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MODERN NEWSPAPERS.

An interesting analysis of the conduct and management of the modern newspaper has recently been made by the editor of the Hartford Globe. He replies in a convincing way to many of the criticism directed against the present day press.

He directs attention to the interesting fact that the most bitter of these assaults and the most venomous charges come from men who have industriously sought the limelight all their lives, and from others who are largely removed from close touch with life and its present day vigorous living.

Perhaps the most frequent complaint that is heard is with regard to misrepresentation and inaccuracy in reporting. The writer points out that the whole basis and fabric of a successful newspaper today is built upon the personal honesty of the men who create newspapers and that the law of libel adequately, and in some instances almost unduly, protects citizens against misrepresentation. Reporting, far from being inaccurate is, as he points out, far too accurate for the comfort of many public men.

Reporters have an uncomfortable habit of stating what a man actually said, not what he thought or wanted to say. Someone has truthfully said that a public speech has three phrases: (a) what the speaker thinks he will say, (b) what he actually says and (c) what he wishes he had said. Once a public man sees an interview or speech in cold type he immediately discovers things he intended to say or ought to have said, and presto, the reporter is a "liar," a "bungler" and a "knifer" of reputation. He is nothing but a plain reporter, not known to any save his editor and a few public men, so it is safe to kick him.

"The newspapers are made by the people," says Mr. Macomber, the editor referred to, "because the great body of news is obtained from the people. The reporter turns in what he learns from many sources. It is not what he thinks, and very seldom what he sees. If newspapers are inaccurate, the source is inaccurate. Newspapers, as a rule, are of higher intelligence than the average public."

On the point of the decline of the editorial, the writer makes this pointed comment: "When the hater of newspapers shouts aloud that the influence of the editorial has declined, he pays a compliment to the newspapers though he does not know it, and at the same time compliments the people in a way he does not realize."

"People in the days of Dana, Greeley and Raymond did not have the sources of information at their command that we have today. They did not have the basic education nor was the average intelligence so high. Somebody thought for them through the editorial columns, because they could not, or would not, think for themselves. Today the editorial writer has few sources of information open to him that are not also open to his readers. He is rarely a man of greater education or broader intelligence than the average of his readers, and what is still more important, the newspaper reader of today thinks for himself. He is capable of forming his own opinions and insists upon doing it. The influence of the editorial has declined just as the education of the people has increased."

"If Dana, Greeley and Raymond lived today they would be just as impotent in moulding public opinion and in influencing the trend of human action and endeavor as are the scores of men who today stand back of American newspapers and wield as trenchant a pen as ever this vaunted trio did."

MOTOR CYCLIST'S END

Every Bone in His Body Broken by Terrible Fall.

Salt Lake City, June 11.—Henry ("Henie") Potter, a member of the police motor cycle squad, was thrown from his machine at the finish of a three mile amateur race. Potter was traveling about 65 miles an hour and practically every bone in his body was broken.

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CANOE TRAGEDY

Quebec Engineer Drowns to Save His Companions Life

Grand Mere, Que., June 11.—After placing Miss Madeline M. Smith on an upturned canoe from which they had been upset, Ira Holt, of Buffalo, heroically let go his hold on the frail craft because it would not support two and was drowned. The accident happened on the St. Maurice River, the canoe being upset by the swift current.

REDUCE PERIL OF SEA TRAVEL

"Ocean Safety Act" of 1912 is Latest Result of Titanic Disaster in U. S. Legislation—Provides for Many Safeguards.

Washington, June 11.—An all inclusive bill to be called the Ocean Safety Act of 1912, designed to cover all the navigation lessons drawn from the Titanic disaster, was introduced by Senator Nelson of Minnesota, chairman of the Commerce committee, which through a sub-committee investigated that disaster.

The bill includes stringent regulations for better wireless equipment, continuously operated, on ocean and Great Lakes vessels carrying 50 or more passengers, just as provided in a bill which passed the house and almost identical with a bill already passed by the senate. This wireless section vests control of the apparatus in the master of the vessel, and to avoid the wireless communication being shut off by failure of the vessel's engines, requires a powerful auxiliary power supply that can communicate 100 miles at all times.

The Nelson bill would recognize foreign steamship laws whenever they are as effective as American laws and regulations; would equip every passenger-craft leaving an American port with sufficient life boats to accommodate everybody aboard, together with other safety equipment, and would create a commission of five persons to investigate here and abroad merchant marine construction. It would require rigid port examination,

boat drills, qualification of seamen; penalize failure to assist any person in distress at sea, and make criminally liable any master, managing owner, steamship director or principal resident agent of a foreign steamship for sending from an American port a vessel so unseaworthy as to endanger life.

THE BUSINESS TAX

Ex-Controller Spence on Abolition of It.

Abolition of the business tax as a means of raising municipal revenue was advocated with much emphasis recently by Mr. F. S. Spence, speaking before a meeting of members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association which followed an informal dinner at the St. Charles Cafe, Toronto. Mr. Spence advised the manufacturers to take counsel together and appoint a strong committee to gather facts and lay them before the special committee of the Legislature which is to be in session this year. No resolution was made on this proposal, but the remarks by Mr. F. G. Beer, the chairman, in closing the meeting, indicated that steps would immediately be taken in this direction.

The Tax Reform League's proposition to business firms is that they subscribe the amount of one year's business tax to the League's campaign to abolish the business tax; one-half of the subscription to be paid when \$25,000, including an equal sum from Mr. Joseph Fels, has been subscribed, and the balance when legislation permitting the abolition of the business tax has been passed.—The Square Deal

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U. S. CANNERS ON LOOKOUT

Our American Friends in the Salmon Plating Line Seem to Be Very Serious About Canadian Customs Boats.

Seattle, June 11.—The Puget Sound Salmon Cannery Association, which represents virtually every cannery on Puget Sound, have adopted a resolution asking Congress to provide a revenue cutter to protect the American fishermen against the alleged encroachment of Canadian customs officers in the vicinity of Cape Flattery. The resolution declares that the American fishing fleet, which will number 600 vessels, manned by 2,000 men, will be in danger of unlawful seizure by foreign powers if a revenue cutter is not on duty to see that the vessels are not molested when outside the three mile limit.

STRANGE CASE

Bank Clerk Badly Hurt; Companion Arrested.

Winnipeg, June 11.—William Galbraith Young, clerk of the Union Bank, who came recently from Buffalo, New York, and has a reputation for temperance was taken to his home the other evening with a fractured skull, and lay unconscious all night. Next afternoon a sensational development was the arrest of his chum, Robert C. Aylesworth, employee of the Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co., who was found at his home, bloodstained and much the worse for liquor. The police are working on the mystery.

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