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Apple Day And Its Significance

Apple Day serves three distinct purposes. It brings to the attention of the consumer the excellence of our home grown fruit, encouraging the growers thereby to develop and improve their orchards.

We have said before, and say it again, we are in a new era vastly different from that before the war, and the sooner we realize it, the better for the rising generation. Scouting for boys is a means to that end.

The many cure-alls for the world's troubles being foisted upon us, even the attempts to make an easy way of exit from them all, are but despairing symptoms of the changed conditions.

And it is in this revolution the Boy Scout movement is attempting to play its part, and it is for this it deserves the sympathy and active support of every red-blooded citizen, and of every man of good will.

The Reciprocity Treaty

The signing yesterday of the Canada-United States reciprocity treaty is an event the importance of which will necessarily depend upon the terms, which are being held over for publication Monday morning.

The Conservative attitude towards the treaty is well summed up by the Ottawa Journal when it says: "Most of the groundwork was laid by Mr. BENNETT, but if Mr. KING can build and improve upon it to Canada's advantage, nobody will object."

If today reciprocity with United States has been achieved, it is because Canada, thanks to the BENNETT policies, has been in a position to bargain advantageously with our southern neighbor.

Bennett Policy Vindicated

Mr. THOMAS B. CAMPBELL, eminent American authority on the world wheat situation, in a recent press statement amply vindicates the policy of the late Canadian Government in butressing the Winnipeg wheat market during the depression and in enabling the surplus wheat to be held back until the present comparative shortage developed.

Mr. CAMPBELL is quoted as saying: "The Canadian Government today controls practically the entire world wheat surplus because it has had

the courage to store up its grain instead of selling it at bargain-counter prices. Because of drought and reduction of acreage in the United States the American farmers have practically no available wheat on hand and the country is now ready to import enormous quantities.

Mr. CAMPBELL concluded his statement by commenting enthusiastically on the "tremendous foresight and courage of the late Ottawa Government in holding back the country's wheat and in building up the present surplus for sale at advanced prices."

Editorial Notes

Have you bought your nice, juicy apple? *

The highway to Summerside since its completion has been the popular auto parade. *

Prime Minister is already counting his chickens before they are hatched. *

The Boy Scout Island apple auction at the Canadian National Hotel is at three o'clock this afternoon. *

A great deal of improvements and extensions have been carried out on farm houses and buildings this Fall. *

The BENNETT Government commenced the work of deepening our harbour, let the KING Government continue it. *

Britishers are prepared for a right merry Christmas now that the country is safe under "John Bull" BALDWIN. *

If the unemployed have to wait till after the Ottawa Inter-Provincial Conference for relief it will have the significance of a Santa Claus gift. *

Only 53 applicants, so far, are available for the vacancy in the Provincial Registry office. Perhaps in the interest of economy and peace-of-mind it will not be filled. *

It has been decided that 20 miles of the St. Peter's road highway will be undertaken next spring. Would it not be a good thing starting in now and straightening out some of the more dangerous curves? *

People are wondering whether Dr. C. H. MAYO, of the famous Rochester clinic, meant that at present the whole world is mad when he predicted that in five years there will be an effective cure for insanity. *

Hon. W. R. MOTHERWELL having given no indication that he will vacate his seat in Saskatchewan in favour of Hon. JAMES GARDNER, negotiations are said to be proceeding with the Islander, Mr. G. W. MCPHÉE who retained his seat at Yorkton for the Liberals. It is not stated what compensation Mr. MCPHÉE would receive. *

Premier HEBURN will not return from his holiday in time to attend the Dominion-Provincial conference at Ottawa, it is reported. The Premier, in ill health, will remain away from his official duties longer than was first expected. Premier HEBURN, it has been remarked, has received more sympathy on his intimation of resignation from the Toronto Telegram and Mail and Empire than from the Liberal Press of Toronto. *

Ontario is threatening to dismember the Dominion according to the Ontario Government's counsel, Mr. JOSEPH SEDGWICK, K.C., at the Board of Railway Commissioners. He told the Commissioners if they ruled that the DUNCAN Commission recommendation be upheld he would move that the whole hearing was ultra vires. Another case of Italy attempting to use the big stick on Ethiopia, but we have still the British Empire aback of us. *

