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MORE THAN IT BARGAINED FOR.

It is needless for us to condemn the Patriot's methods of conducting a controversy; they are self-condemnatory, and no one suffers more from their evil consequences than the Patriot itself.

In its Saturday's issue our contemporary said:

"The Guardian now states on the alleged authority of Captain Read that the Car Ferry has been making freight trips regularly during October, November and December after the arrival on this side of the passengers and mails. If this statement contains one word of truth, then the last excuse for not taking over the late mails and passengers falls to the ground and Mr. Hanna is more than ever condemned. If these trips are regularly made after night, as stated, it is nothing short of monstrous that passengers and mails desiring to come to us should be kept waiting a day at Sackville. Remember no passenger cars are taken on the boat and as no interference is made with the freight, if what the Guardian alleges is true then the conduct of those responsible is both heartless and outrageous and deserves the reprobation of everyone who has the least interest in the welfare and prosperity of our province. But it is not true, and the Guardian should be ashamed to give currency to such a false report. Let Captain Read speak out over his own signature. He is as dumb as an oyster to the question put to him. Let us have the information from Mr. Grady. Again we ask, how many freight trips did the Car Ferry make since October 1st, after the landing of the mails and passengers on this side?"

Captain Read does "speak over his own signature" in today's Guardian, and as usual hits straight from the shoulder. He proves conclusively that the Patriot is in ignorance of the question it seeks to discuss; if not ignorant, then wilfully perverse in its submission of facts.

Captain Read repudiates the mean insinuations that the railway conductors wilfully delay trains that they may earn time-and-half overtime, and proves conclusively that the Car Ferry carries freight after the passenger service every day when weather permits, and when weather is unfavorable at night, the crew "turn to" at five o'clock in the morning to make up for the previous night's loss.

But the running of this extra trip when weather permits is no argument that a regular late trip is practicable. No time table could be scheduled for such a service, and what would be the use of a spasmodic service, leaving either at night or the morning as weather permitted?

Surely now that the absurdity of the Patriot's contentions is so glaringly exposed by Captain Read we shall have an end of its attempt to hold itself and the province up to the ridicule of all right-thinking people.

NO TIME!

Do we realize how much we miss of the best in life, of the things that matter, because we have no time to attend to them? Do we ever stop to ask ourselves why we have no time?

The latter question is easily answered. We have adopted the modern pace; we are competing with those who also have no time, whose every minute is devoted to work. We are in a rapidly moving procession and must keep up the pace or fall out or be trampled under foot by those who are able to keep it up. The man in ordinary business today, commercial or professional, must maintain the pace or go under. There is no alternative.

Is it worth while? Is the goal, to attain which demands such a pace, worth making such a sacrifice for? Worth sacrificing the comforts, the enjoyments, the friendships that make living the beautiful thing God intended it to be?

The goal, generally speaking, obscure it as we may, is material prosperity, power, self-gratification in one form or another. And the old familiar challenge, "what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own life, or what shall a man give in exchange for his life?" meets us unheeded at every turn.

What do we miss because we have no time? There is much of beauty along the path we are treading that we cannot see because we have no time to look; there are acts of kindness we could do if we could only wait; there are friends to commune with; there are those who are slipping away whom a helping hand could rescue, but we have no time. We have not time even to bury our dead decently. When a friend drops out by the wayside, we snatch an hour from our business and rush to the scene of mourning and sorrow without even taking time to change our clothes.

And so the mad pace goes on. No time even to get acquainted with our families, to solve the problems of our children, to learn their relation to and their difficulties with the world upon which they are entering.

No time! Some day we shall find it and it will be long, eternally long, and others will keep up the pace that we tried too long to maintain. They will forget all our hurrying and our rushing, and remember only the few little acts of kindness we snatched time for. Would it not be worth while, in passing, to take a little more time for the things that matter, for the only things we shall leave behind us?

Others View Point

Making and Breaking Resolves

(Boston Globe.)

When the pitcher of a ball team begins to walk about as though he were on wires, his every muscle tense, he is almost "through." Any batter is likely to knock the ball out of the lot and the pitcher off the slab. In contrast, remember the pitcher who saves his tension for the instant of his delivery and most of the rest of the time is so limp as to seem indifferent. It is the man who knows the open secret of relaxation who lasts nine innings and can go on for a round or two more in case the game is tied. The typical resolution-maker is too much like the athlete who does not take his tension off between times. Signing a pledge, taking an oath, clenching the fist, are attitudes which cannot be held indefinitely. They may do for a sprint of a week or ten days, but not for the Marathon of life.

