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STATISTICAL AVALANCHE

This is the season of the year when people are overwhelmed with statistics. Figures pour down from the mountain tops of knowledge into the valleys of Switzerland.

Annual reports of all kinds are crammed with tables containing adding-machine compilations of everything imaginable.

Statistics are the most dangerous things in the world for inexperienced folks to handle or to draw upon for their conclusions. Fortunately, however, the average citizen—himself a product of statistics—pays little heed to the statistics dropping all around him. Figures are so dull—and so hard to remember. Only the ones which are translated into charts and graphs ever make much impression. If the chart shows a little man holding a little sack of potatoes and a much bigger sack of potatoes, we see the crop of men and potatoes in some part of the world increasing or decreasing, as the case may be. Pictures make facts stand out clearly; also fiction, sometimes.

A GOOD CITIZEN

Much talk these days about the job of being a good citizen—and the indifference of most of us. These words of the late Theodore Roosevelt ought to be pasted in the hat of every man of voting age:

"The first requisite of a good citizen is that he shall be able and willing to pull his weight, that he shall not be a mere messenger, but shall do his share in the work that each generation of us finds ready to hand; and furthermore, that in doing his work he shall show, not only the capacity for sturdy self-help, but also self-respecting regard for the rights of others."

EFFORT IS NEEDED

Speaking of the enemies of life, we are confronted constantly with enemies that would break down character. No one can muddle along without effort into a better sort of human being. Drifting never means drifting up. If we are interested in getting to an improved state, physically, mentally, spiritually we have to make a definite effort. It's a job which has to be worked at.

Slips, falls, failures are to be taken simply as signals to start again.

"When a circus performer, who was known as the 'human ostrich,' was operated on in New Orleans, surgeons remover bolts, razor blades, carpet tacks and other junk sufficient to fill a cigar box. It takes all sorts of people to make up a world, but there are some types we never will be able to figure out.

One of those newspaper health advisers says women are paying dearly for slenderness, and perhaps they are; a lot of them, however, don't seem to be getting much return on their investment.

Czech composer, we read, is about ready to give an eager world jazz funeral music. And to that, we presume, the pall-bearers would do a neat little half-step and the mourners sob in synopated time.

An effort is being made to collect funds for the purpose of providing a radio equipment for the new Jordan Hospital at River Glades. The object is a very worthy one and is deserving of the hearty support of the public.

The young president of an Illinois savings bank, who studied at night to improve himself and has been arrested for embezzling \$100,000, seems to have taken the wrong course.

The guide books don't show so many large bronze monuments to public persons who conceded that there was much to be said on the other side of the question.

George Cohan, producer of many famous musical comedies, is rumored to be buying the Philadelphia National team. The question is whether it can be set to music.

It cost Henry Ford \$100,000,000 to start his new car, but it's going to cost the customers more than that to start theirs.

Eraser manufacturers say that ample provision has been made for all of those people who, to start the new year, will write '1927.'

Economics: A system of inexorable laws by virtue of which prices go up mysteriously when the coal strike is ended and production resumed.

After all, not so many gestures in this life are as futile as attaching the great athlete's signature to the article to make it seem more genuine.

The wife of an aviator is the only woman who is always glad to see her husband down and out.

This is leap year, and you will if you're crossing a street and value your life properly.

When airplanes become more common the big question won't be their upkeep so much as keeping them up.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Mr. J. D. Palmer of the Hartt Boot & Shoe Company left last evening on a business trip to the Pacific Coast.

N. H. Chalmer of New Glasgow is registered at the Barker House today.

W. V. Gale of Montreal is a guest of the Barker House today.

L. T. Clickman of Montreal is among the guests of the Barker House today.

G. W. Terry of Saint John is a guest of the Barker House today.

G. D. Ellis of St. John is a guest of the Barker House.

B. Fox of St. John is among the registered guests of the Barker House today.

Mrs. William Fisher who has been confined to her home with sickness for the past few weeks, is still unable to be about.

