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What a lot of the world's wisdom holds its place because of the poetry in which it is embodied forth. Say something in a catchy, breezy manner and it will carry more weight than all the logic in the world. The march of science is slow and the folklore of the ages is still in full swing.

This, however, does not mean that the thoughts of men are similar to those of their fathers. Superstition in many cases has lost its sway. Even the eternal verities of the past are the "piffle" of the present. The modern man will tell you that he is a materialist, although very often he doesn't know what that means. Some genius has said so in a fetching way and all the world trots after him and accepts as gospel the "piffle" of poetry.

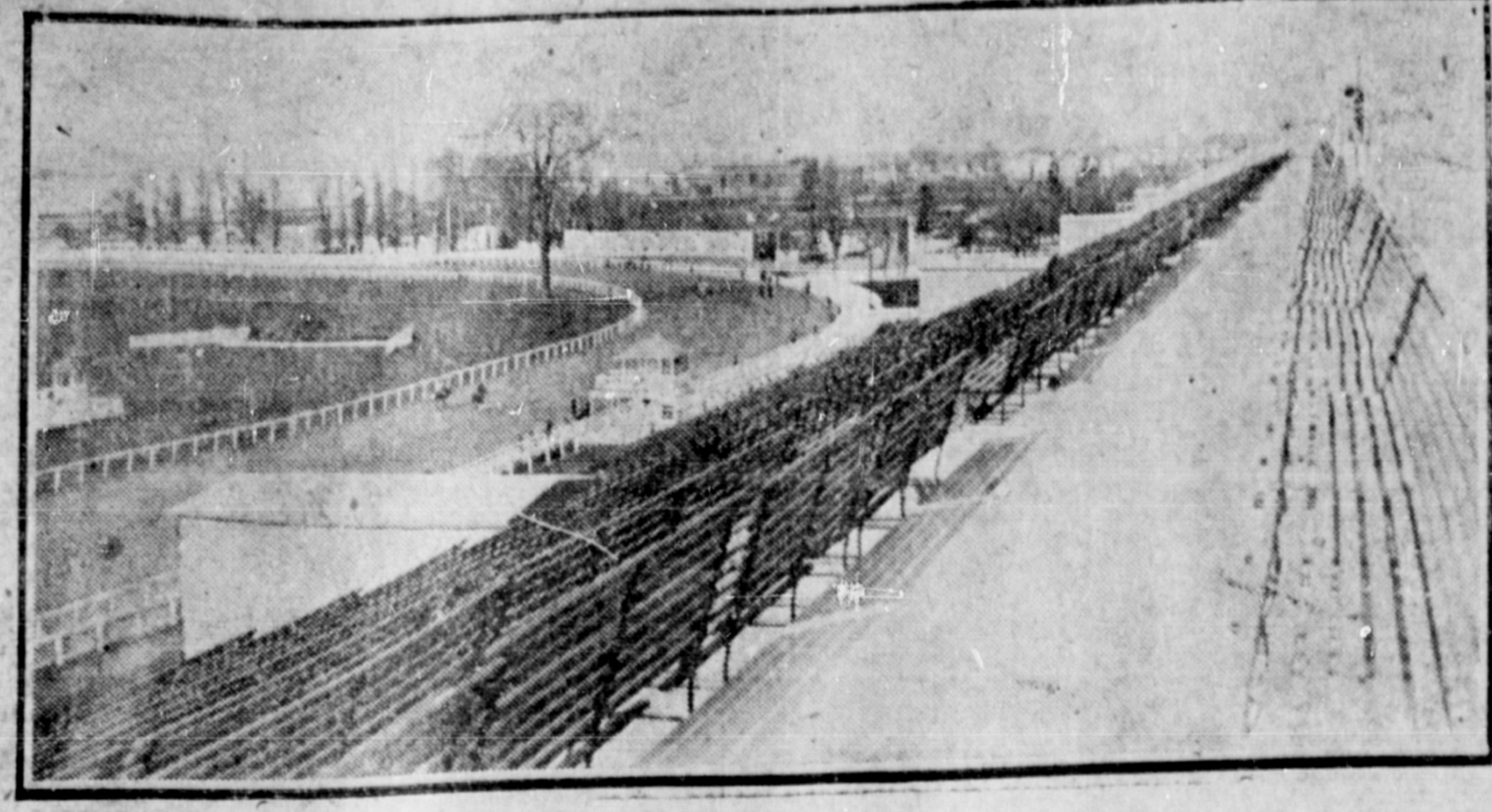
A Socialist stands on a soap box and tells the crowd that the only god a workingman has is his belly and that the Christian God is an aristocrat. There is plenty of poetry in that and it catches the crowd and everybody says amen.

