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BRITAIN'S DEFENCE

The British air estimates for 1935 show the first effects of the Government's decision to expand the Royal Air Force to a numerical strength more nearly commensurate with that of the air forces of other powers. At £23,851,000 the gross total is higher by £3,685,000 than in 1934; the increase in the net total, at £20,650,000 is £3,089,000.

In outlining general policy the Air Minister recalled that in his memorandum accompanying the 1934 estimates, the Government made plain that it could not, in the interests of national and imperial security, accept a position of continuing inferiority in the air. "Accordingly," he continued, "last Summer, having regard to the rapid development of foreign air forces and the failure to date of the Disarmament Conference to produce concrete results, they (the Government) reached the reluctant decision that there was no option but to put in hand the long-delayed expansion of the Royal Air Force; and a programme to this end was announced to Parliament in July.

By withholding supplies, Mr. MacKenzie King hopes to force the Government to hold an immediate election. But the master-mind that sees its way to get ahead of the B.N.A. is not going to worry over such petty tactics.

The net debt of Canada stands at \$2,847,678,000 (or about \$31 per head of the population,) according to a return tabled today in the House of Commons. This is an increase of more than \$500,000,000 over 1928, when the net debt of the country was \$2,296,850,232.

Way back in 1920, 1921, a number of enthusiasts issued \$6,000,000 bonds to finance the Irish Republican movement. Those subscribing did so more from sympathy than profit. But the bonds mature this year, and the present Irish Free State Government has assumed the obligation of redeeming them plus 25 per cent. interest. Thus some 300,000 subscribers in the United States will find themselves in receipt of \$125 for every \$100 they invested fifteen years ago.

MR. KING'S WEAKNESS

Hon. W. L. M. King has good qualities, but he has one defect which has often exasperated Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett and Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen. He is so academic and so impractical, says the Toronto Mail and Empire. Hon. R. B. Hanson put his finger on this defect in a sentence which need not be completed, "If the Honorable Gentleman were a practical business man, which he is not—"

The following are the leading cheese producing countries according to the latest figure available. In the case of Canada the 1933 production is given in order to make the better comparison: United States 543,735 lb., France 416,874,000, Germany 278,000,000, Netherlands 283,422,000, New Zealand 231,972,000, Switzerland 122,136,000, Canada 112,000,000. The leading cheese importing countries in 1933 were: United Kingdom 340,443,000 lb., Germany 90,922,000, United States 48,397,000, Belgium 48,366,000, France 46,071,000, Italy 9,962,000, Algeria 9,894,000, Canada was 16th with 968,000.

There is consolation in the fact that Mr. Stephen Leacock announces that the world needs more fat men. "We've grown too thin and feeble worrying about ourselves," he told members of the teachers' association at Montreal. "We need to grow fat and forget about it all." The McGill University economist and humorous writer was giving an address on the theory of humor. "This world," he said, "is growing crazy from over-strain and over-seriousness. We want to get away from it, forget about it. It will be a whole lot better when we take our humor seriously and our seriousness a little more humorously," he declared.

U. S. COMMENT

"The report that John Buchan may be the next Governor-General of Canada," says the New York Sun, is good news to all literate conservatives living on this side of the Atlantic, who will hope that the prophecy may come true. Those on this side of the border will be glad to have next door in the person of the new Governor-General a man who has won their respect by substantial achievements in life and letters and who has given evidence of a sympathetic understanding of American ways of thought. When he was here last December to make the dedicatory address at the opening of the new library at Columbia University he was pleased to say that he had always looked upon this country as his second fatherland. After making allowance for the commendable desire of a guest to compliment his hosts, Americans were still convinced that he disclosed a friendliness

Notes By The Way

Making allowance for the smaller amount of traffic, there are four times as many accidents per hour in the early morning hours than during the peak rush hour, five to six p.m. Not only that, but the rate of death per accident in these early morning hours is 32 per cent worse than the average for all accidents combined. Darkness alone is a big factor. There are five cars on the road during daylight hours, on the average, for every one during darkness. Yet there are as many accidents during the dark hours as in daylight, and the rate of death per accident is 51.4 per cent greater during the hours of darkness. . . . If you are on the road after midnight, riding, driving or on foot, redouble the safety precautions you usually practise.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Campaigning to reduce the death toll from auto accidents, the Los Angeles authorities have decreed that major traffic violators make visits to the city's morgue—to see the mangled victims of careless driving by others. This must be a pretty grim ordeal, and may serve some purpose in bringing home to drivers what might be the results of their own thoughtlessness. Surely, however, there is no need for such drastic, emotionally-depressing measures towards the average driver involved in a breach of traffic regulations. And for the others who are habitually careless, something more effective seems to be necessary. The first of which should be a more frequent application of the penalties provided by law—and if these penalties are not sufficient, they should be stiffened.—Winnipeg Free Press.