The Last Straw.

(Christian Science Monitor.)

The company of hobby riders is now joined by a collector of talking machine records, who, it is said, is willing to pay as high as \$1,000 to obtain a single rare disk to complete his series of four needed to cover the twenty-year period that a certain noted tenor has been singing into the recording horn. This gentleman's fat is easy to understand on aesthetic grounds; but what of the man who had a collector's taste for andirons? Or, this man, or one like him, there is told a story to the effect that for years he looked for the mate of a particularly choice piece. What was his joy, one day, to find the very twin of his pet in a rummage sale. Let a veil be drawn over events in his home that evening, when he discovered that his wife, that morning, made a donation to this same rummage sale of a lone andiron.

The American Navy.

(Westminster Gazette.)

We have always refused to regard the growing naval ambitions of the United States as in any sense a challenge to this country. We have maintained a fleet commensurate with our necessities and responsibilities, and it is for America herself to judge if her own are as great. But we confess to disappointment of a hope that the never was to be one of real reduction in armaments, in which all nations should pay no mere lip service to peace, but should really seek and ensure it. The United States Naval Board demands a navy second to none, unless something definite is done towards the international limitation of armaments. There are but two alternatives. Either the nations must rely on their own unaided resources to ensure their safety, or they must combine to make the League of Nations a real safeguard. It is for the United States to face this choice, but either decision will necessitate a sacrifice and the assumption of a burden, in one case of extensive individual armaments, in the other of a share of world responsibilities.

ENERGY CONCEALED.

Sir Oliver Lodge who is to speak in Boston next week on his scientific investigations of Spirit phenomena, has attracted widespread attention by his recent statement that "if the atomic energy in an ounce of matter could be utilized, it would be sufficient to raise the German ships sunk in the Scapa Flow, and pile them on top of the Scottish mountains." In an article in Engineering, Sir Oliver explains that it has been found that "there are two concealed stores of energy not yet utilized, that of the Atom and that of the Ether." Of these the energy of the Ether is the greater—so great in fact that it

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MY NEW WORLD

My prow is tending toward the west, Old voices growing faint, dear faces dim, And all that I have loved the best Far back upon the waste of memory swim. My old world disappears: Few hopes and many fears Accompany me. But from the distance fair A sound of birds, a glimpse of pleasant skies, A scent of fragrant air All soothingly arise In cooling voice, sweet breath and merry eyes Of grandson on my knee, And ere my sails be furled, Kind Lord I pray Thou let me live a day In my new world. IRVING BROWNE.

"exceeds the bounds of imagination and is at present utterly beyond reach." The energy of the Atom, Sir Oliver thinks, is nearer the grasp of the human mind. He says further:

"All atoms possess energy, but some cannot hold it all. These are the radio-active elements, and they periodically fire off projectiles with more than volcanic violence. A radium atom firing off a particle, which turns out to be a positively charged atom of helium, is like a two-ton gun firing a hundred-pound shot. That is about the actual proportion between the projectile and the rest of the atom, which naturally recoils each time it fires. The recoil has been observed. Before it has exhausted its ammunition it fires off five such projectiles, and then settles down into a quieter existence as lead—or, if not exactly lead, something chemically indistinguishable from lead. A uranium atom had already fired off four projectiles in order to become radium. Radium is a temporary half-way house between uranium and lead; it is active, but not so fiercely active as some of the intermediate substances which last so short a time they barely have names. They destroy themselves by their own activity, and consequently are very scarce—like a population with a high death-rate. Radium is of moderate activity; its lifetime is to the order a thousand years, whereas the lifetime of some of the intermediate substance may be measured in weeks or even minutes. Yet they are real elements, with a place in the series, and they have definite spectra and chemical properties."

Sir Oliver points out that atoms do not exhibit their whole energy in this way, but merely their waste energy: "The explosion is not the bursting of a gun, but merely the firing of a shot, except that in the atomic case the shot is part of the gun. The energy retained is far more than the energy expended. When its active transformations have ceased and left it in a stable state, like lead or gold, or silver or copper, or iron or any common element, we are not to suppose that because it is quiet it has no store of internal energy. Cordite looks harmless enough, and so it is until a suitable stimulus is applied."

This scientist says that he hopes the human race will not discover the concealed energy he speaks about until it has brains and morality enough to use it properly, because if the discovery were made before its time, and by the wrong people, this planet would be unsafe, since this planet would be unsafe, since in improper hands, application of atomic energy would be highly dangerous. That would seem to be stating it mildly enough.

