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## NATURE NOT TO BLAME

FOR THE FLOODING OF LANDS BY DAMS.

A Bell Hook Resident Writes About the Petworth Dam—Water on Writer's Land Till the First of June.

Bellhook, Jan. 31.—(To the Editor) I wish to say a few words concerning Petworth dam and nature.

The company claims this area was always drowned and always will be. From this we can conclude there is always a supply of water at all times of the year. Why is there any need of a dam at Petworth? To keep back the water in their reservoir to make it appear it will always be drowned? Nature cannot be responsible in this case. If parliament had known what damage these dams had done it would have had more consideration for the farmer. It doesn't seem possible that in this day and age that a government would allow a company to drown land to that extent if it really knew what the farmers have to contend with.

My farm lies at least a mile from the river. I have seen thirty acres of my best land under water till the 1st of June, when the water would drain off and leave the ground covered with dead fish. The stench of them would constitute a menace to the health of the neighborhood. I have seen this with my own eyes. I have seen this with my own eyes.

Now, we are human beings as well as those living along the Napanee river south of the drowned lands. If such a condition prevailed in Yarker, under the nose of the water company their Board of Health would talk differently. Laws of land will not allow the people to spear fish in the spring which would help many a poor man get his living, but allow the conservation company to kill them by driving them out on the flats to die.

Fish, of course, are a good fertilizer, but this land does not need them. If this land was under cultivation it would produce feed enough to winter as much stock again as the farmer can winter at the present time.

Again, the conservation company claims it was always flooded, but the oldest residents claim that the first roads built across this district were corduroy and passable any time of the year.

The first Petworth dam was built below the rapids. That didn't make the reservoir large enough, so they rebuilt it at the head of the rapids, making this section its reservoir, which they say is the fault of nature a fair contradiction from their own words.

I am glad the old residents are not dead yet else the company would make the younger generation and the government and Board of Trade believe all they say is facts.

I was taught and learned from experience that water seeks its lowest level and if the company let nature have its way the water (in the spring freshets) as they would naturally drain into the river at a reasonable rate to leave the land fit for tillage.

The spring freshets last till June many a year. The farmer must wait till the land is dry in order to sow

his grain. Now Messrs. Benjamin and O'Loughlin ask what grain can be sown at this time of the year to reach maturity. Is this fair dealing for the farmer? Ask the leaders of the Farmers' Institute who are trying to educate the young men of our day in agricultural pursuits.

A year ago last December the road leading from Verona directly south was covered with water and ice. I met a Kingston undertaker about dark taking a corpse through to Parham. He got partly across the ice when he was compelled to turn back, drive to Harrington to take the Hinchinbrooke road, a journey of about thirteen miles, instead of five miles. Think of those poor dumb brutes to take that journey after coming from Kingston and a long journey ahead before they reached their destination.

I consider Petworth dam a public nuisance to the land, and to the health of the community as it even renders the water in our wells unfit for use.

I hope those who have the power in their hands will mete out justice to the farmer as well as to the company.—Wellington Varnest.

## DEFICIT OF \$6,000,000

Banker Who Placed Canadian Stocks Taken Into Custody

Paris, Feb. 2.—M. Leconte, a banker and a member of the firm of Leconte and Klotz, which placed a lot of Canadian stocks, including that of Magnesia Mines, on the markets, was arrested on Saturday. An investigation of his books shows that \$4,000,000 deposits with the firm have been misappropriated. The books show a deficit of \$6,000,000. Among the complainants against Leconte are the Archbishops of Bruges and Alencon.

"Fatigue Bug" is Latest Boston, Feb. 2.—Beware of the "fatigue bug," which is according to physicians and scientists, about the most insidious and pernicious little destroyer of the human system yet discovered.

Dr. William H. Waters, professor of pathology at the Boston University School of Medicine, as a result of investigation declares that not only is fatigue the beginning of a toxic condition of the system, but that the longer the fatigue continues the more blocked becomes the system with the poison thus generated, until eventually a general breaking down of the entire health ensues.

