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HOUSEWIVES WRONG BLAMED

The Chicago Tribune says that the housewives are largely to blame for the increased cost of living because so many of them do their buying by telephone and have the goods delivered, instead of going to the store, making their purchases in person, and taking their goods home in the old-fashioned market-basket. They pay for the cost of delivery. We think there is very little in this. If all purchasers went to do their buying in person and took the goods purchases away with them, merchants would be able to sell at somewhat lower prices because they would not have to bear the expense of delivery. But so long as merchants maintain a delivery system they must charge the cost of it against all goods sold, whether delivered or not. No customer, by carrying away the goods she buys, instead of having them delivered, is able to buy them any cheaper.

HONOR TO WORKERS.

The friends of the Whitney government are pluming themselves upon the Workmen's Compensation Act, which it placed upon the statute books this year. The Tories did this, evidently, very grudgingly, after a long fight and clamor on the part of the labor and liberal parties, but now, seeing that it has caught popular favor, they want to make the best of their legislation. But it will not down, as it is well known their absolute disregard of the interests of labor in all its aspects, even to the extent of allowing its labor legislation to be administered by the agricultural department. But labor is not to be robbed of its hue. The District Trades and Labor Council of Toronto has named a special committee of twenty, calling for the recognition of two leading labor men, for services rendered in connection with the compensation bill. The statement issued by the council is to the effect that the bill has been secured after five years of strenuous effort, two men, Frederick Bancroft and Joseph Gibbons, Toronto, working day and night to secure its passage. They labored without remuneration and now the council is seeking to raise a fund of \$3,000, at the rate of ten cents a head, to be given these men as a small return for services rendered. This does not look as though very much conservative seal had been spent in bringing the bill to its present state. Along with the labor men the liberals worked for years to get a suitable law placed upon the statute books.

ICE CREAM.

The increase in the use of ice cream in the cities of Canada has been given as a reason for the lessened production of butter and cheese, in some sections at least, and incidentally for the higher cost of milk to consumers. The cold confection is one of the luxuries the growing demand for which helps to that higher cost of living which economists and politicians discuss with greater or lesser knowledge and good purpose. It has from time to time been made the subject of analysis by the laboratory of the Department of Inland Revenue, sometimes with results less satisfactory than could be desired. The latest record made, however, may be regarded as good, is the opinion of the Montreal Gazette. The officials of the laboratory, like others who discharge similar duties elsewhere, are inclined, it would seem, to set a rather high standard for foodstuffs, and, for lack of a more appropriate term, they classify as "adulterated" what fails to show the fixed percentage of nutriment of the kind required. In the case of ice cream fourteen per cent. of milk fat is fixed as the minimum for the plain article, with twelve per cent. when fruit or nuts are used. Failure

to show this required percentage is the chief ground of condemnation set out in the latest bulletin, which deals with the analysis of one hundred and thirty-five samples, taken throughout Canada. Of the whole lot seventy-seven were declared genuine, eight were set down as "slightly below the required standard," which means that there was a deficiency of less than one per cent. of fat, and forty-nine were declared to be adulterated. In some cases the one fault was that the percentage of butter fat was too low, but in some others gelatin had been used to give strength to the mass and in others starch had been added for the same purpose. Neither of these articles are harmful in themselves, and their presence in the food only means that the purchaser gets less cream or milk than he has reason to expect. There are food articles which show less satisfactory conditions.

DEPRESSING CONDITIONS

During the campaign of 1911 it was declared from every conservative platform and printed in every conservative newspaper that the passage of the reciprocity agreement would check Canadian prosperity, ruin Canadian industries, destroy Canadian railways, create financial depression, bring widespread unemployment throughout the dominion. "Defeat the liberals and reciprocity, save Canada, preserve and increase Canadian reciprocity" was the conservative cry.

The liberals were defeated. What has followed in the time which has elapsed since that defeat and the accession of the Borden government to office?

To-day Canada is experiencing the worst period of financial depression in many years. Many Canadian industrial plants have been shut down; others are working on part-time only. The earnings of Canadian railways have been decreasing. Unemployment prevails to an extent hitherto unknown in the dominion.

In Toronto not long ago hundreds of men thronged eagerly to an office which had advertised a vacancy upon its staff. In Hamilton three weeks ago, four hundred men paraded the streets, idle, seeking any work which would earn them food. In Montreal 5,000 out-of-works besieged the city hall to plead for work from the civic authorities. A few days later two hundred more gathered before the residence of a Montreal alderman to enlist his support to find them work. Labor conditions in these cities have been worse at this time than at any other time during the past twenty-six years. Similar reports have come from other Canadian cities.

