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CONVENTION TODAY

This will be a historic day in the annals of the Conservative party as, this afternoon, Queen's County's two Conservative representatives in the next parliament are to be elected by representative delegates from every part of the county.

While the roads are not as good as might be wished it is confidently expected that practically all the delegates appointed will be in attendance. Very complete arrangements have been made to facilitate the work of the convention, all the polls having responded to the call for delegates with more than ordinary promptness and enthusiasm, a favorable augury for the campaign which will no doubt open at once.

The party is fortunate in having plenty good material to select from. Out of the number whose names are mentioned as possible candidates any two could very fittingly fill the role of representatives. No doubt there are varying fitnesses and these will be sized up and taken account of by the delegates. The duty of the convention will be to make the best selection to select the two who in their collective opinion will be best able to fittingly represent the county in all its interests and all the interests of the province. This we have no doubt will be done and when the selection is made the rank and file will fall in and escort the banner bearers to victory when election day comes round.

While it is a proud boast that the party has so many available men anyone of whom would creditably represent the province at Ottawa, it is to be regretted that we cannot send them all. In that case we can only stand manfully and honorably behind the two who shall be selected by the united wisdom of the appointed delegates and, when the time comes, elect them. It is with this determination that the delegates are meeting today and a similar determination pervades the whole rank and file throughout the county. There is no doubt in any one's mind, Liberal or Conservative that the two men chosen today will be our next representatives in Ottawa.

THE LATE DR. A. J. FRASER

The death of Dr. A. J. Fraser, recorded in our Saturday issue is not only a sore bereavement to his devoted family, but to the town of Montague and to the County in which he was so well and favorably known. Public spirited, generous to a fault, alive to all the interests of the town in which he had successfully practised his profession for many years, his assistance and counsel were always in demand and always cheerfully given. In his church and in the state he held the high and honourable place of a recognized leader and a safe guide. For some years he was president of the Liberal-Conservative Association of King's County a position which he filled with distinction until the time of his death—and one which it will be difficult to fill with equal efficiency. To his bereaved family and relatives we tender sincere sympathy.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If the U. S. applies the quota law to Canada it will not be an unmixed blessing.

Between four and five hundred delegates will be in attendance at the Conservative Convention today.

Evidently what is getting many dour Presbyterians is that part of the constitution of the new church which assesses or taxes the members for ministers' pensions.

Hon. James A. Robb, who for some months constituted in himself by the multiplicity of his acting appointments a veritable 'quorum' of the Gov-

ernment, has evidently broken down under the strain and has gone south to recruit.

In view of the developments in the Far Eastern situation we commence publication in this issue of a short series of articles which will help to give our readers a better understanding of the news.

A writer in the Spectator says there is room for three times the present population in the United States before it attains to the density of Europe. But after that what?

Railway freight reduction is a prime necessity. We could have had a market for another 150,000 bushels of potatoes in the Southern States could we have obtained a reasonable railway rate to Halifax from which to ship them by water.

A Liberal says the chances of his party in Queen's County at next election are as good as a snowball in hades. At one time there was great likelihood of opposition to the re-nomination of Messrs Sinclair and McKinnon as Liberal candidates, now everyone is fighting shy of the honour. Nobody likes to be made the goat.

The King Government is on the horns of a dilemma over the Crow's Nest Pass agreement. To get rid of a disagreeable question, and there being no other commission to which to refer it, the Government quietly resolved "to pass the buck" to the Supreme Court of Canada. But the Progressive West says: "No, we are not raising a question of the interpretation of the law at present, but the constitutionality of any Commission created by Parliament over-riding the will of Parliament as expressed in a legislative enactment." And the Government has now delayed its appeal to the Supreme Court until it finds a solution to this problem. How devious are the ways of those who do not walk uprightly.

