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The Free Pass.

It is a good sign that the press of the country is fast lining up solidly in opposition to the distribution of free passes, franks, and other favors by corporations to public officials. Time is not very far gone when the man who proclaimed that the free pass was no more and no less than an insidious bribe was hooted at by most of the newspapers and publicists that are now denouncing it.

But the public, whose judgment was not warped, as was that of most of the legislators, by the presence of a book of passes in its inside pocket, sympathized with the anti-pass agitation. It has grown into a firm conviction that passes and other forms of corporate favors are wrong.

From an attitude of jeering hostility the press is fast turning to support the movement to do away with "courtesies," and public men are getting in line. Many are refusing to accept passes. The man who returns them to the railroad company is no longer made a butt of ridicule, provided he refrains from publishing a letter on the subject.

It is said that the proportions of pass-using Senators and Representatives is less today than it has been in many years. The States are making excellent progress toward legislation to outlaw the pass and the frank; and public opinion, always apt to keep comfortably in the lead of actual accomplishment, is now substantially unanimous in its demand for such action. In view of some current disposition to assume that graft and "infocence" are more dominant than in the past, it is comforting to note such a sign of substantial concession to an improved tone of public opinion.

The Illustrated Postcard.

Illustrated postal cards have become one of the most pleasing features of modern intercourse by mail. They commemorate every great enterprise and carry its atmosphere into thousands of homes. They tell the story of travel better than all the descriptions a tourist could write. Best of all they take round the world suggestions of the beauty and charm of foreign lands and so tend to awaken interest in other peoples and to broaden the sympathies.

By a curious coincidence it has occurred to many governments at about the same time to limit the distribution of these cards. Thus in Russia, a portrait of Tolstoy forfeits the card; in Turkey it is forbidden to circulate either a reference to Allah or Mahomet or the portrait of a Mahometan woman; in Saxony it is against the law to refer by this means to certain exploits of the Princess Louise; Portugal forbids jokes with his majesty's corpulence as the subject, and England, France and the United States are all occupied with preventing offenses against good taste.

Such limitations were to have been expected. They are not serious and that which concerns the good taste of the subject-matter is essential to the permanency of the institution. So quaint scenes of picturesque Holland, the beauty of cherry-blossomed Japan, the wonders of the "Soo" canal, the art treasures of Italy, the nomadic life of the Arabian desert, and a thousand other subjects will become more and more familiar by this inexpensive and universal medium. Fortunately, the cards are attaining undoubted artistic excellence. As long as the postal service undertakes to transmit them safely, therefore, they will continue to give us pleasure and instruction.

Wife Essays—New and Old.

We are getting a great deal of "wife" literature these days. If you don't believe it open one of the weekly magazines and see. This one will have a series on "The Wife's Share of the Income;" this one a symposium on "The Duties of a Minister's Wife;" this one a contributed essay, duly indorsed, on "The Confessions of a Wife Who Has Failed."

So it goes. Everywhere some wife is editorializing, confessing, or theorizing—and the judgment of the aver-

age male reader will be that even those who editorialize and confess also theorize.

This is widely interesting, as the discussion provoked by the articles proves. But it is much to be doubted if it is representative of anything but particular cases. These women write too well and are too adept at introspection to be good wives. An old philosopher who ought to have known this whole question in all its phases, wrote long before these weekly magazines came into existence:

A foolish woman is clamorous; she is simple and knoweth nothing; she is hotted to wrath in wilderness, and with a contentious and angry woman.

The successful wives are too busy at home, or too occupied in neighborliness, to be pouring out their thoughts for the readers of magazines, and if they have grievances, as too many of them have, their desire is to hide them, even from their visitors, rather than to publish them to the whole country.

That touch of human nature that binds us all so closely together will always give such articles as these "wife" essays a wide reading. That, in the end, is the probable explanation of their acceptance and publication. But if there is any woman reader of these lines who is really in doubt as to her station at home she can easily obtain better guidance than that of these essayists. Let her read the last chapter of the Book of Proverbs and she will find this written of the wife:

She seeketh wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good; her candle goeth not out by night. She stretcheth out her hands to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

These are homely precepts, but they are sound.

These are critical days for the mosquito.

It turns out that the Mikado is six feet tall, about half a foot taller than the Czar. He rather looks it too.

Sunday weather suggested that Prof. Moore's bureau will still bear some more investigation.

Japan's plan is to keep the Manchurian door wide open, but to fill the space with her own rapidly broadening commercial shoulders.

Curious, isn't it, how much more tolerant we are of all yellow peoples since one of them showed they could fight!

