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NOTES BY THE WAY

Mr. Hoover's late action in proposing a year's holiday on war debts and reparations shows that at last the Republic is awakening to the true facts of the situation. There are indications, moreover, that this is only the beginning and that before the world's much older the Washington Government will confer with the Governments of Europe regarding such a recasting of the whole international debt problem as will relieve the nations of an impossible burden and go far to set the world on the road to renewed prosperity.

It is rather ironical to learn that Legs Diamond, suspected of murder and a hundred desperate crimes, either as their instigator or active agent, should finally be laid by the heels because of a breach of the United States prohibition laws. Acquitted a few days ago on obviously perjured testimony on a charge of having tortured a man who had defied his organization, he has now been found guilty of conspiracy to violate the national prohibition law and of having set up an unregistered applejack still in the Catskill Mountains. The laws violated were federal laws and it was, therefore, in a federal court that Diamond was tried and convicted. There will probably be an appeal, but it seems that the Diamond regime is definitely at an end. He faces a maximum penalty of four years imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000.

Mr. Henry Morganthau, former American Ambassador to Turkey, believes present disarmament by the Powers would be unwise because of the Russian menace and that of other backward nations. But why not induce those nations to join in disarmament? It is more than worth the effort.

Announcement is made that Premier MacDonald has curtailed his holiday and returned to London for the purpose of turning his attention to the national budget, which is cause of great anxiety at Downing Street. It is estimated that some six hundred million dollars will be required to fetch the budget of 1932 into proper balance, and unless steps are immediately taken to reduce expenditures, the situation as now developed portends an economic crisis of more severe complexion than any previous test of British resources and wealth during the past decade.

Dr. William Rowan, professor of zoology at Alberta University, has broadcast his desire to be put in possession of a thousand crows, so that he make further study of the well-known migratory habits of birds, an annual phenomenon that for many generations past has attracted the attention of scientists. Who does not know how the crows and swallows and starlings gather towards the close of summer, and with infinite din and chatter hold their general convention ere they take flight for the winter? It is equally well known that they will come back when the buds begin to swell upon the trees in spring-time. But probably few people are aware that the crows, storks, swallows, robins, blue-birds, yellowhammers, song-sparrows and many other familiar representatives of the feathered family come back to the same bush, tree, stream, or nesting-place year after year, so long as they are able to make the trip.

Many stories have been published concerning dogs, to show their devotion to mankind. This is the story of a dog who gave his life in an effort to save members of the bovine tribe from death in a blazing barn. On Wednesday last the barn and implements owned by Norman Owerbuck near Centreville, Waterloo county, was razed by fire. When it was discovered that fourteen cattle were in the barn, the dog, Fido, was sent in and soon emerged with them. Likewise, he brought out eight pigs on a second trip into the barn. Then it was discovered that one calf still remained in the stable, tied and unable to escape. Fido again entered the blazing inferno but this time he did not come out. When the ashes had cooled sufficiently that the ruins could be explored, the charred body of a dog was found beside the remains of the calf.

The sooner the German people make conclusive their repudiation of the kind of Junkerism which led them into the World War, the more easily the rest of the world can agree to a lightning of the burdens remaining from that war. It should be obvious that the world is not out of the woods and that grave dangers still lurk in the tangled European situation. We know now that the Hoover moratorium was a move in the right direction, but that it was only a



By James W. Barton, M.D.

CAKE FOR MENTAL CASES

"It was not so very many years ago that mental cases were regarded as the victims of demonical possession (possessing devils), and the padded room and the straight jacket had only lately gone out of use."

These are the words of Dr. Walter Carr speaking at a meeting of the Mental After Care Association of Great Britain.

This Mental After Care Association organized for over fifty years and yet it was only during the past year that any real help from the government had been obtained. Their work now consists to a large extent of the examination and care of individuals who are not mentally sick enough to go into the hospital for the insane, and yet mental guidance.

In this country we have what is called psychiatric institutes where individuals who have done queer or nonsensical things go or are sent for an examination.

This Mental After Care Association reported 410 cases sent to them last year from general hospitals or out patients departments of psychiatric hospitals. Practically all of these had so far recovered as to be able to return to their homes and occupations, without requiring any care or treatment in a hospital for the insane.

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Formerly these patients whilst in the mental hospital had been shielded from strains and stresses which had brought about their condition, but when they returned home to a family who viewed them with apprehension, and found their occupation gone, the probability of a relapse was very great.

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HELLENICA

I. Cleon doth not forget the gentle footsteps Of Scylla, a little maiden, Who returneth not unto her father's dwelling But walketh the long descent into the silence Tired and alone.

II. Rhodoclea, whose body veiled the sun, Hath fallen into shadow Under the grasses.

III. Plato's passion troubled Timon's soul. His body followed beauty to the end. Sunlight sifts across his earthy bed.

—Edward J. O'Brien.

step. Much more must be done if a real adjustment of world economy is to come about. Let us hope that President Hoover will not again make the mistake of waiting too long before taking the next step needed to meet a continuing crisis.

