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## CURRENT EVENTS

The Portuguese Government has postponed the elections for the fourth time until May 14th, claiming that the clergy have undue anti-government influence in various northern districts, and there is need of more time to further the Republican campaign. The Monarchists, taking advantage of the divisions and antagonisms among the Republicans, are distributing money lavishly to spread dissatisfaction in the capital and throughout the province.

While Booker T. Washington, the eminent negro educator, was waiting for a friend outside a house in New York on Sunday night, he was brutally assaulted by a German Janitor his head being badly injured by a big club. The fellow said his wife complained that a negro was hanging around, acting suspiciously and he went out with a club to investigate.

M. Stolypin, the Russian Premier and Minister of the Interior, has resigned owing to the rejection by the Council of the Empire of the Zemstvo Bill for self-government in the nine western provinces. M. Kokovsov, Minister of Finance, has been chosen by the Emperor to succeed him. Kokovsov, has the reputation of being a careful statesman, and on the Jewish, Finnish, and foreign questions maintained an enlightened and moderate attitude.

The incoming steamers which arrived this week landed 6,000 immigrants at Halifax, most of them bound for western Canada.

A decree signed by President Fallieres and published in the 'Journal Officiel' has set many tongues in France wagging. The decree lays down the law as to what expenses must be paid by the Ministers themselves and what the State shall pay. The decree applies to the expenses in the noble palace which the republic furnishes lodging place for the Ministers. The decree also calls the attention of the Ministers to the fact that while the State places furniture and works of art at their disposal, these things should be left behind when the families move out. Paris has grown curious about the matter and wants the details as to whose acts made the decree necessary.

Miss Rogstad, the first woman to represent a constituency in the Norwegian Storting, made her first speech before that body on March 17. She is a school teacher and represents one of the Christiania seats made vacant by the resignation of Gen. Bratlie, President of the Storting, who was compelled to retire temporarily

in order to assist in the work of reorganizing the army. The entire Assembly rose when Miss Rogstad began her speech. She said that the day would be a memorable one, as it was the first time a woman had ever participated in the discussion in the nation's Parliament, and predicted that the movement for political enfranchisement of woman was bound to succeed and to result in many reforms.

The final provisional census returns of India give the total population as 315,000,000, an increase of 20,500,000 as compared with 1901.

George H. Munro, promoter of the United Shoe Shining Company, better known as the Bootblack Trust, and of the Sovereign Realty Company, and seller of thousands of shares of English and Canadian Marconi stock, which he did not deliver, has been found guilty of using the United States mails in a scheme to defraud, by a jury in the United States Circuit Court in New York and was immediately sentenced by Judge Hough to serve three years in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

The action of the French Chamber of Deputies in making retrospective the measure for railway employees' pensions and salaries, thereby adding \$28,000,000 indebtedness to the railways, called forth vigorous opposition in the Senate and among conservative Republicans, who pointed out that this sum must be paid either by the state, which will be forced to increase the taxes to obtain the money or else by the railways, which will be obliged to increase their rates to meet expenses. This measure has caused a heavy depreciation in railway securities, estimated by M. Maurice Sibille, Deputy of Nantes, at \$180,000,000.

The debate on reciprocity has not made much progress in the House of Commons during the week, being dropped several times for other measures.

Mr. William O'Brien, the leader of the independent Nationalists, in a letter to the Times, makes overtures looking to reconciliation with Mr. John Redmond, chairman of the Irish Parliamentary party. Mr. O'Brien says that he desires to record his deep gratification at the conciliatory speeches which Mr. Redmond made on St. Patrick's Day; and proceeds to offer the suggestion that they might reunite the two Irish parties by dissolving the connection between the United League and the Board of Erin. This has reference to Redmond's assurances to the Protestant minority. Mr. O'Brien invites the leader of the Nationalists to put his assurances in to practice by separating the two bodies, because the first rule of the Board of Erin, whose officers are in the majority on the governing board of the United Irish League, is that no Protestant can become a member.

