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TRUTH BEFORE FAVOR—PRINCIPLES, NOT MEN

THE DRAGON'S TOLL

The terrible disaster which came to the Titanic has overshadowed everything in the news line during the past week, and has proved even more terrible than was supposed on our last date of publication. The mass of dramatic incident in this tragedy if collated would form a large volume, but a few things stand out vividly before us. As in all such cases, there was the hero and the coward pressing shoulders, and it was not in all cases that the coward preserved his life. But the great fact that stands out most prominently is that over sixteen hundred lives were almost instantly sacrificed by the carelessness of one man. This man, it would appear, had an overabundance of confidence in the strength of his vessel and its power to withstand any impact that might occur, and he did not even take the customary precaution of slowing down his speed when in the known vicinity of ice. All went merry on shipboard and the captain was taking a hand in the merriment. The band played rag-time music to tickle the ears of the crowd. But a few minutes afterward and the rag-time music did not satisfy. It was then that the band found it more appropriate to play "Nearer My God to Thee."

The play of circumstance was well exemplified when the wireless operator on the Carpathia came so narrowly missing the call for help. He was about to remove the apparatus from his ears and retire when the cry came for help. Another minute and it would not have been heard. The probability is that without wireless the fate of the Titanic would never have been known. It is not likely that otherwise a single person would have been saved.

Before the inquiry now going on, Manager Ismay, who was on the doomed vessel, stated that in leaving the ship he took nobody's place—why should he not save himself? The best answer to that is to point out that he left more than sixteen hundred people on board when he took to his boat. How, then, can he say that he took nobody's place? This man is receiving a griddling that he no doubt richly deserves. What a contrast between this man and Second Officer Lightholder, who remained on the vessel until it disappeared beneath the waves and was providentially rescued.

Columns could be written on the lessons to be gleaned from this catastrophe, and no doubt much of value will be treasured and profited by, but after all, the greatest safeguard for navigation of the seas is careful mariners, who can remember that all works of man are imperfect and prone to destruction. Too many forget this, and forget that on the ocean man is out of his native element, where disaster spells death.

So far as human knowledge went it was thought impossible to sink the vessel. With a head-on collision this would probably have been true, but there was a weak point that was unknown and the ice found that point, ripping open the iron side of the great ship as a can opener would operate. This was the only way the Titanic could have been sunken and it was unthought of.

Speed! Speed! What are the nations of to-day sacrificing to this dragon? In this instance sixteen hundred lives pay toll.

It is a titanic blunder.

JOURNALISTIC AMENITIES

In our journalistic experience extending over twenty-five years, we have found that most newspaper men are honorable, and honest enough to credit their confreres with any peculiarly brilliant bit of editorial work which they freely like copying. Still, there is occasionally a newspaper man who has by some accident got into a position for which nature did not fit him, and who is willing to accept a false reputation for clever editorial work by clipping right and left from his exchanges without giving them any credit. The newspaper man is not alone in this reprehensible conduct, however; He is associated with the best of company, because we have known the same things to happen in the pulpit. We have known whole sermons to be reproduced and the preachers to be congratulated upon their effort without a hint being given as to the real authorship. True, it was years ago we knew this to happen, and perhaps it is never indulged in now, but the reprehensible moral ethics still exist in the journalist world to a frightful extent.

The reason that has given rise to these remarks is found in a clever little item that has been going the rounds of our exchanges without credit and the authorship of which is unknown to us. We quote the item and would like to announce the name of the author but cannot. Here it is:

"Mr. Bourassa declares that, the failure of the Dominion government to make provisions for the maintenance of separate schools in the territory awarded to Manitoba makes his British blood boil. Probably the real cause of the heat is that the small quantity of British blood has come into contact with the large quantity of Bourassic acid in his system."

A DESERTED VILLAGE

A few years ago Collingwood approached the dignity of a boom town and land values soared. To-day it is different. The Messenger says "The farmers' market has disappeared, the tourist trade is a thing of the past, and if a few extra visitors come to town to stay over night it is impossible to find hotel accommodation for them" This sounds like Goldsmith. Is the Messenger a plagiarist?

The Dundalk people prided themselves on the fact that they did not suffer to any extent during the recent floods, only to the extent of "a few damp cellars," Well, Flesherton got through without even the damp cellars, There is nothing musty about us.

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The handling of the Titanic wreck news by the daily press of Canada was something to be proud of, and especially was this the case with our Queen City newspapers. The enterprise displayed by them and the thorough way in which the service was handled is a matter for congratulation.

WHY HE WAS LATE

"What made you so late?"

"I met Smithson."

"Well, that is no reason why you should be an hour late getting home to supper."