Public interest in the Communists is usually centered around their open activities. The underground work, the boring from within in labor unions and in factories, and the variety of tricks they have been known to pull off to suit their purpose and promote the cause do not reach the public eye; yet this is a very real part of their operations. Let them succeed, and the public will pay tribute in ways they do not now realize. Premier Bennett has taken the correct stand in asking Parliament for authority to withdraw

naturalization from Red and other disturbers and in undertaking to... Their methods are foreign to Canadian institutions, and they cannot be shipped overseas too soon.—Toronto Globe.

Andy and Willie

(Toronto Mail and Empire)

On July 29, 1930, the day after the Federal general election, there appeared in the Toronto Star a long Ottawa despatch which makes interesting reading in the light of recent Beauharnois revelations. Written by a member of the editorial staff, it chronicles Mr. Mackenzie King's reactions to the returns from the polls. The Prime Minister of that day sat at his big desk in the eastern block of the Parliament Buildings and read reports from the constituencies all over the Dominion as they were brought in by messengers.

The most prominent man in the pictures, beside Mr. King himself was his intimate personal friend and political manager, Senator Haydon, or "Andrew," as the Liberal leader persisted in calling him. For most of the six hours during which the returns rolled in there seems to have been nobody else present but The Star man and the then Premier and the receiver of the Beauharnois money.

Mr. King is described as "the grandson of the noblest rebel of modern times, William Lyon Mackenzie, who made 1837 one of the glorious years in British annals." We are told that he took the first adverse returns calmly; that he was stunned by Mr. Dunning's defeat in Regina, and that he spoke of Quebec as being shepherdless "since Robb died."

The narrative continues: "Throughout the six-and-a-half hours I stayed with him, Mr. King was able to keep his own score, able at any moment to give a concise statement of the whole situation."

When Senator Haydon arrived, Mr. King exclaimed, "Why, hello, Andrew, come right in. Are things going to your satisfaction, Andrew?" Andrew came right in all right. The Premier introduced him as Senator Haydon. "Andrew" expressed himself as partially satisfied with the start-off, as Bettes had been elected in Three Rivers (only to be overthrown the other day by Mr. Bourgeois) and Hepburn in Elgin. A little later Mr. King remarked, "Say, that doesn't look good from Halifax, does it, Andrew? And we have lost two seats in New Brunswick."

"Urquhart has held his seat," retorted Mr. Haydon. Just then a violent crash of thunder startled the small group. Mr. King got up and walked to the window. "Something of a night," he said under his breath; leaving the reader to speculate as to whether the falling Premier referred to the weather or the ominous returns from the polls. Mr. King is reported as saying that he wished the election had lasted another week in Toronto; that the influence of provincial Governments was to be seen everywhere in the returns, and that Ferguson's machine was certainly busy in Northern Ontario. Senator Haydon had left the room, but now he reappeared. "He is always solemn," comments the scribe, "but just then he was extra so." New Brunswick looks none too good," he said. "None too good, Andrew," echoed the Premier and I do think we should have carried Restigouche, the northern part, anyway."

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An Example From Ottawa

According to a news item from Ottawa, Sir John A. Macdonald's statue on Parliament Hill, which of late years has taken on a spotty green, due, it is said, to the acidulous fumes from the sulphur plant in Hull, is finally being restored to its normal bronze color. The matter came up in the Senate last session, and the Public Works officials declared themselves beaten. Nothing would take off the green. The National Research Council at last has come to the rescue. Its chemists have produced a liquid which has proved effective, and under their supervision Public Works men are bringing a gleaming bronze from under the verdigris.

There is in Charlottetown a monument which has become discolored in an equally unpleasant manner during the past few years, and to which repeated references have been drawn in the press. We refer to the South African War monument. The verdigris which has accumulated on this monument is not due to the proximity of a sulphur plant, but simply to carelessness and neglect. Wherever the responsibility rests, it is to be hoped the example set by the Federal authorities in the matter of Sir John A. Macdonald's monument at Ottawa will be followed by the incoming Stewart Government in co-operation with the civic authorities, and that steps will be taken to keep clean the bronze work on both the war monuments on Queen Square and preserve them in a manner creditable to the city and Province.

The War on Communism

The war on Communism launched by the Ontario Attorney-General's Department is attracting the attention of the whole Dominion, and is destined, says the Sydney Post, to furnish the courts with a series of test cases of national interest. Five key men of the Communist organization of Canada have been arrested, three in Toronto and two in Vancouver, under warrants procured by the Attorney-General of Ontario. Those placed under arrest in Toronto are Tim Buck, Secretary of the Organization, John Boychuk, an organizer, and Mike Golusky, who has been operating in Alberta. The two who were arrested in Vancouver are Malcolm L. Bruce, a Prince Edward Islander, it seems, who found little encouragement for his activities in this Province and who made an abortive attempt to establish a Communist party in Cape Breton some years ago, and Samuel Cohen, or Carr, also prominent in the councils of the cult.