Age largely is a matter of mind. Some unfortunate are born old and never know youth, some attain age, but the happy ones escape it, no matter how long their race with time. In the contest with the years the light-hearted win. Contentment, combined with a healthy curiosity concerning tomorrow, seems a pre-requisite. Given that, anyone may develop his own anti-age serum. To be successful it must be self-administered. Its main ingredients are—laughter.—Ex.

Too much attention is paid today to schemes for dividing up. It would be more to the point to devise ways and means of increasing the total wealth of the country and of the world. This will never come from taxation and bureaucratic regulation that holds enterprise in check that puts a premium on originality and genius.—Financial Post.

Poland and Germany are at present on very friendly terms. The rival racial groups in the city of Danzig, however, still struggle for control. The Danzig Nazis hope that a Nazi election victory would show the world that Danzig is German and National Socialist, so for the first time all Polish political groups have agreed upon a common list of candidates to avoid splitting their votes.

Here's another old theory shot to atoms. A Denver psychiatrist is authority for the statement that counting sheep is a sure way to stay awake at night, his contention being that "we do not put ourselves to sleep but rather allow ourselves to sleep," and having anything on the mind will not induce sleep.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

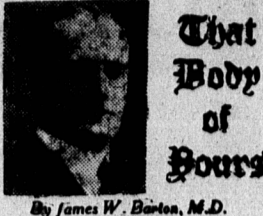
It has been demonstrated, in a hundred and one ways, that newspaper advertising is without a rival, whether one wants to attract tourists or sell a bill of goods. While travel and other literature have their value, they cannot begin to compare, as a medium of publicity, with the newspaper advertisement. As we have pointed out on other occasions, advertising of all kinds attracts some readers, but all readers see newspaper announcements.

Buffalo's two big airplane factories, the Curtiss Aeroplane and Motor Company and the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation, held United States army and navy orders for 186 planes worth almost \$5,000,000—enough to keep them busy at capacity production for more than a year.

The language of pessimistic exaggeration is symptomatic of the mental unrest that prevails. Men talk of the world being "on the edge of an abyss," of "a great crisis being faced," of mankind having reached "the parting of the ways." That is all poppycock, because it betokens ignorance of human history. The greater the difficulties are, the greater should be the courage with which they are faced. The pessimists are those who are continually looking into the depths instead of going over the top and storming and conquering whatever dangers and troubles lie in the path.—Victoria Colonist.

England, which is now engaged in feeling out Germany's intentions, holds the key to the immediate future of Europe, says the Baltimore Sun. If London stands with France, Italy, the Soviet Union and the Little Entente in demanding guarantees from Herr Hitler that he will not use the new German army for aggressive purposes in any quarter of the Continent, the chances appear better than ever that peace of a kind—an armed, precarious peace—can be maintained in the foreseeable future.

Following an epidemic of suicide by jumping from aeroplanes, English authorities destroy the myth that those who fall from great heights become unconscious long before they reach the ground. Airmen who have deliberately or accidentally dropped thousands of feet before being checked by the opening of the parachute, relate the story. Not only are they conscious almost as certain is that every one of them who attempts suicide by this method changes his mind about desisting death on the way down.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE HEART MAY BE ENLARGED WITHOUT DANGER TO LIFE

If your physician tells you that your heart is slightly enlarged it is only natural that you should wonder about it and perhaps worry about it. The heart enlarges because it is doing more work than usual either due to working and exercising or because there may be some obstruction to the blood flow somewhere in the body, the kidneys for example. Now a heart that increases in size from hard work or exercise is usually a strong, slow heart. It has been called on to do extra work regularly and increases in size up to a certain point.

However a heart that increases in size due to the blood vessels not having enough elastic tissue to open widely when blood is pumped through them, gradually loses some of its power despite its increase in size. It becomes larger on the left side because this is the part of the heart that has to pump the blood to all parts of the body—to the very farthest points, the hands and feet, whereas the right side of the heart has to pump the blood to the lungs only.

The natural question is, just how much larger a heart can become before there is real danger. Your doctor will tell you that if the blood pressure is not too high and no complications are present the heart may actually increase to half as much or even to twice its natural size and the body is able to do the usual amount of work safely.

