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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink."

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U. S. A. Attitude Changing

In his Kingston speech President Roosevelt lent support to the recent broadcast of his Secretary of State, Mr. Hull, regarding the gradually developing policy of the United States in the present world upheaval. Mr. Hull said that "it will soon no longer be possible for some nations to choose and follow the way of force and other nations at the same time to choose and follow the way of reason. All will have to go in one direction and by one way. Our practical problem," he added, "is that of finding and employing the best methods * * * of cooperating with other nations that are seeking, as we are, to proceed along that way (of reason)."

Canada's Trade Declining

The current issue of the National Revenue Review gives the following authoritative trade figures: Canada's June external trade was computed at \$137,254,532 compared with \$139,914,284 in May and \$109,966,327 in June last year. During the three months ended June, (the total was \$32,317,399 compared with \$47,070,936 in the corresponding three months last year. The value of June imports was \$58,946,698 compared with \$67,123,037 in May and \$75,608,684 in June, 1937. During the first three months of the current fiscal year imports totalled \$171,995,153 compared with \$209,262,200 a year ago.

Too Few Provinces?

From Lake Couchiching, Ontario, where the Central Institute on Economics and Politics has been meeting, comes a new suggestion on the subject of national unity. The speaker, Professor Lever of Wesley College, Winnipeg, contends that Canada's Provinces, instead of being too numerous are too few, and that national unity would be stimulated and developed by splitting up the larger ones, such as Ontario and Quebec into smaller self-governing political units. "Let's break up Ontario and Quebec into five Provinces each," the Professor suggests genially. "The only way to make a country a genuine community is to sink the importance of the local body. The salvation of the United States is that there are 48 States, and not one means a hill of beans compared to the Federal Government. For greater unity don't amalgamate but divide."

talk of attempting to reduce their sizes or change their boundaries now is mere academic futility. Everyone who is capable of giving a few moments of serious thought to the question must realize that, for better or worse, Canada's existing Provincial structure simply has to be accepted as an accomplished fact, as a settled condition which neither speculative nor practical statesmen need ever expect to change materially.

Empire Peace Congress

Because of the urgency of the issue involved, and because of the decisive role which may be played by the British people in the preservation of world peace, importance attaches to the British Commonwealth Peace Congress which will open in Glasgow on Sept. 23. At this Congress, of which the president is the Lord Provost of Glasgow, Sir John Stewart, it is hoped that every shade of political, religious, economic, social and cultural opinion in the Commonwealth will be represented, and it is hoped that from it may emerge a common understanding and a common policy for all the Peace Movements of the world.

Citing some of the names of the sponsors of the Congress will give a notion of the far-reaching ramifications of the Peace Movement. There are some British names closely associated with Conservative policies, such as the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Duchess of Atholl, Lord Robert Cecil. There is Sir Norman Angell, Dr. A. D. Lindsay, the Master of Balliol, Dr. W. Hamilton Fyfe, onetime Principal of Quebec and now Principal of Aberdeen. There is Miss Megan Lloyd George, General Evangeline Booth, the Duke of Montrose, the Earl of Lytton, Chief Rabbi Dr. J. H. Hertz, Lord Buxton, Dame Sybil Thorneycroft, Sir Peter Chalmers-Mitchell, Philip Noel-Baker, Arthur Henderson, William Gallagher.

There are also many Canadians of diverse positions and opinion, Sir Robert Falconer, Dr. Peter Bryce, Principal M. W. Wallace, President Sidney E. Smith, Senator Murdoch, Mayor Queen, Premier Campbell of Prince Edward Island, and many others.

Editorial Notes

Lord Salisbury, "master of gibes and flouts and jeers," died this date, 1903.

This date, 1711, the second English expedition against Quebec was wrecked in the St. Lawrence, 10 ships and 1000 men being lost.