The charges on which these individuals are to be prosecuted fall under Section 88 of the Criminal Code, the first clause of which provides as follows:

"Any association, organization, society or corporation, whose professed purpose or one of whose purposes is to bring about any governmental, industrial, or economic change within Canada by any force, violence or physical injury to person or property, or by threats of such injury, or which teaches, advocates, advises or defends the use of force, violence, terrorism, or physical injury to person or property, or threat of such injury, in order to accomplish such change, or for any other purpose, or which shall by any means prosecute or pursue such purpose or professed purpose, or shall so teach, advocate, advise or defend, shall be an unlawful association."

Subsection 3 of this section declares any person who acts or professes to act as an officer of such an association, or who sells, speaks, writes or publishes anything to induce others to join it, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for not more than 20 years. The chief question therefore to be determined on the trial of these parties is whether a Communist organization is "an unlawful association" within the meaning of the statute. The point is of tremendous importance, because an affirmative

Unemployment Provisions

The opinion of Mr. E. W. Beatty, K.C., as to the adequacy of the provisions made or to be made for the purpose of unemployment relief is reassuring, says the Montreal Gazette. Occupying a place of such eminence in the financial and industrial world of Canada, the president of the Canadian Pacific Railway is in a position to know the conditions actually prevailing with a closer accuracy than is possible to men whose sources of direct information are necessarily more limited. The great organization over which Mr. Beatty presides reaches into every part of the Dominion and is in contact with every variety of industry so that the chief executive of the system is kept in constant touch with the business of the country everywhere and with the market for employment. Naturally, in such circumstances, he is not less well informed upon the steps which are being taken by federal, provincial and municipal authorities for the provision of employment during the winter months and for relief of distress where employment is not possible. The plans, in Mr. Beatty's opinion, are of such magnitude, and are being worked out so carefully, that the Dominion is likely to come through the winter months with less hardship than has been expected heretofore.

An American Viewpoint

Commenting on the movement in Canada to nationalize radio broadcasting facilities, the New Republic (New York) says:

"Our own commercially operated radio stations, as everyone knows, remain for the most part on a low intellectual level and continue to devote much of their time to nauseating sales-talk on behalf of the advertisers who keep them alive. Incidentally, Americans should be humiliated to know that, according to Mr. Graham Spry, chairman of the Canadian Radio League, powerful broadcasting groups in this country are engaged in active propaganda against the public-ownership movement in Canada. It is bad enough that we should permit a medium which clearly should have been devoted to the finest human arts to be degraded for the distribution of soap and toothpaste. It is far worse that our radio capitalists should exert pressure, through the air, upon the opinion of a neighboring country, in an attempt to enforce our own dull merchandizing spirit upon it."

Soviet Dumping in Britain

Canada's tinned salmon has met with severe competition in the Old Country from the Russian product. The Morning Post of London drew attention the other day to what it describes as a fresh development of Soviet dumping. A tin of salmon bought from a grocer in the West End of London had a wrapper printed to look like those on the familiar Canadian or American tins. The word "Socra" appeared in bold letters—this is "Arcos" spelt backwards—and the word was repeated on the Soviet star. At the bottom of the wrapper was printed in small letters, "packed in Kamchatka (U.S.S.R.)." The price of this 15 1/2 ounce tin was 4/6, compared with 1s for a similar tin of Canadian salmon. Commenting on this competition the London Journal, "Canada," says that it is necessary to warn shoppers to look closely at their salmon tins and that "Buy Canadian salmon" is a good slogan for the British housewife who wants to get the best.

First Prize

The latest list of schoolboy "howlers" compiled by the London Times from authentic answers to written examination questions, contains one which is almost too good to be true. We quote: "What part did the U. S. Navy play in the war?" "It played," answered an ingenious child, happily an American, "the Star Spangled Banner."

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. This Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

A MERITED TRIBUTE

Sir,—While enjoying the sights at the Exhibition, I saw a group of elderly women and girls, whom I judged to be inmates of Falconwood Infirmary, and I thought it was very nice that those poor people should have a day's outing. I was much impressed, as were also a great many people, by the kindness shown to them by the two young nurses who were in attendance. It reminded me of a proverb I once heard which says "If you want to find out how a man treats his horse, just watch the horse when his master is approaching and that will tell you all." It was pleasant to an onlooker to notice with what smiles and loving looks these people bestowed upon their two young nurses, and I at once concluded affection like this is not gained by harshness or neglect. I am Sir, etc., EDWARD RICE.

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