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POLITICAL ECONOMY

It now appears, according to the Government organ, that our potato growers, our shippers and Boards of Trade were all astray in advocating a publicity campaign in the Central Provinces to extend our potato market.

The sourness of the New Brunswick grapes is at least refreshing. Fortunately for the success of the proposed publicity campaign, it is not dependent upon Governmental initiative, and it is unlikely that any serious attention will be paid to this crude attempt at saving the Government's face for its neglect to interest itself in the matter.

HARMONIOUS SPIRIT.

COMMENTING on the recent annual meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade, the Saint John Telegraph-Journal says in part:

The striking feature in connection with these resolutions was the hearty unanimity of feeling among the delegates. This is the more interesting because the meeting was the largest and most representative of all parts of the Maritimes that has ever been held by the Maritime Board.

Those who have attended annual meetings of the Maritime Board of Trade in the past were able on Wednesday to make comparisons of a most gratifying nature. The old complaint that time was wasted on matters of concern to small localities only could not be made at this convention. Every matter discussed was of real importance to the Maritimes as a whole.

It was again emphasized, if emphasis were needed that the old spirit of political partisanship is not to be permitted to destroy the chances of these provinces getting what is their due. The Board went definitely on record in that respect, and the observations of Premier Baxter on this subject were warmly and universally acclaimed.

problems, and the three Maritime Governments might work in general co-operation, but that they should extend financial aid to the Maritime Board where such expenditure, as in the case of the freight rates matter, would be clearly in the public interest."

THE MISCHIEF MAKER.

SUCH men as William Randolph Hearst have been the cause of international troubles and even wars, and it would appear as if Mr. Hearst were creating a situation in the United States which may lead at least to unpleasantness. In a recent issue of some of his publications, over his own signature, he maintained that the United States entered the Great War solely for the purpose of preserving Britain and France from paying the penalties of the overwhelming defeat which they had already suffered in the field.

To this The Toronto Globe replies: "No more despicable lie was ever penned. It is true that when the Germans launched their last great drive in March, 1918, Field Marshal Haig issued his immortal message in which he appealed to his troops fighting with their backs to the wall. But the rest of the quotation is derived from Mr. Hearst's fertile, if demonic, imagination. The latter is well aware of this fact, as indeed he is aware of the reason why British troops were then fighting as Haig described. Because of Americans of Mr. Hearst's stripe not a single United States army division was then in the fighting line, although almost a year had elapsed since the United States had declared war."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The wild life of the country is well worth conserving. To save the best of it, it may be necessary to destroy the worst. There are many enemies in our wild life and efforts should be made to get rid of them.

One clue as to the sensational charges at the Vestals inquiry is the proof that some of the despicably false charges were forwarded by anonymous writers in envelopes of the United States Lines.

No one is qualified to advise another as to how much land he should devote to any one crop. The man who plants the most of his farm in potatoes may make a fortune in a year; on the other hand he may lose everything. The safe course always is to follow the middle way and avoid extremes.

Old King Winter will shortly spread his white blanket of forgiveness and forgetfulness over the debris and dirt we have carelessly left lying around, but we shall meet them again in the spring. Better have them removed now while the removing is good.

Speaking of Hallowe'en pranks The Meaford Mirror recalls that "one young man now occupying a pulpit in one of the biggest churches in Ontario spent a night in jail on Hallowe'en night." Perhaps, suggests The Dundalk Herald, that night was responsible for putting the minister where he now is.

Sir Robert Borden's gift of the house in which his father was born at Grand Pre to serve as a museum is one which might well be duplicated in other parts of the Dominion. She is a daughter of William Jennings Bryan, former leader of the Democratic party.

Notes by the Way

SUCCESSIVE eruptions of Mount Etna and Mount Vesuvius, reported in the press, serve to remind us of the stupendous forces constantly operating within the earth, the vast destruction of life and property they have wrought in past ages, and the mystery which surrounds volcanoes and their frequently attendant earthquakes.

