

SUPT. BOWKER SAYS MEN NOT OVERWORKED

Takes Exception to Statements
Made in Request for
Investigation.

Local railroad men take exception to the statements that are being made in parliament in connection with the move to ask to make an investigation with a view of reducing the hours of railway employees.

"Our men do not work more than from ten to twelve hours," said Superintendent Bowker, of the Grand Trunk. "If we are very busy, as we are now, we put on more men instead of asking those we have to work more hours. We have 40 more men on now than is usual owing to the heavy traffic. The engineers and trainmen have the longest hours of anybody, and sometimes they are out for 15 hours, but this is only in case of emergency or bad weather. Above the longest run we have on this division is that from Sarnia to Mimico, which occupies about ten hours."

Superintendent McNeill was away today, but inquiry at the C. P. R. offices elicited the information that the men never work more than 12 hours, and as a rule only 10.

"We are instructed to arrange our work so that the men will not have to work more than 10 hours," said an official. "For all time over that we have to pay extra wages, and there is no money in handling freight at the increased cost. If much overtime is sent in the payrolls the Montreal officials get right after the officials here and want to know why the men were out so long."

MUSIC MAD CANARY RIDES VIOLIN BOW

Bird So Fond of Music It Gets
Closs as Possible to Source.

London, Feb. 21.—A yellow canary with an extra-ordinary fondness for music is the pet of the household of Mr. Pritchard, of High road, Kilburn, N. W., where the bird's behavior when the piano or violin is being played or the gramophone is turned on is one of constant amusement and interest.

Mr. Pritchard bought the canary sixteen months ago from a foreigner who offered it for sale in London street, and gave it to his little son as a present. Master John soon found that his new pet was surprisingly tame and obedient. He found his violin, the bird grew cross if it were not allowed to get as near as possible to the source of the music, and it would perch on the bow while its master plays.

Canary on Violin Bow.

Master John Pritchard, who is 12 years of age, gave a performance for the benefit of a reporter, his canary riding up and down on the bow apparently with the greatest delight, though it had to hold on tightly in some of the quick movements of the piece.

Directly the music ceased the bird flew off to settle among some flowers. Then Johnnie's sister Nancy sat to the piano and played round lively pieces from the "Maiden Chromatic," and off at once went the canary to settle on the keys, dodging the artist's fingers cleverly and thus moving up and down the keyboard throughout the performance.

Perches on Gramophone.

The gramophone was started next with the characteristic piece, "In a Clockmaker's Shop." This is said to be the bird's favorite selection, and Mrs. Pritchard ventured the explanation that during the piece a cuckoo begins to call, and the bird flies to perch on the gramophone, where it remains still with its little head cocked at ways in a most amusing attitude of apparent absorption until the last note had died away.

BUCKS' "BOYCOTT" CASE

U. S. Supreme Court Dismisses Ap-
plication to Have It Dismissed.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The noted "boycott" case brought by the Bucks Store and Range Company against the American Federation of Labor in the local court came to an end today, when the supreme court of the United States dismissed formally the appeal from the lower court. The action does not affect the contempt case against President Gompers, and two other officials of the union.

The proceedings today were in accordance with the action of the court in refusing recently to allow the argument of the case to be completed, because the parties had settled their difference out of court. Each side was directed to pay its own costs.

THE PORK EATERS

Thirty-six Million Hogs Killed in the
United States Last Year.

Washington, Feb. 21.—"Pork eaters" is a term which may rightfully be applied to the people of the United States if the figures just made public by the census bureau for the year 1909 be taken as a basis. The figures show that during that year 4,483,000 hogs were killed in the country for food purposes than all other animals combined, including beefs, lambs, sheep and lambs, etc. During the year 1909, 36,449,000 hogs were killed for food purposes, and \$1,900,000 of all other animals.

THE FIRST LEEVE

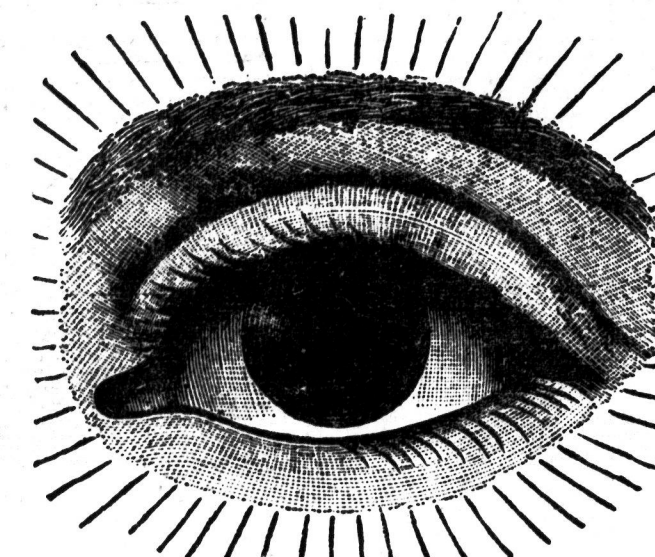
London, Feb. 21.—King George gave the first levee of his reign at St. James' Palace today. Those received were mainly from diplomatic and official circles.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