The Montreal Gazette seems to be fast losing its individuality and becoming a mere replica of the Toronto Globe and Mail. That is one of the penalties of associating too intimately with those who believe a newspaper is a personal organ instead of an institution.

His Worship Mayor Foster, accompanied by Councillor Russell Chandler and Recorder, K. M. Martin, K.C., left on Saturday for Ottawa to interview the authorities on the airway scheme. The Mayor has worked very hard on this project since assuming office.

Hon. T. A. Crerar announces that he would be glad to call a conference with Provincial Governments with a view to getting a survey of Canada's undeveloped wealth in agriculture, mining, water power and timber. What! Still another tens of thousands dollar spending commission!

Premier Pattullo, British Columbia, announces he will push the King Government with all his might on the question of immigration from the old country. He is not concerned with what other provinces think or do, he is satisfied what his province needs and must have is greatly increased population to occupy and develop the vast areas available in its central and northern parts.

Colonel Wilfrid Bovey has not forgotten his Maritime experience when he was here on the invitation of the Stewart Government. Addressing an educational conference in Montreal the other day he declared: "If there were a training which would help men and women carry on handicraft work, it would deserve the name of education. Indeed, if education has truly the aim which I suggested, training for handicrafts seems to me to fit into the picture better than training for a great many other activities. We have been inclined to think of handicrafts as something rather far down in the scale of art, separated by a sort of Roman wall from higher manifestations." Col. Bovey said he would like to challenge this notion. "A Nova Scotia rug-maker, a Prince Edward Islander who hooked a map of that province and other handicraft workers expressed their feelings the same as artists who used oils or water colors," he said.

Truro has a new weekly newspaper, The Times, issued every Thursday by the Colchester Printing and Publishing Co., of which Mr. J. Ralph Robson is manager. It is well printed and newsy, and, if Truro has room for another newspaper, is worthy of patronage. Its political attitude may be gauged from the following extract from an editorial in its current issue: "This paper stands for adequate protection on coal in order that our miners may have the full benefit of the home market. We believe the time has come when something must be done if we are ever to get anywhere with our coal mining operations. Our attitude is, we think, based on common sense, for if our miners and our working people generally cannot depend on the home market, how can they expect to depend on foreign markets? While hundreds of thousands of tons of coal are being shipped into this country and consumed, will someone please tell us how much Nova Scotia coal is being exported to other countries? For our part we stand for the best interests of the miners, the farmers, and all others of our working classes, realizing that if they do not have steady employment this country cannot prosper and be progressive. We stand for a fair day's wages for a fair day's work, and an opportunity to work, but at the same time we stand for a fair dividend on capital invested in industry."

NOTES BY THE WAY

The league of nations secretariat reports to the narcotics advisory committee that legal production of morphine throughout the world in 1936 pumped six tons above the year before. The excess morphine was manufactured as military reserves to be used to allay the coming pains of the coming wounds of the coming war—New York Post.

A small child on her first day at school was found in tears by the teacher. When the teacher asked what was wrong the child sobbed: "They say I've got to stay here until I'm fourteen. The teacher smiled and said: "There's nothing to cry about. You're lucky, I've got to stay here until I'm sixty-five!"—Sydney Bulletin.

In a suburb of Salisbury (Rhodesia) there is a little church to which each morning, with great regularity, comes a man and his Alsatian dog. The man goes inside to worship, and the dog lies outside to wait. If, however, twenty minutes, the dog barks his head inside the church door and looks inquiringly up the aisle to the pulpit. It is said that this dog is usually a quarrel with the lay members of the congregation.—Edinburgh Dispatch.

In answering the question as to what will happen in Spain if and when the insurgent forces secure control, General Francisco states: "I will establish a military dictatorship. Furthermore, he says that, 'the old life—irivolous, comfortable, empty—must go, especially where there is such a sound which the people discussed grapples with them. This may not be fascism but it will be a program that will appeal to the working Spaniard.'—Montreal Gazette.