You can thus see that enlargement of the heart need not be any cause for worry; in fact, worry may increase the blood pressure and actually further enlarge the heart.

The Potato Problem (Moncton Times) An article published in The Times a few days ago suggests a possible solution of the potato problem not only in the British Isles but in other provinces of the Dominion. In the past the principal effort with regard to potatoes has been along the line of finding a market for the surplus stock in this province. Accessible profitable markets are not so easy to find in these days as some years ago, hence attention has been turned quite recently to the possibilities in connection with the use of potatoes for industrial purposes. It is contended that all Canada's surplus potatoes can be profitably used in the manufacture of starch and starch products. Last year Canada imported 2,500,000 bushels of corn to be made into starch, and in addition to that we imported starch from Russia and other places, as cassava and rice.

For several years Canada has maintained a National Research Council, but it was not until December last, when the Dominion Canada Potato Board secured a conference with members of the Research Council than any concerted action was taken to investigate the industrial possibilities of the potato crop. It was suggested to the head of the National Research Council, Dr. T. G. S. Whitty, that a committee be appointed to investigate and report upon new use of potatoes, the preservation and canning of potatoes, breeding of improved type and the food value of potatoes in relation to claims made for foods that were competing with the consumption of potatoes, etc. The report of this committee, which is headed by Dr. G. S. Whitty, the Director of the Division of Chemistry of the Research Council, will be awaited with interest.

It is of interest to note that Mr. H. H. Hatfield, of Hartland, Carleton County, has been the leading commercial exponent in the province of the use of potatoes for starch and its product, and during the present winter he has been using about a thousand barrels a day in his starch factory, and paying 25 cents a barrel. Last spring, however, he was forced to close his factory because he could not purchase potatoes at 50 cents per barrel. A few years ago, when potatoes became a drug on the market in Carleton County and other centres, the present Provincial Government financially assisted the Hartland starch factory to resume operations and much of the surplus potato stock in Carleton County, which otherwise would have been a total loss, was manufactured into starch and potato flour.

Should it be found feasible to utilize Canada's surplus potato stock for the purpose indicated,

Buchan For Rideau Hall

(Ottawa Journal) The report now is confirmed that John Buchan is to be the next Governor General of Canada. The choice is probably as good as made. To begin with, Buchan's readers in Canada must be legion, and he has been in Canada several times, has lectured before Canadian audiences, is a personal friend of Mr. Mackenzie King. On the landscape of English literature, as novelist, essayist, author and historian, he is one of the considerable figures of his time.

And John Buchan is more than a literary figure. One of our former Prime Ministers once said that the ideal Governor General was the man who had experience in the House of Commons, who had a more precise understanding of the difficulties and constitutional implications of his office. John Buchan has been a member of the British House of Commons since 1927, representing the Scottish Universities. In addition, he has had experience as private secretary to Lord Milner, when the latter was High Commissioner for South Africa; and was Director of Information under Lloyd George in the war years 1917-18.

Private advices from London indicate a belief in some quarters that a seeming haste in selecting Lord Bessborough's successor reveals possible trouble between the Governor General and the Government. Why, it is asked, why is Lord Bessborough not completing his term? The Journal thinks it can say, and upon fairly good authority, that there is no trouble whatever between the Governor General and the Government. All that has happened, apparently, is that Lord Bessborough is anxious, for personal and private reasons, to return to England as soon as possible. In the circumstances, and seeing that an election in August or September is improbable, this making it difficult for the Prime Minister to make an after-election recommendation to the King before Lord Bessborough's term expires (in September), it was probably thought desirable to have the matter settled now.

That Mr. Mackenzie King has been consulted in the matter seems entirely likely. With an election pending it is scarcely probable that Mr. Bennett would take it upon himself at this time to recommend Lord Bessborough's successor, this even though in doing so he would be within his legal and constitutional rights. Moreover, the selection of Mr. Buchan, a personal friend of Mr. King's, is in itself an indication that the Opposition Leader has been consulted.

John Buchan will be the first Governor General of Canada to be recruited from the ranks of commoners. It is more than likely, however, that he will be raised to the peerage. Also Buchan will be the first truly literary man to come to Rideau Hall. Few living British writers have written so continuously or so industriously in so many fields. Buchan, after a career at Oxford, where he carried off high honors and was president of the famous Union (in itself a high distinction), began writing novels in 1896, has been turning them out ever since except when he has taken time off to write poetry or biography or history. He has to his credit some 50 volumes, including a history of the Great War, and only a few weeks ago there came from his pen a life of Oliver Cromwell, universally acclaimed.

