

COMPANY FOR FISHING EQUIP VESSELS WITH COLD STORAGE

ons Will be Crried on Off en Charlotte Islands--Work Beginning at Once.

Prospectus for the new local ly known as "The Queen Char-

company is being organized with ntion of taking over the pres-

and fertilizer is th, and it is announced that

proposed to build a cold stor- house for the preservation of

the fishing schooners with the old fishing apparatus. Of this

well known fish shipped for ation, even a day or two after

limited, to equip its fishing sta- thoroughly modern cold stor-

TEAM LEFT IN SIX-DAY GRIND

of New York Bicycle Race ng on Contestants--Toughs Break Into Enclosure

Work, Dec. 11--Although more hundred and thirty miles be-

Withdrawal of Wilcox and Wil- was due to an injury sustained

after daybreak, while the all were nodding in their seats

GREAT DURABILITY WATERPROOF LITHIUMS OF THE BRAND MIMEL CRKER

LAST STAGE IN STOESSSEL TRIAL DEFENDER OF PORT ARTHUR IN BAD HEALTH

Court martial to Last Fortnight--If General Is Guilty He Must Die.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9--The final stage of the court martial of Lieut.

General Stoesel will begin to- day, tomorrow. There has been a delay in

After the testimony of the witnesses in the Far East, but now all this is in

General Stoesel is accused of having surrendered the fortress at Port Ar-

General Pock and General Relas are defendants with him. The first is

The trial is exciting the most in- terest in army circles. Every ticket to

General Stoesel is to-day in a pit- able state of excitement over the

CROPS IN UNITED STATES

Decrease of Over Half a Million in Amount of Acreage Sown With Winter Wheat.

Washington, Dec. 9--The crop report- ing board of the bureau of statistics of

HIS EXCELLENCY THE PHYSICIAN

Frankfort On-the-Main, Dec. 9--The death is announced of Professor Moritz

PORT ARTHUR OPERA HOUSE.

POLICE COURT. Sands Gets Six Months--Valuable Draft Picked Up on Street.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

In the police court this morning John Cairns and M. Leader were accused

Two men, who were drunk, were last night arrested by Sergeant Carson

GRAFT WITNESS DISAPPEARS.

Search for James Gallagher to Give Evi- dence in Calhoun Trial at Frisco Is Unavailing.

San Francisco, Dec. 9--The disappear- ance of former Supervisor James Gal-

REFUSED FREE PASSAGE.

Toronto, Dec. 9--Thos. Southworth, director of colonization, to-day refused

SNOWBOUND SILESIA.

Breslau, Dec. 9--It has been snow- ing here continuously for two days,

SAFE ROBBERY.

Fort Frances, Ont., Dec. 10--On Sun- day night the International Falls post

CONGRESS TAKING IT EASY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9--With only one committee appointed, that on bank-

MATTHEW BROWN DEAD. Well Known Citizen of Kenora--Held Large Lumber and Cattle Interests.

Kenora, Ont., Dec. 10--One of the oldest, best known and respected citi-

CA-NADA-MEXICO TRADE.

A. W. Donly Reports to Ottawa That Prospects Are Excellent.

(Special to The Times)

Ottawa, Dec. 10--A. W. Donly, Cana- da's trade commissioner in Mexico,

MARRIED WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Toronto, Dec. 9--Application has been made by the city council to the

SAD ROMANCE OF QUEEN'S JEWELS

BEAUTIFUL GEMS TO BE SOLD FOR DEBT

Present Owner Married at 16, Eloped, and Was Incarcerated in Asylum.

Brussels, Dec. 10--The Court of Ap- peals yesterday overruled the decision

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Many Rescuers Stricken With Illness--Believed Catastrophy Was Caused by Electric Spark.

MONTE CARLO MISSING.

Merchant Leaves St. Jean, and Cannot Be Located.

Winnipeg, Dec. 9--Napoleon Come- ant, a merchant of St. Jean, left home

BREWER'S SCHEME FOR SUNDAY CLOSING

Kansas City Millionaire Proposes Saloons Should Open at 2 p. m. When Church Is Over.

PORTUGAL HORIZON CLEARING.

HUNTERS' QUARREL

Two Prominent Big Game Sportsmen Quarrel Over Sharing of Expense.

PROSTRATED BY STROKE.

Rev. N. B. MacDonald, of Toronto, Paralyzed by Seizure.

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 10--Rev. N. B. MacDonald, the pastor of Haynes

TIMBER INTERESTS.

Meeting Will Be Held This Evening to Be Addressed by Judson F. Clark.

This evening at 8 o'clock a meeting is to be held in room No. 1, A. O. U. W.

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GUGGENHEIMS IN THE NORTH

WORK PROGRESSING ALL WINTER LONG

Many Men Will be Kept at Work in Preparation for Next Summer

A dispatch from Dawson says: The Yukon Gold Company, otherwise the

The average distance which the ma- terial from Twelve-Mile Landing is

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BOTH REPUTATION AND LIFE AT STAKE

General Stoesel Pleads "Not Guilty" to Charge of Having Lost Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 10--Before a brilliant assemblage of old comrades in

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OTHER POWERS SOUGHT BY CITY AMENDMENTS ASKED FROM LEGISLATURE What the Council Will Endeavor to Get from Parliament This Session.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) At the meeting of the city council, Monday evening, the legislative committee reported upon the proposed amendments which should be sought on behalf of the corporation of this city in the Municipal Clauses Act in the ensuing session.

Information has reached us that it is not the intention of the government to introduce the measure, which in previous years, has been urged upon them to remodel the Municipal Clauses Act by separating the powers given to the various classes of the municipalities throughout the province, and giving to each class the powers which legislative power is conferred in the eastern provinces.

BREACH WIDENS AT GRANBY SMELTER DENVER EXECUTIVE SUPPORTS MINERS Prospect of Settlement Between Owners and Men at Grand Forks Further Protracted.

Grand Forks, Dec. 10.—A telegram has just been received by the local labor union here which will tend to widen the breach between the Granby company and the unions, and will at least for the present, retard any settlement of the difficulty.

WRECKED MOUNT TEMPLE. Work of Salving Cargo Is Advancing— Vessel Shows No Signs of Breaking Up.

Montreal, Q., Dec. 11.—Dispatches received at the C. P. R. office today state that work of saving the cargo of the wrecked Mount Temple is proceeding satisfactorily.

