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THE BRITISH EMPIRE

The Victoria Colonist has no fear that the British empire will disintegrate if the work of consolidation is not accomplished with headlong speed. In Victoria recently, addressing the Canadian Club, Sir Reginald Pole-Carew urged that Canadians should demand representation on an imperial council, and insist upon better terms for inter-imperial trade. Sir Reginald was somewhat severe in denunciation of the present British government for its attitude toward the overseas portions of the empire. The Colonist, after a mild criticism of the speaker's attitude, goes on to make these interesting observations:—

"But it is not to criticize the speaker's view that we make these comments, but only to point out the intensely interesting fact that he is an ardent believer in an United Empire, and advocates the introduction of Imperial consolidation into the politics of the day. This indicates that a new idea is abroad in the minds of the British people. There are those of us in Canada who were taught such things in school a great many years ago, who were brought up to believe that it was their duty as British subjects ever to have in mind the unity of the Empire, who have always believed themselves bound to make sacrifices for the maintenance of British connection, not because of the protection afforded by it, but because the British flag stands for what is best in human progress. Some of us have read a speech delivered by Joseph Howe more than half a century ago, in which he told the people of England how necessary it was for them to cultivate the loyal affection of the British people beyond seas and reminded them that there might come a time when they would realize that the friendship of some European state would be a poor recompense for the love of British people beyond seas that had been recklessly thrown away. There are some of us to whom the things which are being said today about Imperial duties, with all the energy associated with new thoughts, are time-honored and a repetition of what the leaders of public opinion in British North America used to say years ago. To such people it is a matter of profound satisfaction to find that gentlemen like Sir Reginald Pole-Carew are aroused to the importance of Imperial consolidation. It is the most promising sign of the times. Britain is at last awakening to the value of her Imperial possessions, but there is no need to be impatient because the work of consolidation does not progress more rapidly. The people of the United Kingdom have their own problem to solve. A majority of them have not yet been convinced that it is necessary to do anything towards the promotion of closer relations between the component parts of the Empire, but no one has any reason to say that because of this the integrity of the Empire is threatened. There is a chapter in the history of British North America that is not often referred to, chiefly because those to whom it relates were only too glad to have it forgotten. It tells of the feeling aroused, when, by the repeal of the Trade and Navigation Laws some half a century or more ago, the Colonies were put on the same footing as foreign countries in British markets. There was a cry then that British connection had lost its value, and there are some interesting lists, filed away in odd corners, of people who signed petitions asking for annexation to the United States. On the lists were the names of men who have since enjoyed special marks of royal favor, and whose love of British institutions was never called in question. But the feeling of discontent soon passed away, and we do not think any one will dispute the correctness of the statement that more than half a century of British free trade and colonial commercial independence has not in any way weakened the Imperial tie. Therefore while we welcome the spirit of which General Pole-Carew's address was such a conspicuous illustration, we are unable to feel that there is the least cause for alarm. The destiny of the British Empire will

Broaden slowly down
From precedent to precedent."

THE YOUNG TURK

Of the peaceful revolution now in progress in Turkey the Ottawa Journal says:

"The programme of the Young Turks, as the party which seems to have induced a peaceful revolution in the Ottoman Empire is called, is hardly what we in Canada would call a revolutionary programme. It demands for all Ottomans the privilege of individual liberty and this privilege is removable only by process of law. There is to be a free press. The citizens of the Empire may associate for commercial, industrial or agricultural purposes. There is a declaration of the equality of all Ottomans before the law. Public office is not to be held as a reserve for exploitation by the government and its friends. Anyone who can qualify is to be eligible for office. Ministers are to be responsible for the acts of their subordinates. The Sultan's power is to be that of an absolute monarch. He may appoint or dismiss ministers, declare war or make peace; exercise the power of pardon and enjoy the sole right to coin money. There seems to be some reason to hope that the reforms in Turkey will be permanent and that the growth of the reform movement will be signalled by more generous measures of freedom. The recent elevation of the veteran Said Pasha to the governorship of Constantinople has been pretty generally accepted as an indication of a desire on the part of the Turkish authorities to give the new constitution a fair trial. The Young Turk party though essentially a people's party seems to be headed by men of enlightenment and boldness and it is not at all impossible therefore, that Turkey's salvation which has been a matter of impotent concern to the Powers for some centuries may be worked out by Turkey herself."

