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"Where Canada Dallies"

Under the above heading the Toronto Globe (Liberal) draws attention to what it terms the "startling" contrast between the attitudes of the Australian and Canadian Governments on the issue of Empire defense preparedness. The budget of the Australian Government for the fiscal year 1936-37, contains among other things a \$9,000,000 increase in defense appropriations, a general taxation reduction of \$2,300,000, and an estimated surplus on the year's operations for \$225,000. With the increase, the defense appropriation in Australia now totals \$44,045,000, as against Canada's total of \$20,800,000 for the current fiscal year. In 1935 the comparison was: Australia, \$45,085,000; Canada, \$18,280,000. The respective increases by the two Governments in view of Britain's rearmament program are: Australia, \$8,000,000; Canada, \$2,511,000.

More interesting, perhaps, is a summary of the Australian program for the expenditure of that increase. Mechanization of many units of the army will be undertaken, a recruiting program already has been inaugurated, and extensive operations in training the whole army for gas warfare have commenced. A semi-official statement from the Navy Headquarters states that the Australian sea squadron will be strengthened considerably in the next few months. The Air Force is to expand both the permanent and Citizen forces. The first order for equipment placed with the British factories calls for thirty-six first-class bombing planes and thirty-six Hawker Demon-type fighting planes. At the same time the navy's air arm is to be more than doubled, and plans have been completed for the domestic manufacture of military aircraft to British design.

"Unfortunately, and to Canada's great humiliation," concludes the Globe, "no comparable program is being announced in this Dominion."

Hitler's "Readiness"

HITLER'S boast, "We are ready at any hour" purports to be directed only at the threat of Bolshevism. It is well, however, to read his latest intimation in conjunction with his recent assertion that Germany must obtain colonies in order to increase her supplies of raw materials. Insistence on colonial restoration crops up time and again in the Nazi leader's speeches. It is the basis of the scheme for world conquest which he urges in his biography "Mein Kampf." Restoration of German colonies would affect not only Great Britain, but also France, Belgium, Japan, and some of the British Dominions, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, to whom, through the Supreme Council of the Allied Powers, Germany ceded all rights in her former overseas possessions under the terms of Article 119 of the Treaty of Versailles.

It may be taken for granted, therefore, after HITLER'S latest declaration, that all those countries now are looked upon by Germany as enemies who are withholding what rightfully belongs to her, and this fact, taken in conjunction with the extent to which Germany, in defiance of treaties, has succeeded in rearming and preparing for war, shatters at once all hope of international security in the near future.

But compliance with Germany's demand is no way out of the difficulty, for compliance would be regarded by her only as a sign of weakness—recent history shows that any concession granted to Germany is followed immediately by further demands.

The Car Parking Problem

The car parking problem in commercial centres has been emphasized as one of special importance by CAPTAIN LEGGETT, and no doubt new regulations dealing with this matter will be introduced here as a result of the Montreal traffic expert's visitation. The problem seems to have occasioned a good deal of concern all over the continent. In many large American cities a new device, known as the parking meter, has been installed, not without much criticism from motorists. The meter works this way: A motorist drives up to a parking place at the curb and drops a nickel in the meter slot. The meter hand points upward indicating that all is clear for an hour. In an hour, the hand turns downward, indicating to the traffic policeman who is making his rounds that the car parked there rates a ticket for overstaying its welcome.

But all the arguments are not on the side of the motorist. Some are on the side of the public authorities. The meters provide a revenue. The city of Dallas is averaging about \$10,000 a month, and it is estimated that 100,000 meters installed in New York would net the city \$10,000,000 a year.

The motorist may claim that the streets are public property and that he has a right to park his car without paying for the privilege. That argument, however, can not be driven too far. The streets are intended for traffic—moving traffic—not for the storage of cars. A citizen would not be allowed to pile a thousand feet of lumber or a load of bricks in the traffic way or leave his piano standing there all day. The same citizen who thinks he should be provided day storage for his car downtown at the public expense is quite willing to provide night storage in his own garage. Where, it is asked, is the logic in this?

Undoubtedly the parked car occupies property that has a value; but the question of assessing such value is exceedingly difficult, and fortunately does not arise in small centres. In Charlottetown, for example, the enforcement of a few common-sense regulations limiting the parking period in congested areas is all that should be required.

