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Sees Insane World In Quarter Century

MONTREAL, April 26.—In another quarter of a century or so pretty nearly the whole civilized world will have become or be on the way to becoming insane if nothing is done to stop the rapid increase in mental derangements in the opinion of Dr. A. H. Desloges, director of asylums of the department of public health of the province of Quebec.

The past year the doctor stated today, has been a record one in the number of cases of insanity treated, not only for the Province of Quebec, but throughout the whole world, the reason he believed in common with most alienists to be the extraordinary intensity and excitement of life today.

"Nobody works or plays or does anything normal these days," the doctor said. "When we work, we work like mad. When we play, we do it with all the intensity of a crazy enthusiasm."

"Then there is the general and economic shock of the war which has had its effect everywhere and which has largely given rise to this condition of things. It has left a tendency to lose all sense of balance and proportion both in work and pleasure. This is increasingly disorganizing the nervous system of the individual members of society to the extent that insanity is becoming one of the social evils which have to be dealt with by energetic measures."

Figures Increasing

"The figures of insanity are steadily increasing, and the indications are that unless something is done to stop it they will continue to increase at an alarming rate."

"What should we do to remedy it? We must get back to quiet family life. At present we have nothing but the life of clubs, of hotels, of dance halls, of cafes, never any family life anywhere."

"The government must get busy trying to help reduce the cost of living and labor unions and other bodies must join in the effort so as to make the lives of the people tolerable and give them a fair chance of making both ends meet."

"The man who struggles vainly against adverse circumstances in the unsuccessful effort to make both ends meet very often gives way mentally at the finish, and the intensity of the struggle for existence is the cause of his trouble. But we must get back to a simpler, quieter life."

ETIQUETTE

ENGAGEMENT ETIQUETTE

We like to think of an engagement to marry as a fitting time for some festivity, and often an informal tea or evening party is arranged to mark the time when a formal announcement is made. This affair should be given for close friends and not for the long list of acquaintances that one asks to a formal wedding. More often an arbitrary day is fixed and the girl writes informal notes to her nearest relatives and closest friends whom she can not reach personally asking them not to divulge the news until a given date, thus insuring that the feelings of those who may not hear of it before that day may be spared.

A note to an older relative or friend might be worded somewhat as follows: "I want you to be one of the first to know of my engagement to Alfred Peabody whom I met last year on a trip to Boston. It is needless to say that I am just about the happiest girl alive and I am sure you will understand why when you meet Alfred. Please do not speak of this until May 1st, when we are to make the formal announcement. Affectionately," etc.

It is no longer usual to give engagement presents. This used to be done more frequently when engagements were of long duration. Fortunately nowadays good taste demands that before a man asks a girl to become his wife he should have some prospect of marrying with in a year. However, this does not do away with the very proper exceptions to the rule and does not forbid informal understandings between young people. A six months' engagement is about right, extending to a year if necessary. But if the principals in the affair have had every opportunity to know each other, there is no objection to having the ceremony six weeks or two months after the announcement of the betrothal. One rather deprecates anything more hurried than that.

COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE ON P. E. ISLAND LONG AGO

The fifth of a series of Island stories printed from an old sketch book.

Among the earliest parts of Prince Edward Island to attract immigrants was a district named Morell, lying along a north shore of the province; the people there had settled for a number of years and had arrived at comparative comfort before the first tree was felled a dozen miles from the shore.

In process of time a road was cut and before long the central parts became settled by people from Scotland, who named the section Blantyre. For several years there was only a footpath between Blantyre and Morell, and the route was seldom travelled in winter except on snowshoes.

Among the youth of Blantyre was one more than usual promising named Duncan McLaren, who had a place of his own and was looking for someone to share his troubles and his joys. Duncan was by all odds the most desirable youth in the settlement, and the girls having girls of a suitable age watched his career with much interest.

In common with other parts of the world, Blantyre had a singular character called Norman Bain, at that time in mid-life. As a colonist Norman was by no means a success; too much occupied with the business of others, he neglected his own. Norman took a particular fancy to Duncan and was always giving advice. The first and most serious business was that of choosing a partner, and for that purpose he must go from home, as no girl in Blantyre deserved his attentions. He (Norman) would introduce him to a family at Morell with just the girl that he needed.

After much consultation it was finally settled that both would set out for Morell; Norman knew every home in the district and the individual members. So on a clear day in December the gallants went off their destination being the home of a man named McEwen, whose family consisted of three sons and four daughters, two of marriageable age, unsophisticated beauties such as poets describe.