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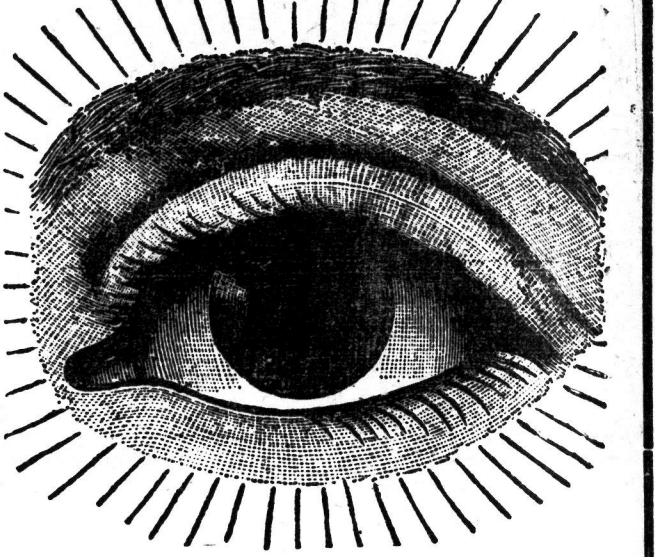
23 THE PRINCE OF PILEN

Wonderful Extraordinary Introduction Sale of Spectacles and Eyeglasses From Factory to Face



For one week beginning
Thursday, February 23, to
Wednesday, March 1, we will
sell our regular \$3.50 and
\$5.00 Gold-Filled Spectacles
and Eyeglasses with lenses
for

\$1.00



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NOTE: These frames are absolutely gold-filled, not gold-plated. They occupy the same place in the optical trade as Rogers' Bros' 1847 does in the silverware line, or Borden & Wadsworth do in the watch line. This sale does not begin till Thursday, Feb. 23. It will last only ONE WEEK. In the meantime see our window display.

Remember—This sale

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February 23 to March 1.

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Go See "The Chorus Lady."

Henry B. Harris will present Edna Aug as Patricia O'Brien in "The Chorus Lady," the comedy success, at the Grand, tomorrow night. Miss Aug is one of the most promising of the young actresses on the American stage. Mr. Harris' comedy of slang and chorus girl life has achieved the most pronounced success. As stately, optimistic Patricia O'Brien, the chorus girl, who nearly loses her own happiness in trying to save her young and thoughtless sister, Nora, from the consequences of her folly, Miss Aug is seen at her best. She interprets the role with a vein of humor, and an appreciation of character that makes her Patricia a masterpiece of acting.

Surrounding Miss Aug is a cast of exceptionally clever players. Manager Harris has given twenty years of the best of his talent to "The Chorus Lady," a worthy scenic investment. The chorus girls' dressing room is particularly elaborate.

"Il Trovatore" This Week.

Joseph Sheehan, who comes to the Grand Opera House, Friday and Saturday nights, and Saturday matinee, Feb. 24 and 25, heading his own company, known as "The Prince of Pilen," is a tenor of the first rank. His ability to sing both lyric and dramatic roles gives him a wonderful scope in his repertoire. When a member of the Savage company he sang Wagnerian parts from "Lohengrin" to "Parsifal." Those who have heard his "Lohengrin" in Wagner's opera of the same name, say that his voice is marvellously suited for every requirement of the role.

In Verdi's "Il Trovatore," which opera his company will present in this city, Mr. Sheehan will have ample opportunity to display his heroic as well as lyric style, and he sings the famous aria, "Di Quella Pira," which closes the third act, in the original key, ending with a full, resonant tone on high "C."

"The Prince of Pilen."

