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## THE OLYMPICS

Longboat failed to win the Marathon, and the hopes of Canadians are dashed by his failure. There was keen disappointment when Kerr failed to capture the 100 metre, but there was consolation in his triumph in the 200 metre race. But less confidence was reposed in Kerr than in Longboat. The fleet Indian was expected to win his event. He failed to finish, and the laurel goes to another. On the whole Canada has not done as well as was hoped for. When Canadians pay more attention to athletics and less to squabbles over professionalism the result may be different. Amateur sport in this country needs more encouragement. New Brunswick can produce splendid athletes, but pays very little attention to the matter. Possibly the Olympic contests may do something to stimulate national pride.

## THE CENTRAL ENQUIRY

The Globe, reviewing the evidence in the Central Railway enquiry, mournfully observes: "In a region of shadow, of forgetfulness, of uncertainty, worthy gentlemen wander, as did the ghosts of the classic eras, who lost forgetfulness of their past misdeeds in draughts from Lethean streams." The Globe further notes that "under the influence of mysterious initials money melts into nothingness as readily as the sun absorbs the mist." That journal is also impressed by "the child-like memories" of men who are ordinarily noted for their good business habits and careful attention to business affairs. There were directors who appear to have directed nothing, managers who never managed, and presidents who found nothing to preside over.

The Globe's frame of mind is in almost startling contrast to that of the Sun, which brings an illuminating consciousness to the task of review, and, instead of semi-dazed persons walking in circles in the gloom of Central finance, beholds gentlemen of towering genius, whose deeds confound the littleness of all their critics and their enemies. Unfortunately for the Sun, the people can read for themselves the record of the case and judge for themselves to what extent ordinary business rules were observed in the conduct of the affairs of the Central.

## THE HOPE OF HALIFAX

It is the settled determination of the business men of Halifax to have the C. P. R. service extended to that city, in connection with the proposed All-Red Line. They are not concerned about the ultimate effect of giving I. C. R. running rights to the C. P. R. upon the interests of the people along the I. C. R. The following extract from an article in this week's Maritime Merchant is of special interest in this connection:

"In reviewing the 'All Red's' progress during the past few months, we cannot help feeling that the C. P. R. and the government may possibly be working together. It is not long since Sir Thomas Shaughnessy returned from England, and we know that he was in conference with the government there on the project, and we know what he told them. So far as we can see, Sir Thomas's and Sir Wilfrid's ideas as to speed seem to correspond very well. Now, can it be possible that it is being arranged that the All Red service will be performed by the C. P. R. with 21-knot steamers on the Atlantic and 18-knot steamers on the Pacific. Is this what we will be asked to vote on in the near future? The re-opening of the negotiations referred to seems to lend a little color to the idea. Now, so far as Halifax is concerned, this will be only fairly satisfactory. Halifax wants the fastest service possible, and will not be wholly satisfied if it falls short of 25 knots. Of course it would be a very material gain for her if the C. P. R. should make this port the meeting point of its land and water systems, as it would give her an advantage in transportation that she does not now possess. She would also be in line for one of the big C. P. R. hotels, so perhaps she may be willing to sacrifice her leanings toward the very fast service to secure the C. P. R. connection. At least this is how it looks to us, but we shall see later."

## LADY ABERDEEN'S ACTIVITY

Lady Aberdeen is at the head of an important movement in Ireland to save that country from the ravages of tuberculosis. The London Daily News, in a recent issue, says:

"It is to be hoped that the crusade against tuberculosis in Ireland, described yesterday by Lady Aberdeen at the meeting of the Association for the Prevention of Consumption, will be imitated in this country. In many of the points mentioned by her we require education no less than our Irish neighbors. The exhibition illustrating the causes of tuberculosis and the remedies for it lays great stress on the importance of fresh air, and Lady Aberdeen declared that in towns visited by the exhibition large numbers of the people began the laudable habit of sleeping with their windows open. It is a habit that is far from universal in England; indeed, to a health enthusiast a walk through the residential quarters of any large town, even in the day time, is a revelation. For one window open he can count ten firmly closed. If he had to pay for fresh air its value would be better understood. Since it can be had for nothing it is despised, and people who would suffer agonies of hunger or thirst before drinking dirty water or eating dirty food are quite content day after day to inhale dirty air, for air that is contaminated by kitchen smells and the odor of musty furniture is neither more or less than dirty. Could an exhibition such as that organized by Lady Aberdeen make people realize this simple fact the standard of health would be immensely improved. It is not only tuberculosis, but many other diseases that are due to our bad national habit of living in a stuffy atmosphere."