At this time every stranger was expected to come laden with news; Norman never failed to fill these conditions, and the welcome was cordial. After the customary inquiries, Norman incidentally remarked that he wished to introduce a young neighbor to the good folks at Morell, hinting (with a glance at the girls) that the visit might be of mutual advantage.

The settler's first home was always of the most humble description; the second was considerably larger; the third built after the colonist had been a dozen years in the country, was usually of squared logs, with chimney in the centre. It was this feature that gave the house its peculiar standing, as it meant two fireplaces, with that important adjunct, a spare bed.

After the evening meal had been finished, Norman and the old folks retired to the parlor, where they enjoyed themselves with the old-

time reminiscences, while the younger ones were no less happy in the kitchen end of the house. Duncan made a good impression from the first and very soon he and the family were almost as familiar as if they had been schoolmates. Next day and the next were spent in visiting neighbors, Norman desiring to introduce his friend to the principal families, but McEwen constituted their home for the night.

"On the fourth day at Morell, Duncan seemed absent-minded and strange, Norman inquired what was the matter, was he home-sick, had he a fit of the blues, or what caused the change? After some hesitation and stammering, Duncan (coloring severely) replied in a round-about way that he must have the second of the McEwen girls, the one named Catherine. Norman was more than delighted at the idea of his plan maturing so promptly, for it was Catherine he had himself selected as wife for his friend from Blantyre.

After supper Norman, with an air of mystery, intimated to the parents that he wished to see them alone; on the coast being cleared he at once informed them how matters stood; praised Duncan with high terms, and described his means and his prospects, house, barn and stock; in fact, everything ready to hang a pot on the crane. After judicious consideration the old folks expressed their willingness provided the girl would give her consent; a decision would be arrived at next day.

On the following evening the affair was approached in a more deliberate manner. Norman touched on the business phase of the contract by pointedly asking what the girl was to receive as her dowry; how much in cash and how many kine, such being in those days the custom.

Matters having been satisfactorily arranged, all sat down to a feast, about a dozen friends of the family being present. Before approaching the table, Norman filled a glass from a square bottle and proposed the health of the affianced pair. The repast was seasoned with much merriment, and at a late hour the company left. On the following day the guests set out for Blantyre, where they arrived safely though tired, as much snow had fallen during their stay.

The marriage was arranged to come off early in March, and Duncan busied himself putting his cottage in order. At the home of his affianced there was still greater activity; for in those days a wedding in a mode was a weighty affair.

The gifts (not as at present, more for show than utility) consisted of such plain, bulky articles as sacks of flour, quarters of beef, carcasses of mutton, fat geese, boxes of candles and the like. The number of guests was out of all proportion to the size of the mansion, whereas the festivities lasted the greater part of a week, the amount of baking, roasting and miscellaneous cooking was therefore enormous.

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HUMAN MAIL BOX IS HELD BY POLICE

TORONTO, April 26.—Having received many complaints regarding sneak (living from letter boxes in the Wellsboro apartments, Resident Engineer Davis became suspicious of the movements of a neatly dressed young man giving the name of Charles Turner and called the police headquarters with the result that Turner is now in custody.

When searched, Charles Turner confessed that the "game is up" and admitted stealing letters from apartment houses in Toronto and Montreal.

He went further and said: "I am wanted in Detroit and Chicago too."

Following Turner's admission that he was living with a woman in a downtown hotel, detectives arrested Angele Dupont, a French girl, on a charge of vagrancy.

More than \$200 in checks of interest of Victory bonds due May and also checks for interest on industrial stocks besides a dozen letters from several apartment houses in Toronto were among documents taken from Turner's pockets.

TERRIBLE END OF A YOUNG BURGLAR; FOUND DEAD IN N. Y. CHINATOWN

NEW YORK, April 26.—The bullet riddled body of 19 year old Carmine "Blackie" Stello, known to the underworld as a white slaver, dope peddler and burglar, was discovered in the backyard of a shop in Chinatown yesterday amid evidence which police say tells a grim tale of gang revenge.

It was found beside a pile of egg crates, and had been dead for hours. In his head and chest were seven bullet wounds. His feet had been crushed a month ago. His left arm was in a cast, his right hand held a .25 calibre pistol, with six expended shells.

The body was identified by a patrolman who recently arrested Stello and three of his pals for robbing an aged watchman.

