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CHILD SAVING WORK.

A noteworthy feature of the recent conference of Charities and Correction at Hamilton was the prominence given to child-saving work. Nearly all the speakers agreed that if boys and girls in neglected homes were properly looked after the great stream of pauperism and criminality would be stopped at its source.

THE ONLY POSSIBLE CURE.

Dr. Ami, of the Canadian Geological Survey, emphasizes a fact that is not generally known. He says the coal miners in the anthracite regions live in a congested state all the while, and that in order to live they must take turns at employment, the average period being two days a week.

WHAT WILL BE DONE?

President Roosevelt did not accomplish anything by his conference with the coal operators and miners. He did not presume to discuss the strike, or the cause of it; he simply appealed to both sides, on patriotic grounds, to cease their strike, in order that the evil possibilities of it, "so far-reaching and so appalling," might be overcome or avoided.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Globe suggests that people run their hot water furnaces with gas. An excellent idea, provided the cost of gas does not go up.

The president of the British Miners' Association says the miners in the United States are the poorest and lowest paid labourers in the country.

A New York coal merchant with a couple of millions in peril by the strike, committed suicide. If some of the men who run the mines would follow this man's example the strike would soon be over.

The Hamilton people are divided over a school question—whether the examinations in the public schools should take place annually or semi-annually. It is a case of cram or educate. Which is best for the children?

The carrying of L'Islet and Stansstead by the conservatives gives the party in Quebec new life and hope. It wanted something to cheer it, and the liberal party wanted something to wake it up. The want in both cases has been supplied.

Chauncy Depew does not think that an amendment to the constitution of the United States is necessary in dealing with the trusts. They will in time wreck themselves. They will also presume to wreck the government that deals or dabbles with them.

The Overstocked Market. London, Oct. 6.—Mr. Broderick and the war office authorities are puzzled to know what to do for the unemployed reservists and discharged soldiers now returning from South Africa.

The Mormon church in the Canadian North West has been changing leaders. It is to be hoped this is not preluding a change of tactics and the breaking out of Mormonism in a new spot or form.

SERVING THE POOR.

The council of nearly every city in Ontario has acted in securing, or in attempting to secure, a supply of fuel for its poor. It is useless to wait longer for a cessation of the strike, which cuts off for the time being the anthracite coal of Pennsylvania. Fuel must be had from some other source.

Coal in some cases has been ordered from Wales; soft coal has been purchased in both the United States and Canada; and where coal has not been available wood has been bought in plentiful quantities. In other words, some effort has been made elsewhere to meet the emergencies of the winter.

The poor are here and pitifully helpless. They seem to be without resources, without the ingenuity which enables them to surmount a serious difficulty. They may be improvident. Some of them may have wasted their earnings during the summer months.

A few may have been able to supply themselves with coal and wood when the strike was young and prices were low. They are not to be censured any more than the rich and well-to-do, who lived in a fool's paradise while the weather was warm, who read the accounts of the strike as they read the latest book and romance and failed to profit by it.

The Whig can only suggest that the council act at once, and assume the responsibility of getting what fuel it can for the suffering poor. Soft coal will create heat. It is not as easily handled as hard coal. It is dirtier.

The stoves, furnaces, pipes and flues must be kept clean. But bituminous coal can be used and it can be obtained. The price is up, because everything that is inflammable, that burns and gives heat, rises in sympathy with the hard coal famine. That may be a shame and a scandal, and yet not a contingency which the aldermen need stop now to discuss. Wood can be had, it is said, in the country, if it is looked after and arrangements made to transport it to the city.

Coal or wood or coal oil, or all three, may be purchased if the aldermen go at it with the determination that they will succeed.

The poor look to the men of thought and energy to help them out in their extremity. There are scores of people who are dependent annually, in this city, upon the bounty of the Poor Relief and St. Vincent De Paul Societies, which cannot, it is said, get fuel at any price, and so cannot come to the assistance of their dependents. The House of Industry has its quota of aged and crippled indigents, without the assurance that they can enjoy the limited comfort of warmth when they need it most.

There are innumerable persons who cannot afford to purchase fuel at present prices, and cannot, later, get it at any cost from the local dealers as things stand. Must they suffer? Must some of them perish? The mayor and council should meet at once, should discuss the situation, and rest not until they have disposed satisfactorily of the issue of the hour.

Queen's Alma Mater. The first meeting of Queen's Alma Mater society of this session was held on Saturday evening in the new arts building. President Wallace extended a welcome to the timid freshmen, and told them to be not afraid.

A committee was appointed to consider the best way for the students to express their sense of the loss sustained by Queen's in the death of Principal Grant. There is a general feeling that it would be an appropriate act to erect a monument over the principal's grave in Cataract cemetery.