BUSINESS OF COUNCIL QUESTIONS BROUGHT UP LAST EVENING Board of Trade Seek Information on Railway Extension—Septic Tank on Reserve.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The business before the city council last night consisted largely of routine. In great measure it was given to the consideration of reports and communications on matters which have been before the council hitherto.

ADDITIONS TO JAPANESE NAVY CRUISER IBUKI WAS VERY QUICKLY BUILT Fleet of Submarines of Latest Type Have Been Ordered From British Shipyard.

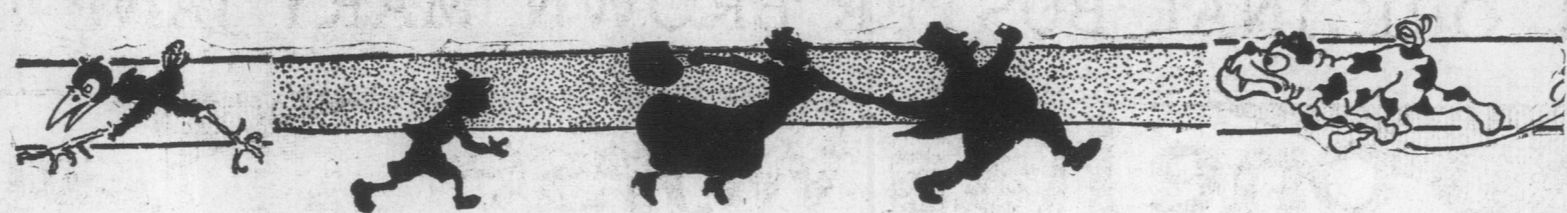
Japanese advices just to hand tell of further additions to the navy of the Empire. The arrival of the cruiser Ibuki was successfully completed on November 20th at the Kure Naval Dockyard in the presence of Prince Higashi Fushimi, Vice-Admiral Saito, the naval minister, and a large number of officers and others.

TORRE PLAT Sir Wilfrid Laurier Dealt With (Special Correspondence of Ottawa, December 3.—The reply to the speech from the throne by a striking disagreement between the two parties in this country.

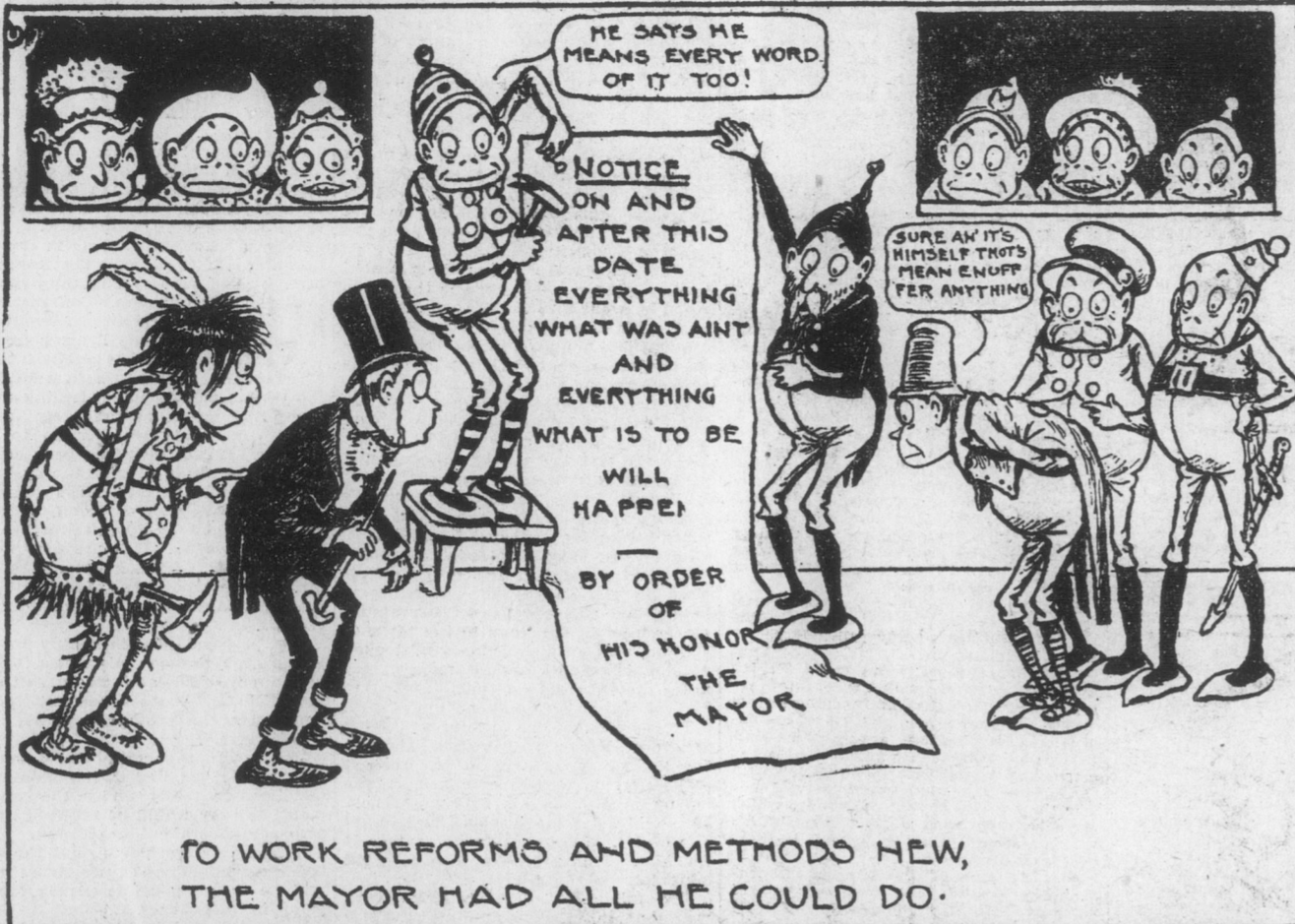
After able addresses by Mr. Laurier, the mover and seconder, Mr. Laurier, in his reply, Mr. Borden, leader of the opposition, made a speech which was an expurgated edition of his earlier speech.