Baptist Church Activities.

Services are being held this week at the Brunswick Street church in connection with the new hall which was dedicated quite recently. A supper and sale is being held this afternoon at the hall by the ladies of the Senior Mission Band. Rev. J. H. MacDonald D. D., C. B. E., former pastor of the church and now a professor in Acadia University will deliver a lecture this evening in the main auditorium.

Celebrate Anniversary.

The Men's Bible Class of the Devon United Baptist church will celebrate the third anniversary of its foundation on Sunday next when the men in the class will take charge of the singing service both morning and evening. Similarly on the succeeding Sunday the class will again take charge of the musical program of the services.

Travel Conditions.

The weather man continues his leniency to Fredericton and vicinity by presenting another of those springlike days which we have had more than our share of this winter. Today with a clear sky and a warm sun, overhead, the streets are fast taking on a slushy appearance and the walking is very inconvenient.

Rotary Club Today.

The Rotary club held their weekly luncheon at their rooms in Queen street today at noon. A. S. McFarlane was the speaker taking as his subject "History of the City of Fredericton". Rev. Dr. Kierstead was chairman of the meeting.

Taken to Hospital.

Friends of Mrs. Geo. M. Byron wife of King's Printer will regret to learn that she has been taken to the hospital for observation and operation for obstruction in the lower intestines.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Constant prediction is a guarantee of snow.

Restaurants have a big supply of fancy names for bean soup.

To acquire the blues listen to any blue song, preferably by radio.

There are no new bad habits. We may as well keep the ones with which we are familiar.

If he writes something out of the ordinary chiefly for publicity purposes they call him a philosopher.

Mary bought a little lamb, and then she wondered whether, when she tried to eat it, the butcher sold her leather.

In grand opera there is so much fuss before the crime is committed that the police if alert would have ample time to break up the row.

"Argus was ideally equipped for the pedestrian life" says the Columbus Record. Even so, Hermes honked him to sleep and cut off his head.

ATTEMPT TO FIRE QUEBEC SEMINARY

Quebec, Que. Jan. 9—The guard around the Quebec Seminary has been tripled and a vigilant search is being conducted by the police for two mysterious strangers who were seen in the neighborhood of the building late on Wednesday night following an attempt to burn the institution by means of a bottle of white phosphorus. The bottle was discovered by the night watchman, Thomas Giguere on the third step of the main stairway of the building. Up to the present the police have not made any arrest. No damage as done by the fire which was discovered before it had made much progress.

MAY REVIVE SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY

Oslo, Jan. 10—Owing to various circumstances Norwegian shipyards in recent years have been unable to compete with foreign yards. As a result an absurd situation has been created compelling Norway, with comparatively the world's largest mercantile marine, to have its shipbuilding done abroad. Effective steps to revive the shipbuilding industry are being taken, negotiations having started between the shipyard and shipbuilders' association, the shipowners' association, the trade union and the banks. Surest indication of success is seen in that for the first time in Norway capital and labor are united in acknowledging their common interests.

ISLAND VIEW.

Island View, Jan. 7—The weather for the past week has been quite favorable with very little snow.

Miss Anna Cliff is spending a few weeks with friends in Boston.

Mr. Harry Dumphy is here from the West visiting relatives after being absent twenty-three years. He is being warmly welcomed by all.

Mrs. Mowatt Pickard has returned home after spending a few days with her mother Mrs. T. C. Everett.

The Ladies Aid met on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Chas. Estey where a pleasant afternoon and evening was spent.

A number of young people gathered at the home of Mrs. Austin Burnett on Monday night and gave her daughter Mrs. George Buchanan a variety shower in honor of her recent marriage. Mrs. Buchanan was formerly Miss Dorothy B. Burnett.

H. R. Cliffe who has been visiting friends here left Tuesday night for Boston where he will spend several months visiting relatives.

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