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A HOLIDAY

The first real holiday of the opening summer season has come in splendid guise, with warmth and sunshine that is all the more appreciated after the many days of cold and dreary weather.

Today, on lake and stream, and by the shore and in the green fields, rare enjoyment will be found, and walks of brick and dusty streets will be forgotten. On such a day some slumbering instinct that links us with the long forgotten past stirs into active being; and out where the winds are free and the air is pure, and the birds call to their mates, and the fields and woods are joyous in the young life that everywhere asserts itself, we may forget for a time the sor-did cares—forget what we are, mayhap—and live again in dreams of long ago the life our fancy pictured when the world and we were young together.

Blessed be the holiday that takes us out of ourselves and affords even a brief opportunity to take a larger view of life and its meaning than comes to us in the exacting routine of our daily toil. Happy are we if we may grasp the larger meaning, and return refreshed and comforted. A holiday is not a holiday to those who do not profit by its golden opportunities.

A CITY'S SHAME

The action of the mayor of Montreal in vetoing the city council's gas legislation has been surpassed by that of Mayor Weaver of Philadelphia, who is determined that the iniquitous agreement to lease the city gas works to a company for seventy-five years shall not be allowed to stand. He is backed by public opinion. It is stated that "Public opinion was so aroused as the time drew near for the final vote that great public meetings were held, at which the majority were in their buttonholes miniature hangmen's nooses, as symbolical of what the aldermen who voted for the gas contract would deserve." Nevertheless the deal went through. But the people mean business. It is stated a committee of citizens has been formed and has started to work to find out what means the law may afford of upsetting the council's action, and that every possible legal means will be taken to have the lease set aside.

Nor has the mayor been idle. Yesterday he dismissed from office the directors of public works and public safety, and suspended the assistant director of supplies. He asked the two directors to resign, and they declined to do so until their successors should be qualified. He then peremptorily demanded their resignation, to take effect at once, and when they replied as before he dismissed them.

This of course caused a great sensation. New directors were at once appointed. The council may refuse to ratify the appointment, but the new officials will hold office in the meantime. A despatch today says: "The mayor has announced that he is in the fight to the bitter end, which means that a great political battle is now on and will be carried to the polls next November. The mayor has called in as counsel Elihu Root of New York, and former Judge Jas. Gay Gordon of this city. Judge Gordon is a democrat. The mayor's stated purpose in going outside the city for his principal counsel is that he wants a man who is not identified with any faction in the struggle now on."

The following from the Baltimore News illustrates the feeling with which the general public outside of Philadelphia regards the situation in that city:

"That such a performance as has been going on in Philadelphia is an utter denial of popular government needs no demonstration. There is no difference of honest opinion on the subject. The people's rights are being given away by a pack of thieves in broad daylight. The material loss that is involved in this may possibly be averted by a veto from the mayor, but the civic degradation of Philadelphia has been demonstrated beyond the possibility of any wiping out of the record. To be in such a condition as this scene exposes should be regarded by a city in a democratic republic as the limit of disgraceful servitude."

In the same article the News points out that Baltimore is very different from Philadelphia, and points out the method by which it secured good civic government. It got rid of the "boss" system. The lesson is not without value to other cities. The News says: "In our city today even a remote approach to such an experience as that of Philadelphia is unthinkable. And yet Baltimore is made of much the same stuff as Philadelphia. We are no better in our private lives or our private character than are our brethren of the Quaker City. But we won, ten years ago, a great victory over the boss system that had been taking the life out of our civic virtue, and that would have sent us from bad to worse, as it has sent Philadelphia, if it had not been checked. We have been going uphill during the past ten years while Philadelphia has kept on going down. Baltimore has today the best condition in municipal politics of any great city in the country. She can hold on to it provided she holds on to that which is at the bottom of it—honest elections, the independent spirit, and a wholesome competition between the two parties for the support of the people."

HORSE SHOWS

The interest in horse shows appears to be steadily growing in the United States, and someone interested in the statistics of such events has figured it out that there were sixty-five such exhibitions worthy of special notes last year, besides more than half as many minor events. There were no less than eleven in New York state. The following statement is of interest in the provinces, where the horse show also bids fair to become a regular yearly event in leading centres:

"At a conservative estimate it is possible that fully one hundred horse shows, big and little, were held in the United States last year. In the list of prize winners at reported shows are the names of more than three thousand different carriage, road and saddle horses that won ribbons in 1904. As the non-winners far outnumber the winners at every show, probably not less than ten thousand horses competed at the leading exhibitions reported. The number is nearly, if not quite, as large as the number of horses competing in races on the trotting turf, and is larger than the number of running horses starting in races during the year.

"Taking into consideration the fact that prizes offered at the horse shows are seldom large enough to even balance the expense incurred by the exhibitor who wins, and that no opportunity is afforded to increase winnings through the medium of public betting, as on the turf, the magnitude of the horse show interests is surprising, to say the least, and is evidence of the strong hold which the pastime has gained among wealthy and fashionable people in the last few years. Nearly three thousand horse fanciers are embraced in the list of exhibitors who entered the prize winners at the sixty-five reported shows. This list is in the nature of a social register, including, as it does, the names of scores of men and women who are prominent in the social life of nearly every important city in the country.

