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PROSPECT HOPEFUL

By meeting its half yearly war debt payment to the United States, even though the exaction of the sum at this time was unjust and injurious Great Britain has established a claim on American good will which may yet become the foundation of an enduring structure of co-operation between the two countries, with beneficial effects to the world at large.

Though really a good-hearted, good-tempered old fellow at bottom, yet he is singularly fond of being in the midst of contention. He always goes into a fight with alacrity, but comes out of it grumbling, even when victorious and when the battle is over and he comes to the reconciliation, he is so much taken up with the mere shaking of hands that he is likely to let his antagonist pocket all that they have been quarrelling about.

There was cause, however, for growling when Uncle Sam required payment in full at this time, but John Bull, true to form, paid to the "utmost farthing." It will, comments an exchange, be the last payment on the same scale demanded of him if there is a remnant of wisdom left at Washington.

The Herald Tribune says the result of the present payment is that "British credit stands in American eyes at that high point which it has been its tradition to boast. The consequences are, in our judgment, certain. Sentiment will be strong for leniency and generosity toward a debtor so careful of his honor."

IRST CHRISTMAS TREE

Canada is the happy hunting ground for Christmas trees which delight the children at the Yuletide season. Hundreds of carloads of young spruce and firs are cut and shipped each year mainly to the United States. Large numbers of woodsmen are kept busy throughout the autumn months, especially in the provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Ontario.

Where and when did the Christmas tree idea originate? Many people believe that it came to us from the ancient Romans being introduced into Germany with the conquering legions of Drusus. Some, however, believe that the Christmas tree had its small beginning in the north of Germany, in the eighth century, and in the following manner:—

When Wynfrith, afterwards known as Saint Boniface, a Briton by birth, went into the vast forests of northern Germany in the year 724, to teach Christianity, he found that the people were sun-worshippers. They believed in human sacrifice, and each year held a great festival at which they sacrificed a youth to call back the retreating sun, and cause winter to go. One night, soon after the missionary had arrived, the tribes were gathered about a huge oak tree, sacred to Thor, and prepared to sacrifice one of their young men.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Here is a German opinion on the disarmament situation. Gustav Knapp Von Rohlen in the Review of Reviews. There is a fairy tale spread all over the world that the munitions industry desires and works for a general increase in armaments. With reference to this question I give you frankly my opinion, based upon personal experience. I value far more highly the effects of a generally favorable economic situation due to peace throughout the world than I do any profit from possible scattered and intermittent orders for war materials. Therefore, also, as a business man, I am of the opinion that international disarmament must be the general aim. But with equal positiveness, I must say, as a German, that I consider Germany's claim for a restoration of equal rights as the very keystone of internal recovery.

We are approaching a new phase of the war debts question, says an exchange. It is coming to be recognized in all responsible quarters that the issue is now an American one rather than a European one. The outstanding fact is not so much that Europe cannot pay but that the United States cannot afford to collect. We have seen that there is no possibility of Europe's wartime obligations to the neighboring Republic being paid in gold. There never will be enough gold in the world. The Americans will not accept depreciated continental European currencies in settlement. Nor will they accept payment in European goods, for, if they did, one half of their mass production factories could never resume operations. If the Republic insists upon collecting it faces an interminable extension of the present depression.

It is perfectly true, says the Moose Jaw Times, that "newspapers are the natural leaders of public psychology," but the display advertising space is a more important factor in that leadership than is "free publicity" which fills the newspaper baskets of the efficient newspaper business offices.

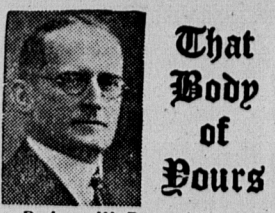
In addressing the Chamber of Commerce at Cleveland on Tuesday, Col. Leonard P. Ayres, vice-president of the Cleveland Trust Company, said that the amount of business recovery to be expected in 1933 depends largely upon how the statesmen and politicians at Washington conduct themselves. If they act wisely the situation will steadily improve. If they do not it will be subject to further reverses. Legislative and administrative policies and decisions will, according to their wisdom or otherwise, tip the scales either way. In the speaker's view any extensive attempt to lift price levels by inflation would probably prove disastrous.

The canning industry of Canada is likely to contribute to Imperial trade in both directions. The announcement was made in London recently that an English company had sold more than \$4,000,000 of tinplate for use in canning operations in Canada. This sale was the result of changes in the tariff made at the Ottawa Conference in order to divert tinplate imports from the United States to Great Britain.

Driven by the waves of violent crime which continue to sweep Chicago, the mayor of that great city has instructed the police to "put the gangsters in jail or in the morgue." He adds that it is about time constables started doing some shooting on their own.

While Britain has paid the United States some \$2,000,000,000 in war debts principal and interest, \$651,000,000 of this has been supplied by the British taxpayers. The remainder has been received from debtor countries and simply transferred to America. No doubt the debtor nations of Britain would like to see default. That would give them relief which they are seeking. But Britain is not defaulting.