The Toronto Mail and Empire of Tuesday has the following criticism: "The Prince of Pilen," which comes next Monday night, is bright and pleasant and in a new luster. The Prince of Pilen, a new venture, The Prince of Pilen, returned to Toronto at the Royal Alexandra for one week, and the general consensus of opinion is that this tune proves with ease. This fact may be attributed to the good business sense of Henry W. Savage, for although "The Prince of Pilen" has alternated with the new productions for several seasons, it still retains its position among the premier offerings. There was nothing lacking in the presentation made at the Royal Alexandra last evening. If it had been an absolute new offering the costumes could not have been more sparkling and the action more brisk. Everything was new and up-to-date, and it is only a truism to say that the last 'Prince of Pilen' is the best that has ever appeared here.

FINDS HIS HOBBY HARD ONE TO RIDE

Sir Oswald Mosley's "John Bull"
Bread Becoming Nuisance.

London, Feb. 21.—It is getting an infernal nuisance and I am beginning to wish I had not taken it up," says Sir Oswald Mosley, the square-jawed, St. Albans, Staffordshire, who recently started a campaign to popularize brown bread among his tenants.

Sir Oswald's intention was to extend to the villagers on his estate what he considers the great advantages to be derived from the consumption of whole meal bread, made from four ground in the old-fashioned mills between upper and nether stones. Unfortunately for his peace of mind, however, the scheme has created such a sensation that he has been simply deluged with letters from all parts of the country containing requests for samples of his famous bread. Special horse vans are being despatched nightly to take the supplies away.

The bread is packed in neat cardboard boxes, and the village bakery is being visited by the hundreds.

Letters by the Hundred.

"I have received letters by the hundred," said Sir Oswald, "and some are even addressed 'The Village Bakery, Rolleston.' Many of the applicants desire immediate delivery and say 'do people have written sympathies?' So much for professional and well-to-do people have written sympathies. Many of the letters are from the Mayfair states that he is setting up a plant on his own estate for the purpose of making bread for the poor. The bread is packed in neat cardboard boxes, and the village bakery is being visited by the hundreds.

It is months since the fact that Sir Oswald has set for his venture, and although he expects to be out of pocket by the time the experiment is concluded, yet he has high hopes of starting a great reform. Many of the dental diseases and the general decline in the national physique of the present are he attributes to the fact that of recent years white bread has almost entirely supplanted the good old-fashioned whole meal loaf.

"John Bull" is the popular title for this picturesque "Baker Baronet," and the name fits. Not only is he a country gentleman of the old school, but he is a keen agriculturist, and a great breeder of Shorthorns, an extensive gardener, and he possesses a fine museum of British birds. His ideas, methods and dress are all characteristic, and although long out of date, he wears the wide-brimmed, low-crowned hat of beaver pattern. He dislikes change except for the better. Other men have changed their style of dress," he says, "but not I. My hat, for instance, is the same sort of hat my father wore, and my grandfather before him."

In spite of his old-fashioned notions, however, he has realized the utility of the automobile. He is a member of the Automobile Club, and the owner of a large number of cars. "I used to keep as many as twenty greys for my own coach, and do a lot of driving," he says, "but what with the trains and motor I find myself getting too old and nervous to stand it, and so no other late in life than most people I started motoring."

He is a thoroughly practical British squire, keen and hard-working, and there is nothing about farming that he doesn't understand. He still talks in his cheery, jovial way of the days when he rose at 5 o'clock to milk the cows. Sir Oswald is now 65 years old.

BURDETTE VINDICATED

Mystery of Disappearance of Money
Has Been Cleared Up.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Feb. 21.—Special to the Tribune from Peoria, Ill., says the Rev. Charles Edw. Burdette, brother of the late Rev. Charles Burdette, has been vindicated after 20 years, of any blame in connection with a registered letter package sent out by the Peoria postoffice when he was in custody. The \$3,000 package disappeared after it was put in twelve days ago. An inspector recommended that Burdette be discharged, but Postmaster Magee, now in charge of the postoffice, has decided to keep him in custody.

Burdette studied for the ministry, and now has a pastorate at Springfield, Mass. An old battered mail sack was sent to him by the postoffice. The first man to inspect the sack decided it needed a new lining. The rip disclosed a large manila envelope, and a half he ripped it open. He found a letter and a small box. He opened the envelope and found the \$3,000. Magee, retired to his quarters, and called for the money.

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EUROPE LEADS THE STATES IN ACCIDENTS

Union Pacific's Manager Says
So After a Close Study
of Question.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 21.—That there are more railroad accidents in Europe than there are in the United States is the result of the observations of A. L. Mohler, general manager of the Union Pacific Railroad, who has just returned from a European trip, during which he paid particular attention to railroad problems. Mr. Mohler has had 40 years' experience in the railroad world.

