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VALUE OF ARBITRATION.  
The chief counsel for the United Mine Workers has put it on record that there will be no more great strikes, that the differences of opinions in future, affecting the masses, will be referred to arbitration. The ground for this conclusion has not been stated. It is not apparent. The evidence in the coal miners' case has been put in, and to-day the arbitration court is hearing the addresses of counsel in the summing up of results. What the decision will be no one can conceive. It may warrant the assumption that arbitration is the safe, the wise, the only sensible way of adjusting differences, and it may not. The parties to the cause had to be practically forced to arbitrate. They were further apart than ever when winter approached and the sufferings of the people impelled men, from President Roosevelt down, to exercise their influence in the direction of a settlement. At the present time there are mutterings of discontent, and the danger of a new outbreak of the trouble. Arbitration is all right, and the only medium of settling difficulties, but it will never be available readily unless made compulsory, and strangely enough the workmen are opposed to that.

A DESPERATE HOLD-UP.  
It is up to the United States senate to assert its right to legislate as it pleases in the public interest. It has now before it several bills which are designed to regulate the propositions and plans of the Great American Trusts.  
The president gave them his consideration some time ago, and in a series of addresses, which were meant to be educational, he declared that the need of the hour was publicity. He suggested that the great combinations of capital make known their business by certain annual public statements. The republican party has approved of the president's position so far as to take up the legislation he desires and undertake to have it adopted. Progress with it has been reported.  
But just when the outlook seemed to be most favourable a cloud appeared upon the political horizon. It is no bigger than a man's hand, but it has an ominous look. What does it portend? That the trusts do not mean to be trifled with. The situation became apparent when Mr. Rockefeller addressed a note to some member of the upper house, or telegraphed him a message, to the effect that the trusts must be left alone. In other words Mr. Rockefeller, speaking for himself and the Standard Oil company, refuses to make known, in any published form, the business with which he is identified.  
The marvel is that he would knowingly take this position. It is bold and audacious. The question arises, Dare he dictate to the senate? What need it care for him and his millions? Nothing if it is absolutely free from him and his influence. It is hinted that he has lost his head, that he is troubled with the disease that so often affects the wealthy. But Rockefeller is a shrewd business man. He has not hitherto posed as a political czar. Now he draws his bow at a venture and it remains to be seen whether he, in the greatness of his personality, as the personal representative of two hundred and fifty millions, and head of a company representing billions, is stronger than the senate which reflects public opinion and represents a nation's power.  
If a multi-millionaire can hold up the people's parliament it is time the people knew it.  
The analyst for the inland revenue department has given it as his opinion that of all the breakfast foods there is nothing in health giving quality, to be compared with rolled oats.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**  
If the present government has adopted the fiscal policy of the last government, and it is to be the policy of the next government, why this demand for a change?  
Five years ago complaint was made because the government was not encouraging the development of the Falls' power. Now the fear is that it may be developed too much—by private companies.  
Elihu Root, a member of the United States government, in a recent speech, declared that the negro had failed as a political factor and office holder. The process of disfranchising them will be perilous enough.  
The New Brunswick elections take place soon, and the Tweedie government expects to be sustained. It is non-partisan in its character. Mr. Foster, in the last election, undertook to change it, and signally failed.  
Two young women, in Toronto, detected in shop-lifting, were given the option of getting married or going to jail. Has matrimony on the modern plan been put on a level with prison life? An explanation is needed.  
Mr. Creelman, of the agricultural department, has been telling the editors how to run their papers in order to suit the farmers. If the editors undertook to tell Mr. Creelman how to run his office he would not like it a bit.  
Chicago has a great traction franchise to award, and it is willing to let the company have it which yields to the city the largest revenue. A share of twenty per cent.—one cent in five—is contemplated. No cheap fares there.  
The railways will have a higher tariff on the soft coal they carry during the year. An increase in traffic rates of seven per cent., has been agreed on. The consumers will contribute on that basis about five millions to the carrying companies.  
**OBSERVATIONS.**  
Where It Hit Him.  
Talk of Queen Mary having Calais written on her heart? J. B. Whitney says you'll find Manitoulin tattooed on his neck.  
Very Accommodating.  
By the way, if the Empress Dowager isn't dead, we shall be glad to move her back from the obituary column to the society notes.  
A Mixer Or Mudler.  
Hamilton Herald.  
A Wisconsin university professor has thrown up his professorship and accepted a job as bartender. No doubt he thinks it is better to dispense mixed drinks than mixed ideas.  
Not A Thing, Sonny.  
Hamilton Spectator.  
If it is true, as the Toronto Telegram says it is, that "the coon skin coat tells the true story of Canada's wealth," Ottawa is the wealthiest part of Ontario. But hasn't the thermometer something to do with the coon skin coat?  
All In The Tariff.  
Hamilton Times.  
The Pacific cable is not doing much business, only 2,000 words per day, and it is suggested that a reduction of the rate might invite more custom. That is a very sensible idea, and it applies to dry goods and groceries as well as to cable messages.  
Wants Quick Results.  
St. Thomas Journal.  
When John D. Rockefeller gives a million dollars to a church or university he is not satisfied to await its returns in accordance with the Scripture promise, "after many days." He claps a cent a gallon on coal oil and gets it back in a few days.  
The Toronto city council has voted against the firemen's union.

