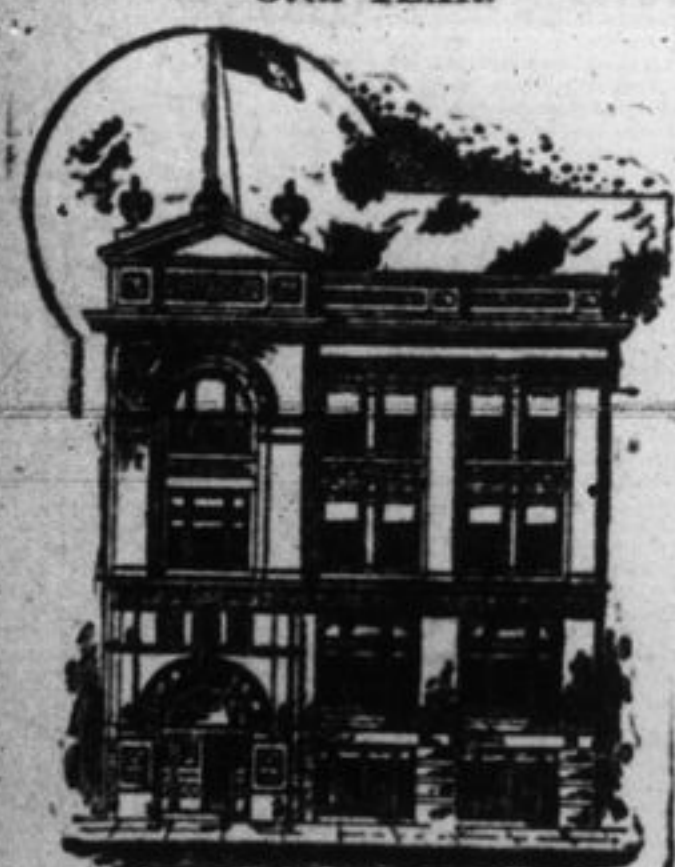


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No matter how high an article is priced somebody can always be found who is foolish enough to buy it.

A lot of people who clamor for freedom mean that they are eager to get a living without sweating.

When consumers begin to spend less recklessly they will become a powerful factor in reducing prices.

Some people won't believe anything unless its gossip. And gossip is always ninety-nine per cent. wrong.

Publication of the assessment roll, remarks the Belleville Intelligencer, is one of the surest methods of equalizing the assessment and is worth the money which it costs.

An up-to-date undertaker in a western state the other day put up over his door a big sign in black letters which read: "We have buried others; why not you?"

When the world decides to put the same energy into production of necessities that was exerted in their destruction, high cost of living problems will solve themselves.—Toronto Telegram.

The high rate of exchange is doing as much harm to the United States as it is doing to other countries. A decrease of \$135,000,000 in American exports for the last month is ample proof of the fact.

Whatever portion of indemnity France, Belgium or Great Britain obtain from Germany will represent only a fraction of the damage done by the Hun. The United States, which suffered no damage whatever, has no ground for complaint.

Banks are curtailing loans and advising merchants to get money out of their goods. In such a situation prices are bound to fall somewhat. The demand for all kinds of supplies, however, is so great that there is small danger of panic conditions.

An Ottawa coroner says he is going to take the law into his own hands and "shoot," because the police pay no attention to the auto speeders. One can appreciate his feelings while not agreeing with his conclusions.

The French Chamber of Deputies proposes that the nominal head of a family shall have as many votes as there are members of his family, wife, children and dependant relative. Quebec might approve of such an innovation, but the suffragists—never.

The farmers who have to buy potatoes for seeding purposes—and their number is not small in this part of the province—have little patience with any Consumers' League which seeks to boycott the spud. The farmers rightly argue that they cannot make undue profit on something which they do not possess.

George Morris, editor of The Trib, the house organ published by the staff of the Chicago Tribune, claims that he is about the only newspaper man who issues a house organ. We know of quite a few such publications, including the British Whig's "More Pep" which is now a year and a half old. Friends George needs to revise his information.

The citizens of Westmount have voted \$40,000 to honor the memory of her soldiers who gave their lives

in the great war. A handsome monument will be erected this summer, on which will be inscribed the names of the illustrious dead. Isn't it time that Kingston did something to perpetuate the memory of her gallant sons who fell in battle?

Arthur V. White, of the Commission of Conservation, arguing that "there is no menace to Canada's economic and general welfare at all comparable to the fact that she is so largely dependent upon a foreign country for her fuel needs," urges Canadian development of its coal resources. In respect of quantity, quality and accessibility for mining purposes, the Dominion, he declares, "possesses coal deposits which compare favorably with those of the greatest coal mining countries of the world."

THE DAY OF THE FADDISTS.

