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THE MACHINE AT WORK.

Mr. Douglass, retiring from the contest in Baldwin county, said it was not in the best interests of the party that he should stand. He "did not agree with all that it had done." It is sadly lacking in a policy for the masses, he said.

Hon. Mr. Hearst, who followed him, urged those present to vote for the conservative, irrespective of whether they thought he was the best man or not. That is machine politics. It is an epitome of the doctrine which has been preached in this city, that a member of parliament, elected a supporter of the government, is not expected to exercise any independence of mind.

HUMAN EFFORT FAILS

The latest information with regard to the wreck of the Empress of Ireland is to the effect that the collision and dreadful loss of life which accompanied it were the result of a pure misunderstanding, of confusion for which there is really no accounting.

It was two o'clock in the morning when the vessels sighted each other. Capt. Kendall, an experienced man, was on duty on the Empress' bridge, and stopped the engines. Had he continued his course there would have been no accident. The captain of the Storstad was off duty. He was called up when danger was imminent. The question of right of way was not considered. His vessel was slowed down. Had his engines been stopped there would have been no trouble. Had both kept going, but sheared off, keeping each other at a long distance, in the mist or fog, hundreds of persons would have been living to-day, and hundreds of others would have been free of mourning.

Now a court of competent persons will take evidence, only to learn that the unexpected happened and that all that can be said or done will not offer any guarantee against the possibility of it again. It is not possible to build or equip a ship which cannot meet with mishaps when its fate or future depends upon human effort or endeavor. Man, the most perfect of all creations, like the most perfect machinery, will fail at critical times.

DAMNING THE ROUTE.

The attempt is being made, unfairly and unreasonably, to represent the St. Lawrence route as particularly dangerous for freight and passenger business. The Buffalo Times says the Empress of Ireland accident illustrates the seriousness of the case, that the dangers of the route have been remedied as far as possible by the ingenuity and resources of man, "but they are too great to be completely avoided." The dangers, specially emphasized are the rocks which the officers of boats are unable to see because of the fog.

These dangers are being unduly magnified. The Newfoundland disaster—one of many of its kind—and regarding which a commission has just reported, was as bad as any that has occurred on the St. Lawrence. The Titanic's destruction took place at sea, away from the rocks and the fog of the St. Lawrence. In the New York Herald on Monday are the accounts of two arrivals, A. of the Campania, of the Anchor Line, after

a perilous run of many hours through fog and ice floe several degrees below the normal steamship line; and (2) of the Aquitania, a Cunarder, which, off Cape Race, Nfld., because of fog, had to slow down and feel her way for eight hours.

The St. Lawrence will surely suffer some on account of the Empress of Ireland accident, but to abandon it would not be to dodge the perils of ocean travel. The Montreal Herald puts the matter fairly when it says that "while humanity is fallible and material destructive, accidents can happen, and as easily in New York harbour as in the River St. Lawrence."

TROUBLE IN A PICNIC.

A western conservative print, signified the announcement that the local election was on by printing a suggestive cartoon. Miss Canada was pictured as the hostess at a picnic, and Sir James Whitney as her boy attendant was loaded down with the usual basket filled with good things. The inference was plain. The dissolution of the legislature, and the appeal to the people, was a pleasurable incident in which the politicians carrying certain colours would surely enjoy themselves.

Well, the proceedings have not begun too well. There have been misadventures, and they have brought inexpressible annoyance to the participants in the aforesaid political picnic. It is announced that the ministers will stomp the province in the interest of the party. Dr. Pyno is not referred to. Is his name not on the invitation list? Is the estimate of the party, as expressed by one paper, and to the effect that he is no good and should be removed from office, accepted by the premier? It would appear so. Another member of the government, Dr. Reaume, has been rejected by his constituency, in spite of the gerrymander to make it safe, and despite the fact that Sir James Whitney had intimated, (or commanded), that he should be the standard-bearer.

At Peterboro R. J. Soden, a conservative, accepted the nomination of the conservative party, but in doing so intimated that he was a believer in, and strong supporter of, Mr. Rowell's policy of abolishing the bar. Moreover, and very sad too, was the refusal of the North-East Toronto Tories to permit Mr. McNaught, their former member, to attend this picnic of Miss Canada, and rumour has it that there will be political ructions in consequence.

Political picnics are very popular events when there is peace and harmony among those who attend these events. But when there is trouble, when a party is divided against itself, when the members defy or ignore its leaders, when they abuse and ostracise the men who bear the Whitney label of recognition, there is something of the funeral flavour about them. One can afford to eat them out.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Whitney government, early in its career, undertook to abolish the spoils system. Sir James surrendered when he found that the party needed the pap.

