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The State of Europe

Never in history, says Mr. R. W. Kaprielian, manager of the British United Press, recently returned from Europe, has such complete military victory been accompanied by such incomplete results.

Cause For Concern

Chief Justice McRuer, of Ontario, speaking to the Toronto Centre Presbytery of the United Church of Canada gave some figures on the size of Canadian families and on the divorce rate which are cause for concern.

Blizzards Made To Order

By dropping six pounds of carbon dioxide pellets into a cloud three miles long, a scientist from the General Electric laboratory transformed the cloud into snow.

Origin of "30"

One frequently hears requests for explanation of the origin of widely used expressions. Often there is a good deal of uncertainty and, as time goes on, one collects many explanations.

There have been two explanations most often propounded. One is that in hand-written manuscript an X represented the end of a sentence, two X's the end of a paragraph and three X's, the Roman numeral for thirty, the end of the story.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Election day in Fifth District of Prince. A month from Christmas—and so much to be accomplished in the interval. Welcome to Canada's new Chief Scout Commissioner, General Spry.

The Boy Scouts did exceedingly well on their Apple Day—there is no doubt of the popularity of the movement among boys and thinking men and women.

Christmas Day will again this year be a postman's holiday with no delivery of letters. At the same time, the department in its weekly bulletin predicts an "enormous volume" of mail during the Christmas season.

Two prime political announcements were made over the week-end. Resources Minister Glen, who visited here when Speaker, told Mr. (Man.) Liberals that there was almost certain to be a Federal election next Fall.

They are not hurrying demobilization in the Old Country. Britain's three uniformed women's services will remain a permanent feature of the armed forces.

John Loudoun Macadam, road-maker, died this date 1836, one hundred and ten years ago. The main feature of his plan was to form a bed of fragments of stone—granite, whinstone, or basalt—none of which should be too large to pass through an iron ring two and a half inches in diameter.

Notes By The Way

It happened at Inst. A beautifully dressed Chicago matron appeared in one of those hats foaming with ostrich feathers.

A western university has chosen the infant daughter of one of its traditional co-ed for campus queen.

A California movie house features a wishing well in its lobby. Mostly it is for children and young couples who use the well to toss a penny in.

Various rumors have General Eisenhower planning to resign as the army's chief of staff in order to (1) enter the business world; (2) become the Republican nominee for President and (3) run as the Democratic vice-presidential pick.

John L. Lewis seems to be one of those fellows who can't read the writing in the soot on the wall. Ever since he swang his boys another hoist in wages the price of coal goes up and these things happen.

Plowing by remote control is an actual possibility, as far as science is concerned. But like so many of the wonders which the dire necessity of wartime brought into being, or at least into sight, its practical application is far from an accomplished fact.

By Canadian standards, British courts are usually lenient in the matter of driving offences. But when they decide to be tough, they are very tough indeed.

An excellent suggestion is being put forward at Toronto, under which a group of 21 to 25 senior boys from Toronto colleges would be taken on a tour of Canada during the summer.

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Scottish Associations In P. E. Island

In 1837, owing to correspondence with the Highland Society of London, it was decided to affiliate with that body, and a commission was received from the Earl of Aboyne, Marquis Huntley, constituting the Society here a branch of the Highland Society of London.

In 1828 Sir Charles Augustus Fitzroy, Lieutenant Governor, was chief; Donald Macdonald, Charlottetown, president; William McIntosh and George Dalrymple, vice-presidents; John McGill, treasurer; William Cullen and Charles Stockdale, secretaries, when the following members paid their dues: R. S. Cumming, W. W. Irving, R. S. Cumming, W. W. Irving, (Glenaldale), John McKay, Georgetown; Angus Macdonald, Brudenell Point; Colin Macdonald, Georgetown; Hugh Macdonald, Georgetown; Peter Macdonald, St. Peter's; William Clarke, Darnley; Small Macdonald, West River; John Ramsay, Rose Hill; Don Dooly Rankin, Belfast; Donald Campbell, Malbrooke; Malcolm Durroch, West River; James Thompson, Tryon; Charles McGill, Donald Beaton, William McKay, William McCulloch, Kenneth McKenzie, Charles Young, J. B. McCracken, all of Charlottetown.

