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FRIDAY, JAN. 3.

BELCOURT OFFSETS BOURASSA.

It is fortunate that some law business took Mr. Belcourt, M.P., to England as soon after Mr. Bourassa, M.P., had been over there representing Canadian sentiment, points out the Hamilton Herald. We take it that Napoleon Antoine Belcourt is as good a French-Canadian as J. Henri N. Bourassa, and is a more reliable exponent of Canadian public opinion respecting imperial matters than is the flamboyant young gentleman from Labele. Therefore it is matter for congratulation that Mr. Belcourt talked freely to a representative of the London Daily Chronicle who was sent to interview him on the subject of Mr. Bourassa's misrepresentations of Canadian sentiment regarding the Boer war.

Speaking on behalf of French-Canadians, Mr. Belcourt said that "it was the unquestionable duty of Canadians to help in maintaining the honor and efficiency of the flag under which we live, whose protection we, Mr. Bourassa included, claim, and which protects our civil and religious liberties; that the question of the justice of the Boer war was one which, for the moment, we were not called upon to judge; that the war was inevitable, and was forced upon England by Boer action; that the empire was in danger, and that it was the duty of all the members of the British family to stand together and help in their own way in bringing the war to a speedy and complete termination."

Whether, in these remarks, the member for Ottawa accurately represented the sentiments of French-Canadians, there is no doubt that his statements would be heartily endorsed by the majority of the Canadian people. Napoleon's words ought to go far to remove any false impressions that Henri may have made in the old country.

SERIOUS VIEWS OF LIFE.

In a world like this there is no place for a trifler, comments the Toronto Star in a timely article. A man may not be great or rich or wise, his lot may be hard, and his place obscure, but if he is in earnest, he has a right to live. Indeed, life's chief dignity is not in the externals and incidents of its surroundings, but in the quality of personal character; and in a just estimate of character first place must be given to life's purpose, and of all human weaknesses flippancy is at once the most unbecoming and the most hopeless.

The great choices in life are determined by one's views of life. If life is not a serious thing, the shallowest pleasure is its chief good. To the pleasure-seeking work is not attractive for its own sake, or as a service to humanity, but only as a means to provide money for more and newer pleasures. Thousands of people take no serious thought for their lives. They choose the least irksome task, and are ready to trifle with the most sacred experiences of life. The day comes when they are incapable of deep feeling or strong passion. Their lives become so narrow and shallow that a great passion has no room to stir itself. The retribution of their sin is the hell of incurable flippancy.

Seriousness is an important element in one's fitness for service. There are men all about us who discuss great questions of political or social or moral reform, but their arguments and exhortations influence nobody, because nobody takes them seriously. They do not take themselves seriously. They are only acting a theatrical part, and that, too, for the fun of it, or the glory of it, or for some of its base rewards. They have no convictions, and while they may speak entertainingly or write interestingly, their words produce no conviction. Some of our political aspirants and newspaper writers would find public favor

less fickle if the public could but believe in their sincerity.

And this seriousness is a deeper thing than opinion, a more personal thing than creed. Some men who profess the most serious social and ethical opinions live selfish or loose lives. Men of the most appalling theological creed behave as though there were no very awful hell, and no very real heaven. Their attitude to their creed is impersonal, and their advocacy of their belief is powerless to inspire or convince. On the other hand men whose creed may be very defective, very imperfect, hold some things so strongly and believe them so intensely that their teaching or preaching is a vital, personal, compelling force in their own and other lives.

A year's end suggests to some minds serious reflections about the past and about life itself. Is it, after all, worth while if life is a joke, no; if a real business, yes. Life may be, as some think, but a morning cloud, a vapor that appears for a little while, and then vanisheth away. If so, it must be taken seriously. If this is our only day for service, if there is no second chance, no hereafter in which the mistakes of time may be corrected, he is more than a fool who squanders or misuses or turns to hurt his fellow men. If you are sure, quite sure, of to-morrow, you may be less solicitous about to-day; but if you are sure that you there will be no to-morrow, be wise to-day. And even if you are sure that life is more than a vanishing vapor, if you are quite sure about its immortality of soul or not, it becomes, you, too, to be serious, lest that vapor do not vanish, but return again, bringing back the black cloud of evil thoughts and idle words and harmful deeds. No matter what our creed, life is a serious business, and only he who takes it seriously finds it worth living.

