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From the preceding three letters we come to a place at which another supposition may be used. Let us suppose Canada to be the only country on this continent, and that there is no other land on earth. Then it would follow that there would be no outside competition. There would be no other country knocking at Canadian doors demanding the privilege of trading on equal or unequal terms. No nation would be asking for Canadian raw material. No nation would be asking for Canadian trade. No nation would be demanding an opportunity to sell surplus factorized goods to Canadians. This would simplify our problem very considerably.

It would follow that the statesmen, educators, and other leaders of Canadian thought, action, economy, and development would not be bothered with the present question of making such internal and national arrangements as would be satisfactory to other similar nations. Canada would have to consider Canada alone, as there would be none else on earth.

By this means we would have to regulate our labours so as to give a fair daily or monthly balance or equipoise. Sufficient men and women would be at work producing the raw material for use, for food, raiment, and shelter, as well as for pleasure and instruction. And others in sufficient numbers would manufacture the raw material into such goods as might be required.

Others would be doing the necessary educational, medicinal, legal, dental, and other professional work so as to keep a fair balance between need, pleasure, and healthful occupation of all valuable sorts.

Now in such a case, the statesmen could proceed to plan and carry into effect a scheme by which all who would be able to work and who ought to work would be kept employed. Under these conditions the government could shorten the hours of labour so as to exactly meet all the demands which would be considered necessary. If eight hours' work would produce too much raw and manufactured material, then the hours could be cut down to seven, or to six, or five as would meet the demands.

This would be indeed an ideal state of things. But in a world where a host of countries, in order to provide life for their increasing populations, are pressing every energy of mind and body to the task of increasing their exports, and demanding trade relations with their neighbours, great and small, our ideal cannot be worked out very satisfactorily, just yet.

But if every nation, if all nations could make use of the Golden Rule and not try to over-reach one another, then that which could be accomplished by Canadians, if Canada were the only country on earth, might also be accomplished by all others, even though they all exist at the same time.

Perhaps the time may come when humanity will have been so uplifted that what could be done by Canadians under the above hypothesized state will be done by all, working side by side.

If this time ever comes, then, to all intents and purposes, all nations will be as one nation. All being as one nation, then that which is much to be desired may be actually brought into a concrete condition. However we are all forced to use the ideal as a pattern towards which we work, so as to be able to make from the abstract a truly concrete and valuable product.

Socialists are consciously or otherwise working towards this end. I mean those Socialists who are sane men in head and heart. Others are working towards anarchy and destruction.

But let us follow the last thought. Shall there be such a state in this world as supposed—that is, when all nations shall move forward as one, and then there is no ruinous and debasing competition for profit, greed and selfish avarice? Let us look at two statements: Victor Hugo says in his striking manner the following: "Over that sea in calm majesty lies the proud island whose existence consoles me for a thousand Continental crimes, and indicates for me the goodness of Providence. Yes, yes, proud Britain, thou art justly proud of thy colossal strength; more justly proud of thy god-like repose. Stretched upon the rock, but not Prometheus, and with no evil bird to rend thy sides, rests the genius of Britain. He waits an hour, but counts not the hours between. He knows that it is rolling up through the mystic room of ages, and that its chariot is guided by the iron hand of destiny."

Dare I murmur that the mists will clear for me—that I shall yet hear the rumbling wheels of the chariot of the hour of Britain? It will come, it is coming; it has come. The world, aroused as some mighty galvanism, suddenly raises a

Thoughts for Thinkers and Ideas for Idealists

MINISTERS MUST BE SOMETHING

President-elect Woodrow Wilson writing of ministers of the gospel says some things worth pondering—

"Now it does not take a great man to radiate a pure spirit, because the most modest gifts can be associated with very deep and real religious experience; and the spirit may speak when the tongue is tied. I have myself witnessed the history of a pastor whose preaching was impossible, but whose life was divine; and in twenty years there was built up a power out of that church—out of what I might call that speechless church—which did not radiate from the most eloquent pulpit in the other churches of the place, where eloquence seemed empty alongside of radiant godliness; where the spirit seemed to have a thousand tongues and the mind only one; where the doctrine was more expounded by the daily life of the one pastor than by all the expositions of the others. If you can combine the two, if your life can display the secret and otherwise not readily understood principles of the gospel, and your sermons expound the life exemplified, then you have something irresistible for the regeneration and revolution of a community; but, as compared with each other, the reminder of the life is worth a thousand times the suggestion of the pulpit."

"When I hear some of the things which young men say to me by way of putting the arguments to themselves for going into the ministry, I think they are talking of another profession. Their motive is to do something, when it should be to be something. You do not have to be anything in particular to be a lawyer. I have been a lawyer and I know. You do not have to be anything in particular, except kind-hearted man; perhaps, to be a physician; you do not have to be anything, not to undergo any strong spiritual change in order to be a merchant. The only profession which consists in being something is the ministry of our Lord and Saviour—and it does not consist of anything else. It is manifested in other things, but it does not consist of anything else. And that conception of the minister which rubs all the marks of it off and mixes him in the crowd so that you cannot pick him out is a process of eliminating the ministry itself."

wild cry of love and admiration, and throws itself into the bounteous bosom of Britain. Henceforth there are no nations, nor peoples, but one and indivisible will be the world, AND THAT WORLD WILL BE BRITAIN. Her virtue and her patience have triumphed. The lamp of her faith kindled at the Apostolic altars, burns as a beacon to mankind. Her example has regenerated the erring, her mildness has rebuked the rebellious, and her gentleness has enchanted the good. Her type and her temple shall be the Mecca, and the Jerusalem of a renewed universe." These are the words of Now let us see what Jehovah said long ago to Israel,

Isaiah 60-12: "For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish. Yea those nations shall be utterly wasted." And let all men at this moment know that Britain is that very ISRAEL. A Freisch seer, a man of wonderful mind.

Let us suppose that Victor Hugo, and Jehovah are right in what they say. Then it follows that the time is coming when there will be only one Dominant and Overlording Empire on this globe. If so, then we may hope to eventually arrive at an economic state that will give to every human being a just treatment. The bread-hunger, the nightmare of starvation will have gone from the human family forever, and mankind will have entered upon a period of marvellous liberty and unlimited progress, never again to be destroyed while the ages last, down through the fullest expansion of the children of this old earth. And this period may not be far removed.

EXAMINATING THE COMMERCIAL FEATURES OF VICE.

In several cities of the country, attempts are being made to stamp out the shameful and demoralizing aspects of what is commonly known as "the social evil."

Opinions differ as to what methods are wise in dealing with this disease-breeding, soul-wrecking system of crime, but there is coming to be a unit of thought as to what should be done with the "business" features of it. The slavery of persons, the extortion of high money, exorbitant rents, and murderous staffs are conceded by nearly all as droppings of the age-worn evil that must be stamped out.

There are yet some squeamish doctors, policemen and others who assume airs of superior wisdom in asserting that "segregation" and "regulation" are the only successful methods in dealing with the curse, but the commonsense men and women of our great cities are perceiving how thin is the veil of hypocrisy and deceit covering this specious plea.

It is never right to wink at a glaring evil, or to disobey a righteous law. It is never wise to conclude that nothing can be done in combatting a wrong simply because nothing has been done. Something can be done when somebody tries, and in several instances somebody has tried and has done something.

In Des Moines, Iowa, a city of 80,000 population, the conditions were long notoriously bad, with public officials asserting that to make them better was impossible, when along came a police chief, J. W. Jenney, who believed that a wisely directed policy of suppression would bring forth good results.

In a letter to Rev. A. B. Storms, of Indianapolis, where a movement against the social evil also was under way, Mr. Jenney says that the vice traffic in his city has been reduced to the status of other crimes and is not one bit more unmanageable.

Formerly vice was "segregated" and was supposed to be "regulated" by fines and imprisonment, but these punishments, as usual in such cases, fell upon the poor women.

But a new deal was inaugurated. The superintendent of public safety decided to divorce the city from the whole business, and on October 15, 1908, issued an order to that effect. All public brothels were immediately closed and have not operated since. It is safe to say now that they will never be allowed to operate again under a license system in Des Moines, under any administration.

Here is the present condition as described by Mr. Jenney:

"Des Moines is normal, and, judging from reports, much above the average in public morality. There is not a public brothel, or place of the kind, where a person can go and feel secure from arrest. Attempts, however, are repeatedly being made by different ones, who depend on taxicabs, hacks, etc., for their patronage, to operate secretly, but sooner or later the police are bound to get them. In any event, what comparison is there between a place of this kind, conducted with the greatest secrecy, and a public brothel of the old days, with red lights burning over the doors, the music loudly playing, half-naked women sitting in the windows and beckoning passersby even in the vicinity of public schools and under the shadow of the free public library?"

The moral pointed is: Make vice difficult and very dangerous, not easy and respectable. Treat it as a heinous crime, punish the perpetrators, stop pleading for segregation and regulation, go at it as you would to punish a thief or a murderer, and let all offenders know that the law was made to be executed, not violated with impunity.—The Michigan Advocate.

Don't fail to visit PALESTINE in Vancouver at the Imperial Rink. Open from 2:30 to 10 p. m.

SOUTH AMERICAN EXPLORER

Mr. Ray of Bolivia, Argentina, Paraguay and Other South American Republics.

Mr. Ray, one of the most wonderful of modern explorers, will give a lecture on his travels in South America on Feb. 5th, at the hour of 8 p.m. in the Orange Hall on the corner of Hastings Street and Gore Avenue. This illustrated lecture will be one of the most instructive and entertaining ever given in Vancouver. Mr. Ray will open the eyes of Protestants and Catholics alike as to the exact nature of Religion, Education and Civilization in the South American Republics. There is only one recognized religion in the South American Republics, and that is Catholicism, among the people for hundreds of years. Their fruits shall ye know them.