In the course of the next decade we meet with other names of well-known men of the period who were members of the Society, viz., Donald Montgomery, M. P. P., John Brown, John C. Macdonald, Joseph Wightman, John Nicholson, J. W. Cairns, David Wilson, James Dewar, Allan Fraser, W. R. Eaton, J. D. Macdonell, John Arbuckle, Donald McLass, Robert McKimley, Alexander McDonald, J. W. Cairns, David Wilson, John McGill, Joseph Macdonald, David Scott, Archibald Macdonald, John Fraser, Ewen Cameron, Neil McKay, Robert MacKie, Angus McKay, John Macdonald, Robert Barker, Donald McFadyen, Neil Rankin, Angus McIntyre, Dr. Potts, Alexander McNeill, R. F. Irving, Donald Macdonald, George Fraser, Thos. McEachern, John McPhee, North River; Lauchlin McLaine, James Arthur, George W. Owen, James Carmichael, George Dalrymple, John Robertson, Alex. Robertson, Frederick Norton, Captain E. Campbell, Edward Irving, Ninian Patterson, Archibald McNeill, George Allan, Bethune, James Gordon, Joseph McHardie, James D. Mason, W. C. Hodgson, John McKinnon, C. H. Smith, John Andrew Macdonald, A. A. McKenzie, Dr. John L. Lewis, Duke of Argyll, Brown, (Bombay) and others.

In 1839, Hon. Donald Macdonald, Glenaldale, was elected president, and Charles Young, vice president. Dinner was given in Mechanics Hall, and provided in Mrs. Miller's best style. His Excellency Sir Charles Augustus Fitzroy and many other guests attended and expressed their admiration for his daring deeds of arms.

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How Little Soap For One Small-Boy?

(Slangwauk Farm) Now that atomic research has been promoted to world politics attention may be directed to those important minor fields of scientific study which necessarily are neglected in wartime.

Probably more dissension and bitterness has grown out of disputes about the minimum amount of soap and water necessary to wash boys properly, than out of any other human controversy. Despite the fact that this problem has marred the lives of mothers and boys ever since it became fashionable to have boys clean for brief periods, no concerted effort ever has been made to determine scientifically the quantity of soap and water required for a given quantity of boy.

Grandmothers and favorite aunts have come closer than mothers to the right answer from the boys' standpoint, but they have erred so often in the use of too little, to the embarrassment of mothers it is feared that the study cannot be left to them. School-teachers lean toward the use of too much. Psychologists, particularly those who dabble in Santa Claus, are too apt to give boys a greater freedom of self-expression than is warranted by the appearance of the boys. Doctors are too inclined to regard anything less than a scrubbed, reddened skin as unhygienic. Fathers have proven their complete incapacity for the task.

Persons, perhaps only the judiciary, who can take an objective and impartial view of the problem should be found and appointed as a royal commission to determine quantities and to recommend procedure. Tables indicating the minimum of soap and water necessary for the various conditions and sizes of boys could be made available through the schools.

Boys then would have the satisfaction of knowing that the flizzing of the soap in the ears, the startling of it in the eyes, and the snaky shivers caused by escaping water trickling down the abdomen and back, are the least suffering necessary to civilized appearance at mealtimes and on social occasions. Scales for the settlement of disputes between washes and washers should always be available. The saving in soap might solve the shortage.

No washing of boys at all is out of the question, although we know of old men who over ninety who could not remember ever having had a bath. He enjoyed the absence of soap and water and a degree of privacy that would make modern city dwellers envious. The possibilities of dry cleaning have been exhausted by the boys themselves.

THE ANATOMY OF MELANCHOLY I read once in an ancient and proud book How Robust Jaedeth, How staid will Helen or Leucippe grow When custom jaedeth, "When the black ox hath trodden Beauty will alter, And love that lives on beauty, so it said Will fall and falter. Then, when your mistress wrinkles O sage and sordid, What charm preserves your virile strength and show What potent tonic? An elephant hath trodden on your toe, Leucippe has quick eyes, her love of you Is dull and weary, I laid his book beside a Chinese roose-jar (Old Robert Burton) Lifted the dragon-guarded lid and— lo! Faint and uncertain, Fall rose-ghosts of rose-gardens Haunted the room, The spangled dew, the shell-tint and the moonlight Lived in the fume, And still shall linger in the leaves until The jar shall perish, So the true lovers in their memories And lose them in the tender after-glow Of life's long day, Till memory dies, and the world with all its passion Passes away. —Duncan Campbell Scott.

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