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This Is My 40th Birthday

ERNEST RUTHERFORD.

Prof. Ernest Rutherford, a noted
British scientist and educator who a
short time ago was awarded the "El-
liott Cresson" medal by the Franklin
Institute of Philadelphia, was born in
Nelson, New Zealand, August 30, 1871.
His education was received principally
at the New Zealand university and
at Cambridge university, England. In
1898 he was appointed Macdonald
Professor of Physics at McGill university,
Montreal, which position he filled
for about ten years. At present he
holds the professorship of physics in
Victoria university, Manchester, Eng-
land. Professor Rutherford is noted
specially for his work in the advancement
of the knowledge of electrical
theory. He is the author of numerous
papers on the subject of radioactivity.
In 1903 his researches and
writings dealing with the various
branches of physical science were
recognized by his election as a Fellow
of the Royal Society.

Why She Couldn't Accept.
Telephone operators who plug wrong
numbers or get the wires crossed sometimes
are responsible for very embarrassing
situations, as was exemplified
by a broker in this city the other morning.
The broker called up his home
number and said to the person on the
other end of the wire: "Hello, dear. Is that you?"

"Yes," replied a sweet-toned voice.
"Well, I've been thinking about you
all morning. I want you to come
downtown and meet me for lunch, and
we'll go to a show this afternoon."

"Well, that would be very nice," re-
plied the person on the other end, "and I
should dearly love to do so, but my
husband is home, and I'm afraid he'd
object. Don't you think you've got
the wrong number?" —Philadelphia
Times.

Weight of Atmosphere.
Atmosphere is the name applied to
the gaseous envelope that surrounds the
globe. It consists of a mechanical union of nitrogen and oxygen in
the ratio of four to one, together with a
relatively small amount of carbonic
acid gas and a little water vapor. Its
thickness is about fifty miles, although
it probably extends in an attenuated
form as far as 500 miles. This is in-
ferred from the observation of luminous
meteors. It exerts a pressure of
fifteen pounds to the square inch
at the earth's surface and weighs over
eleven and a half trillions of pounds.
Each adult inhales one gallon of air
per minute and consumes thirty
ounces of oxygen daily. An ordinary
gas jet consumes as much oxygen as
five persons.

The Scoffer.
"Here," solemnly said the Bostonian,
"General Warren fell."

"So?" replied the gentleman from
Chicago, running a speculative eye up
and down the perpendicular of Bunker
Hill monument. "Must have been
a swell subject for a moving picture
act." —Puck.

As Good as Refused.
"And she refused you?"

"Practically. She said she would
marry me as soon as I settled down
and went to work at something worth
while." —Chicago Record-Herald.

To know what one likes is the begin-
ning of wisdom and of old age.—Ste-
venson.

MASONIC CALENDAR

Saturday, Sept. 2.—Loyal Chapter,
No. 49, O. E. S. Stated meeting.

NOTICE
VEHICLE OWNERS!

Licenses on all vehicles, in-
cluding Automobiles, Motor-
cycles, Bicycles, etc., are now
ready for distribution and
must be obtained on or be-
fore September 1, 1911.

E. G. McMahan,
City Controller.

Police Protection in Richmond

Is the Richmond police force efficient?
Has the department enough men to give protection?
Are the tax-payers of Richmond getting their share of protection in
proportion to the amount of taxes collected?
Why have the parties guilty of the murderous attack on Sunday morn-
ing not been apprehended?
Why were the Italians that were implicated in the attack released?
These are the questions that are being asked.

If Supt. Gorman has not enough men in his department to give the
city efficient service and the appropriation for that department is exhaust-
ed it is high time that immediate action be taken to give him sufficient
funds with which to work.

The protection of life and property the citizens have a right to demand
from the city administration. It is commendable to have an economic poli-
cy but when that policy is carried out to the detriment of protection of
life it should be the subject of serious consideration.

Supt. Gorman has repeatedly asked for an additional appropriation for
his department, but each time has met with a refusal on the grounds that
the city could not afford it.