Of English railroad problems the Boston Herald says:—"The consummation of the working alliance between three English railroad systems is followed by a pool between the Midland and the London & Northwestern, each with a capitalization of over a half-billion. Advocates of nationalization seize the opportunity to parade the bugbear of monopoly, but combination and consolidation are recognized on all sides as an economic necessity. The elimination of competition will undoubtedly strengthen the movement for national ownership. It will be interesting to see whether the government and the railroads will co-operate to avert this danger, or whether the government lacking an effective policy of its own, will submit to the popular socialistic demand as readily as it did in the matter of old-age pensions."

The failure of the Halifax runner, who is reputed to have won a race from Kerr, to meet the western champion again yesterday will not add to the reputation of Halifax athletes. Nobody doubts the ability of Kerr to outfoot Schaefer, and he should have received a square deal in Schaefer's home town.

Another life has paid part of the cost of man's experiments for the conquest of the air. Such sacrifices are incidental to every forward step in mechanical science, but the blow to those bereaved is none the less severe.

Universal sympathy is felt for Mr. Howard D. Troop in the serious accident which befell him yesterday. Mr. Troop is advanced in years, a fact that will make recovery more slow and tedious.

The Halifax exhibition has had a fairly auspicious opening. The citizens are reminded that the St. John fair will soon open, and that everything possible should be done to ensure its success.

Old time patrons and employees of the I. C. R. will regret to learn of the death of Mr. H. A. Whitney, who was for so many years mechanical superintendent on the line.

The idea of preferential trade between Canada and the West Indies is steadily gaining favor in the islands. This is the substance of information received at Ottawa.

TIMELY INVECTIVE

In view of the near approach of the Federal general election in this country, Opposition orators whose choice of phrases is limited, may welcome the following vocabulary of invective which was compiled by a London newspaper from the speeches of members of the British Parliament, who were opposed to the Government Licensing Bill:

"Utter iniquity."
"Sheer brigandage."
"Fanatical legislation."
"Socialistic confiscation."
"A gigantic act of public theft."
"A raiding expedition of partisan maximum of wrongs."
"A measure of plunder."
"A measure of fraud."
"The government are acting in the spirit of a highwayman."
"Robbery."
"Effective plunder."
"Confiscation."
"Positive brigandage."
"Progressive and cumulative plunder."
"An act of financial slaughter."
"A nightmare."
"A tremendous scheme of plunder and confiscation."
"A profligate imposture."
"A scheme of despoilment."
"A colossal sham."

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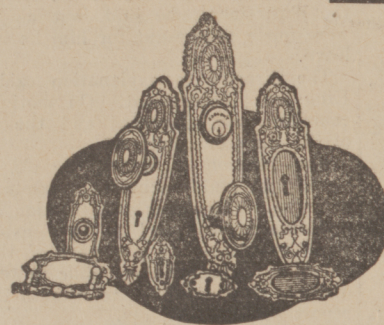
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(Charles Buxton Going in Success Magazine.)
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Above it sweep the silent skies,
In spring it is all daffodils—
In summer the sweetbrier grows
For those who seek; then, wistful days
Soften their autumn, till the snows
Lie white on all the quiet ways.
The many paths the valley thru!
I cannot trace them to the end—
They stretch a little space in view
And then (ah, some are rough to tread)
But some all gently travel on
With sunlight shining overhead
They climb the hillcrest and are gone.

And by these roads, day after day,
My friends and fellows, one by one
With eyes far-searching, fare away,
So shall I do as they have done—
Some day, with swift or faltering pace
And one look backward, long and fond,
Shall climb the encircling hills, and face
The great Beyond—the great Beyond!

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A SHARP LOOK OUT.

Hixon—"Hello, old chap! You're looking well, this morning."
Dixon—"You bet I am. I'm looking for a man who owes me \$10."—Chicago News.

SO CORDIAL

Guest—"It's still raining! I'm afraid I'll have to limit myself on you for a little longer."
Host—"Oh, never mind, old chap, it won't be long. It's only a shower."