Among the men and women of world-wide fame who have died during the year 1901 were: Queen Victoria; President McKinley; the Empress Frederick of Germany; ex-King Milan of Serbia; Ignatius Donnelly, the erratic but brilliant author, politician and cryptographer; P. D. Armour, and Baron Rothschild, great capitalists and industrial organizers; Signor Crispi, Senator W. M. Everts, ex-Governor Pingree of Michigan and Li Hung Chang, statesman; Charlotte M. Yonge, Sir Walter Besant, John Fiske and Maurice Thompson, authors; Rev. Joseph Cook, popular lecturer and theologian; Hermann, the magician; Sir William MacCormack, the great surgeon; James Stephens, originator of the Fenian movement; Roland Reed and James A. Herne, actors.

HIS DELICATE HINT.

Toronto Telegram.

Hon. G. W. Ross calls upon the farmers of Ontario to hold their ploughs more steadily, and thus insinuates that prohibition is needed in the rural districts.

FUN BEGINS IN GUELPH.

Guelph Herald.

To-day Messrs. Macdonald & Drew, acting on behalf of the Herald, served on Messrs. McIntosh & Galbraith proprietor of the Mercury, notice of an action for libel.

STILL IN STATU QUO.

Exchange.

They had asked the visiting English woman what she thought of New York.

"I think it will be charming—when it is finished," said the Englishwoman.

HIS BUSY SEASON.

Galt Reformer.

Dewet evidently wants to do all the harm he can before the Canadians get out to South Africa. It will be all up with him when our mounted men get after him.

ARTHUR'S OPINION.

Kingston Whig.

Mr. Arthur, the chief of the locomotive engineers, and the most successful labor leader and diplomat in the world, does not believe in labor leaders being in politics. They expect the organization to be behind them, and then, he says, it usually goes to pieces.

NO LONGER YOUNG.

While crows' feet yet have spared the face And time of time has left no trace Upon the locks which still with grace Above our brows have hung,
Above our brows have hung,
We find our face is growing slow,
And as we view the passing now
There comes a time when we must know
That we're no longer young.

There comes a time when children born Long since our childhood's locks were shown The virtues they miss we missed have worn To prize freely suit.
And while these recollections flow Truth's whisper in the ear sounds low That it is time for us to know
That we're no longer young.

That it is time to bear the pain Of learning that we must remain Hereafter as exile from youth's reign In age's desert dung;
But e'er we stagger from this blow, Which adds to life another woe,
May fortune grant us sense to know
When we're no longer young!

Don't try to be funny with people who are unable to appreciate wit.

JAPANESE WOMEN

They Are Taught When Young to Be Thorough Housekeepers.

In Japan girls are brought up to sew, cook and attend to the house, for even the women of the highest class have household duties to perform.

Japanese ladies never go to market; the house comes to them—that is, the dealers bring round their wares for sale at their customers' houses. The fishmonger brings his stock, and whatever is bought he prepares for cooking.

Most Japanese women make their own clothes, and even the wealthiest embroider their own garments. They are thrifty little dressmakers and do much careful planning and cutting as well as painstaking renovation of worn clothing, says Home Notes.

The dinner hour all the year round is a little before dusk. A miniature table about a foot square and eight inches high is placed before each person. On this is placed a lacquered tray with space for four or five dishes, each measuring four or five inches across. Each little bowl and dish has its special place, the way always being in the middle and the rice to the left. The appetite is reckoned by the number of bowls of rice eaten. A maid is at hand with a large bowl of rice to replenish the small ones.