The unwavering defence of civic liberties and efficiency of the C.C.F. platform, and its sincerity is not to be doubted. But with its penchant for planning and its belief in the efficacy of the State, it is sure that, if it were able to establish a socialist regime in Canada, it would not be leaped to put a curb on operating freedom of discussion? Socialists are apt to regard their principles as a religion and to regard opposition to them as coming from the forces of evil, which they might think they were justified in restraining if they had the power. The principle of free discussion means to human progress.—Winnipeg Free Press.

I retain my faith in the fundamental sanity and efficiency of the French. They believe in discussion and in differentiated opinion, without which there can be no advantages of discipline which they know are not worth the sacrifice of liberty. But discussion with men does not end in talk. One of my friends has been a highly-talented horse-gunner, and he described to me the extraordinary way in which the French 75's went to work. In an English gun crew every man has a definite place and movement; and the crew would be all around the gun, all making together, till the piece went off. "Yes," they hit what they fired at?"—Stephen Gwynn, in The Fortnightly Review, London.

Speaking at the British Medical Association conference Dr. C. J. M. Dawkins (London) asked it was more difficult to maintain a smooth anaesthesia with patients with red hair than with those with fair hair or dark hair. In seeing a patient with red hair some "ins" in the gas room, one instinctively pines for difficulty in maintaining a smooth anaesthesia, and this fact was ascertained by investigations, as 0.13 percent of the anaesthetized persons required restraint compared with only 0.05 percent of fair-haired patients and 0.04 of dark-haired patients. Turning to induction time, it was found that fair-haired people were induced on average in 52 seconds, dark-haired people in 62 seconds, and red-haired people in 68 seconds.—London Times.

Mr. Stephen King-Hall, in one of his interesting news letters to "The Englishman," remarks that "the new outbreak of Jewish persecution in Germany, especially in Berlin, is profoundly depressing to all those of whom I am one who seek anxiously for any signs that the rulers of Germany are modifying those of their views which constitute a genuine settlement between Germany and Germany an utter impossibility. Shocking as this particular persecution may be, it is the philosophy underlying it which is the huge obstacle to a genuine understanding between democratic Britain and Nazi Germany. I am sure that I have a good reason to believe that many German citizens deplore this fearful outbreak of barbarism, but they are helpless in a totalitarian regime."—Windsor Star.

Swivel chair sailors have been telling me for 10 years or more that the St. Lawrence is impractical because seagoing is impractical. I am sure that I have a good reason to believe that many German citizens deplore this fearful outbreak of barbarism, but they are helpless in a totalitarian regime."—Windsor Star.

Italian authorities have refused passport visas to 8,000 Italians who wish to spend a holiday in France, but there are no official reasons given. Italy doesn't want money to leave the country and another wish to prevent comparisons in conditions. It is also recalled that travel increases the good-neighbourliness.—Chicago Daily News.

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

SECOND GROWTH TONSILS AND TONSIL TAGS MAY CAUSE ARTHRITIS

A patient consulted his physician about a sore throat. The physician informed him that it was his tonsils that were likely causing the symptoms. The patient smiled and stated that if it were his tonsils he must have grown another pair as he had his tonsils removed when he was ten years old.

The physician made no reply but he knew that the tonsils had not been completely removed at that age or they would not have returned. What tonsils are removed at an earlier age than six years, your throat specialists tell us that they may sometimes return.

There are many patients with arthritis who have their teeth carefully examined by X-ray and other methods who never think of their tonsils being the cause because they had their tonsils removed in childhood. They admit that they have remnants of tonsils, or tags, still present in the throat, and also that they sometimes have a sore throat but there is such a small piece or pieces of the tonsils left that they could not possibly cause the arthritis or rheumatism.

