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INDORSES PLEA

The Montreal Star in a leading editorial indorses the urgent plea of the potato growers of the Maritime Provinces that the British Government would forthwith lift the embargo which at present shuts Canadian potatoes out of that market.

are much greater. Germany has also, it is hinted, not been quite honest about her budget. It is true there is a deficit. But Germany has done very well for herself in the way of social legislation since 1919—much better than some of her creditors have been able to do.

All this is against the German contention that ability to pay is lacking. On the other side is the inescapable fact that the United States, the end creditor of the reparations account, has, through her policy of gathering in the world's gold and of shutting out other commodities, made it virtually impossible for Germany to meet her debts.

No doubt, the Germans are unwilling to pay reparations. It would be idle to expect them to show any eagerness, even if their creditors made the path of payment smooth and easy.

GERMANY'S ABILITY

At Basle, in Switzerland, a group of international financial experts have been endeavoring to assess Germany's ability to pay reparations. This is not the first conference on the subject. So many have been held that one loses count.

Germany has asked for relief and has submitted evidence to prove that she can not pay. The sources of revenue on which she was depending, she says, have dried up.

RAILWAY WAGES

Some interesting particulars in regard to the wages of railway employees, based on the averages of 1930, have been submitted to the Board of Conciliation appointed to deal with the matter.

On the Canadian Pacific system the figures ran about the same. The average compensation for twenty classes was \$2,310. Train dispatchers, etc., averaged \$3,217 for the year.

CLEARING THE DECKS

In a statement issued on Sunday, Mr. Lyons, Australia's prospective Prime Minister, said: "The United Australia Party stands for the fullest obtainable measure of preferential Empire trade."

NOTES BY THE WAY

The cause of Empire trade is not going to be assisted by those who sit around and moan about the friction which is bound to be created between the Mother Country and the Dominions in the course of negotiations.

The action of His Excellency the Governor-General of Newfoundland in offering to forgo ten per cent. of his salary and contribute an equal amount by the abolition of the private-secretaryship, is just what the country expects from the representative of His Majesty, who himself set the example of economy in Great Britain's financial extremity.

If the President's recommendations are rejected by Congress, says the Toronto Mail and Empire, there is nothing effective he can do about it. He cannot resign and go to the country.

The latest Canada Year Book lists the frequent causes of death as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Cause of Death, Deaths per 100,000. Includes Heart Diseases, Cancer, Infant ailments, Tuberculosis, Violent deaths, and Suicide.

The surest proof that present safety measures are inadequate is that the casualty list continues to mount from year to year. Individuals, organizations and Governments must face the fact that they are losing ground in the battle to make the automobile safe for civilization.

It is said that in Washington they are experimenting more or less successfully with a project to broadcast by radio the speeches in the Senate.

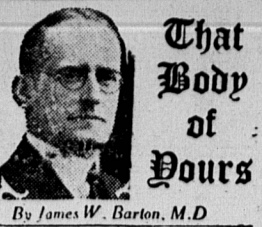
The prospect of this being effected is naturally being viewed with alarm by many United States citizens who fear that with a radio audience the Senators will talk night and day. One newspaper accepts the prospect with resignation.

Insurance Agent For Thirty Years

NORTHBORO, Mass., Dec. 26. (By The Canadian Press)—John M. Kilgore, 87, and for 30 years general agent in Worcester of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, died at his home here yesterday.

tainly, under the most favorable auspices, Britain, abandoning Free Trade, has just made a striking gesture for preferences; Mr. Bennett has been talking almost in the accents of Joseph Chamberlain; and now comes Australia in a most accommodating mood.

It is all most hopeful. Preferences involve difficulties, plenty of them; but where there is the will to succeed, to make concessions for the common good, there can be no failure. The coming year may well prove to be an epochal one in the history of Empire relations.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

MORE ABOUT STOMACH AND INTESTINAL ULCERS

If you were asked what part of the body seemed to be painful most frequently you would likely name the stomach. From your earliest recollection, in both others and yourself, a 'stomach ache' has been very familiar.

The treatment consists of getting as much rest as possible, light bland diet, and the use of alkalis—baking soda, magnesium, or other alkaline salts—when necessary.

You often hear of operations for this condition but your doctor will tell you that most cases can be cured by the above method—rest, soft food, and alkalis.

Unfortunately when the ulcer or ulcers heal they leave a scar just as an ulcer, boil, or abscess, on the skin or elsewhere, leaves a scar, and as most of these ulcers are close to the opening from the stomach into the small intestine it is frequently happens that the scar tissue actually closes or partly closes the opening and no food or only a very small quantity of liquid can pass through.

