

The striking Liverpool coal heavers returned to work after listening to an appeal by T. P. O'Connor, M. P.

A Dutch torpedo boat has brought to Ymuiden, Holland, a derelict aeroplane found in the North Sea. The fittings are British.

The city of Calgary has notified the military authorities that no proceedings will be taken for the collection of taxes against property belonging to any soldiers serving in the war.

New Orleans hears that the British steamer Wyvisbrook has been seized by Carranza authorities at Campeche, and her commander, Captain Muir, has been placed in jail.

Announcement was made in the British Parliament that Germans under 17 and over 35 and Austro-Hungarians under 18 and over 30 are now permitted to return to their respective countries under arrangements just made.

Comets' Tails and the Sun. A theory to explain the tails of comets is advanced by the French physicist, M. Houleuvre in the Revue Scientifique. It is natural to suppose, he says, that the incandescent nucleus of a comet is throwing out electrons into the extremely rare atmosphere that surrounds it. Observations of George Ellery Hale, the American astronomer, prove that the sun behaves like a negatively electrified body. Therefore he repels electrons, which are negatively electrified bodies. These particles so repelled would be driven to that side of the comet which is farthest from the sun, and by contact with the molecules of the gaseous and rarefied atmosphere would produce just the luminous appearance that we call a comet's tail.

Actors and Their Teeth. "There is only one feature of an actor which will give him away" when disguised in a perfect makeup," remarks a young actor, "and that feature is the teeth. Let a man do what he will to his face, let him cover it with all kinds of paint, beard, whiskers and what not, but the teeth will disclose his indubitable identity directly he opens his mouth to speak a line or to raise a laugh. "I myself, when sitting in the front of a house watching other people's performances, have frequently been puzzling myself as to the identity of a cleverly made up player, but no sooner has the said player disclosed his 'ivories' than I have at once recognized him, provided, of course, he has chanced to be a man whose face I know moderately well. Strangely enough, hardly any one is aware of this curious truth, but it remains an undeniable fact all the same."—Pearson's Weekly.

Curious People of New Guinea. New Guinea contains some of the most remarkable people in the world, the Papuans. One curious fact about one of the tribes of New Guinea is that they wear what are probably the largest hats in existence. These hats are from six to eight feet high and gorgeously colored. They are adorned with feathers, colored fibers and shells, beaks of hornbills and plumes of the birds of paradise. They are handed down from father to son as heirlooms, and a native will not be tempted to part with his headdress for any price. New Guinea, too, contains some of the smallest people in the world, pygmies that were only discovered a few years ago, for the great island has still thousands of square miles that have not been explored. These pygmies are only just over four feet in height, but what they lack in inches they make up in ugliness.

His "Name." A young chap notorious for his conceit was boasting in the presence of several elderly gentlemen about the conquests which he had gained over the female heart. "Look," said he, "here's a handsome present I had from my last innamorata," at the same time handing round a beautiful cigar case. All admired the article, which had an indorsement of its quality stamped upon it. "Very nice gift," remarked one of the company. "I perceive your lady-love even had your name put on the case." "Well, that's queer," answered the boaster. "I never noticed it." "Look again," rejoined the candid one. "The case is distinctly marked 'Real calf.'"—Philadelphia Record.

Climate and Consumption. In a treatise on the relationship of air to tuberculosis, issued by the Smithsonian institution, Dr. Guy Hinsdale says there is no specific climate for tuberculosis. The important things are pure air and sunshine. A climate in which the humidity varies greatly is to be avoided. The best combination is one of low humidity and moderately cool temperature.

Might Have Boosted Prices. "I suppose it is annoying when a man goes out because you haven't something cheaper." "Yes," said the small merchant. "But what gives you heart disease is when a fellow goes out because you haven't something more expensive."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Nerves and Battles. It is claimed that the nerves of city dwellers stand the stress of battle better than men who have lived in the country. The explanation is that the city type of man has become habituated to noise, and terrific noise is an element of battles.

Not Like the Plane. Coal Dealer—Why don't you wheel the barrow along more quickly, Pat? It's not a very hard job. There's an inclined plane to relieve you. Pat—Aye, master, the plane may be inclined but hang me if I am!—Pearson's Weekly.

Favors. Stella—What were the favors at her dinner? Bella—Well, all the guests thought they did her a favor by coming, and she thought they did her a favor by leaving.—New York Sun.

The multitude that does not reduce itself to unity is confusion, the unity that does not depend upon the multitude is tyranny. Pascher.

