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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

There appears to be a good deal of force in the contention of Supt. Bridges that the city schools should not re-open until after Labor Day. It is undoubtedly true that many children do not come back to town until that date, and that as a result the work of ogaanising classes and fairly beginning the work of the term is made more difficult. There would be all the more reason for extending the holiday season if the system of supervised play were extended, and the children given an opportunity to develop themselves physically and learn useful lessons under good teachers out of doors. That the citizens will gradually come to see the necessity of making the play season count for somthing more than it does in childlife cannot be doubted. All over the continent this matter is receiving more attention, and St. John people cannot afford to ignore the relative conditions here and elsewhere.

A NOTABLE INTERVIEW

The last word of United States Consul Willrich, in the interview in today's Times prior to his departure to Quebec, is worthy of the thoughtful attention of our people. A trained observer from another country, he has lived among us, and gathered the impressions set forth with such admirable clearness in this interview. He touches our weak as well as our strong points, and challenges St. John people to have faith. It will be noted that he has given close study to the possibilities of trade and of industrial expansion at this port. He has observed progress during the period of his stay here. He sees the path along which expansion lies, and the reasons why the people should anticipate a great future for St. John as one of the leading ports of the Dominion, and a prosperous centre of manufacturing industries.

Judge Willrich has made friends in this city, and has impressed all who came into personal contact with him by his great store of general knowledge even upon subjects remote from commercial affairs. He goes to his new field of labor with all good wishes from the citizens for the future of himself and family.

CONQUERING THE AIR

The British Imperial Defence committee has declared in favor of dirigible balloons rather than aeroplanes for war purposes, and the government has accepted its report, but will still experiment with aeroplanes.

A single issue of the New York Herald conveys some knowledge of the widespread interest in aviation. The Herald, of Tuesday, tells of the order given by the British government for a rigid and three non-rigid dirigible balloons, and two aeroplanes. It also tells of negotiations between the United States Signal Corps and the owners of a farm of 160 acres near College Park, Md., to be used as "flying ground," where Wilbur Wright will give aeroplane lessons. The same paper tells of an attempt by the airship Zeppelin II to journey from Frankfort to Cologne, in Germany; and of an accident to Lieut Cros, of the French army, who was caught in a squall with a military aeroplane at l'Orient, France, and sustained severe injuries. There is also the story of the accident to the Silver Dart, at Petawawa, Canada; and an accident to a balloon which went up from North Adams, Mass., and whose passengers, after a voyage of nine miles across country came down much faster than they intended. The Herald also tells of a new aeroplane to be tried by Mr. A. M. Herring, of New York, within a few days. In a review of recent feats performed in the air the Herald says:—

"Marvellous progress in the conquest of the air is marked by the events of the last week. M. Bleriot's aeroplane flight across the English Channel, the successful 220 miles voyage of Count Zeppelin in his dirigible and the feats of Orville Wright are all wonders that but a short time ago would have seemed impossible. Minor flights in machines of various types have become so common that they attract little attention. When a youthful amateur flies across from the New Jersey shore and travels in midair up and down along the line of Broadway he excites but passing comment. M. Gaudart, who figures in a special cable despatch to the Herald from Paris this morning, received his first lesson in aviation only a month ago. Yesterday in an aeroplane he rose to a height of 394 feet, thus beating the record of 360 feet established by Wilbur Wright. As described in our special cable despatch, the aviator flew in ascending circles, remained aloft for about ten minutes and descended with perfect ease—pretty well for a novice with one month's instruction. Orville Wright has given a new arm to the government by his success in carrying a passenger for an hour and twelve minutes, and by again carrying a passenger from Fort Myer to Alexandria and reutrn, a distance of ten miles, at the rate of forty-two miles an hour. The aeroplane has been adopted for army use, and it would be rash to predict its possible development and uses. The heavier-than-air machine has got as good a start to-day as the automobile had a dozen years ago, and in that time it has revolutionized transit on land. The meetings and contests for prizes among aeronauts of every stripe have stimulated ambition, and the world is at work upon air machines. As with the autocar, so with the flying machine. France is in the van, and 'aviation weeks' to be held in Rheims this month, will bring together the most renowned aviators of the world. The contests and the prizes are described in a cable despatch on another page, and the competitions are liable to develop new marvels. The conquest of the air, of which men dreamed for centuries, is being rapidly accomplished before our eyes."