A "tuberculosis fete" is to be held at Newport. Even Henry Watterson would hardly have wished such a fate to overtake Newport.

One reason for the result in Montgomery county probably is that the Jones family failed to stick together.

The beef trust trials will be hurried along just as fast as the distinguished defendants can make it convenient to return from their trips abroad.

The peace boats were delayed by fog. It wasn't the only fog that surrounds the peace enterprise, either.

By the time they are received in due form by State, county, and town authorities the peace commissioners will feel like keeping up the fight.

It would be a bit embarrassing, of course, if while he was reaching for Virginia Secretary Shaw should accidentally drop Iowa.

These technical studies of the battle of the Sea of Japan, in which it is shown that Togo was all wrong in his plans, lose a certain degree of force in the light of results.

The New York Herald, in stirring up its esteemed contemporary, the Sun, may learn that there are some things more dangerous than a campaign against a Government department.

The President's Sunday sermon, following his distinguished performance of Saturday, almost puts him in the Sato class.

It was also a satisfaction to note that our accomplished President was able to talk to his diplomatic guests in any language that seemed convenient to them.

The peace commissioners feel that any indecent haste would indicate that they really needed peace.

Learning that the country has digested about all the securities recently absorbed Wall Street is getting ready to cook up a nice new mess.

Before Germany and Russia put a cork in the Baltic, England invites them to make a careful inspection of her cork-making equipment.

The newspaper reporter looms large on the horizon of world diplomacy just now.

Paterson is worried over the loss of its mayor, but it will easily even up if some others of its citizens are attracted to Massachusetts by the Lynn anarchy propaganda.

A Treasury employe has invented a wonderful preparation for cleaning the Government Department buildings. It is only applicable, however, to the outside.

Mr. Crumpacker, of Indiana, who didn't get the support of the Hon. Charles Warren Fairbanks for Senator, is understood to be viewing with much satisfaction the crime he recently put into the Fairbanks boom by declaring for Shaw for President.

WORSE.

Clyde Fitch was discussing French wit. "The wit of France," he said, "won't bear transplanting. We should like it here. It is too subtle, too unexpected, too delicate, and, above all, too wicked." "I heard yesterday a French witicism that exemplifies well the Gallic qualities of subtlety, delicacy and wickedness."

"Two club men meet and the first says: 'What is the matter, Charles? You look blue. Has your wife caught you kissing that pretty governess of yours?'" "Charles groaned."

IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY

BRITISH NOBLEMAN ENTERS HARVARD

Will Some Day Be Lord Fermoy.

IS STURDILY AMERICAN

Walsh Dinners a Feature at Newport. Secretary Root Enjoys Salmon Fishing.

It is among the possibilities that the United States is to have another British nobleman as a citizen. It was only recently that the young Baron Fairfax, an American by several generations, went to England and took up the honors which were his by right of descent. Young Frank Burke Roche who has just been entered at Harvard as an American citizen, will some day be Lord Fermoy, if he likes. He is a grandson of Frank Work, who at one time was a power in Wall street and a well-known fancier of trotting horses.

He is a fine young fellow, and despite the fact that he is destined to wear a coronet, is sturdily American in his feelings. Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh gave another dinner last night for young people at Beaulieu, the Newport house which the Walsh family is occupying this summer. A musicale followed, and a number of additional guests were entertained.

The series of dinners which Mrs. Walsh began early in the season has proved to be among the most delightful entertainments at Newport this year, and the Walshes of Colorado and Washington promise to have full license to add "and Newport" after this season.

Secretary Root and his party are thoroughly enjoying salmon fishing on the west coast of Newfoundland. They will go to St. Johns tomorrow and remain there a week before proceeding to Labrador to see the total eclipse of the sun.

Admiral Sigsbee will go to Watch Hill in a few days to be the guest of Daniel Sully, at Kenneth Ridge cottage. The admiral is now in Cape Cod.

Lieut. Gen. and Mrs. John M. Schofield are being much entertained in Bar Harbor, where their names figure conspicuously in the guest lists.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foster are in Magnolia, Mass., where they will remain for some time longer.

Mrs. George Howard is the guest of Mrs. Clarence Moore, in Magnolia.

Judge M. F. Morris, of the Court of Appeals, and his family, have gone to Lenox for a visit of several weeks. They are at Heaton Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Kinney will leave Washington on Wednesday for San Francisco for a visit to their son.

Miss Irma Davis, Miss Edna Davis, and Miss Lily Peters have gone for a visit to the mountains, where they will be the guests of Miss Peter's uncle, who has a cottage at Dickmon, Md.