Field-Marshal Lord French of Ypres who has been suddenly stricken while on a visit to France, was one of the outstanding figures of the first years of the war. But he and Lord Kitchener failed to pull together—Kitchener thought French recalcitrant and almost subordinate, while French considered Kitchener arbitrary and deficient in the breadth of mind necessary for such a great military undertaking. In the sequel the war was carried to a successful issue without the assistance of either of them. Kitchener unexpectedly reaching a watery grave off the Orkneys, and French being transferred to the command of the Forces in Ireland.

A great testimonial to the discipline and control maintained by Mr. Gallagher over the children attending the Prince Edward matinees was manifested on Saturday. The theatre was packed with young people, with here and there a parent or two. All was high expectation for the raising of the curtain for the popular Arle Marks players, the orchestra was concluding the overture, when of a sudden the theatre was plunged in darkness. The band stopped, and the children began to indulge in cat-calls and screeches. The light had failed at a crucial moment. Of a sudden a flash-light illuminated the audience, and a quiet voice exclaimed in authoritative tones: "Now, there, if you want to make a row the place for it is the Power House not here." There was instant silence, the orchestra recommenced to play, and there was the greatest order possible while the darkness lasted, which was only for a few minutes. One could not but admire the complete control Mr. Gallagher exercises over his hundreds of young patrons.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A few years ago all the provincial governments in Canada were Liberal or Farmer governments. Since then Ontario and Prince Edward Island have by sweeping majorities become Conservative. This was a loss of one each to both the Liberal and United Farmer parties. But the Liberal losses do not end with the loss of Prince Edward Island and Ontario. The party has also lost both Alberta and Manitoba to the Progressives and very nearly lost British Columbia to the Conservatives in the election of the present year.

Further provincial elections are to be held in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, both now Liberal, and in Alberta, which now stands Progressive. The Liberals there are now organizing provincially, but with apparently slim chances of regaining power, as in a House of 61 members 41 are United Farmers and only 11 are classed as Liberals, the small balance being divided between Labor, Conservative and independent members. Saskatchewan stands pretty strongly Liberal, that party holding 45 of the 63 seats in the House which was elected in 1921.

Liberalism was at a premium in the Prairie Provinces in the early twenties of the present century, since which date Alberta and Saskatchewan went over to the United Farmers, as above stated. At another session of the Saskatchewan Legislature shall be held this winter, a dissolution must follow during 1925, Premier Dunning is a pretty strong political leader and is in a position to decide whether to hold a fifth session or to make his appeal to the electors at an earlier date.

As to the course of political events in the Prairie Provinces much depends upon the vitality remaining in the Farmers organization, as a political party. In the federal election of 1921 they literally swept the Prairie Country so that only three Liberal members and one Conservative member were elected to the House of Commons between the Lakes and the Rocky Mountains. Since then has come the great debacle of both the Liberal and United Farmer forces in the provincial election in Ontario last year, at which only 17 United Farmers and 14 Liberals were elected in a House of 111 members. In the previous House there had been 44 United Farmers and 29 Liberals.

In the House of Commons, following the federal election of 1921, there were 65 United Farmers, or Progressives, of whom 24 had been elected in Ontario. It is a reasonable inference from the provincial

Your Birthday

DECEMBER 9.—You do not all ways look upon the bright side of things. You possess a quick insight that often saves you and your friends from disaster. You are quick of action, clever, and always on the look-out for information, but somewhat sensitive. You work to make your home more beautiful, and take a great joy in it. Cherish those who love you. Your birthstone is the turquoise, which means prosperity. Your flower is holly. Your lucky color is pink.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

DECEMBER 9, 1924. MAKING HASTE TO BE RICH:—He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor. Proverbs 28:8. PRAYER:—Enable us, O God, to lay up our treasure in heaven and where our treasure is there will our hearts be also. THERE'S NAE FOLK LIKE OUR FOLK:—There's nae folk like oor folk. Gae travel whaur ye will, There's guid stuff in oor stock, Frae lika glen or hill; Scotland is a sma' place, But a' the world o'er, Ye'll aye see a Scotch face O' men they are the flowe!

