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REDUCING TAXATION

Occasionally we hear from Ottawa the proud boast that the King government is reducing taxation.

What are the facts? It is quite true that the King government reduced the Sales Tax—it reduced it by a little less than it had added to it the previous year!

Mr. Mackenzie King and his government received such a shock by their defeat in Halifax and Kent that they at once set to work to put their house in order.

The Civil Service is the same sink-hole of expenditure that it has been since the King government came into power; the spending goes on in every department with the same recklessness as before.

Where is all this going to end? The King government increased the public debt of Canada by \$31,000,000 during its first year in office; it increased it by \$42,000,000 during the second year and it is conservatively estimated, from the falling off in revenue and the increased expenditure, that they will add another \$30,000,000 this year.

The yearly interest on our public debt now is about \$50,000,000. This is a fixed, unavoidable charge which must be paid out of revenue before a dollar is spent on public works or for administration.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Have you seen Old Scrooge anywhere about? It is business more than usual now with both political parties.

H. R. H. E. P. is now enrolled as a "Sunshine Kid" in the Pressmen's Christmas Fund.

Where will Santa Clause be now? asked a five year-old yesterday. Warming his way out of ice-bound Loveland. A little shivery, but beginning to glow with the exertion.

Imperial co-operation is the keynote of the King's speech at the opening of Imperial Parliament. The Naval base at Singapore is to become an accomplished fact.

In Britain they do not give much heed to mob law. A mob experiences temporary sensations but does not think of consequences. The administrators of the law, in Britain, at all events, ever keep before them the consequences of their actions and suppress their temporary feelings or inclinations.

It is a hopeful sign to find the ultra-Conservative British weekly, "The Saturday Review" expressing opinions like these on U. S. prohibition: "In spite of all the ridicule that has been poured out upon America's prohibition law, Congress has voted more money to be spent to enable the coast-guard service to stamp out this illicit trade carried on not only outside New York and San Francisco, but from most of the adjacent islands and Gulf of Mexico."

We have been hearing little about the war in China recently, and the fact is the war is over, temporarily at all events. Last week, Tuan Chi-ju, the leader of the Anfu Party, who was formerly Prime Minister made an unexpected appearance in Peking.

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Notes By The Way

What will be the next great invention? The inventors have given the world so many marvels within the past quarter century that no one supposes they will rest satisfied with what has been already achieved.

Yet Thomas A. Edison, one of the greatest inventors of all the ages, anticipates that the helicopter, when presently perfected, will be the next greatest coming marvel. The principle has been known for some years and is therefore not new.

Our Liberal friends profess to be optimistic over their victory in West Hastings. Their exuberant joy over that event shows the depth of despondency into which they had before fallen and into which they must speedily relapse.

The boast of a "balanced budget" at Ottawa which was loud awhile ago, is not mentioned by our excellent Liberal contemporaries in these days!

It is now given out that the King Government will not decide until Parliament meets whether dissolution and a general election will be brought on in 1925 or 1926.

There are threats of a strike among the 12,000 coal miners in Nova Scotia against a proposed cut in their wages. But few of the colliers are now working more than two days in the week.

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By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE TONSILS AS FILTERS

Years ago before our medical health officers knew as much as they do now, it was not unusual for householders to put filters on their water taps.

Now as a matter of fact the tonsils in your body are supposed to filter out waste material from the blood in your earlier years, and then as you get toward the adult age they usually disappear.

Their work being taken over by the other glands in the neighborhood. The fact that they persist is perhaps a fair argument that they should not be removed, and where they are in a healthy condition, even though large, most specialists allow them to remain.

Now what should be done where the tonsils do not look any too healthy, and there is an inflammation, and material puslike in character?

In former days they were removed because although no trouble could be actually traced to them, it was felt that it was better to remove them, than to wait for something to happen.

What is the procedure now? They are treated something like a filter. If they are unhealthy, but causing no general symptoms, the throat specialist attempts to clear them up by removing any pus, and allaying the inflammation as far as possible, without actually removing the tonsils themselves.

He suggests that attention be paid to the diet, and to the intestine, and a cleansing liquid be used two or three times daily as a gargle. However, if the tonsils are in very bad shape, and there are general symptoms, such as inflamed joints or "rheumatic pains," he advises complete removal of the tonsils.

His idea is that when these filters or tonsils, get into such bad shape that they are no longer able to act as filters, then instead of being of service to the body as a filter, they are actually so full of waste or poisonous material, that they are positively harmful to the body.

This explains then why some tonsils are allowed to remain without treatment, others have treatment, and still others are removed entirely.

In the light of our present knowledge all this seems reasonable.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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TRUST AND WAVER NOT:—Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. Proverbs 3:5.

PRAYER:—The fear of the Lord is beginning of wisdom; therefore we would seek Thee, O Lord, with our whole heart, knowing that then we shall find Thee.

WHEN I GO HOME

When I go home it will be evening And I shall hear my dear people sing And see the lighted rooms and take my place, As one of them, in the sweet time of grace.