The Italian Cabinet has resigned. This action was due to the fact that the Cabinet was a coalition one and formed of discordant groups. As practically all the Radicals voted against the Government, the two Radical ministers, Sacchi and Bredaro, insisted upon retiring, whereupon Premier Luzzatti refused to continue in power. His action is generally condemned in view of the approaching jubilee in honor of the unification of Italy. It is feared that there will not be time to form a new ministry before the celebration begins on March 27. Signor Sialliti controls the political situation and can assume office if he wishes. He favors extension of the suffrage.

Mr. E. H. Armstrong, Liberal member for Yarmouth in the Nova Scotia Legislature, has given notice of a reciprocity resolution, strongly endorsing the proposed agreement.

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Many associations and agricultural bodies east and west have been passing resolutions in a similar sense.

The situation in Mexico has not much changed during the week, the insurrectionists, however, giving the government troops much trouble. The United States troops it is said, will remain in Texas for several months, carrying out their manoeuvres.

During the month of February the deaths from the plague in India reached the enormous total of 88,498. The disease has become such a fixture in that country that its ravages are little heard of except through the occasional official statistics. The British India Office reports that the epidemic was particularly virulent this year, and adds that the most persistent efforts to stamp it out have failed to effect a permanent improvement in the situation.

Mr. Justice Girouard, senior puisne judge of the Supreme Court, died in Ottawa on March 22 from concussion of the brain caused by being thrown from his sleigh in a runaway accident. Mrs. Girouard, who was with him at the time, had her arm broken, but was not otherwise injured. Judge Girouard leaves several sons and daughters among them being Sir Percy Girouard, the eminent military engineer, Governor and Commander in Chief of the East African Protectorate.

After much diplomatic correspondence and newspaper talk of a warlike nature, the Chinese government states that it is prepared to accept the establishment of Russian consulates in the places specified by Russia, and also promises to take measures regarding Chinese monopolies in Mongolia, which will permit Russian subjects freedom in trade in Chinese goods as well as in the goods of other countries.

President Taft's suggestion of an arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain receives hearty endorsement in the latter country, Sir Edward Grey for the Liberals, and Mr. Balfour for the Conservatives, making eloquent speeches in Parliament, saying there was no reason why it should not be carried out. According to a Washington correspondent the matter may be considered by the coming special session of Congress. Negotiations to this end are understood to be progressing favorably between the State Department and the British embassy, although it is not understood that anything has yet been reduced to a final draft. It is understood that the negotiations in progress contemplate the settlement as far as possible of all questions in dispute between Great Britain and the United States by means of international commissions, which shall make reports to their respective governments in the form of awards. In the event of a disagreement, the international Court at The Hague will be the court of last resort, unless the secretary of state, Mr. Knox, succeeds in securing the consent of the nations represented in that court to the establishment of an international court of arbitral justice. In any event the purpose of the negotiations is to remove from the field of controversy all matters of dispute between Great Britain and the United States.

The official announcement is made as to the probable date of the opening of the Canadian Northern Railway from ocean to ocean. Mr. D. B. Hanna, in an interview, stated that the several links would be hitched up by the fall of 1914. Mr. Hanna ex-

pects that there will be no less than six trains daily running from Montreal and Toronto to the Pacific Coast, two to be operated by the C.P.R., two by the Grand Trunk Pacific, and two by the Canadian Northern.

Ernest Crofts, painter and keeper of the Royal Academy, is dead. His paintings were more remarkable as historical studies than as works of art. Every detail was worked carefully out, every costume historically accurate, but they lacked vitality.

The Archbishop of York and many other prelates and clergy of the Established Church, as well as numbers of the preachers of the Free Churches, made eloquent pleas on Sunday for peace and arbitration, and without exception expressed the hope that an arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain would be realized.—World Wide.

## BABIES SORES



Every mother should realize that the skin of her baby is so tender that the secretions of the body often lead to rashes, eruptions, etc., all of which may be removed by Zam-Buk and the use of Zam-Buk Soap. Scores of restless, crying babies, upon examination, are found to be suffering from some form of skin irritation or "heat." Use Zam-Buk Soap for the bath and apply Zam-Buk Balm to the sores, and the trouble will soon vanish.