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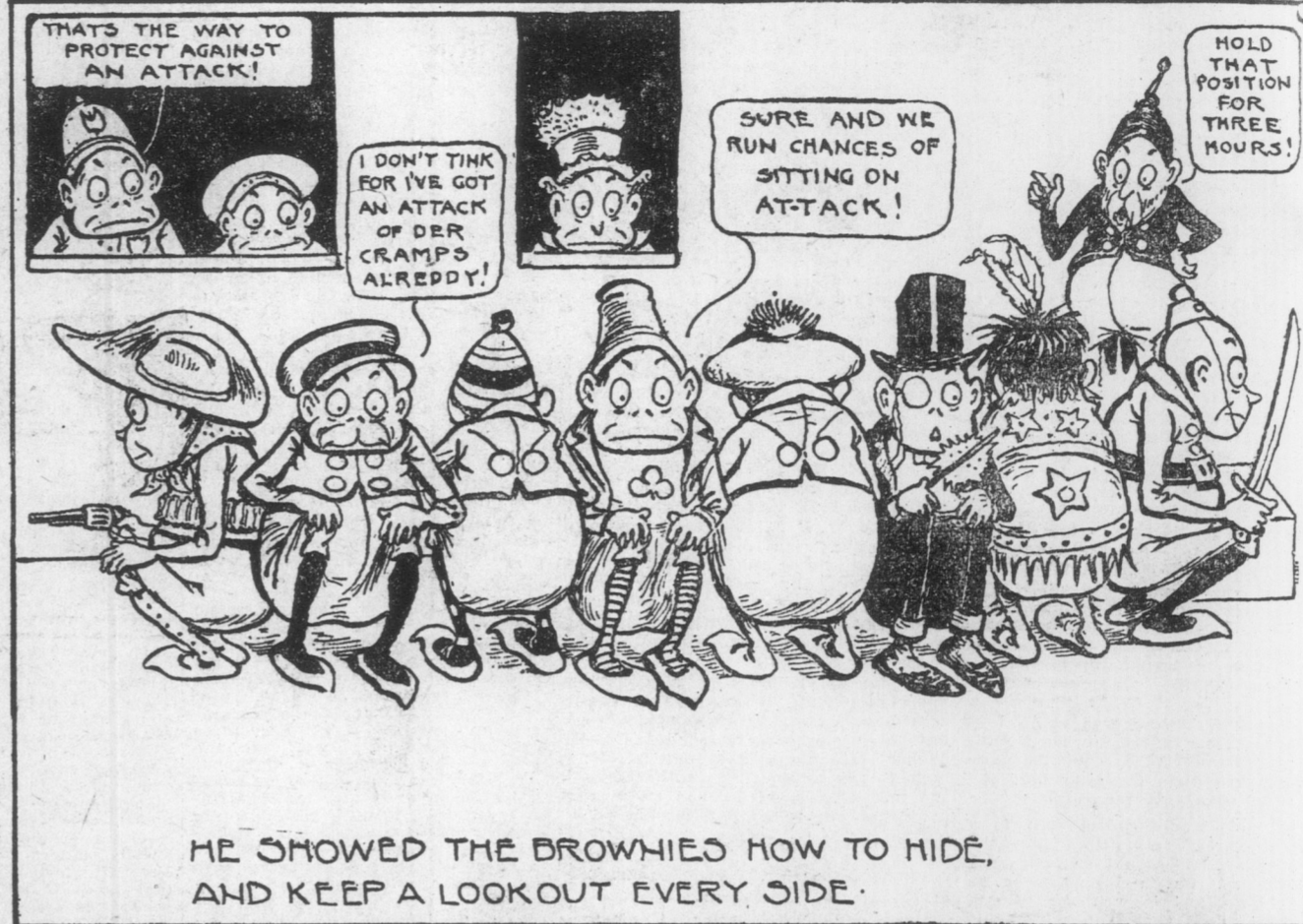
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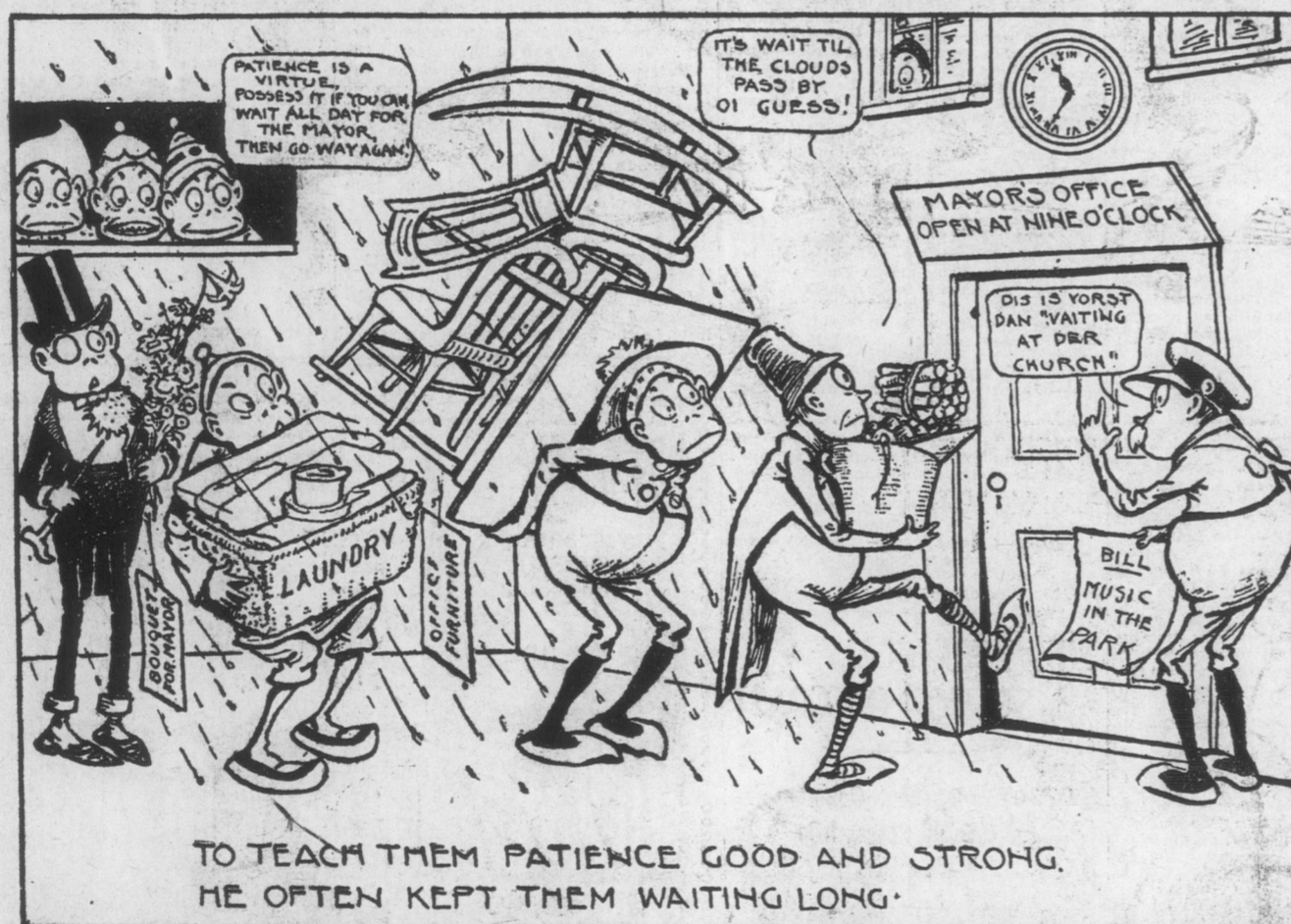
COMIC SECTION... BROWNIE of BROWNIETOWN CLOWN BY PALMER COX



