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Why not give the custody of Turkey to the United States? See how splendidly they have managed Mexico!

Enlistment in the new Canadian Air Force at the rate of sixty a day proves the popularity of the service among young Canadian flyers.

An Austrian prince has just married on a salary of twenty dollars per year. There is yet hope for Ontario school teachers.

It was a prophetic Carlyle that no press would supplant the church, a Kingston, however, the garage seems to have fulfilled this function.

The newspapers will soon have to revert to the stone age and put the best news on tablets of stone. It is in ill wind that blows nobody any good. Stonecutters, attention.

St. Catharines firemen walked out because the city council refused to grant their wage demands. Aldermen and volunteers are manning the fire stations, and are kept busy fighting incendiary fires.

The speaker of the Ontario house acquiesces two official opposition leaders, H. H. Dewar and Hon. G. I. Ferguson. If Hartley doesn't see that \$5,000 salary as opposition leader there's going to be a big row, that's all.

In the Dominion Parliament, Mr. Womersley, member for St. John's and Beverly, introduced a bill fixing the minimum rate of interest to be paid on banks on deposits at four per cent. It does nothing else this bill may encourage saving somewhat.

The minister of agriculture says that some of the district representatives have been sleeping on their jobs and that he is going to replace them with live men. It is only fair to point out that his criticism does not apply to the Frontenac representative, whose work has been most satisfactory and helpful.

The New England states are much alarmed over the great increase of 14 maids and bachelors. As a newspaper writer there expresses it: "The High Cost of Living for one makes the High Cost of Loving for two comparatively out of the question." The old theory that "two can live as cheaply as one" does not hold good these days.

Closer trade relations between Canada and the West Indies are likely to result from the conference of representatives to be held at Ottawa next month. An effort will also be made to induce pleasure-seekers to spend their winters in the islands instead of, as now, in Florida or California. There is much to be advanced in favor of the movement.

MUCH TO DISCOURAGE. Advocates of government ownership of transportation lines find much to discourage them in the result of such control of the railways in both Canada and the United States. This country piled up a deficit last year of \$47,000,000, while our neighbor sustained a loss of \$900,478,756 in the operation of the roads during the past two years. The conditions of the roads when taken over by the government was such as to render profit utterly impossible. Added to that wages increased over 100 per cent.

SIR SAM ONCE MORE. An advertisement in the English Speaking World, of New York, sets forth the merits of the Society for American and British Friendship with the following address: "Box 168, the House of Commons, Ottawa, Canadian Commissioner, K. H. Palmer." Investigation showed that the K. H. Palmer in question had not received an official permission to use the box and that No. 168 is the private box of the ex-Minister of Militia and Defence, Sir Sam Hughes. No rest for the weary.

THE CASE OF THE TEACHERS. The Literary Digest has for some weeks been offering prizes for the best reasons why teachers should have more pay. In a late issue it announces that the first week's prize in the supplementary contest for Canadian teachers has been awarded to Miss Greta T. Bidlake, teacher in the rural school at Upper Coverdale, N.B., who contributed this: "The teacher—My mission is holy. I prescribe for the mind and body; battle against heredity and environment; build statesmen, patriots, thinkers, artists. In return I receive a pittance; I am forced to struggle against discouragement, live in inferior boarding-houses, and exist on bare necessities."

Miss Helena V. Booker, teacher in the Wentworth street school, Hamilton, Ont., wins the second week's prize with this original paragraph: "The teacher? A preacher And mother combined, She nurtures the body, The soul, and the mind. Her station? Elation, Her status is high, She gives to the nation The things we can't buy. Remittance? That labor can beat, The teacher is puzzled To make both ends meet."

AIR TRANSPORTATION. When the United States government undertakes any commercial or industrial enterprise, declares the Syracuse Post-Standard, it often does it ill. It has not the adaptability of the European governments for socialistic undertakings. In more or less measure the same condition prevails in this country. After a long period of delay, Ottawa has at last decided upon the establishment of an air militia, which will afford training for only a few weeks each year. It is a start in the right direction, but it compares very unfavorably with what European nations are doing. Late despatches tell of the immense airships and aeroplanes that the Germans are constructing in order to secure commercial supremacy in the air. The performance of these craft over Lake Constance last week is said to have been entirely satisfactory, though the details are carefully suppressed.

In Great Britain the Handley-Page aeroplanes have carried 4,154 passengers in the past eight months and 25 tons of express. Upon the continent the aeroplane, with government aid, has become a familiar object of passenger and express transportation. In Poland there are five aeroplane fleets giving regular service over established lines. In the United States the government, after spending a billion or two to get a war aeroplane caravan, which wasn't ready when war ended, has quit aeroplane manufacture and promotion. The army and navy are not getting the aeroplanes they want, and the post office has a few short lines only. The old world can still show the new world some lessons in progressiveness.

PUBLIC OPINION

The Cure is Obvious. (Buffalo Courier) To say that high prices are due to inflated currency is merely another way of saying that currency has increased and products decreased. The cure is obvious.