Directly one empties a bowl she replenishes it, but should one leave even a few grains she will understand that one has had sufficient.

Great care and much artistic taste are employed in preparing the dinner. The dishes are always served in the daintiest fashion, and when guests are present the meal becomes quite a ceremonious affair. The skill shown by the cook is quite remarkable. For instance, an omelet will be served in the form of a chrysanthemum, while fish is shredded to look like snow, and chicken is done up in all sorts of odd shapes.

Poorly Paid Roguishers.

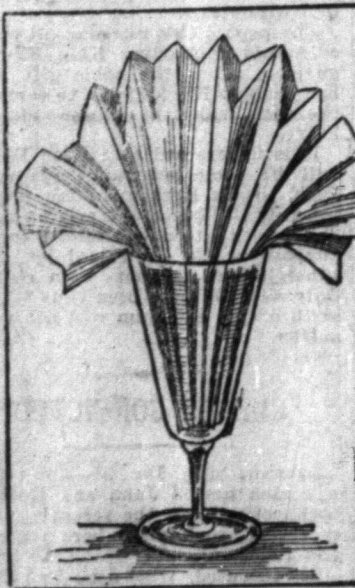
Few people realize that a square foot of the average Persian rug is worth about \$10 and it takes a single weaver twenty-three days to complete this portion. This allows the weaver about 44 cents per day for her wool and her labor, but three-fourths of this amount goes to pay for the wool, and only 11 cents per day is left for the weaver. The wages of the producer of the inferior rug are a little better. A square foot is sold for about 60 cents, and the time required for weaving it is but two days, thus allowing the weaver 30 cents per day for her wool and labor. She uses inferior wool, weaving but little of it, and pays only a nominal sum for a cheap dye. The framework of her loom costs comparatively little, as the rug it produces is from twenty to thirty times the size of the superior rug. Thus it appears that in the long run the inferior weaver is better paid than the one who fatigues her brain with her efforts to produce a rug of the best quality.—Chicago Record-Herald.

British Ambassador's Family.

Lady Pauncefoot and her four daughters, who have lived in the United States since 1880, when Sir Julian was appointed to represent Great Britain at Washington, declare they would rather reside in the capital of the United States than anywhere else, London not excepted. Their long residence in Washington, during which they have seen three presidents in the White House, has made them so much a part of the capital that it is doubtful if any other family would be missed as much as they. The series of dinners given at the British embassy are, next to the dinners of the president, the most important social events of the season. Lady Pauncefoot is extremely fond of outdoor exercise and is seen regularly driving or walking on the avenues of the capital.

Napkin Folding.

Table napkin folding is an art in itself, and it is just one of those things in which both taste and skill can be shown. Nothing gives such a flush to a well decorated



A PRIMITIVE DESIGN.

dinner table as well folded napkins, and yet very few housekeepers take the trouble to learn more than two designs.

It would indeed surprise most housekeepers to know how many charming forms the ordinary white square can be folded into, for some of these designs seem to be so delicate that it appears almost impossible that they can be formed without cutting the material.

Mrs. Melba and the Old Woman.

Mrs. Melba, never tired of relating the strange experiences which have fallen to her lot, says the most pathetic incident occurred when she was singing at Philadelphia. "When I left the Academy," she says, "my arms were full of roses. A white-haired woman stepped forward and said: 'God bless your beautiful heart. I have been waiting in the snow for you to come out. Your voice is the most beautiful thing in the world. Will you give me a rose to keep in memory of it?' There she stood, white-haired, in the driving snow, poorly clad in black and with lines of grief and age etched on her face, waiting to tell me that I had made her happy. I gave her every flower I had. I kissed her on both cheeks, and we cried together."

"Pin Money."

When pins were first invented in the fourteenth century, the maker was allowed to sell them on Jan. 1 and 2 only, and upon these days the women flocked to buy them. They were so expensive that it was customary to give as a wedding present a certain sum of money to be used as "pin money" hence the term.

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