Various reasons are given by the Borden ministers and their newspapers for the present conditions. Hon. Mr. White, for example, talks loftily of "the phenomena of recurring world-cycles" of depression. But the outstanding fact remains: In place of abundant prosperity and abundant employment there has come to Canada under Borden rule a period of severe depression and scarcity of work for the laboring man. To make matters worse, moreover, the government is plunging into reckless, wasteful expenditures, squandering millions on armories and other unproductive works, and adding to the tariff for the benefit of the special interests which placed it in power.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The drowning season appears to have set in with an unwelcome number of accidents. Is it the old story of familiarity breeding contempt?

No newspaper man will vote for suffrage for women until they learn to read a newspaper without distributing the loose sheets all over the floor.

The Toronto Telegram enquires: Why should Sir James Whitney run his party up against Ontario's disgust with the C.N.R. collapse of the Borden government at Ottawa.

Canada has spent \$4,900,000 on drill halls since confederation. Nearly half of the total has been spent by Col. Hughes in the past three years. And he has only got started in his work.

Jerome will get only \$19,000 for chasing Thaw about. He asked \$39,000. Still he is being fairly well paid for his travels. While he went to jail in Canada it wasn't in pursuance of direct line of duty to the state.

Rowell candidates are being put in to the ridings with splendid hope of success. The Rowell policies are appealing with force to temperance and social workers everywhere. Scores of conservatives are putting principles before party.

A hundred and sixty cigarettes per capita per year for all the men, women and children in the United States is the year's record. A cigarette for all the males. Three cigarettes a day for all the males old enough to smoke. This must mean that the cigarette smoker, who can't be more than one in four of the grown up

male population, is indulging in the habit very assiduously.

Hitherto it has been against the regulations of the Church of England to read the regularly proscribed burial service over those who have laid violent hands upon themselves and committed suicide. It is announced in the press that under the proposed changes in the prayer book it will be permissible to hold the burial service over those who have destroyed themselves. It is a sensible and eminently Christian change.

Messrs. Bennett and Nickle, the conservative members for Calgary and Kingston, having come out in opposition to their party on the proposals to aid the C.N.R. men and newspapers who used to praise them are predicting their political ruin. There is something in the views of the Stratford Beacon that more of the spirit shown by Messrs. Bennett and Nickle would result sometimes in parties not doing some of the things which they do, and which are not in the interests of the country, as this one is not.

PUBLIC OPINION

The Test of Daring.
Boston Transcript.
Any one of the mediators who votes to unseat Huerta should begin his trip back home by going over the Falls in a barrel.

Advertising the Congo.
Brandon Daily News.
Belgium is to put the Congo Free State on the real estate market. It ought to bring a good price, judging from the advertising it has had.

Nordica's Voice Preserved.
Quebec Daily Telegraph.
Madame Nordica is gone, but, thanks to modern invention, her voice does not depart with her, and remains to delight future generations.

In the Grand Old Days.
Kansas City Star.
There used to be a time when all a young man had to do in order to make good was to marry his employer's daughter and succeed to the business.

A Fearful Prospect.
Moose Jaw Morning News.
W. E. Knowles, M.P., prefers Indian dances to the tango. If he ever gets into another election campaign around here he will probably have to dance everything on the list.

Hot Air Statements.
Belleville Intelligencer.
Nickle, of Kingston, and Bennett, of Calgary, seem to be in the lime-light for the present. Nothing like a certain amount of hot air to get one's face in the papers. But with deep thinkers neither made progress politically.

Altogether Wrong.
Calgary Herald.
If Sir William Mackenzie told W. F. Nickle, M.P., for Kingston, that there is no room in Canadian politics for an independent party man, he was guilty of a lapse from his usual splendid habit of discretion; also, he was altogether wrong.

No Snap.
Brookville Recorder.
Being head of a government isn't the snap that some people imagine, and it loses all semblance of jollity when leading members of the party not only balk on following the leader, but, in addition to this, begin shying rocks at him and his policy.

Kingston Events
25 YEARS AGO

Memorial stone of new St. Andrew's church was laid by Mrs. Mackie, wife of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Mackie.

Knights of Labor held their annual picnic at Channel-Grove. Sons of England attended service in St. James church. Rev. J. K. McMorine preached.

There were 560 boxes of white and colored cheese boarded at the meeting-to-day of the Frontenac cheese board. They were sold at eight cents.

Less Than 40 Per Cent.
Dawn of Day, London.
It is so often asserted that the Welsh people are mainly dissenters that the statement is commonly accepted as a true one. The bishop of St. David's, who is untiring in his endeavor to present the real facts to the public, has been at pains to investigate the official figures relating to the membership of the four principal sects—Baptists, Calvinistic Methodists, Wesleyans, and Congregationalists—and his results have been communicated to the press. To begin with, between the years 1901 and 1912, there is registered a decline in the number of full members from 534,410 to 492,228, and there is a corresponding fall in the number of Sunday school scholars. All told the dissenters of Wales number 363,227 out of a total population of 2,429,921, as shown by the last census. The proportion, therefore, of Welsh dissenters to population is rather less than 40 per cent.