Everybody knows that from time to time the earth vomits through volcanic craters and fissures red-hot molten lava, flame, ashes and smoke; that this process has been repeated throughout the ages past and will not doubt, be continued through ages to come. There are said to be 300 to 350 volcanoes that have been in eruption within comparatively recent years and hundreds more whose craters have been active but are now quiescent. Nearly all the active volcanoes in our time are located near the sea. Etna, Vesuvius and Stromboli in the Mediterranean, and hundreds of others are examples of this. The three noted volcanoes just named are within some 200 miles of each other, and Stromboli has flamed incessantly for 2,000 years at intervals of five minutes.

Volcanoes have been roughly described as of two types—the explosive and the explosive. Of the first, Hekla, in Iceland, Stromboli, and Manna Loa in the Hawaiian Islands are good examples. They pour forth masses of lava which flows like molasses. Of the second, or explosive type are Vesuvius, Mount Pelee, the volcanoes of the West Indies, and those of the Andes and Mexico. Canada has no active volcanoes and it is but very rarely indeed that either an explosive or an explosive eruption has ever occurred within the vast domain of the British Empire. And serious earthquakes have been of equally rare occurrence under the British flag.

Minister of National Revenue, Hon. W. D. Euler has given notice of an important change in the requirements of the British preference as applied to imports. Down to the present the regulations have limited the preference to goods of which 25 per cent. of the value was the product of British labor and material. The notice now sent out by the Minister is that on and after the beginning of February next 50 per cent. of the value of the goods must be of British origin to get the benefit of the preference. The change promises to prove beneficial, as it will shut out frequent imports coming from Germany and other European countries by way of England, and so getting the undeserved advantage of the British preference. Minister Euler would deserve more credit and at the same time get more revenue if he would enforce the "dumping clause" of our present tariff against farm products imported from the United States and other countries.

Premier King at Toronto was given the courteous reception to which he was entitled as Prime Minister of Canada, but with a little prospect of winning the political support of the Torontonians as Sir Wilfrid Laurier had in his day. And it is true of the Conservatives of Ontario that they form a united party such as the Liberal party in that province has not been for many years. They have had many leaders since the days when the Ross Government rotted down. Under Rowell, McKay, Dewar, Wellington Hay and Sinclair in succession there has always been a camp of discontented Liberals clamorous for another leader than the one they had. And it is so today.

The Liberal press of the Maritimes have need to follow the lead of their more courteous Conservative contemporaries in the matter of party names. The Liberal party is designated by that name in Conservative papers and Liberalism is called by that name, and nobody can take exception to the practice. "Tories" and "Toryism" are the epithets that are hurled back from the Liberal sanctums, obviously intended to be contemptuous and insulting.

Seven women were elected to the House of Representatives at Washington on November 6. Four of them sat in the last Congress. Among the new representatives is Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, elected in Florida. She is a daughter of William Jennings Bryan, former leader of the Democratic party.

Millions of loyal hearts throughout the Empire will thankfully rejoice as they read the news of King George's turn toward recovery, and will earnestly pray that his complete restoration to health may follow speedily.

That Body of Ours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE FAMILY PHYSICIAN STANDS FIRST

It is a most unfortunate thing for the public and for the medical profession also, that so many medical students, now at college, are determined to go right into speciality of some kind rather than into general practice for a few years.

Of course it is only natural that a young man should like some particular department of medicine and surgery, and in order to get to the top in that particular department, devotes all his energies to ward it in his final year at college, and for perhaps a couple of years after graduation.

But what is he going to know about medicine in general, about the relation of one ailment to another, about the different types of individuals there are in the world physically, mentally, and morally?

The specialist is a necessity in the world all right, but it would be better for him and for the community if he were to spend at least five years in general practice before becoming a specialist.

Dr. Chas. H. Mayo in speaking of the great number of specialists in the world today said "almost all the medical students who graduated last June were going to take up specialties. It will put a terrible burden on people to know what is the matter with them, in order to pick out the right specialist."

I know the above will make you smile but as a matter of fact, if all of the majority of our medical graduates are going to settle down immediately in one branch of medicine or surgery, what are folks going to do when they are not feeling well, and don't just know why?

