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Money talks, but it never gives ! self away.

The first letter in a speeder's obituary is let 'er go.

The arms conference did not need to scrap the dirigibles.

Democracy: Tyranny by groups instead of an individual.

An Indiana man who married thirteen women found the last one u lucky.

Of course, the stars get big sal

aries, but think what the bootleggers make.

doesn't progress.

burning ambition. There might be less bigamy if the

guilty were required to live with all their mothers-in-law. Some individuals only put their

best foot forward when they can read on someone's toes. A scrap of paper came near

wrecking civilization; a flood of paper may yet finish the job. After statesmen have tried every

thing else, they give up in despair and do the sensible thing.

They laugh at colds who never first warm day of spring.

herself to giving up the impossible. You can't always tell. Even some

of the people who pass these "intelligence tests" make a success of life. One of the most difficult memory tests is the effort of the newly rich

to remember the names of Good times are said to be on the

way, but real evidence will be the return to normalcy of the "help wanted" columns.

unreasonable as expecting a man to pay his grocery bill while the jitney needs gasoline.

been working for a raise he could resources. hardly have done better than spring that plesiosaurus stuff.

form of flattery, but no woman feels fattered when some other woman falls in love with her husband.

The fact that a thing has been done in the same way for a very long time may be the best argument for looking for a newer and better way.

It matters not so much whether Ambassador Geddes said the treaty prevented war between the United States and Japan as whether the treaty does.

. It is predicted that women will A GROUP GOVERNMENT TANGLE soon be emancipated from skirts. In The political situation in the protheir fight for freedom the dear ones vincial legislature of Manitoba gives railway mileage is 39,384, increase seem to be working from the ground the first concrete illustration of the of 496 miles in a year.

manding an enquiry into the failure tire banking system.

but too well" with money that did reins of office. not belong to them. James McGill. general manager of the late Ontario

charge against the two Merchants rity group Bank officials differ in degree. Genceptive statements of the bank's Until the U. F. O. victory in North affairs, while the president, Sir H. Oxford, Premier Drury, with his far-Montgu Allan, is said to have only mer-labour coalition, was operating negligently participated in such re- without a majority. He was, as he turns. The hearing of these charges himself has admitted, at the mercy of month, and will do much to restore, or impair, public confidence in the banking institutions of this country.

A COAL STRIKE IMMINENT.

Unless some unforeseen development occurs, on April 1st there will be a general strike of coal miners in the United States, and 600,000 miners, involving 6,000 coal mines, wil lay down their tools in an effort to force the mine operators to comply with their demands. While it is not easy, from the information at hand, to say which side should make concessions to avert what would be al most a calamity, it does appear as if, People who are sticklers for pre- in the light of present day conditions cedent don't get . far. Precedent the miners are a trifle unreasonable in the demand. The chief issue, of course, is one of wages, and it does The young man who has money seem as if the present time were not to burn is seldom consumed by a the most propitious for a demand for higher wage scales. Two points indirectly involved, but which have a bearing on the dispute, are the miners' demands for a six-hour day and a five-day week, and the operators' attempt to reduce wages.

At a time like the present, whe labour conditions are unsettled, and the price of coal is still much above normal, the demand for a thirty-hour working week does not seem to be a very just one. Production cannot be stimulated by cutting hours so drastically, and only by production can the price of coal be made lower. There is not a great deal of justification, either, for the demand for higher wages, but, on the other hand, took 'em off when tricked by the it cannot be admitted that there is any more justice in the attempt of the operators to reduce wages. As a Isn't nature wonderful? The un- matter of fact, the percentage of the sophisticated woodpecker can knock price of a ton of coal received by the faster than the best trained gossip. miner is absurdly small in proportion to the total price. It is significant, France has a fund of common however, that the International Unsense, and eventually she will resign ion has refused to allow strike benefits to the strikers, and this will tend to shorten the hold-out.

