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People who have glass eyes should not throw stony stares.

A successful experiment—getting central the first time you call.

Very likely the Bolshevik envies the blow-fly. It has a swell job.

The Bolsheviks can't hope to rule the world if they can't even fool it.

Any man can follow advice, but it's quite another matter to catch up.

The lure of the bright lights is but the hope of getting in the spot light.

Most of the world's work is done by men who are unskilled in the art of talking.

When the farmers strike the public won't be full of sympathy or anything else.

The hour glass is made small in the middle in order to show the waste of time.

Easy street is disappointing to those who expect it to provide an easy conscience.

The male pedestrian with downcast eyes may be studying either problems or ankles.

The Irish "republic" may be an established fact. They have public buildings to burn.

Isn't there some way for our chartered banks to discourage the borrowing of trouble?

Two years ago the armistice was signed, but the United States has been fighting ever since.

The heart of the world may have been broken but it displays a resiliency which is reassuring.

When a man finds a quart in these dry times he never puts off until tomorrow what he can take to-day.

And yet a great man with a hard heart causes no more trouble than a great man with a hard head.

Just about the time man begins to think himself important, Death takes a hand and proves that he isn't.

Lloyd George is not a real statesman. He nearly always does the thing that any man of sense would do.

After a silk shirt comes back from the laundry, one suspects that the silk orn was closely related to the boll weevil.

If the country's money was equally divided each man would have \$51. If you have more, you are the guy the Communist is after.

A western church has prohibited the wearing of evening gowns. Does the prohibition affect gowns covering one-half of one per cent.?

A defeated candidate has one consolation. He doesn't have to give a demonstration of the inefficiency pointed out by his opponent.

Wrangled has been driven out of the Crimea by the Reds, but the cause he espoused can never die. Sooner or later Russia will throw off the yoke of oppression and adopt government by the people for the people.

COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS.

More and more athletics are coming to the front in the universities. And it is right that it should be so, for is not the old adage, "A healthy mind is a healthy body," a pretty sound and sensible one? Harvard University makes the announcement that of 603 members of the freshman class 362 are engaged in organized athletics—146 in rowing, 70 in football, 61 in track athletics, 41 in fall baseball, 20 in soccer, 17 in cross-country work and 7 in lacrosse. Certainly a very fine showing.

Harvard, like the universities in Canada and Great Britain, is no longer content to turn out graduates whose physical equipment fails to keep pace with their mental development. Queen's is today taking a greater interest in the physical welfare of her students than ever before, and the students are responding with alacrity to the new order of things. They have set for themselves the ideal of a vigorous, well-trained mind, in a vigorous, well-trained body. Doubtless Canadian universities, in proportion to their attendance, would show a record as good as that of Harvard.

THE POSTAL CLERKS AND THEIR COMPLAINTS

The request of the postal clerks of Canada for an increase in salaries has been a subject of public discussion for some years. It is yet far from a satisfactory settlement. Their association has appealed again and again to the federal government for redress, but their claims have not yet been adjusted. True, something has been done, but the meagre measures adopted have fallen far short of quieting the dissatisfaction. Happily, throats of a strike, which would certainly have injured their case in the minds of the public, have been abandoned, and the wiser course pursued of appealing to the tribunal of public opinion.

The remuneration of the postal clerks is plainly insufficient. It has not advanced in keeping with the cost of living. The bonus system, adopted by the government some time ago, has done little if anything to relieve the situation. The marked discrimination in pay as between married and single men is a cause of friction, inasmuch as such discrimination does not exist in other lines of service. The postal clerks, who must possess certain educational qualifications and submit to test examinations every year, have seen the members of organized labor unions far outstrip them in the matter of remuneration. At the same time they have witnessed their fellow clerks across the border receiving much better treatment as to salaries, etc. The public demand efficient service in the postal department, and we believe they are willing to pay for it. It is in the interest of the dominion as a whole that its public servants should be paid a living wage, just what that wage should be, is a matter open to question. The reclassification of the federal service, carried out for the late Borden government by a Chicago firm of so-called experts, has met with condemnation on all sides. This finding is so unjust that it cannot be regarded as final. Clearly, the minimum and maximum salaries paid to the postal clerks are in need of revision.

