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Shirking Responsibility

The attitude of the Lea Government towards prohibition enforcement is akin to the attitude of Lord Nelson when he put his blind eye to the telescope. But while a valourous patriotism inspired Nelson's obstinate refusal to see his commanding officer's signal of retreat, only the most contemptible political motives can be behind the attitude of the Government which refuses to see palpable evidence of its own scandalous maladministration of the law.

The latest and most insulting repudiation of the Government's obligations comes from the present Premier and his colleague who is now seeking election in the Second District of Prince. These gentlemen coolly announce that the Government has no responsibility for the enforcement of non-enforcement of prohibition, that it has "never interfered" with the Prohibition Commission, and therefore any criticism on this score should be directed to the Commission and not to the Government.

One wonders whether it was as a member of the Commission or of the Government that the Hon. B. W. LePage undertook to speak when he assured the Temperance Alliance after the election of 1927, that:

"We are going to leave nothing undone to enforce the Prohibition Act, and this can be done. There is nothing impossible in this Province. We have a clear mandate to go forward and enforce this Act and I for one will stand for nothing but enforcement to clear the Province of this cursed drink traffic? You will not find this Government lacking in anything it can do."

Similar promises were given editorially by the Liberal organ and by practically every member of the Government. In fact, no Government in the history of the Province gave such solemn assurances of its sense of moral responsibility to wipe out the liquor traffic as did the present administration. It now repudiates that responsibility, and names the Prohibition Commission as the "goat." Such a volte face can only be attributed to the Government's sense of its own incompetence. For if there was anything creditable in its administration of the prohibition law it would be the first to claim that credit as an offset to its failure to implement the other planks of its election platform, about which nothing has been heard from Premier Lea or any member of his party.

Virgil Bi-Millenary

Revered and honoured in his own time, consulted afterwards as an oracle, studied in schools where his language has long been "dead", remembered and feted on the two thousandth anniversary of his birth, how many writers of our day will rank with Virgil, the greatest of the Latin poets?

All Italy celebrated yesterday (October 15), his bi-millenary. Festivals were held in Mantua, near his birthplace; in Rome, and in Naples, where he was buried. Invitations were sent, through the Italian Ambassador, to members of the British Poetry Society, which held its own celebrations in London.

Publius Vergilius Maro (to give his full name) came in the year 41

B. C. to Rome, intending to spend public life; but his health was poor, and he lacked the necessary gift of oratory. Returning to his country home, he set himself to study and to the writing of a series of pastoral poems, or Eclogues.

Next came the "Georgics," a set of four books on farming, bee-keeping, husbandry, and other rural subjects; these occupied seven years. The rest of his secluded life he gave to the writing of the "Æneid," an epic poem which, for perfection of style, has never been surpassed.

The "Iliad" and "Odyssey" of Homer, and the "Æneid" of Virgil, may be called the first famous books ever written. Even the schoolboy who reads the story under compulsion and in a strange language, can hardly fail to be thrilled by the adventures of Æneas and his gallant company. There are fights innumerable, acts of great heroism and sacrifice, tales of hunting and sport, and a wonderful account of a boat race.

Rome in the Augustan Age was a city of poets and philosophers. Virgil's work won him immediate fame, with the friendship and patronage of such men as Mæcenas, the "Prime Minister" and of the Emperor himself. Had he been "discovered" at some later time, instead of wearing his laurels through twenty centuries, would he be more famous still?

Magic Sails

Air transport in 2030 A.D. is the subject of an article, published in the New York Times and the Montreal Gazette, by Sir Sefton Brancker, who was among the victims of the R-101 disaster. The writer, who completed the article shortly before his death, predicts that by 2030 there will be thousands of aircraft of every type operating between every large city in the world. These machines will be flying at heights varying from a few hundred feet to at least 50,000 feet. They will be operating at every speed from 60 to 70 miles an hour for short touring and pleasure purposes to cruising speeds of about 700 miles for really high-speed transport. Airports will no longer require large spaces for departing and alighting and will be limited to the size necessary to accommodate the actual number of aircraft which can be operated with safety in that particular locality. All cities will be provided with roof areas suitable to the operation of aircraft. The polar region will have become a natural route of communication between many great cities. If war between European nations is not made impossible, however, European civilization will have vanished by 2030. It is "just possible," the writer believes, that some practical effort toward interplanetary communication by means of aircraft will have been made by that time.