In these cases of course it is necessary to make a new opening from the stomach to the small intestine. An operation is also necessary when the ulcer perforates or bores its way through the entire wall of the stomach.

So don't let the knowledge that you have an ulcer of the stomach or small intestine frighten you. Follow your doctor's advice exactly, and if it is necessary that you continue at your regular work, try to rest as much as you can, and use the soft diet, eating more often and a smaller quantity of food at each meal.

The fact that you can go about your work may help to keep your mind off your condition which may help the ulcer to heal sooner.



IMMORTALITY

There is an immortality of lovely things— Birds that sing and swaying trees, The rhythm of the silver-candenced rain, The music of the clouds that float Across the tinted sky, The bravery of souls beset with pain, Who see the light through clouds and valiantly fight on, The lovely, lilting laughter of a child, The glories of a golden star-flecked night, When flowers whisper to the fairy band That fluttering lunar rainbow dream, There is an immortality of lovely things For which the mortal soul must needs be glad.

—Dorothy Whipple Fry in The Churchman.

Captain Sees White Whale

SCITUATE, Mass., Dec. 26. (By The Canadian Press)—'Twas the day before Christmas and Cap'n J. Frank Dwight and his son George were off Scituate after lobsters when up popped as 'purty' a white whale as ever spouted. Cap'n Dwight has sailed the sea for many a year and his veracity in Maritime matters is considered above reproach hereabouts. He said he ran his lobster boat close enough to get a good view of the Albino Leviathan, which he estimated to be between 35 and 40 feet long. The whale, he said, was in a sportive mood, but when he came close it appeared to take fright and the last time he saw the platinum blond it was scooting out to sea.

The "Piu" Pilgrims

Peradventure the feudalists are not quite so grim and battlemented a structure as is commonly supposed. At any rate the folk of the fourteenth century knew how to obey a good impulse. Learned savants have long disputed as to whether the intellect or the emotions have the greater sway in human behavior, and which of the twain is the surer guide. That debate still continues. But six centuries ago the "Piu" pilgrims gave up the notion that cobweb spinning could afford any solution of the problem, and resolved themselves into a brotherhood which made its influence felt throughout the whole of Europe.

Have we any modern replica of this splendid antique? The Christmas preparation is the modern answer. How far a little candle throws its beams! Romance has not entirely fled our earth. In the best sense of the word, it does not wholly belong to pictures and plays, tapestries and taverns, mullioned windows and the musical "waits" whiffing a tuneless stave in snow-piled streets. The spirit of romance still remains, thank heaven; and it takes on a wholesome complexion, marked by neighborly thoughtfulness and sympathetic consideration for those in need of a helping hand.

Modernists have not shortened the Christmas holidays. This is another illusion which is but technically correct, but essentially false. Christmas observance is lengthened and the human touch, which is its most precious ingredient, has been strengthened. Time falls us to mention the number or gauge the significance of the various organizations devoting their efforts, gladly and willingly, to carry the Christmas basket with its assortment of useful gifts where it is most needed. Her Majesty Queen Mary just recently opened a home in London for homeless women. It is a signal thoroughly in keeping with the modern Christmas spirit. Here in Montreal, we have Boy Scouts making toys for youngsters, their fellows, who will hopefully and not in vain hang up a stocking-peg when the right moment comes. And what better presage of good, loyal and efficient citizenship could be wished? Just lately, a British publicist said that one of the greatest signs of a genuine social reformation, without any of the zig-zags and setbacks that attach to the dialectic and technique of policy, consists in the fact that modern folk are thinking of government less in terms of commandment and re-tribution, and more in terms of service. And, happily, this is so. Service is one of our present-day watchwords. Nobody will pretend that we have as yet reached a stage where the golden rule is observed as it should be. But the initial and ultimate test of social progress, and of social efficiency, stands in the degree we have learned to spontaneously obey a good impulse which no fixed print can inscript. And in this respect it is a fair inference that we have some improvement upon the "open door" by the open hand and open purse and the good dextring, which is the richest jewel in the pilgrim script. The "Piu" legacy warms in the pulses of modern blood.

Why Abolish "Shylock?"