He says: "Fatigue is the result of excessive amounts of poison turned into the system—the body is suddenly poisoned. If we rest the surplus poison is gradually carried away, but if we continue to keep our bodies in this half-poisoned state, in time the whole system becomes permanently affected by it."

Postmaster-General Burslem has submitted to the United States Senate his plan for government ownership and control of the telephone and telegraph lines.

Thomas B. Roy, Toronto, who has been practicing osteopathy, is charged with having stolen money from an aged man whom he was treating.

A political sensation has been caused in Great Britain by the revelations of a parliamentary correspondent.

## TRIP ROUND THE WORLD

In an Aeroplane—First Entrant in Contest.

New York, Feb. 2.—Captain Thomas Baldwin to-day was the first entrant in the proposed round the world aeroplane flight of the Panama-Pacific exposition for which prizes aggregating \$300,000 are expected to be offered.

The race will start from the exposition grounds in May 1915 as now planned, and must be completed within ninety days.

The announcement of the Aero Club of America offer, tremendously interested Claude Grahame-White to-day, but the English aviator was skeptical of any one winning the prize.

"Certainly the flight around the world, as prescribed in the Aero clubs offer is impossible with the present construction of aeroplanes," said he.

## WARNING TO DETECTIVES

That They Are Liable to Be Arrested.

Quebec City, Feb. 2.—Hon. L. A. Taschereau, chairman of the committee investigating the charges of bribery of members of the Quebec legislature by the Burns detectives who put up a "plant" said to-day that the immunity granted by the legislature to the Burns detectives, as witnesses, would be of no value in case of criminal proceedings under the federal act the dominion code provides fourteen years imprisonment for bribers and proceedings may be taken against the detectives by friends of the accused legislators.

Mrs. Caroline Taylor, widow of the late Richard Taylor Belleville, died on Saturday, aged eighty-six years. She was of United Empire Loyalist stock and born in Belleville. She was an Anglican, and is survived by two daughters.

Benjamin Alkerton, a well known and respected resident of Elizabethtown, died on Friday night at the residence of his son-in-law, David Perrin, second concession of Elizabethtown, after a long illness, aged seventy-seven years.



Washington, Feb. 2.—By the terms of the recent interstate commerce order, the new express rates, which went into effect to-day, will be approximately seventeen per cent. lower than heretofore. The express companies report a reduction of over twenty-five per cent. in their volume of business since the introduction of the parcel post. The new express rates are, in many instances, lower than those of the parcel post, and mean direct competition. The express companies have in the last few months been very solicitous for new business, as contrasted with their independent "come-to-us" policy heretofore observed.

## Big Car Order.

New York, Feb. 2.—The Union Pacific railway has placed an order for 5,000 freight cars which will involve an outlay of approximately \$5,500,000. Delivery will start in April and all will be turned over to the company before the crop moving season begins. The American Car and Foundry Co. is to build 2,000 and the Pressed Steel Car Co. the balance.

## Invested Over Four Millions

Montreal, Feb. 2.—During the past year \$4,000,000 was invested in the Dominion of Canada by the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, said A. G. B. Claxton, K.C., the counsel of the company, who has just returned to Montreal after attending the annual meeting in New York.

## Standard Oil Bows to Law

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—The Standard Oil Company of California to-day offered to stockholders of record 45,184 shares of treasury stock. Each

stockholder is permitted to subscribe in proportion to his holdings. The plan was first submitted to the state authorities to get their approval. In bowing to the will of the people and submitting its new financing plan to the State Railway Commission for its approval, the Standard Oil Company of California sprung a big sensation in the local financial world. In fact, California street has not yet recovered from its surprise.

## Hygeia Ice Issue

Montreal, Feb. 2.—It is expected that a public offering of preferred stock of the Hygeia Ice company will be made shortly. The company is capitalized at \$1,500,000, evenly divided between common and preferred stock, and \$400,000 bonds. There will be issued \$200,000 bonds and \$300,000 of both common and preferred stocks.