The scandals in the British army will surely cease when all the grafters and hoodlars are put in jail. By the incarceration of the first batch the air of official London has already become pure.

The candidature of Ald. Wiley, a labour candidate, is referred to by the St. Catharines Standard as "an amazing proposition." He is opposing a conservative partizan, and, of course, his is an "unpardonable sin."

The Whitney government has reigned long enough for its own sake and the sake of the province. A change now would be bad for the patronage peddlers, but they have been fattening long enough at the public crib.

A book has been issued by E. G. Harman to show that Bacon wrote the poems of both Spenser and Shakespeare. He was one of the world's prodigies, and until Mr. Harman got it in his work, no one seems to have suspected it.

The workmen who desire to know how the act for their compensation for injury came to be passed will not fail to read up the proceedings of the legislature since 1907. The literature is convenient. No one can be deceived who wants to know the facts.

At the opening of the session Mr. Rowell moved for the appointment of a minister of labour. It would have been for him to study and promote the betterment of the condition of the workers of Ontario. The proposition was voted down by order of Mr. Hanson. Why?

The Ottawa Journal would have been better pleased over the Sir Wilfrid Laurier presentation if it had been shared in by all the members of parliament. That would have been nice. But somehow it is not human for men to hand each other bouquets one day and axes the next.

In Mr. McNaught, of Toronto, being sacrificed because he has been suspect-

ed of too much friendliness for Sir William Mackenzie, the principal owner of the Toronto street railway? It looks that way. Which suggests that Sir William cannot be regarded any more as a mascot.

The feat of the hour is the performance of Alice Bales, who saw a man stroke out, and boldly and courageously imitating him, swam out to safety and salvation. Her's is an example worth preserving in the literature of the times and in connection with the Empress of Ireland disaster.

PUBLIC OPINION

The Very Latest. Syracuse Standard-Post. The newest cocktail is the Rio Teodoro. It isn't made with grape juice. Milk perhaps and a teaspoonful of brandy.

Some Category. Hamilton Spectator. It will prove just as difficult to abolish anti-tipping as anti-treating. Human nature can not be changed by act of parliament.

So They Are. Toronto Globe. Hon. Bill Hanna will discover that the electors of Ontario are taking more interest in reforms that affect the people outside the jails.

Will Pay the Price. London Advertiser. A broken leg is a big price to pay for witnessing a circus parade. But there isn't a boy in the land who wouldn't sooner break a leg than miss the "Big Show."

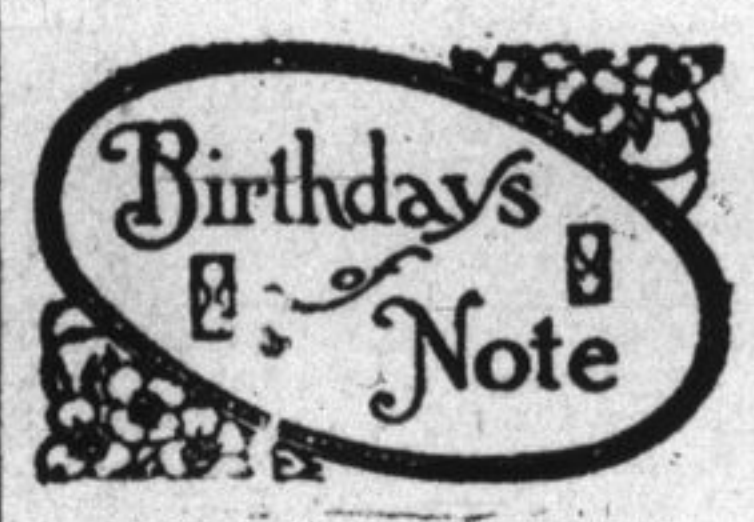
A Telling Slogan. Montreal Mail. The liberals of Brantford, Ontario, have nominated a man named Ham for the provincial elections. "Ham and eggs" ought to be a winning slogan in an anti-cost-of-living campaign.

Lucky Babies. St. Thomas Journal. The St. Thomas mothers are busy grooming their newly-born kids for the big baby show on July 12th, but it's a wise kid that knows enough to smile and wink at the judge when he catches the latter's eye.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

To-day a Division street lad wanted to die, and took a dose of Paris green. Remorse seized him and he told his mother and a doctor saved him with a stomach pump. The police sergeants were granted an increase in salary at a meeting of the police commissioners. They still hold the position of lamplighters for which they are not allowed to receive remuneration.

Some person has caused the death of several cows as the result of spreading poison around the streets.



