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A Note Of Warning

A note of warning is sounded by the Montreal Star in connection with the proposal that the power to amend the B.N.A. Act be withdrawn from the British Parliament and vested in the Canadian Parliament.

"Are these clauses to be separated from the rest of the instruments and pointedly withdrawn from the control of the Canadian Parliament? We can imagine nothing more challenging, more provocative, more likely to weaken their foundations and defences. Would it not be simpler and stronger to treat the whole Constitution in the same way, not singling out any part of it for segregation as a section of our Constitution which the mere people of Canada are not to be permitted to lay unholly hands on."

"What we gain by the necessity of appealing to Westminster is the cooling effects of distance, disinterestedness and delay. How can anyone be sure—especially the leaders and guardians of our various minorities—that in some day of heat and passion we may not most sorely need this piece of 'cold storage'?"

This is a point well taken, and is entirely in accord with the objection raised by the New Brunswick Government, which sees a danger to Maritime rights if the Dominion Parliament is empowered to tinker at will with the Constitution.

Debt Refunding

Sir THOMAS WHITE, Canada's wartime Minister of Finance, has contributed to the press a notable article on debt refunding, which he discusses with characteristic clearness and logic.

To illustrate what legitimate refunding means, Sir THOMAS cites the courses followed by the Governments of Canada and Great Britain, respectively, within the past couple of years.

The extensive refunding accomplished during the past two or three years by the Government of Great Britain was also carried out without any compulsion being applied to bondholders and certainly without recourse to any action which might be characterized as repudiation.

Who finances Hitler?

Often the question has been asked: "Who finances HITLER?" A seeming clue to the mystery, says the Ottawa Journal, comes with a despatch from Essen telling that German rearmament boosted the profits of KRUPP by more than \$5,000,000 during 1935.

The Treaty of Versailles, which most of us thought the end of German militarism, decreed destruction of KRUPP's war materials, amounting to \$25,000,000, sent the firm into railway rolling stock, heavy machinery. That treaty still exists—on parchment—but its writ doesn't run for KRUPP. Under HITLER and right under the eyes of the nations which conquered and imposed terms upon Germany, KRUPP has become the biggest war plant in the world.

have been, these last fifteen years in Germany! Her navy was sunk, never to be replaced; her war plants were dismantled; her army was reduced to 100,000 men; and she was to pay billions in indemnities.

HITLER, professing to be the champion of the German masses, had his Nazi party financed and was put into power by the iron-masters and death merchants who now thrive on his regime.

Editorial Notes

The Red Cross is off again to a good start for new records in 1936.

Our curlers no more like to be discriminated against than do our hockeyists.

Only three weeks or so to Lent—make most of the intervening days and nights.

"Pap fed" communities as a term of derogation is bad enough. What then are we to think of a "beer-fed" Prohibition Province?

Shades of all past administrations! It has come to this, we must now depend upon the New Brunswick Government to defend our independence.

"It is to laugh"—or cry. The only Prohibition Province enters into a deal with a brewery to advertise its brand of beer throughout the rural sections.

Spraying a riotous crowd, as in Cairo, with indelible ink is a new one—it means "if you fly with the crows you will be shot with them" whether you are a rioter or not, for the undeniable evidence of your presence is on you!

Hon. B. W. LEPAPE has gone to sunny Florida to escape the cold blasts and snow drifts of his native Isle. By a coincidence AL. SMITH, the stormy petrel of the Democratic party plans spending the month there too, in order to escape the political chills and onslaughts resulting from his recent Washington "walk-out" speech.

President ROOSEVELT has asked Congress for a \$2,499,178,375 appropriation to meet the soldiers' bonus bill voted into law over his veto. A tabulation of official estimates reveals that with the payment of the bonus the amount so far paid by the United States for the World War will reach \$45,000,000,000, reports The Associated Press.

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Notes By The Way

Stalin spends \$8,000,000 for a Soviet "Hollywood." Russia, he says must come first in all the arts. In Moscow Shakespeare's plays are drawing crowds. Now army officers are to be distinguished by gay uniforms and badges.

The sunshine comes by day and gives life. The night comes and gives rest and relaxation. The seed is planted and the earth, in cooperation with all the forces of nature, is warmed—and, lo, there is a multiplication of little into plenty.

It is interesting to note that only one of the eight kings who were present at the funeral of King Edward the Seventh now is a king, and he is King Haakon of Norway.