Returning prosperity will not make up for the huge monthly losses of the C.N.R. Either Prime Minister KING must modify his pre-election attitude of inaction and blind-eyed unconcern regarding the railway situation or he must abandon his promise of reducing Canada's debt. Mr. KING will make a mistake if he accepts the outcome of the election as an endorsement of a do-nothing policy in respect to the tremendous annual losses which the C.N.R. is unloading on the taxpayers. The people of Canada will not be content to go on indefinitely paying these unnecessary bills. *

The details of the Reciprocity Treaty are not to be disclosed until Monday, but it is understood Canada is granting to the United States the intermediate tariff plus special reductions on a wide range of commodities. Such a concession involves a radical revision of the tariff policy of this country, and offers a remarkable advantage to American manufacturers and primary producers on more than one half of the 1,400 items in Canada's customs tariff. For more than fifty years the United States has been obliged to pay the maximum customs tariffs levied by Canada, the only other country whose goods have been subjected to such treatment being Germany. Under the proposed agreement American goods will be admitted to this country at the intermediate rates or lower, and only the United Kingdom and the other members of the British Empire will enjoy a better treatment.

Notes By The Way

One thing we would like to know. When the gander, leading the geese squadrons from north to south, takes the flying flock out of its way and lands it in the Niagara cataract without food or proper shelter for the winter, what happens then? Does he come back later? Do the ten thousand hold an election for his deposition and the appointment of another flight commander? Do they punish him? Does he have to go over the falls first? Or is he able to bluff his way out of his predicament by a burst of laudatory oratory—telling them they are the finest bunch of birds he has ever seen, and reminding them that even if he has led them out of the way, he has brought them to the grandest piece of natural scenery that it was ever the privilege of geese to land upon? Probably something like that was being acted out in the honking clamor that went up from the ten thousand gizzards at Niagara Falls last Sunday. And as they were geese the boss would probably get away with it.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

How the Prince of Wales was thrashed by the brakeman of a train at Torquay, England, has just been disclosed by S. A. Cooper, ticket collector at Torquay. More than 20 years ago, a train of Dartmouth naval cadets stopped at Torquay. The brakeman, passing down the corridor, received a pea behind the ear. The pea was fired from a peashooter. The brakeman entered the car and locked the door. He invited the culprit to own up. The half-dozen cadets kept silent and so the brakeman methodically tried every cadet until he was finally told that every one of them was the culprit revealed. Each lad took his punishment stoically. Later the brakeman was told that one of the lads was the Prince of Wales.—Ex.

The Briand-Kellogg Pact provides no machinery for its own enforcement. But the Covenant of the League does; and, even though we are not members of the League and hence not bound by any action of the League, we can in furtherance of our own interests and of world peace lend our moral support to collective efforts for upholding law and order in the world and stopping an actual or threatened breach of the Peace Pact. Just as we stand for law and order and peaceful processes in the life of our own vast country, so we stand for law and order and peaceful processes in the life of the international community of which we are an indissoluble part.—Norma Davis, American Ambassador at Large.

Back in 1920 Mrs. Lillian Simmonds found a \$500 bill in the corridor of a Toledo bank. She left it at the bank on condition that if the loser did not claim it, it was to become her property. No one came to claim the money. The mystery has never been solved but it is believed that a bootlegger dropped the bill and was killed before he discovered his loss. In 1933, Mrs. Simmonds made formal demand for the money, but the bank refused to turn it over. Then she went to court to get possession of it. The court of appeals has just ordered the money returned to her with interest since 1933.—Wall St. Journal.

There are few—if any—-notable achievements which have not occurred about after dark and in obscure struggles. Even the achievement itself must give precedence to the struggle that created it. Struggle is the food of our virile fibres. Scared and sobered through conflict after conflict, the vision and the big heart walk hand in hand. He who struggles—marches on! Defeat grinds down the rough surfaces of skepticism and timidities, and polishes his will to face any task. That man is educated who has trained his faculties that they take immediate command of emergencies, when they arrive, and whether winning or losing, still retain the mastery. He who struggles is forever learning. Each defeat is a victory—in knowledge, and knowledge gained, is added insurance against failure.—Ex.