The attempt of a disgruntled Republican congressman to begin impeachment proceedings against President Hoover met with the sharp fate that it deserved. It is said, however, that the mover of the resolution was able to find seven supporters for his proposition to charge the Chief Executive with "high crimes and misdemeanors." The seven were Democrats. As showing what the Republicans think about the idea, a caucus of the Republican delegation from Pennsylvania, held later in the afternoon, voted unanimously to request the resignation of Mr. McFadden, the mover of the resolution, as delegation secretary.



By James W. Barton, M.D. RELIEVING SERIOUS HEART CASES

Only a few years ago the words "heart disease" were sufficient to throw the patient and family into the depths of despair. Every form of work or exercise was forbidden as the patient "might fall dead" at any moment. The war came along and showed what Dr. Jas. MacKenzie had been teaching for years, namely that a heart murmur was not a serious condition as long as the heart was doing its work. A leaky pump continues to pump water year after year, often doing much more work than a perfect but very small pump, or in the case of the heart, a heart whose normal muscular walls are not really powerful.

And so it has come about that many thousands of individuals with heart murmurs enjoy life and live as long as those whose hearts are free from murmurs. But what about those with severe heart disease, whose feet, ankles, knees, or other parts become swollen-filled with fluid? Until recently all that was done was to give them digitalis which slowed and strengthened the heart beat, and for a number of years they would be able to live almost a normal life, always of course being in danger of collapse.

To-day however physicians are able to help many of these severe cases of heart disease by vigorous treatment. Drs. H. T. Hyman, and N. M. Fenichel, New York City, report 100 cases of the severe or serious type in which relief was obtained by the following methods:—

- (1) Rest, complete rest of mind and body for a time, with foods that were easily digested and thus no digestive upsets occurring to interfere with the heart's action.
(2) The fluid that had accumulated in the cavities of the body—abdomen, joints, and so forth—was removed by mechanical means.
(3) The drug digitalis was used as a routine treatment—the greatest heart drug known to science.
(4) The use of diuretics. A diuretic is a drug that enables the kidneys to throw off more fluid.

It is certainly gratifying to see how these serious heart cases, formerly without hope, are now relieved of their symptoms and able to get something out of life.

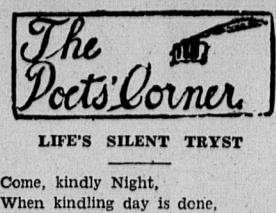
On Reading In Bed

(Liverpool, (Eng.) Post) There is no more delightful task for the book-lover, as Charles Lamb discovered long ago, than to decide which books he is going to take to bed with him. Of course, if he retires early on purpose to read, they will include that latest biography from the circulating library, or a novel of the moment.

But the reader in bed may be of the kind who treats a book like a "nightcap," and from time to time the possessors of an expert knowledge of books have been encouraged to give advice to the ordinary reader suitable to the occasion, although it is questionable if that advice serves anybody half so well as it has served the giver.

Reading in bed with the expectation (and hope) that it will swiftly be followed by slumber is essentially a form of reading for diversion, and it is rarely that the tastes of strangers coincide about their diversions. The late Maurice Hewlett, for example, author of The Forest Lovers suggested The Iliad, Theocritus, the Odes of Horace, and Dante's Divine Comedy, as the first four of twenty bedside books. A noble company, no doubt; but, as Mr. E. B. Osborn said in his comment on Hewlett's pronouncement, 'some quite cultured persons would no more think of inviting Dante to sit by the side of their beds than they would of asking the Archbishop of Canterbury to join them in strolling down the Strand.'

Mr. John Galsworthy has also confessed an austere preference in the matter of bed-books. They start off with the Bible, the Odyssey, the Bacchae of Euripides, and Plutarch's Lives. A far more genial list is that of Mr. E. F. Benson, which includes Alice in Wonderland, Anstey's Vice Versa, and Lear's Nonsense Verses. It is with such geniality as this that one's nightcaps for the mind ought to be taken from the book-shelf. After all, we do not really go to bed in order to keep awake, not even if we go especially early, for luxury's sake or for economy, and the book we take with us ought to have a soothing effect, not one of violent stimulation. An omnibus Shakespeare, a fa-



LIFE'S SILENT TRYST

Come, kindly Night, When kindling day is done, Waft care and fret To sleep's oblivion. May problems wait, And reason's court adjourn, Let thought retire, Ambition cease to yearn. Lead, peaceful Night To healing land of Nod. To pastures green, Beyond the ways men plod. May eager tides Be lost in waters still, And brooding calm Beguile the hectic will.

Hail friendly Night, Life's truce of unconcern, Bid passions rest, Regrets refuse to burn. Come, tryst of God, Restore the silent soul, To greet the dawn, With spirit cleansed and whole. —Arthur Bardwell Patten, in the Churchman.

