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A Texas man says he can remember when pie was five cents a cut. But as he is 127 years old, that goes far to explain it.

The mail service between Canada and Germany has been resumed. But nobody will take advantage of the opportunity to send the ex-kaiser any congratulations on his birthday.

"A lighthouse in the deep" is the way Lloyd George refers to the peace treaty, but American Republican senators prefer to consider it a lure to hidden rocks.—London Advertiser.

A committee of Belleville business men propose to purchase some 7,000 acres of bay shore land between that city and Trenton, and to offer it for industrial sites. It is a laudable scheme, and something that Kingston might well follow.

The sad accident that occurred at Loughboro Lake on Monday again emphasizes the frailness and danger of the canoe, even in the hands of expert swimmers. For those who cannot swim it is a veritable death-trap.

The Civil Service Commission finds that the cost of living in Canada has increased over 53 per cent., and proposes to re-arrange salaries accordingly. The small salaried man will wish he were a government employee.

Canada paid a staggering price for her right to become a member of the League of Nations, and that right has been admitted by Great Britain and France. All of ex-President Tatt's preachments cannot alter that fact.

The war is over, the peace treaty signed, the heavyweight title settled, and the Atlantic ocean crossed both ways by aircraft. What is the next big interest? Oh, yes—how to pay the rent and the monthly bills.—Buffalo Courier.

Watertown, N.Y., like Kingston, is trying to secure a much-needed new hotel. The Times, however, remarks: "There is something of a lack of general interest in the campaign now in progress to make the hotel possible." That also describes the local situation very clearly.

A sturdy and independent figure has passed from the provincial house by the death of Allan Stodolme, the labor member from Hamilton. He was an outspoken champion of many radical causes, and his voice was ever raised in behalf of the people. The legislature will be much the poorer for his passing.

Canadian Machinery attacks the bonusing habit which many towns and cities have acquired in the hope of enticing new industries. The Whig only last week pointed out the absurdity of the habit as evidenced in the history of Kingston during the last twenty-five years. If it is the right kind of business, and the local conditions are favorable, it will prosper without bonus or exemption.

At the inquest into the death of two men by the explosion of a boiler in the Atkinson cheese factory, owned by Mr. Anglin, the jury placed the responsibility for the accident upon the owner, because it appeared from his evidence that the boiler

had not been inspected. The boiler was repaired by Lemmon & Sons, Kingston, in April, 1917, and the chief boiler inspector for the province of Ontario was notified that the boiler was ready for inspection. That official, instead of ordering an inspection, writes to the firm that did the work that "as the work was no doubt done in a thorough and workmanlike manner," it was presumed to be satisfactory, and Mr. Anglin might safely use it. He promised that at some time in the future an inspector would be instructed to call and see the firm about it. This is very important testimony that was not available for consideration at the inquest, as it shows just where the responsibility for the accident and the loss of two lives lies, and, incidentally, that the office of the chief boiler inspector for the province requires investigating. If it is the business of this official to inspect boilers, why is the duty not carried out?

In the case referred to Mr. Medical certainly made a serious mistake in supposing that the boiler was in a safe condition, and that by neglecting to inspect it he was saving money to the owner. If it is his duty to inspect boilers and he neglects it, the government must take the responsibility for any consequences.

PUBLIC OPINION

Time To Drop Them.
(Toronto Star)
Legislation and administration should now be placed on a peace basis, there is no longer excuse for strong-arm methods.

Unpatriotic, Discreditable.
(Ottawa Journal)
Cobalt mine owners who refuse to lay their case before an impartial tribunal have probably a bad case, and assuredly an unpatriotic and discreditable one.

Always Equal To It.
(Buffalo Courier)
Lloyd George gets the credit for the settlement of the British coal miners' strike. The "little Welsh wistard" seems to be able to rise to every emergency he has to face.

Almost Gallie Wit.
(Buffalo Express)
Marquis Okuma, leading Japanese statesman, discloses almost a Gallie wit when he counters against American attacks on Japan by assuring a Filipino leader that he is strongly in favor of Philippine independence. Our Philippines for their Shantung, eh?

A Shining Example.
(Quebec Mercury)
Lloyd George is a strong example to a lot of Canadians who hanker after titles. If any man won the war, Lloyd-George did, but he's big enough to decline a peerage. Some of the strutters around Argyle House who never even smelled smoke, other than from their rag, will feel slighted if they didn't get a knighthood or baronetcy.

Kingsley and His Children

THIS summer, the centenary of Charles Kingsley is being celebrated in England. Those who have read "Westward Ho!" "The Water Babies," "The Heroes," and other writings by this delightful author and honest and independent thinker will be interested to read of his love for and understanding of children and of the happiness of his family life. In "Charles Kingsley, His Letters and Memories of His Life," edited by his wife, we read:

"The family gatherings were the brightest hours in the day, lighted up as they were not only by love, but by his marvellous humor. 'I wonder,' he would say, 'if there is so much laughing in any other home in England as in ours.'"

"This tenderness," as was said of Sir W. Napier, "was never so marked as when he was looking at or talking with little children. At such times the expression which came over his face was wonderfully beautiful and touching. Toward these little creatures he had an eager way of stretching out his hands, as if to touch them, but with a hesitation arising from the evident dread of handling them too roughly. The same sort of feeling, too, he manifested in a minor degree, toward small animals, little dogs, kittens, and birds."

"It has been remarked that there was an 'element of fierceness' about him, which would flash out in the presence of wrong and oppression, of meanness and untruth, and betray itself by abrupt and fierce rejoinder. But in the home, which he had made the very atmosphere of truth and love, of confidence and freedom of opinion, he was never abrupt, far less 'fierce,' ever yielding to every will and temper but his own."