The moral appeal to war traders may have some effect. If the government expenses incurred by publishing names and amounts, as has been hinted in Washington, public opinion might restrain the more easily shamed. But there have been frank declarations by other traders insisting they would keep on until forced to stop. Only yesterday, The Monitor reported, such intentions among Boston exporters in connection with shipments of rubber, oil and scrap iron to Italy. The surest way to stop this war trade is by extending the embargo by act of Congress.—Christian Science Monitor.

At seven William Watson wrote a hymn, and at nine knew "Paradise Lost" by heart. Arnold of Rugby was so proficient in his studies at three (1) that his father presented him with Smollett's "History of England" in twenty-four volumes.—Bookman.

The British Empire, as it is visualized, is today still predominantly an idea, a conception of liberty, a goal rather than an achievement. The King is at once constitutional monarch and supreme ruler, parliament at once omnipotent and impotent—according to the part of the Empire one happens to be dealing with. But the Anglo-Saxon conception of a free empire itself remains and the justification of the Empire's existence lies in the hope that this conception will spread. In fact, it is possible that the hope of western civilization lies in the chance that the Empire will come into being before it is wiped out.—Hamilton Herald.

Secretary Lansing recognized the case of the French government official whose duty it was to issue passports for those who wished to go from one town to another. It fell to him to make out a passport for a

That Body of Bones By James W. Barton, M.D.

THERE ARE NO EARLY DISTINCTIVE SYMPTOMS OF STOMACH CANCER

About one-third of all cancers occur in the stomach. If this annual death rate is to be reduced it must come through early discovery of the cancer and its removal by operation. Reports from the Mayo clinic show that patients present themselves for treatment on an average from six to ten months after the beginning of the stomach symptoms—too late in many cases for operation.

I am quoting Dr. Claude J. Hunt, Kansas City, Mo., in an address to the Missouri State Medical Association some months ago. Now the first fault would seem to be that of the patient, who must know, by all the publicity given cancer, that cancer comes on at or slightly past middle age, and that any "persistent indigestion" at this time may be cancer.

The fault in the second instance is that of the physician in not insisting, despite the cost, on an X-ray of the stomach. Considering that in the early stages the X-ray is the best method of finding out if cancer is present, its cost should not be considered when cancer is suspected. Because in cancer of the stomach, discovered too late, there is no chance for a cure.

Further, when the condition present is reasonably certain of being cancer in its early stage, some physicians do not insist strongly enough on an operation to discover whether or not it is really a cancer. This is called an "exploratory operation," as it is for the purpose of opening the abdomen and exploring its contents.

The results in this type of surgery have been so beneficial as measured by comfort and extended life that operation has been well justified. The points to remember then are: 1. Cancer of the stomach occurs in one-third of all cancers.

2. It occurs with very little early symptoms and is therefore likely to be unsuspected. 3. An "exploratory" operation will save life in early cases (give comfort and extended life).

Cancer of the stomach is the easiest and hardest to cure according to whether operation is early or late. The early diagnosis or discovery of cancer is based on a competent X-ray examination, as there are no signs or symptoms distinctive of early cancer.

Do you honestly believe that Jesus Christ, for any reason you can conceive, would in retaliation for any other reason murder little children or engage in mass murder of this or any other kind? Do you think St. Francis or any of those whose memory we all revere would in any conditions support the use of poison gas against either armed or unarmed people?

I appeal to all who hear or read that I have to say to understand that war abroad and class war at home, with all its horrors of disease, hunger, prison and destitution in the midst of plenty, are not the acts of God nor the will of His Son. These evils are caused by the wickedness and stupidity of man. I neither explain nor palliate the evil wrought in the world because of the failure of governments or individuals to follow the law of God, but I am challenging the action of those who, speaking for the Master, sanction preparations for war, and endeavor to show that in using the bestial weapons of war, men are fulfilling the will of God. Expediency may be the curse of people like me who are politicians; of those who earn their bread in the market place. Those who teach us that God is love and that the law of our life is love cannot without becoming themselves apostate teach us that expediency may be a guiding principle of our lives.