The Winnipeg Telegram says: "The influx of American land speculators is very marked in Winnipeg at the present time, and every train that leaves for the districts where there are large areas of unclaimed farming country carries contingents of those who have followed the occupation of dickering in farm lands in the south and who are now directing their attention to Canada on account of the narrowing down of the field of operations at home. The indications are that there will be larger sales of unimproved lands this summer than has been the case for three years.

The death of Mr. F. B. Wade removes a man who for many years was a strong force in Nova Scotia politics, and who as chairman of the transcontinental railway commission gave to his work a great deal of ability and energy. He was still in his prime, and had he lived would doubtless have won still greater honors in public life.

There was another uproar in the British house of commons yesterday, which was calmed by the statement of Mr. Balfour that a day would be given for the discussion of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's proposed vote of censure. The attempt of the opposition to force a statement from the premier failed.

The Chicago strike seems likely to result in calling out the militia. In the end the striking teamsters will have lost a lot of money, the whole city will have suffered, many lives will have been sacrificed, and nobody will be any better off than before the strike was declared.

There are many maritime province people in Winnipeg, and they have formed an association, which on June 10th will have an excursion and outing at Winnipeg Beach.

All Doubt Removed

Buoyancy of spirits is one of the chief traits in the character of the Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus, head of the Armour Institute in Chicago, who is lame.

A watchful newspaper reporter overheard the famous preacher ask at a hotel office for Dr. Lorenz, the hip specialist. Thinking that there was a story, the reporter waited until Dr. Gunsaulus came down, then approached him with the question: "Was there anything of public significance in your call on Dr. Lorenz?" "Oh, no," said Dr. Gunsaulus. "I consulted him about this affliction in my walk. But he said: 'Cheer up, there's no hope for you. You'll never be any better.'"

A REASON FOR IT

In a lucid moment one of the inmates of an insane asylum sat on a seat in the wall and rubbed at a lone fisherman angling in the creek. "Fishing?" queried the lunatic. "Yes." "Caught anything?" "No." "Had a bite?" "No." "How long have you been fishing?" "Oh, about six hours."

"Say," screamed the man with the bug, waving his arms wildly, "you come on in here!" Then he got 'em again and fell off the wall into a raspberry bush.—Western Publisher.

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Sir:—The above order will be much indebted to you if you will kindly give prominence to the particulars of the following competition on receipt of the same and again in the month of June.

Trafalgar Centenary Prize

The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire offers prizes for an Essay in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the battle which gave England the command of the sea, and established the British empire.

Conditions

1. Subject: The Battle of Trafalgar and its results.
2. Length must not exceed 3,000 words.
3. Open to any boy or girl between the ages of 14 and 17, in public or private schools of Canada.
4. Essays to be written on one side of paper only, in the presence of a responsible person in the month of September, and be certified as pupils' own work by teacher.
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6. Essays to be signed with non-deplume or motto, and accompanied by sealed envelope containing true name, address and chosen motto of competitor. They must be sent to "The Secretary, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, 212 Manning Chambers, Toronto," on or before Trafalgar Day, Oct. 21st, 1905; award to be announced in December if possible.

In case of change of date, intending competitors should send their names to the secretary early in June.

The judges will be prominent educational authorities.

Prizes: 1st, Valuable copy of Mahan's "Life of Nelson," presented by the Imperial Order. 2nd, Mahan's "Influence of Sea-Power in History," presented by the Navy League, England. The committee reserves the right to present a third prize if they see fit.

Very truly yours,
M. CLINT, Secretary.

GRAND FALLS

After June 1st the blacksmiths in Grand Falls will close their shops at noon on Saturdays.

Harry Wade is fitting up an ice cream parlor in the rear of his drug store. A large well-lighted room, divided by partitions will contain the tables and easy chairs.

A large crew of C. P. R. employees working in connection with the steam shovel which has been stationed at the gravel pit at Rapide de Femme, a few miles below town, for the past eight days, temporarily finished their labor yesterday and departed for MoAdam. The steam shovel and accompanying crew will return in about three weeks and remain during the summer, grading, ballasting, straightening the track and laying new rails. Ten thousand dollars have been appropriated towards putting the track between Grand Falls and Edmundston in excellent condition.

A trout weighing four and a half pounds was caught in Burgess' mill pond last evening by Bert Currier.

Mrs. John McCluskey, Grand Falls Portage, who has been ill for the past five months, has gone to St. Basil where she will enter the hospital for treatment.

The case of Charles Curless vs. The Town of Grand Falls was argued before Judge Carleton in chambers in Woodstock one day last week, and a new trial refused. The case will now be appealed to the Supreme Court on banc which meets the middle of June.

J. C. Earle and T. H. Ruddock, St. John, are in town today. H. H. Hammond, Van Buren, Me., was in town yesterday. Mayor J. L. White and Fred Dixon will start next week on a fishing trip up Little river.

Matthew Burgess, who fractured the bones of his foot a few days ago while attempting to board a moving freight train, is making rapid progress towards recovery.

MR. LOGAN'S CONDITION

(Amherst News.)

In a letter written to a friend in town Miss Lucy Logan says that her brother is improving somewhat and that the doctors hope to see him able to sit up in a fortnight's time.

Although hardly out of danger yet his friends now consider the worst is over and are hoping for a speedy recovery. Mr. Logan still suffers much pain, both in his ear and lower down in his shoulder.

His many friends here will be glad to hear such cheering news.

"Are your papa and mamma at home?" asked the caller. "No," replied little Marguerite; "one of them may be here, but they never are both at home at the same time."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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