A new fad rises up about every other day. This is especially true in the republic to the south of us. Yesterday it was the overall crane; today it is men's collars. To-morrow it will be something else. Where is all this craziness in regard to men's clothing going to end, anyway? asks the Vancouver Sun, which adds:

Over the caustic cables, crowded with discussions of the fourteen points, comes Dame Fashion's cryptic voice from Paris, curtly announcing that female skirts will be shorter than ever this year. Moreover, the zephyrs of the Boulevard des Italiens, playing about the expanse of the female limb exposed to view by the brevity of the skirt, will caress not lisle or silk, but human flesh. Stockings will not be worn this summer, says the arbiter of fashion.

What murrain has afflicted post-war humanity that it takes so much thought of its vestments? The pallid philosophy, in the privacy of his closet, ponders the inward significance of these sinister happenings and casts a dubious eye upon the future. Are we on the eve of an era of dress reform, characterized by paucity of vesture, like that which swept over France in the days of the Directory? May we expect an uprising against socks in St. Louis? A rebellion against coats in Denver? A levee en masse against breeches in Boston? Is mankind now fretfully plucking at its garments, about to throw prudence and wearing apparel to the four winds of heaven and revert to primal nudity?

These are ominous doubts which assail us. We await their answer as time goes on with no little inward trepidation.

THE POWER OF ELOQUENCE.

An eminent Canadian divine deplores what he terms a decadence in the art of public speaking. There is, he says, the attention given to training the voice as a vehicle of expression as in days gone by, and not only has the public lost by this, but so has religion, which should be the greatest force in the lives of men today. While he is in a position to speak of the ministry as a class, his observations apply with equal force to politicians and others who appear before public audiences, for it is a rare occasion, indeed, that we are privileged to listen to a speaker possessing the faculty of expression in a pre-eminent degree. Rather is it the case that the men whom circumstance too often forces before the public are absolutely unfitted to convey any message calculated to move people to action.

In the pulpit, however, one has a right to look for the trained speaker, as one having the highest truth to proclaim and uttering it from a position of authority. Phillips Brooks says, in speaking of the minister, "He must receive the truth as one who is to teach it, but not as if it were for his own culture and enrichment. This will bring, first, a deeper and more solemn sense of responsibility in the search for truth; second, a desire to find the human side of every truth, the point at which every speculation touches humanity." But even at this point there is still something more required in a message, and that something is personality. Paul's personality speaks even from the printed page because of his unquenchable love for men. While some speakers think all they have to do is touch the conscience, this is not sufficient, for one great object of preaching must be persuasion, and the final test is whether men act. They may be convinced of a truth, but they are only persuaded to act through the heart, and how best this result can be obtained still remains one of the problems of successful preaching.

Carlyle says: "Considered as the last finish of education or of human culture, worth and acquirement, the art of speech is noble and even divine; it is like the kindling of heaven's light to show us what a glorious world exists, and has perfected itself, in a man. But if no world exists in the man; if nothing but continents of empty vapor, or greedy self-conceits, commonplaces hearsay and indistinct loomings of a sordid chaos exist in him, what will be the use of light to show us that? Better a thousand times that such a man do not speak; but keep his empty vapor and his sordid chaos to himself, hidden to the utmost from beholders." The use of a written manuscript

by a speaker creates a prejudice in the mind of the audience who miss the spontaneous expression of the voice, the varied pausing and infinite shades of modulation attached to extemporaneous delivery, which yields the highest possible results in convincing and persuasive speech. The popular ideal of speaking or preaching demands the eye to eye communication, the magnetism of direct appeal, the fire and freedom of the whole man unencumbered by manuscript, and is the style that should be practised by every man who aspires to become a proficient public speaker.

PUBLIC OPINION

Knows The Signs. (Ottawa Journal)

When parliament plans to complete its business at the middle of May there is hope that the members will get home in time for Christmas.

Haven't Heard It Yet. (Buffalo Express)

Wholesale meat prices have dropped sixteen per cent. in the last twelve months. Will somebody please tell the retailers about it?

Where The Fault Lies. (Guelph Herald)

Judging by the misdemeanors of which young lads are guilty of daily, it would appear as if parental discipline needs to be a little more stringent now-a-days.

When. (Toronto Telegram)

When the world decides to put the same energy into production of necessities that was exerted in their destruction, high cost of living problems will solve themselves.

Police! (Cincinnati Enquirer)

The modern motor car will not run smoothly if it gets too hot; The locomotive, so I'm told, Won't run at all unless it's cooled.

When Old Parties Face the People. (Saskatoon Star)

Mr. Rogers may be able to find enough Conservatives to provide candidates in each constituency, but the public treasury will be enriched by a large number of deposits when the votes are counted. And that goes not merely for Conservatives, but for Liberals.