A suggestion was made that the students arrange a theatre night. It is probable that October 16th will be chosen, and the balcony of the Grand reserved.

An Unusual Excursion. Charles McDonald, Gananoque, showed his generosity on Saturday by placing his private yacht, Kate, at the disposal of Mitchell & Wilson, contractors, to take themselves and their employees for an outing on the river. They visited Kingston for about an hour, and then returned home. Mitchell & Wilson have the contract for a new roof and modern repairs on Mr. McDonald's residence in Gananoque, and they were so successful in changing the roofs that no water got through during the change. Mr. McDonald, in the way of gratitude, gave the outing, which was much enjoyed by all.

Wants An Understanding. Vienna, Oct. 6.—Signor Luzzatti, Italian ex-minister of finance, in an article in the Neu Eroi Presse suggests a conference of statesmen and economists of all industrial European countries for the purpose of arriving at an understanding concerning trusts and commercial treaties. He declares that customs tariffs and commercial treaties are fragile armor against trusts, which destroy natural conditions and upset the economic life of nations. He urges the triple alliance, to convolve a conference to take common measures to meet the United States danger.

NEWS OF WORLD

TELEGRAMS FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF EARTH.

Matters That Interest Everybody

Notes From all Over—Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered by the Dear Public.

Joseph Mercier, brother of the late premier of Quebec, died at Montreal.

James Fleming, inspector of legal offices for Ontario, died at Toronto on Sunday.

William H. O'Hara, Alton, Mich., fell off a train at St. Thomas and was killed.

The Berlin school board has decided to supply free school books to the scholars in the public schools.

Lightning struck William Clarke's house in Hamilton, and the Toronto city hall tower during Sunday's big storm.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has declined the

IS NOT PRACTICABLE.

A Canadian Labor Federation Would Not Be Wise.

"A Canadian Federation of Labor would never do," declared a prominent union man this morning. "It looks very nice in theory, but it would not work out in practice. It is one of those things, though possible, is not expedient."

"How do you arrive at that conclusion?" queried the reporter.

"In this way," was the reply. "If we seceded from the American Federation of Labor and formed a purely Canadian one, our mechanics would be prohibited from going into the United States to find employment or accept preferred positions. Every man would be turned back then."

"But are they not turned back today?" protested the reporter.

"Was not a Canadian carpenter held up at Detroit a few days ago, and deported out of the country?"

"True, he was," was the reply, "but trades' unions are taking up his case and he will go back to his job, unmolested in time. Thousands of our



MRS. FRANK GOULD The wife of the youngest son of the late Jay Gould and prominent in New York's Smart Set. A little baby girl has just arrived to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Gould and share the millions of the family of financiers.

banquet which the Quebec Board of Trade proposed to give him on his return.

A portrait of Rev. Dr. Potts was unveiled at the formal opening of the New Orthopedic Hospital, Toronto, on Saturday.

A cable received in New York to-day announces the marriage at Buenos Ayres of Putnam Bradley Strong and May Yoh.

Noah Hale, the Sault Ste. Marie murderer, is still at large, although search parties have found his tracks in the woods. Mrs. Hale is likely to die from her wounds.

Beginning on October 1st last the mails for Dawson and other places north of White Horse, Yukon Territory, are restricted to letters, post cards and a limited quantity of newspapers.

Hay, Listowel, has sold to the Elias Rogers Coal company, of Toronto, 600 tons of anthracite coal, which he bought last March. The price was \$12 per ton on the car; at Listowel, Mr. Hay made in the neighborhood of \$1,000 on the transaction.

President Roosevelt's telegram to John Mitchell is probably the highest compliment ever paid to a labor leader.

Truist Reminders. Hand-painted sausages have been manufactured by the beef trust. To be used in interior decoration, doubtless.

Up Against It Hard. Montreal Star. "With a coal famine and a money famine in New York at the same time, the United States metropolis bids fair to enjoy all the unmitigated rigours of an American winter."

Here's Nerve For You. Ottawa Journal. "Let's hoist the tariff and keep out foreign goods," cry the protectionists, "and so benefit Canada." We might begin by a high duty on hard coal. Who wants American coal anyway?

Bartenders' Union Meets. The Bartenders' Union held a meeting on Sunday afternoon, at which several important measures came up for consideration. A vote of \$7 was made to one of their members who is ill. The case of Alexander Welch, bartender at the Troquois hotel, was discussed. Welch was suspended some time ago because he continued to work with a non-union man. It is reported that he will be given two days to right matters, or failing to do this, retaliatory measures will be adopted. A vigorous discussion took place on this question.

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