Louis Cohen left town yesterday to spend a few days in New York, and from there he will travel through the State to Chenook for a month's stay with his relatives.

Nicholas Bobys is at the Linwood, Colonial Beach, for a two weeks' vacation.

Harry Harris is in New York for ten days.

Samuel Edelman is in Summit, N. J., visiting his sister, Mrs. J. Weinberger, for ten days.

Joseph Saks and Sydney Reizenstein are on an automobile tour. They left town Friday, and starting from Philadelphia in their car, they will visit Atlantic City, Auverne, and Far Rockaway.

Mrs. Marx Kaufman and mother have returned from Leesburg, Va., and are located at Brookland.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AS A PULPIT ORATOR

Members of the Christian Brotherhood Listen to Informal Sermon at Oyster Bay.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Aug. 7.—At the request of the Rev. Warren L. Bowman, President Roosevelt left yesterday afternoon delivered a lay sermon to the Christian Brotherhood of Oyster Bay. He emphasized especially the necessity of sound character building, holding that high moral character was the real essence of Christian life.

The organization before which the President spoke is a non-sectarian body, composed principally of the male members of the several local churches. The meeting was held in the Sunday school room of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which the Rev. Mr. Bowman is pastor. He is also the president of the Christian Brotherhood.

Several weeks ago the invitation was extended to the President to address the brotherhood and he promised the Rev. Charles B. Wightman, chairman of the committee to accept the invitation at some later time. He notified the committee Saturday night that he would make the promised address yesterday, stipulating that no previous announcement should be made of his intention to speak to 200 persons attending the meeting, and practically all of them were surprised when President Roosevelt appeared on the platform and was introduced by Mr. Bowman.

In the meantime quite a crowd gathered outside and the President had to pass through it to reach his carriage. On his way he saw Mrs. Bowman at the window with her baby in her arms. He raised his hat and then swung about and went into the parsonage and shook hands with her.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Philip Holmes, 22, and Alberta Robinson, 24. Daniel Alexander, 23, and Mary E. Chisley, 22. John Cunningham, 22, and Nettie Burke, 22.



MRS. ROBERT GOELET, Formerly Miss Elsie Whelan, of Philadelphia, Who Will Join Her Friend, Miss Roosevelt, in the Orient.

GOELET'S TO JOIN PARTY IN FAR EAST

Mrs. Goelet Intimate Friend of Miss Roosevelt and Frequent Visitor at White House—Her Husband Is Enthusiastic Automoblist for Sport.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goelet will soon leave Newport and set sail for Japan, where they will make a visit and later join Miss Alice Roosevelt, who is now in the East with Secretary Taft's party. Mrs. Goelet was formerly Miss Elsie Whelan, of Philadelphia, and one of the most popular girls in American society. As Miss Whelan, she was eagerly sought by more eligible men than most girls of her set, but her early attachment to Robert Goelet was strong enough to ward off any other of Cupid's darts directed her way. Their marriage was one of the most brilliant affairs of two seasons ago, and Miss Alice Roosevelt was counted among the attractive bridesmaids.

Mr. and Mrs. Goelet have been frequent visitors to the White House, and had it not been for the Philippine trip this year Miss Roosevelt would have visited Mrs. Goelet in Newport. Mr. Goelet has put himself forward as the champion of automobilists who follow the sport for its pleasures alone, and who have been put to much inconvenience through the speed proclivities of other auto drivers.

Mr. Goelet is determined, if possible, to put an end to racing over the roads and thus endangering the lives not only of other automobile parties, but of occupants of traps and riders alike.

The Argentine minister, Senor Portela, who is in Magnolia, Mass., contemplates an early visit to Mexico, to which country he is also accredited. He will be accompanied by Senor Zavalla, secretary of legation. The minister has been entertaining Count Gabriel Garnier des Garest, of Paris.

Signor Montagna, first secretary of the Italian embassy, is also a popular host at Magnolia this summer. He gave a luncheon last week in honor of M. de Siebert, of the Russian embassy, after which the party attended the afternoon concert which is a feature of life at Magnolia.

M. Chermont, who is acting first secretary of the Brazilian legation, has joined the minister, Mr. Nabuco in the White mountains. M. Chermont's interesting family will remain in Magnolia.

An interesting report reaches Washington that Hugh O'Beirne, first secretary of the British embassy, is to be promoted to Paris, where he will assume the duties of a higher post. Mr. O'Beirne, who is very popular in Washington society, will go to London for a visit before proceeding to the French capital.