It Happened Near Binghamton.
Utica, N. Y. Press.
There is an angry man in a certain town near Binghamton. He told the owners of a church that when he sold a calf he would make a liberal donation. The next Sunday he went to church. The choir sang "The calf has never been sold," but the owner of the calf is deaf and thought the choir sang "The calf has never been sold." Now he stays away from church, because he feels insulted and if the calf is sold the elders will not get the donation.

LEAVES BELLBOY \$30,000

Mrs. George D. Farrar is Very Generous.
Pittsfield, Mass., May 23.—Because he was always pleasant and prompt in his service to her as bellboy, Great Barrington inn, Mrs. George D. Farrar, of New York, in her will bequeathed to Timothy Connelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Busard Connelly, of Bridge street, Great Barrington, \$30,000. The will of Mrs. Farrar, which has just been filed in New York, leaves \$250,000 to charity.

Mrs. Farrar was a patron at the inn for twenty years. Connelly, who is eighteen years old, was attentive and always knew and anticipated her wants. She was appreciative and in 1912 paid for a winter's tuition in the Hallock School for Boys in Great Barrington. Last fall before she went to New York after her summer sojourn in the hills she decided to Connelly a cozy house with a large lot on Bridge street, which his parents now occupy.

WOMAN BREAKS UP SERVICE

Seizes Candles and Hurts Them at Congregation.
Joliet, Ill., May 23.—While Rev. Anton Berk was saying mass in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church Mrs. Joseph Stukel ran up the church aisle, seized an armful of candles from the altar, candleholders and hurled them at the congregation. The priest had just concluded "Gloria." The frenzied woman turned her attack to him, but he continued his service, ignoring her blasphemous and a fusillade of candles. Mrs. Stukel rushed to the altar, seized the golden candlestick and renewed her attack. When Mrs. George Stonich was struck in the face with one of the heavy candlesticks the acolytes at the altar and the congregation fled. A riot squad of policemen was summoned and arrested Mrs. Stukel after a struggle, while Rev. Mr. Berk calmly continued the services. The police believe Mrs. Stukel is insane.

Manifesting Fine Spirit
Toronto Globe.
There is a fine spirit among the liberals and much enthusiasm. It is recognized that under Mr. Rowell's leadership the party is on the upgrade. Its policies commend themselves to progressive citizens who are not wedded to party. Its representatives in the legislature have fought persistently and steadily for public rights and for economical government during the past three sessions of the legislature. The sincerity of the leader and his determination to make the abolition of the bar the supreme issue in the campaign are admitted by his bitterest opponents.

Electricity for Superfluous Fat
Prof. F. Nagelschmidt, inventor of the famous "diathermy treatment," has been demonstrating in London the effect of a new electric current which, when applied to a patient, causes rhythmic muscular contractions that are intense but quite painless. The result of these muscular contractions is the using of all the spare fat in the tissues, which makes the treatment valuable in cases of obesity. Forty patients have been subjected to the treatment. Prof. Nagelschmidt says they have been deprived of a total of 500 pounds of unwanted fat.

Conference on City Planning
Toronto, May 23.—All preparations have completed for the international conference on city planning, which is to meet in this city during the first half of the coming week. The Duke of Connaught has accepted an invitation to preside at the opening of the conference. It is expected the attendance will be delegates from all parts of Canada and from many of the leading cities of the United States.

BIRTHDAYS
Note

ATURDAY, MAY TWENTY-THIRD

This is the fifty-sixth birthday of Edward Ernest Prince, Canadian Commissioner of Fisheries and an international authority in his special line. He was born in Leeds, England, and until 1893 was engaged in academic work in the old country, holding professional positions in the Universities of Edinburgh, St. Andrew's and Glasgow successively. He also carried on important investigations under the auspices of the Scottish Fishery Board, work which brought him to the attention of the Canadian Government. Since coming to this country he has done excellent service for the Dominion Fisheries, acting as chairman for numerous commissions of inquiry and introducing valuable reforms, such as the experimental curing of herring by the Scottish staff of girls and curers, the establishment of dogfish and fishmeal works and the building of fish-sectors.

Also born to-day:—
Edward Brown, former leader of the Liberal party in Manitoba, born at Gresham, Ont., 1865.

The worst forest fire for years is raging in the vicinity of Coquitlam, B.C., and scores of narrow capes are reported, with many rumors of loss of life. After a prolonged illness, Dora, wife of Right Rev. P. T. Rowe, D.D., Anglican bishop of Alaska, passed away. The see house in Seattle, Wash. The by-election in the county of acquies Carter, the seat vacated by the late Hon. F. D. Monk, will likely be held this summer. George Kappel, K.C., Toronto, who has been lying at the Wellesley hospital for some time in a critical condition, died on Friday.

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