The lecture is given under the auspices of Imperial L.O.L. No. 1815. And a most interesting question is given to the ministers of the Protestant churches, the Priests of the Roman Catholic Church and the Rev. Bonner, editor of "The Western Catholic," as well as to the whole public.

MAN FOUR MILLION YEARS OLD

Perhaps he is! I do not know positively how old this earth-born mortal is, but they are those who seem to know, and they keep the public well posted as to the oft-repeated statement. Well, as I was not taking observations 4,000,000 years ago, and as there were no bona fide historians writing on Anthropology, Zoology, Botany or similar subjects, and giving the dates, at that time, or nearly 4,000,000 years afterwards, I might be excused for my ignorance as to the exact state of "human affairs" at that time. Of course geologists, ethnologists, anthropologists and other gists are sure of their data and conclusions. Of course they know exactly how long a time it took to pass from the paleozoic to the mesozoic, and thence to the cenozoic. They know, peradventure, how many years are measured by each one of these "zoics," and just when man's bones were placed in one of these earth-collections of clay, stone, sand, gravel and rock.

And then they know that, where these bones are found, there were no earth convulsions to move or shake these skeletons out of their places. Of course they know that when earthquakes, mountain slides, immense water washings, and other cataclysmic, stratigraphical upheavals took place that the human and other skeletons would not be moved. They would persistently lie still in the midst of the fierce convulsions of mother earth, religiously awaiting the time when the bone-digger, the paleontologist, the man of theories and dreams, the kitchen-middy scraper and deeply read naturalist would come along in search of just such bones. It wouldn't do to disappoint these deeply delving earth-searchers and bone-snatchers. So these skeletons never did move (just because they would not) even though all nature might be up-turned on a gigantic scale in the twinkling of an eye.

These few words are the introduction to something I shall say shortly on paleontology, and kindred subjects—just in the interest of the big public so ready to be gulled by mysticism, mystery, queer-language science, and bold, presumptuous, pleasure-loving, jocular preachers of science.

PALESTINE IN VANCOUVER

The Palestine exhibition in the Imperial Rink (English Bay) is attracting multitudes. We hope no one will let this splendid object lesson pass from the city without visiting it.

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Grandview

Note—News meant for this column should be mailed or phoned to the editor early to insure insertion.

By-laws Passed.

The people of Grandview are gratified that the by-laws affecting their district and Hastings Townsite passed at the last election. This accomplishment can not but result in an increased activity all along the line of business.

New roads in Ward VII are to be provided at a cost of \$275,000 and the expenditure of this large amount will necessarily bring new residents and increased business. Viaducts are to be built in the east end along Harris, Hastings and Keefer streets, and for this purpose \$148,500 has been voted.

New Factories.

With this great increase in civic im-

provements throughout the east end comes a generally credited report that two factories are to be started up shortly in this section. One is to be built on False Creek and the other is to be constructed at the north end of Commercial drive. While definite plans have not yet been announced regarding the factories, they will each employ at least two hundred men, it is understood.

Several deals are being negotiated and a great deal of quiet buying is being done on the strength of these new industries.

"COLD LIGHT" EXPLAINED

Inventor Who Claims He Will Revolutionize Electric Lighting Makes Public Part of Discovery.

Paris, January 20.—M. Dussaud, a French scientist who has discovered a means for the production of what he terms "cold light," made public today some details of his discovery, which it is thought may revolutionize electric lighting. He has constructed an electric lamp, in which the light is concentrated on a single point and thence is projected through a lens, magnifying a thousand-fold. Thus he has succeeded in concentrating a 2000-candle-power light on one point, and in passing thirty-two volts into an eight-volt lamp, which with the ordinary light would burst.

Experiments with this lamp have established that the new light absolutely is without danger, as no heat is given off and it requires a hundred times less current than the ordinary lamp. It can be worked by a tiny battery, or sufficient motive power can be obtained from a jet of water from an ordinary faucet or even a squirrel turning a cage.

The light has been tried with great success in the Biarritz lighthouse, and M. Dussaud is working on its application to searchlights for the ministry of war.

ENTRY OR ATTAINED AGE.

Nub of the Controversies in which Several Fraternities are Involved.

Within the past month suits have been prosecuted or entered against three prominent fraternal societies to enjoin them from putting increased rates into effect, and others of the same nature are threatened.

The legal propositions in these cases differ, but the controversy in every instance arises from the Society's proposal to rate members under the new plans at attained age. They have entered legal objections to compel acceptance at age of entry, or to prevent the Society from creating two classes, one on the old rates and one on the new, the latter consisting of all who may choose to pay the new rate for the sake of the sounder insurance. No funds contributed by this class are available for the payment of death losses in the old class.

The demand for rating at age of entry means, for example, that the member 50 years old who has been in the Society 15 years wishes to be rated at age 35. He asks to be carried for less than the cost to the Society, considered as a whole life risk. If the new rates are no more than adequate, the Society can not concede this demand, while maintaining actuarial solvency, unless it has a surplus sufficient to cover the deficit that will be created by the old members accepted at age of entry.

The demand is made on the ground that the old members have "borne the heat and burden of the day." This means that they have an equity in the surplus because in the past they have contributed more than it has cost the Society to carry them. This is the only ground on which they could justly claim a concession. Commonly it does not exist. Commonly such surplus as the Society possesses has been contributed by its younger members; and those over the age of 46 or 50 years, so far from having contributed a surplus which entitles them to a concession, have actually paid less than it has cost the Society to protect them. If they were accepted at age of entry instead of attained age, they would continue to be liabilities and not assets of the Society, and would increase the deficits they have been creating for some years past.

The teacher in natural history had received more or less satisfactory replies to her questions. The Delineator asserts, and finally she asked: "What little boy can tell me where the home of the swallow is?" Long silence, then a hand waved. "Well, Bobbie, where is it?" "The home of the swallow," declared Bobbie, seriously, "is in the stomach."—Youth's Companion.

CITY

Haines Elected Mayor.

Polling an exceptional vote, Mr. G. S. Haines was yesterday elected mayor of North Vancouver. The vote throughout the city was a heavy one, the mayor-elect receiving 732 votes and his opponent 335.

Assaying Charge Abolished.

An Order-in-Council was passed Thursday at Ottawa which resulted in the abolishing of the assaying and stamping charge of one-eighth of one per cent., and places Vancouver on an equal competitive basis with San Francisco and Ottawa. It means that from now on Vancouver stands a strong chance to receive all gold from the placer fields of the Yukon and all British Columbia.

Say Capilano has Undone Work of Mastodon.

So great has been the quantity of rock, sand and silt brought down by the Capilano within the past few weeks in the east mouth that the portions along the north side of the First Narrows dredged out by the Mastodon have been almost completely filled in again, it is declared by officials of the Vancouver waterworks department. Before the city can lay its proposed new submerged water mains across the Narrows the north side will have to be dredged out again.

Boy Badly Burned.

In a fierce blaze which broke out at midnight last night in the home of Mr. A. J. Robinson, 1347 Seventh avenue east, superintendent of the Central Mission, Harold, the eight-year-old son of Mr. Robinson, was badly burned about the leg and hip. The lad's escape from being burned to death was narrowly averted by the inmates of the house. The fire started in the basement of the house and had obtained such a hold before the fire apparatus came into play that the inside was completely gutted, causing a loss of \$2,000. The boy was rushed to the hospital, where his wounds were attended to.

Record Cheque for Car Earning.

For the sum of \$11,307.17, covering the city's percentage of the receipts on the street car lines for December, the largest cheque ever given by the B. C. Electric Company on that score was paid yesterday to the city treasurer.

This was an increase of \$3,436.23 over the percentage cheque for the same month of 1911, when the amount was \$7,870.94.

During the year the following payments were made, comparison with the previous twelve months being shown:

Month.	1912	1911.
January	\$2,530.34	\$1,894.45
February	3,303.67	2,361.57
March	4,733.49	3,300.56
April	5,348.44	4,492.71
May	7,184.18	5,288.58
June	7,130.06	6,343.18
July	7,712.29	6,779.54
August	9,038.23	7,012.34
September	8,439.03	7,236.52
October	8,627.37	7,739.91
November	8,863.66	7,451.18
December	11,307.17	7,870.94
Total	\$84,167.93	\$67,661.38

Canadian Women to Demand Vote.

To all outward seeming, Miss Barbara Wylie betrays her reputation of being one of the most active and beligerent of English Suffragettes, whose militant actions have astonished the whole civilized world during the past few years. On close inspection, Miss Wylie proves to be a lady of gentle and winning manners and of the highest culture. She is about the last one would associate with a hatchet or the use of some deadly mixture to destroy the King's mail. And, in fact, Miss Wylie is an English gentlewoman of means and social position, who is giving herself, her time and her money to the cause of equal suffrage.

She arrived in Vancouver last Friday afternoon, and is staying at Glencoe Lodge. She is just completing a tour in Canada.

"Yes, I am satisfied with the results of my mission to Canada," she declared, with emphasis. "I expected a great deal from my Canadian sisters in the way of their being ready to assert their own rights, and I have not been disappointed. In all the cities I have visited I have held successful meetings, and have consulted with the local political equality organizations, San Francisco Argonaut.

I have found a general demand for equal suffrage. I have also met with a great deal of support from the men. I left the politicians alone. Their time may come later on.

The thrifty German proprietor of a circulating library charged for wear and tear. One volume came back to his scrutiny. "See here," he exclaimed, "there is a hole on page nineteen of my beautiful book. And see here," he went on, turning over the leaf, "there's another on page twenty."—San Francisco Argonaut.