Frank Cobb's Idea. (Toronto Mail and Empire)

Frank I. Cobb, editor of the New York World, believes that Woodrow Wilson is the greatest moral force that has come into the world in one hundred years. If he wants Senator Lodge to agree with him he will have to change the word "force" to "farce."

Envis Mr. Taft. (New York Tribune)

What endears Mr. Taft to the public, probably, is his ability to laugh on the slightest provocation. "You are not a dark horse, then, in any emergency?" Mr. Taft was asked. "Mr. Taft, the Times says, was again stirred to laughter, and answered, "No." We envy Mr. Taft that ability.

A Prediction. (W. C. Freeman in Fourth Estate)

I will bet 100 packages of cigarettes against fifty packages that before many moons the names of the Sun-Herald will be changed to New York Herald and that the name Sun will apply only to the evening paper. This will give Mr. Munsey ownership of two newspapers that have been famous for a great many years, will enable him to give to the evening edition of the Sun all of the good points of the morning and evening papers combined and will permit the Herald to remain as a newspaper unit always—which is what should happen and I believe it will.

Rippling Rhymes

OVERALLS.

I bought a suit of overalls, a suit of dingy blue, with creases down the outer walls, and bib and tucker, too. And all my neighbors did the same, and everyone in town, to knock the profiteering game, and bring the prices down. The rich men in their gilded halls with noor men fell in line; we all were wearing overalls, and feeling mighty fine. At last we'd found a useful way to curb the rising cost, and make the profiteering jay feel like an early frost. And then the price of denim rags went soaring to the moon; the dealers sprung the same old gas, and crooned the same old tune. The honest toiler in the ditch could not afford to buy new overalls—we idle rich has sent the price sky high. The honest workers everywhere in fig-leaves were arrayed; the dealer had no duds to spare—we'd bought his stock in trade. We wore our overalls a week, and then the thing grew stale; we took and threw them in the creek, or hung them on a nail. And thus a great reform, my dear, was to be discarded hurried; and still the busy profiteers are fencing in the world. —WALT MASON.

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Canada—East and West

Dominion Happenings of Other Days.

Waiting For Action.

On the 24th of May, 1900, the Strathcona Horse, the great cavalry force that Lord Strathcona had raised in Western Canada at his own expense, and which had been impatiently training for six weeks at Cape Town, as the war seemed to be drawing to a close, was ready for action. On that date A and C squadrons left the training camp for Durban and three days later B squadron was speeding northward through the blue ocean towards Kosi Bay, fifty miles from Delagoa Bay. B squadron had been sent to perform one of the most hazardous feats of the war. So long as the Lourenzo Marques line was intact so long would the enemy be able to get in supplies and even men. To the Strathconas was given the task of cutting this line between Pretoria and Delagoa Bay. They were to land in Tonga Land and by forced marches were to proceed to Komati Poort on the border of the Portuguese territory and destroy the railway bridge at that important pass.

But when they reached Tonga Land they learned from the natives that the Boers had learned of the plan and had prepared a strong force to meet the expedition. So B squadron was re-embarked on the vessels and taken back to Durban to get ready to proceed to the front to join General Buller's main army. The squadron joined its other troops at the Tulega river and the whole force was pushed forward to Esbawe, the capital of Zululand. There it was discovered that a force of over 2,000 Boers was on the Swaziland border waiting to annihilate the Strathconas the moment they attempted to advance into Boer territory. So an invasion of the Transvaal by way of Zululand was out of the question. There was nothing for the troopers to do, after a brief rest there, but to return to Durban once more. But from Durban they were rushed to Newcastle, from which they were hurried to Sand Spruit in the Transvaal, where General Buller had 20,000 men in camp.

FAMOUS QUOTATIONS AND THEIR ORIGIN

UNFURNISHED ROOMS—NO BODY HOME.

These two modern slang expressions of similar meaning, intended to convey the intimation that someone has a vacuum in the space intended by Nature for brains, are not old, comparatively speaking, yet they can hardly be called strictly up to the minute. Samuel Butler, (English, 1600-1680) says: "Such as take lodgings in a head That's to be let unfurnished."

Francis Rabelais, (French 1495-1553) in the prologue to his fifth book, says: "Whose cockloft is unfurnished."

Thomas Fuller (English 1608-1661), says in "Andronicus": "Often the cockloft is empty in those whom Nature hath built many stories high."

Alexander Pope, (English 1685-1744) says: "You beat your pate and fancy wit will come; Knock as you please, there's nobody at home."

William Cowper (English 1731-1800) says: "His wit invites you by his looks to come, But when you knock, it never is at home."

Armed and disguised men raided the stores of the Anglo-American Oil Company and the Shell Motor Spirit Company at Athlone, Ireland, early on Saturday, carrying off gasoline valued at £500.

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