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There is another tag day about due.

The best way to overcome cowardice is to do something daring. Ask the grocer for a nickel's worth of something.

Emma Goldman is homesick in Russia for the western hemisphere. And when she was here she was ever damning its people and government. How contrary women generally are!

Which would you do without first, a meal or a newspaper? There are millions who would sooner go without a meal. This shows that a newspaper is "a necessity of life."

Nathan Strauss, the New York millionaire and philanthropist, declares that it is a disgrace to die rich. Well, Nathan, here's hoping you will remember your good advice.

The Simcoe Reformer is cruel enough to intimate that when Bob Rogers says "the farmers are behind the old Conservative party" it is only for the purpose of planting their kick in the right place.

Paris women are wearing wooden hats. Nothing odd, for Canadian women are wearing some made of grass. The thing is to make them effective and beautiful, and Canadian milliners possess rare art.

The Mennonites declares they have decided to go to Brazil. Since they refuse to assimilate, educationally, socially or otherwise with Canada, perhaps Brazil would suit them better is the comment of the Toronto Mail and Empire.

Kingston merchants are going to fall into line and help the government reduce its liabilities for the war. Canada has been saved from slavery and oppression; the cost has not been as high as it might otherwise have been.

"It." It always suggests indifference and laziness. If we all worked we would produce and cut down costs; if we don't we can still have something to talk about. There are no "ifs" if people get down to business.

Nowadays it has become common to figure in billions, yet few people are able to visualize the amount which the term "billion" symbolizes. Some idea, however, may be had from the statement that a person thirty-two years and nine months old has only lived a billion seconds.

There have been many criticisms of daylight saving, but a pupil of the Collegiate Institute voiced public opinion very accurately when he wrote in an examination paper: "There are three kinds of time—standard time, daylight time and a h—of a time finding out just what time it is."

Free trade in newspaper responsible for the shortage in the United States! That is what R. P. Andrews, president of the National Paper Trade Association, declares. At the time of the reciprocity treaty negotiations, he says, the United States decided to admit newspaper free of duty, with the result that many mills were forced out of business.

We agree with the Toronto Mail and Empire when it says that the legal speed limit of twenty miles an hour for motor cars in cities is too high. If a horse and vehicle were driven through the streets of a city at that speed a panic would be created

and the driver would be arrested instantly. When fifteen miles an hour was the limit, few prosecutions carried unless actual speed was more than twenty miles. Now about twenty-five miles seems to be the prosecution rate. When children and vehicles abound on the streets of large towns and cities, a maximum of twenty miles is more than ample for any careful motorist.

MISPLACED SYMPATHY. According to a despatch from Cork, Thomas Johnson, acting secretary of a trades congress there, declared in a public speech that the workers of Ireland had no intention of establishing such a republic as that in America, where the very idea of personal liberty was unknown, and where men and women were sentenced to long terms of imprisonment for daring to say that the United States was not a land of freedom.

This prompts the Buffalo Express to remark that that is not the kind of thought calculated to win American sympathy for the movement of which it is a part. Those who hold such ideas should be appealing to Germany or to Bolshevik Russia for recognition, not to the United States.

CANNOT DOWN THE SERMON. Some people, including clerics, have come to the conclusion that the sermon in the church service has lost its effect and had better be eliminated. However, the eloquent preacher who has an intense message to deliver will ever remain effective in the pulpit by his exposition and application of the Word of God. There is also a type of sermon that will never lose its effect and that is the exhortation in time of sorrow.

The preacher who can deliver words of comfort will always leave an impression upon the minds of his hearers, for in sorrow the people are one, and an exhortation delivered at such a time is more touching than a grand and lofty ritual. Some churches would certainly be better if they had more ritual, but the sermon can never be eliminated.

CHECKED BY THE PEOPLE. Discussing the country-wide price reductions now in progress throughout the United States, the New York World concludes that the orgy of extravagance and speculation has been checked by the people themselves. In a large measure this is true, though the curtailment of bank credits at the instigation of the Federal Reserve Board has had much to do with the movement. Whether the people have simply wearied of it or are no longer able to keep it up does not matter. Prices are beginning to count once more. It is the restoration of sanity on the part of the individual that will gradually put production and business of every kind once more upon a legitimate basis.

The one sure cure for present ills must be honest service and honest goods at honest prices, with every body intent upon giving as well as receiving the full worth of his money.

