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EMPIRE OF THE FUTURE VISUALIZED

Col. Amery, in Address at Canadian Club Banquet Sketches Picture of the British Empire of the Future, and Canada's Part in its Upbuilding.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Jan. 24.—The attendance of citizens at the Canadian Club yesterday to greet Col. Hon. L. M. Amery, secretary of state for the Dominions, was one of the largest in the club's history.

Col. Amery's address, though being to some extent only a variation of much that has already appeared in print was splendidly balanced, clear in exposition, succinct in form, and scholarly.

He sees the Empire as a community of equal nations which are equal with Britain and equal in the common unity which exists by virtue of the fact that the same crown is the crown in every part of the Empire.

After referring to the great part played by Canadians in Great Britain, the Dominions, in many of the dependencies and in the Great War he referred to the unequalled advantage of cooperation in the trade and economic life of the Empire as a whole, to Great Britain, Canada and the other Dominions while each retained unimpaired its fiscal freedom and without any written treaty or code of procedure, the living spirit of the British Empire, Canada would also play a worthy part in the improvement of the lot of mankind.

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Prisoners Dug Their Way To Freedom

(Special to the Guardian.) DETROIT, Jan. 24.—Twenty-one drug starved federal prisoners who dug their way to freedom from the Elmwood branch of the Wayne County jail early today, were the object of an intensive search without parallel in the history of the city.

The possibility that several of the jail breakers may have fled to Canada was suggested by government officials when a check of the twenty-one revealed that twenty were drug addicts many of whom were suspected of having been engaged in narcotic traffic between Detroit and Windsor.

The delivery was affected between one and five-thirty a. m. today using pieces of metal ripped from the washroom fixtures. The prisoners worked quietly digging through a brick wall one foot thick in the rear of the jail.

NEW BRIDGE ACROSS DETROIT Specifications Show It Will be Longest Suspension Bridge in World.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—In a special despatch from Detroit, the Herald-Tribune says: "Contracts for supplying the wire for the main cables and suspended ropes of the new Detroit international bridge have been awarded the American Cable Company, Inc., an associate company of the American Chain Company, thus making an assured fact of the long contemplated span over the Detroit River to connect the United States and Canada at what is perhaps the largest port of entry along our northern border."

The new bridge will be 1,850 feet long, with a main span of 1,850 feet. This span is 100 feet longer than that of the Philadelphia-Camden bridge, at present the longest suspension bridge in the world. Specifications carry provisions for five lanes of motor traffic and an eight-foot walk for pedestrians. The wire for the cables is made by a new process which is said to increase its working strength by 20 per cent.

Better Protection Of Crossings Urged

(Canadian Press.) OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 24.—Better protection of level crossings was urged on the government today when the railway unions met Premier King and members of his cabinet at noon. The committee represented the Order of Railway Conductors, brotherhood of locomotive engineers, brotherhood of railway firemen and brotherhood of locomotive firemen and engineers.

World Now On Dollar Basis Says McKenna

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Jan. 24.—The world is on a dollar basis, Reginald McKenna, chairman of the Midland Bank, said in addressing the annual meeting of the bank. "Although gold is still the nominal basis of most currencies," he asserted, "the real determinant of movement in the world level of prices is the purchasing power of the dollar."

"As long as conditions remain at all similar to those we know today, the United States will be able to pursue her credit policy without regard to gold movements and to maintain control over the world level of prices."

Mr. McKenna spoke a hopeful word for British trade in 1928. He referred to the great improvement in the relations between capital and labor and to the gradual but steady recovery in trade since the general strike of 1926.

Fourth Session Of Legislature Opens

(Canadian Press.) VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 24.—The fourth and probably the last session of the thirteenth Legislature of British Columbia was formally opened by Lieut. Governor Bruce at three o'clock this afternoon.

SEVEN PERSONS WERE KILLED INSTANTLY

Automobile With Party Plunged Over Bridge in Connecticut.

NORWICH, Conn., Jan. 24.—Seven persons were killed here last night when an automobile in which they were riding plunged over Preston Bridge into the Shettucket River.

The dead are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Whitaker of Norwich and their five children, ranging in age from 10 years to six months.

