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THE SARAH MUST GO.

The camel has given way to the automobile and motor routes lead across what were once the trackless sands of the Sahara but the desert still manages to retain something of its glamour and its mystery. Except for a few scattered gasoline tins the automobile leaves few traces along its path. The silence of the desert is broken for a moment. Then as the shifting sands cover the motorist's track it again resumes its brooding calm. But a railroad across the Sahara, a railroad from Oran to Timbuctoo!

This is the proposal which a commission from the French Parliament will soon begin studying on the suggestion of Premier Poincare. It would mean a continuation of the line which now runs from Tunis to Algiers and the edge of the desert on across the Sahara to the Niger River and Ouagadougou. It would open up the French Sudan, parts of Senegal, French Guinea, Dahomey and the Ivory Coast. It would provide for through traffic from Lake Chad and the Congo Valley to the coast of Morocco.

We suppose that in good time this plan will be realized. Then the Sahara will be irrigated and thousands of acres of land opened for the plow. Commerce, colonization and civilization will make a new garden spot for the world and the Sahara will be no more.

REFUSING TO SEE.

Lucy Larcom known to our fathers and mothers once said: "The weariness and sadness of life comes from persistently closing our eyes to its greatness."

Men and women who are pessimistic, cynical with little faith are by means wiser than the rest. Usually they themselves know better. They refuse to see the good in life, either because they want to be thought sophisticated or because they fear to expect great things. They fear disappointment.

The courage to face the darkness is not the only courage. It sometimes takes courage in a scoffing world to insist there is sweetness and light.

FRIENDSHIP.

Charles M. Schwab speaks truly when he says the thing most to be valued in the whole journey through life is friendship. If you do not have and hold friends you have failed, no matter what or how much you have done. For the real test of human achievement is the success a man has in maintaining the right relations with other human beings. No matter what you may do for another if you do not feel friendly—away down deep—you fool nobody but yourself. If we do not make friends and do not hold them there is no depth in our personality.

STICKING TO PRINCIPLE

An 80-year-old Buffalo man, looking back over a busy life, says he quit many jobs because he would not work on Sunday. And he says he always got better places through sticking to his resolution. Practical folks, perhaps just as good as this man, may say he was over particular. Perhaps he was. Some work must be done on Sunday. The fact remains that the Buffalo man furnishes a good illustration of the profitable practice of sticking to principle.

A report submitted by Mr. Hon. N. W. Rowell K. C. at a meeting of the Council of the Canadian Bar Association at Montreal on Saturday urged an increase in the salaries of

judges. Hon. R. B. Bennett when asked for his views voiced public sentiment fairly well when he said that the matter of salaries could be more properly dealt with if there could be some assurance that the bench would not be "filled with senile washed-out politicians." The salary of a supreme court judge is at present \$9,000 and there are men on the bench who never earned anything like that amount in the practice of law.

Halifax Chronicle: An item in the "Fifty Years Ago" column of the Montreal Gazette states: "Halifax—Diphtheria continues to rage in various parts of the Province. One family in Hants County has lost nine children within sixteen days." If an item of that nature were published today it would create a public shock. An epidemic of diphtheria is unknown and deaths from the disease are comparatively rare so great has been the progress of science and curative medicine.

An old friend that seems to be among the missing in the Ottawa Government's parliamentary programme is 'Senate Reform,' says The Toronto Globe and suggests, with a chuckle to itself that "perhaps the Opposition will take it up now." The Opposition's desire for 'reform' of the Upper House won't become keen until Providence, a year or two hence, has called a few more Conservative senators from this world and given the Liberals control of the chamber.

Dolls are being made more lifelike all the time: One on exhibition in London smokes cigarets and doesn't go to sleep.

LIST OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLLINGER DISASTER NOW 39

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whole mine was still thick with smoke and that the gas was still very bad. They brought three bodies to the station.

Many Foreign Born.

The great majority of the entrapped men are foreign born, but there is also a large sprinkling of Canadians and Old Country men. Of the four men who were brought up dead, Graham, Stevens, Martin and Higham, the first three are natives of Nova Scotia, while a fourth Nova Scotian, Lind, say, is reported unofficially to be dead and his body at noon today was still underground.

Early scenes of frantic clamor around the mine on Friday gave way later to a calmness that was deadly. Men and women thronged the mine heads, but for the most part they were contained, although grief-stricken. They walked around the change-rooms or gathered together in small groups, talking in subdued tones and hoping against hope. Many maintained their vigil all through the night, even when the work of rescue was suspended until the Pittsburgh car could arrive. There was no scene of emotion witnessed as the hours passed, nothing but a painful and almost uncanny silence.

Tells Tale of Horror.

Lying on his hospital cot, M. N. Petchick unburdened himself today of a tale which for grim horror has had few equals. He was working on the fifth level on Friday morning when the smell of smoke was wafted to his nostrils. "I could tell the difference between smoke from balsting and wood smoke," he said, "and I knew that there was a fire somewhere."

He endeavored to warn some of his comrades and to make his way from No. 16 cross-cut to No. 13, at the end of which was the main shaft. With one or two others, he started, but the smoke became heavier and they could detect gas getting into their lungs. They had reached almost to No. 13, where there was a truck that would have brought them to the main shaft, but when almost on it, they were driven back by billows of deadly acid smoke. They staggered back toward No. 16, and some of the party separated.

Petchick made his way to the fourth level, and there he again gave the warning. Seven men were picked up, all told, and efforts were made to reach the main shaft on this level. Again they were driven back into the workings, until they finally reached a dead end.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE
So far this month has been strikingly like February.
If it's leap year and he tells, the marriage has a bad start.
A psychiatrist is a scientific gentleman who always knows who hires him.

The first really reliable harbinger of spring is a general loosening up of buttons on the old overcoat.

What has become of the old fashioned man who could say nobody owed him and he owed nobody anything?

Newest stockings are to be flesh colored, on the theory that all flesh is pink instead of grass as nobly written.

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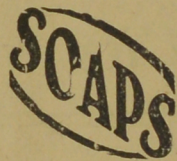
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