Mrs. L. Hood, of 475 Alexander Ave., Winnipeg, says: "Some nasty sores broke out around my baby's mouth, and despite all the preparations used, they refused to heal. I took him to St. Boniface Hospital and he remained there for two weeks. At the end of that time he was no better, and we again took him home. I was then advised to try Zam-Buk and obtained a supply. The effect of the first few applications was very gratifying and I continued with the use of the balm. A little perseverance resulted in a complete cure."

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## A NATIONAL STYLE

Queen Mary's patriotism in making use of only British made goods for her state robes has led to a hope that Her Majesty may give to the women of the British Empire inspiration for the creation of national fashions in dress, or at least national modifications of prevailing styles. It is contended, by those who hope for a change, that the fashions originated in Paris are French fashions, that they are undoubtedly becoming to Frenchwomen, but that they frequently do not sit well on the English type. They are specially designed for the woman of France who is vivacious and inclined to be petite. But it is ridiculous, says Everybody's Weekly (London), for tall and stately Englishwomen to put on, say, a 'Directoire' dress or a hobble skirt, which makes them look thinner than they are and deprives them of the special beauty of their race.

If the dress of the Englishwomen were but finely and exclusively designed to suit herself, her fashions in attire would command universal admiration.

## A DAILY COOKERY RECIPE

**Dried Bean Soup.**—One-half pint beans, two quarts water, four tablespoons minced onion, one tablespoon minced celery, one tablespoon dripping or butter, a small piece of ham or salt pork, or a ham bone, one tablespoon flour, one tablespoon salt, one quarter tablespoon pepper, one bay leaf. Soak the beans over night in one quart cold water. In the morning pour off the water and put the beans with the two quarts of water and the meat in a kettle over the fire. Cook slowly for two hours. Put the fat and vegetables in a small sauce pan and cook slowly for one-half hour. Drain the vegetables from fat and add them to the soup. To the fat add the flour and stir until smooth, then stir this into the soup. Add salt, pepper and bay leaf. Cover and cook for two hours, strain through a coarse wire strainer, re-heat and serve.

## GROWING UP

I'm growing very big and tall,  
 Almost to mother's shoulder;  
 And though there's lots of things I like  
 In getting to be older,  
 My legs and arms have grown so long  
 That father laughs, and Bobby  
 Just grins and says, "Oh, Gee, Pauline,  
 Your knees are awful knobby!"  
 And uncle calls me Spindle-shanks  
 And Polly-Doodle-Dee,  
 And says, "My child, be thankful that  
 Your lovely legs aren't brandy."  
 It's nice to reach high hooks and things,  
 If anybody pleases,  
 But I do wish my family  
 Weren't all such horrid teasers  
 I don't know where to put myself  
 When mother tries to hold me;  
 I wish she knew some comfy way  
 To take me up and fold me.  
 Of course she's always letting down  
 My skirts and sleeves to hide me  
 But, then, I wish my bones would wait  
 Till I grow up inside me.—Edna Kingsley  
 Wallace, in The Century.

## SAYS CHILDREN'S EYES ARE BEING RUINED

LONDON, Ont., March 30.—Speaking last night at a meeting under the auspices of the Trades and Labor Council, Miss Janet Lewis, of Hamilton, said: "I want to say that the picture shows are ruining the eyes of the children of the working men so that within a few years we will have to build scores of sanatoria to take care of the 'film eyesight patients'."

## THE LAUNDRY

## Kitchen Soap

Ten pounds grease (saved drippings) melted not too hot and poured into an old tin clothes boiler. Two cans lye dissolved in two quarts of hot water, slowly stirred into the hot grease. Stir constantly one and one-half hours towards the last adding two tablespoonfuls borax. Empty into paper lined box and within four hours' time, before it gets too solid cut into twenty five pound bars.