THURSDAY, JUNE FOURTH

Thomas Longboat, the famous Indian runner, is twenty-seven years of age to-day. He was born on the Caledonia Reserve and first sprang into prominence by winning the Hamilton Herald road race of nineteen miles in 1906. The following year he won the Boston Marathon road race of twenty-five miles in record time and in spectacular fashion. After that he ran many races with more or less distinction, becoming a professional in 1908 and meeting such champions as Donovan Prater, Alfred Shomb, and William Sherrine. For several years he was a popular idol in Canada but now, like many athletic heroes, his fame is forgotten.

Also born to-day: Lt.-Col. R. G. E. Leckie, Vancouver; B.C., born 1869. John Hyde, Montreal, born 1853. Prof. S. M. MacVane, Cambridge, Mass., born Bothwell, P.E.I. 1842.

GERMAN PROVERBS.

The lazy become industrious in the evening. Nobility and nobleness are two different things.

Every beginning is difficult, as said the thief on stealing an anvil to commence with. Better go to bed without supper than rise with debts.

The parsons labor in God's vineyard and the doctors in his churchyard. He who does not become handsome before twenty years of age, strong before thirty, wise before forty, rich before fifty—on such a man hops and mait are lost.

Big Contract Awarded

Ottawa, June 4.—A contract was awarded by the government to James Bros., Calgary, for the interior elevator at Calgary. It will cost about \$750,000, and have a capacity of 2,500,000 bushels.

Wise and : Otherwise

Presence of mind in lovemaking is apt to indicate absence of heart.

Many a man who has that tired feeling did not acquire it legitimately.

There's always room at the top—and always a crowd at the bottom.

A bully is a man who is always waiting to fight some other man half his size.

Still, if you find yourself in a rat, remember that a rat is the smoothest part of the road.

Nothing Doing.



Say, Clarence, how do you spell "fo-hetty"?

I don't spell it!

That Peak's Last Paragraph.

Living on a prominent corner and sleeping with all windows open leads one to believe that the most popular "last line" any time between 4 p.m. and 6 a.m. is, "Good-bye. Be sure and call me up." It averages fifty per cent; but the most seasonable "last line" at present seems, "Got your umbrella on? Don't forget your umbrella." On second thought, that might also be a first liner, double-header, as it were.

Conditions.

Ogden—Going to get a new suit this spring? Owsen—If I can find a new tailor.

Wise Mrs. Wye.

Mrs. Exc—Your husband looks as if he had a will of his own. Mrs. Wye—He has; but I generally add a coddler to it.

A Worker.

"So you worked your way through college?" Your father must be proud of you. "Not much! He's the man I worked."

Dark Emphasis.

Aunt Liza's former mistress was talking to her one morning, when suddenly she discovered a little pickaninny standing shyly behind his mother's skirts. "Is this your little boy, Aunt Liza?" she asked. "Yes, Miss; dat's Prescriptions."

"Goodness, what a funny name, aunt, for a child! How in the world did you happen to call him that?" "Ah simply calls him dat becuz Ah has sech hard work gettin' him billed." —Ladies' Home Journal.

He Ducked the Axe.

Mrs. Hen—"What makes that duck look so happy, when he knows that we are all going to be sold?" Mr. Rooster—"Why, my dear, he was sold to a vegetarian."

Quite A Social Event.

"Mabel, I'm drawn on the grand jury?" "I am I, Gertrude."

"Your responsibilities will be heavy." "I realize that. What shall we wear?" —Livingstone Lance.

Driven To It.

"Can you make me a bureau with a secret drawer?" "I just want to have a place where I can keep a few clothes. My wife's things occupy all the visible space." —Louisville Courier-Journal.

Not Inclined.

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, mister, the plane may be inclined, but hangs me if I am!" —Pearson's Weekly.

What He Caught.

"Does your husband go fishing?" "Yes," replied young Mrs. Torkins. "And does he catch anything?" "Yes, I heard him telling a friend how, after great patience and perseverance, he caught his third one." —Washington Star.

Couldn't Find It.

"Mary, why didn't you sound the dinner gong?" "I tried, m. I couldn't find it." "Why, there it is on the hall table!" "I know, m. You said this morning that was the breakfast gong." —The Skech.

Try It Brothers.

Two men were talking of the hard times. "Does your wife ever grieve because she threw over a wealthy man in order to marry you?" queried Hall. "Well, she started to, once," was the reply, "but I cured her of it without delay."

"I wish you would tell me how," said Hall. "I started right in grieving with her," replied the other, "and I grieved harder and longer than she did!" —Lippincott's.

Say, what is honor? 'Tis the finest sense of justice which the human mind

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