In speaking of these "secondary" tonsils or tonsil stumps, Dr. Paul H. Breunling, New York, in Medical Clinics of North America, states that they are one of the most vicious types of all infected tonsils in producing inflammation of the joints and muscles at distant parts of the body. The great amount of scar tissue which results from the healing of the tonsils covers the surface of the piece of tonsil left in, and underneath this scar there may be much infection. Because this stub tag of tonsil is not a deep or dark red in color, as with the usual infected tonsil, it is not suspected of having this infection. It is not until it is removed that the infection is poured into the blood and arthritis or heart disease may follow.

The thought then in searching for the cause of arthritis is that not only the cases of inflamed tonsils with frequent sore throats should be investigated but these "second growth" tonsils and tags should be investigated also.

The Poet's Corner

ELEGY ON SHAKESPEARE

Renowned Spencer I've a thought more nye Chaucer, and rare Beaumont I've a little better Spencer, to make room for Shakespeare in your threefold, lowland Tomoe. To lodge all four in one bed make a will. Until Doomsday, for hardly will a fifth. Betwixt this day and that by Fate or be slain. For whom your Curtains may be drawn again. If you precedency in death doth have, a fourth place in your sacred sepulcher. Under this carved marble of thine Sleep, rare Tragedian, Shakespeare, sleep alone; Thy unquietest peace, unshared I have. Possess as Lord, not Tenant, of Thy Grave, That unto us and others it may be Honour to be laid by thee.

—William Basse (c. 1602).

should be looking ahead to preparing enlightened leadership for the future. And from whence will it come it not from the ranks of healthy, normal boys, the sons of good parents, the products of the best won advantages of our civilization?—Rotarian Magazine.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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THE AFFLICTION OF DEAFNESS

Sir,—Your correspondent "Experience" presumably is hard of hearing and regards the handicap as a heavy affliction. There are however, two sides to the question, for while deafness undoubtedly increases the struggle for existence, there are advantages of deafness not enjoyed by the majority of people, particularly to the nervous system. In not being subjected, day and night, to the many raucous sounds and noises thrust upon the world by man, beast and machinery and even at times by nature, deaf people are blessed with the very considerable advantage of being able to concentrate their thoughts even when surrounded by talking and other sounds. As a consequence hard of hearing accountants are usually both accurate and systematic in their work. Most of the other professions, however, are closed to the deafened except possibly in some lines of research.

"Experience" complains of ridicule, and not without reason. Does not the blame, however, for this lie almost entirely with those of us hard of hearing who are unwilling to let the world know that we have a handicap? Is it a fact that we place ourselves in both a false and absurd position, so absurd at times that a smile is the least that can be expected, especially from those who are specially fond of humor? "Experience" I would say cultivate the habit of saying a little louder, please, I am hard of hearing."

For those who can be assisted by electric hearing aids much relief can be obtained while the mastering of lip reading makes a deaf person free of the handicap. In the larger cities the "Leagues for the hard of hearing" are doing a great work, not only in teaching lip reading, but by providing social intercourse and engagements of many kinds to their members. I have known many cases in which deafened people have been raised from a state of gloom to an enjoyment of new life, after a few months membership in these leagues.

I am, Sir, etc.

H. K. S. HEMMING LIQUOR AND MILK PROHIBITION

Sir,—The veil of secrecy drawn over the liquor prohibition act, is now applied to the act prohibiting the sale of pure milk and cream. No member of the Assembly has shown courage enough to ask details of sales of liquors be laid on the table of the House and the public furnished with facts to which it is entitled.

Like tactics are being employed to refuse information regarding the regulations of the milk board. Monday, Aug. 8, I wrote Mr. W. J. Breton, Chairman of the Board, asking what quantity constituted "wholesome" and what "retail" under interpretation of the act. The following mail brought me a copy of the "regulations," a paragraph blue marked, I replied that this did not answer my question, making a complaint of a dealer jacking the price up 1c per quart.

At end of week, having no reply I wrote the Minister asking for the details, intimating that in over half a century of intercourse with public departments, federal and provincial, I was a first experience in complaining to a departmental head of a subordinate's discourtesy.