You can see that a general practitioner is necessary to make a complete examination and find out the trouble. If there are no general practitioners in the days to come, then the patient will "pick out" a specialist according to what he himself thinks is ailing him. He will diagnose his own case first.

I thought then is that the biggest place in medicine still belongs to the family physicians, and he will come up his own again in a few years because the public will realize that he is really the only physician with the complete knowledge to make a diagnosis.

The Land We Love By Frank Yelsh

CANADA'S RAILWAY PROGRESS

Q. What are the evidences of Canada's Railway Progress? A. Canadian Railways continue to show marked progress in keeping abreast of other developments. The single track mileage reached in 1927, 41,546 miles, an increase of 1214 in a year.

Modern Etiquette By Roberta Lee

Q. Must every course that is passed be accepted at a formal dinner? A. Yes; whatever is passed is accepted, and at least a pretense is made of eating it.

Household Scrapbook By Roberta Lee

A Shampoo Grind a little cornmeal as fine as possible and add a small quantity of pulverized orris-root. Sprinkle this well over the scalp. Let it remain a few minutes and then brush out thoroughly.

The Mucker Pose

Condensed from Harper's Magazine (November, '28) James Truslow Adams

Several of my friends have recently put to me a question which I have been hesitatingly asking myself on successive returns from abroad. "Why," they ask, "is it that a gentleman in America nowadays seems afraid to appear as such; that even university men try to appear uncultured; and that the pose of a gentleman and a scholar is that of the man in the street?"

The mucker-poses do not content themselves with talking like uneducated half-wits. They also emulate the language and manners of the barge and the longshoreman. A member of a most distinguished family and a young university graduate described in new position in the banking world as "the most interesting job in the world."

It would seem as though no sane person with a knowledge of the past of his own species and any adequate insight into human nature could fail to believe in the absolute need of some standards, some established values to save us from wallowing in the welter of sensations, impulses, and attractions and repulsions which form so much of this strange dream we call life.

That rich frequenters of fashionable seaside resorts in France take little or no interest in church affairs, was the recent pulpit denunciation of a Paris clergyman. He says that he was struck by the number of luxurious cars often drawn up in front of his church and the smallness of the collections. In concluding a sermon on charity he said: "When I see so many fine cars in front of the church I ask myself, 'Where are the poor?' but when I see the amount of the collection I am forced to add, 'Where are the rich?'"

Our lack of culture is most evident in our extreme slovenliness in the use of the English language. There is, of course, some slang which is not slowly but which has been born in some flash of genuine intuition. The number of passengers carried another record of 125,967,439 tons. The freight tonnage carried in 1926. The average number of employees during 1927 was 176,638, a few hundred more than 1926. A large additional mileage is under construction.

salesmanship the "personal approach" is of first importance. And so it goes. In order to gain this popularity, one thing is fundamentally necessary. You must never appear to be superior even if you are. To display a knowledge or taste in art or literature not possessed by your "prospects" may be fatal. It is safest to plump yourself down to his level at once. This measure of the morality was amusingly exemplified to me the other day when I was looking for a house to rent in a pleasant suburb. In the house shown me—as is usually the case—the lawn was as open to the public gaze as the street itself. I thought of delightful English and French gardens, surrounded by hedges or walls, where one could putter absurdly over one's plants, or read one's book and remarked to the "realtor" that it would be pleasant to have a hedge though I supposed it could not be done on account of the neighbors. "I say No," he answered with pained surprise, "if you are going to be 'high hat' you won't last long here." Just so, and so many things in this country are "high hat" which in other lands simply make for sane and cultivated living that it is no wonder that the business man whose car and collar, if no bread and butter, depend so often on his popularity, has to walk warily.

In assuming the "mucker pose" the gentleman does not, of course, descend as low as the "mucker" but, in self-defense, for the sake of peace and quiet, for business success and for the sake of not offending the motley crowd of his neighbors, sheds enough of his own personality not to offend the average.