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

THE QUESTION

Dear Mr. Editor,—

Is there a Santa Claus or is it only Daddy and Mum making believe? I want to know 'cause my brothers say the fellows in their grades tell them there is no Santa, and that Fathers and Mothers and friends fill our stockings when we go to sleep.

THE ANSWER

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist. And you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

"You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest men of a ver lived could tear apart.

"No Santa Claus? Thank God, he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia—nay, ten times ten thousand years from now—he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

That Body of Ours

BY WILLIAM HOWARD GARDINER (Vice-President, Navy League of the United States)

(In the Fortnightly Review.)

III THE PHILIPPINES AND THE AMERICAN FLEET

In the face of such a prospect, arguments to show that the major interests of America and of Britain in the Far East are parallel would seem to be superfluous.

Both earnestly desire to see peace maintained there. Both naturally want to retain and foster their present extensive interests there. And in this latter connection it may be well to recall that in 1923, the external trade of the British Isles—upon which most British labour there lives, directly or indirectly—amounted to nearly £2,000,000,000, of which about half was carried by the Pacific and Indian Oceans, while in the same year the external trade of the United States, which has been increasing most rapidly in the Orient was about four-fifths as large as that of the British Isles.

With such ideals and interests at stake, it would seem patent that the practical and peaceful way for America and Britain to maintain them would be for each to hold its pivotal position and dependent possessions in the Far East with such evident firmness as to make obviously futile any attempt on the part of the Japanese to carry out their southward trending Maritime Plan.

It should not require even a glance at the map to appreciate that, as Korea was the outstanding obstacle to the old Territorialists Plan, and consequently, first was detached from the suzerainty of China, and then was absorbed into the Japanese Empire, so the Philippines now are the outstanding obstacle to the comparatively new Maritime Plan that the Japanese have taken up—which should make clear why the Japanese, for quite a while, have been doing so much to help free the Philippines from the United States.

When I go home I shall be very tired Or struggling for the things that I desired, But I shall be content to end my quest Gaining the best things, peace and love and rest.

When I go home how sorry I shall be Not to have brought more treasures back with me Yet, though I be a failure, worn and poor They will not turn me from my Father's door.

When I go home I shall be travel-stained For winds have beaten me and storms have rained, And earth has clung to me by vale and hill But they will take me in and love me still.

When I go home—oh, will it not be heaven To be restored, accepted, loved, forgiven Sorrow and sighing are for those who roam I shall have found my bliss when I go home.

America and Britain

erial measure of capital strength in the Pacific. When we realize that the peace and welfare of this vast region in which America and British have such very important interests well depend on the United States being manifestly able to defend and hold the Philippines, it would be natural for Britons as well as Americans to call to mind with regret statements from high sources to the effect that the Philippines are virtually defenceless.

But Corregidor could not hold out indefinitely; and if it were to fall before the American fleet had been able to reach Manila Bay, then the fleet would find its essential haven of refuge for rest in the hands of the enemy.

As peace and the security of the vast British interests we have been considering, as well as that of lesser American interest, depend primarily on its becoming obvious to the Japanese that an adequate American fleet would be able to reach Manila Bay before they could reach the security of all American, Dutch interests in the Far East, and of Australasia, would seem to depend on the speed with which an adequate American fleet could reach Manila Bay after a declaration of war.

The crux of the whole situation is that the American fleet should be up to the Naval Treaty ratio in every essential respect; its operative efficiency should be as high as possible; and—of the utmost importance—it should always be ready to go instantly to its haven in the Philippines.

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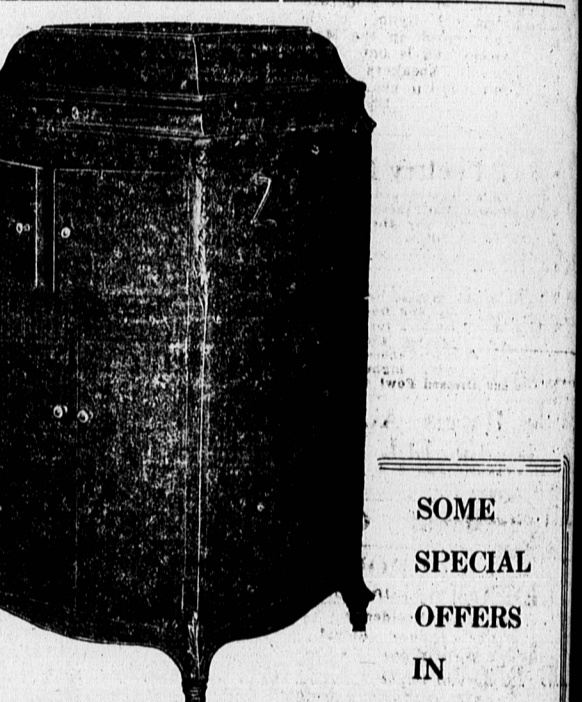
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