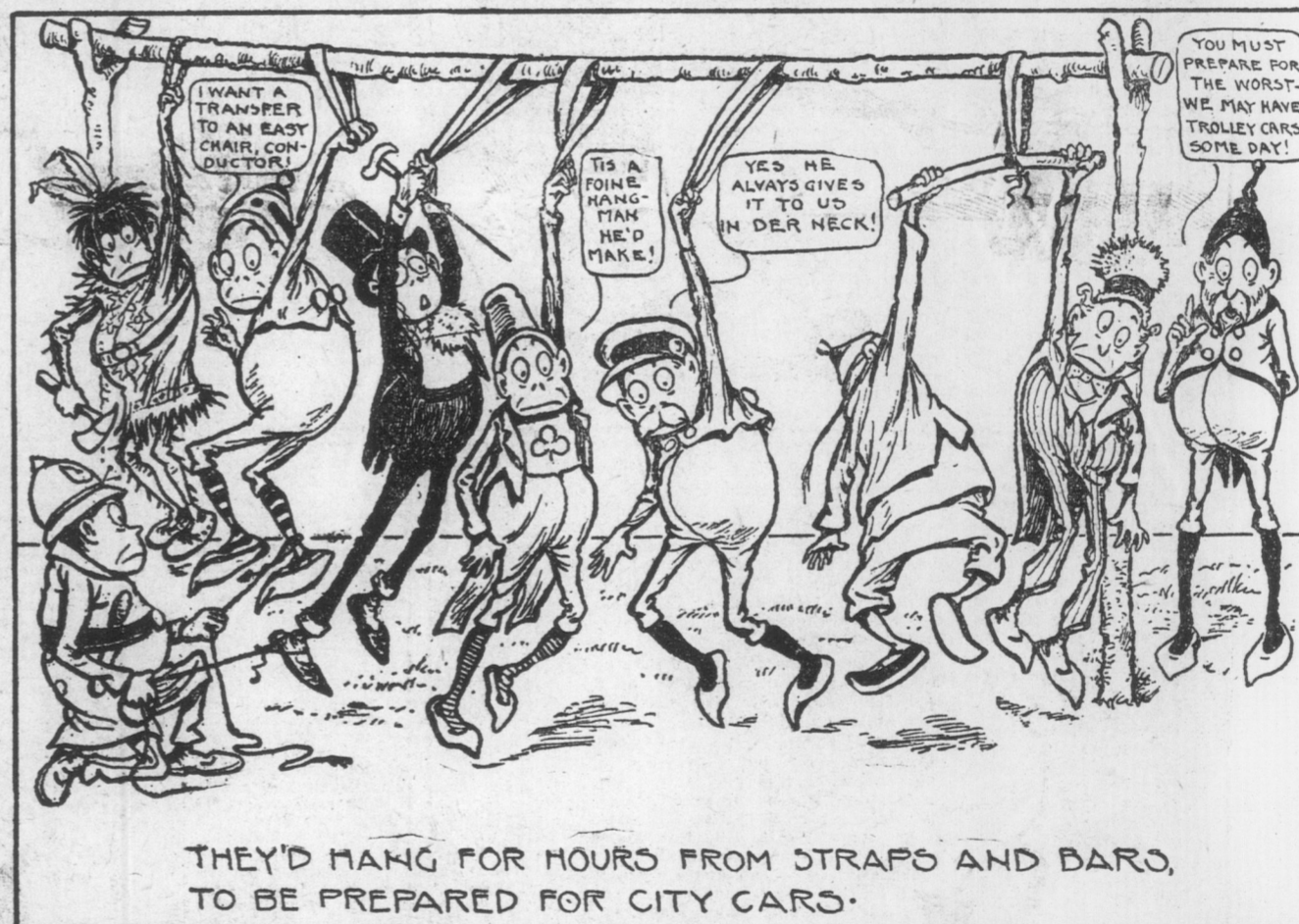
TO WORK REFORMS AND METHODS NEW, THE MAYOR HAD ALL HE COULD DO.



HE SHOWED THE BROWNIES HOW TO HIDE, AND KEEP A LOOKOUT EVERY SIDE.



TO TEACH THEM PATIENCE GOOD AND STRONG, HE OFTEN KEPT THEM WAITING LONG.



THEY'D HANG FOR HOURS FROM STRAPS AND BARS, TO BE PREPARED FOR CITY CARS.



HE MADE THE CLOWN FOR PRACTICE SHEAR, THE PIGS AT LEAST THREE TIMES A YEAR.



THEN CHARGED ADMISSION TO THE SHOW, AND POKETED HIMSELF THE DOUGH!

PALMER COX



OUTCAULT'S ORIGINAL BUSTER BROWN, MARY JANE AND HIS DOG

Here Now:

Dear Bill
Did you ever notice that if you have your mind on a thing and are looking for it, you can always find it? Look at me. I find plenty of opportunities for mischief if I were looking for work and had my mind on it just the same. But I would not look for any trouble. Don't look for any trouble. Don't look for any trouble. Don't look for any trouble.

No one has worse luck than



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NOW BUSTER GO TO THE DANCING CLASS AND BE A GOOD BOY

MA ITS PERFECTLY RIDICULOUS HOW GOOD I'M GOING TO BE



THATS A CARELESS WAY TO CARRY HIS UMBRELLA



ONE, TWO,

I KIN SEE DAT WIT ME EYES SHUT



THREE

PULL




COME HERE ONCE!