These predictions are not new, but they are of perennial interest. Civilization is moving at an accelerated rate, and there is no telling where we shall be in the next hundred years. It is to be hoped we shall not arrive at the stage where we are dwarfed and dominated by our own stupendous inventions. There is Biblical authority for the prediction that when this stage is reached it will be the beginning of the end.

A Doubtful Compliment

"It will be recalled," says our local contemporary, "that when Sir Henry Thornton visited Charlottetown few, if any, complaints were brought to him, so thoroughly satisfied the business men were with the treatment which this province received from the Liberal government." This is the first intimation we have received that Sir Henry Thornton was a member of the late Liberal government or that the organization of which he is president was under governmental domination.

Notes By The Way

Canadian business suffers from lack of advertising. This is an indisputable fact. Canada's products are varied enough to meet almost every need. They are good enough to satisfy every requirement. Yet in comparatively few cases does the consumer know what they are, what their qualities are, or where they can be purchased. And the consumer has to be trained to ask for the article by name if Canadian industry is to gain full advantage of its field. No country in the world has a greater per capita purchasing power than Canada under normal circumstances. There is no good reason why Canadian industry should not profit accordingly, but it is not enough to turn out the goods and get them on the retailer's shelves.

Things are not improving in Chicago when a Judge haughtily announces that he cannot be bothered with trying persons accused of such petty misdemeanors as "gun-toting." Yet gun-toting is at the bottom of the whole sorry mess in which the big city finds itself.

Science proceeds from one amazing development to another. Now a Cuban professor is extracting electrical energy from the variations of temperature in the waters of the Gulf Stream. And this is no idle dream, as a gathering of engineers and scientific men watched him while by this means he kept alight forty 500-watt bulbs. According to this, there may be expected a revolution in the development of electric power.

It cannot be doubted that Mr. Bennett's courageously constructive course on fiscal matters at the recent emergency session of the Canadian Parliament, just before he sailed for England, was stimulated protestant sentiment in the United Kingdom. With the British Conservative party and the British Labor party largely converted to the general doctrine of fiscal reform, the remnant of British free traders, led by Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Snowden, may fairly be considered as being tremendously outnumbered. For this reason, the present Imperial Conference should prove a starting point for a new era of aggressive co-operative Empire development, though some time may be required to get the movement underway.

Lord Thomson made his will on the eve of the departure of the ill-fated R-101. What is chiefly remarkable in this, we believe, is that he so long delayed making it. The time for a man to make his will is the time when he has some property to dispose of, and not when he thinks his life is in particular danger.

A departure from the principle of disarmament was observed at the national convention of the American Legion, meeting in Boston, when preparedness for war was the keynote of a series of resolutions presented. The first, calling for increase in the size of the standing army and in the numbers of the national guard was adopted. The trend which may be indicated by these incidents is not encouraging to those who are seeking to put the world on a basis of permanent peace, who believe that the anti-war treaties mean just what they say, and who can see no need for war between civilized nations. The day of universal peace may come some time, but this imperfect world, with its suspicious and jealousies, is a long way yet from the time when fears can be discarded and measures of defense thrown into the discard. If from year to year some progress can be made in that direction it will be something for which to be grateful.

Instead of going to Geneva in order to surrender the fiscal freedom of his country, says the Morning London Post, Mr. Bennett has taken the bold retaliatory measure of repaying in their own coin those countries whose tariff policy excludes vital Canadian exports. And he has armed himself with the salutary weapon of prohibition against the indiscriminate dumping of the Soviets. All these measures, conceived from the purely Canadian point of view, are excellent and a worthy model for this country. The Canadian and Australian Governments quite properly put the interests of their own countries first. Why should we be alone in the Empire, and indeed in the world, in not protecting our own interests by the same salutary and legitimate means?