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International Egg-Laying Contest

Second International Egg Laying Contest, held under supervision of Provincial Department of Agriculture, at the Exhibition Grounds, Victoria.

First monthly total—December 2nd, 1912, Jan. 2nd, 1913.

Class I.—Non-weight Varieties.

1. O. P. Stamer, Cowichan—Anconas
2. V. Cleaves, Hagan P.O., Saanichton—W. Leghorns
3. R. W. Russell, P.O. Box 430, Nanaimo—W. Leghorns
4. A. Unsworth, Sardis—W. Leghorns
5. E. A. Orr, Chilliwack—W. Leghorns
6. V. H. Wilson, Koksalah—W. Leghorns
7. J. Emery, Sidney, B.C.—W. Leghorns
8. W. Senkbell, Britcola P.O.—B. Minorcas
9. J. P. Hearn & Son, 1557, 11th Ave. E., Vancouver—Anconas
10. H. Nicholson, Turgoose P.O., Saanichton—W. Leghorns
11. C. N. Borton, Summerland—B. Leghorns
12. A. H. Anderson, Lally Road, Port Hammond—S. S. Hamburgs
13. Mrs. Cross, 2138 Belmont Ave. Victoria—W. Leghorns
14. A. Easton, Duncan, B. C.—W. Leghorns
15. Norrie Bros., Cowichan—W. Leghorns
16. J. Amsden, Box 1, Deerholme P.O.—W. Leghorns
17. E. Soole, Cowichan—W. Leghorns
18. Seymour Green, Duncan, B. C.—W. Leghorns
19. J. E. Baines, Saanichton—W. Leghorns
20. J. Allen, Box 48, Fort Langley—Buff Leghorns
21. R. Wilson, Langley Prairie—Barred Rocks
22. L. F. Solly, Westholme—W. Wyandottes
23. A. C. Lovelkin, Glengarry Farm, Metchosin—B. Rocks
24. O. E. Henning, Mead, Nebraska—Black Orpingtons
25. Joseph Arnould, Sardis—W. Wyandottes
26. J. Wood, 1152 Caledonia Ave., Victoria—Buff Orpingtons

27. Dean Bros., Keatings—W. Wyandottes
28. W. Miller-Higgs, Sooke Way, near Victoria—W. Cor. Game.
29. J. J. Dougan, Cobble Hill—S. C. Reds
30. F. North, Sidney, B. C.—Col. Wyandottes
31. G. Adams, Box 840, Victoria—W. Wyandottes
32. C. W. Robbins, Chilliwack—Buff Orpingtons
33. Ferd. Matthews, Kamloops—Barred Rocks
34. O. B. Ormond, R. D. No. 3, Victoria—R. C. Reds
35. H. E. Waby, Enderby—Barred Rocks
36. Dr. W. H. B. Medd, Mount Tolmie—Black Orpingtons
37. Mrs. E. McC. Hottley, Kamloops—S. C. Reds
38. W. H. Van Arum, 2390 Cadboro Bay Road, Victoria—W. Orpingtons
39. A. E. Smith, Maywood P. O., Victoria—S. C. Reds
40. S. D. Evans, Box 201, Penticton—W. Orpingtons

Average price received for eggs, 44c per dozen. For the same period last year, the eggs in Vancouver averaged 70c per dozen. The first three crates supplied to the reputed leading fancy grocer here realized 38c per dozen. A better customer has since been secured. During this period packed eggs were retailing at 35c to 40c per dozen. Wholesale complaints have been received from local poultrymen relating to this matter. From a perusal of the above figures, it can be easily seen who is getting the cream of the profit in the egg business.

The first month's yield exceeded last year's total for the same period by no less than 610 eggs, the exact figures being: last year 717 eggs, and 1327 eggs during the past month.

In accounting for the better showing this year, much of the credit is rightly due the owners of competing pens. Much better judgment has been used this year in selecting pullets. At this period last year, no less than nearly a dozen pens were moulting, caused by sending pullets which were in full lay at time of shipping. This year,

the only feathers noticed in litter are chick-feathers.

Better housing arrangements have also assisted. The weather has not been very propitious. On account of this, the birds have only been allowed out on one or two occasions. The additional floor space provided this year, together with better light and ventilation, has helped considerably. Given plenty of pen-room, together with a palatable ration, green food, plenty of water and exercise, fowls will thrive, and prove more profitable than those allowed out in all weathers.

In Class I., the following pens started to lay on dates enclosed in parentheses: Pens 5 and 10 (14th), 2 and 12 (18th), 3 (21st), 11 (27th).

The occupants of:

Pen 8, owing to their youth, have grown considerably during the month, and greatly relish the dry mash.

Pen 10 was received several days late, owing to another competitor failing to forward birds.

Quite a few tinted eggs are laid by several pens in Class I.

Pen 12 lays good-sized eggs, by no means the smallest in the class.

In Class I., the following pens started to lay on dates given after pen number: Pen 29 (15th), 33 and 39 (18th), 35 (20th), 21 (21st), 37 (23rd), 24 and 31 (26th), 34 (27th), 32 (30th).

Pens 26 and 21 produce exceedingly

large eggs. Three pens have not laid yet in this class. Pen 38 has developed considerably during the month.

Rations.—Mornings and evenings mixture of half corn and half wheat fed in litter. Dry-mash in hopper consists of ground grains in the following proportions: 42½ lbs. oats, 48½ lbs. middlings, and 15 lbs. of beef-scraps three times weekly a wet mash is fed in the morning, composed as follows: By weight, one part middlings, half part ground oats, and 20 per cent. milk-aloumen added.

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"He'd be in the Garden of Eden eating strawberries," answered a voice from the gallery.—Photo Eitz.

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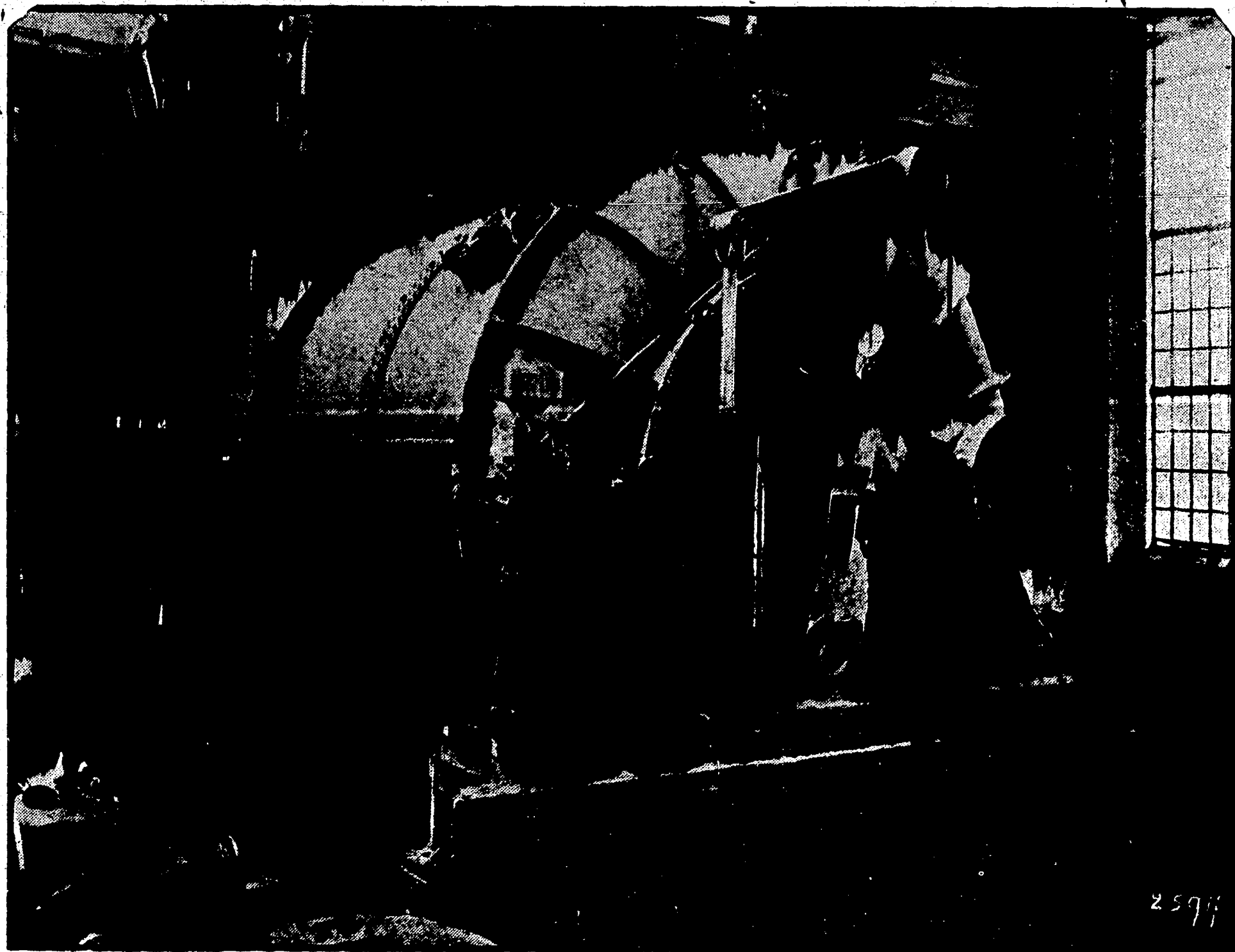
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Wales, has the art of pleasing, and is
building up a large trade. His store
at the corner of Campbell avenue and
Harris street is widely known in the
East End of Vancouver.