Consider the woes of the umpire. Despite the awful heat, which made the citizens of Lynn gasp for breath yesterday, the Boston man who tried to act as umpire at a game between teams from Lynn and Fall River was compelled to make a record for the distance to the railway station, and also to nurse a wound caused by a stone hurled at his head. Panting and exhausted, he reached the train, and amid storms of hoots and jeers set out for Boston. Even the police who covered his wild retreat were pelted with missiles. All of which tends to prove that President Eliot's new religion has not yet extended its beneficent sway to the baseball diamond, or cooled the midsummer ardor of the average American citizen.

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Regarding the visit of the Czar of Russia to England the correspondent of a New York paper cabled on Monday:—"None here seek to belittle or minimize the importance of the visit of Emperor Nicholas, but regard it as the most serious meeting of monarchs in the last twenty years, and one which is intended most seriously to establish new and firm lines of friendly policy between two great nations until lately hostile. Emperor Nicholas sleeps tonight under the protecting guns of England's mightiest ships. Picket boats are everywhere around the imperial yacht. You couldn't force an opening anywhere or upon any pretext. Ashore lynx eyed detectives watch every suspicious looking person among that vast bank holiday throng."

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Ex-President Roosevelt says that in his opinion sentimentality does more harm to individuals than brutality. His reference is to treatment of the natives of Africa, and of their descendants in the United States. Mr. Roosevelt's remark, which in this terse form seems almost brutal in itself, is qualified by his reminder that the blacks must be treated justly. Viewed in this light there is a good deal of force in his first quoted statement. Nor does it apply to blacks alone. Even in highly civilized white communities are found individuals who thrive upon the sentimentality of well-meaning people when they should be compelled to work for a living.

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The case of the woman who is not permitted to return to her children in Boston, after having lived in that city twenty-four years, is surely a reproach to the United States authorities. The fact that she is in ill-health, and that her children do not seem to be rich in this world's goods should not be regarded as sufficient cause to separate her from them after all these years. It is a reflection upon the heartlessness which a system may develop, and which we may believe the officials themselves cannot but feel. The woman should be permitted to go to her children.

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It would be strange indeed if the restless Sprinhill miners did not threaten to strike at this time. They seldom neglect an opportunity to threaten, and too often for the public good they carry out the threat. The material gain to them by the strikes of the last twenty years does not counterbalance the general loss, in which they themselves have shared.

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Mr. Roosevelt's remarks that brutality is useful in certain cases might apply in the case of the Toronto lacrosse player who deliberately ran and kicked another player. A dose of his own medicine might do this fellow more good than a bouquet.

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Alabama has gone dry by a vote of 75 to 19 in the house of representatives. This does not look like a reaction in the wave of prohibition.

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CALAIS CENTENNIAL

The following ode at the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Calais, Maine, as a municipality, was written by Prof. Henry M. Rideout, of Harvard, a native of Calais, and was read by Wadsworth Harris:—

1809—1909

Dear city of our quiet days,
By hill and river spent,
To thee our native sacrament
Of gratitude, our holliest praise,
The song mysterious or life on earth,
Here in thy gates we raise,
O little city of our birth!
All wreaths, for pain or mirth,
Grow from the seeds of our nativity.
And of thine own flowers we garland thee.

