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THE UNEMPLOYED

An evidently well-fed, rosy-checked gentleman, with a slight cockney accent, gilded unobtrusively into the Times office and modestly requested a little help. He could get no work, he said. Something in the manner and appearance of the visitor stirred a chord of memory, and the editor mildly enquired where this man had been since last they met. That last time was a year ago, when the visitor appeared with the same story, and was given an order on the Salvation Army shelter for some meals and a bed. In reply, the rosy-checked one said that he had been at Chipman and other places but had found no steady work, and was therefore penniless. The editor ventured the remark that there might be some excuse for even an able-bodied man as his visitor finding himself stranded once in St. John in winter, but with a long summer and no incumbrances, and the whole continent of America before him, there was no reasonable excuse for the intrusion of his rosy cheeks into the editorial rooms in like manner a second winter.

There are, unfortunately, quite a number of men of this type appealing to St. John people for assistance. Some are strangers, and some are natives. They really deserve no consideration, for when they could work they either did not do so or they spent their money for liquor. They should now be made to earn every cent they receive, and some means should be provided whereby they could be introduced to a stone yard or wood-pile, where the exercise would be vigorous and the pay no larger than enough to pay their board.

More people than those whom they victimize by their appeals are made to suffer by these gentlemen of the road. The really deserving man, who would gladly work if he could, is too often hastily classed with them and turned gruffly away. There are many deserving cases. This journal knows of good men, natives of St. John, who are earnestly seeking work with little or no success, and there are many deserving strangers whom misfortune has brought here at a season when work is slack and the weather severe. It is not creditable to the city that no provision is made whereby a hungry and destitute man may earn his board. There are men forced to ask for aid to whom the act is a humiliation from which they shrink until they are compelled to submit to it. They would work if they could, and they ask for help only because they must.

In the best interests of the city, some work should be provided, not only for those who are willing to work, but for those who are not. The former would soon learn to ask for other help, and the latter would have no excuse for asking it. The secretary of the Associated Charities states that there are more stranded men here this winter than usual. The board of trade has stirred up the city council in one matter—why not in regard to this one?

CHRISTMAS CONTRAST

Under the above heading a New York paper gives this striking word picture:—"The dispatches from London picture a threatening and tragic social situation. The gay throng of Christmas shoppers in Oxford street is saddened and alarmed at the processions of desperate, unemployed men patrolling the gutters under red flags and marking time to the lugubrious refrain: "Bread, bread! We want work." The fashionable West End is invaded by shoeless shivering wretches marching in long columns under banners that proclaim their unwillingness to starve. A wedding in Belgrave square is interrupted by the harangues of indignant agitators. Preachers are halted in their pulpits and commanded to preach

a gospel to the poor. A radical member of parliament is driven from the House of Commons, shaking his fist in the faces of his colleagues and calling them "murderers," because they refuse to listen to his appeals in behalf of hungry men.

"Meanwhile, in London, as in New York," this journal continues, "the Christmas spirit—with its evangel of peace and universal good-will—has its seasonable hold upon the hearts of men. The pulse of that fine feeling is quickening from day to day toward the climax of the Christian calendar. It is to be hoped that in New York, as well as in London, a way will be found to give a larger social expression to the Christmas sentiment, so that the weakest and poorest shall not feel that he is left out of the family cheer."

The policeman-mayor of Lowell is getting his full share of publicity. Day before yesterday it was announced that he was coming to St. John. Yesterday it was announced that he was due to arrive. Today the papers have interviews with him in which he states that he is being shadowed by his enemies, the brewing and liquor selling interests of Lowell. This is really too bad. Why could not a modest mayor make a dutiful journey to the home of his step-mother without the fact being heralded by wire and his worship tracked all the way to Jordan Mountain by fiendish enemies, eager for his downfall? Let us hope the brewer's men were not supplying the mayor's press agent with stiffs for his imagination. The cruel photographer has also been on the mayor's trail, and there is no telling what will happen next.

It is too near Christmas for the Times to send a special representative to Jordan Mountain, but no doubt the public will get the news in some way—whatever happens.