America and Britain in the Far East

BY WILLIAM HOWARD GARDNER

(Vice-President, Navy League of the United States) (In the Fortnightly Review.)

The Washington conference—post conference fleet expansion—the mission of cruisers and submarines.

It may be of interest to Britons to consider an American's estimate of some of the major realities in the Far Eastern situation and to examine some of the seeming requirements for the maintenance of peace there—especially as the present outline will lead to the conclusion that it is to the interest of America that Britain develop an adequate naval base for modern capital ships at Singapore. The American proposal for the limitation of naval armaments at the Washington Conference was that the tonnage of capital ships, of aircraft carriers, of all other surface combatant auxiliaries, and of submarines, all be limited, respectively and class by class, as stated, in the ratio of 5-5-3 as between the United States, the British Empire, and the Japanese Empire. But while little real objection to such fleet ratios was voiced, there was conclusive objection from other Powers to the fleet limitation except for capital ships and aircraft carriers; and the Japanese refused to agree even to that unless their proposal that insular fortifications and naval bases be developed no further in the region stretching from the Marshall Islands to Hong Kong and from the Aleutian Islands to Australasian waters—exclusive, of course, of the Japanese Archipelago proper.

The table on this page shows the tonnage of modern light cruisers and of submarines built or authorized before the close of the Conference, the tonnage of cruisers and of submarines authorized within twenty-four months after the Conference, and the totals up to the second anniversary of the adjournment of the Washington Conference.

From the foregoing table it is as follows:

Table with columns: Light Cruiser Tonnage, Submarine Tonnage, United States, British Empire, Japanese Empire. Rows include Pre-Conference, First Post-Conference, and February 1924.

Island Winners Return From Royal

(By Observer.)

After an absence of about three weeks the Island livestock exhibitors at the Royal returned home on Monday, Dec. 1st. Only those who have had practical experience realize just what an undertaking of this kind means. It requires no little courage, energy and expense to fit herds of cattle to compete in one of the finest shows in the world, and especially when transportation has to be made, at a rather awkward season of the year over about eleven hundred miles of railway lines. It is necessary in the first place to have a foundation of stock of the very finest quality and character, and to expend in this foundation the skill of the expert herdsmen in fitting. The long haul, with the hardships entailed, liable to dissipate these energies to some extent, as the result, the cattle show below their naturally normal attractiveness when brought into the ring soon after arrival. Even with these obstacles however, our Island exhibitors returned with not a few honors to their credit.

The Ayrshire men, who had two carloads of stock, selected from the herds of B. R. Brown, York, Easton Bros, Royalty; Unsworth Gurney, Royalty; Andrew McRae & Son's, Royalty; Athol Roberts, Royalty; and the Experimental Farm, met with the keenest competition at the show. The Scottish cow was there in large numbers, and from the stand point of quality, the show was probably the best, ever held on this continent. Brown made an outstanding win in the three year old class in milk on Brightside Ella. This heifer topped her class of twenty individuals and stood out with plenty of substance, and excellent udder conformation. Mr. Brown could have sold this animal at a good price, but decided to keep her for breeding purposes. Brown also won 8th. on his herd sire Lessnessock Quintin, and 7th on Brightside Esther, a nicely turned two year old in milk. The bull with his scale and strength looked good for a high rating; but then—the judge thought differently. Easton Bros, Royalty won 6th. on their senior yearling bull, Brown Strip, of Spruce Row. This bull was favorably commented on by a number of breeders and should be a strong contender for higher honors, when he develops. Eastons also made an outstanding win with their senior yearling heifer, Lady Sybil of Spruce Row 2nd, getting into 5th position in a class of 32 individuals, strong in both numbers and quality. This heifer did not get any more than she deserved at that, and with a little more finish she should be hard to beat. In the three year old class dry, Eastons won 11th. position on Queen of Brackley, Andrew McRae & Sons, captured fourth place in the Performance class over six years old on Fairvue Jean, while the Experimental Farm won 5th. place on the senior yearling bull Ottawa 1957-12-12:MLawthSmo.