Whitaker was driving east on East Main Street when a motor cycle driven by Harrison Preston, 19, of this city, came alongside. The machines collided and Whitaker's car veered to one side, going through a wooden and iron railing and tumbling into the river, 30 feet below.

EIGHT DRY YEARS

(New York Times, Jan. 18, Editorial.) The saints of prohibition are not rejoicing in goodness, as they should, over eight years of their glorious work. The Anti-Saloon League, despairing of this generation, asks for \$2,000,000 a year for five years to "educate" the next. The Prohibition Bureau is at sixes and sevens.

Three-fourths of its agents have failed to pass the civil service examination. "Reorganization" will be a little slow in coming. When it arrives, it will be "final," as usual. Here and there the hired men of the League "claim everything" in the ancient way. Prohibition has brought five or six great improvements. They are "of industrial, economical, social, moral and civic nature."

The industrial, economical and financial improvements assumed rest mainly on post hoc, ergo propter hoc, and fantastic guesses of calculators with Brookhartian imagination.

The blessed social, moral and civic results are as notorious as noxious. The Prohibition Administrator for the United States indignantly observes that "prohibition enforcement has never had a chance." The tender "criticism from both its friends and its foes. What it needs "is the support of all law-abiding citizens and laws of the other half. Concealed in fanaticism and sustained by hypocrisy, it is without moral sanction for a large and ever larger part of the people."

When the saloon was gone, "our children" were never to know the use of the grape's delicious juice. To forbid was to invite; and where is the drinker with "the price" unable to get "the stuff?" The saloon has moved into the home. The cocktail shaker is a necessary part of domestic equipment. The more thrifty "make their own," as the honest prohibition farmer is permitted to do. Materials for many concoctions are on sale. Wine grapes are steadily snapped up. The speak-easy and its congeners thrive indestructibly. In the very heart of prohibition, in the South, the most stills are seized. Mr. Borah's Idaho can shake no accusing finger at New York or Chicago.

The drinkers find tolerable drink. Arrests for drunkenness increase, and the naive policy of the Drys is that the police used to be lax, but now are rigid, seeking to "discredit" the good cause. But we needn't concern ourselves about the drinkers. The evil fruits of enforcement have turned into enemies multitudes of men and women who at first and for long were resolved to support the law because it is the law. Reluctantly they have had to yield to what has become an overpowering weight of evidence. They see a social and moral recklessness or decadence among many of the young. They see old crime undiminished and the Volstead act a fertile source of new. They see, besides the little delicacies of spying, informing, violence, and unlawful search and seizure, utility mingled with corruption in the enforcement service.

Worse, perhaps, than what is plain or easily suspected of official or social demoralization, is the rank fawning and cowardice of so many politicians in Congress and both the great political parties. These are their fruits, successful Volstead, these!

Lady Roblin Dies

(Special to the Guardian.) WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 24.—Lady Roblin, wife Sir Rodmond Roblin, former premier of Manitoba died here today. She had been in poor health for the past five years. Lady Roblin was a native of Prince Edward County, Ontario.

ROSS - STEVENSON CASE WILL GO TO THE JURY TODAY

The case against Ross and Stevenson charged with theft resumed at the Supreme Court yesterday morning. The first witness called was Mr. D. Edgar Shaw, Chief Magistrate for Queen's County. He conducted the preliminary enquiry against the prisoners last April. There was a letter produced at that time and it was handed to Mr. Donald McKinnon who was acting for the Attorney General. When asked yesterday for the letter he went to the Attorney General's office and searched the files for this letter, but could not find it. The letter was produced and read at the investigation but not placed in evidence.

Mr. Crosswell on being sworn said he remembered the 22nd of April. On that day he picked up a purse and put it in his pocket. (Purse produced), that is the one. He took it home and put it on the table. He opened it and saw the two cheques. They were drawn on the Royal Bank of Canada, Hunter River. Witness put pocketbook away. When Rupert Simpson came to home of witness latter took out pocket book and gave to Mr. Simpson. Witness explained locality where he picked up pocket book.