Self Belief the Key to Success. Do you still believe in yourself? If so, you cannot become a failure. You can at worst only have failed to learn as yet the science of success, of which self respect is the key. In the great gamble of life we can afford to lose everything but our self respect. Money lost is little lost; friends lost, much lost, but self respect lost, and all is lost. Self belief is the husband of self respect, just as self respect is the mother of self reliance. Believe in yourself and you will win through, for self belief is the mainspring of human activity and the principal source of human improvement. It inspires you to do things. It teaches you to try again. The man who retains his belief in himself will never give up trying, and success is the reward of persistent effort. Self reliance will pull us through many a struggle from which the coward flees in vain and in which the weak succumb. The ability to "get up again" is the reward of the self reliant.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Rules For Success at Golf. Writing in the American Magazine, Jerome D. Travers calls Harry Vardon the greatest golf player he ever met and says the bulk of his success might be set down to these few simple rules: Control of temper. Refusing to worry over any bad lie or any hard luck. Playing easily within himself and never pressing. Playing always for the hole, even when 200 yards away. Studying his game and practicing at every opportunity. Making a point, even in practice, to follow all simple rules, such as keeping one's head still, looking at the ball, etc. Keeping the body under control until perfect timing is developed. Using an easy, natural upright swing that stays as long as possible in line with the intended flight of the ball.

Details. Details are something beneath the notice of the majority. It requires a rare sort of mind to accord to them the proper importance. It is necessary for every great artist to understand details in order that he may know when they should be ignored. Gulliver discovered this interesting fact when he woke up one morning. The perfection of any masterpiece depends upon the strategic elimination of its details. Those who see only those things which lie between the little and the great see neither of these. It requires the same capacity of imagination to master details that it does to master immensities. To see big one must also be able to see little. Controlling events means controlling details. Nothing succeeds like details.—Life.

Heathen Hospitality. African jungle people are not very particular concerning their food. One of our missionary women was down with an attack of fever some time ago. This was a source of sorrow to these poor, unlearned yet sympathetic natives, who in their own way are really compassionate and want to help. One of these "bush mammoths" tried to express her sorrow because the "white mammy missionary" was so ill. After a time she left the station with a bright idea in her head and started for the jungle. A little later she returned with a large tropical leaf from one of the trees. Upon it were several big, crawling green worms, which she had caught and brought to the sick missionary. She thought they would be nice and tender for her to eat during her illness.—Christian Herald.

Starting the Day Wrong. There was a gloom on the face of the New England farmer. "What's the matter, Elijah?" asked his nearest neighbor. "Flapjacks given out over to your house?" "Worse'n that," said Elijah. "You know, 'twasn't apple year, and wife says we can't have any more apple pie for breakfast." "Can't you make out if you have apple pie noon and night?" "I can, because I've got to," said Elijah. "But, I tell you, it upsets me starting in the day wrong like that."—New York Post.

New York's Broadway. Few New Yorkers know that the great Broadway was once called Great George street in honor of the English king. It was afterward known as the Bloomingdale road before it acquired the name of "the Broadway," which was subsequently changed to Broadway.—New York Telegram.

A Missed Opportunity. "There goes a man I might have married," said Gertie. "He? Why, he married his stenographer!" said Mabel. "I know it," replied Gertie. "I applied for the same job just ten minutes after she was hired."—Detroit Free Press.

Mars Located. "Now, tell me, children, who is Mars?" asked the teacher. "He's head usher in the theater of war," shouted little Willie.—Buffalo Express.

Realistic Scenery. "That tree was so natural that the audience thundered its applause." "I suppose the tree responded with a cough."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Politeness. Collier—No money again? I'm tired of waiting. Debtor to his maid.—Jane gives this gentleman a chair.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Shaved Foreheads and Ear Sticks. The Wakkuyu people of East Africa are known as the Kikuyu and Akikuyu and inhabit the Kikuyu hills, one of the most beautiful, fertile and economically important parts of the British East Africa protectorate, not far from Nairobi. These people have rich farms, a great variety of food to eat and are a very finely built race. The good looks of the women, however, are often spoiled by their curious custom of shaving their foreheads in order to make room for the headstaps to which they attach their loads. These people have many curious customs. They are very frightened of the spirits of the dead, for instance, and when any one of them falls ill and is at all likely to die the poor sufferer is at once put out and left to the mercy of the byenas, entirely deserted by the rest of the tribe. The unmarried women wear sticks through their ears as a sort of badge, while the married ones sport bunches of bangles.—Wide World Magazine.

Dresden's Model Theater Stage. Dresden seems to have theatrically solved the problem of long waits, for the Konigliches Schauspielhaus brings the technical side of the theater up to the highest point that has ever been reached. The three principal features are simplicity, rapidity of working and the liberal allowance for space, air and light. Instead of having the conventional stage where one scene must be taken down before the next can be set or of having a revolving stage the Schauspielhaus is provided with a stage which is lowered hydraulically for the purpose of shifting the scenery. While one scene is being used, the second is all set up below on the left hand side. The stage is then lowered, and the first scene is rolled off to the right by electric motors, the new scene at the same time being rolled on. Then the stage is again raised, and the play goes on with an interruption of but thirty seconds.—Exchange.