The status of the farmers in the United States is indicated by the following despatch from Washington:—"The twelfth annual report of Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture contains much of interest to the material welfare of the country. The value of all farm products of 1908 reaches the most extraordinary total in the nation's history—\$7,778,000,000. This is about four times the value of the products of the mines, including mineral oils and precious metals. The farmer contributes 87 per cent. of the raw materials used in those manufacturing industries which depend mostly or considerably upon agricultural materials, and these industries use 42 per cent. of all materials used in all industries. The gain in value of farm products in 1908 over 1907 is \$290,000,000 and would have been much larger had not the prices of cotton and hay been low. During the last ten years the wealth production of the farms of this country has exceeded the sum of \$80,000,000,000."

The following Ottawa despatch should be of interest in St. John:—"The City of Ottawa has just decided officially to provide the Capital with a full system of vast playgrounds for the young people. At a special meeting of the Council held Saturday afternoon a by-law was passed authorizing a popular referendum, when the next municipal elections take place, in order to ascertain if the electors will permit an expenditure of some \$60,000 for these playgrounds. A special committee had studied the question previously, and it reported that it was urgent that each ward have playgrounds where the children could amuse themselves during the whole year; football and lacrosse could be played in summer, and hockey in winter. This report was very favorably received by the Council, which passed the above resolution."

If the committee named by the mayor set out with a determination to frame a satisfactory plan of re-organization of the civic departments, they will doubtless be able to agree upon one that will be acceptable to the citizens. But it should be thorough, having regard for efficiency, and not constructed around certain officials who must be "taken care of." The officials can be dealt with later. Let us first have an effective scheme.

Before yesterday's vote was taken the Associated Press indifferently observed that Boston always votes strongly for license. After the vote of yesterday it said: "The vote on the license question was: Yes, 34,787; no, 22,799, a majority for license of 11,988, as compared with 16,489 last year." Even at Boston the force of the prohibition wave is felt.

The Y. M. C. A. classes are being formed, and the institution should prove of great benefit to boys and young men. Rev. C. W. Townsend remarked on Sunday evening at the Every Day Club that some young men doubtless spend as much on a single spree as would entitle them to Y. M. C. A. privileges for a year. This is unfortunately too true.

Longboat does the unexpected thing. Most people expected Dorando to win yesterday's Marathon race in New York, but the Indian ran the Italian off his feet. Many members of the betting fraternity will have a duller Christmas because of the result.

If any hills are to be set apart for coasting purposes, it should be done at once. There will be no finer coasting this season than the children are now enjoying by sleigh, and at some risk to themselves and others.

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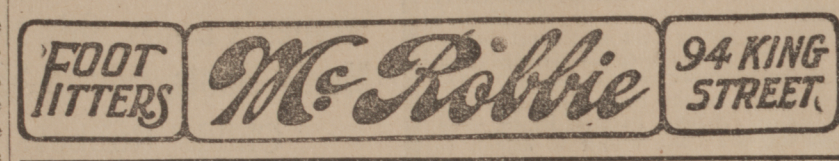
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IN LIGHTER VEIN MUSICAL

"Can we duet?" asked the tenor. "Can we sing the song before us?" Can we sing the song before us? And the answer was, "Of chorus." —Kansas City Star.

NOT WHAT HE WANTED Bystander—"I trust we shall make you feel quite at home," remarked the hotel proprietor. "Don't you try it," expostulated the married man. "I'm away from it to have a jolly good time."

IMPOSSIBLE Bronson—"I understand he painted cobwebs on the ceiling so perfectly that the maid wore herself out trying to sweep them down." Johnson—"There may have been such an artist, but there never was such a housemaid."

INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION "I hope you were in favor of the loan?" "Always in favor of loans, dear boy. Say, can you spare a Y?"—Baltimore American.

HER RULE "Does your wife, Mr. Empeck, like the Empire style?" "I don't know, but she never liked any other style since I married her."—Baltimore American.

THE CASE There's a candidate named Mr. Bryan. For election who long has been tryin'. But defeat No. 3 Is too much, as I said he. "I feel the time's come now for sighin'."—Baltimore American.

IT WAS READY Hubbs—"My dear, if I cannot leave the office in time for dinner tonight I will send you a note by a messenger." George, for I have already found the note in your coat pocket.—London Opinion.