RIGHT IN THE HOLE FER BUSTER

LOOK OUT



HE FELL INTO THE HOLE

OUCH

DO NOT BITE HIM TIGER



OH, LEAVE HIM STAY IN THERE

HEY, RED COME HERE

ME FOR THE PIKE

GIT HIM BY THE FOOT BILL



POOR BOY - NEVER YOU MIND I'LL BRUSH YOU

YER OUT

THANK YOU



WHAT! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DANCING CLASS?

SUREST THING YOU KNOW, LITTLE ONE

SOMETIMES I THINK I REALLY UNDERSTAND HIM THEN I FIND I DONT



I AM YOUR DEAR, LITTLE DANCING PUPIL WHO HAS JUST ARRIVED

HE NEEDS BRUSHING

HE CANT DANCE WITH ME

GO HOME QUICK

GEE! BUSTER WHAT HIT YOU?

ISNT HE CUTE

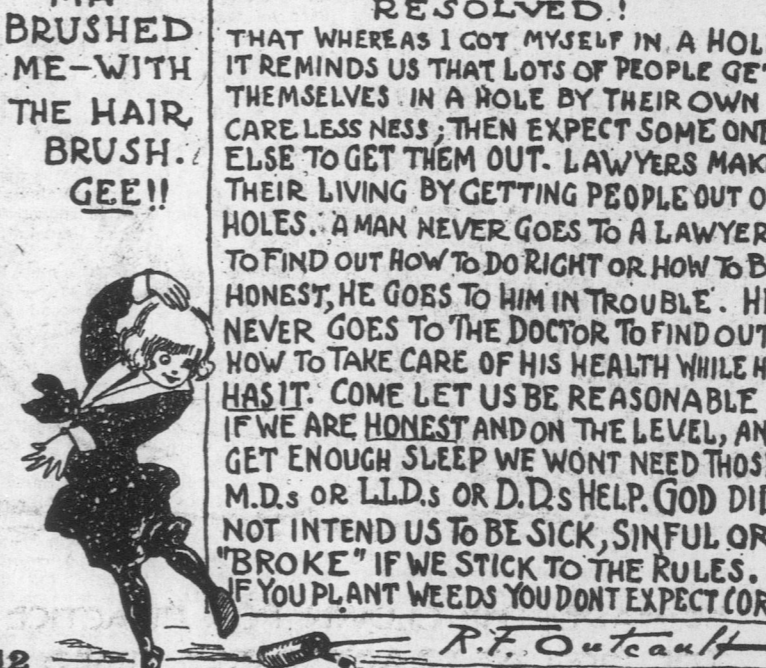


MA BRUSHED ME - WITH THE HAIR BRUSH. GEE!!

RESOLVED!

THAT WHEREAS I GOT MYSELF IN A HOLE IT REMINDS US THAT LOTS OF PEOPLE GET THEMSELVES IN A HOLE BY THEIR OWN CARELESSNESS; THEN EXPECT SOME ONE ELSE TO GET THEM OUT. LAWYERS MAKE THEIR LIVING BY GETTING PEOPLE OUT OF HOLES. A MAN NEVER GOES TO A LAWYER TO FIND OUT HOW TO DO RIGHT OR HOW TO BE HONEST; HE GOES TO HIM IN TROUBLE. HE NEVER GOES TO THE DOCTOR TO FIND OUT HOW TO TAKE CARE OF HIS HEALTH WHILE HE HAS IT. COME LET US BE REASONABLE IF WE ARE HONEST AND ON THE LEVEL, AND GET ENOUGH SLEEP WE WONT NEED THOSE M.D.s OR L.D.s OR D.D.s HELP. GOD DID NOT INTEND US TO BE SICK, SINFUL OR "BROKE" IF WE STICK TO THE RULES. IF YOU PLANT WEEDS YOU DONT EXPECT CORN.

R.F. Outcault



I WONDER WHAT HE MEAN BY THAT!



HOLD THAT POSITION FOR THREE HOURS!



YOU MUST PREPARE FOR THE WORST - WE MAY HAVE TROLLEY CARS SOME DAY!



BARO.



PALMER COX

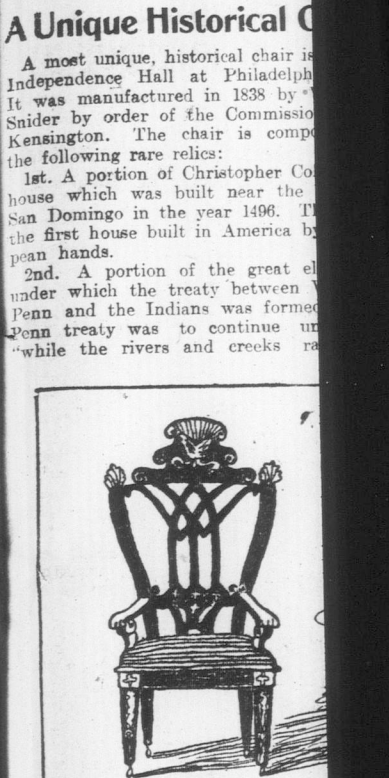
My Lady Cinderella By Mrs. C. N. Williamson

CHAPTER XXVII. (Continued). "How easy it is for you to forgive her! Not that one grudges it to the poor girl, for she has bitterly repented and done her best to make amends. If she had never given your address at first, you would have been spared the horrors at Arrish Hall. She did not do that, but she had not a peaceful moment after she had let him go. Her treachery to you was corroding her heart; those are her own words about it to me.

for want of it, as he was—you would call, and your voice would instantly bring him back. He was a skeleton, half dead, at the end of three weeks. How he lived, no one knew, but he hardly seemed to be of flesh and blood—he was iron. He never broke down until you had found him to do so, like a child's, one day. Then, when he was not needed, he sank into a chair, half fainting, and cried like a baby—poor, unheaven, gaunt wretch that he was.

GARBAGE STILL LIVE QUESTION DISPOSITION OF IT GIVS MUCH TROUBLE Dr. Robertson, Health Officer, Com-bats View Taken by Dr. Fagan Concerning James Bay. (From Tuesday's Daily.) A meeting of the civic board of health was held last night to hear representations concerning the disposal of rubbish and garbage in the city.

ACCUSED MUST STAND TRIAL LEECH COMMITTED BY MAGISTRATE JAY Prisoner Seemed So Drunk He Did Not Know What He Was Doing. (From Tuesday's Daily.) John Leech, who was arrested a few days ago charged with shooting Albert Harting with intent to murder, was yesterday afternoon committed for trial at the next assizes.