Hon. Mr. Dennis replied, after several days, incorrectly saying that the chairman had written me, that "the Board should be given a short time to furnish an answer that he 'knew the members of this Board are trying to bring this a just and equitable price for the milk." The individual cited "should lodge his complaint with the Board. I am sure this difficulty," Mr. Tanton can be easily rectified if you would bring this case before the Board.

I replied setting forth that if the short functioning of the board could create some relief, it would be jumping prices from 10 per cent to 100 per cent in summer under pasture when feed cost practically nothing to what extreme they go in winter shortage when feed is in request? And further, my purchasing a cow, he was not of the kind, and too busy to consider before a hostile board. That the individual behind doors, but one which should be under general review to which all consumers would benefit.

I pointed out Sec. 5 of the Act, under which the Board were prohibited from making any "findings" without giving all parties an opportunity of being heard in violation of which the regulations were passed. Other facts and laws were cited, which for brevity I omit at present.

The Minister's answer was in effect, that he had conferred with the Chairman of the Board, who "at the end of the meeting will report to me." There was no answer to my main question as to what quantity or retail meant in terms of quantity. He could buy the number of licences issued under the Act to date, in both my letters, I pointed out that a consumer within 1-2 miles of the producer was supplied with milk (delivered) at 3 1/2c per quart, while the same producer, even after paying for all licences, was compelled to charge me 9c for the same commodity.

Of what use is a report to the Minister? The Act compels this, so does the other (Liquor) Prohibition Act. What does the public know of these reports? So far hidden in the secret archives or pigeon holes of a secretive government? Sec. 4, (e) says—"the Board may adjust and settle disputes arising between Consumers—between any two or more classes of such persons engaged in the milk business in order to ensure fair business being carried on." What "fair business" is assured by the report of private behind the doors individual settlements? What excuse

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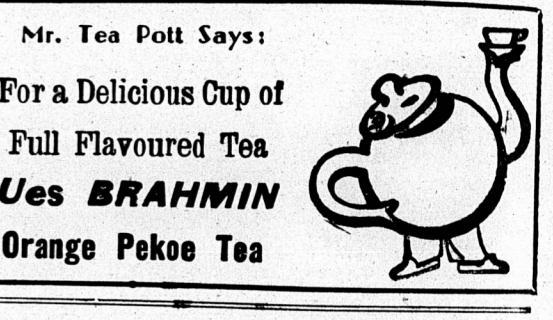
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can be offered for such reprehensible methods? In the public, the consumer, not to be trusted with information concerning his own business? Why in almost all legislation intended to squeeze the public is the right of appeal refused? Is it the knowledge that "half-baked" acts, such as the milk law would be laughed out of court by intelligent jurists? Not only the people but it appears even the judiciary can not be trusted. In the words of Mr. Jones, "That would be giving the consumer power to do what he liked." Of course he would. He could buy where and when he liked and courts would protect him in his British rights and civil liberty. Is our government and its departments the implements of classes and monopolists? Is this another case of the "tail wagging the dog"? Or is this refusal to inform the people, as prescribed by the Act and to "ensure fair business" another example of the chronic high handedness so frequently displayed in their treatment of the interested public? Wherein the harm in letting the public know the number, out of the thousand or more producers who have been licensed, unites in fear to disclose who are the favorites and whom the outcasts? What rational objection is there to declaring for the benefit of all consumers what quantity of milk is considered by the board as wholesome, and what is retail, unless it interferes with the schemes of the combine? Why private settlements (a la National Park methods) in a matter wherein all should have equal rights? Is it one of the prices of affinity with profiteers? How long is the Jaegermatt of increasing taxation and the oppression of dictators going to continue crushing the consumers and helpless taxpayers of the community? I am, Sir, etc. LEWIS F. TANTON Use Minard's for burns.

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