Turkey Bows to Submission.

Constantinople, Jan. 22.—Turkey
submitted today to the will of the
Powers. The Grand Council of the
Ottoman Empire decided in favor of
accepting the proposals of Europe for
a peace settlement between Turkey
and the Balkan Allies.

GENERAL NEWS

Playing False to Pledged Word

Washington, Jan. 21.—"Shall we in-
form the world that the United States
is false to its agreements, false to its
pledged word? Shall we have it made
known to the world over that you must
look out for the United States or it
will get the advantage of you? That
the United States is astute, cunning,
slippery?"

With this vigorous denunciation of
the attitude of this country in the
Panama Canal controversy with Great
Britain, Senator Elihu Root closed a
two-hour speech in the Senate today,
with an appeal for the submission of
the Panama question to arbitration, or
the repeal of that section of the canal
law that would give free passage to
American coastwise ships.

Briand Forms New Cabinet

Paris, Jan. 21.—Aristide Briand, the
new French premier, completed the
formation of his cabinet today, and
submitted the list to President Fall-
leres. The official list follows:

Premier and minister of the interior
—Aristide Briand.

Minister of justice—Jean Barthou.
Minister of foreign affairs—Charles
C. A. Jennart.

Minister of war—Eugene Etienne.
Minister of marine—Pierre Baudin.

Minister of finance—Louis L. Klotz.
Minister of public instruction—Jules
Steeg.

Minister of public works—Jean Du-
puy.

Minister of agriculture—Fernand
David.

Minister of the colonies—Gabriel
Guisthau.

Minister of labor—René Bismard.

M. Briand has made a clean sweep
of several of the more distinguished
men in the Poincare cabinet. M. De-
casque, M. Millerand, M. Bourgeois and
M. Pams, all men of high attain-
ments, have no place in the new
ministry.

Suffragette Peril Puts London on Edge

London, Jan. 21.—Extraordinary
precautions are being taken by the
police and the government authorities in
anticipation of a further frenzied out-
burst of violence on the part of the
militant suffragettes, when Sir Ed-
ward Meyer's amendment to the fran-
chise registration bill, which comes up
on Friday, is defeated. At Scotland
Yard the gravest fears are enter-
tained and an anonymous warning
sent to the Home Office has given
rise to great alarm. The lives of cab-
inet ministers have been threatened
and these threats are regarded with
so much seriousness that the precau-
tions taken by the police are almost
without a parallel.

"It is all very well for the leaders
to talk about human life being sacred,
but the peril lies in the individual ac-
tion of women who, even if sane, are
highly hysterical."

This is the comment of a leading
police official who has charge of the
special force to deal with the expected
outrage. Every cabinet minister is
being closely guarded. When Mr. As-
quith left the House of Commons last
night, two automobiles containing de-
tectives followed the premier's car to
its destination. Other ministers who
walked the short distance to their of-
ficial residences were followed by a
small retinue of plain clothes men.

Seek Aid for Shipbuilding

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—Representatives of
all the leading shipbuilding companies
of the Dominion waited upon Rt. Hon.
R. L. Borden this afternoon and de-
scribed the keen competition which
they were facing and declared that un-
less they received assistance from the
Federal Government they would be
forced to abandon the unequal strug-
gle.

One of their spokesmen suggested
the imposition of a duty on British
ships, while another thought that this
plan would not prevent British ships
from engaging in a coastwise trade
and proposed the payment of a bonus
per net ton on ships built in Canada
and subsidy on coast. They promised
to provide the Prime Minister and his
colleagues with a detailed statement
of their case and Mr. Borden declared
that the question of supporting the
shipbuilding industry would receive
the consideration of the Cabinet as
soon as the document was received.
Mr. Borden assured the deputations
that the Government appreciated the im-
portance of the shipbuilding industry
to the country and hoped that it would
not only continue to exist, but would
also develop. He was anxious to know
from what period it would be necessary
to aid the industry in order to insure
its continuance, remarking that con-

struction in Canada of vessels required
by the Government might assist the
companies of the Dominion. "I and
my colleagues," he said, "appreciate
the earnestness which you have ex-
pressed your views and realize the
difficulties you have to face."

B. C. Salmon Rapidly Growing Scarcer

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—That salmon in
the Fraser River, British Columbia, are
becoming more scarce year by year as
a result of being caught in American
waters before going into the river to
spawn, was the statement made this
afternoon by Prof. McMurrich, a di-
rector of the anatomical department
of the University of Toronto, in an ad-
dress on the "Salmon Fishers of Brit-
ish Columbia," at the annual meeting
of the conservation commission.

Prof. McMurrich said it would be
a good thing if some international ar-
rangement between the United States
and Canada could be made to prevent
the depletion of the salmon of the Fr-
aser and adjacent waters, even in Amer-
ican territory, by indiscriminate catch-
ing.

As things were now, it was ex-
plained, more salmon are caught near
the mouth of the Fraser just before
spawning time and consequently fewer
get up to the inland waters. Some of
the canneries on the Fraser have been
hard hit already by the scarcity of the
fish.

Need of Naval Defence Urgent

Victoria, Jan. 21.—In an address hold-
ing the close attention of Parliament
for upwards of two hours today, the
Provincial Prime Minister, Sir Richard
McBride, elaborated and explained the
policy of the Government and dwelt
with eloquence and impressiveness
upon the substantiality of provincial
progress along all lines of legitimate
governmental activity. A very consid-
erable portion of his speech was de-
voted to the Canadian naval policy,
upon which he made himself and his
position clear to the people of Canada.
He also took the House into his con-
fidence in explaining that whatever
might have been recommended by the
commissioner who recently investigat-
ed the intricate problem of the Douk-
honor colonists, that there could be no
relaxation of the statute law hereafter
in behalf of these eccentric immigrants
from an older land.

He further somewhat anticipated the
presentation of the estimates in assur-
ing the House that road construction
and general public works would claim
equal attention, and as large an ex-
penditure during the coming year as
had been witnessed during the twelve
months just ended. Conspicuous
among the new works of especial im-
portance projected for the Lower Main-
land is a substantial modern tramway
and general traffic bridge to span the
Pitt River and give Vancouver City a
new line of contact with outlying
agricultural settlements, not only by
wagon road, but by means of an ad-
ditional electric railway, to extend
along the north bank of the Fraser.

THE CREED FOR A SENSIBLE WOMAN.

Miss Helen Gould, the popular phil-
anthropist, is soon to be married to
Mr. Finley J. Shepard, an untitled,
hard-working American, who has
tastes and ideas something like her
own, and about ninety millions of
people are wishing the couple every
happiness that earth can afford them.

Speaking of her personal creed she
recently declared:

"The Christian idea that wealth is
a stewardship of trust and not to be
used for one's personal pleasure alone,
but for the welfare of others, certainly
seems the noblest, and those who
have more money or broader culture
owe a debt to those who have had
fewer opportunities.

"And there are so many ways one
can help.

"Children, the sick and the aged,
especially, claim our attentions, and
forms of work for them are numerous.
Our institutions for higher education
require gifts in order to do their best
work, for the tuition fees do not cover
the expenses of the advantages of-
fered.

"Certainly such societies as those
in our churches and the Young Men's
and Young Women's Christian As-
sociations deserve our hearty co-
operation."

The Perfect Boy.

"I never heard of but one perfect
boy," said Johanne, pensively, as he
sat in the corner doing penance.

"And who was that?" asked mamma.
"Papa—when he was little," was the
answer. And silence reigned for the
space of five minutes.

STATUS OF MODERN WOODMEN.

In view of the decision of Judge
Shirley at Springfield, Ill., restraining
the Modern Woodmen Society from
putting its new rates into effect, Head
Consul Talbot has issued a letter to
state deputies in which he says:

In writing all new business, I desire
to urge upon every deputy that he
explain to the applicant the situation
of this Society with reference to this
new table of rates; that the injunction
proceeding against us has been ap-
pealed; that we hope the Appellate
Court permit the Society to do busi-
ness under the provisions of section
37, the new rate by-law adopted in
Chicago; and it is my desire that the
truth concerning our rate situation, so
far as the deputies understand it, shall
not be withheld, and that all members
coming into our Society upon the old
table of rates be advised that the pro-
tection offered, while it is the cheap-
est and best of its kind in America, is
only temporary term protection at cur-
rent cost, and that it is the purpose
of the Executive Council to operate
upon the new table of rates if the
Court of Appeals, reversing Judge
Shirley, permits.

We expect our field force to secure
new business upon the proposition that
our Society, under the old plan, will be
able to furnish the best temporary pro-
tection at a less cost than any other
like institution in the country, and
thus induce applicants to join with us
and help put the Society, at an early
date, upon an absolutely permanent
basis.

Real Estate Situation at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man.—In view of the
selection of Winnipeg as the meeting
place of 1913 for the National Associa-
tion of Real Estate Exchanges, exten-
sive preparations will now be taken in
hand by Winnipeg real estate and ad-
vertising men looking to the carrying
out of a memorable programme, with
resulting favorable publicity to the en-
tire Canadian West. Plans for the
coming convention date back as far as
three years, and the business situa-
tion, both locally and throughout the
West, is regarded as at present ex-
tremely favorable for securing the best
results in the way of a substantial
boost for the city and for the Domin-
ion.

C. P. R. Ogden Shops at Calgary.

Calgary, Alta.—Work on the Can-
adian Pacific "Ogden" locomotive and
car shops is so far advanced that it is
officially announced the opening for
active operations will be on February
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four hundred men will be employed,
increasing in numbers as the plant is
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are engaged. Attention will be given
to the repair work originating on the
mountain division and a part of the
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Peters & Co., 2530 Main.
Sanitary Market, 2513 Main.
Success Bus. College, 10th and Main.
Stanley & Co., 2317 Main.
Shaw, Dr., 250 22nd E.
Toronto Furniture, 3234 Main.
Trimble & Norris, 9th and Westm. Rd.