The same book goes on to give the following memories, written by his son:—"Perfect love casteth out all fear" was the motto on which my father based his theory of bringing up his children; and this theory he put in practice from their babyhood till when he left them as men and women. From this, and from the interest he took in all their pursuits; their pleasures, trials, and even the petty details of their everyday life, there sprung up a 'friendship' between father and children that increased in intensity and depth with years. To speak for myself, and yet I know full well I speak for all, he was the best friend—the only true friend—I ever had. At once he was the most fatherly and the most unfatherly of fathers—fatherly in that he was our intimate friend, and our self-constituted adviser; unfatherly

that our feeling for him lacked that fear and restraint that make boys call their father 'the governor.' I remember him as essentially the same to all of us always; utterly unchanging and unchanging since the time that he used to draw Sunday pictures for us, to the time when he treated us as men and women of the world; there were no long lectures, no pithy arguments; but in his own life he showed, spoke, and lived his doctrines, so that his utter unselfishness, his genial tenderness toward their mother and themselves, gave the children an example that could not be passed by unnoticed, however unworthily followed.

"Perhaps the brightest picture of the past that I look back to now—that we can all look back to—is, not the eager look of delight with which he used to hail any of our little successes—not any special case of approval, but it is the drawing room at Eversley in the evening when we were all at home and by ourselves. There he sat, with one hand in mother's, forgetting his own hard work and worry in leading our fun and frolic with a kindly smile on his lips, and a loving light in that bright gray eye."

"But to speak of his home without mentioning his love of animals would be to leave the picture incomplete," the book continues. "His dog and his horse were his friends, and they knew it, and understood his voice and eye. His dog, a fine Scotch terrier, was his companion in all his parish walks, attended at the cottage lectures and school lessons, and was his and the children's friend for 12 years. He took great delight in cats; the stable had always its white cat, and the house its black or tabby, whose graceful movements he never tired of watching. On the rectory lawn dwelt a family of natterjacks (running toads), who lived on from year to year in the same hole, which the scythe was never allowed to approach. He made friends with a pair of sand wasps, one of which he had saved from drowning. They lived in a crack of the window in his dressing room, and every spring he would look out eagerly for them or their children as they came out of, or returned to the same crack. The little flycatcher, who built his nest every year under his bedroom window, was a constant joy to him."

"Many, now scattered far and wide," says one who knew and loved the rector in his home, and has an especial right to speak, "must remember how picturesque the rectory itself was. Here—in this beautiful home-scene, and truly ideal English rectory—was the fountainhead—as I certainly think, and as he often said—of all his strength and greatness, indeed, great as I knew him to be in his books, I found him greater at his own fireside. Home was to him the sweetest, the fairest, the most romantic thing in life; and there all that was best and brightest in him shone with steady and purest lustre."

To make a long-lived bubble a filtered solution of soapsuds made from castile soap with glycerin in it may be used.

Hon. Frank Oliver, Edmonton, has arrived in Ottawa for the Liberal convention and will have a considerable influence in the committee preparing the resolutions for the convention and in selecting the successor to Sir Wilfrid.

Excursion to Ogdensburg.
Steamer America for the "Burg" leaves Swift's wharf, 8 a.m. Friday. A great trip.

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—WALT MASON.

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JOHN R. BOND RUN OVER BY A G.T.R. TROOP TRAIN.

Was Engaged as Sectionman and Belonged to Montreal—Was Carrying Fall of Water When Hit by Train.

This week holds the record for fatalities, a fifth victim of an accident being John R. Bond, of Montreal, a Grand Trunk Railway section man, who was killed by a troop train, as it drew into the outer station at 4 p.m. on Wednesday. Bond was walking along the track, carrying a fall of water, and apparently oblivious of the approaching train. The engine struck him and his skull was crushed. He is reported to have been slightly deaf.

Coroner W. W. Sands was summoned and after learning the circumstances decided to hold an inquest at the police court on Thursday evening. The body was removed to S. S. Corbett's undertaking parlors. The deceased was about thirty-five years of age and married. His brother-in-law, Joseph Gougeon, also of Montreal, worked with him on the section under J. Knight, foreman.

The troop train was under Conductor W. Reynolds and Engineer Hunter and was travelling at good speed, and was just one mile east of the outer depot when the accident occurred. The unfortunate man was seen on the track carrying a fall of water and the engineer, it is stated, expected to see him step aside off the rails, but the man apparently mistook the track the train was actually on, if he saw it approaching, and the engineer was unable to stop in time. The cowcatcher struck the man and death was instantaneous. The skull was crushed and bones were broken. The train was stopped and the body was taken on board and conveyed to the station, where it was received by S. S. Corbett, undertaker.

Sunbury Pupils.
Among the successful pupils of Toronto Conservatory of Music examinations were: Primary school examinations were: Eliza Makin; elementary piano, Evelyn Moreland (honors); elementary school grade, Ruthie Makin (honors). They are pupils of Miss Agnes McCallum, who was successful in obtaining the A.T.C.M. herself.

Bowling on Wednesday.
At the bowling green on Wednesday evening Skip W. H. Newman won from Skip M. Manahan by 19-8 and Skip W. R. Givens from Skip R. C. Cartwright by 10-9. W. Jackson, skipping for Dr. D. Buchanan, won from Skip L. Sleeth by 15-14. In the second round of the skip singles, W. H. Newman defeated H. D. Bibby by 16-11, and in the league singles J. E. Singleton won from F. S. Evanson.

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