BUY CANADIAN GOODS. The Canadian Reconstruction Association, in a recent pamphlet, declares that harmonious relations between employers and employees with mutual concentration upon quality and production are essential with declining prices. Even greater stress than this should be laid upon the necessity for increased production. Leaders of industry and of labor in the United States are agreed upon the necessity of "production in ever-increasing measure." Samuel Gompers declares that "production is the great world problem of to-day." W. A. Appleton, secretary of the English Federation of Trade Unions, says: "Everything depends upon production. Standards of living cannot be raised, nor can existence be maintained unless mankind accepts this contention. Eloquence, rhetoric or legislative action, whether acting separately or collectively, cannot make the corn grow or build houses, or feed children or clothe humanity. Only working and thinking can provide the things essential to life and comfort."

Prosperous industries and prosperous workers make prosperous communities. Canadians should give effective preference to Canadian goods over imported products. If the Canadian public will patronize Canadian industries as a national duty under present difficult conditions the dangers of the price readjustment period will be reduced to a minimum and the increased demand for Canadian-made products will enable Canadian factories to produce at minimum unit cost and sell at the lowest possible prices. Industries abroad with resources far greater than those of most manufacturing establishments in Canada are looking to the dominion to absorb their surplus production. Meanwhile, Canadian industries are debarrred from many markets abroad by high protection duties. If a substantial part of the limited Canadian market is secured by outside industries, the reduced demand for Canadian-made products must

result in higher unit production costs, lower output and reduced employment in many Canadian factories. Adequate tariff protection is vital for Canadian industries employing Canadian labor.

PUBLIC OPINION

Paderewski And the Piano. (Interview in Paris, New York Herald) "I shall never touch a piano again. Not only the situation of my country makes me unwilling to continue my career as a public entertainer, even as presenting the highest form of art, but the shock of the repeated misfortune of my country has so affected my nervous system that I am unable to touch a piano even for private satisfaction."

A Good Principle. (Vancouver Province) For the fourth time in succession the position of chief of police of Vancouver has been filled by promotion. In nearly every case the officer had worked his way through all ranks in the service. No mistake was made in the other appointments and there is no reason to suppose that the promotion of Inspector Anderson will be less fortunate.

Panama Canal Paying Direct. (Philadelphia Ledger) The Panama Canal has finally begun to pay. During the last fiscal year the waterway earned a surplus over expenses of more than \$2,000,000, with a total income of more than \$3,000,000 in the handling of more than 2,500 commercial vessels, besides numerous naval units which passed from ocean to ocean. It is believed that the canal will soon pay interest on its original cost. At present the surplus is eaten up by an accumulated deficit in operating costs. It will require several years to wipe that out.

The Three-Cent Paper. (Brantford Expositor) The three-cent newspaper is rapidly becoming the rule, rather than the exception, both in Canada and the United States. The latest publications to announce an increase to the three-cent rate are the St. Catharines Standard and the Niagara Review. It is most unfortunate, indeed, that, at a time when people are looking for lower prices, the publishers are compelled because of the increase in the cost of newspaper to advance the subscription rates of their newspapers. Not only was the price of newspaper increased \$20 per ton on October 1st (an increase since July 1st of 62.5 per cent.), but postal rates on newspapers will advance on January 1st next 400 per cent.