to Canadians, however, is not the into their vaults, or else they go to cause, nor the point of dispute, but the effect which the strike will have upon Canada. Every time a strike of any extent occurs in this industry in the United States, this country is threatened with a coal shortage, and with an increase in the price of coal. who played a sinful game, unmoral, This was the experience during the brutal guys; they found old Sextus last coal strike, and the Canadian in his bed, and roundly smote him coal market has not yet fully recovered. Strikes such as the one threa-Expecting France to pay is just as tened simply serve to show up in bold relief the dependence of Canada upon the United States for her coal supply, and, to take the other rag, so tell us where it is." What view, the great necessity for the de- followed is too fierce to tell; the

resources should be left undeveloped while the country is dependent upon Imitation may be the sincerest another nation for its supply. The position of the Canadian coal mines, They baked my feet, those men of at a long distance from the main they burned the whiskers from my points of consumption, is, of course, chin, and made me show my roll!" the chief obstacle in the way of their It is an old, yet truthful tale; and development. With a government in still poor boobs will hide their kale power, however, which is pledged to do everything possible to stimulate the development of the natural the banker's vaults. resources of the country, there is hope that the coal situation may be given the attention it merits, and that a satisfactory solution may be evolved without much loss of time.

from the introduction of group gov-The action of the federal depart- ernment into the legislative bodies ments of finance and justices in de- of our country. One of the disadvantages of this form of government, of the Merchants Bank of Canada Without a doubt, is that it complewill be learned with satisfaction tely destroys the possibility of stathroughout the dominion. Too many bility. In Manitoba, as in Ontario, the Canadian banks have closed their group in power has been carrying on doors during the present generation, without a majority. The Norris govwith grave loss to shareholders and ernment, while it has the largest depositors, to permit of the present group in the house, has not as many instance passing without an official supporters as the other groups comenquiry. The steadily growing con- bined, and the inevitable has hap- Hollinger, in Northern Ontario, the centration of the financial and bank- pened. After managing to conduct value of gold and silver produced in ing interests of this country into a the affairs of the government of the 1921 being over \$10,000,000. few hands is not a healthy sign. Province with a fair measure of suceither for the banks themselves or cess, it was finally defeated on a for the public. It tends to create measure on which the other groups in the minds of the people a dissatis- combined in opposition. What was faction, if not a distrust, of our en- the result? Premier Norris tendered his resignation, but there was no one Ablished Daily and Semi-Weekly by British WHIG PUBLISHING ed its doors, during the past decade did not have a clear majority in the or so, to not a few bankers and house, his was still the largest group, financiers who plunged "not wisely and as such was entitled to hold the

The only course which seems open Bank, was sentenced to serve five does not appear to provide a soluyears in this institution for the mak- tion. The necessary supply for proing of false returns. Not long after vincial expenditures has not been year, if paid in advance ... \$5.00 W. A. Travers, general manager of voted, and a discount year, by mail to rural offices \$2.50 the Farmers' Bank, came east to would bring chaos into the various serve a similar term for a similar government departments. This being One year, by mail, cash\$1.00 offence. Another financier, who tried the case, the leader of the Labor-One year, to United States\$1.50 to get rich quick by somewhat sim-OUT-OF-TOWN REPRESENTATIVES, ilar methods, was Phillips, general ingness to give the government sufmanager of the defunct York Coun- ficient support to carry on until the ty Loan and Savings Corporation. financial tangle is straightened. Even Letters to the Editor see published He, too, spent five years in durance this, however, is not a satisfactory Vetinery College you used to have viter.

Writer. To the Editor see published He, too, spent five years in durance this, however, is not a satisfactory vetinery College you used to have condition of affairs, for it places the It will be noted that the federal government at the mercy of a mino-

A somewhat similar situation has eral Manager D. C. Macarow is existed at Toronto since the present charged with making false and de- government was returned to power will take place before the end of the the opposition, and there were many occasions when he might have been defeated had the opposition forces united. Even today, although his combination group has a small majority of the members of the house, he is at the mercy of the minerity group of labor members, and this illogical alliance is apt to be broken at any time by the deflection of some of the labor members, who are more or less in a state of revolt. The Drury government has been boasting of its record of labor legislation, but it should be remembered that this legislation was secured, so to speak, at the muzzle of a gun, for if the labor demands had not been granted, the farmer group would have been a long way short of a majority of members in the legislature.

