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Much Ado About Nothing

A singular item appeared in the press recently which credited PRIME MINISTER MACKENZIE KING with having assured Canada a steady market for wheat in France by a visit which he paid to PRIME MINISTER BLUM.

On The Preferred List

Word has been received from the American College of Surgeons, which will soon hold its twenty-sixth annual congress at Philadelphia, that all hospitals in Prince Edward Island have been placed on the "approved" list.

What Price Isolation?

"Imperialism" under the present regime at Ottawa is in somewhat bad odour. It is coming to be regarded in official Liberal quarters as smacking too much of "Toryism", "flag-wagging", and all that kind of thing.

Editorial Notes

"Hand-outs" such as the Taschereau Government practised has resulted in a deficit of \$18,000,000 which the industrious taxpayers must pay.

The best guarantee of peace after all, if people would only realize it, is the practical application of the Golden Rule. That begins in the home—not with our neighbors.

Youth is coming back all right. The freshmen of Princeton University have voted for compulsory chapel, which was abolished for upper classmen last year after a heated controversy.

A "hair-raiser", indeed! The barber of ancient days had his cure for baldness, too; one recipe coming down to us reading as follows: 'Mix together fat of lion, fat of hippopotamus, fat of the crocodile, fat of the cat, fat of the serpent, and rub the mixture in the hair.'

The City of Brandon, Man., which has been experiencing hard sleighing financially, for some time, applied to the Provincial Government for an administrator. The Bracken Government has not complied wholly with their request, but suggested, which suggestion has been acted upon, the appointment of Mr. E. A. R. McPherson, former Provincial Treasurer and Municipal Commissioner, as Financial Supervisor.

A flock of wild geese, estimated to number 1,000 settled on the Niagara River Saturday for their annual frolic with the falls. As in past years, the geese rode the river currents to the brink of the falls and then soared back up the river, forming an almost endless chain.

Mr. Raoul Blanchard, human geographer, Paris, France, has been making a survey of the Province of Quebec, and was entertained by the University of Montreal. In reply to the toast of his health, Mr. Blanchard said that what had struck him most was the helpfulness and hospitality of the people.

The United States may be without a President January 20 if the party alignment in the new House of Representatives close, a study of statutes reveals. The novel possibility is viewed by Congressional legal experts as a technical danger arising out of the Norris "lame duck" amendment, which calls for inauguration of the next President on January 20 instead of March 4.

Over 6,300 road accidents which last year brought death to 6,500 people are analyzed in a return by the Ministry of Transport. Examine, classify, and weigh this casualty list as you will, the underlying cause is solely this—that the Highway Code is still no more than a scrap of paper.

Speaking to Rover Scouts from several Canadian provinces and states of the American union during their dinner dance held in Montreal on Saturday night, Mr. A. R. Allan said that both movements, Rotary Clubs and Boy Scouts, were founded to combat the prejudices and narrow outlook of the time.

The most exciting event of last week was the hurricane that didn't. For several days a whole continent of us were kept on tenterhooks as the newspapers charted the slow but inexorable advance of a mammoth of furious winds against the Atlantic sea board.

Quite incidentally, suggests the Post, it would also have been of aid to Mr. KING and his ministers in their negotiation for renewals of the Ottawa Agreements with Great Britain and other Dominions. Truly Mr. KING's and Mr. MACKENZIE's statements are not going to help to prepare the ground for friendly agreement upon new treaties.

Notes by the Way

Mrs. Robert Bazley of London, Eng., who like her husband, the big game hunter, is a noted traveller, in an interview at Quebec stated that "Canada is the cleanest place I have ever seen, and the streets and shops, and especially the railway stations, are the cleanest in the world, I think."

Great Britain's primary interest is to see to it, that the rivalry over Spain does not split Europe into actual and openly allied Communist and Fascist blocs. Russia's intervention now might not, probably would not, lead to immediate war, but it would make that division. The day this happens, British influence on the future policies of Europe will be lost.

The attitude of the Labour party in England should be taken to heart by certain pacifists in this country, who imagine that Canada needs no defences or no armaments, who would have Canada, in case of war, isolate herself from the Empire.

The contrast with what might have been McMahon's fate in another land is striking. Had he been in Germany, for example, the summary execution of the poor Dutchman, Van der Lubbe, hounded into a "confession" of burning the Reichstag, suggests what would have happened. Or, had he been in Russia, the mass slaughter of the Kirov conspirators and, more recently, the alleged Trotskyist plotters, leaves little to the imagination as to what the sentence for "alarming" Stalin would be.