Height of the Panama Canal. The middle section of the Panama canal, thirty-four miles long, has a water level of eighty-five feet higher than the two end sections, which are sea levels. Vessels entering the canal from the ocean on either side are lifted to the middle section, a height of eighty-five feet, by three sets of locks, each of which raises the vessel a fraction over twenty-eight feet, making a total of eighty-five feet. These locks are constructed side by side like a double track railway, so that one ship may be going up while the other is going down. Only one ship can be in a lock at the same time, but as the locks are constructed in pairs, side by side, two ships going in opposite directions, one going up the incline and the other going down, may pass each other within hailing distance. Vessels are towed through the locks by electric machinery.—Philadelphia Press.

A Domestic Disturbance. The trouble began with a tea fight. The milk was sour, the cake cut up, and the sugar fell out with the tongs. The spoons clashed, and the table groaned. The fringes on the doilies snarled, and the crackers snapped. The easy chairs were soon up in arms, and even the clocks did not agree. Things were no better in the kitchen. The pitchers were all set by the ears and stuck out their lips while the teapot and kettle poked their noses into everything. The range was redhot, which made the saucpan look black and finally boil over. The bells started jangling, all the pickles and preserves in the cupboard were jarred, and there were any number of scraps in the refrigerator and meat safe. Naturally when the mistress of the house reached the scene of disorder the cook was put out.—Judge.

It Changed His Mind. A switching engine prevented a Chicago man from committing suicide the other day. With a rope around his neck and fastened to the rails of the Rock Island railroad he was crawling between the ties, prepared to jump from a viaduct, when a switching engine came along and cut the rope. As he had lost his chance of hanging himself, he thought better of his project.

Good Advice. "What would you say," said the prophet of woe, "if I were to tell you that in a very short space of time all the rivers in this country would dry up?" "I would say," replied the patient man, "go and do thou likewise."—Stray Stories.

Confusing. Tommy Figgjam—Paw, doesn't "reverse" mean to "back"? Paw Figgjam—Well, yes, it does. Tommy Figgjam—Then, what did Uncle Bill mean when he said that he busted up in business because he had too many reverses and not enough backing?—Chicago Post.

We Can Try. We can't all be great, but we can all try to be good. And we can all try to be happy and do our best to give happiness to others.

A Facial Contortionist. Mrs. Wunder—Washington was a versatile man. Mr. Wunder—He had to be to look like all his pictures.—Baltimore American.

Just the Trouble. Knicker—All men are equal before the law. Bocker—That's just the trouble; they should be equal after the law.—Judge. To know the future is no virtue, but it is the greatest of virtues to prepare for it.—Samuel Smiles.

BLYTH'S CORNERS. The Grange meeting in Varney on Friday evening was again up against unfavorable weather, nevertheless fair number was present and business of some importance transacted. The two delegates to the annual meeting of the United Farmers Cooperative Company Messrs. J. Wilton and W. Blyth, gave a fairly good report of the meeting. About 200 delegates in all were present. The officers of the company report the business very encouraging, the farmers throughout the province clamoring for organization to such an extent that over 50 applications have had to be turned down for want of organizers to attend to their wants. The business transacted during the year amounted to over half a million dollars. The delegates reported that the meeting throughout was most encouraging and enthusiastic. Mr. Wilson of Walkerton, aided by limelight views, will give a lecture on the war in Knox church on either the 24th or 25th of March. As Mr. Wilson is a forceful speaker the lecture will in all likelihood be an interesting and instructive affair, and all should avail themselves of the privilege of hearing him and seeing the views. Admission 25c.; family tickets at reduced prices. With murder trials and war news, sensational reading certainly is up to and fully over the mark for the average reader. If we may be pardoned for voicing our opinion on the former, the verdict in the Davis-Massy murder trial was a miscarriage of justice, but tame compared with the verdict given in the Dr. Robinson murder trial. Whether alone in our opinion we know not, and care as little, but in our opinion, the verdict given was a huge miscarriage of justice, and reflects much discredit on our courts of justice. We regret to report that Mrs. Thos. McNeice, who has been on the sick list for some time, is still hoped to her bed. We sincerely hope soon to be able to report her in her usual good health. Your Varney scribe omitted to refer to the death in Munising, Michigan, of Mrs. Schilling, nee Miss Lizzie Hoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hoy, of Varney. The deceased had been in failing health for some time, being 21 weeks in the hospital. Her mother left to attend at the bedside a few days e'er the spirit took its flight.