A Unique Historical Chair. A most unique historical chair is in possession of the late Mr. J. A. Alkman, of Kensington. The chair is supposed to be the one in which Christopher Columbus was built near the San Domingo in the year 1496. It is the first house built in America by Spaniards.

A RIDDLE. Legs and arms and back Yet it cannot walk nor speak. The only sound that it can make Is an ugly little squeak. (A d.)

When

BY HELENA DAVIS. Lettie was a very talkative little girl. She talked so fast that her mother had to say dozen words without stopping at all, and her teacher was obliged to keep her from talking by way of punishment for having whispered so during the day. One day Lettie in a fit of anger, because her mamma chided her for talking too much, and her company was being entertained, declared that she wished she might lose her tongue. Now she was a naughty little girl, but she certainly would not have done such a rash wish. She was in the yard when she was pretty hard when she made the wish just recalled. Now, it so happened that an old woman was passing that way and having Lettie in the yard she crept down behind her and listened to what she was saying. Although Lettie was always talking very emphatically to her mother, she declared, vehemently, "I might lose my tongue! Then mamma would always be saying too much. If one has a tongue one talk I guess, so, if I'd stop talking I should have to lose my tongue. I would be just good enough for my mamma, and I should be glad to let her not answer their questions. And then not recite at school, either."



BOWES' BRONCHIAL BALSAM. ALL KINDS OF COUGHS ARE HELPED BY BOWES' BRONCHIAL BALSAM. TRY IT FOR YOUR COUGH. CYRUS H. BOWES CHEMIST. 98 GOVERNMENT ST. NEAR YATES STREET.

PULVERISE ANY OTHER COUNTRY Admiral Lord Charles Beresford on British Navy—Comradship—Example That Nelson Set. "The British navy will pulverize any nation that dares to molest us," said Lord Charles Beresford in a remarkable speech at the Salter's Hall, London. Following on Admiral Sir John Fisher's declaration at the recent Mansion House banquet that we "may sleep quietly in our beds," it is evident that those at the head of affairs are quite satisfied that our fighting ships are as good on the water as they are on paper.

U. S. STRUGGLE FOR CONQUEST OF AIR American Inventors to Submit Plans of Aeroplane for Military Purposes. Washington, Dec. 9.—The U. S. army is about to launch beyond the simple balloon, the dirigible balloon and like contrivances for navigation in the air to the more scientific aeroplane, and it was announced to-day that the chief staff officer will soon open upon American inventors to submit plans for a practicable machine heavier than air to be used instead of a balloon for military purposes.

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PORT ARTHUR HAD BUSY SEASON

GROWTH OF BUSINESS IN HANDLING COAL

Over 500,000 Tons of Black Diamonds Shipped During Season Which Has Just Closed

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 10.—Navigation at Port Arthur is now practically closed for the season. It has been one of the busiest seasons in the history of the port. For years this port has been going ahead and shipments of freight and cargo have increased. The grain business here has been at its peak all the season, Port Arthur elevators shipping out millions of bushels. The freight business the Canadian steamers has surpassed all expectations.

This summer the company had five steamers in commission and even with the increased accommodation at times there was a bunching of steamers. One percent staff of over 400 men were given employment. A number of steamers piled here with steel rails, giving employment to a large number of men. The greatest growth of business was in handling. This season scores of American liners piled into here with cargoes of fuel for the Northwest. Over 500,000 tons of black diamonds were handled.

This is a new industry for Port Arthur and has resulted in placing the port in the front rank as one of the leading shipping ports on the Great West.

The last steamer to clear from the port was the Weston, which left for loading 100,000 bushels of wheat. She will winter here whether she gets a cargo or not. The steamer season closed for passenger steamers. The season has been one of the best experienced by the port, the weather being ideal, and not a single accident happened.

CANADIAN BANKS.

Members of United States Favor Depositing Money on This Side of the Line.

Mr. McLean, district president of the United Mine Workers, was in Nanaimo recently. Mr. McLean's headquarters are in Seattle. He says that the financial depression now existing in the United States, has been responsible for an extraordinary situation. The talk in Seattle and the other cities of the United States that Mr. McLean has visited lately has been relative to the financial situation, of general stability of the Canadian banking institutions, and the fact that they have been enabled to weather the world-wide financial disturbance without inflicting any great hardship or inconvenience on the general public.

Every person you meet, says Mr. McLean, is remarking on this, and as a result of this it is very probable that Americans will hereafter deposit money with Canadian banks.

EVENING STAR LEASED.

of Rossland's Mines Has Been Purchased by Syndicate for a Year.

Although J. E. Sorbin, Andrew K. has secured a lease for a year on the Evening Star mine near Rossland, B.C. The Evening Star Mines, owned by Mr. Heller, has five men on it, and already has twenty tons of ore on the track ready for shipment to the mill at Trail. The intention is to make regular shipments as soon as the mine is in condition to haul ore. The lease is being extracted from No. 1, which is in for a distance of 175 feet. Additional men will be employed as soon as it is necessary. Should the development as it is expected that machinery will be installed. There is considerable ore in the Evening Star, and the lessee thinks he will be able to lease his lease fairly well.

Evening Star Mining Company incorporated in 1888 with a capital of \$1,000,000, and was registered in 1898, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. The president was D. M. Heller; secretary, George B. Heller; and superintendent, Roy H. Heller. The E. S. M. Co. was succeeded by the Evening Star Mines, Inc., on January 22nd, 1900, with a capital stock of \$200,000. George B. Heller was the chief owner, Charles Heller, manager, and Roy H. Heller, consulting engineer. Under the management of Mr. Chamberlain the mine was operated in 1900 and 1901. Considerable tonnage sent to the mill. In 1901 the mine was closed. Since then, owing to the death of George B. Heller and the death of his estate, it has not been operated. The Evening Star is situated on the Monte Cristo mountain, directly west of the city, and adjoining the city on the east. Considerable amount of work has been done on the Evening Star.

Blue Bird property in the south now being operated under a lease and the lessees are engaged in mining it. They have struck on the face some rich galena ore, which developed promises to lead to a boom. The Red Eagle, owned by Mr. James Boyd and Dr. D. E. Boyd, has been leased to the same people. They have the Blue Bird, and they are working in surface prospecting. The matter of taking a lease on the Hilltop property, owned by J. Hilltop and J. E. Sorbin, is being considered.



NOT SCIENTIFIC.