The local Liberal organ reporting the joint political meetings in the second district of Prince, states in each case "that the meeting was decidedly Liberal." It will be remembered that the organ was equally positive in reporting the meetings in Queens and Kings counties' previous to the federal election of July 28th, but something happened before the polling was concluded and history has a curious habit of repeating itself.

WATCHING PAIN IN ABDOMEN

While most cases of pain in the abdomen are not of a serious nature nevertheless no one should ignore a pain that continues for a number of hours, particularly if accompanied by nausea or vomiting.

As mentioned before, most abdominal pain is due to gas formation. This can be very severe, and cause extreme weakness.

However a gas pain usually shifts about from one portion of the abdomen to another. It may start in stomach and then go to any other part of abdomen, remain for awhile, and then shift to another spot. Often you can feel or hear it as it moves along.

Now the reason I speak about pain in abdomen is because sometimes it means real trouble, real danger in fact.

Where the pain gets in one spot and remains for a long time, say four or five hours, it would be well to call in a physician at once. An acute appendix can give pain at a considerable distance from the lower right hand part of abdomen, where the appendix is usually located.

As mentioned before, a pain that starts in middle of abdomen, slowly moves over to lower right side, should make you suspicious of appendicitis.

If in addition to the pain there is a "sicky" feeling, a feeling of nausea or desire to vomit, then appendicitis is likely the trouble and no time should be lost in calling a physician.

In addition to temperature and pulse he will feel the abdominal wall and if this is hard and boardlike an operation is needed.

Where there is any chance that it may not be an acute condition, he takes a sample of the blood and finds out if the white corpuscles have increased in numbers. If there is an increase he knows that the blood is trying to fight off real trouble, and he will likely operate immediately.

Remember, old cases of pain in lower right abdomen, which were formerly called cases of chronic appendicitis, are not operated on now so frequently, as diet, mineral oil and health habits have been able to help many of these cases.

In acute appendicitis however the earlier the operation is performed the less chance there is of any serious result.

And the most dangerous thing possible is to give these cases epsom salts, castor oil, or other purgative before operation.

I write often about appendicitis. It occurs just as often as ever it did, and needs watchful care.

More Court Scandals

(Manitoba Free Press) Berlin, if not all Germany, is being regaled daily with the memoirs of Prince von Bulow appearing serially in the Vossische Zeitung. The former chancellor of the empire loved gossip, as do most men; but he never indulged in repeating the stories told him, as do some of us. He did, however record on paper the scandal related to him, which few of us would matutinal grab for the Vossische Zeitung, each member wishing to be shocked, like we all do.

Von Bulow himself was not entirely a dull dog. He was willing to have his gay moments provided they might be idled away with someone as cultivated as she might be winsome. But whether pretty or plain, demure or saucy, she had to be versed in politics and philosophy. Yet he makes his intrigues charming, discreet, select. His mother was the daughter of a Hamburg merchant, but he himself could boast of never having stooped lower than a countess for a love affair. It is often so. The prince that is born may flutter the hearts of milkmaids or turn the heads of rich burghers' wives; but the prince that is made, like von Bulow, meanders sentimentally only amid the agreeably accessible chambers of the European nobility.

Berlin takes its morning scandal served with its coffee, offering new proof of how beer induces an excess of sentiment in the least likely breasts. This craving for sentimentality is hardly satisfied by von Bulow, according to the reliable observations of the London Observer. Von Bulow has a disappointing habit of opening the boudoir door without letting his reader inside; and the doors in his palaces are without transom windows. Such tantalizing restraint whets the curiosity of even the modest. It may be discretion, but who wants discretion in a love affair, at least in a published love affair? When Wilhelm the Second visited King Humbert of Italy the stay was

That Body of Yours

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The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. This Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