The Drop.

The weather man he sighed full long
And cried: "This thoughtless plan
To satisfy in least degree
The fickle mind of man!
Here I've been criticised by all
That warm the weather was;
That flies annoyed and skeeters too
Continued nightly buzz.
"Unseasonable, the public said,
The weather of the past.
And wondered in sarcastic way
How long it was to last.
So then I thought their taste to please,
This Cerberus give a sop,
And taking down the temperature,
I gave them quite a drop.

"Quite satisfied? Well, that's the point!
No; not a little bit!
I'm popular with just myself
When I thought to be 'it.'
But now I'll show these fickle folk
I know what I'm about.
I'll seek no more their whims to please,
But give them a freeze out."
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(Concluded)

"Explanation's dead soft," grinned the messenger boy. "Yuh see, old Chief Wilkins an' General Cole has always thought I had de goods in me fer a Sherlock Holmes. So when youse was all framed up fer de trip dey calls me in an' tells me to hang 'round in de vicinity, see? And tuh keep a close eye on youse, do all I could to help youse, an', if youse got stalled at de finish, to shoot home de news. In order words, I was guardee an' shadow over de whole journey— an' de letters was jest part of it all. It was a pipe fer me to learn your cipher—any baseball bug can easy do it—an' as for de letters, I can say dis: I may talk on de Fritz, but at school I always got any spellin' prizes dat was to be had."

"You must have kept in touch with the chief, too, didn't you?" asked Solano.

"I surely did. I was de live wtre, de line of communication, an' I just ferried along some letters dat de chief an' de general managed tuh get tuh



"AN' SHADOW OVER DE WHOLE JOURNEY."

me. I was Johnny on de spot right up to de finish—an' I'm thinkin' dere'd have been a different finish today but fer me."

"That's right," cut in Solano. "You noticed I was limping a little, didn't you? I was making the best speed I could to get away from our friend Torrejon's people, when, maybe two miles out of camp, I wrenched my ankle. They were almost on top of me when this imp of Satan jumped out from a patch of cactus by the road. Somehow or other he dragged me into the bush, and there we crouched while the hunt went by. They are good trackers and it wasn't long before they were back, all 'round the spot where I had disappeared. Mike McKane proposed to give them a fight as soon as they found us, and I think he'd have cleaned up their whole company—only he didn't have to. They couldn't have been ten feet from us when Gomez Esteral rode up with 300 men and that changed the story."

"Youse never thought to ask how dis Gomez party happened along in the neighborhood, didja?" questioned Mike McKane. "Now, I thought not. Charge dat to me, too. When youse guys rode outa de cavalry camp, I was five miles in de lead. I ain't no rider, so I was paddin' de hoof ahead. When youse was held up I was maybe three hundred feet away. I knew where youse was headed for, an' so I beat it to dis Nogal joint, where de Gomez feller holds out. Den I tells him all I know; he agrees to turn right out, quick as he can get some men together, an' I tries to hurry back to see if dere was anything I could do. On de way, I falls in wit' Solano—an' youse knows all de rest."

Gomez Esteral was holding judgment in the center of the clearing. The face of the man who had dreamed of empire was lined and drawn; twenty years seemed to have been added to his age in one hour's time. Somberly he gazed at the little group before him, and his voice choked as he spoke.

"I have had a rude awakening," said Gomez Esteral. "I have learned that friends are false, and that enemies may be truest friends. The shock has almost overwhelmed me—I can say but little. Baron Zollern, Mr. Yasimoto—go your ways. Whether my dreams are e'er realized or my ambition wrecked, there shall be no profit for Japan or Germany. The world of Latin-America shall know of the tremendous treachery they planned, and that knowledge will end the hopes your nations may have held. Juan Torrejon, I pardon you and your men for any indiscretions you may have committed. Young gentlemen of the United States, you may return, under escort and protection, bearing with you my heartiest admiration and as-

surance that your noble nation, at least, need fret no more over the plots of Gomez Esteral!"

CHAPTER XXXI.

"Nice promotion waiting back in Washington for you, Mr. Brockett," said old Colonel Lewis, beaming with fatherly affection upon the messengers. "Too bad you are not in government service, Mr. Solano."

The Cuban smiled delightedly. "I'm sorry, at times," he admitted, "that I am not an American citizen and working in the same department as Harry Brockett. Still, Cuba is quite a country—and I am told that a responsible post will be given me at Havana, just as the outcome of these adventures."

"Glad to hear it, my boy," replied the colonel. "By the way, there is quite a lot of news from Washington besides your promotion, Mr. Brockett. Chief Wilkins' stenographer, Miss Lawson, will not be there when you return. You can probably imagine why. No arrest, no trouble—nothing at all. 'For the good of the service,' you understand? 'This redheaded imp' (Mike McKane looked combative for an instant) 'is to go into the secret service—the chief says he regards him as a most promising junior operative. How about dying that hair, young man? That sunset head would tip you off to every crook in North America.' 'Aw, dat's nottin', remarked the crimson-head. 'Trouble an' wisdom soon turn de hair white an' make a guy look dignified.'"

"A bit from Chicago, also, gentlemen," resumed the colonel. "Aguilar, the Filipino with whom you had some exciting experiences, has been identified as one of the last larders, or murderous robbers, that prowled the Island of Luzon. Nice reward for his capture. I would suggest that it be divided up between yourselves and the policemen who made the capture. The big negro whom Aguilar stabbed will get well."

"Glad of it," interrupted Mike McKane. "He looked like a big, good-natured mutt to me when I slipped him a cipher letter in Detroit."

The colonel laughed good-naturedly, and continued: "Everything that you were asked to do has been done with honor, young gentlemen. And now, boys, there is one thing I wish you would explain to me—I have official permission from General Cole to receive enlightenment upon the subject. Will you kindly map out to me the details of this confounded cipher? It is easy enough to write and work out when you have the key—but what is the basic foundation of the key? I've tried every way I could imagine to work it out. I understand that the best cipher experts of Germany and Japan found the task hopeless and impossible. That was one reason for their anxiety to get the key away from you. Just to satisfy my own curiosity, I have submitted the code to three American gentlemen who were supposed to be marvels in deciphering puzzles of the kind—and they gave it up in anger and abasement. They said that there was no law, no logic, no foundation from which to unravel such a cipher. So much the better. That made it the safest and surest thing in secret service codes that anyone ever invented. It is a marvel—I'll take my hat off to it—but, just to ease the old age of a bewildered man, you will show me the idea and the backbone of the thing."

"It's as easy as A B C," said Brockett. "If you start it right and get acquainted with it. As you doubtless understand, the terms used are all borrowed from baseball. That's easy enough, isn't it?"

"It ought to be," assented the colonel, "but how about the order and sequence of the hieroglyphics?"

"Well, here you are," said the inventor. "I took a guide-book, a baseball book covering the season of 1910, as my model, and classified things in this fashion:

"A: Numbers. The numbers which scorers give to the players are remembered—and used the other way. The scorer usually calls the pitcher No. 1. In this cipher P—the abbreviation for pitcher—does duty for the figure 1. The numbers, then, are as follows:

1-P.
2-C.
3-1B.
4-2B.
5-3B.
6-3B.
7-RF.
8-CF.
9-LF.
10-Sub.
O-Umpire."

"Not bad," chortled the colonel, as this last announcement was read. "Go ahead—this is good."

"I decided," Brockett continued, "to let 100 stand for the word manager—used either way, of course—and 1,000 stand for magnate. Certain figures, to make the cipher a trifle harder of unraveling, were then added from the averages. If, for example, I had oc-

casional to use the figures 385 in any connection, I used the word 'COBB.' 385, you see, was Cobb's batting average on the 1910 season."

"That word," laughed the colonel, "proved the death-blow to one of my experts who had been getting along swimmingly till he encountered it. Go on, son."

"The letters of the alphabet," Brockett resumed, "were taken from the details at the heads of columns



"I TAKE MY HAT OFF TO YOUR CODE—IT IS A MARVEL"

in the scores, or from the details at the lower portions thereof. Let me show you the idea:

"A—Po.
"B—AB.
"C—R.
"D—BH.
"E—SH.
"F—SB.
"G—2BH.
"H—3BH.
"I—HR.
"J—TB."

"Hold on," interrupted the colonel. "I can follow so far—but what does the TB represent in baseball?"

"Total bases, colonel," Brockett explained.

"K—BA (batting average).
"L—PO.
"M—A.
"N—E.
"O—TC (total chances).
"P—FA (fielding average).
"Q—IP (innings pitched).
"R—W.
"S—L.
"T—To (taken out).
"U—Fin. (finished).
"V—T (tied).
"W—BB.
"X—HB (hit by pitcher).
"Y—WP (wild pitch).
"Z—SO.
"And—PB.
"The—ER (earned runs).
"Of—LB (left on bases).
"Some of the last-named abbreviations, colonel," Brockett went on, "are really just ornamental, but can

help to puzzle anyone of an inquisitive nature. Then, too, you can use the order in which the teams finished in 1910 to designate the terms first, second, third, etc. See how it all runs?"

The colonel looked over key and code once more, and then solemnly shook hands with all three of the youngsters.

"Boys," said he, "I surrender at discretion."

"Shall we leave tomorrow?" asked Brockett, as the common citizens were arraying themselves for the decisive game against the cavalry. The Cuban nodded, emphatically.