Wife—What is the scientific name for the mosquito, Fred?
Hobby—Don't know.
Wife—Why, what did I hear you calling it the other evening?
Hobby—Eh! That was something that won't bear repeating.

He Was No Hero

"I had my vacation in June," said the Brooklyn drummer, "and I went down on the north shore of Long Island, where I found the statement true. I could catch fish until tired of pulling them in over the gunwale of the boat. One day before starting into town to the post office I caught 20 pounds of the nicest sea bass you ever laid your eyes on, and I took 'em along as a present to the hotel man.

"On the way to town I met a dozen farmers and held the fish up for inspection, but not one stopped or even took a second look at the string. When I reached the hotel there were about fifteen men loafing on the veranda. I made a great fuss about taking the fish from the wagon, but not a man turned his head. I displayed them on the veranda, but not a man asked a question. When the hotel man came forward I presented him with the beauties, and he told the boy to take them out to the barnyard. I couldn't make the folks out at all, and I kept getting madder and madder, and finally said to mine host:

"Look here, I brought you some fish."
"Yes."



Held the fish up for inspection.

"They are beauties."
"Yes."
"But not a darned critter of you have as much as looked at them. What in thunder ails this crowd, anyhow?"
"Softly, softly," whispered the landlord in reply. "If you had brought those fish in yesterday, you'd have been a hero, but last night Jim Taylor killed the biggest skunk you ever saw, and we won't be through admiring him for at least three days to come!"

JOE KERR.

A Summer Impression

This World's a Turkish bath
immense
Within a single hour.

You dwell in heat that is most intense
And then we have a shower.



Marie—Don't you think that a girl stands a big chance of meeting her affinity down at the seashore?
Maud—Oh, yes. I know I always—



THE SUMMER GIRL.

Dear little summer girl, pretty and sweet.
Dear little summer girl, dainty and neat.
Dodging the freckles and courting the tan,
Falling in love with most any old man.
Having the time of her life while she can.

Dear little summer girl, reckless and pert.
Dear little summer girl, oh, what a flirt!
Spending dad's money on ruffles and lace,
Marry! Yes—she'll have a ten-a-week place—
Then there's an end to the summer girl pace.

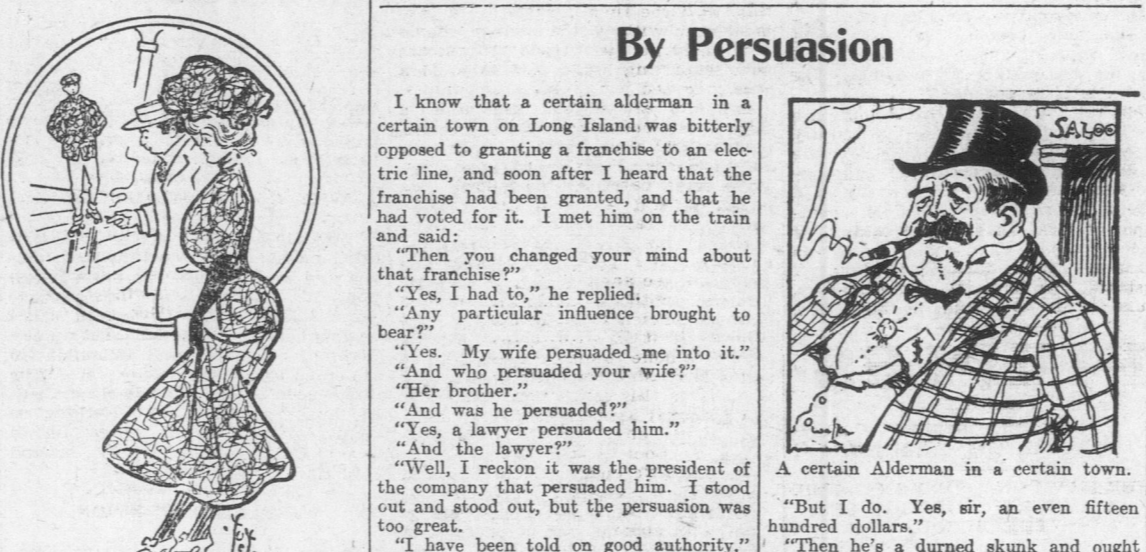
She Struck Twice

"Speaking about the seeming mania for strikes," said the fatherly-looking man on the end seat—"I had a woman who had been in my employ as cook for seven or eight years. I was paying her \$18 per month, and she seemed well satisfied up to a few weeks ago. Then she waylaid me one day to say:

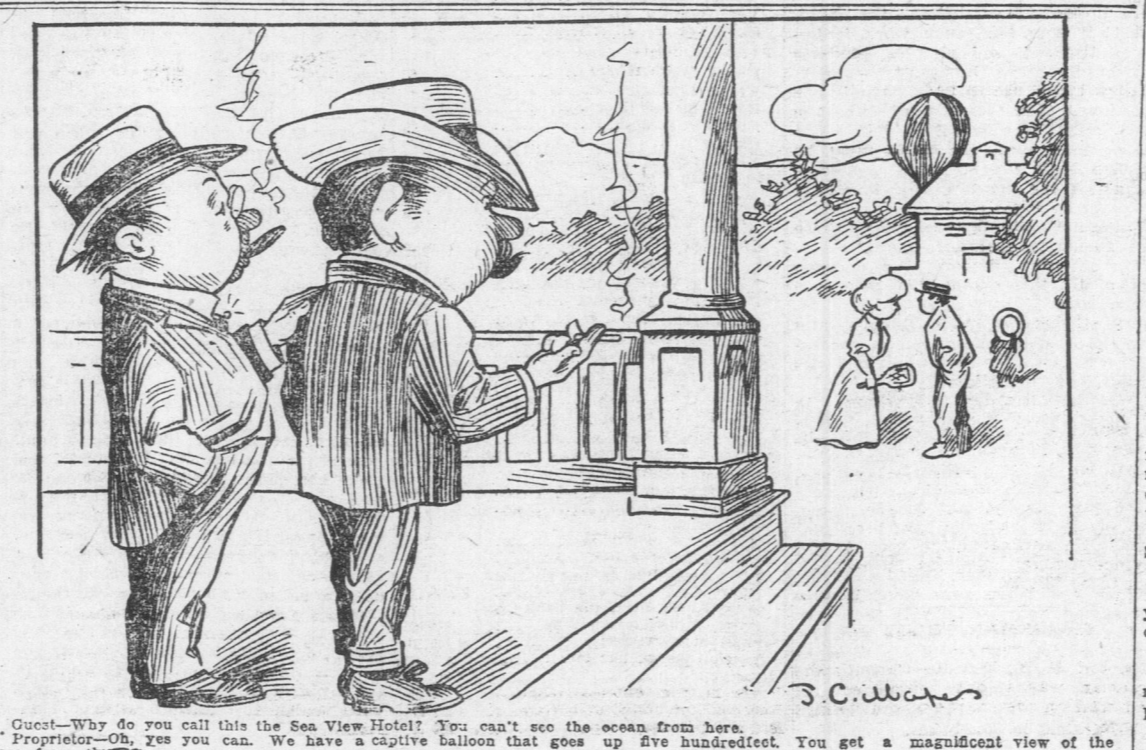
"Mr. Blank, I must have twenty dollars a month."
"But I can't pay twenty," I replied.
"It's twenty or out I go."
"Then you'll have to go."
"And next day she went. I got a woman to replace her, and after two weeks she returned to say:

"Mr. Blank, I struck on you to marry Jimmy O'Neil."
"Yes, I heard you had got married. Does your husband give you more than eighteen dollars a month?"
"He don't, sir."
"Well, I wants my old place back, at old wages."
"But you struck on me."
"I did, sir, and I'm now ready to strike on Jimmie O'Neil and make one strike offset the other."
"She was installed in her old place next day," said the fatherly man, "and as to what Jimmie O'Neil is going to do with-out a wife is a matter that isn't worrying me a bit."

JOE KERR.



Bessie—Do you care for roller skating?
Tom—Not me! The only time I ever tried it I skated beautifully on my head.
Bessie—The wheels must have come in handy.



Guest—Why do you call this the Sea View Hotel? You can't see the ocean from here.
Proprietor—Oh, yes you can. We have a captive balloon that goes up five hundred feet. You get a magnificent view of the



Evelyn—Only think! Maud got her new bathing suit wet through the very first time she wore it!
Mirtle—Mercy! You don't mean to say that she went into the water?
Evelyn—The idea! Of course not. A drenching shower came on all of a sudden.

He Run the Other

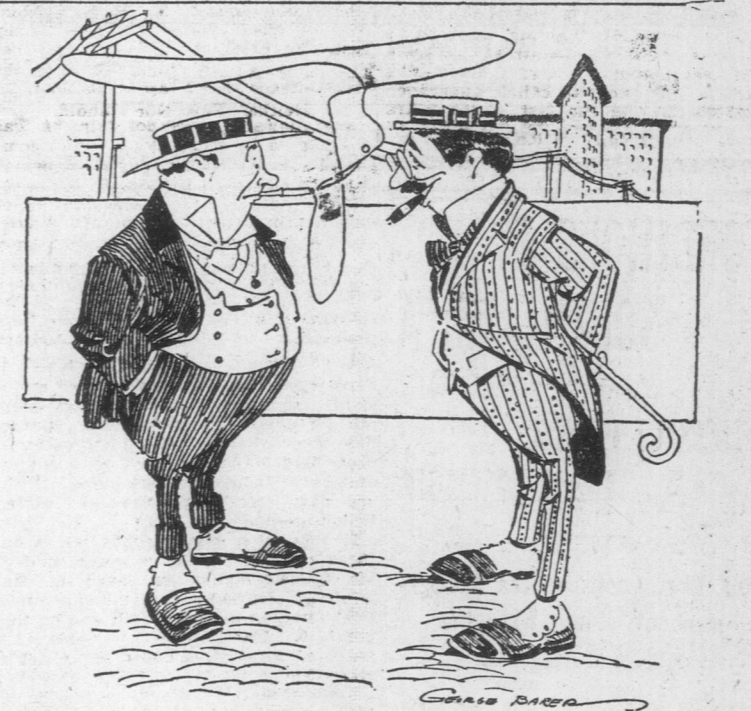
There were two summer hotels almost opposite each other on Bass Lake, and I had just got comfortably installed in one of them when a man who didn't look at all like the average kicker began to kick. He kicked about the Lake. He kicked about the fishing. He kicked about the boats. He kicked about his room. He kicked about the table. He kicked about the service. He kicked about the hours for meals. He kicked about the hill behind the house and the lawn in front of it. He kicked about the children and the dogs.



A man who didn't look at all like the average kicker began to kick.

He went out of his way to find fault with this or that, and I for one finally became disgusted with him and took him out rowing that I might say to him: "Isn't there anything at all around this place that you are satisfied with?" "Not a blamed thing," he replied. "Then why don't you get out?" "Where will I go?"

JOE KERR.



"Were you ever boarded by a pirate, Mr. Peto?"
"Sure! Once an old cuss charged me 'leven dollars a week an' it was bum board at that."

By Persuasion

I know that a certain alderman in a certain town on Long Island was bitterly opposed to granting a franchise to an electric line, and soon after I heard that the franchise had been granted, and that he had voted for it. I met him on the train and said:

"Then you changed your mind about that franchise?"
"Any particular influence brought to bear?"
"Yes. My wife persuaded me into it."
"And who persuaded your wife?"
"Her brother."
"And was he persuaded?"
"Yes, a lawyer persuaded him."
"And the lawyer?"
"Well, I reckon it was the president of the company that persuaded him. I stood out and stood out, but the persuasion was too great."
"I have been told on good authority," I continued after a bit, "that the company gave the lawyer fifteen hundred dollars to persuade with."
"You don't mean it!" gasped the alderman.

A certain Alderman in a certain town. "But I do. Yes, sir, an even fifteen hundred dollars."
"Then he's a darned skunk and ought to be shown up. He persuaded the whole family of us for three hundred and fifty and put the rest in his pocket! That's what a man gets for being honest!"

JOE KERR.

Going Back Too Far

"Oh, yes, the life insurance investigations and scandals made our work mighty unpleasant for a time," said the canvasser, "but that has passed and gone now except in a few isolated cases. I encountered such a case a few days ago. I had talked up a policy with a young man in a machine shop, and was to call at his house on a certain evening to close the deal. He hadn't said a word to signify that he had ever read or heard of any trouble with the companies, but had given me to understand that he regarded life

contribute to the campaign fund for next election?"
"Not the half of a cent."
"Thus far," continued the agent, "I thought I had a shade the best of it, but as I smiled into her face the old dame stepped back and said:
"That may all be true, but you know that your company assassinated Abraham Lincoln, and you might as well look for diamonds in the street, as for life insurance here. Go back to your supper, Tom. Good evening to you, assassinator!"

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