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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in."

These words of Abraham Lincoln are recalled today, the anniversary of the birth of the great war president of the United States. As the years pass and the actors in the great drama of that war grow few and sadly less, and the character of Lincoln stands out in the clearer light of history, the people cherish his memory with deeper feelings of reverence for the man, and greater appreciation of the principles he embodied.

There has just been organized The Lincoln National Association, to develop into a national park the rolling acres of the Kentucky farm where Lincoln was born. Collier's Weekly purchased the farm when it was offered at public auction last summer, and now deeds it to the association, whose board of trustees includes such men as Joseph H. Choate, Henry Watterson, Cardinal Gibbons, Joseph W. Folk, Secretary Taft, Horace Porter, William Travers Jerome, Mark Twain, Saint Gaudens the sculptor, August Belmont, Robert J. Collier and others. The last issue of Collier's Weekly tells the story of the purchase of the farm, and of the association, and gives a fine series of views of the old farm, with several pages of commendatory letters from President Roosevelt, Vice President Fairbanks, Secretary Root, Secretary Taft, Secretary Shaw, Grover Cleveland, Cardinal Gibbons, Senator Eliot, Archbishop Ireland, President Elliot, Mark Twain and many other of the nation's leaders. We may quote a part of the characteristic letter of Mark Twain:—

"The government is spending every year millions on agricultural colleges and model farms to teach the art of raising more corn and squashes. In the present political, moral and social atmosphere of the American people there is nothing in that line that can compare with this little model farm that raised a Man."

Archbishop Ireland, in his letter says: "The land upon which Lincoln was born, and upon which he spent his early youth, is too sacred to be turned over to vulgar, everyday purposes. It must be for all time one of America's venerated shrines, over which the spirit of America shall hold undisputed sway, and whither worshippers shall come from every clime to honor it and inhale its sublime and purifying life."

The name of Lincoln is one of a group of great names that are to the American people a priceless heritage. Men and women are the greatest product of creation, and the soul of a man of greater value than the grandest structures reared by human hands, or the most colossal fortunes gained by human effort. In an age when wealth and show count for so much, and ideals for so little, it is well, as Mark Twain suggests, to turn aside for a little and study the life of "a Man."

CONSERVING FORESTS

The government of Ontario, recognizing the value of its timber lands and the danger of too rapid destruction of forests of pulp wood, has adopted a new policy. It will sell pulp-wood concessions hereafter by public competition. Five agreements granting pulp concessions have been cancelled for non-fulfilment of contract. The Mail and Empire says:—

"Hereafter a bonus must be paid in addition to the dues to be fixed from time to time by the Lands and Mines Department. It is confidently expected that in bonuses alone several hundred thousand dollars will be received for the concession. In fact, previous reports that the agreements were to be cancelled had already been followed by the offer of large bonuses by responsible parties for the privilege of taking over the areas and carrying on the agreements. The dues at the present time are 40 cents a cord on spruce, and 30 cents a cord on poplar and jack pine."

"In the future concessionaires will not be allowed to cut anything less than eight inches in diameter at the stump, as against a former restriction of six inches. The boundaries of the areas under concession will be strictly defined, and the cutting and other work will be under close supervision of government officials. Rangers will safeguard the areas against fire. Successful tenderers will be required to erect mills on their respective concessions as in the case of the old agreements, and to manufacture pulp in the province. The department will decide as to the amount of capital to be invested in each concern, and other details not here mentioned, in every case."

President Patrick Dolan, of the local district of United Mine Workers, at Pittsburgh, whose head was demanded by the unions, has made some interesting statements. He says, for example:—"Let us be honest about these things. Our wages have been increased more than 100 per cent and our hours of labor have been decreased from ten to eight hours since 1897. Is it right under this Ryan resolution to jeopardize all these things? And let me tell you, the miners of this country have never won a prominent soft coal strike under the direction of Mitchell." This may not be a palatable statement for the agitators to swallow, but Mr. Dolan very properly observes that "it is a leader's duty to tell his people, not what they would like to hear, but what they should know; and they must be told when they are in the wrong, as well as applauded when they are in the right."

The description of the new British battleship Dreadnought, which was published in the Times on Saturday, shows that she will stand in a class by herself. A fighting machine that can throw ten projectiles weighing 8,500 pounds every minute, and throw them 25 miles, will be able to inflict incalculable damage upon whatever is within range. A fleet of Dreadnoughts in battle would be an appalling conflict. And yet, despite peace conferences, such an event is still among the possibilities.

The removal of Rev. Dr. Gates to Montreal, while it would enlarge his sphere of activity and open before him larger opportunities, would be a distinct loss to evangelical church circles in St. John. Dr. Gates has endeared himself to his own people, and has won the esteem of all by his great kindness of heart and breadth of sympathy.