RECONCILED

Husband—"Well, darling, I've had my life insured for ten thousand dollars."
Wife—"How do you like it now? Now I shan't have to keep telling you to be so careful every place you go."

SIMPLER

Knicker—"They have been matching orders on the Stock Exchange."
Mrs. Knicker—"If they don't want the stuff why don't they sell it home C.O.D., as I do when shopping?"

WHAT HE WAS WORTH

Wigg—"Sillicus says he is working for all he is worth."
Wagg—"Is that so? Then I suppose he is getting \$4 a week."—Philadelphia Record.

NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL

The melancholy days are nigh
We feel with trepidation,
When 'round us fallen leaves shall lie
And folks about vacation. —A. M. T.

BOTANICAL INTELLIGENCE

Gushing young woman to baronet at garden party—"Oh, Sir James, I hear you have an acetylene plant, and I simply adore tropical flowers!"—Punch.

LIKE A BUZZ SAW

Eva (severely)—"I think a young man who kisses a girl against her will, should be beheaded."
Jack—"By jinks! That's what almost happened to me the last time I stole a kiss."
Eva—"Really?"
Jack—"Yes, she wore a Merry Widow hat and the sharp edges caught me under the chin."

MEAN SLAP

The snobbish scion of the old and condescended family was boasting of his pedigree. "And my ancestors were knights to be proud of," he said proudly. "You never heard of any of them yelling 'Quarter!'"
"No," laughed Miss Tabasco. "Then I suppose they were satisfied with a dime."

THE GREAT DAY

"Do you believe in setting aside a special day as father's day?"
"No, in our family they always celebrate father's pay day."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

MAKING PRACTICE

"These mere vassals of the town have the audacity to say my poems make them sick," said the proud bard. "You don't object to them, do you, sir?"
"No, indeed," hastened the stranger.
"And may I ask who you are?"
"Why, I am the town physician."

THE CANNY SCOT

A writer in the Montreal Herald has a good joke on our susceptible friend, the Scot, which must be passed on:
He was a Canadian, spending a few weeks in the Old Country. Comes to him a friend and asks:
"Have you been to the Derby?"
"No."
"Did you go to Ascot?"
"No."
"Well, I suppose you saw the Olympic races?"
"No."
"What have you been doing? Surely you take an interest in our racing?"
"Oh, yes, I saw a very close race last week."
"Where was that?"
"In Scotland. I spent the week there!"

AMERICAN CRUISERS
ARRIVE AT HONOLULU

This Completes First Stage of
Test Cruise—Battleships Are
Still in Australian Waters.

Honolulu, Sept. 2.—The cruisers of the Pacific fleet, commanded by Rear Admiral Swinburne, finished the first stage of the cruise undertaken to test the practicability of towing torpedo boat destroyers when the flagship West Virginia, the Maryland, Pennsylvania and Tennessee, docked at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the harbor, and the remaining vessels, including the supply ship Solace, anchored outside. The arrival of the ships was witnessed by many residents of the islands and a hearty welcome was accorded the officers and men.

Except on several occasions when the two lines parted or became so chafed that alterations or stoppages were necessary, the fleet maintained the one point Echelon formation taken outside the harbor of San Francisco, until 6.30 this afternoon, when the torpedo boat destroyers were cast off and proceeded under their own steam to the anchorage off the harbor.

The destroyers Preble and Peery were towed the entire distance without break or delay of any kind. The Whipple's line once became chafed and her consort was obliged to slacken speed while repairs were made. Each of the other destroyers had one or two broken tow lines to its credit. In every instance the break was at the bow of the torpedo boat destroyers, which, as expected, proved the weakest point in the connecting line.

Melbourne, Sept. 2.—Fifteen thousand Americans and Australians took part in a grand review and parade today at Flemington, one of the western suburbs of the city. The weather was fine and great crowds of spectators were massed on every hand to watch the evolutions. The reception which they gave the American marines and bluejackets as they marched by was even more enthusiastic than that extended to their favorites among the troops.

The Victorian journalists gave a reception in honor of Rear Admiral Sperry who delivered a speech, in which he urged the importance of Great Britain's developing her Midway possessions.

This was Admiral Sperry's birthday and many congratulations were showered upon him by the American residents, the city of Melbourne presenting him with a silver bowl.

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