"Not that it isn't pleasant enough 'round here," explained Ramon Solano, "and we could put in the whole month of your leave-of-absence among good friends. Still, I want to go back east. By the way, how about that ball—the ball that Deleahanty gave you?"

Brockett sighed sympathetically. "You have my condolences, Ramon. I really wanted you to have that ball—but it so happens that it was the very ball in which I put those messages that night near Rancho Nogal—and Gomez Esteral now holds it as a souvenir."

"I'll go over and coax it away from him," volunteered Mike McKane.

"Not a chance," negated Brockett. "Not a chance. Esteral prizes that ball above all other trophies, and you'd be lucky to escape unchanged if you tried to get it. Sorry for you, Ramon—there's one of your dreams that won't come true."

"It looks that way," smiled the Cuban. "Still—there are other dreams. That's why I want to go back east to-

a call upon your sister, Harry—and the call is overdue."

Solano's dark face flushed frankly; Brockett began to whistle, and Mike McKane revolved away toward the ball field by a series of handspins. A bugle sounded; the athletes of the cavalry trooped out to take up their positions, and the bearers of the Diamond Cipher started happily towards the battleground.

(THE END.)

Satisfied With Life Work.

Dr. William Coleridge, for 32 years medical officer of health for the city of London, is to retire. For 21 years he was medical officer for the port of London and during all these years' service he has been fighting for pure and unadulterated food for the people of London. He is satisfied with his work, and says: "If I had my life to live over again I should lead it in the same way. I could not go slow and sacrifice enthusiasm for the sake of an extra ten years of life."

Work of the Sheep-herder.

The sheep-herder of today is not the type of man who was led by the Star in the East to the manger of Bethlehem, but he is still doing the service for his day and generation that the shepherds of the gospel story were doing in their day. He is putting a large element of faithfulness and self-denial into every pound of wool that goes into the garments of the people and is content to be an essential cog in the great wheel of industrial activity.

MEASURING TIME BY MOONS.

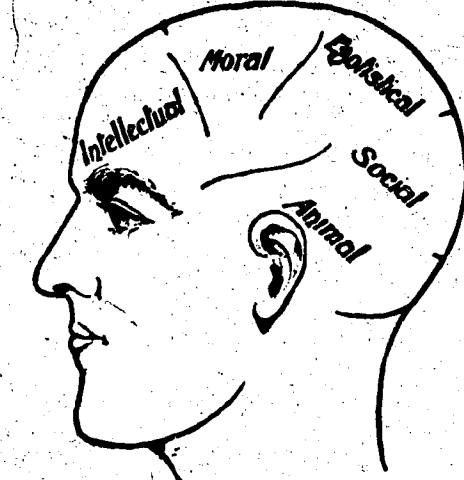
According to the Journal of Education the Indians measure time by moons. They count twelve for the year, and then add one more, which they call the "lost moon."

They have a descriptive name for each month, thus:

January, the cold moon.
February, the snow moon.
March, the green moon.
April, the moon of plants.
May, the moon of flowers.
June, the hot moon.
July, the moon of the deer.
August, the sturgeon moon.
September, the fruit moon.
October, the travelling moon.
November, the beaver moon.
December, the hunting moon.

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Commencing at a post planted about fourteen miles in a northerly direction from the north-west corner of survey Lot Number thirty-nine (39), and on the east side of the Kie-na-Klene River; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains; thence south eighty chains; thence east eighty chains to the point of commencement.

ALFRED BARKER.
Per Chas. McHardy, agent.
Dated November 18th, 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C. LAND DISTRICT.

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Take notice that I, John A. Catterall, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation, clerk, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

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JOHN A. CATERALL.
Per Chas. McHardy, agent.
Dated November 18th, 1912.

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Take notice that I, Samuel C. Cornwall, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation, accountant, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

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SAMUEL C. CORNWALL.
Per Chas. McHardy, agent.
Dated November 18th, 1912.

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FRANK R. CORNWALL.
Per Chas. McHardy, agent.
Dated November 18th, 1912.

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Take notice that I, Alfred Williams, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation, clerk, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

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ALFRED WILLIAMS.
Per Chas. McHardy, agent.
Dated November 18th, 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C. LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast Range, No. 2.
Take notice that I, Herman W. Vance, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation, farmer, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted 15 chains inland from the East shore of Homfray Channel, about 20 chains North East of the mouth of Marble Creek, Lloyd Point, West of the main land of British Columbia and adjoining John Pedersen's application for lease on the East; thence East 20 chains; thence South 20 chains; thence West 24 chains to the South East corner of John Pedersen's location; thence North along the East line of Pedersen's application 20 chains to point of commencement.

HERMAN W. VANCE.
Date, 9th December, 1912.

LAND REGISTRY ACT

Re Lot 12, Block 19, D.L. 198, Group 1, New Westminster District. Whereas proof of loss of Certificate of Title No. 42076 for an undivided half interest in

the above mentioned property, issued in the name of Law A. Yam, has been filed in this office, notice is hereby given that I shall at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof issue a duplicate of such Certificate of Title unless in the meantime valid objection be made to me in writing.

Dated at the Land Registry Office at Vancouver this 18th day of December, A.D. 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C. LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast Range, No. 2.
Take notice that I, James McCreath, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation, mercantile agent, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

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JAMES MCCREATH.
Per Chas. McHardy, agent.
Dated November 19th, 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C. LAND DISTRICT.

District of Coast Range, No. 2.
Take notice that I, David Chessman, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation, clerk, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted about ten miles in a northerly direction from the north-west corner of survey Lot Number thirty-nine (39), and on the east side of the Kie-na-Klene River; thence north eighty chains; thence west eighty chains; thence south eighty chains; thence east eighty chains to the point of commencement.

DAVID CHESSMAN.
Per Chas. McHardy, agent.
Dated November 19th, 1912.

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Take notice that I, John N. O'Driscoll, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation, merchant, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

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JOHN N. O'DRISCOLL.
Per Chas. McHardy, agent.
Dated November 19th, 1912.

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SAMUEL FLACK.
Per Chas. McHardy, agent.
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ROBIN D. REES.
Per Chas. McHardy, agent.
Dated November 19th, 1912.

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Take notice that I, G. F. Monckton, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation, mining engineer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of Quinn pre-emption, Lot 279, on Phillips Arm, thence south 40 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 20 chains, to point of commencement, being 80 acres more or less.

GEORGE F. MONCKTON.
Per Alfred J. Smith, Agent.
Date, December 9th, 1912.

VANCOUVER, B. C. LAND DISTRICT.

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Take notice that I, M. J. Monckton, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation, civil engineer, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of Woolner's pre-emption, on the West side of Phillips Arm, thence west 40 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 20 chains, to point of commencement, comprising 80 acres more or less.

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Per A. Smith, Agent.
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Provincial, Dominion and Foreign

PROVINCIAL

Prisoner in Gaoi Strangles Himself.
Nanaimo, Jan. 17.—Making a slip-knot of his suspenders, placing the knot about his neck, and attaching the other end to the bed post, and then sitting on the floor and slowly strangling himself to death, was the method adopted by Donald McKay last night at the city jail.

B. C. Exhibits Win.
Victoria, Jan. 16.—A cable from the Agent-General of British Columbia in London, Hon. J. H. Turner, received by the provincial minister of agriculture, gives the gratifying information that the exhibit of B. C. fruits swept all before it at the great exposition recently held in Manchester, which is accounted one of the more important fruit shows held annually in the United Kingdom.

Offend Hindue Giving Steak.
New Westminster, Jan. 16.—Considerable excitement was caused in a downtown restaurant last night by a Japanese waiter offering meat to a Hindu. Gendar Singh entered the cafe and intimated that he was hungry. Matsenaga, the little brown waiter, brought in a juicy steak, but this being the greatest insult he could offer to a vegetarian Hindu, it was indignantly hurled at him. Recovering from his surprise he assaulted the Hindu, and knocked him to the floor. He was arrested and fined this morning.

Floating Arsenal Causes Heavy Loss When It Explodes.
Nanaimo, B. C., Jan. 15.—Leaving the harbor here today with a cargo comprising 2,000 cases of dynamite, the steamer Oscar took fire, and, getting beyond control, was beached on Protection Island. The powder exploded, resulting in several thousand dollars' worth of damage. Every plate glass window facing the waterfront was broken, and several persons seriously cut. Every member of the crew escaped before the explosion occurred. The extent of damage to the vessel is not yet known.

Legislature Opens.
Victoria, B. C., Jan. 16.—The thirteenth legislature of British Columbia was opened this afternoon with the usual ceremonies in the presence of a record crowd of spectators, including many ladies. His Honor Lieut.-Governor Paterson was received by a guard of honor from the Fifth Regiment, and was preceded into the chamber by a brilliant staff of military and naval officers.

When he had taken his seat, Hon. Dr. Young, provincial secretary, arose and said that his honor would not disclose his reasons for summoning the legislators until they had elected a speaker, and thereupon his honor withdrew. Then Mr. A. H. B. Magowan, of Vancouver, in a graceful speech, moved the election of Hon. D. M. Eberts as speaker.

This was seconded by Mr. R. H. Pooley, of Esquimalt, and carried. Mr. Eberts took his seat and acknowledged the honor, after which the Lieut.-Governor re-entered and read the speech from the throne.

DOMINION

Census Every 5 Years.

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—That the census in so far as it relates to population and property should be taken every five years, is the principal recommendation in the report of an inter-departmental Commission on Statistics, tabled by the Hon. Geo. E. Foster today.