"I know, but I asked him how he was feeling, and he insisted on telling me about his stomach trouble."

"Did you tell him to take Chamberlain's Tablets?"

"Sure, that is what he needs." Sold by all dealers.

The English Coal Strike

Rough House, Ashy, April 9, '12.

Editor Advance:

Dear Sir,—A few words on the strike. All the collieries in the United Kingdom went out on strike on the first day of March, and are going back to-day to work. England never went through such a trying time in its history, and no government was placed in such a perilous position to keep peace with such a host of hot headed material to work with. Asquith will never forget it. Happily they have got to work again.

EFFECTS OF THE STRIKE

It closed all the iron mines and most of the factories, and a host of other industries of various kinds. The railway companies shut off two-thirds of their passenger trains and nearly all the freight trains. Everything was at a standstill. The limestone quarries stopped work on account of the blast furnaces being shut down. The limestone is used for smelting the ore. Gas companies shortened the light supply and in some cases oil was resorted to, and darkness seemed to threaten the nation for want of black diamonds to light it up. Nearly three million men, women and children were out of employment Think of it. Many thousands had not a week's provisions ahead. It was necessary to give breakfast at the schools to the poor children almost when the strike started, and at the same time large numbers were carousing and sight seeing—having a good time. Some drifts in a high ridge near here were worked and was a help to this district, but the prices went up. It would be a good thing for the owners at the expense of the helpless. I saw men digging coal in ravines where it cropped out and carrying it on their backs in bags long distances, while some drew it on handcars to Workington, five or six bags on a car, with two ropes on which to pull up hill or hold back going down hill. In another place I saw men carrying coal on their backs more than a mile, half of it up hill at that. Two men were killed while digging the coal. The earth fell on them. Several were hurt. In some places the owners stopped them from digging, which was hard lines for women and children freezing and starving and coal open to the day and cannot have it. In some places the poor children got their breakfast at the school and yet the fathers will get drink, the grosser helping them by giving them credit to tide them over their difficulty. Innocent ones have to suffer for the father drinking what the children ought to have. But such is life, it seems.

Well, Mr. Editor, I will soon leave for home now, I have enjoyed myself very much. Everyone tried to make it pleasant for me, but the parting brought tears in some homes. It is rather hard to bid good bye forever to dear friends, those who have gone through it only know the effect. I have made many pleasant acquaintances this time, that I did not know before. I met two women I knew when I was a boy, they girls, that I had forgotten. I did not hear of them when I was here ten years ago. Very few are living here now of my age.

It is rumored that there will be another railway strike this summer. I think there are rough times for England not far ahead. The workers are banding together and they are a power in the land now, and stand by one another. They have no property to lose and are filled with prejudices against the rich to such an extent that it will not take much to start a rebellion in the near future.

It is an early spring for grass, young cattle are running out in some places, but it is too wet for putting in seed. It has been a wet time ever since I came here, very little seeding is done yet. Some have planted potatoes for early marketing who had land near a town. They are not troubled with bugs here. Trusting I will soon see you in the flesh, good bye.

—JOHN COULTHARD.

A cat, with an investigating turn of mind, entered the back door of the Arrow office on Monday and sampled the contents of the lye pot. The speed with which pussy disappeared from view immediately after this rash experiment could only be likened to chain lightning or a western cyclone.—Burks Falls Arrow.

OVER-WORKED KIDNEYS

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New Carpet Squares, Rugs, Linoleums, two and four yards wide
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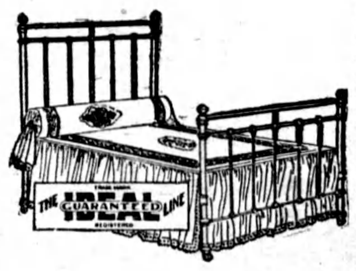

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Wheat	85 to 85
Oats	43 to 43
Peas	1 10 to 1 10
Barley	70 to 70
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Butter	30 to 32
Eggs, fresh	20 to 21
Potatoes per bag	1 25 to 1 25
Geese	10 to 12
Ducks	10 to 12
Chickens	10 to 12
Turkeys	18 to 18
Wool	20 to 22

LOOK! LOOK!

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A good assortment of everything required for Housecleaning

New Wall Papers, New Prints, Varnish Stains and Brushes of all Kinds, Linoleums and Oilcloths.

Embroideries in skirt length widths and down to half inch. Very pretty allover Embroidery and allover Lace in Silk and Satin. A nice range of Spring Dress Goods such as Satin striped Voils and Foulards. A big assortment of Men's Furnishings in Fine Shirtr, Hats and Caps, Braces and Fancy Socks. Spring Suits ready to wear or tailor made suits. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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