This is the faith which in my foolishness sustains me. People ask what would happen if my requests were responded to by leaders of religion. I cannot say. Do you remember the words of Jesus on the Cross, dying a terrible death, forsaken by everyone except a few humble, powerless followers? No word of failure, no word of bitter cry of love and forgiveness. "Father forgive them, they know not what they do." Remember also St. Francis, who, in the square of Assisi, stripped of everything, renounced war, riches and position so as to follow the Master's love through loving service to God and the people. Often in these days I have thought of these great lives, and have wished my own faltering, in-

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Christian Attitude Towards War

(Excerpts of an address delivered at the Bournemouth Church Congress, by the Right Hon. George Lansbury, M.P., republished from the Canadian Churchman.)

Let any impartial person look back over the centuries that have passed since the message of "Peace on earth, goodwill to men" first came to Bethlehem. Powerful Churches have accepted this message as an ideal, but at the same time have declared by word and deed that it was only an impracticable ideal. As a consequence war, pestilence and famine have again and again decimated and desolated the world.

Can any one of us measure the mental agony and bloody sweat of a battlefield? And can anyone weigh in the balance the bitterness and sorrow of those who realize their suffering was given in vain—a sadness which must come over those who, knowing what has been, now see mankind organizing for an even greater slaughter and destruction?

Apart altogether from the Italo-Abyssinian dispute, the youth of the world is now being urged to make ready for another war to end war. From one end of the world to the other, a most terrific race in armaments is in full swing. Whatever happens in Abyssinia, this race is to go on. It is said these armaments are needed to secure collective security. Just fancy: all nations are pledged against war, all claim to be ardent and sincere in their desire for peace; and at the same time each nation sets to work piling up all the most bestial and effective means for pursuing war.

Where does our faith come in? Do not tell me faith is not enough; that because others arm themselves with the terrible weapons of warfare, we too must rely, against our claim to be ardent and sincere, on the contrary, must rely on keeping our poison gas more deadly than others, in order to conquer, not by the spirit and practice of love, but by force. Remember, a leading statesman tells us our only defence is offense, which means we must kill more women and children more quickly than our enemy.

Do you honestly believe that Jesus Christ, for any reason you can conceive, would in retaliation for any other reason murder little children or engage in mass murder of this or any other kind? Do you think St. Francis or any of those whose memory we all revere would in any conditions support the use of poison gas against either armed or unarmed people?

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THE SUPPRESSED G. W. P.'s MESSAGE

Sir,—My attention has been called to your editorial comment on the fact that the annual message and report of the Grand Worthy Patriarch of the Sons of Temperance was not made available for publication this year.

While I do not now hold that office, since it is my report that is referred to, I take the liberty of attempting to correct your misunderstanding of the matter. The simple fact is that my message this year had in it nothing that would have made political capital for you, or for any other running a political organ. Probably my saying that will considerably soothe your irritation.

Consistent life could have been a more worthy one. I beg you, especially the young who may feel as I do; do not give up. Our Father knows us, judges us as no one else can. Follow the light which will come if you ask, wherever it may lead. The world is waiting patiently for the coming of Christ's Kingdom which is within us. It is the great task and privilege of those who accept Him as Lord and Master to show the way. "The world shall be covered with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea." We must cast aside all fear, leave all expediency to those who would follow the road of ease and comfort which leads to ruin and barbarism. Let us all blaze a trail on the simple truth of the Master, facing with confidence and faith all the troubles which may beset us. We know that by faith we shall conquer.

I call you to a holy struggle against war, against the sin of Mammon-worship. I ask you to believe our Lord's message as a message of life here and now, and I beg you all to oppose by every means in your power all war, whether it be national or international; and always remember that war is a bestial, barbarous, unchristian crime which man adopt because they refuse to believe our Lord's promise: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." member of the Grand Division, or

I am, Sir, etc. A. F. BAKER F. G. W. P. O'Leary, P. E. I. November 13, 1935. (Nevertheless the fact remains that during every year of Tory administration the G. W. P.'s message and report was given to the Press for publication in extenso. This year it was suppressed.—Ed. G.)

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