Editorial Notes

Europe's emergency is again evidently Japan's opportunity in Asia. * * *

The Fuhrer casts his envious eyes on STALIN'S vast vineyard. * * *

New Brunswick's new potatoes in the Montreal market are commanding a small premium over Quebec stock. * * *

Everyone is looking forward to the promised visit of the Minister of Finance. May he have pleasant financial surprises for both City and Province. * * *

The U. S. A. Treasury's offering of twenty to twenty-three year 2 3/4 per cent Treasury bonds, to raise \$400,000,000 of new money, was over-subscribed nine times. * * *

The Baptist Church in the City is to be congratulated on the celebration of its Centenary, and on having so able a pastor as REV. H. L. DENTON directing its activities. * * *

The farmers who were caught by the unexpected rain of Saturday are now hard at it to save their grain. Anxiety is also felt for potatoes; there has been more than enough wet weather for them. * * *

MR. LAFLEUR, M. L. A., for Verdun, told a meeting of his constituents that he had already signed over 200 recommendations for Government jobs, but cautioned patience, as the Acting Chief of the Provincial Police had told him he had close on 6,000 applications for about 50 vacancies. Alas, only 5,950 disappointees! * * *

The Office of Education, Washington, has launched a campaign to protect 13,000,000 pet dogs in United States against reckless motorists. Sponsored by the Noble Dog Foundation, the drive is dedicated to obtaining country-wide legislation making it a criminal offence for a driver to leave the scene of an accident without giving aid to an injured dog and reporting to police. * * *

It is pleasant to find New York Magistrates awakening to the deficiencies of their Court procedure. City Magistrate OVERTON HARRIS confessed the other day after five years on the bench that he is "disillusioned" with United States courts and that he admires British ones. MAGISTRATE HARRIS said he had recently sat in a magistrate's court in London. "What a contrast between court there and here," he observed. "There, one is impressed with the sense of fairness of all persons concerned. Here, it is a case of one slicker against another, trying to win however he can." * * *

At the British Association for the Advancement of Science, now in conference at Blackpool, England, Prof. William Cramp, president of the Engineering Division, appealing for stringent regulations to enhance the professional standing of engineers, contended "where the doctor's neglect kills one man, the engineer's mistake may kill 100." But, he added, professional protection permits the doctor to "bury his accident behind a death-certificate he himself issues," while the engineer must submit to a public legal inquiry. The engineer, he said has liability of the physician without the status. * * *

The mysterious forces in the heart of the atom, about forty times more powerful than electricity, have revealed something of their nature to the scientists investigating them and the latest results of such work were presented at the symposium on nuclear physics at the Harvard tercentenary conference of arts and sciences last week. The nuclear forces of the atom were reported to have the same fundamental nature as other forms of energy, such as electricity, and the reactions between them were said to be common, thus making possible their use in connection with electricity if a way could be found to release or harness them. It was believed that there were several forms of nuclear energy, but the most recent research indicates that a single kind can describe all of them. * * *

"Be kind to your ownself, John," was a one time popular refrain, and it has not lost its force in some parts of Ontario. MR. R. A. LAND, former Deputy Reeve of Fort Erie, who is supporting a movement for abolition of county councils, last week declared he never earned the fees he received for attending council sessions. The county council then met and passed this resolution: "That in view of the fact that our former associate, R. A. Land, has stated he received from the County of Welland a sum of money which he felt he was not entitled to, and which troubled his conscience to such an extent that he felt as guilty as if he had robbed a child's bank, be it resolved that the county clerk write MR. LAND and any other county councillors, past or present, who feel they have taken money from the county which they have not earned, asking them to return same to the county treasurer, so that this money may be paid to members of the county council who earn their small remuneration." There were no dissenters. * * *

It is rather inconvenient when the M. L. A.'s are so numerous on the Government side that the portfolios are unacquainted with them. It used to be said of GLADSTONE that he passed Liberal M. P.'s without taking the trouble even to nod to them. Failure to recognize a colleague caused a member of the Duplessis Government an uncomfortable half-hour the other day. The newly elected M. L. A. entered the Minister's office, gave his name, and said he wished to speak about a certain messenger dismissed from one of the Government departments. His caller's name made no impression on the Minister's mind and he thought his confrere was seeking to replace the discharged messenger. "Is it a good job?" he was asked. "Yes, a very good job," replied the Member. "Well, if you will give me your name and address I will see what I can do for you," said the Minister.