HAMPDEN. The W. M. Society was well satisfied with the good representation of the congregation and also many strangers who assembled at the church last Monday evening, while Mr. Wilson, of Walkerton, lectured and showed limelight views of the war. We all know that the topic of the day is war! war! and all present were delighted with views of the different guns used, and other useful information that will help them understand more fully the happenings of this terrible war. Mr. Wilson's lecture was of great interest, and the coffers of the society were increased by the proceeds, which amounted to \$14.05. Mr. and Mrs. John Henry of Egremont, and also the former's mother, moved to the old farm that was long occupied by the Fultons. We are glad to have them in our midst again, as Mrs. Henry was much missed in the community, and the congregation will feel much honored in having such an intelligent old lady among them. We were very sorry to hear of the accident that happened to Mr. Norman Kerr one day last week. While he was starting his engine he got two fingers severed. This leaves Norman with one finger and thumb, as he had his little finger taken off a year or so ago. We hope he may recover speedily. The box social in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund was considered very good. Although the program was short, it was good. Mr. M. Byers acted as chairman. Mr. Watson's singing was much appreciated, and the dialogue seemed very suitable for the occasion. After a great many days of hard drilling at Mr. Jim Park's Mr. Pratt at last reached water on Friday night. After drilling 133

feet they struck a spring, sending the water to within 40 feet of the top. Mr. Park learned this winter what it is like when the well goes dry and is well pleased with the spring. Miss Laura Cunningham of Owen Sound, returned home last Thursday after spending three weeks with relatives here. Miss Jennie Cooper spent a few days with her brother in Shelburne. A great many from around here attended the funeral of the late Thomas Nichol, of Durham. Mr. Wm. Marshall has been very busy drawing brick for a new house he will erect the coming summer.

HONOR ROLL FOR FEBRUARY NO. 2, EGREMONT. Jr. IV—J. Kerr, E. Woods. Sr. III—L. Barbour, R. McMeekken, E. Noble. Jr. III—I. Mead, D. Kerr, R. Barbour, W. Marshall, A. Noble. Sr. II—E. Wilson, C. McMeekken, M. Pollock, B. McMeekken. Sr. Pr.—K. Allan. Jr. Pr.—S. Noble. E. J. McGirr, Teacher. VARNEY SCHOOL. IV—E. McElvride, C. Grant. Sr. III—L. Keller, T. Finnigan. Jr. III—R. Morrison, W. Barber. Sr. II—L. Keller, R. Grant, V. Blyth, R. McCabe. Jr. II—R. Blyth, T. McCabe, A. McKenzie, A. Brown. Primer—M. Keller, R. Wilkinson, E. Grant, L. Wilton, R. Finnigan, A. McCabe. A. M. Petty, Teacher. NO. 6, BENTINCK. Sr. IV—E. Twamley, Jr. IV—W. Boyce, D. Nolin, S. McCallum. Sr. III—E. Cox, W. Adlam, E. Boyce. Jr. III—J. Twamley, A. McCallum, R. Boyce. Sr. II—G. Torry, G. Brunst, H. McCallum, G. Brown, E. Vickers, J. Vickers, D. Burns. Jr. II—L. McCallum, M. Adlam, I. E. Boyce, G. Brunst, M. Brown, Pt. II—G. McCallum, S. Reay, P. Reay, E. Uruu. Part I—J. McDonald, M. McCallum, E. Adlam, W. Vickers, A. Uruu, C. Noble. J. Wylie, Teacher. NO. 11, BENTINCK. Sr. IV—E. Sharp, S. Lawrence. Jr. IV—M. Webber. Sr. III—I. Alexander. Jr. III—H. Mountain, M. Lawrence. Sr. II—G. Ritchie, P. Noble, A. Armstrong, M. Langrill, A. Knislay, M. Alexander. I—L. Armstrong, H. Lawrence. Pr. A—T. Styles, E. Noble. Pr. B—A. Noble. Pr. C—R. Styles. H. H. Willis, Teacher.

According to an official report 132,392 families in Vienna are receiving assistance from the State

While walking on the railway near Listowel in a snowstorm, Robt. Martin of Carthage was struck by a train and killed.

The women of Clinton and vicinity have completed their second shipment of clothing for the Canadian soldiers.

Auction Sales An auction sale of pure-bred stock will be held in Markdale on Wednesday, March 17. See bills and display ad. on page 8 of this paper. Terms cash or 12 months' credit arranged at 6 per cent. A credit Auction Sale of Farm Stock, Implements, Hay, Seed Grain, Potatoes and Household Furniture, will be held on Lot 32, Concession 2, S. D. R., Glenlogie, on Tuesday, March 23. Ten months' credit. See bills. Norman McDougall, Proprietor, D. McPhail, Auctioneer. 2 On Thursday, March 18, there will be offered for sale by Public Auction at the Hahn House, Durham, 10 cows in calf, and a number of young cattle. Ten months' credit will be given on approved joint notes; 5 per cent. off will be allowed for cash. C. S. Dunsmoor, Proprietor, D. McPhail, Auctioneer.

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