This condition should not exist. If the police department requires a
certain amount of money to give proper protection it should have the
first consideration and should be the first appropriation from the funds
of the city.

The police department was given a test of its efficiency Sunday morn-
ing when a gang of drunken Italians made a murderous attack on two
Americans while they were returning to their home, and yet the guilty
parties have not been apprehended. Miller and his son who were the men
attacked have positively identified three of the gang of eight who were
taken to headquarters for examination but when pressed for sufficient
evidence for their conviction the department claimed they did not have it,
consequently the gang was released and the chances of locating the guilty
parties are now exceedingly scarce. It seems that while the department
was rounding up the gang of eight, the two men supposed to be guilty
took their leave and departed from the city post haste. When the final ex-
amination was made on Monday the facts in the case were brought
out after it was too late to head off the two that had escaped.

This condition is indeed serious and if the city does not exhaust
every effort to apprehend the guilty parties and punish every man that
was implicated in the murderous attack it will have other trouble along
the same line and only stimulate crime in this locality.

We believe this condition is serious enough to have a special session
of council to consider the matter if necessary, if the police department
has not sufficient funds let the city appropriate enough to secure ample
protection to citizens and tax-payers.

We do not believe the responsibility for this condition of affairs lies
with Supt. Gorman as he has done well considering the handicap under
which he is working.

The patrolmen at night, when the protection is most needed have too
much territory to cover. If trouble is reported the matter is allowed to
rest until the first patrolman reports and then he is sent on foot to
the seat of the trouble. If help is needed from the police department
it is usually wanted immediately.

Other cities of the size of Richmond have motorcyclists who are
at headquarters all night to answer emergency calls.

It would not be a great expense for the city to buy one or two or
perhaps three motorcycles and then divide the men so that at least one
man can be at headquarters all night to answer calls and attend to
emergencies. One man with a motorcycle could cover the territory of
three or four men on foot and cover the ground much better.

We believe the police situation in Richmond is one for serious con-
sideration and that the city should exert every possible effort to appre-
hend the parties guilty of the murderous attack on Sunday morning. If
the parties directly responsible for the crime cannot be located now,
get the others who were implicated and send them up for their share of
the crime. In this way the city would soon put a stop to such occur-
rences. If this matter goes without punishment, Richmond will have
more trouble and perhaps much more serious.

Let's remedy the trouble immediately.

FROST REPORTED IN
NORTHWEST TUESDAY

(National News Association)

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—August records
for cold weather in the Northwest
have been broken and the entire section
as far south as Kansas City is
shivering today. Frost and chilly
winds prevailed all over the Northwest.
At Havre, Mont., the mercury
stood at 34 degrees and there were
damaging frosts in North and South
Dakota, Minnesota and other border
states.

Frost was reported from Norfolk,
Nebraska and cold weather from sev-
eral points in Kansas.

In Chicago overcoats are the order
of the day.

His Job.
Joe—I have got a good job at last.
Ben, me boy.

Ben—What do you?

Joe—Oh, I'm a cashier in a p'lice
orfs, and a rattlin' good job it is.

Ben—A cashier in a p'lice orfs, Joe.
What's that? I never 'eard of that
afore. What's yer dooty?

Joe—Duty! I counts the coppers as
they come in.—London Answers.

Pretty icy.

"So she treated you coldly?"

"Coldly! Say, I'd have had to have
a sextant and an artificial horizon to
be able to find out what latitude I
was in if I had been there for that pur-
pose."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Sad Thought.

He—Why are you so sad, darling?
She—I was just thinking, dearest, that
this is the last evening we can be to-
gether till tomorrow.—Chicago News.

The first sure symptom of a mind in
health is rest of heart and pleasure
felt at home.—Young.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY"

AUGUST 30TH.

1660—Marquis de Feuquieres assumed office as viceroy of New Mexico.

1708—French and Indians attacked and burned Haverhill, Mass.

1730—Jonathan Belcher became governor of Massachusetts and New
Hampshire.

1776—Long Island was evacuated by the Americans.