The member wrote down his name, smilingly adding the initials, "M. L. A."

The Minister started, and hastily jumped to his feet with apologies.

Notes by the Way

Hitler and Mussolini have been so busy formulating animosity and fanaticism and creating rather than solving problems, that a sudden reversal of policy would be difficult. Having adapted the whole German economy to rearmament, Hitler would not find it easy to check the war industries, for that would throw millions out of work. Having extolled war, praised the beauty of cannon and boasted of Italy's militarism, Mussolini could not readily espouse the view that peace is desirable and conquest immoral. Fascism is driven by a dynamic and revolutionary impulse which obliges it to be always challenging and defying an adversary. It is compelled by its nature to agitate and conspire for expansion and aggrandizement.—Henry Lyndhurst in N. Y. Times.

We are hearing much of the benefits of the Canada-United States trade agreement. Which is good. Meanwhile it may be worth while noting that in June we sold more goods to Great Britain than to any other country.—Ottawa Journal.

In June, as it happened, yes; but for the twelve months ended with June, only \$349,000,000 of our goods went to the United Kingdom compared with \$387,000,000 to the United States. In these months 52 per cent of our exports were to countries outside the empire, and nearly 69 per cent of our imports were from these.—Toronto Star.

Preparing a nation to fight to keep it employed is not a policy of wise statesmanship. While this is going on Dr. Schacht, president of the Reichsbank, is on a mission to Paris endeavouring to solve the financial problem. It is probable that the lack of available financial resources will prove to be one of the greatest hindrances of the launching of war in Europe. It is impossible to conduct a campaign where millions of men are concerned "without what Lloyd George called "an abundant supply of silver bullets."—Brantford Express.

Henceforth, New York's wayward children are going to be pals of the policemen. Its all part of Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine's new program aiming at prevention of juvenile delinquency. To do this, organized play groups are being planned and athletic contests will be held with the blue-coats always on hand as "regular pals" instead of dreaded bugaboos. Thus does the Commissioner hope to swing the problem child into the right path, automatically killing the crime germ in embryo.—Guelph Mercury.

The abstention of Henri Bourassa from the recent Quebec conflict was hardly less surprising than if Mussolini had been absent in the march on Rome. As a matter of fact, Mussolini was absent. He let the other Fascists to do the marching, and he turned up on a train after the King and his advisers had been suitably terrified.—Toronto Mail & Empire.

There is not much natural and inherent difference between a one-man Fascist rule as in Italy, a Nazi rule as in Germany, and a similar one-man rule as in Russia. In all three cases it is absolutism. . . . There have been blood-baths in Russia, Italy and Germany. Leaders who live by violence perish by it. . . . It seems necessary for the Fascist, the Nazi and the Soviet rule to demonstrate, at intervals, their utter ruthlessness. It is not easy to see evidence of justice in the ferocious punishments inflicted.—Toronto Star.

It is said that the spearhead of Gen. Francisco Franco's rebel troops now advancing on Madrid is a force of Moorish mercenaries. These fanatical fighters, Mohammedan in religion, may not be aware of it, but they are in effect avenging their ancestors of four centuries ago as they go about the task of slaying Spaniards, Spain in the Middle Ages was Moorish. The last Visigoth king, Don Roderick, died in battle against the advancing hosts of Islam. The sons of the scimitar moved into France where Charles Martel crushed them at Tours with hammer-like blows. They withdrew south of the Pyrenees, where they built cities which are identified by the peculiarities of Moorish architecture.—Buffalo Evening News.

Expressing the theory that asthma is related to psychological factors, Dr. R. D. Gillespie, head of Guy's department of psychological medicine, in London, relates in the current British Medical Journal the case of a man who developed the complaint while on an unhappy vacation with his wife, in the course of which he sulked all the time. Dr. Gillespie also

That Body of Ours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE DIET TREATMENT OF EPILEPSY

Although epilepsy is controlled to a great extent now by cutting down on liquids and starch foods and increasing fat foods, nevertheless the cause is still unknown though the search has been going on for centuries.