parent that the initiative the Japanese have shown in authorizing and building those classes of vessels not limited by the Naval Treaty promises to give them in a very few years a cruiser fleet greater than that which the British now have and an up-to-date submarine flotilla larger than the combined tonnages of the somewhat antiquated submarine flotillas of America and Britain. Nor are the Japanese to be criticised for this. For in thus developing their fleet, for their own ends, they do not seem to have gone counter to the stipulations of the Naval Treaty. On the contrary, if there is any occasion for criticism, it would seem that it should be addressed to those at the Washington Conference who did not work for complete fleet limitation and to those who then put exceedingly serious restrictions upon American and British naval power without accomplishing more than building an ineffective dam a fraction of the way across the rising river of naval competition. But the statistic finds himself confronted by the following conditions: The Japanese capital fleet of the capital ships, with but normal quotas of auxiliaries, could defend the Japanese Empire with assurance. And not only that but because the Japanese have complete naval control over the insular barrier to north-eastern Asia, from Kamchatka to Formosa, they can command all maritime lines of communication to the continental region where now there is no power that could prevent them from extracting supplies from it. On the other hand, if, while holding their own home waters inviolable behind the guns of their capital fleet, they were preparing to be able to conduct an extensive cruiser warfare, driving the coast of the Pacific chosen enemies to the Pacific and isolating the insular possessions and dominions of their enemies, then, forth kind of warfare they would need an excess of high speed cruisers and of long-radius submarines—such an excess as the foregoing table shows that the Japanese authorities have been authorizing and building ever since the Washington Conference.

As their home security is assured, for what other purpose has this supremely great fleet of cruisers and flotilla of submarines been undertaken?

That Body of Yours MEAT AND EGGS CAN PUT ON FAT

A little joke in the paper the other day suggested that the way to reduce weight was to eat nothing. As a matter of fact there was a big truth there in that the reduction in weight depends more upon the amount eaten, than the kinds of food. Now don't misunderstand me. For ordinary simple reducing of weight, cutting down on liquids and potatoes will bring down the weight gradually to a certain point. This is usually all that is necessary in the majority of cases. The weight comes down at the rate of two to five pounds per month, and with five minutes exercise combined with walking, accomplishes satisfactory results. Satisfactory because you are stronger physically, instead of being weakened from the loss of food. This cutting down on liquids is not wise in every case, because the majority of people do not drink enough water. But there is a point in weight reduction that is often overlooked. I have seen people dieting themselves, faithfully abstaining from bread, potatoes and candies, who did not hesitate to eat plentifully of meat, eggs, peas, beans and cereals, because they were not "fat-tening". Now that body of yours is a wonderful chemist. Ordinarily it takes potatoes and bread, butter and candies, and what it doesn't burn up in giving you energy, it stores up in the liver as sugar, or deposits in your tissues as fat.

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With these it can certainly keep you going, and likewise make you fat. But if it can't get these things it will go about it in a roundabout way, and put fat on you from meat, eggs, peas, beans and so forth. Now you say "I thought that meat and eggs were to replace worn out tissue, and not to give energy or store fat." That's quite true, but you don't need a great deal of these foods to replace worn out tissue. By not eating much of the fat producing foods, you have eaten more of the meat and eggs to make up a "full" meal. What's the result? Why that body of yours takes the meat and eggs, and after using what it needs for repair work simply turns the balance into sugar, which is the same as the sugar made from potatoes, bread and so forth. This sugar is stored in the liver, used as energy, or deposited as fat from the bread and potatoes. What's the lesson? To remember that cutting down on fat producing foods may not be sufficient. Cut down on all your food about twenty five per cent. Remember also, that weight taken off by light exercise gives you muscle, strength, in exchange for your fat. A very good exchange you'll admit. THE PROBLEM OF THE BILL COLLECTOR "Say, Pop, why do bill collectors annoy people so much?" "Because so many people buy more than they can pay for, my son."

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