Manuel of Portugal fled his country following a revolution and died in England where he had taken refuge. Among those at the funeral were Archduke Ferdinand of Austria, whose assassination was the spark which set off the fire which threw almost the whole world into the greatest war in history.

It appears that at the same time and place an Italian force won a signal victory over an Ethiopian force and the Ethiopian force soundly beat that of the Italians.

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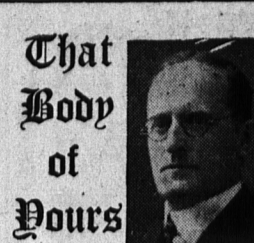
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That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

TENDENCY TO OVERWEIGHT OFTEN INHERITED BUT WEIGHT CAN BE REDUCED

Carefully gathered records obtained by going back a number of years and generations show that from 55 to 60 per cent of overweight individuals are the children of overweight parents.

Added to overeating is under-exercising. Exercise, or moving the body about, helps to burn up the food instead of allowing it to be stored away as fat.

It is surprising how Nature allows the human body to accumulate many pounds of excess fat and the body apparently carries it off in about the same manner; the individual is "slower" in some ways but still able to do mental and physical work.

Yet what do we find in some overweight men whose fat should be about ten pounds more carrying 25 to 30 pounds of excess fat—that is 15 to 20 pounds too much, and women are carrying like this in fact there are many cases where the normal weight should be about 150 pounds and the actual weight is 225 pounds, the excess weight being about 65 pounds.

The point is that in 19 of every 20 cases, cutting down gradually on the food intake and increasing gradually the amount of exercise is all that is necessary to attain normal weight.



The Perilous Fleet

Fog on the Straits today, and the deep-mouthed warning of the channel, bell-buoy thundering up to the sky;

Out of the sabre-blue of the Arctic weather, Out of the bone-white sand of the tropic shore,

With trails of bannered weed for the masts' adorning, With shivered timbers, with bent and broken spars,

These are the ships that sank in a blood-red morning, Or founded at noon, or were lost in a night of stars.

Into the ash-roo heart of the west forever Goes the Perilous Fleet, and none shall turn it again;

God send them port in some fair uncharted harbor Whose piers are agate, whose wharves are pillared gold,

God send them rest where the limpid ripples quiver—To swing at rust-red anchor eternal Where all the storms of the world are by forever,

And the pearl-paved streets run down to a sapphire sea! —Audrey Alexandra Brown, in the Winnipeg Free Press.

amount in Tattersalls Ring. Horses and cards do not attract the stakes they once did. Some plutocrats, of course, get a thrill out of gambling on Wall Street; but the fact is that there are very few idle rich about today.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

INDOLENCE OR INDIFFERENCE, WHICH?

Sir, The prospect of changes in the British North America Act does not seem to give the slightest concern to Attorney-General Campbell. To what extent the powers of the Legislature of the Province may be shown whether the Province will continue to function separately or be forced into union, are matters of indifference to him.

If we are to be forced into Maritime Union why not have some of it now? If today we had union with New Brunswick, for instance, we would at least have the benefit of an Attorney-General who is alive to the situation.

I am, Sir, etc., PROVINCIAL RIGHTS

Quebec's Political Muddle

The Montreal Star announces the complete and unqualified failure of all negotiations for a closed Liberal front in the coming session of the Quebec Legislature.

The fact seems to be that the Ethiopian terrain is much more difficult than what Mussolini expected and that the progress made in pushing troops forward and establishing safe communication lines is much more difficult than was anticipated.

"Political observers," says the Star, "have come to the conclusion that the situation cannot be clarified one way or the other before the opening of the session of the Legislature, which explains why the latter is awaited with such general interest."

The situation is precarious for the Government, not only because it only has a margin of 6 in a House of 90 members, but because it cannot count on any margin when the session opens.

British Diplomacy Awake

The new compact among Great Britain, France, Turkey, Greece and Yugoslavia forms a kind of league within the League of Nations. A British announcement stresses the fact that it is distinctly a Mediterranean understanding, having no reference to Continental problems on the north eastern frontier of France.

The Ethiopian Rains

Mussolini's cohorts in Ethiopia had not been making any too rapid progress on either the northern or southern Ethiopian fronts up to the beginning of the new year, and now rains have settled down and while they are called the "little rains" it is the belief of experts that the Italian commander must withdraw his forces to practically where they started some three months ago.

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Italian "Daring" (Windsor Star). All this talk about the heroism of Italy's "desperate squadron" in Ethiopia leaves people a bit cold.

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