The statement of civic finances published today is not of a nature to cheer the taxpayer. Over expenditure appears to have become the fixed policy of the departments. How to get more revenue and spend less without starving the services or over-burdening the people is a problem that requires the application of very strict business methods.

The Montreal Gazette is somewhat sarcastic in the following observation:—"At the opening of the New Brunswick Legislature there was what may now be looked for as a regular thing on such occasions, a reference to the claims of the province against the Dominion for more subsidy. The prodigals are all hungering for the fatted calf in the old man's yard."

The name of the late Mr. E. B. Eddy was a familiar one throughout Canada. He had built up at Hull successful industries whose products were distributed from the Atlantic to the Pacific. A Vermont boy by birth, he became a thorough Canadian, and did much for the good of his adopted country.

A Calgary despatch says that Dr. Clark, of Olds, who has just returned from a two months' visit to Great Britain, where he took part in the recent elections, was assured by the leading Liberal politicians in Britain that one of the first acts of the new government would be the removal of the embargo against Canadian cattle.

Montreal appears to be somewhat exercised over a rumor that the United States steel trust is after all the big steel industries of Canada, including the St. John mill factories. The rumor appears to have originated among speculators in stocks, and need not necessarily be taken seriously.

The New Brunswick teachers ask for a compulsory education law, cessation of the issue of local licenses, more central graded schools, and higher pay for teachers. This memorial should receive the very careful attention of the government and legislature.

The Monday morning papers had today their usual budget of news of crime, including one tragic story in which New Brunswick people figure, and the tale of a murder in which a St. John man narrowly escaped a fatal bullet.

The Legislation and Reception Committee of the Toronto city council has decided to recommend that the council memorialize the Dominion Parliament to take over the telephone business of the country and operate the same.

Who will be the new chairman of the civic board of works? There are said to be several candidates. The office is one that requires a man of ability and experience.

The New York stock market is quieter and the Montreal market is more active. The conditions of a month or two ago are reversed.

THE HEART OF A BOY

(From the Baltimore Sun).

Much has been written in praise of the "little mother," the unselfish tender-hearted girl who helps to take care of her younger brothers and sisters. All honor to this little woman, for she deserves it. But occasionally, it seems, a "little father" comes upon the scene, although so rarely that when he does appear his coming is worthy to be noted. In the Children's Court in New York recently appeared three boys—John, Michael and James Rawley. Their father, a hard-working man, died a week before. The mother is incapacitated by her habits from taking care of them. James, the big boy, is eighteen years old and works in a metal foundry. He pleaded with the court not to give his little brothers to the care of the Children's Society. "I will take care of the boys, Judge," he said. "I am willing to do anything but let them go to an institution. My father took care of them and I can do it now." The judge promised that he should have his brothers back when he has a home for them. "There isn't one boy in ten thousand like that," commented the judge on what he pronounced an extraordinary act of self-sacrifice. The judge was right. There are few "little men" made in a mould so fine as this hard-working boy in a New York foundry.

F. P. Loggie, of Loggieville (N. B.), was at the Royal Saturday. J. White, B. C. Mullins and W. J. LaPlant, of Bathurst, were registered at the Dufferin Saturday.

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OBITUARY

Amherst, N. S., Feb. 11—(Special)—The death took place at the home of his father, Charles Goodwin, late this evening of Frederick Goodwin, M. D., of Bayfield (N. B.).

Dr. Goodwin, who has been suffering from Bright's disease, came to the home of his father some weeks ago to be near special treatment, but the disease had too great a hold on him and he has been gradually sinking. In fact, his death has been looked for daily during the last week.

Deceased was 45 years of age and was a native of Lorneville, this county. He was a graduate of the Medical College, Baltimore, where he also took a post graduate course. He had practiced successfully for about fourteen years at Bayfield. He was a prominent member of the New Brunswick Medical Association. In politics he was a Conservative and in religion a Methodist. His wife, who survives him, was a daughter of Smith McGlashan, of Bayfield (N. B.). His father and mother, one brother, Henry, of Lorneville, and one sister, Bessie, wife of D. A. R. Fraser, of Sackville, also survive him. His body will be taken to Bayfield tomorrow for interment.

of Wm. Stairs' Son & Morrow, died on Saturday evening, after an illness of more than a year of Bright's disease. Mr. Morrow was a son of the late Robert Morrow, and his mother was a sister of Hon. W. J. Stairs. Four children and his widow survive. Mr. Morrow was an ex-president of the Halifax Club, the Wanderers, and the Red Cape Snowshoe Club. For several years he was an alderman of the city of Halifax.

Miss Annie R. Sharkey went to Woodstock Saturday to visit her brother-in-law, Dr. R. G. Thompson.