He'll be Seasoned. (Brandon Expositor) Hamar Greenwood has been appointed chief secretary for Ireland. He will be pretty well seasoned by the time he gets through with the job.

Criminal Recklessness. (Indianapolis News) There is said to be no chance for the Anglo-French-American treaty, no chance—if things continue to go as they have been going—for enduring friendship between us and our friends. We should think that the men responsible for this catastrophe would be troubled by very bad dreams. But the outstanding element is dense stupidity—if not that, a criminal recklessness in the way of taking chances. A wonderful opportunity to serve the world and ourselves has been rejected. And a miserable partisanship is responsible for it all.

Organizers of Foolish Reforms. (The Canadian Churchman) There is such a thing as going too far in the creation of new crimes punishable by law. We are breeding a type of citizen that is on the watch for some new thing to prohibit and congratulating himself when he has persuaded a majority of voters to accept his questionable teaching. Majority worship is not by any means the whole thing in democratic rule. The well-paid organizer of foolish reforms, may become a dangerous incumbrance to society and will have to be handled sooner or later by a misled and indignant public.

Canada—East and West Dominion Happenings of Other Days.

A Record Voyage. The spring of 1891 saw the Canadian Pacific Railway Company launch into another sphere of activity. Then it was that three great ocean liners—big for the day—were set upon their initial voyages. They were the Empress of India, the Empress of China and the Empress of Japan. They cost about one million dollars each with a promenade deck about 250 feet in length. The first boat, the Empress of India, with 141 saloon passengers, left Hong Kong on April 17th and although she encountered very heavy winds, she reached Victoria, B.C., on the 28th of the month, at an average speed of seventeen knots per hour. A special train carried the mails and passengers from Victoria to Montreal, arriving there in three days, seventeen hours and thirty-five minutes. But on the August trip of the Empress of Japan she made such speed at sea that with careful arrangement of railway schedule mail was landed in London in twenty days and nine hours from Yokohama, thus establishing a new record for the official time via the Suez Canal then was forty-three days.

The British papers gave the event great space and lauded the achievement as indicating a new era in trade and travel. Since that time the C.P.R. has added many ships to its fleet in the Atlantic and the Pacific and some of the finest vessels flying the British flag now fly the house flag of the company. During the war its vessels were at the disposal of the Government and sailed thousands of miles with troops or as merchant cruisers protecting the commerce of the Allies from enemy raiders.

The Reason Why

Why Does My Heart Beat Faster When I Am Scared? The natural tendency of a scared creature is to run or fly. The effect of being scared has the same effect on the brain that your starting to run has. The brain is always as quick as you are, and knowing that when you are scared your actual or natural inclination is to run, it is merely getting you in shape so that you can move or run fast.

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Even, After All. A suspicious-looking customer was boasting to a grocer of the cheapness of ten pounds of sugar he had bought at a rival shop. "Let me weigh the package," said the grocer.

The other assented, and it was found two pounds short. The man looked perplexed for a moment and then said: "I don't think he cheated me much, for while he was getting the sugar I pocketed two tins of condensed milk."

The Moses in most families is the mother.

A PLOUGH SONG. A grand thing is a plough-team on the long, straight course, With a clear brain ruling the strength of man and horse, A fine sight is the plough-team on the bill-top together; A good time is the plough-time in the clear, cold weather!

McKie worked the best team the country-side could show. When he put in his own crop, two years ago, As straight a back, as strong a hand as ever steered a plough Had McKie, that's a cripple and a sick man now

A long day is the ploughman's day, from winter's morn till night, A warm glow in the evening mists are homestead lamps alight. I looked in the hollow as the sun left the hill, And saw the plough lying and the team standing still, And always in the twilight I can see young McKie Lying in the furrow with his face to the sky! —McEnsay.

SPLURGING. Grantland Rice, in New York Tribune. Mrs. J. Augustus Vance Saw a certain dress by chance; It was just like billowed foam, Yet she had eight more at home. So she brought it from the store For two hundred—nothing more. Five brief years ago to-day She'd have fainted dead away For she muttered, "Sakes alive!" When they asked her eighty-five.

Henry Smithson has a job, Though he doesn't hit like Cobb. Still his pay is quite enough To help carry out the bluff. Once he found in deep content Walking helped to pay the rent. Now, of course, it's much too far; Commerce of the Allies from enemy raiders.

Mr. William Henry Jones Bought a shirt for twenty bones, Did he need it? Not a bit, Yet he stooped and paid for it. Back in days that now seem dim, Cheaper fabric suited him, But in these times, free from care, He must have his silk to wear.

Early Settlement. New York Judge. "If we quarrel like this now, what will we do after marriage?" "Well, if you think I'm going to rush blindly into marriage without finding out who's boss, you're mistaken."

Men have been known to greatly benefit the town of their birth by moving out of it. Minding your own business can be reduced to a science, but watchfulness is necessary.

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COST OF MOTORING.

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