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New occasions teach new duties.
Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still and onward,
Who would keep abreast of progress' growth.
Low before us gleam our camps,
Our new selves must climb the stairs;
Through a gulf of fire we pass;
Through a wide and boiling sea,
Now our heads are bowed,
With the pangs that blood-red air
Keeps thickening.

PAY THE MEN
PRESIDENT WALKER and his cabinet are displaying wisdom in proceeding carefully and discreetly in their negotiations with the street car company. They have everything to gain and nothing to lose by taking enough time to be sure they are right before going ahead.

THE western world an immense industrial advantage was conferred upon Japan and China, perhaps unintentionally.
The demonization of silver depressed its value greatly, but up to that time it had fluctuated but little for several centuries. As a matter of fact there is hardly any ground to believe that there has ever been a genuine overproduction of silver. The total demand for it in 1916, for example, according to an eminent authority, was 310,000,000 ounces, while the total production of all the mines in the world was only 210,000,000 ounces.

OUR FIRE HABITS
TOMORROW is fire prevention day.
"Keep up the fire prevention campaign—there is a great deal yet to be done; the work is only just started," was the closing appeal of Jay Stevens in his last public address in Portland.

FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD
IN THE spring of the year 1906 the provincial legislature of Ontario founded a hydro-electric power commission which has been doing some valuable work since it was organized. The powers of the commission were such that it could build generating plants if it chose, or buy current from private companies. It could light cities and furnish power to street railways, farmers, manufacturers, elevators, or whoever might ask for it.

TRADE AND SILVER
THE steady rise in the value of silver is a phenomenon of deep interest to the financial and industrial world. Among other things, the course of our trade with the Orient is likely to be affected by it. As long as silver was intrinsically cheaper than gold the Orientals had an industrial advantage over us in proportion to the difference between the two money standards, since they paid in silver, we in gold.

tion. It is giving them the benefit of immense economies at a time when such benefits are extraordinarily welcome.
The cheap current supplied by the commission is an especial boon to the Ontario farmers, who use it for running machinery, heating, cooking and cleaning. Monopoly charges for electricity have heretofore effectually debarred it from farm use in the United States.

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TALAT PASHA, the Turkish minister of the interior, who signed the order for the massacre of 300,000 Armenians, has issued an "explanation" of that achievement. He says the massacre was due to "irregularities in the deportation" of the victims. The truth, known to the whole world, is that the miserable Armenians were herded out from their dwellings upon the highways in order that they might be more conveniently be slaughtered.
The day will come when the magnates who instigate such crimes will be held personally responsible for them. The world will not always consent to sit down and idly weep over massacres like those of the Armenians and Belgians while the authors of the hideous deeds are permitted to sit on thrones.

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