The city of Spokane, Washington, is making an effort to save its children from evil influences and associations. A despatch says: "Probation officers will be placed in public parks and squares in Spokane and the curfew-law will be enforced beginning August 1. This means that boys and girls under 16 years of age found on the streets after 9 o'clock at night will be taken in hand by the police, unless they can satisfactorily explain their reasons for being out, and that their names and residences will be turned over to the probation officers. This was decided upon at a conference of Mayor C. Herbert Moore, Judge William A. Huneke of the superior court, Henry M. Hart, principal of South Central high school, Ren H. Rice, chief of police, and Harry Rhodes, assistant corporation counsel. Mayor Moore said: 'The plan is for the probation officers to take the names and addresses of the children and communicate with parents. If there are repeated offenses the probation officers will then have the authority to take charge of the offenders or exercise other stringent methods for checking offenses.'"

The encouragement given to amateur sport by the recent Y. M. C. A. relay race in the United States is worthy of note. The Montreal Gazette says: "In 119 hours 22 minutes a large number of young men, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., in relays, have carried a message from New York to Chicago, about a thousand miles. The time is between six and seven times that of the fast trains between the two cities, and is a fair proof of what human legs can do when there is a will to impel them. There was neither prize nor trophy in connection with the achievement, those who took part in it seeking only to see what, with their comrades' help, they could accomplish. Their sport was of the healthiest kind."

The splendor of yesterday's pageant at Quebec will be a treasured memory to all Canadians by whom it was witnessed. Let us hope the taking over of the Plains of Abraham as a national memorial will tend to arouse throughout the country a deeper interest and pride in the few memorials we have of a past so rich in patriotic inspiration.

## PLAYED AT GHOST TO SCARE DAUGHTER'S BEAU

Philadelphia, July 24.—Papa John Shelmerdine is not going to play ghost any more as long as he lives. Shelmerdine lives in Manayunk, and his daughter has a suitor, Allan Malcolm, of Tioga, who has been calling on the young lady with clocklike regularity and staying very late.

When Malcolm left this morning Papa Shelmerdine in a sheet, danced before him and croaked, "Beware." Malcolm doesn't believe in ghosts, so he knocked the "opposition" down.

Mr. Shelmerdine, very mad and bruised, tried to swear out a warrant before Magistrate Grebs to-day, charging assault and battery.

"Go to——," said the magistrate. "You ought to be proud of such a son-in-law."

The cigaret did not reach England until after the Crimean war, in which the British officers adopted it from the Turks and Russians.


St. John, July 25th, 1908.

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Where time and eternity met and blend.

A little less care for bonds and gold,
A little more zest in the days of old,
A broader view and a saner mind
And a little more love for all mankind;
And so we are faring a-down the way
That leads to the gates of a better day.

A little more love for the friends of youth,
A little less zeal to establish truth,
A little more charity in our views,
A little less thirst for the daily news.
And so we are folding our tents away
And passing in silence at close of day.

A little more leisure to sit and dream,
A little more real the things unseen,
A little nearer to those ahead,
With visions of those long loved and dead;
And so we are going where all must go
To the place the living may never know.

A little more laughter, a few more tears,
And we shall have told our increasing years;
The book is closed, and the prayers are said,
And we are a part of the countless dead.
Thrice happy, then, if some soul can say:
"I live because he has passed my way."

THE IDEAL.

Have we not all, amid life's petty strife,
Some pure ideal of a noble life
That once seemed possible? Did we not hear
the flutter of its wings and feel it near,
And just within our reach? It was. And yet
We lose it in this daily jar and fret.
But still our place is kept and it will wait,
Ready for us to fill it, soon or late.
No star is ever lost we once have seen;
We always may be what we might have been.