Cross examined by Mr. Bentley brought out nothing new. Austin Eliger on being sworn said he lived at Hope River. He remembered April 22nd. Went out to Hunter River with a load of potatoes. He reported Simpson that day. He caught up Simpson who drove behind him. Saw him get out of the sleigh at Proctor's Hill. Also met some other sleighs. There was a sleigh passed coming from behind. Saw a man up Proctor's Hill. Lost Hunter River for home in the afternoon. Simpson was sitting on something in the sleigh. Not down on the bottom of the sleigh. He wore a fur coat. Would judge the pockets of the coat would be lower than the top of the sleigh. To his knowledge I could not say whether or not anything fell from his pocket.

Cross examined by Mr. Bentley: We were quite close together, when Simpson jumped out, then I dropped out of his pocket. As they walked they talked. Saw nothing on the snow. If anything dropped out of his pocket would expect to see it on the snow. Harry McCoubrey, on being sworn, said he lived at New Glasgow. Remembered the day in question. Told of meeting Simpson on that day and going with him to Fredericton. They saw Stevenson and witness asked him what he was going to do about the money he found yesterday. Said he found no money. Witness told him he did and they had proof of it. He did not answer for three or four minutes. Said they came out that day to give him a chance. He said he would fight the case. Asked him to tell his father to come out which he did. Prisoner's brother also came out and said he dropped his mitt looking for tobacco. He told his nephew (Simpson) to drive on and not waste time. They left then and went to Ross'. Saw the father. The accused was not there at the time. Stevenson also arrived. Witness told boy what they were going to do if they did not recover the money. Ross' father said the boy could not give what he did not have.

Cross examined by Mr. Bentley: Was not sure whether accused or Ross had lots of money to fight the case and so had Ross. Was examined before, before Mr. Shaw. Memory was fresh then. Mr. Bentley read portion of evidence given by witness at preliminary hearing which contradicted that given in direct examination. The boys told witness at Mr. Ross' house that they did not have the money. Lemuel Crosswell on being sworn said he was a farmer. Said he did not remember much about the day in question. He went to Hunter River with a load of potatoes. Don't remember very much about whom he met. Picked up no purse. Saw no purse. Saw Simpson in Hunter River. This concluded the evidence for the Crown. In outlining the case for the defence Mr. Bentley said he could bring witnesses to prove innocence of accused and asked His Lordship if it was worth while to proceed. His Lordship replied in the affirmative.

These young men are sober, honest and industrious young men. Mr. Stevenson drives from his home in the morning and picked up Mr. Ross. They decided to go to New Glasgow and Hunter River. These young men had both been

MODERN WILLIAM PITTS GETTING IN READINESS FOR ORATORY CONTEST

Intending Competitors Should Fill Out Coupon Which Is Published Today.

Let 'em all come—so long as the themalman doesn't protest.

Already two students—Harold Buntin from Prince of Wales College and Edith Douse of Prince Street School—have entered their names. This ought to put other boys and girls on their mettle.

Canada's Future. Don't forget that nothing else counts in this contest except the ability to deliver a good oration on Canada's Future within the time limit of 10 minutes. Neither looks nor birth, nor an ability to dance gracefully, are going to help.

Consider the case of William Pitt, "the younger," who became prime minister of Britain at the age of 24, and whose oratory is still used as a standard today. And that was in a day—1784—when youth was most emphatically kept in its place, which makes his achievement so much the more remarkable.

Elimination Contests. Time counts now, for the school elimination contests must be concluded by March 1. This preliminary contest will decide the champion of each school, the boy or girl who will be matched against the champions of all the other schools in the same district. And not later than April 10th, will come the district contests.

Any boy or girl in the province, under 19 years of age on February 1, 1928, and attending any of the grades above 8, in school, public or private, is eligible. Teachers, see if there are any of your pupils who wish to enter. Use the coupon on this page. Some Canadian boy or girl will get a free trip to Europe.