Two Killed in Edmonton Fire.
Edmonton, Jan. 17.—The fire which raged with such terrible destructiveness last evening crushed out the lives of two men, both Austrians, whose charred remains are now awaiting identification at the Connolly & McKinley's undertaking parlors.

The conflagration represents a loss of a quarter of a million dollars, the death of at least two persons, and the destruction of one of the finest five-story buildings in the city.

Calgary Engages Mawson.
Calgary, Jan. 17.—Mr. Thomas Mawson, the famous London expert of the City Beautiful, has been selected by the commissioners to devise a comprehensive plan of a civic centre and a system of parks for Calgary. The appointment was announced by Mayor Sinnott at a meeting of the city planning committee this afternoon.

Mr. Mawson was selected from among forty applicants from Europe, Canada, and the United States. His compensation will be \$25,000.

Burns Plans Big Plant.
Calgary, Jan. 17.—The greatest packing plant in all Canada will rise on the ruins of the Burns plant concern, is the announcement of P. Burns, Calgary's millionaire packer, who arrived in the city from Toronto this morning. The building will be of concrete and the equipment modern, and it will be designed to take care of

twice the output of the old institution. Mr. Burns' estimates of the loss is \$1,500,000. He has recently purchased 25,000 head of fat bees, which insures the West against any shortage of meat.

Chamberlain's New Post.
Toronto, Jan. 16.—It has been decided by the C. P. R. to create a department of investigation in charge of Mr. Robert Chamberlain, who until recently has been connected with the police force at Vancouver.

Parcels Post for Dominion.
Ottawa, Jan. 15.—Hon. L. P. Pelletier, Postmaster-General, stated to the House this afternoon that the government is now considering a parcels post system for the Dominion, and that it is quite possible that something may be done during the present session.

Thrilling Rescue of Factory Girls.
Toronto, Jan. 15.—Thrilling rescues of thirty-five women were effected this evening when a fire followed an explosion that wrecked the top storey of McBride Brothers' building, occupied by the American Hat Frame Manufacturing Company.

The girls employed in the factory were compelled to flee for their lives.

Alberta Rhodes Scholar.
Edmonton, Jan. 16.—The selection committee of the Rhodes scholarship met today and awarded the scholarship to Walter F. Dyde, son of Principal Dyde, of Robertson College, Edmonton South. The next candidate was Wm. Gordon Egbert, son of Dr. Egbert, of Calgary, whom the committee decided to recommend to the trustees for an additional scholarship.

Canada Gains Many Immigrants.
Ottawa, Jan. 15.—During the nine months, April 1 to December 31, 1912, 334,083 immigrants arrived in Canada. Of this number 229,285 arrived at ocean ports, and 113,798 from the United States.

These figures show an increase of 14 per cent. as compared with the number of arrivals for the corresponding month of 1911, which were 185,161 at ocean ports and 107,365 from the United States, making a total for the nine months' period last year of 292,516 persons.

Would Keep Sabbath Day Holy.
Christiana, Jan. 14.—The women of Norway are taking a prominent part in the nation-wide movement for a complete rest day on Sundays, which has become especially vigorous since the recent election that resulted in returning a Radical majority to Parliament, with a big increase in the Socialist vote.

At a huge demonstration in the capital it was resolved to ask the "Sunday restors" in all the municipalities to arrange for mass meetings, and to send petitions to Parliament requesting immediate consideration of the desired legislation.

Great Increase in Railway Mileage.
Ottawa, Jan. 15.—A summary of railway statistics for the year ending June 30, 1912, compiled by Mr. J. L. Payne, Comptroller of Statistics for the Railways and Canals Department, tabled in the House of Commons today, gives many remarkable transportation developments of the Dominion.

During the twelve months covered by the report 2,953 additional miles of railway were put in operation, with 1,738 miles more reported ready for operation and 10,000 miles under construction. All told, the railway mileage of Canada is now over 30,000, exclusive of sidings, double track, etc.

FOREIGN

20,000,000 Sheep in Queensland.
Brisbane, Australia, Jan. 15.—On December 31 last there was a total of 20,004,381 sheep in Queensland.

Effort to Repeal Canal Bill Clause.
Washington, Jan. 15.—Senator Root introduced a bill in Congress today to repeal that section of Panama Canal bill exempting American coastwise vessels from payment of tolls.

Stork Hovers Over Palace.
Paris, Jan. 15.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Temps, the Czarina is expecting a visit from the stork in the spring. The name of the Empress will be omitted from all court functions until further notice.

Home Rule Bill to Lords.
London, Jan. 16.—After a long battle the Home Rule Bill passed the House of Commons tonight by a majority of 110, and was formally passed on for first reading in the House of Lords. There were two divisions in the Commons, a motion for its rejection being defeated, 258 to 368, while the third reading was carried by 367 to 257.

Pastor Russell Case.
Hamilton, Jan. 3.—An interesting turn has been given to the case of Rev. J. J. Russell, pastor of James Street Baptist Church here, who is charged by Pastor Russell, of Brooklyn Tabernacle, with libel.

Mrs. Russell, No. 1, who lives near

Pittsburg, has written to Alexander Lewis, lawyer for Mr. Ross, offering to come here of her own free will and give evidence against her former husband. The defence has accepted her offer.

Wireless Spans Ocean.
Berlin, Jan. 15.—The wireless station at Nauen reports that it was in wireless communication with New York. This, it is said, is the first time that wireless communication has been established between Germany and America.

I. W. W. at Head of Waiters' Strife.
New York City, Jan. 16.—Seldom has New York City been the scene of more labor unrest than at present. Between 150,000 and 200,000 garment workers are striking for more pay and better working conditions, 15,000 waiters threaten to quit work today, and in Yonkers, just above the city, the street railway company has not moved a car since January 1.

King's Slanderer Barred from U. S.
Washington, Jan. 15.—Edward J. Mylius, journalist, convicted in London of libelling King George, was barred back from the gates of the United States today by Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel, who held that Mylius' offence was a crime involving moral turpitude which barred him from admission.

Secretary Nagel denied that the offence was a purely political one.

'Arson' Trust.
New York, Jan. 15.—George Grunz (an insurance broker) and a second man (said also to be an insurance broker, whose name was withheld), were indicted on charges of arson yesterday by the grand jury that has been investigating the so-called "arson trust," alleged to be responsible for more than 300 fires in the past two years, in which about \$500,000 insurance was fraudulently collected.

Grunz has been in the Tombs in default of bail since the confession last week of Samuel Gold, who is said to have revealed the workings of the "arson trust" to the district attorney. The police charge Grunz with having been adjuster for numerous fires set by members of the trust.

\$1,000,000 for Loss of Husband.
New York, Jan. 15.—A flood of petitions for damages through the loss of the steamer Titanic, filed today, included one from Mrs. Irene Wallace Harris, who claims \$1,000,000 for the loss of her husband, Henry B. Harris, theatrical manager. This is the heaviest of the 279 claims filed so far. Mrs. May Futrelle, of Scituate, Mass., asks \$300,000 compensation for the loss of her husband, Jacques Futrelle, author. The claim of Mrs. Lily R. Millet, widow of Francis D. Millet, the artist, \$100,000.

The total claims amount to more than \$10,000,000. The White Star line, owner of the ship, contends its liability is limited under the United States statutes to less than \$100,000, the value of recovered wreckage and passage money.

Authorities are Seeking Human Typhoid Incubator.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 16.—Harry Olsen, perambulating typhoid incubator, is still hatching germs that have fatal consequences to victims to which they attach themselves. To his already remarkable record of thirty cases and four deaths another death has just been added.

This beats the record of "Typhoid Mary," who was famous in her day in New York.

Between August, 1908, and February 2, 1912, when he was a sailor on the ship Acme, twenty-six men contracted the disease and three died.

This led to the discovery that Olsen was responsible for distributing the germs.

He was detained and isolated at the U. S. Marine Hospital. Last October the doctors thought they had conquered the army organisms, as no trace of them could be found, and Olsen was turned loose under parole. Olsen got a job on the steam schooner Noyo. Not a month had elapsed before two men had come down with typhoid fever. One of them died.

Olsen was discharged to prevent a mutiny among the crew, and must now go back to the hospital for further treatment. He is sought by the authorities.

Poincare Elected.

Versailles, Jan. 17.—M. Raymond Nicholas Landry Poincare, for the past twelve months Premier of the French Cabinet, was elected President of the Republic of France today by the National Assembly, composed of the members of both Chambers of Parliament, in succession to President Armand Fallieres, whose seven years' term expires Feb. 18.

The wildest confusion, out of which arose two challenges to duels, marked the casting of the ballots.

Premier Poincare was chosen President on the second ballot, his plurality over his nearest competitor, Jules Pams, Minister of Agriculture, being 187. The deciding vote stood as follows:

Raymond Poincare, 483; Jules Pams, 296; Marie Edouard Vaillant, 69.

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First of Dynamiters to be Given Freedom.