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SUPREME COURT WAS AGAINST HIM

Greek Who Was Kidnapped and Huddled Across the Border, Loses His Case.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 11.—In the supreme court on Saturday afternoon, judgment was delivered in a number of important cases.

In the case of Papegeorgiou, the Greek, vs. Henry M. Turner, United States immigration inspector, the court delivered judgment in favor of defendant, unanimously refusing to grant a new trial. Judge Barker went exhaustively into the different phases of the case. He condemned the conduct of Serafe, the United States customs detective, who was shown by the evidence to have enticed the plaintiff across the American border under false pretences, but exonerated Turner from any blame in the matter. He cited several authorities on international law to show that any country had the right to deport immigrants who were regarded as a source of danger. Papegeorgiou was suffering from a loathsome disease called trachoma, and on this account was twice refused admission to the United States. He having afterwards entered the United States unlawfully, the judge held that Turner was justified in arresting the Greek and deporting him from the country.

The chief justice also delivered a written judgment, in which he concurred with the judgment of Judge Barker. This case was tried at St. John some time ago before the chief justice and a jury, and a verdict returned in favor of the defendant. The case for the plaintiff was argued on appeal by Attorney-General Pugsley, while the defendant was represented by Hon. T. F. Dyer, of Portland, and Dr. Curry, C. C.

The King vs. Forbes ex parte W. T. Chestnut. This was an action brought by the Oldtown (Me.) Canoe Company under the Canadian alien labor law, against the defendant, for bringing workmen into Canada from the United States under contract. The case was tried before Judge Forbes at St. John, and resulted in the defendant being convicted and fined \$50 and costs. The court held that Judge Forbes had no jurisdiction, as the offence was committed in York county, and ordered the conviction quashed.

Tibbitts vs. Hutchinson. Demurrer allowed with leave to amend. Tuck C. J., dissenting; Landry J., no part. The Lawton company vs. the Maritime Combination Rack Company. New trial refused, and verdict in the case stands.

Cumberland Railway & Coal Company vs. the St. John Pilot Commissioners. New trial refused—Tuck, C. J., dissenting.

The King vs. Byron ex parte Batteon. Rule nisi to quash refused.

Ex parte Local Board of Health for District No. 3 vs. Municipality of York. This was an appeal from an order of the chief justice calling upon the secretary-treasurer of the municipality of York to show cause why the expenses incurred by the board of health should not be paid. The ground of appeal was that the chairman of the board of health, in instituting legal proceedings, had acted on his own responsibility without calling a meeting of the board. The court set aside the order—Tuck, C. J., dissenting.

Ex parte Thomas C. Burns vs. Myers. Rule absolute for certiorari and rule nisi to quash.

After delivering the above judgments, the court adjourned sine die.

GYMNASIUM FOR GIRLS

(New York Evening Post.)

The growing appreciation of the fact that the health of women is as important a matter as that of men, and that girls need athletic exercises of the right kind as much as boys, has led to the organization here of a girls' branch of the Public Schools Athletic League. The idea was suggested by Dr. Luther Halsey Gulick, growing out of his experience in the boys' work, and has been taken up by a number of influential women, who hope to raise money sufficient to extend it over the city. If the plan proves successful, it is hoped that the Board of Education may eventually take it under its wing.

The idea is to secure a gymnasium in some school in every district for use after hours. The most congested school districts will be taken up first, and work has been going since Christmas at two places. These are the two largest schools in the city, one having 5,000 pupils, half of whom are girls.

The girls' branch of the Public Schools Athletic League has started out with the idea of developing athletics in the individual schools rather than promoting contests between them. The latter course, it is felt, tends towards the competitive rather than the recreative spirit, and this is not desired. Attention will be paid principally to the older girls, because their opportunities for exercise are fewer. In fact most of them have none at all as soon as they get too big to use the streets or playgrounds.

Basketball, folk dancing, gymnastics, and gymnastic games will be taken up, and by the arrangement of different classes at various hours opportunity will be given for each girl to exercise twice a week.

Miss Burchenal, the secretary of the organization, is particularly interested in the idea of developing the folk or peasant dances of the foreign peoples here, and has made a study of this subject in order to teach them.

"For the most part these dances have to be taught," she said. "The older folks know their national dances, but the children born in this country seldom do. I have often been at places where they had these dances and have seen the older ones taking part, while the younger ones looked on—rather the opposite of the usual rule at such gatherings."

"In another generation, without some effort to keep them up, these dances would pass away, which would be a pity, as, besides their picturesque features, they are invariably vigorous and excellent exercises, quite different from our parlor dances. I have studied up Russian, Hungarian, Polish, Spanish, Swedish, Irish, Scotch, Italian, and German dances. Of course we will not try to teach the national dances simply to girls of those particular nations, although naturally girls will care more for those belonging to their own race and certain ones will be especially adapted to certain parts of the city."

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