THE NEW PUMPER

Sr.—We were astounded to read in the Guardian of the 14th that a resolution had been passed by the City Council to purchase a Metropolitan Pumper of 1000 gallons capacity; firstly, because this is an American machine and cannot pump 1000 gallons per minute, and is totally built in the U. S. A., and secondly because we have a better machine, at \$2000 less price, and of an equal capacity, built completely in Canada by Canadian workmen and all capital furnished by Canadians, while the American Company has not a single dollar of Canadian capital. We, as business men, and agents for the Sickle Pumper, which is all Canadian built feel very much discouraged when we think of the profit on the pumper sale which we should have enjoyed, spreading among the workmen and business people of Charlottetown. We are also sure that the workmen in Ontario will feel the same way, when they find Charlottetown buying an article which would provide, in our estimation, two thousand eight hour working days for Canadians, which means roughly one year's work for seven men. This in the face of the fact that the Government of P. E. Island and the Government of Canada are both expending money in various ways,

supervised by von Bulow, then German Ambassador at Rome. The ex-Kaiser's infatuation for a Venetian lady of striking beauty and high degree being so well known at the time it was taken for granted that the German monarch would wish to pay his calls alone; and at least one such call was paid, the captivated emperor making it unattended. So much, but only so much, is admitted by von Bulow, who as it were, holds the door ajar, and then smartly bangs it shut, if ever ambassador banged door on German Kaiser.

Here the Berliners have a complaint. If von Bulow had said nothing more, and allowed them to proceed to toast and coffee, or whatever is their early morning fare, they would not feel deprived. They would have been left their imagination, and the scene would complete itself, though every mind around the breakfast table might visualize it differently. You picture it for yourself. The imperial descendant of the Huns is admitted to the scented bower of the lovely daughter of the Doges. The romance is worthy of Hollywood at its worst. It is a story that deserves to be perpetuated, if not for History's sake, then for its Box Office appeal.

Think of the setting, amid the smells of the winding canals of Venice, though the call was made at Rome, which can be irrigated on any Hollywood lot. Think of the magnificence of the personages, embraced or separate. How gorgeously they might be attired for the clandestine meeting by moon-light, if the lights are working. The ex-kaiser would be freighted with all his stars and orders, a little burdened, but none the less spry. The lovely Venetian would welcome him with womanly coyness as she dragged the train the ancestress wore when the other resistless, subtle Machiavelli clasped her to his daggered doublet of silk from Araby. What couldn't Hollywood do to such situation?

But von Bulow insists in his memoirs in saying that little which dismisses the band as the dance warms up. He means loyally to save his master. So he writes how the ex-kaiser's gift to the lady was a New Testament with instructions to read it in before going to bed every night; and her report that his sole conversation consisted of praise of the Kaiserin Augusta, his wife, and the excellencies of his seven children.

even to the point of charity, to keep Canadian workmen alive, certainly insists to unbalanced thinking on the part of the City Council who passed this resolution. We may also state that in talking to Mr. Reardon, Chairman of the Fire Committee, about two months ago, we pointed out to him that we could provide the same capacity Pumper at a price \$2000 less than the one purchased. He replied by stating that they proposed to first get permission from the Council to buy a pumper and then to call upon us and others who sell Pumps to come before their Committee and explain each of the different makes of machines. The Committee would then make up its mind as to which was the best machine, price for price, for its purpose before deciding to buy. We took this statement of Mr. Reardon's as outlining a thoroughly proper method, and replied that this would suit us perfectly, and we further depending upon the word of Mr. Reardon did not make any particular effort whatever, to put our own proposition before

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The Poet's Corner

MOUNTLINEER

Astronomers may watch the stars by day; And scatterers too, upon the mountains high, Will see frail planets in the noontide sky. Throwing their close nocturnal powers away, Squandered in the sun's extravagant ray. And over this battle of tranquillity, Cerulean purples deepen down, and die. Where moteless light speeds her invisible way. That is the strength of height; to see together Eternal opposites, the stars and sun. Is it not worth affronting Alpine weather, Facing the precipice and stealthy frost, Nor caring though the valley wealth be lost. If we may make all God's divisions one? —Richard Church.

SPECIALS FOR THE WEEK

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