—Adelaide A. Proctor.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

A SIMPLE TEST.

Gillespie—I wonder what sort of collector I would make?

Hardrum—You might let me have $20 for ten days and find out.

THE ART OF SELLING.

"Was the picture you just sold a genuine work of art?"

"No," answered the dealer, "but the story I told about it was."

HIS SPECIALTY.

"Now," said the warden to the forger, who had just arrived at the prison, "we'll set you to work. What can you do best?"

"Well, if you'll give me a week's practice on your signature, I'll sign your official papers for you," said the prisoner.

TRYING TO KEEP UP.

"Augusta," said Mr. Wyss when the quarrel was at its height, "You have devised a great variety of ways to call me a fool."

"Merely as a matter of necessity," replied Mrs. Wyss. "You have devised so many ways of being one."

FASHION ITEM.

"What are you studying about?" asked Officer Casey.

"Oi am studying a great question," replied the janitor philosopher, as he bit his pipe.

"Maybe I can solve it."

"Thin try. Which gets out of date the quickest, a battleship or a woman's hat?"

TAKING FULL PRECAUTION.

(The Delineator.)

A cat belonging to Mrs. Jones had caused great annoyance to the small boys of the neighborhood by killing some of their pets, so they decided to set a trap for it. Dwight, a little boy of seven, with a very tender heart, was much afraid some innocent cat would suffer, so printed the following notice and pinned it on the trap:

"This is for Jones's cat only."

AN EXPOSURE.

(Home Herald.)

A tiny four-year-old was spending a night away from home.

At bed-time she knelt at the knee of her hostess to say her prayers, expecting the usual prompting.

Finding Mrs. B. unable to help her out, she concluded thus:

"Please, God, 'scuse me. I can't remember my prayers, and I'm staying with a lady who don't know any."

WHAT HE BROKE.

(Philadelphia Ledger.)

Mrs. Jones, of Reading, had a Japanese servant who had a habit of trying to conceal from his mistress any breakage of dishes. She told him it was wicked to deceive and in the future to always tell her when he broke anything.

One day, while she was entertaining some friends in the parlor, he suddenly appeared and said:

"Missa Jones, you tella me when I break anything to tella you. I break my pants."

## WOMEN IN CAGES

### Shocking Conditions Reported in a Shanghai Refuge.

London, July 24.—A despatch from Shanghai to the 'Standard' says: A painful sensation has been caused among the foreign community this week by the exposure of the conditions prevailing in a native 'charitable' institution known as the Sinza Refuge. For some years past it has been the custom to send native women involved in domestic disputes to this refuge for detention, but attention was not attracted to what went on within its walls until a case came to light in which a woman had been illegally imprisoned there for upwards of seven years. The writer then paid a surprise visit to the refuge in company with a member of the municipal police force. I found that no fewer than eighty-one women were locked up there, most of whom had no idea how long they would remain, while some had entirely lost count of time, and were unable to say how long they had been detained. From statements made by the inmates, however, it was clear that some of the women had been imprisoned there for six years. They all described the food as disgraceful.

In the lunatic quarters, which I happened to enter by accident, I saw a sight I shall never forget. Two small dark rooms fronted on a narrow courtyard. In the first room there were two wooden cages, but so dense was the gloom that for some minutes I believed that they were empty. When my eyes got accustomed to the light, however, I saw that a woman was curled up on the floor of each—their narrow limits did not permit the occupants to extend their limbs to the full. The second chamber contained four cages, but what attracted my attention immediately I entered was an object on the floor. There, chained round the neck like a dog, and absolutely destitute of clothing, was a Chinese woman. Her body was covered with dirt, and the chain, which was fastened to the bars of a cage behind, prevented her from lying or standing, or moving more than a few inches in either direction. Even these were not the most repulsive sights I saw. The Sinza Refuge, in which I witnessed these indescribable horrors, is well within the boundaries of the foreign settlement, and not a hundred yards from tramways, arc lamps, and others marks of western civilization. For how many years these horrors have gone on unchecked will probably never be known, but it is quite certain that now the mismanagement of the place has been exposed, the foreign ratepayers will not tolerate such a state of affairs any longer.

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