**CANDID CRITICISM.**  
Much comment has been made upon the attitude of the Canadian pressmen as expressed at their recent annual meeting in Toronto. The idea emanated by some of the speakers was that while they had their political leanings and political affiliations they had the right and disposition to criticize passing events with all the candour which the circumstances warranted. It has been said that the salvation of the country, politically, depends upon the opposition in parliament. The stronger it is, and the more active and aggressive, the deeper it goes into the business of the people and the more exacting it is in regard to details, the more cautious the government will be in its proceedings. The country is, or ought to be, however under greater obligation to the press, which makes a note of every important incident in the way of legislation, and discusses it with the freedom that is wholesome and refreshing. This discussion is constantly going on and has more to do than anything else with the education of the masses. The more unbiased it is the better. Hence the proposal that it be as high and exalted as possible, that in all cases and always it be governed by the one great dominant consideration, the public interests. The Whig has done its share of candid criticism, and it is satisfactory to note that the position it has taken has been endorsed by the Canadian Press Association.

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**Puzzle Picture.**  
"I didn't know you were here."  
To whom is she speaking?  
Mines Still Booming.  
Glendower, Feb. 7.—The two feldspar mines are still booming. T. J. Kelly and son, working in the shanty for Thompson & Avery, Sharbot Lake, will return home shortly. J. Wilson has purchased a fine yearling colt from E. Walroth, Piccadilly, Victoria; W. Ludbrooke and sister, Verona; S. Leman's; W. Hoppins, Moreyville, at J. Wilson's.

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By Captain Chasttrand, of Kingston, Ont.  
Last week, I received the visit of a French count, who has been my lieutenant when I was a captain in France. He is now retired from the army and roves about the world in search of information and perhaps of a wife also. He dropped here between two trains, shake hands with his old captain and exchanged a few invisible tears for old remembrance sake.  
He is a count, simply and elegantly dressed, wears no eye-glass, does not give a turn up to his trousers and parts his hair over the left eye. Parting the hair is a great test of fashion. Years ago it was done over the centre of the nose, later on, over the eye, and now, it is on the side, over the top of the ear. Parting of the hair goes far to size up the fashionable man, and has an inch higher or lower is enough to discredit or honour a gentleman.  
My friend is clean shaven, save his mustachios which aim at his eyes, like those of William, of Germany, that are nothing but the very poor and pale imitation of French mustachios. For if you look upon French historical portraits, you will see their mustachios always saucily turned upwards, showing lips and teeth, and never hanging like a veil over their mouth. Modern Frenchmen kept up the old-time fashions, and Germans, who, in 1870, wore wild, bushy beards, where birds could easily nest, have since followed suit.  
However, my friend is a real nobleman, as I said above, he has a few ten cents a dozen batons or marquis but the true article, with a chateau, a solid income, all his teeth and hair, about thirty-five years of age, and a very high quotation on the European and American matrimonial exchanges. As he is also a fine looking fellow of athletic frame, I have no doubt about his soon carrying away one of our irresistible Canadian beauties if he lingers here long enough.  
He speaks fair English, with a slight childish lisp which causes me to inwardly chuckle; but beautiful girls smile at it with pleasure.  
At the club, we spoke of the French army, in fact of all big armies of Europe, and my friend made a little discourse, he was very proud.  
"You, gentlemen of this country seem to entertain erroneous ideas about compulsory military service in Europe. Our modern European armies are a boon for our countries. They are means of spreading education, instruction, physical training and welfare to nations. Of course, it would be an error, here in America. But in Europe the peasant formerly sticks to his land, to his hut, to his hamlet, to his village. Now, at the age of man, he is transplanted into a vast organization.  
"At the beginning, he is clumsy, ignorant, suspicious, coarse, callous, almost a savage. At the end, his head is erect, his step is firm, his look proud, his physique well developed, he is a fine and vigorous man, confident in himself. When he goes back home he is somebody. Before he was somewhat of a brute, after he is a man."  
"At a physical and moral standpoint, European armies are excellent schools which fortify the individual and the nation, whose forces formerly scattered all over the land, are now grouped into a solid whole, owing to military training, and the fact that binds more closely all citizens of a same country, by bringing them in touch with each other, getting better acquainted and rubbing off prejudices of all kinds."  
"At a financial standpoint armies help nations instead of draining them. Money goes out of the individual's purse, passes through the state's treasury and comes back to the individual's pocket, with profits and interest. The soldier is paid by the nation, but he lives upon the nation. He gives work for his clothes, armament, food and lodging. He feels alongside of him an army of workmen to which he will later on belong himself, giving in the ranks his place to a younger man."  
"If they had no armies, old countries of Europe would be overflowing with men without work, dying of hunger or forced to expatriate themselves. In Germany, there are now more than 500,000 idle workmen. Add to the 500,000 that are in the army, and they would have there a nice little million of hungry men pretty hard to handle. And in England, London alone has now over 1,500,000 people, crying for bread in the streets."  
"You, gentlemen, believe also that armies hinder progress in arts, professions, commerce and industry. It is a grave error. France and Germany have now been stronger than they are now in those branches. The fact is everything else. And please note that our people are free to emigrate, if they want to. They have only to ask authorization which is never refused."  
"General disarmament is a fine and generous Utopia, but nobody wants to be the first to begin, for fear of a bad turn from the neighbors. Human nature is so distrustful. And armies are guarantees of universal peace. The strong man never gets into a row. He is feared and nobody tackles him. It is only the weakling—like Venereola, who goes into all kinds of scrapes. It is the same for nations."  
"So, we, European peoples consider our armies as national booms, in time of peace, and supreme protectors of our national patrimony, in time of war. England is the only European nation that has no compulsory military service. She may come to it yet and who knows if she would not be the first of them to do so now. But this is another story and I beg your pardon for keeping you so long."  
The lisp of my friend seemed to have been appreciated by his small but picked audience.  
It now remains with the reader to judge if my ex-lieutenant is right or wrong.

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