Banning of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" from the study courses of the Buffalo schools is to be followed by an effort to have similar action taken in this city, according to report. The repugnance to Shylock as an alleged typical Jew is at the bottom of it, of course, the theory being that as long as Shylock lives the Jewish people are held up to ridicule as overgreedy money-lenders. There is little ground for this belief, at least among the enlightened people of the North American Continent. Shylock may be looked upon as one type of his race in his day, but, as every one knows, the name has since become applicable without regard for race or creed. A Shylock is no longer a Jew, as a better understanding has shown that, among both Jews and Christians, differences are found in traits and characters, aims and ambitions, which make it impossible to draw a sharp racial line. The Jewish people who would abolish Shylock are oversensitive as to the interpretation placed upon him, except among ignorant people. It will be recalled that some years ago the run of popular jokes made the German race the butt, and the German people on this continent worked themselves up into a general protest. The guns of the humorist were then trained on the Irish, with similar results. Today it is the Scots who are getting it, and they—with traditional lack of humor—are burning the midnight oil to make jokes on themselves and are the first to laugh at them. It cannot be said this absence of racial sensitiveness is injuring the Scottish people. Moreover, the Scots have as much cause for offense at some Shakespearean characterizations—if they were inclined to take it that way—as have the Jews. Assuredly it would be a calamity if the literary, ethical and historical values of the "Merchant of Venice" were lost because Shylock stands in the way. Parlia's speech on "the quality of mercy" overshadows the rapacity of the money-lender in interest and effect. Whether or not Shakespeare knew a Shylock, the picture he draws represents the view held among many people of that period. The lesson from the "Merchant of Venice" is not that Shylock was a Jew, but that the world has advanced far in tolerance since his day. The Jewish people have had considerable to do with this. Why seek to wipe out a notable illustration of this race?

The Bells

What a prominent part bells have played in the history of our civilization. Victories have been celebrated by the glad ringing of bells, heroes have been welcomed from the fray; royal marriages and births of heirs to thrones have been thus proclaimed. Then when nations have been plunged into deepest sorrow, battles lost and hope all but gone, these same bells have slowly and solemnly tolled their message of condolence. How deeply associated with village life are the bells. Cattle grazing in quiet meadows in the summer twilight, their tinkling bells lending an air of peace and well-being to the surrounding country. The village church bells calling the faithful to prayer. Down through the centuries the bell in the tiny mountain chapel, and the grand carillon of bells in the majestic cathedral have each in its own particular way served the

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PUBLIC FORUM

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HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE

Sir,—I read with much interest in "Newsy Notes" in a recent issue a few paragraphs on "The Hungarian Partridge." We have had the pleasure of entertaining a few. In November of 1931 we saw for the first time a flock of eleven in one of our shore fields; quite soon they visited the farm yard and by putting out seeds for them they have been induced to feed frequently quite near where we can enjoy watching them. This year they did not make their appearance here until Sunday Dec. 20; number eighteen. Why anyone would wish an open season for shooting them, is a mystery to me. They are perfectly useless as a table fowl—as their little bodies are not a great deal bigger than that of a common thrush, and as they are such valuable helpers in destroying harmful insects—it is indeed poor economy to ruthlessly shoot them; besides nothing would be further from the spirit of sportsmanship. It would be interesting to hear from other sections.

I am, Sir, etc., MRS. GORDON LAIRD North Rustico.

same purpose. To our Canada belongs the distinction of giving to the North American continent the first carillon of bells. In the Metropolitan United Church, at Toronto was installed the first instrument of its kind, April, twenty-second, 1922. Added to this a native-born Canadian musician, Percival Price, a graduate of the Malines School of Carillon Art, give the first carillon music to the people of America. A national carillon raised by popular subscription was set up in the wonderful Peace Tower in the Houses of Parliament, at Ottawa. This was dedicated to "sing forever the glorious memory of Canada's World War dead, and to commemorate the Peace of 1918."

Diner: Waiter, I ordered an egg sandwich and you brought me a chicken sandwich. Waiter: Yes, sir, I was a little late calling for your order.—Pathfinder.

"Well," said a young lawyer, after hearing a client's story, "your case appears to be good. I think we can secure a verdict without much trouble." "That's what I told my wife,"

Louise has a very difficult role in the play. "Difficult? Why, she hasn't a word to say." "Well, what could be more difficult than that?"—The Humorist.

Periodic—Eye Examinations. Are vitally important, whether one's eyes are good or otherwise. Don't wear your glasses for five or ten years, as some do, without re-examination, for in that time serious changes may take place, which if not discovered, may work permanent injury to the most precious sense you possess. Guard your eyes. G. F. HUTCHESON OPTOMETRIST

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