This is one of the chief faults of group government. The province is not governed by the party which is in power, but by a small group which holds the balance of power and is in the position of being able to play the part of a hold-up gang. There may be faults in the two-party form of government. If there are, they are probably in the parties and not in the system, for two-party government gave stability to the government of the province or country, something which is sacily lacking in group politics. The chaptic condition of affairs in Manitoba should act as a warning to the Ontario provincial government, and above all, the people of the whole Dominion, and events there will probably hasten the return of stable and responsible government under the two-party system.

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

THE TIN CAN. "I've found it quite a prudent plan to use an old tomato can in which to keep my cash; I don't trust banks, The part which is of most interest said Sextus Salts, "for burglars break smash. So in a can I place my wealth, and hide the same, with proper stealth, where none may seek and find; defeating thus the robber's quest, I shed my rags and go to rest with a contented mind." One night some wicked robbers came, bad men on the head, and rudely bade him rise. "We've heard about your old tin can," exclatmed a masked and stalwart man, "and we are here for biz; we haven't time for quib and gag, we haven't time to chew the If Patagonia's press agent has velopment of Canada's domestic coal neighbors heard poor Sextus yell two parasangs away; they saw him hob-It is unfortunate that these coal bling up the street on tortured legs and blistered feet, when came the break of day, "The robbers got my old tin can," he wailed, "and I'm an also ran, a has been in the hole! in cans, like Sextus Salts; but I am wiser than the push, and I have stored my hard earned cush deep in

-WALT MASON.

Our Canadian Question And Answer Corner

A-Canada's present single-track

SHALL WANT NO GOOD THING:-For the Lord God is a sun and a shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly .- Psalm 84: 11.

A_Canada has the greatest and

richest gold mine in America, in the

Q-What is the per capita export trade of Canada and the United

States respectively? A-The export trade of the United States is \$100 per capita, and that of Canada \$190.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR

BY SAM HILL

Here's Hoping. "P'raps I'm wrong." Says Silas Mung, "But, seems to me that Spring has sprung."

May be stung.

-Barrie Payne. P'raps you're right, But, Silas Mung, Keep 'em on or you

Native: "Oh, they long ago turned that into a school for automobile mechanics."

Learn One Thing Each Day. was a case of adding one to Six and getting two Sixes.

His motto is: "Just take my dust,"

He fails to heed: "Look out for cars," And thinks that he can safely cross

ome day he'll get some awful jars. And go on a trip from which he'll -Canton (Ohio) News. Daily Sentence Sermon

Nothing will win more friends tha

News of the Names Club. Kansas City has a D. Cash and

What are we going to do with Opal Brewe, of Courtney, Mo.? G. B. she should be given the glad hand.

About Due, Now that Old Spring Has come to bat We soon can don The old straw hat

Ever Since Adam's Day. "Working for it is even more anlient," growled her husband.

Zero in Things To Don. When Myrtle dons her bathing suit Her darling hubby has a fit, The reason why is very plain For Myrtle's mostly out of it.

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant. I kin remember when the mere thought of her petticoat showing would make a girl blush-and it wasn't the kind of blush you get at the drugstore, either.

No Place For Him. The sign on the all-night restaurant ead: "WE NEVER SHUT UP." "How like my wife," Henry Peck as he hurried on. Girls That Have Them Kick, Too,

We Guess. (Headline over financial article in The Enquirer)

DEALERS KICK ON THIN CALVES M. M., who sends it in, also registers a kick against them and delclares there should be a law compelling girls who have such thin ones to wear long

How It Started. She frisked his pocket while he slept

Can Go the Limit. The girls will dress just as they please And if they want to show their knees The men don't care—take it from us.

Fool Questions. W. O. T. asks "Does the snore pro ide the sound in sound sleep?" They Don't Look Angelie, That's a

Mrs. Grouch: "A Chicago professor says the flappers are merely human." Mrs. Grouch: "Huh! Mebbe they are, but some of them certainly do not look

We Never Did Have Any Luck. (Headline in Philadelphia Paper) FINDS FORTUNE IN COAL BIN horough search of ours, but could not even find a lump of coal in it.

"Pa, what does broadcasting mean?" Telling a secret to a woman, son replied Pa.

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