## Financial Notes.

Earnings of the Hamburg-American line for 1913 were \$15,000,000, an increase of \$2,000,000 over 1912.

The quarterly report of the United States Steel company showed net earnings of \$23,036,349, or about what had been expected.

Directors of the National City bank, New York, the largest financial institution in the United States, voted to join the federal reserve system.

Sherbrooke, Que., has sold \$300,000 worth of bonds at 88 1/2. The deal has just been put through and the purchasers are the Dominion Securities Corporation, Limited, of Montreal.

The sale of a seat on the New York Stock Exchange for \$55,000, an increase of \$5,000 over the preceding transaction, is an additional indication of the trend of events in stock market conditions.

The Childs company, which operates a chain of restaurants through the United States and Canada, reports that earnings last year were smaller than in 1912.

A. J. Ferguson, of Hanson & Ferguson, purchased a seat on the Montreal Stock Exchange at \$26,250. The purchase, it is believed, was of the seat held by Richardson & Co.

Assiduous attempts are being made to merge half a dozen properties on the borders of or within a short distance of Pearl Lake, Porcupine. To date these efforts have not been effectual. The properties to be included in the proposed merger are the Pleasants, the Suter, the Pearl Lake, the McIntyre, the Schumacher and the Vipond.

A pretty wedding was solemnized in St. Edward's church, Westport, last Monday, when Miss Margaret Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Scanlan, was united in marriage to John Dunn Hamilton, Elgin.

The clock in the tower of the new post office at Athens was started Thursday night.

## CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Leader of Albanian Revolt to Pay Greatest Penalty

Aylova, Albania, Feb. 3.—Bekas Aga, the leader of a revolutionary movement, which began here early in January, with the object of placing Izet Pasha, former Turkish minister of war, on the Albanian throne, was condemned to death after a trial. Nine Turkish officers implicated in the movement were sentenced to imprisonment of from three to fifteen years.

## TWENTY GYPSIES POISONED

Meat Intended to Catch Wolves in Northern Spain

Madrid, Feb. 2.—A despatch received from Becerra, in Lugo province, says that twenty gypsies have died in horrible agony as the result of eating poisoned meat which was intended for wolves that infest the district.

The death is reported after a very brief illness of Mrs. Grace E. Deaton, "Lady Gay," for many years one of the staff writers of Toronto Saturday Night and one of the best-known women journalists of Canada. Bridge Street Methodist Church, Belleville, was rededicated, on Sunday, after alterations and improvements to the extent of \$25,000.

The war office will not give way and allow the aperture sight to be used by the Canadian team at Bisley.

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## What a Lady in Ontario says.

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## The Wonder Is They Let Jeff Get Away With It By "Bud" Fisher

**Panel 1:** A man in a suit (Jeff) is running away from a dog on a leash. A speech bubble says: "I'M TOO SOFT HEARTED FOR THIS KIND OF A JOB."

**Panel 2:** The man is running faster. A speech bubble says: "HONK! HONK! HONK!"

**Panel 3:** A policeman in uniform is chasing the man. A speech bubble says: "SIR, YOU CAN'T IMAGINE HOW SORRY I AM; IT WAS PURELY AN ACCIDENT BUT THIS MUST BE GREATLY. I KNOW THAT I CAN'T REPLACE THE AFFECTION YOU HAD FOR YOUR LOST PET BUT—"

**Panel 4:** The man is talking to a dog owner. A speech bubble says: "SIR, I'M DEEPLY PAINED ABOUT THIS THING AND WILL DO THE BEST I CAN TO REPLACE THE DOG. THERE'S NO NEED GOING TO COURT. HERE'S \$50 FOR THE DOG!"

**Panel 5:** The man is talking to the policeman. A speech bubble says: "OH, THAT'S ALL RIGHT I WAS JUST TAKING HIM DOWN THE ROAD TO SHOOT HIM MYSELF."