FILL OUT AND MAIL TO THE ORATORY EDITOR CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN, CHARLOTTETOWN. Being conducted in Prince Edward Island by the Charlottetown Guardian. CANADIAN AND INTERNATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTESTS. I am a pupil of _____ college or school. I am interested in the Oratory contests and I would like to take part in them. On February 1, 1928, I shall be less than 19 years of age. Name _____ Home Address _____ Date of Birth _____ School _____ Grade _____ Teacher's Name _____

COL. AMERY'S VISIT HAS SIGNIFICANCE

Question of Brit. Representative to Ottawa Will be Discussed With Prime Minister.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Jan. 24.—(Special.)—This is the first week of Parliament is being ushered in by several important semi-social, semi-political functions. On Tuesday at noon Col. the Right Hon. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, is being entertained by the Canadian Club of Ottawa. Col. Amery is here on a wide itinerary, on which this is the last lap homeward. The importance of the occasion is the opportunity afforded to make a pronouncement in connection with affairs of international interest, and the manner in which Canada is particularly associated. While proclaiming the doctrine of Empire wherever he goes, Amery has been careful to stimulate Imperialism in its accepted sense, and to emphasize Imperial status, which makes Great Britain, as he expressed it somewhere, one of the Dominions, co-equal and co-extensive within the limits of the Empire as well as ways in anything emanating from a orthodoxly British source, a danger to Canadian autonomy and a conspiracy to entangle us in the web of Britain's wide spread net of world interests, the same kind of morbid sensitiveness possessed by "Big Bill" Thompson of Chicago.

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Child Burned To Death. Mother May Not Live

(Canadian Press.) TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 24.—A child was burned to death and her mother was seriously injured when she is expected to die while another child and the woman's brother were severely hurt in a fire which destroyed a bungalow in the suburbs today.

Ranchman, Wife And Three Children Burned To Death

(Special to the Guardian.) MCFADDEN, Wyo., Jan. 24.—John King, ranchman, his wife and three of their children were burned to death early today when fire destroyed their home here. King found his way out of the flames with his four year old daughter, but perished when he returned in an attempt to rescue the other members of the family. The children who lost their lives were Herbert 10, Neal 9, and Don 7.

Proposes Spending Million Dollars On Publicity

(Special to the Guardian.) MONTREAL, Jan. 24.—Spending \$1,000,000 on publicity to bring to Quebec, tourists from other Canadian provinces and the United States, who would spend \$1,000,000,000 in a summer, is the proposal of a group of citizens who want to centralize and consolidate all tourist traffic activities in this province.



TORONTO, Jan. 25.—Maritime, south to southwest winds increasing gales, snow or sleet. Toronto, cloudy 3-34. Montreal, cloudy 34-12. Quebec, cloudy 30-21. Charlottetown, clear 40-20. Halifax, fair 29-17. Saint John, fair 40-12. Boston, cloudy 45-32. New York, clear 45-36. High tide this afternoon at 1:22 and tomorrow morning at 12:10. Sun sets this afternoon at 4:56 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:28. New moon Sunday, Jan. 29th, 3:02 p. m. Summerville tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Many Districts Of England Flooded

(Canadian Press.) LONDON, Jan. 24.—Heavy rains during the past twenty-four hours have again caused floods in many districts of England. The Thames is rising and about Teddington was in full flood running bankhigh and in many places overflowing the banks.

Only yesterday the Thames Conservancy commission issued a warning to those living in the low lying sections of London to take precautions against a possible recurrence of the Thames flood several weeks ago which caused loss of life and heavy property damage.

Large tracts of low lying lands near the river in the neighborhood of Nottingham are submerged and the river has risen eight feet above normal in some places. The roadway leading to the farm of the Prince of Wales at Lenton has again been heavily flooded but the farm itself thus far is free from water. In other parts of the country the roads are covered with water and the floods are widening.

TESTING YEAR FOR LABOR

Ramsay MacDonald is Endeavoring to Promote Cohesion in Ranks of Party.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Premier Ramsay MacDonald, former Premier, is endeavoring to promote cohesion in the Labor Party ranks as a preliminary to the next session of Parliament, which will open on February 1, by an appeal in the Glasgow weekly paper Forward for discipline during this "testing year."

Mr. MacDonald says that for the past 12 months the Labor Party's weakness has been from within, and is censuring critics have had their way most of this time. Members of the party who have deplored the criticisms have been reluctant to hit back. Mr. MacDonald says, but in the prospect of a general election demands team work in the party and programmes bearing some relation to the possibilities in connection with the election.