Like watches in the night
Flow the still centuries;
Like the worn sentinel, who sees
The anxious hours pass, the light
Spring on his eastern mountain, and departs
Unto the sleep he longs for, so the hearts
Of all thine elder children hail the day,
Rejoice in their brave duty overpast,
Resign to warmer hands the spear, and then away,
Their lagging footsteps turn, at last;
Yet for a moment stay,
And to the youthful warders tell
The love they bear their citadel.
Today yearns for her child Tomorrow, and forgets
Her mother Yesterday; yet may not we
Born in the vale where toward the eternal sea
This river of the Blessed Cross forever frets
The granite shore, and high-prowed promontory
With promontory interlocked,—yet we
May not forget. The story
Rings thrilling in our ears
Of women brave and men twice pioneers,
Who left their westward settlement still raw
To cleave for us the Indian wilderness,
To plant the Saxon dignity of law.
Dimly to grant us powers and purposes,—
The glory and the burden of the years.
Here, where the silver falls
Tumble in foam to meet the up-flooding sea,
The unending spirit calls
In joy and mystery,
O heart of youth rejoice!
That with your song, the voice
Of all our dead who dream
On the long hill which overlooks the stream
May wake to swell our solemn festival.
The dearest anguish past
Wears now its crown at last
And smiles among us all.
O city of our fathers' day
Here at thy gates we lay
Our garland; sad and gay
The mingled flowers of our nativity;
Out of thine own gifts we honor thee.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

GRINDING ALONG

He forged his fortune link by link,
Withal, he was no fakir;
He forged his fortune link by link—
He was a sausage maker.
—St. Louis Star.

UNCLE EZRA SAYS

"They's so many people takin' the rest cure that the rest of us hev to keep cured all the while."—Boston Herald.

JUST THE SAME

Pat (waking up)—"An' pwhat happened to me?"
Ambulance surgeon—"You were asphyxiated."
Pat—"Faith, I had it done wance before—in my lift arrum—but it didn't take thot time.—Cleveland Leader.

NEXT.

Caller—"Nellie, is your mother in?"
"Nellie—"Mother is out shopping."
Caller—"When will she return, Nellie!"
Nellie (calling back)—"Mamma, what shall I say now!"—Short Stories.

CAUSE AND EFFECT.

Helen—"Of course he clasped you in his arms when the boat upset!"
Hazel—"No; just the opposite."
Helen—"Just the opposite? What do you mean?"
Hazel—"Why, the boat upset when he clasped me in his arms."—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

THE START

She shared his umbrella,
And that was the start;
Now, e'en when it's pleasant,
She reigns in his heart.
—Philadelphia Bulletin.

WHY NOT THE AUTOMOBILE?

"So you're going away for a couple of weeks, are you?" said the neighbor very graciously.
"Yes," said the man. "I think we'll be gone that long."
"Good," answered the neighbor, "Let us take your lawn mower and your garden hose till you get back, will you?"—Detroit Free Press.

THE HUMOROUSNESS OF THINGS.

What we call a sense of humor is a curious affair.
Some say it's rather common, some consider it quite rare,
It's funny when somebody seats himself upon a pin,
Provided it's somebody you're not interested in.
It's funny when the gold brick man deludes a trusting soul
And leaves his crops in pawn and puts his family in a hole,
It's funny when small children eat green fruit and cakes and pie
And suffer pain—though I could never see exactly why.
—Washington Star.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

New Brunswick

The Meduxnakik bridge is receiving a new floor. The work is being done under the supervision of Geo. Jackson. The lumber was supplied by B. Frank Smith, of East Florenceville.

The roadbed of the Canada Eastern branch of the I. C. R. at McNamee and Flats near Doaktown is being raised two and a half feet to stop a recurrence of trouble which occurred last winter and spring when the road was inundated at that point so as to stop traffic.

Warden Kirk, of the Dorchester Penitentiary, has gone to Seattle where he will attend the convention of prison authorities of America.

Nova Scotia

It is proposed to instal an electric plant in the I. C. R. round-house at Truro in the near future. It is stated that the plant will furnish light for the yard and station building as well as the round-house.