THE DIVORCE CONTROVERSY. It seems to the ordinary citizen that all this controversy about the merits of divorce is entirely out of place. The question at issue is not whether we shall have divorce in Canada, because divorce is already established and has always been. The proposal to take the trial of divorce cases out of the Senate and place it under the jurisdiction of a regularly constituted court, where evidence will be subjected to judicial discrimination in accordance with regular legal procedure, is not a retrograde step but a sorely needed elevation of the trial of such cases. We have not heard it proposed to increase the causes of divorce and until this is done we cannot see any reason for the heated controversy that is going on. If, by the establishment of divorce courts, we are to substitute justice for expediency, policy, etc., then by all means let us have the courts and wipe out the national scandal of lobbying the Senate, and the publication of the details of domestic tragedies and the moral perversion associated with such cases.

PUBLIC OPINION

Mother's Influence. (Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont) Will mothers do as much with the ballot for the elevation of humanity as they have with the slipper?

More Correct. (Burlington Couriers) Economists say we have passed the peak of high prices. Wouldn't it be more correct to say that the peak of high prices has passed us?

Quite Small Enough. (Woodstock Sentinel-Review) The new Canadian cent is considerably smaller than the old one, and goodness knows, the old one was small enough, judging by its purchasing power.

The Sooner the Better. (Barnford Expositor) If Canadian judges are not of sufficient eminence to decide in the court of last resort, they are not competent to deal out judgment in the lower courts. The sooner legal machinery is simplified to the utmost the better for the country.

Poking Fun at Uncle Sam. (Brockville Recorder) Citizens of the great republic to the south still continue to be mur-

dered in Mexico. Better be careful, American citizens were murdered in the Lusitania outrage, and Uncle Sam went to war with the murderers two or three years afterwards. And they haven't made peace yet.

And Cranial Expansion. (Woodstock Sentinel-Review) Admiral Benson says no navy ever expanded so rapidly as did that of the United States when that country went into the war. Perhaps he is thinking of the greatest expansion of some of those connected with the navy department.

Should Make Provision. (Hamilton Times) In the matter of hospital accommodation, the Drury Government should take some steps to have the countries and towns make some provision for their sick. They should not be allowed to foist them on to the cities.

In Keeping. (Ottawa Journal) From being commander-in-chief of Canada's greatest army to being commander-in-chief of Canada's greatest university is a natural step after all. Sir Arthur will continue in close touch with the finest brand of young Canadianism.

A Reasonable Call. (Guelph Herald) We are asked for increased production. This does not mean for the individual the work of harder work, but it does mean more efficient work and a new attitude towards work, a desire to make every stroke tell to the utmost. In a word it means willing, painstaking, and well-directed effort, backed by capital and guided by science, to bring our acres to the fullest fertility, to build up and utilize adequately our forest resources, our fisheries and our mines, to develop our waterpowers advantageously and to distribute widely the resulting power to those reckless waste and encourage the effective use of all resources, to the end that we may establish better and more satisfying types of rural life.

The "Panic-Stricken" Navy. (New York Evening Sun) From August, 1914, to April, 1917, Great Britain's navy has kept the mastery of the seas, locking German commerce and the German battle fleet in neutral or home harbors. England was fighting the submarine in the English way when the United States went into the war, and the record gives us as much support in believing the English way would have proved successful as it does in believing it would have proved unsuccessful. It was Artemus Ward who was willing to sacrifice all his wife's kin to win the civil war. British ways are not our ways, but certainly "helpless" and "panic" are strange words to use in the association in which they were used by the President.

Canada-East and West Dominion Happenings of Other Days.

Queen Victoria. On the 24th of May, 1819, Alexandria Victoria, destined to be known and loved as Queen Victoria—The Good—was born in Kensington Palace. Her father was Edward, Duke of Kent, the fourth son of King George III; her mother was Victoria Mary Louisa, a daughter of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld.