This pose does not necessarily constitute an indictment of American life, but it does point to one of the possible losses. For it is a loss when a man deliberately uses the worst manners that he knows how to use, to be average when he is above it. Are not those who adopt the mucker pose traitors to all that is best in the world and which has been so hardily built up? An impoverished aristocrat may sell his title in marriage for one generation to rehabilitate his house, but Americans who sell their culture and their breeding to emulate the unbridled in business, who shed these things of the spirit for motors cars and all the rest of the things of the body should return to civilization, so ignominious surrender. They may be left at a restful place, and when they do not faint the respect of the muckers whom they imitate and may yet awake to the fact that they have properly forfeited even their own.

Following the suggestion of Bobby Jones that he hoped to see moonlight golf become more popular, experiments are being made in Europe to make luminous golf balls. One expert claims that he can manufacture a standard weight ball emitting a green light which can be followed with ease and will last for 144 holes. Scotland is bringing out stories of night playing, one being of an Edinburgh man who started early in the morning and continued playing through the night, using luminous balls and acetylene lamps on the greens and other vantage points. Several games also have been played by the light of candles.

KITTEN GUIDES ALPINISTS: Tourists who climb the Blumlisalp, which towers 12,000 feet near Muerren, Switzerland, have a new guide in a black kitten. For some time every party climbing up the peak has been met half way up by the tiny feline, which accompanies the climbers to the summit, skipping from rock to rock with its tail straight in the air. One tourist thought the kitten should return to civilization, so he packed it in his haversack. These he left at a restful place, and when he returned both kitten and haversack were gone. The next day another party of tourists, stopping at



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WANTS WORLD TO PUFF PIPES Not satisfied with sending its mayor to America, for publicity purposes, Saint Claude, the little town in the Jura mountains which makes most of the briar pipes in the world has founded a league promoting pipe smoking. The association intends to combat cigar and cigarette smoking, and will issue posters showing prominent men puffing away at their briars, presumably made at Saint Claude. Among them, it is said, will be Premier Baldwin of England, M. Herriot of France, and prominent men of America. The motto of the association is: "Smoke a Pipe." A fund for the association is being raised.

MYSTERY ROSE WINS PRIZE While specialists argued over the scent and color of the new mystery rose, "Portlanda Fragrance" from Ulster, Ireland, judges at Royal Agricultural Hall, London, recently awarded the bloom the 100 Guinea Clay Challenge Vase of the year. "Some perfume-making experts likened the scent to that of an old cottage garden, but another authority considered it a blend of verbena and tea rose. Color specialists variously described the hue as deep peach and brown. The arguments are still being waged. It required 11 years to produce the "Portlanda Fragrance."

MOONLIGHT GOLF COMING Following the suggestion of Bobby Jones that he hoped to see moonlight golf become more popular, experiments are being made in Europe to make luminous golf balls. One expert claims that he can manufacture a standard weight ball emitting a green light which can be followed with ease and will last for 144 holes. Scotland is bringing out stories of night playing, one being of an Edinburgh man who started early in the morning and continued playing through the night, using luminous balls and acetylene lamps on the greens and other vantage points. Several games also have been played by the light of candles.

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say, "The best authority are the works of Dumas." Say, "is the works." "Authority" is the subject. OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: allegory; o as in "go"; allegoric, o as in "of." OFTEN MISPELLED: alumnus and alumni (masculine), alumna and aluminae (feminine). SYNONYMS: decrease, lessen, diminish, dwindle, shrink, subside, waste, decline. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: PERFUNCTORY; mechanical; indifferent; careless. "His work was done in a perfunctory manner."

Daily Lessons in English By W. L. Gordon

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

PEAR NOT MAN—Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is "my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.—Isa. 51:7.

PRAYER—My soul, wait Thou on God, and be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart. THE CHILD THAT ONCE YOU WERE O hopeless face of middle-age, O disappointed eyes, O lips of thin fillet behind that What and soul stalks behind that These stern bars of mortality? I saw the child that once you were Filt to your look one day, A tender boyhood just beginning, And my quick throat rose sharp with tears To think of all the sudden years. Since then, and all the sinning The trusting child that once you were, Not wholly drugged to sleep, And all those dreadful spades of earth To bury you more deep! —Florence Wilkinson.

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