The trouble with our age is that we rush to extremes. There is a great deal in the political, the social and the religious life of our time that will not stand the searchlight of science. That, however, does not justify us in rushing like a will o' the wisp to the other extreme. Any theory or practice that has stood the test of experience for thousands of years must at least lie in close proximity to the heart of truth. Perhaps a theory conflicts with some of the newer facts of science, but if the practice is true to human experience we should be slow to cast it entirely aside.

One of the newer branches of philosophy is working along that line. Pragmatism teaches that the good, the beautiful and the true are one. Whatever, therefore, is good or beautiful is very close to the truth. This is only another way of saying that the standard of conduct is that which brings the greatest good to the greatest number.

Looking at some of our cast-off beliefs in the light of that theory, we may be able to separate the truth from the poetry. Speaking scientifically it is much more difficult to disprove the existence of a Deity or First Cause than to prove it. From that belief to the spiritualization of every living thing is only a step. Whether humanity has come to its consciousness of spiritual verities by a process of evolution through the music of the spheres or has had a full-grown superman implanted within him from the beginning is only a side issue. Take him as he is with his "still small voice" calling out to the silent stars. As such he is a spiritual entity, and with those faculties developed and attuned he is a religious man of the highest sort.

Every age and clime has given its own emphasis to religion. In its highest sense, however, it is very much akin to our faculty for the appreciation of the good, the beautiful and the true. It is an appetite to be developed and gratified like our desire for other things. Through the contemplation of lofty sentiment and the practice of virtue, which can only be attained by the dynamic of a gospel, the whole race may be transformed. Why any one



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should object to a religion of that kind it is impossible to tell unless his better judgment has been clouded by the rhythm of poetry. Of course all churches may not emphasize this aspect of religion, but the intelligent searcher after truth can "see through a glass darkly" but yet interpret for himself the actual truth as it is.

The cry that the Christian God is an aristocrat is against the facts of history. The Founder of Christianity was a carpenter. The brightest days of the church were the days when it was controlled by the common people. The beginning of every sect of importance can be traced to the crowd. In the past whenever there was a clash between capital and labor the working-man formed a church of his own. Now if he doesn't like his next door neighbor he blames God Almighty for it and condemns the church. In the past he fought his battles strong in the conviction that the Infinite was on the side of right. The grim determination of the Scottish covenanters or the English puritans have had elements of narrowness and bigotry, but on the battle field it was a terror to their foes. Modern character will lose a great deal of its conviction and sincerity the day it decides to forego the fundamental of an age-long creed. Refuse if you will the trimmings of the past, but for the sake of posterity hold fast to that which has been true in the furnace of experience and which has produced the greatest characters of history.

Perley Temporarily Has the Plum

Hon. G. H. Perley, minister without portfolio in the Borden government, has been temporarily placed in charge of the high commissioner's office in London, England. The Toronto Globe believes this appointment will later be made permanent and that Sir Richard McBride and the other candidates are out of the running. Other papers intimate that it is only a temporary appointment to keep the office filled until Sir Richard is ready to move. Hon. G. H. Perley is a strong man in the Borden cabinet, having great influence in English-speaking Quebec. He has been utilized as the handy man of the government for some years and is considered to be entitled to something permanent.

EIGHTEEN MILES OF ICE BLOCKS WAY TO NOME

Seattle, June 4.—The annual spring migration to Nome of Alaskan business men and miners, who spend the winter in the states, began when the steamer Senator, the first large passenger vessel to sail for the Behring sea this year, departed with 381 passengers and a cargo of freight consisting of fresh vegetables, provisions and general merchandise to replenish the stocks of the Nome merchants. The second big liner to get away for Nome will be the steamship Victoria, which will sail with 658 passengers.

The little wooden steamer Corwin, which sailed from Seattle May 12 with 400 passengers and 150 tons of freight, is expected to reach Nome tonight, having reported by wireless yesterday that she was only ninety miles from port. The ice at Nome has not broken up yet, the mushers reporting that the field extends 18 miles out from shore, but it is believed the Corwin can lie alongside the solid ice and discharge her passengers and some of her perishable freight on to the ice field. The St. Michaels side of Norton sound is free of ice.

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