"The great American public has been taught that there are no railroad wrecks in Europe," says Mr. Mohler, "but if the people of this country had a real good opportunity of learning just what accidents actually do occur over there they would change their minds."

"Listen to this extract from the European edition of the Herald for Dec. 17: 'Two French trains came together at Port Bon yesterday owing to a signalman's error.' Doesn't that sound natural? Change the name of that town and you can find the same thing over here. European signalmen make errors just like American signalmen."

"Here's another from the same issue of that paper: 'Traces of a massive stone, which had been placed on the tracks, were clearly visible.' It shows that they have train wreckers over there just like we do here."

"Here's an article in the London Mail of Dec. 8, telling of a wreck on the great London and Northwestern, in which two passengers were killed and 40 injured. 'Trucks refused to work. Sounds just like an American accident and shows that English brakes are sometimes at fault like ours.'

THE TRAIN CROWDED.

"At that time," says the article, "many were standing in the aisles of the wrecked coaches. Doesn't that sound natural? I guess English trains are sometimes crowded, too."

"And here's a description in eight lines of a wreck of an express at Arbanats, France, in which a number were killed. An American editor would have played that up for a double column. Cause of that wreck, 'fog.'"

Here's the London Standard telling of the complete tie-up of the Great Western's main line for several hours, because the trucks of a freight car jumped the track. Ever hear of an accident of that kind over here?

"And here's the European Edition of the Herald, of Dec. 26, telling of an express train dashing onto a grade."

NEW YORK SWELL IS CANNIBAL KING

Archibald Everett Now Ruler in South Sea Islands.

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—The German trading schooner "Triton," which has arrived here from the South Seas, brings a tale of a former New York society man who now rules as king of Aoraki, one of the group of the Marshall Islands. Two months ago when the Triton arrived off the Aoraki islands to barter with the natives the discovery was made that the ruler of this beautiful island was none other than Archibald C. Everett, who seven years ago was one of New York's toll-less society flies.

Financial reverses made his society life impossible, and Everett packed up his summer flannels and silk shirts and hid himself for the South Seas. After various adventures, all of which increased the attractiveness of a king's rule, young Everett landed at Aoraki. He brought forth his beautiful reindeer and his conquest was immediate. The natives and Dusky maidens were captivated by this fair-skinned youth from the northern clime, and kind-hearted males of the island decided he should be crowned king, and king he has been ever since. He was called "Etamora" (the immaculate one).

His men subjects catch sharks and gather coconuts for him—all of which is stored up against the day when the trading steamer The Girl's King to him and fan him during his siestas. He can take a new wife, if he so desires, every few months, and there will be no jealousy on that score.

He wears always his badge of kingship—pure white duck trousers, a silk shirt and a scarf of gorgeous hue. When his supply runs out he

FOUGHT THE SEPOYS.

Huntsville, Ala., Feb. 21.—John Boyd, Huntsville, Ala., who today after a brief illness, aged 75 years, Mr. Boyd was born in Ireland. He served with the British army in the Crimean War. He was a member of the 1st Life Guards, and through the Sepoys to the relief of Lucknow, and his accounts of that campaign in the Liverpool Gazette attracted much attention.

SAVED A FORTUNE.

New York, Feb. 21.—Society from the water she received as a domestic in 1843. Her continuous service in a Fourth avenue household, Marks, speaker, who died eight months ago, saved a fortune of \$200,000. Numerous relatives have written from England for a share in the estate. The woman was 31 years old when she died.

THE QUEEN'S

Toronto, the Queen City of Canada, is the important business and tourist centre of the Dominion. Its many handsome churches, art galleries, public buildings, imposing offices, public drives, parks and gardens, are the admiration of many thousands of visitors throughout the year.

One of the best hotels in Canada is located here, the old established "Queen's," a hostelry that is especially popular with all discerning people. Standing in its own beautiful and extensive grounds, it has an air of quiet and refinement.

The "Queen's" is operated on the American and European plan, the rate being \$10 per day up. Rooms with bath, \$15 per day up. Rooms with bath (European Plan), \$15 per day up. Rooms (European Plan), \$15 per day up.

Bearing Down Pains

What woman at some time or other does not experience these dreadful bearing down pains? Mrs. E. Griffith, of Main street, Hopeworth, Ont., says: "A heavy bearing down pain had seized myself. I was unable to stop or straighten myself up. Many times each night I would have to leave my bed with the irregular and frequent secretions of the kidneys, and just as one fell in the morning as on retiring."

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