Leavenworth, Kas., Jan. 17.—Charles N. Beum, of Minneapolis, sentenced with 32 others in connection with the "dynamite" conspiracy, stepped from prison here this afternoon, released under \$30,000 bonds. He was the first of the imprisoned labor leaders to obtain his liberty. As the prison wagon in which he rode passed out of the grounds Beum looked back and saw some of his former comrades swinging steel girders over the east front of the cell house which is being constructed by the men. They were ignorant of the fact that the wagon which passed beneath them contained Beum. Beum had been refused permission to shake hands with his comrades. He had a minute to say good-bye to Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

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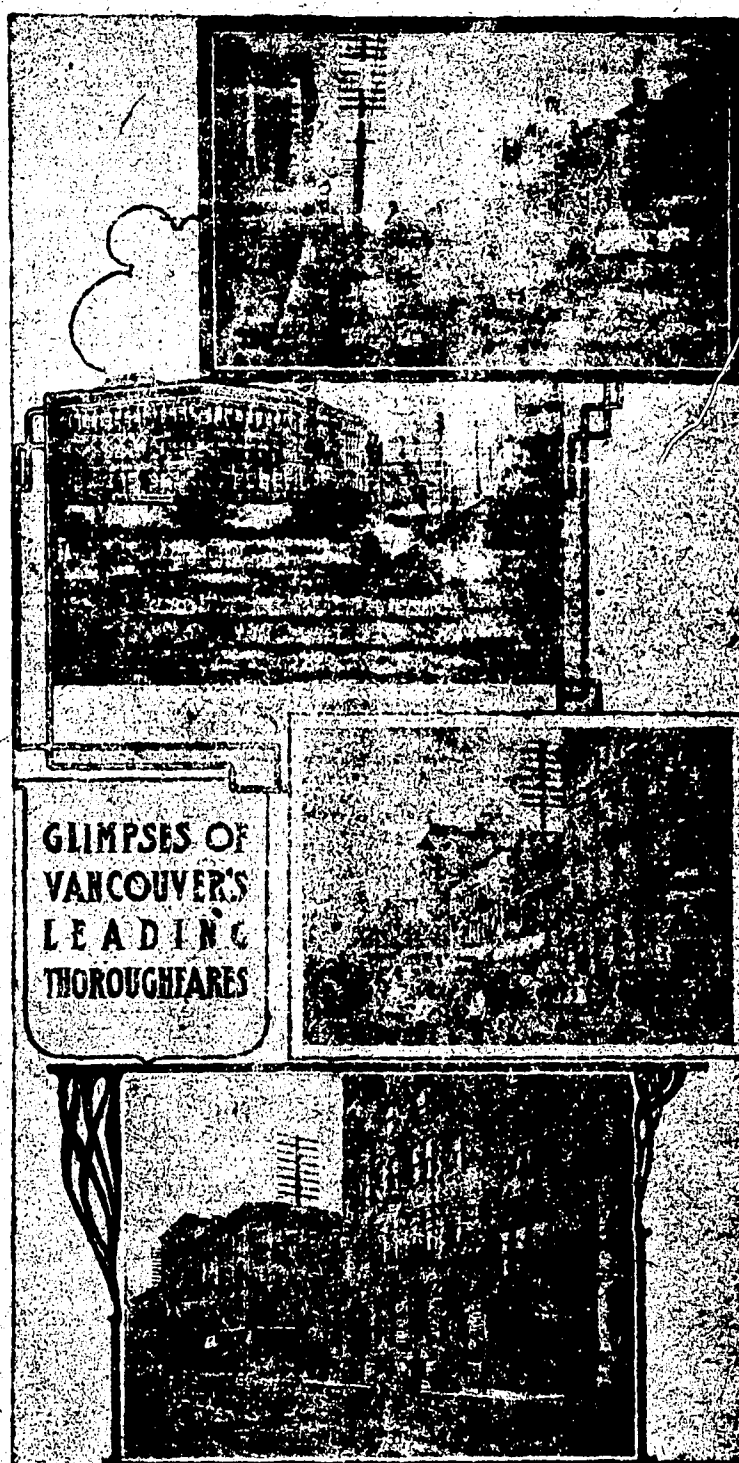
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GLIMPSSES OF VANCOUVER'S LEADING THOROUGHFARES

CENTRAL RATEPAYERS' EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Ratepayers' Association was held in the City Hall on Wednesday night.

Mr. J. G. Dougan occupied the chair. Several matters of importance to the city were discussed.

Mr. James Eadie reported as a member of the Milk Committee. He said "The health department seems ashamed of the milk analysis report, and therefore does not want it published. They found the reports were giving the public too much information. Two newspapers agreed to publish the reports, but they were left on the table instead of being sent to the paper offices. Getting these reports published I consider one of the most important questions before this association."

Sign Board Menace Discussed.

The advisability of having a city inspector to inspect sign boards erected on private property, the taxation of these sign boards, and the question of tearing down walls of destroyed buildings immediately after the damage was done were matters thoroughly discussed. The blocking of traffic and damages incurred when the Champion & White building collapsed recently caused the discussion, it being pointed out that such buildings were a constant menace to public safety and should be torn down after being destroyed. A resolution to determine whether a bylaw provides for the building inspector condemning buildings gutted by fire if a public menace, and if not, to recommend one, was amended to a decision to refer it to the City Hall Committee, they to report it back at the next meeting.

A Municipal Plans Commission, an investigating body, to go to the root of all municipal work before it is undertaken, obtain engineers' reports, sift all suggested plans and thereby relieve the council of the work, is proposed by Mr. J. Pardoe Wilson, a Vancouver engineer. The plan was outlined and Mr. Wilson intends to explain the plan to various civic organizations, eventually hoping to have it adopted by the voters.

To Aid With Commercial Drive.

A committee of three representatives from the districts affected were appointed to co-operate with outh Vancouver in its efforts to establish a connection between Commercial Drive and Commercial Street at Cedar Cottage and the city boundary. The committee, with the South Vancouver delegation, will confer with the officials of the B. C. Electric Railway Company on the matter.

Grand Burns Anniversary Concert

A Scottish Concert, directed by Mr. W. W. Robertson, will be given in the Oddfellows' Hall, Mt. Pleasant, on Saturday, January 25, at 8.15 p. m. Admission 25 cents. Tickets on sale at the Independent Drug Store, corner 7th Avenue and Main Street.

IN THE MILLENNIUM.

When Our Weather Man Becomes Polite.

IF it suits the great American people Tuesday will be a bit blustery. Your humble weather prognosticator would beg of you to remember that winter is now upon us and that the unpleasant days have been held off as long as possible. If it is the will of the majority the morning will open up with sun, grow a bit troubled by noon, then cloud over rapidly until by the middle of the afternoon the atmospheric conditions will make a fire seem more cheerful than usual. The man behind your weather bureau would remind you that this is the best he can do by you and that by beginning with a fair morning and have the day grow clouded as the hours pass away a sudden change is thus avoided and many ruffled nerves are saved. On account of the extreme lateness of the season the bureau would call the fact to your attention that many worse days have been experienced at this time of the year and that it has striven hard to suit the majority. A little fortitude and patience on your part will make the day slip by much more quickly, and the state of mind with which you receive it that morning, the department would point out, determines in a great way whether or not the day drags heavily on your hand.—Judge's Library.

Too Heasty.

At a lecture a well known authority on economics mentioned the fact that in some parts of America the number of men was considerably larger than that of women, and he added humorously, "I can therefore recommend the ladies to emigrate to that part." A young woman seated in one of the last rows of the auditorium got up and, full of indignation, left the room rather noisily, whereupon the lecturer remarked, "I did not mean that it should be done in such a hurry."—Tit-Bits.

The Charm of Venice.

A young lady who had returned from a tour through Italy with her father informed a friend that he liked all the Italian cities, but most of all he loved Venice. "Ah, Venice, to be sure," said the friend. "I can readily understand that your father would like Venice, with its gondolas, and St. Mark's, and Michelangelo's." "Oh, no," the young lady interrupted, "it wasn't that. He liked it because he could sit in the hotel and fish from the window."—Catholic News.

A Vain Effort.

"Why don't you take an interest in affairs?" said the offhand adviser. "Why don't you read the newspapers so that you can converse intelligently with your husband?" "I tried to," replied young Mrs. Torkins, "but I made a mistake. I read the president's message instead of the football news."—Washington Star.

About the Size of It.

Even though they are all cast in the same mold, the size of a dollar depends on how many of them you have.—New York Times.

A Good Offer.

Her Father—I don't know about letting you have my daughter, Mr. Sellers. Will you take care of her in good style? Her Suitor (in retail line)—I'll guarantee it, sir, or return the goods.—Boston Transcript.

Sure Thing.



Plutocrat—Riches, my friend, do not bring happiness. Poor Man—Maybe not, but it must be a great satisfaction to have a lot of money and be able to talk like that to people who haven't got any.—New York Mail.

Dyspeptic Philosophy.

Money talks, but sometimes it contradicts itself. Some girls blush naturally. With others it's all put on. Lots of people live in the same square who don't move in the same circle. Some men will give \$1 to charity and then spend \$10 to advertise the fact. We are all apt to be generous to a fault, if the fault happens to be one of our own. Where the bill collector is concerned absence surely makes the heart grow fonder. Never strike a man when he is down, especially if you are going to strike him for a loan. Why is it that the people who don't know right from wrong seem always to be in the wrong?—New York Times.

Common Mistake.

"De man dat allers wants de biggest an' de most of everything," said Uncle Eben, "is liable to pick up an ostrich an' overlook de turkey bird."—Washington Star.

Writing Tablets at the "Call Office."

THESE PRICES FOR JANUARY WILL CLEAR OUR SHELVES QUICKLY

Bargains often mean reduced prices on something you don't want. With us it is different; our January bargains mean goods you would gladly pay the regular price for and be satisfied, under ordinary conditions. But on January 28th, and again on February 12th, we have spring goods arriving. To make our winter stocks move quickly we have put the knife into our prices, though it means a loss to us.

American Flannel Blouses in grays, creams, whites and naturals with negligee stock collars; sizes 34 to 42; were \$4.50; during rest of month \$2 each.

Embroidered Irish linen waists, a variety to choose from, with stock collars, were \$5 each, now going at \$2.75; a distinctive bargain.

Pure Wool Cashmere Hosiery, blacks and tans, regularly 50c; during this month 35c pair.

Women's neckwear, including lace collars, stock collars, jabots, all at exactly half price during January.

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