From official instructions issued to Italian captains by Mussolini's press bureau: "On pain of severe penalties you are to abstain from any expressions of mawkishness and tenderness with regard to the Abyssinians. No sentimental episodes or fraternization. An absolute and clear division is to be made between the dominating race and the dominated race."

And the next day the press reported another windstorm "lost" at sea. There is a moral of course. You can't beat the hurricane system.—Saturday night.

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The Poor Sandwich

A correspondent of the New York Times writes that paper to take issue with the popular impression that the sandwich was invented by John Montagu, fourth Earl of Sandwich, who lived from 1718 to 1792. The correspondent says it was the invention "of the great Jewish teacher, Rabbi Hillel the prince, who lived between 70 B. C. and 70 A. D."

The Shorter Oxford dictionary defines a sandwich as "two slices of bread with layers of sliced meat, usually beef or ham (or later any comestible), placed between," and gives due credit to the fourth Earl for its origin. That eminent peer—of whom the Encyclopaedia Britannica says that for "corruption and incapacity" his administration as First Lord of the Admiralty "is unique in the history of the British navy"—was an inveterate gambler.

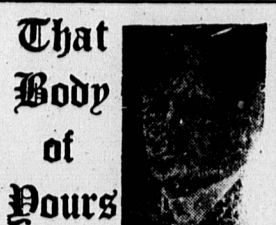
But this simple scheme for eating meat without quitting the gaming table unfortunately has lost its simplicity as two centuries have rolled around. The modern and highly cultivated sandwich is a long way indeed from the bread and meat with which the fourth Earl satisfied his hunger. It has become a complicated structure with as many decks as the Queen Mary. It is built for its decorative effects. It is done in color schemes and fancy designs. It is erected in tiers and sliced down to the minute dimensions of a sparrow's appetite.



Saddle the horses of our dreams. We ride With morning toward the mountain in the west. This land is burnt to ashes and the wood Moves darkly down the hills, once more to take What was so hardy won and now is lost. Saddle the horses. There's no living here. The cities crumble, buildings turn to sand Beneath our hands, lay open to our eyes The dried white bones of men immured therein For other ends than are the ends of love. This continent is ribbed with steel that goes So far; but we go farther and beyond The rotting final tie our fathers laid. Saddle the horses. Crash the dank. We move With morning toward a new and unknown land. —Edward J. Fitzgerald in Poetry.

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OTHER ORGANS BESIDES INFECTED TEETH AND TONSILS MAY CAUSE RHEUMATISM

Sometimes the "joke" column will have this little fling at the doctors and dentists. "The patient has had all his teeth removed but he still has rheumatism."

Now it is easily possible that the patient still has his rheumatism with teeth removed if in addition to infected teeth, the cause of his rheumatism was infected tonsils or gall bladder or the result of constipation.

Fortunately with the use of the X-ray teeth are not removed unless they are infected and are a menace to health whether or not they are the cause of rheumatism. A rule in medicine, taught to all students, is to look for the commonest causes first in any ailment, and as infected tonsils and teeth stand first as a cause of rheumatism, naturally the physician first looks to the mouth in seeking the cause.

Now while infected teeth or tonsils may be the cause of 75 percent of those cases of rheumatism due to focal infection (when infection from one part or organ of the body is carried to another part as from the tonsil to the knee joint) there is the other 25 percent which is caused by infection from other organs—gall bladder, sinuses, large intestine and others. Therefore in searching for the infected part or organ causing the rheumatism the physician must keep in mind the entire list, and check off each one after it has been thoroughly examined and found to be free of infection.

You can readily see that if only the tonsils are removed and infected teeth are also a part of the cause of the rheumatism, the symptoms of rheumatism will remain present. The removal of one or two of the sources of infection while others are allowed to remain present and active will almost invariably result in failure to relieve the symptoms. The point then is that physicians and patients must keep in mind that even with removal of infected teeth and tonsils—the commonest cause of rheumatism—there may be other sources of infection present that must be diligently searched for if relief is to be obtained.

The most common source of the infections that cause rheumatism are (a) the mouth and teeth, (b) the throat and tonsils, (c) the sinuses, (d) the middle ear, (e) the male and female generative organs, (f) the appendix, (g) the colon or large intestine, (h) the kidneys and bladder, and (i) the gall bladder.

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