Taking Our Own Advice. (Woodstock Sentinel-Review) They are telling a story of a Toronto judge who seldom missed an opportunity while on the bench of advising people to make their will so as to save annoyance and expense in the distribution of their property after death. In the course of time the judge himself died, and then it was discovered that he himself had made no will. He had been so busy giving good advice to others that he had neglected taking it himself. His neglect was very human. So many people exhibit such zeal for regulating the conduct of others that their own needs are overlooked. Nevertheless the fact that a man fails to take his own advice is not necessarily an evidence that it is not good advice.

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

TIME PASSES. Full soon the blitzards will be popping, and hanging snow wreaths on our brows, and we'll be asked to do our shopping as early as the law allows. It seems no time since bells were ringing proclaiming Christmas peace once more, that happy time when Dad was bringing a ton of jim-cracks from the store. It seems no time since old Kris Kringle propelled his sledge through the night; the echo of his sleighbells' jingle seems all around me as I write. And now we're facing Winter burly, and soon each sheet at which I glance will say, "Please do your shopping early, and give the weary clerks a chance." No doubt the children think the season's have much like snails or turtles race; but we old lads have sundry reasons for cursing Time's indecent haste. A summer's gone before we know it, an autumn smiles and then it's through, and e'en a highly moral poet is moved to language warm and blue. The season in his rope is clinging, to ring in Christmas joy and cheer; and soon the old boy will be ringing some other bells—and we won't hear. The sky is gray; the wind is surly, more desolate the landscape grows; oh, let us do our shopping early, and give the sway-backed clerks repose. —WALT MASON.

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BAZAAR WELL PATRONIZED

Euchre Played Tuesday Evening—This Evening a Dance is the Attraction.

Tuesday, the second day of the House of Providence, bazaar, found the ladies putting forth additional efforts to meet the demands of the throngs that have poured uninteruptedly through the city hall and Ontario hall since the opening on Monday evening. All who come away are delighted with what they saw and are looking forward to securing possession of some of the numerous articles for which tickets are sold. On Tuesday, the city hall was filled with chairs for games of euchre and were greatly appreciated during the evening. At one side dining tables were put in and excellent meals are served from 12 to 2 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m., at a very small cost. The ladies in charge of the euchre games are in charge of Mrs. R. E. Thompson, who is assisted by Mrs. A. E. Smith, Mrs. John McGill, Miss A. Doolan, Miss Madge Daley, Miss Lena Kehoe, Miss Coyle, Mrs. Chaffran, Mrs. A. McConville, Mrs. P. Gratton, Mrs. D. Murphy, Mrs. M. Collins, Miss M. Shanahan. The dining room is in charge of Mrs. W. C. McDonald, and Miss Gallagher, assisted by Mrs. Harpell, Mrs. J. Murphy, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Meagher, Mrs. Corrigan, Mrs. Bocking, Miss Flanagan, Mrs. J. Doyle and Mrs. Cousins.

This evening a grand dance will be held in the city hall that is expected to be a particular attraction to the young people. Refreshments will be served throughout the dance and the music will be furnished by Salisbury's orchestra. All who were privileged to take part in Monday's dance were delighted with it. The constant increase in the patronage of the bazaar is due mainly to the object for which it is held, viz., the House of Providence. Mayor Nickle put this before the gathering at the formal opening in a very convincing manner, and all persons of generous impulses must feel that it is a privilege to contribute toward the noble work of the good sisters of charity who have shown them the way by self-denial and life-long devotion. This is something that calls for unstinted admiration. The bazaar is, therefore, entitled to the most generous patronage.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the ladies who have responded with their services, spending day after day and all of their evenings to make the bazaar a success. No demands made upon their time and energy are too exacting for them. Rev. Mother Clement and her faithful assistants appreciate the work of the ladies.

Often Carry Marks in Germany. (Exchange) "The police," declared Hong Kong paper, with one of those fortunate misprints that give the joker opportunity, "announce that dogs without collars found wandering after ten o'clock in the evening are liable to be destroyed."

On which Punch makes an appropriate comment: "We understand, however, that in China dogs are almost invariably provided with tails."

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