Mr. MacDonald deprecates attempts to divide the Labor Party into a left and a right wing in order to indicate a low or high degree of energy in service and capacity in execution, which he characterizes as "fraudulent and an imposition upon the public."

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc

**For Sale Typewriter—Apply Hughes Drug Co. 2090-1-25-1f

**Come to the Basket Social and Dance in Annandale Hall, Thursday night, Jan. 26th, if not fine Friday night. 2012-1-24-2f

**A meeting of the Ladies Aid of the P. E. I. Hospital will be held today, January 25th in St. Paul's Schoolroom at 3.30 p. m. 2018

**Coming—Montague Saturday Lon Chaney—greatest actor on earth, in "Road to Mandalay". 2042

**The Belfast Shipping Club will be leading live hots at Podhna on Tuesday, January 31st. 2132-1-25-2f

**Carnival Cornwall Rink Friday, January twenty-seventh. Unusual prizes given to best costume. Admission prominent fifteen cents, Skaters twenty cents. 2030-1-25-2f

**Rheumatism, diseases of blood Stomach and Internal Organs cured. References given. Phone 897. Dr. Cliff, 112 Prince St., Charlottetown, P. E. Island, Canada East. 12-3 mo

**Annual meeting of the shareholders of the Hunter River Electric Light Co. Ltd., will be held at the office of the Secretary on Feb. 6, 1928 at 8 p. m. 1943-1-20-2f

PLUNKETT NOW DENIES HE PREDICTED WAR

Does Not Remember What He Said—Stenographic Record Not Available—U. S. Rear Admiral Quoted as Forecasting War with Britain.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The New York Times today quotes Rear Admiral Charles P. Plunkett, commander of the Brooklyn navy yard, as denying that he predicted war with Great Britain.

"I don't remember what I did say," the Times quotes the admiral as saying. "You get the record; you will see what I said and you will see something worth while. My remarks were taken down stenographically. "I am not in the habit of predicting war. Preparedness, in my mind and in the minds of all other navy and army men, leads to peace and not to war."

The stenographic record of the admiral's address was not available. "The Sunday Herald-Tribune's account of a public speech by the admiral on Saturday said "he was asked later if he anticipated war with Great Britain."

"The answer was instant and unequivocal," said the Herald-Tribune. "Yes, I mean Great Britain or some other nation whose interests are affected. Great Britain may not at the outset declare war, but she will let some smaller nation do that and get behind her."

Opposing Views Of The Plunkett Speech Shown In London Newspapers.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Despatches from New York, telling of a speech Saturday attributed to Rear Admiral Charles T. Plunkett, commander of the Brooklyn navy yard, predicting war between the United States and its commercial competitors are prominently displayed in today's newspapers.

The Star gives it a first page streamer headline as a "sensational speech by American Admiral," while the News editorially says: "The straw shows which way the wind blows and the views of a rear admiral of the United States navy may indicate the indication in which the thoughts of a section of the American people is turning."

The editorial concludes as follows: "We needn't let Rear Admiral Plunkett make our flesh creep if there is any serious warnings to be drawn from his utterances it is that wars heretofore have been brought about when the voice of the professional warmaker is raised too loudly and too persistently in the land. We have had fear that, after another presidential election coming on, it will be heard to an appreciable extent in the land of liberty."

PRESIDENT'S EXPLANATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24.—President Coolidge sees no reason why the newspapers of this or any other country should take seriously statements by United States naval officers predicting war between the United States and her commercial competitors. It was stated at the White House today where attention was called to a recent speech of Rear Admiral Plunkett that the country should know by this time that alarming charges are often made when appropriations are being sought in Congress.

Mr. Coolidge is unable to understand why such a large appropriation bill as that for the post office department can be passed without arousing inflammatory statements whereas the Appropriations Bill for the army and navy always bring forth declarations that the country's about to be faced with dire consequences.

Cannot Pay Interest On Debt

(Special to the Guardian.) NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 24.—The Mexican government has served formal notice upon the committee of bankers that it cannot carry forward all service of interest and sinking fund on its entire external debt, as contemplated by existing agreements and has asked for a conference in Mexico City.

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