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Daughter doubts the efficacy of any daily dozen except sundae.

The reputed nine lives of the cat is nothing in comparison with John Barleycorn.

If a man is disappointed in marriage he is confident that he was inveigled into it.

The modern dances have their faults, but they seldom are more vulgar than the criticisms.

Herodity is the quality that makes a boy act the fool very much as his father did at that age.

The more folly there is in a cause, the more blind and ecstatic enthusiasm there is in its devotees.

Another reason why daylight driving is safer is because it isn't customary to hug the driver in daylight.

So far the most remarkable and significant non-stop record in connection with flying is the work of gravity.

Some politicians profess a degree of dampness indicating that they have discarded political fences for a moat.

And yet if it wasn't for the war's reaction, people would find some other alibi to excuse their natural cus-diness.

The world grows more prosaic as the years pass, and now the only kissing game left is French diplomacy.

The rich father of useless children need not worry. Fighting for the inheritance will develop some shrewdness in them.

A village is a place where they still chuckle over the jokes that caused the cave man to tear his matted beard in glee.

It is not probable, however, that men who figure large in history gave much anxious thought to the crease in their trousers.

In this restful period following the war to end war, the nations are perfecting some remarkable devices for quantity killing.

A conscience would be all right if it would talk louder when it says "Don't," and not so loud when it says, "I told you so."

Of course the stock exchange is necessary. What else would make the price high at planting time and low at harvest time?

Correct this sentence: "One reason why I admire him so," said the young lady, "is because he doesn't throw away his money on girls."

A new German ship which recently arrived in New York was equipped with a stabilizer. Germany needs something of that kind.

Next winter's overcoats are being described as to appearance, but it is suspected that many of them will look a bit the worse for wear.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: IT PROFITETH NOTHING:—Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.—1 Corinthians 13:3.

WORTH WHILE SERVICES.

The announcement that Rev. Peter Bryce, who has been chairman of the Mothers' Allowance Commission since the act came into force, has resigned from that position, is one which will be heard with regret in all sections of the province where this act is finding work for its provisions. The task of administering such an act was by no means an enviable one, but the retiring chairman seemed to be particularly well endowed to carry out his duties. It is not likely that there is any political significance attached to his resignation, and the announcement is made that he is to take up ministerial duties in the east end of Toronto.

Mr. Bryce's policy in connection with mothers' allowances is one which commends itself highly to those in touch with conditions. It was feared that, being a minister in one of the districts of Toronto where conditions were not altogether prosperous, and having been in touch with suffering and misery in many forms, Mr. Bryce would be inclined to err on the side of generosity. This fear, however, has proven to be without foundation. He seems to have acted cautiously, and avoided making the act too great a burden on the municipalities, which have to pay half the cost of allowances in their own limits. Instead of going ahead of public sentiment by too extensive an interpretation of the act, he has preferred to keep public sentiment on his side by acting judiciously, and he had actually succeeded in making the expenditures for mothers' allowances a popular one. This is a noteworthy achievement in a time when expenditures are always open to criticism, no matter how necessary they may be. At the same time, the needs of the mothers of the province entitled to consideration have in no way been neglected. Justice, tempered with the proper quality and quantity of mercy, has been meted out, and the passing from this office to Rev. Peter Bryce should not be allowed without some acknowledgment of the splendid service he has rendered the province at the lowest possible percentage of administrative cost.

BUILDING A WAR MACHINE.

In spite of the hope which existed at the close of the great war that something would be done by the civilized nations of the world to prevent the recurrence of such a catastrophe, it now appears that there was little sincerity on the part of some of the nations which expressed that hope. In spite of the existence of the League of Nations, in spite of the agreement reached at the Washington conference, France is busily engaged in building up a new war machine, and making it as perfect as modern military science can make it. In the years before 1914, Germany devoted her energies exclusively to this end. Subsequent history proved that even her great military machine could not withstand the onslaught of the volunteer levies of the British Empire and the newly trained soldiers of the United States. France was one of the first nations to condemn the militaristic attitude of Germany in building up that great war machine, but yet she is busily engaged at the present time in developing a machine which will be similar in many respects, and, according to the hopes of the French army commission, will be even more powerful than that of Germany.