1781—French fleet arrived in Chesapeake Bay to help the Americans.

1801—The French evacuated Egypt in favor of the British.

1802—John Childe, who induced Congress to pass the first grant of pub-
lic lands to benefit a railroad born in West Boylston, Mass. Died
Feb. 2, 1858.

1812—British were repulsed by the Americans at Belair, Md.

1862—Confederates victorious in the second battle of Bull Run.

1877—Turks defeated in a desperate sortie at Pleven, Bulgaria, by the
Russians, who captured the town.

1906—Greatest reception in New York in honor of William J. Bryan
on his return from a trip around the world.

1910—The Pan-American congress at Buenos Ayres concluded its sessions.

Heart to Heart

Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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"NO. 4."

It was a busy Saturday afternoon in
a large department store. It was a
warm day and not enough clerks prop-
erly to take care of the customers.

Commissioned to buy some buttons,
I was directed to the proper place.
After waiting some time a floorwalker
spied me. He yelled harshly:

"Here, No. 4!"

No. 4 stumbled around the counter
with a distinct frown on her face. Lest-
lessly she showed me what I wanted.

While I waited for my little pack-
age and the change—an interval which
seems long to the masculine shopper—
other customers appeared. No. 4 waited
upon them mechanically. Indeed, once she was a little snappy in her an-
swer to a question.

What was the matter?

The girl no doubt was tired and
worn. It had been a hard day, but—

Supposing the floorwalker instead of
bawling out "Here, No. 4!" had ap-
proached the girl and said gently, "A
customer at the button counter, Miss
Smith."

Might not the girl have been less
sullen—say, cheery or even enthusiastic?

She was treated as if she were a
mere machine.

Her individuality was ignored.

That hurts.
Why should not a machine respond
mechanically? Why should a flesh
and blood woman whose personality
is trampled upon make womanly ef-
forts to please?

Why?
Commercialism in that store was de-
flecting its own purposes by refusing
to recognize that No. 4 was an individual
to be called by name and not a
convict to be summoned by a hateful
number.

Every soul is from God.
And each soul is unlike another.
That constitutes individuality. That is
the stamp of the divine. And God
differentiates. He treats with separate
souls individually. He recognizes per-
sonality.

On the other hand—
Man herds humans as if they were
cattle and numbers them as if they were
sheep.

Poor No. 4!

She is only one of the many whose
self respect is trampled upon because
they are in somebody's pay.

LABOR MEN BEFORE
ROYAL COMMISSIONUnion Leaders Present Facts
Which Led to English
Rail Troubles.

(National News Association)

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 30.—Suit
for \$50,000 has been begun by Judge
F. E. Eschweiler against Mayor Emil
Seidel. Judge Eschweiler declares the
mayor made slanderous statements
against him during the last political
campaign and intended to injure his
reputation.

Representatives of the Unions were
the first heard at the hearing in West-
minster. They presented in forceful
terms the facts that led to the walk-
out, advancing voluminous statistics
to support their claims that railroads in
the United Kingdom paid starvation
wages and united to keep their employes in a state of economic sub-
jection.

It was shown that the average wage
of trainmen is about \$7 per week and
that there has not been an increase in
ten years whereas the cost of living
has gone up to a great extent in that
time.

He Knew How It Was.

James' mother is one of those un-
fortunate individuals who "pick up"
unconsciously every error in speech
that they hear. This failing is a
source of much amusement and com-
ment in her family, as are also the
habitual and glaring mistakes of Mrs.
F., a very estimable acquaintance.

One day James' mother had been
out and upon her return committed a
grave offense against the mother
tongue. Immediately little James con-
fronted her with upraised forefinger,
and exclaimed in accusing tones:

"They had a fight," he said. "I'd al-
most bet she told him to go and never
return. Oh, I'm a student of human
nature, you bet you!"

Just then another fellow boarded the
car. He sat down by the "beau."

"Why, hello, John!" the new pas-
senger said. "How are the wife and
babe?"

"All well but the youngest girl," was
the reply. "I'm going down to the
drug store now to get her some cough