A MODEST REQUEST J. M. Barrie, the author, tells of a playgoer who received no response to his repeated requests to a lady in front of him to remove her huge hat. At length exasperated, he said, "If you won't take off your hat, my dear madam, will you be so kind as to fold back your ears?"—Wamond's Life.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

New Brunswick

Mayor Mills of Sussex will not seek reelection at the civic contests on June 8th but practically all of the old aldermen are in the field again. Sussex residents are complaining of the continual tardiness of the Sussex train to and from St. John. False alarms of fire are becoming numerous in Sussex and if the miscreant is apprehended the maximum penalty will probably be imposed.

Nova Scotia

Indications are for a good winter's work at the Springhill Mines. Large shipments are made daily and the collieries are working full time. William McKenzie a pattern maker in the Amherst Foundry Co. had one hand jammed into a planer Saturday and the ends of four fingers cut off. Rev. S. W. Cummings will preach his farewell sermon on Dec. 27 and will leave the same week for Lowell, Mass. H. N. Stevens has severed his connection with Douglas & Co., of Amherst and left for the west on Monday. On appeal the previous judgment of the defendant company in the case of Patrick vs. Empire Mining Co., of Maccan, has been upheld by the full court at Halifax. The suit arose over land in dispute purchased by the plaintiff when he was manager of the mine. The company was willing to pay for the land but declined to recompense the ex-manager for development operations as the firm was hostile to the purchase originally. After battling desperately with the elements, the schooner Nereld, capt. Patten, with a cargo of herring from Grand Banks, Nfld., to Halifax, succeeded in putting into Louisburg harbor on Monday for refuge. In the storm her foremast was torn to atoms, her jolly boat smashed and other mishaps inflicted. A. T. McCarthy, superintendent of the Cape Breton Electric Company, has severed his connection with the road and will assume the position of general manager of the Lewis County Electric Railway, 12 miles of electric line. Nine Amherst physicians have removed the Cumberland company's telephones from their offices. In statement to the press of the town they claim they have no grievance against the company, and assign no reason for their act. The inquest into the death of George Turnbull, whose body was found on the I. C. R. track near Salt Springs, last Friday, was resumed at Oxford on Monday, and adjourned until Saturday. Mrs. West, of Sydney, who was convicted of a liquor violation, will serve thirty days in jail. Gloucester Mass. dealers are of the opinion that the price of lobsters will decrease with the arrival of the lobsters from the lower provinces. The season for importation of lobsters from these provinces began yesterday. The tug Helena of the Public Works Department arrived in Sydney on Monday. She will tow the dredges and barges along the coast. Saturday night's storm did much damage at North Sydney. Early in the evening the electric lighting failed, and the town was in darkness. The schooner Clifford May, with coal, lost her rail, boats and davets and drifted up the harbor, and the schooner Laura B. went ashore near midnight on a beach. She was laden with coal and oats from Glace Bay for Bras d'Or Lake ports.

P. E. Island

At a meeting of the citizens of Summerside on Saturday night a wire was sent to the marine department strongly urging the detailing of the S. S. Stanley to Summerside to transfer 72 cars of perishable freight now in the open at the wharves to the mainland. The Turret Bell is now in 7 1/2 feet of water at low tide. Owing to the lateness of the season the steamer will remain in her position until spring when she will be removed. One man will live aboard all winter. The schooner Happy-Go-Lucky is in bad luck. She was blown overboard with a

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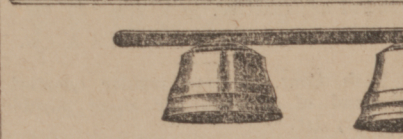
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AN INCREASE IN WAGES Boston, Mass., Dec. 15.—Notices will be posted at the Charlestown Navy Yard tomorrow announcing wage increases for the workmen in the various departments of the yard. The rates will go into effect on January 1st, subject to approval by Secretary of the Navy Newberry. The number of physicians practicing in Paris is placed at 2,500, but only about one half of these make more than \$1,600 a year. Dentists do somewhat better; a fashionable one can easily earn \$6,000, while in some cases this figure is greatly exceeded.