Russia Today

(Ottawa Journal) "Today Russia faces a winter of scarcity for two-thirds of her people." Thus a Moscow cable from Walter Duranty, noted correspondent of the New York Times.

Let it be hoped that this news (over which no one should be so foolish as to rejoice) is taken to heart by those good people among whom Russia's famous Five Year Plan has been enjoying such a vogue. For what it emphasizes is the old truth, often forgotten, that for a world made up of limited human beings living under limitations of time, plans are but dubious things.

The aim of the Soviet Five Year Plan was to establish socialism by making Russian industrial progress cover as much ground in five years as other nations had done in fifty years. It would be a colossal effort, of course, but it was all worked out: (1) To insure socialization the country must be industrialized. (2) To finance industrialization the peasants must supply a big grain surplus. (3) To insure big crops the peasants must be brought together into collectivized farms. (4) To insure the success of collectivized farms those peasants who resisted must be ruthlessly dealt with. (5) The Kulak (small private farm-owners) having been exterminated and the collectivized farms working perfectly, the power stations and factories and steel plants would go up faster than ever. (6) With the factories completed there would begin a flow of commodities to the villages—clothes, tools, utensils, creature comforts. This would win the peasantry to the Soviet regime and everybody would be happy ever afterward.

Formidable and perfectly logical —on paper—the Plan hasn't worked. Not, at least, on schedule. Somewhere between items four and six in the Five Year Plan as given above the thing broke in two. The Russian peasants did not take easily to being collectivized and exterminated. Thereupon terror was applied to them. Thereupon the peasants began to kill off their live stock on a vast scale; they killed off fifty per cent. of the horses in the country. After they had been mobilized into the collective farms they took their own time about planting and harvesting. The result was a shortage of food. So the Five Year Plan is bogged. At the time set off for its official achievement the famous project is not much more than 50 per cent. completed, and it has brought in its wake an acute food shortage threatening the dimensions of a famine. Perhaps a recent increase in the pay of the Red Army was not without significance. Comrade Stalin is eminently practical.

All of this does not argue that the Five Year Plan has definitely collapsed, or that it won't survive. What it does argue is that there is no short cut to Utopia; that mere change is not necessarily progress; and that in economics, as in all other spheres of life, a thousand human traits and things rise up to baffle any card-indexed plan no matter how logical in theory.

How delightful if one could drop to sleep, night after night, with poetry chiming on one's fading consciousness! And yet, as one person's delight in books may be another man's boredom, there can be no strict rule about reading in bed. The main point is that if it is a failing, it is a good failing.

Christmas Bells

(Exchange) The sombre genius of Edgar Allan Poe found fit expression in his poem "The Bells." For variety of idea, for art in versification and the fascination of rhyme, it is a poem to remember. Because it is not prosaic, it sometimes places us in a region that could not be found on any map—it is neither of heaven nor earth, though reminiscent of both; in a word, it is poetry.

"Hear the tolling of the bells— Iron bells! What a world of solemn thought their monody compels! In the silence of the night, How we shiver with affright At the melancholy menace of their tone!"

There is no touch of Yuletide celebrations here; no hint of the happy freight of the old house, and the laugh of children at the great family festival of the year, when in many lands there are converging crowds of travellers to the home of their childhood, full of memories of days gone by. Very different are the lines of Tennyson:

"The time draws near the birth of Christ: The moon is hid; the night is still; The Christmas bells from hill to hill Answer each other in the mist.

"Four voices of four hamlets round, From far and near, on mead and moor, Swell out, and fall, as if a door Were shut between me and the sound;

"Each voice four changes on the wind That now dilate, and now decrease, Peace and goodwill, goodwill and peace, Peace and goodwill to all mankind."

Much might be said about bells. About the time when Elizabeth was reigning in England, the Chinese Emperor Yung-lo ordered his big bell, which weighs 120,000 pounds. He appears to have been rather great in bells. Another of them is hung in a Buddhist temple, covered inside and out with Chinese texts of wisdom. When we consider the mechanical difficulty of casting a bell of the enormous weight of the one Yung-lo began with, we are constrained to wonder how in the world he did it. For look you, there was the getting of the ore out of the ground; the furnaces to reduce it to fusible metal—120 modern truckloads of it—and all the other work in the ultimate casting of the bell. If you say this must be fabulous—well, there is the bell today, and as it was essentially a religious bell, it is not likely that even modern iconoclasts have melted it up for bullets.

Grenfell's Labrador

(Exchange) Sir Wilfred Grenfell has been doing more than cure the minds and bodies of the people of Northern Newfoundland and Labrador. He believes that prevention is better than cure. Hospitals heal men and women when they are sick in his theory, but land and work keep them well. When he began his work, there were only gardens for two houses in St. Anthony, on the northern tip of the northern peninsula of Newfoundland but now there is a garden for every house. One Labra-

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