However just as the causes of diabetes, pernicious anaemia, malaria and other scourges have been discovered, so it is felt that within the next few years some research worker will find the cause of epilepsy.

Dr. W. G. Lennox and S. Cobb, in "Medicine" state that there are three factors which are involved in causing epilepsy: (1) a pathologic (something wrong with the structure of some organ or tissue in the central nervous system); (2) an instability of the nervous cells; (3) a disturbance somewhere in some other part of the body such as in breathing or digestion.

This is in line with the well known statement that the kindling or fuel is all ready to be lighted and a disturbance like some food or infection is the match that lights the fire.

The first thought then in treating epilepsy is naturally to try to find out what brings on the attacks, just as a knowledge of what brings on the attacks of asthma or hay fever enables the physician to give the proper treatment. Sometimes there is not the proper balance between or among the endocrine or ductless glands (thyroid, pituitary, adrenal); sometimes certain foods are to blame; sometimes a real disturbance such as a tumor on the brain. However, whether or not the cause is found, treatment to prevent attacks must be given, and diet is the most important single factor.

When it was found that doing without food would prevent attacks and doing without food brought about an acid condition of the blood and tissues, a diet that would cause acidosis was tried. This diet however gave the body all the nourishment it needed. As starch foods help to burn up all other foods, by cutting down on starches the other foods—particularly fats—could not be completely burned and certain acid bodies get into the blood and prevent epileptic attacks. The point in the treatment is to try to give enough fatty foods—egg yolks, cream, butter, fat meats—and yet not upset the patient's appetite or digestion.

A ketogenic diet as this is called is roughly 1 part starch food (potatoes, bread, sugar) to 2 parts protein food (meat, fish, whites of eggs, poultry) to 10 parts fats (cream, butter, fat meats, egg yolks).

Water must also be cut down as low as possible to prevent attacks.

cases of a woman in whom attacks of asthma were brought on by a postman knocking at the door, by excitement, worry cats, and people she did not like. In another instance, an elderly man suffered attacks only when he smoked a particular tobacco, the same as that used by his son-in-law with whom he lived at loggerheads.—Sydney Post Record.

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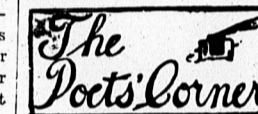
Mosquitoes

(Exchange)

No fewer than 60 species of mosquitoes are known to occur in Canada, and a considerable proportion of them attack warm-blooded animals and men. In various parts of the Dominion different species are dominant, and, as the duration of the life-stages, the habits, and breeding places vary considerably, it of importance in outlining control measures to know the species involved. Some species may migrate several miles; others remain in the vicinity of their breeding pools. Some mosquitoes inhabit open prairies and others do not venture from the shelter of deep woods. Some are persistent in entering houses and others are never to be found indoors. Some bite in the daytime, and others at night.

The most common species belong to the genus "aedes" and have only one generation each year. They breed largely in temporary bodies of water, such as snow and rain pools and river-flooded areas and lay their eggs in summer, usually in moist situations left by the receding flood-waters and drying pools. The eggs remain unhatched throughout the summer and winter months, and in most species do not hatch until spring. In the spring the transient pools of field and woodland, and areas temporarily flooded by rising river waters, teem with developing larvae and pupae, giving rise in early summer to hordes of bloodthirsty mosquitoes which haunt the countryside during the summer months.

Mosquito control, in order to be fully economic and effective, requires to be maintained every year because the results are cumulative. Each year's effort not only kills millions of mosquitoes but prevents much of the egg-laying. The insects have been very prevalent this year, because of the increase of the pest last season (when absence of funds necessitated temporary dropping of the control program) and also because of the high level resulting



WHEN YOU ARE OLD

When you are old and gray and full of sleep,
 And nodding by the fire, take down this book,
 And slowly read, and dream of the soft look
 Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep;
 How many loved your moments of glad grace
 And loved your beauty with love false or true;
 But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you
 And loved the sorrows of your changing face.
 And bending down beside the glowing bars
 Murmur, a little sadly, how love fled
 And paced upon the mountains overhead
 And hid his face amid a crowd of stars.
 —W. B. Yeats

EVERY AGE AFFECTED

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