organization of the choir in the fourth century. There are seventy singers in all, about half of the number being small boys. The choir is touring the United States and Canada, and has been already heard in New York with great enthusiasm. \* \* \* \*

## Hints on How to be Your Own Weather Prophet.

Adam may or may not have tried his hand at weather-prediction, but it is written that as far back as the time of Noah that gentleman prophesied a long, wet spell, and, unlike a lot of later weather prophets, he had such faith in his own prognostications that he took measure to meet the situation. Further than that, subsequent events proved that Noah was a 100 per cent. prophet. Many of his successors, however, showing a lower batting average, it became increasingly apparent as time went on that in view of the frequency with which the prognostications failed, the subject should be placed on a scientific basis in order to obtain accuracy in the results, or at least to spread a sort of halo of learning and philosophy about it, and thus minimize

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the curse, as it were, of possible errors. So weather bureaus were instituted, which same have been in more or less successful operation now for many years, with attendants on the Government pay-roll, and everything. Entirely apart from scientific weather observations, however, home-made weather-forecasting has persisted as a pleasing pastime all these years, and on this very day there is a set of rules governing it, more or less recognized by all amateur weather-prophets. For the benefit of those who may be unfamiliar with these rules the New York *Sun* has obligingly made a compilation of them and they are set forth as follows:

When standing on high ground and the horizon is unobstructed from all quarters, if the sky is absolutely cloudless, look for a storm within forty-eight hours.

If it starts to rain after seven o'clock in the morning it will continue to do so all day, and very often it is the indication of a three days' rain.

When it is raining and it brightens and darkens alternately you can count on an all-day rain, with a chance of clearing at sundown.

When the rain ceases and the clouds are still massed in heavy blankets one sure sign of clear weather is the patch of blue sky that shows through the rift large enough to make a pair of "sailor's breeches."

Another sign of continued rain is when the smoke from the chimney hovers low around the housetops. When it ascends straight into the air this indicates clearing weather.

A foggy morning is usually the forerunner of a clear afternoon.

A thunder-storm in winter (usually in

January or February) is always followed by clear, cold weather. It is not, as many think, the breaking up of winter.

People living near the seashore say a storm is "brewing" when the air is salty caused by the wind blowing from the east.

A red or copper-colored sun or moon indicates great heat. A silvery moon denotes clear, cool weather.

The old Indian sign of a dry month was when the ends of the new moon were nearly horizontal and one of them resembled a hook on which the Indian could hang his powder-horn.

Many people troubled with rheumatism and neuralgia usually are excellent barometers and can predict changeable weather by "feeling it in their bones."

And the advice of the old weather-sage is "never go out during April month without being accompanied by your umbrella."

And then, for the special benefit of those who never can remember anything they read in prose, but do have a faculty for retaining jingles, the following important formulas are set out in verse:

Red in the morning the sailor's warning  
Red at night the sailor's delight.

When you see a mackerel sky,  
'Twill not be many hours dry.

When the seagulls inland fly  
Know ye that a storm is nigh.

A ring around the moon  
Means a storm is coming soon.

When it rains before seven  
'Twill clear, before eleven.