P.E. Island

At the meeting of the Maritime board of trade, Charlottetown, a number of subjects of importance to the maritime provinces are listed for discussion. The topics especially relating to Prince Edward Island are: Butter inspecion for maritime provinces; three ice-breaking steamers for winter service; steam tug to assist sailing vessles through Grand River bridge, proposed by the Alberton board; the Charlottetown Tatamagouche Bay route; freight and passenger rates between the province and other points—proposed by the Charlottetown board, and inspection of farm products offered for sale; withdrawal of third winter steamer.

Charles W. Alley

The death of Charles W. Alley, who was stricken while at work on the tug Champion on Thursday last, occurred last evening at his home in Metcalf street. Until yesterday at noon hopes were entertained for his recovery. He was taken with convulsions and died about 6.30 last evening. Mr. Alley was well known in the north end, and much respected. He leaves his wife and two young children.

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LOCALS IN BRIEF

Some amusement was caused yesterday afternoon by the failure of an advertising automobile to negotiate the up grade in King street, near Canterbury.

Thirty boys of St. Luke's Cadets left last evening for Day's Landing, where they will be under canvas for ten days. They were in command of Captain Haines.

Rev. R. W. Ferguson, of Centreville, formerly of St. John, has declined a call to the church in Penticton (B. C.), and has a call from Fort Fairfield (Me), under consideration.

Mrs. Wm. Jamieson, of Lakeville Road, Carleton county, was thrown from her carriage a few days ago when her horse became frightened at an automobile. She is partially paralysed as a result.

The Parker silver medal for the leader in mathematics in St. John has been awarded to William R. Walsh, of the St. John High School. His marks in mathematics amounted to 195, while those of Arthur N. Carter, who ranked second, were 193.

Herbert Wood, of Cumberland (N. S.), was drowned yesterday, while in bathing at Pembroke, Me. He was about twenty years old, and a nephew of Mrs. S. D. Scott, of this city, and a son of Chas. R. Wood, of River Hebert (N. S.).

The report to the effect that Lieut. Col. Henning would succeed Col. G. Rolt White as D. O. C. for this district, has been denied, and Lieut. Col. Humphrey of Halifax is said to have been chosen as the next D. O. C.

The local division of the A. O. H. have practically decided not to conduct an excursion to Quebec for the unveiling ceremonies at Grosse Island. The reason given is that satisfactory arrangements cannot be made with the railway companies for transportation. However, a delegation from the local body will attend the ceremony, which will take place on August 15.

THE WHITE PLAGUE

(Bangor Commercial.)

Large sums of money and great effort are being spent by most of the states every year in an heroic endeavor to stop the ravages of tuberculosis, the terrible white plague of the nation. It continues, however, to afflict its victims notwithstanding the constant efforts of the law and science to prevent its fearful inroads upon the health and lives of the humanity.

Science, rational living and the gospel of proper hygiene, have all contributed in recent years to prevent the unwonted spread of this malady, but every year tuberculosis claims more than its share in the form of human beings, many of whom are of our brightest and best. The antispitting crusade has no doubt proved to be a strong combative agency, and the teaching of sensible hygienic rules by the distribution of tracts has also wrought much good. Still, additional effort along systematic lines is needed.

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FOUND FOUR-YEAR-OLD ROAMING THE STREETS

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Name and address had been forgotten in its childish fright and although Deputy Chief Jenkins tried to soothe it into something like a normal condition increased tears resulted. Finally it was decided that Mrs. Johnston should take it to her home, there to be called for and subsequent events proved this decision a wise one.

HER MORAL IDEAS.

(Baltimore American.)

"What subject have you taken for your address at the Civic Club?"

"Woman's moral obligations as a citizen."

"What a lovely subject. And what are you going to wear?"

"That new gown I brought home with me from Paris. And just think, I had it so cleverly packed in with old clothes that the custom house inspector never discovered it was there."

STRANGER.

(Life.)

"We men down at the factory can't understand it at all."

"What?"

"The old man put his son in charge of one of the departments today, and the young fellow really acts as though he knew something."

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