What can be the meaning of this great war machine? It cannot be said that it is being built up to prevent war, because there is no nation with which France is likely to be at war to such an extent as to require a military machine of the type which is being developed. Germany is powerless to stop any advances which France is likely to make. That is proven by the incapacity of Germany to make active resistance against the French advances in the Ruhr, for it is certain that if Germany had the power, not a single French soldier would have been allowed to enter the Ruhr valley without fighting his way forward. Germany is in no position to make war against France. It is inconceivable that there should ever be a war between Great Britain and France. For what purpose, then, is France building up this great war machine? The very nature of the military force which is being developed shows that, in the minds of some of those in power in France, there is some hope of a war of conquest which will bring agrardissement to their country. The aim of France, according to one authority in that country, is to have the strongest air force of any country in the world. Not satisfied with having bombing aeroplanes equipped with machine guns, she is building up a force of aeroplanes equipped with cannon, so as to give her an air artillery service. For what purpose are these aerial artillery to be used? There can be but one answer to the question. France, at the present time, is in the power of a party of men who have grandiose dreams for their country. Just as the former kaiser had grandiose dreams for Germany, Lloyd George has repeatedly warned the world that such is the case, and that these men, drunk with the thought of their power over Germany, are seeking for the first possible excuse to bring that country further

into subjection. They are not satisfied with the revenge they secured in 1918 for the defeat of 1870, but are preparing for a further and more complete revenge as soon as the opportune time arrives. Apparently, they are making active preparations for that time, and it is a sad commentary on the effectiveness of the efforts made to prevent future wars that a nation like France, which has suffered so much from the ravages of war, should be the first to make preparations on a large scale for another conflict.

AN UNAVAILING HUNGER-STRIKE.

While the drab picture of hunger gradually driving the German industrial population to "a Red uprising that will sweep western Europe" may not be greatly overdrawn, the purpose of the Tautou minister of labor in making it will not be achieved. It is obviously timed to influence public opinion outside of Germany with respect to the apparently divergent British and French attitudes on the subject of reparations. Under-nourishment of Germans may be accepted as a fact. Also that the wage scale of the industrial workers, which depends for its worth on the value of the mark, lies at the root of the impending starvation. But admitting these things does not make a basis for sympathy for the Germans, since it is within their power to alter conditions any time they are so minded. In effect, if not with actual design, Germany is on a hunger-strike. Long since the order-loving peoples lost patience with this device of the rebellious to compel the yielding of public warfare to selfish demands. Without suffering any qualms of conscience society can witness the gradual shrivelling of the hunger-striker. There is plenty of food within the reach of Germans if they are willing to pay for it. They deliberately ruined their own currency. Tens of thousands of them in key industries are voluntarily idle. When they assume work and when attention is given to stabilizing the mark so that wages earned will have a dependable value and international trade can be carried on under conditions of security for those on both sides engaging in it, there will be an end of the worst of the Germans' troubles. Their fate is in their own hands.

True, they are injuring others by pursuing their present course, and those others will be benefited when they alter it, people they do not want to benefit. But, whatever damage they may inflict on others, it will be a title of what they themselves suffer. Labor minister Brauns, described as one of the strongest members of the Cuno cabinet, would do well to exert himself to influence his nationals against continuing the hunger-strike that has proved so debilitating to themselves, rather than uttering veiled threats against neighbor states.

BITS PICKED UP

From an examination paper in an English school: "An optimist is a man who looks after your eyes; a pessimist looks after your feet." "The wife of a duke is a ducky." "A circle is a line of no depth running round a dot forever." "Millennium is the belief of the Freemasons." "So sorry to hear your husband has been drinking again, Mrs. Miggs. Of course drunkenness is a disease. He ought to be treated by a physician." "Bless ye, 'e wouldn't mind that, sir! When my 'usband's 'ad a drop, 'e don't care 'oo treats 'im."

PRESS COMMENT

Flag Flaunting. Complaint is made of United States tourists flaunting their sag throughout Canada without the accompanying Union Jack. It is not a very momentous matter, but would quickly assume that character if Canadians tried it across the line. —Hamilton Spectator.

A Sinister Fate Suspected.

The primary motive behind the Senate's action in destroying the Canadian National's building programme was a desire to stick the knife into the Canadian National Railway. This was the bond of union between the Conservative Senators and the little group of Liberal Senators from Montreal who joined hands with them. The incident is enlightening in more ways than one. For one thing, it is a plain warning that there is a bipartisan combination in the Senate which is out to "get" Sir Henry Thornton and to do injury, whenever the occasion offers, to the Canadian National Railway. The people will take due note of that significant and sinister act. —Manitoba Free Press.