A Conservative, Buchan is of the temperament of a Gladstonian Liberal, has taken a tremendous interest in education. In the House of Commons he has been distinguished rather than important. No militant in action, and not even one of Mr. Baldwin's first class light skirmishers, his speeches have been marked for their literary excellence, have at times reached heights of eloquence. Buchan is 60 years old, has three sons and one daughter, and, among his other attainments is a barrister of the Middle Temple.

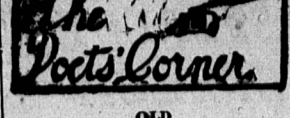
The Mayors And Relief (Sydney Post-Record) There is no doubt about the temper of the Mayor of Canada in regard to unemployment relief expenditure. They are out flatfooted against any further contribution by municipalities, and they demand that the Federal Government assume the entire responsibility and provide all the funds necessary. Their delegates will, it is understood, go to Ottawa with this object in view.

While it is undeniable that the straits of many of the cities and towns are alarming and that their inability to contribute any further to unemployment relief is manifest, there is a great deal of difference between the Mayor's idea of loading the entire burden upon the Federal authorities and the scheme put forward, first by Premier Taschereau and then by Premier Hepburn, of the Federal and Provincial Governments sharing the cost between them.

The objections to the Federal authorities assuming full responsibility are obvious. It would mean the setting up of an extensive and expensive new organization throughout the Dominion; or, as an alternative to that, the employment of the various existing municipal organizations to spend Federal money. To that the Government is resolutely opposed, and not without sound reason.

On the other hand, were the Federal Government and the Provinces to share the cost, it would be possible, it is felt by many, to arrange so that the Provincial Governments would control the distribution of relief without the same fear of waste. Even under this plan, however, there is some apprehension felt in Ottawa. But

and in the minds of those who have made some study of the question there is little doubt that it is a solution to our potato problem may be found.



OLD Says the son of man: "I am old!" Yet he knows there are older things: The lurking wolf on the wold; The windy, spumy wings Of the sea-gull; and the sea-creatures, careful and cold. Likewise, though these be old, There are ever older things: Mountains in snow-clouds stoled; The golden downings Of the spent sun, in his harness of changing gold. O what is it then to be old? Still older and older things Pulse through the vast untold In aeonian journeyings: Majestic orbs and orbits, mysterious manifold. —George Herbert Clarke.

Britain For World Peace (Exchange) Mr. Anthony Eden, Lord Privy Seal in the British Government, who is co-operating with Sir John Simon, Foreign Minister, in his negotiations with continental powers looking to peace and disarmament, explained in a recent address the foreign policy of the Mother Country: "The foreign policy of His Majesty's Government is unalterably based upon the League of Nations as being the most effective mechanism yet devised to operate a collective peace system. It will be clear to any impartial critic upon examination of national defence provided for in the White Paper do not constitute in themselves any departure from that policy. Our devotion to the League and to the collective peace system has been many times demonstrated in recent history. Our contribution to the creation of an international police force for the Saar our wholehearted endeavors to assist the League to effect a settlement of the dispute between Hungary and Yugoslavia, are but two instances out of many, not only of our wish, but of our readiness to shoulder responsibility to support the League and all it stands for."

The speaker maintained that the collective system of international action is the best means of reducing armaments and maintaining peace. "The truth is that the collective system is at present in a state of evolution and until all nations share equally a desire to co-operate in working that system those Governments who believe in it have an obligation, not only in British interests as being the only nation upon the Continent of Europe, it is upon this task that His Majesty's Government has long been engaged. To this task it will continue to devote

strong pressure is being brought to bear upon the Government in favor of the sharing plan between Dominion and Province, and it is much more likely that this will provide the final solution than that there will be any change in the Administration's attitude of definite opposition to assuming the entire burden.

It is realized that the attitude of the mayors is simply dumping the whole problem at the door of the Federal Government is no solution, nor does it conduce to any. At the same time, there is a general disposition to accept the fact that the municipalities, on the whole, have come pretty nearly to the end of their resources, and that without extensive borrowing they cannot shoulder any part of the burden any longer. Neither the Federal Government nor the Provincial Governments want to shift their full responsibility in this urgent matter. It is realized that Canada must take care of her unemployed. The problem still to be settled is how this can be accomplished most economically and with the least chance of waste.

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