Police believe "Blackie" was double crossed by members of his gang. As they reconstruct the story of his death, he was lured to a squalid place in the belief he was to be in on a "job." He was given the flashlight, and while he stood with it in his right hand, his companions backed away and showed him with bullets.

"Blackie's" assailants were two, police believe, unless a single marksman with snuffing aim killed him, for there were seven wounds and only seven empty shells near the body.

WOMAN KILLED BY HER CRAZED SISTER-IN-LAW

PITTSBURGH, April 26.—The target of a crazed woman on the verge of collapse from poison which she had swallowed Miss Margaret Lang, aged 35, was shot and instantly killed in her home last night while making a frantic effort to summon police. Mrs. Emily Lang, aged 25, sister-in-law of the murdered woman, is believed to be dying in the Pittsburgh hospital, from the effects of the bichloride of mercury tablets which she swallowed before she broke into the Lang home.

The shooting was witnessed by Harry P. Lang, aged 31, husband of Mrs. Lang. The Lanas have been separated for about a year.

DAYLIGHT SAVING IN FORCE IN BRITAIN

LONDON, April 26.—Daylight saving becomes effective in the British Isles tonight. The farmers are not enthusiastic over the time change, pointing out that the stock will not observe it and that the laborers say they cannot get enough rest.

Great Britain's population is largely urban. In France, on the contrary, a majority of the people live in the country and daylight saving is not so popular. The demand for it in the cities, however, has been so emphatic that the French Government has decided on a compromise, and on April 28 all time tables will be put forward a half hour. The Government offices will adopt the new schedule. Factories may do so if they choose, while the farmers are left free to rise and retire whenever they please. The difference in time between Britain and France is expected to result in inconvenience to travellers and the mails. Belgium and other smaller countries are undecided as to whether to follow Great Britain or France or to retain the regulation Greenwich time.

DESPERADOES BREAK MICHIGAN PRISON

MARINETTE, Mich., April 26.—Blasts of a giant siren are being sounded tonight at ten minute intervals to warn the countryside of the escape of two desperate criminals from State prison here, last night.

The men, Russell Smith and Smith Madja, used a heavy crowbar to smash a padlock that held a steel door of the tunnel connecting the new cell block with the old one. Once inside the tunnel they pounded a hole through the shingle roof and made their escape that way.

Madja is what is known as a "Double Lifer." It is his second escape. Smith is serving a 40 to 50-year term for robbery while armed.

SAY 80,000 SEAMEN READY TO QUIT IF INCREASE NOT GIVEN

NEW YORK, April 26.—Leaders of the I. W. W. and the International Seamen's Union who have demanded for seamen of all classes \$15 more a month, approved of the Shipping Board's plan, approved of the American Steamship Owners' Association, today were awaiting an invitation for a conference from the owners. The I. W. W. still threatened a strike, effective tomorrow. More than 80,000 men, they said, were ready to quit their ships between April 25 and May 1.

D'ANNUNZIO NOT TO ENTER MONASTERY

PARIS, April 26.—Gabrielle D'Annunzio is now living like an ascetic in almost monastic severity at Gordes, but is soon coming to Paris, according to Cecile Sorel, Comedie Francaise actress, who recently visited the soldier-poet.

D'Annunzio is writing three new books and Sorel declares he has risen to heights of genius hitherto unattained by him, and that expression of his thoughts was never so dazzling as now. His solitary existence has provoked rumors of his "conversion" and that he will enter a monastery, but such things are meaningless to a man like D'Annunzio, the actress says, adding: "I realized while I was with him what a powerful appeal faith can make to a man, artist, poet, thinker, hero who has traversed the flame of sacrifice. Life can give nothing more to D'Annunzio. For him solitude is the greatest, most voluptuous joy."

REFUGEES DECLARE RUSSIA ON VERGE OF NEW REVOLUTION

BERLIN, April 26.—Russia is on the verge of another revolution, so declare many refugees who have arrived in Danzig from Soviet Russia in recent days. According to reports from Danzig, many of these refugees fled from the districts of Charloff and Kief where the peasants are in open revolt against the Soviet reign.

But the real explosion against Soviet régime came when the Soviets tried to execute Vladimir Lenin and earnest protests of the peasants. As a result the refugees at Danzig are convinced that the Soviet reign will be swept away soon by a counter revolution of the social revolutionists, whose position is gaining strength each day, they insist.

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