The parents of the Princess Drina for it was by that name that the child was known in her earlier years—were determined that their child should be trained in everything that was good and noble. As a result, when the Princess came to the Throne of Great Britain in 1837 she was one of the noblest women in the world. For sixty years she was head of the British people—in an age when the world was making rapid progress and advancement. It was a day of wonderful discoveries in science, and

Rippling Rhymes

NON-PRODUCERS. Ten thousand statesmen fume and fret, upon the well known stump, and tell how crises should be met, and carted to the dump. They clothe until they're hot, and rant and rant their duds; and it would help things out a lot if they'd start raising spuds. By growing Burbanks here and there, they'd help a land distraught; we need potatoes more, I swear, than we need Gems of Thought. Ten thousand poets twang their lyres until they break the strings, and boost our altars and our fires, our bulwarks and such things. But nations are not saved by tunes, however nobly played; the poets should be growing prunes, which is a better trade. For prunes the hungry children cry, and stricken parents pray, while bughouse poets drool and sigh of temples in Cathay. Ten thousand agents seek our doors to sell us foolish books, and they'd be far more useful bores if they plied resawing hooks. The country's full of well dressed states who grow no pumpkins, figs or dates—there ought to be a

—WALT MASON.

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shipping; of amazing wealth of literary contributions, some of the brightest lights in the political world shown in her day; the dark places of the world were explored and enlightened while moral reformation advanced with a rapidity never known before. Before her death she had seen the world reach a new high level of attainment.

When she had been sixty years on the throne the event was marked by one of the greatest jubilees ever held in the world. Representatives of the royal representatives crowded to London to honor the Gracious Sovereign of the British nation, while the colonies sent their heads there to express their loyalty and devotion to the aged monarch. She died in the early months of the new century but in all the Dominions her memory is honored yearly by services on the 24th of May, while in Canada that date has been made a national memorial to her name.

FAMOUS QUOTATIONS AND THEIR ORIGIN

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF. A careful study of the history of the world will soon convince any reader of the truth of this familiar saying. History does repeat itself very frequently and sometimes with astonishing exactness. That there is nothing new under the sun was noted by King Solomon in the book of Ecclesiastes, and it is probable that this tendency to repetition of events impressed many other men of keen intellect, throughout all ages. The first formal mention of the fact in literature is found in the works of Thucydides, the great Greek historian, (471-391 B. C.), who was the first man to write history as developed from the situation and character of the individual. His predecessors had attributed all events to the influence of a power greater than that of man.

Thucydides says: "I shall be content if those shall pronounce my history useful who desire to give a view of events as they did really happen, and as they are likely, in accordance with human nature, to repeat themselves at some future time—just exactly the same, yet very similar." Plutarch (Greek 46-120 A.D.) says: "It is no great wonder if in long process of time, while fortune takes her course hither and thither, numerous coincidences should spontaneously occur. If the number and variety of subjects to be wrought upon be infinite, it is all the more easy for fortune, with such abundance of material, to effect this similarity of results." Michael de Montaigne (French 1533-1592) says: "Tis one and the same Nature that rolls on her course, and whoever has sufficiently considered the present state of things might certainly conclude as to both the future and the past."

CANADIAN LUMBER HELD UP.

Car Shortage Keeps Lot of Lumber at the Border. Washington, May 24.—The car shortage in this country is affecting Canadian lumber exporting to the United States, it was learned at the Department of Commerce to-day. The American Consul at New Brunswick reported to the Department that more than enough lumber, lathes, shingles and other building materials to lead 3,000 cars is being held in Campbellton and the vicinity of the border awaiting American cars.

Despatches from Constantinople state that Nationalists are recruiting in Anatolia by brutal methods. Moslems are brought into camp in chains and many have serious injuries from cruel treatment.

BIBBY'S Kingston's Cash and One Price Clothing House The Store That Keeps the Prices Down. Inconsistency Newspaper men give large space nowadays telling their readers that here and there everything points to lower prices, quoting: Mr. So So says that in the United States prices show a falling off—food, clothing, boots and shoes, furniture, etc. This is where the inconsistency comes in. The newspaper manager sends us word that commencing May 1st, 1920, rates for this very space will have to be increased 10 to 25 per cent., and that we may expect a further increase at any time. The coal man tells us we must pay more money for our coal. The baker says he must raise the price of his buns, and so on and so on and so on, etc. This is where you and I come in. Early and judicious buying enable us to still sell some particular good Suits at \$25.00, \$35.00 and \$45.00 No Tax on these. Our motto is and will be to look carefully after our own business and continue offering the BEST FOR LESS. NEW PANAMA HATS. MEN'S UNDERWEAR. ENGLISH RAINCOAT. Extra special value at \$18.00. Rich plain grey Cravenette; double texture. Sizes 34 to 44. BIBBY'S BIBBY'S BUILDING

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