Mrs. Helen Morton, daughter of the former Vice President, is on her way to America, and, upon her arrival, which is expected on Wednesday, she will go to Ellerslie for a visit to her sister, Mrs. Estlin. At the conclusion of this visit she will join her parents in their summer camp in the Adirondacks.

Because the Duke of Marlborough has lost his admiration for things American, as is said, his young son will accompany their mother, formerly Consuela Vanderbilt, to this country in September. The little fellows are extremely attractive.

PITTSBURG TEETOTALERS VISIT WASHINGTON

The Total Abstinence Society Tourist Club, of Pittsburg, arrived in Washington at 7 o'clock last night, and spent the day sightseeing. The club is in charge of James J. Gallagher, and when they left the city at 2 o'clock they made a record sightseeing trip from one end of the city to the other. Early this morning they paid a visit to the Catholic University of America, and were shown over the buildings and grounds of the various houses which will be held there by the Total Abstinence Society. Their headquarters will be at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Appendicitis Termed "Fashionable Disease"

This Is the Application Applied to Now Well-Known Malady by Leading Newspapers of Germany.

Consul General Guenther has sent to the Department of Commerce and Labor from Frankfurt, Germany, a report based on statements contained in the newspapers of the fatherland to the effect that appendicitis has assumed the disagreeable character of becoming more and more a "fashionable disease." Surgery has achieved great triumphs in this sphere and has cured innumerable cases of the disease. Roux, the French surgeon, however, has asked the question, "Is appendicitis over if one carries his appendix in one's pocket?" and his answer has not been entirely affirmative. Similar doubts appear from the statements of Dr. Frederick Treves, one of the foremost authorities and the physician of King Edward VII.

According to the experiences of this great expert, failures may occur which he treats in two groups. On the one hand, the operation may only result in relief or an incomplete cure; on the other hand, complications are to be feared which do not depend upon the surgical intervention. Consul General Guenther says that so far as patients are interested an operation remains the pre-eminent remedy, if not the only one of which a complete cure is to be expected. Dr. Pond, of Livermore, has advanced a new theory with reference to the origin of appendicitis and other disturbances of the digestive organs, calling attention that such ailments can often be attributed to antimonial poisoning and declaring that the source of the antimonial taken by man is said to be the rubber rings which are frequently used in closing all sorts of bottles. Dr. Pond has established the fact that these rings consist of almost one-third their weight of antimony.

INFANT MORTALITY BRITAIN'S PERIL

Death Rate of Babies Reaches Enormous Total of 140,000 Lives a Year—Bishop Sounds Warning—Employment of Women Given as Cause.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—"It is an ominous fact that the decreased birthrate chiefly concerns the wealthy, cultured, or, at any rate, intelligent classes. On the other hand, the increase, such as it is, is among the illiterate and ignorant classes."

which amounted to the frightful total of 140,000 lives a year, the bishop declared that the employment of women in mills tended to increase the death rate. It was undoubted that the rate was greater where artificial feeding had to be resorted to.

These were the words of the bishop of Ripon, who, in a striking speech in the House of Lords, called attention to the report of the commission on physical deterioration, and suggested further inquiry on the subject of infant mortality. In the Colonies.

Time to Guard. "If," he argued, "we belong to a race which was slowly slackening its speed and diminishing its output, how much more does it behoove us to take care of the precious little lives which are entrusted to us, that we should give them the best opportunities of not only surviving but of living vigorous, healthy, robust and active lives?"

"The slow checking of the strength and vigor of the race," declared the bishop, "is not confined to those islands. It is quite as marked in the colonies, and parliament is bound to ask whether there is not some sinister meaning behind it. If the decline continues, will the English-speaking people in fifty or sixty years' time be able to populate, direct, govern, or even hold those great inheritances which have been handed down to us from the past?"

Spoken for the government, Lord Lansdowne gave the assurance that the report should not be pigeonholed and forgotten. But further inquiry and investigation were necessary before a great many of the recommendations could be taken up.

NEW CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY OF BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, via Galveston, Tex., Aug. 7.—A new candidate for the Presidency has appeared on the scene in Dr. Alfonso Moreira Penna, at present vice president. Several politicians of influence support his candidacy, and he will be nominated if Senor Bernardino Campos Sales does not get a majority at the next Republican convention.

J. O. U. A. M. CONVENTION PLANS COMPLETED

The National Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, will convene its fifty-ninth annual meeting in this city on Tuesday, September 12 next. The meeting, which will be held at the Typographical Temple, will last for several days, and an extensive program is being planned by the local members for the entertainment of the visiting delegates.

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