GIANT NEW ZEALAND TREE,

Forestry Journal. One of the largest, if not the largest trees in the world has been discovered in the bush at Wabou, Hokianga, New Zealand. It is a huge kauri tree, the vast trunk rising to a height of 75 feet before being broken by the first branch, and measuring 22 feet in diameter and 66 feet in girth. A well known bush expert estimates the tree to contain more than 195,000 superficial feet of timber, sufficient to build three double storied hotels of 20 rooms each from floor to ceiling. It is to be hoped that this remarkable tree will be zealously guarded to show future generations what the lordly kauri at its best was like. From a marketable point of view, it would be impossible to fell it, much less break it down, no mill possessing saws big enough to tackle it. The age of the giant is estimated to be at least 2,000 years, and, carefully preserved, it has another thousand years of life before it. It is estimated that more than half the people in the world dwell in Asia. Screw your courage to the sticking place and you will not fall.

Along Life's Detour BY SAM HILL

And You Call—For Help. Folks don't run over for a call. The way they used to do: But in this age of motor cars they do run over you.

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant. The reason the women of to-day think tight lacing was simply terrible is because the loose, uncorseted effect now is the style.

The Annals Club. "I get just as much pleasure working in my garden in July as I did in May," boasted the suburbanite.

Ouch! "What a lot of spendthrifts we are," remarked Mr. Grouch; "the paper says we spent \$200,000,000 for confectionery last year." "We?" snapped his wife; "what do you mean by we? The final zero represents all you have spent for candy for me since we have been married."

Kissed the Cook. He's often kissed the cook. And yet it's caused no strife; The reason is, of course, Their cook is his own wife.

Try It. You can be popular. Even though you have no self. If you will learn to keep Your troubles to yourself.

Still Have Them. Blinks—"The world isn't as bad as it used to be. We don't have those terrible instruments of torture any more." Jinks—"Say, did you ever take a trip in a sliver?"

Old-Hat Note. Giving away the things you have no further use for is not charity. —Sam Hill, in Cincinnati Enquirer. We suppose you mean by that, Sam, that we'll have to let friend wife put that old Derby hat away in a sack in the attic for another summer?—"Dusty" Miller, Wilmington News-Journal.

Well, They're Shows the Men Enjoy. She—"The world's a stage." He—"Yes, but you flappers sure are making a show out of yourselves."

If It Fits. We guess from the hugging that goes on in the motor car that the young people of this generation are strong for the freedom of the press, anyway.

We are going to have a lot more faith in Science when it can make the things that are good for us as pleasant as the wicked things that are so bad for us.

We guess a man can be his own boss if he is an orphan and not married. We don't know of any more dangerous place to be married than on the spur of the moment.

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D. Like a House—The Ventilation. When they were building us a new building at the University the architects kept stressing the point of a "double fan system for ventilation."

Q.—To what extent are the municipalities of Quebec province under prohibition laws? A.—Over 1,100 of the 1,300 municipalities of the province of Quebec are under local option laws as to drink. The Government sale of liquor is confined chiefly to the cities.

Q.—To what extent does Canada carry on fish culture? A.—The Canadian Government distributed in 1921-22 through its department of fisheries, 864 million fish and fish eggs; viz, salmon, pickerel, whitefish and salmon trout.

The Approach of Night. The sun slow sinking o'er the timbered hills, Along the pine gloom trails a tender light, A late lark lulling on its lofty flight Its song upon the darkening planet spills, The first faint starlight glimmers on the ribs, Whose beauty like great silver ribbons white, Wind on till dimly fading on the night They murmur past a half a hundred mills

O'er languid leagues of green tranquillity A lighthouse sweeps a silver shaft to sea, While on the ridge beyond the fir-clad capes, The moon is rising for a moment stands To view upon the beach the silent shapes Of listless bathers spooning on the sands! —Harvey McKenzie

Thought He was a Bear. There are a number of good stories in the recently published biography of Professor Newton, of Cambridge. One of the best concerns a friend of his, an eminent scientist, who was very ugly and hairy. One day he went to call at a house, and found only a little girl in the drawing-room. He tried to engage her in conversation, but she would not answer until at length he said: "Perhaps, my dear, you don't know who I am." "Oh, yes, I do," she replied. "I gave you a bun at the Zoo last Sunday — and, you naughty man, you hadn't any clothes on!"

ON THE LEVEL. Manitoba Free Press. The engineer sat in his cab, The train was travelling fast; The motorist, with gleaming eye, Was hurrying to get past. The scene was at a crossing flat. The hour it was seven— The engineer reached Winnipeg, The motorist reached heaven.

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