UNITING AT LAST

(Halifax Chronicle)

A highly important stage in the proposed union of the two great Presbyterian Churches of Scotland—the Established and the United Free—was reached at Edinburgh on December 17th. By an overwhelming majority, the Commissioners of the Established body approved draft articles, declaratory of the Church's constitution in matters spiritual. Dr. Wallace Williamson's motion for approval was carried against an amendment for delay and further consideration by 219 votes to 36. The result was received with great enthusiasm. Articles drawn up by the Union Committees of the two Churches, following a long series of conferences extending over twelve years, have received the approval of an overwhelming majority of Presbyterians. All that now remains to be done to secure union is an approach to Parliament for an Act recognizing the new constitution of the Church of Scotland. The strength of the two bodies in churches and communicants, according to the most recent returns, are: Church of Scotland, 1,705 churches; 722,245 members; United Free Church, 1,538 churches; 522,028 members.

THE REASON WHY

WHY DOES A POKER GET HOT AT BOTH ENDS IF LEFT IN THE FIRE?

Both ends of the poker become heated because the poker is made of iron, and iron is a particularly good conductor of heat. To understand this we must look into the question of what a good conductor of heat is. In this case the particles of iron, which combined form the poker, are so close together that when those at the end of the poker which is in the fire keep hot the particles at that end hand the heat on to the particles next to them, and so on until the whole poker is hot. The difference between a thing which is a good conductor of heat and a thing which is not a good conductor, lies in the ability of the different particles which compose it to hand the heat on to the others. Did you ever notice that the handle of a solid silver spoon is not a good conductor, how is left in hot coffee? Solid silver is a good conductor of heat: A plated spoon is not a good conductor, however, and will not become hot if left in the cup of hot coffee as a solid silver spoon will.

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THE DAWN OF A NEW ORDER.

The year 1919 will be forever memorable in the history of the world because it saw the creation of the League of Nations which is the first step towards this new international order. It may be a feeble and halting step; the scope and power of the League may appear trifling to the theorists who yearn for a supernatural body, powerful enough to keep a fretful world in awe; the League may fall to get the support for the moment of nations that were regarded as specially favorable to the idea underlying it. Nevertheless the signing of the Covenant of the League of Nations by thirty-two nations assembled in conference at Paris marked one of the most dramatic and significant moments in the life of the human race. Viewed in the perspective of a century it will be seen as a turning point in history.

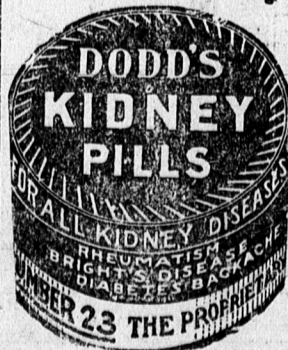
"THE WOMAN WITH—"

(London Express.)

—Mayfair is awaiting with keen impatience and no little anxiety the appearance of Mrs. Asquith's new book in May. The manuscript is now in the hands of the publishers, Messrs. Butterworth, an American firm, who, it is understood, are paying the authoress a sum down understood to be between £8,000 and £10,000.

Nobody is to be spared in this book, which is to be entitled "The Autobiography of Margaret Asquith," and Mrs. Asquith's enemies are trembling at the prospect of seeing hitherto hidden portions of their lives in print. The authoress has shown no mercy to any one, for, as she states in her preface, "I might just as well be shorn for a sheep as a lamb." The book is looked forward to by the reading public of England and America, and is anticipated as one of the most agreeably shocking collections of memoirs that have been written in recent years.

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Prince Edward Island Hospital Annual Collections

In October last the Trustees of every school district in Queen's and King's Counties were asked to kindly interest themselves in the affairs of the Hospital and to appoint collectors who were to start making collections on November 1st. The majority of the districts have already made a splendid response to the appeal but unfortunately there are too many not yet heard from.

HAS THE COLLECTION BEEN MADE IN YOUR DISTRICT?

If not we want you to find out why. This is very much your business. Just as much yours as it is ours. The Hospital is an absolute necessity for the safety of our people. It is important that it be kept right up to date, and furnished with the most modern appliances for relieving suffering and saving life. It is also important to our people that the charges be kept as low as possible. These things can only be accomplished by each person in the two counties served by the Hospital, contributing their share. It is not just or fair that one district contribute and another not do so.

I would therefore ask anyone who reads this to find out if the 1919 collections have been made in their district and if not take steps to see that it is made at once. The Hospital needs the money now.

W. K. ROGERS, Chairman Board of Trustees.

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