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Diplomatic Crisis Averted

Governor Long, of Louisiana, U. S. A., who created a twenty-four hour diplomatic crisis by receiving the Commander of a visiting German cruiser in a red and blue dressing gown and bedroom slippers, will likely go down in history along with that Chicago Mayor who is reputed to have replied to a social sally of the Queen of Belgium: "Queen, you said a mouthful." In the land of the free and the home of the brave, one does not require to be versed in the niceties of diplomatic procedure to qualify for high positions of state. Poor Governor Long thought it would be quite all right to treat the representatives of the naval forces of the German republic "just like folks" and was surprised when they resented it. To show that his intentions were all right, he had the harbour boat ordered, returned the commander's call in hastily borrowed articles of formal morning attire, and presented his apologies. But Governor Long must still be wondering what all the fuss was about. Didn't he wear the thirty-five dollar "lounge robe" given him by the State Banking Department for Christmas? What more did they want? Didn't Abe Lincoln use to entertain friends in his sock feet with his braces flopping? And who the Sam Hill was Commander Lothar Von Arnault de La Pierre of the German Cruiser Emden, anyway? To a he-man like Governor Long, to whose democratic eye the social difference between a kimona and a swallow-tailed coat is a trifle light as air, the origin of the whole embarrassing affair will forever remain a profound mystery.

Champions Not Lacking

A few days ago the local New Zealand butter propagandist referred to The Guardian as having "constituted itself a lone champion of the dairy interests." This belated recognition, we confess, was a source of considerable gratification to us; it defined exactly the difference between our attitude and the attitude of those elected representatives of the province who have shirked their duty of championing the interests of our greatest agricultural industry and have cravenly gone over to the... p. Mr. A. E. McLean, M. P., who boasts of being "the farmers' friend," and whose constituency comprises some of the best butter makers in Canada, finds himself, along with Messrs. Sinclair and Jenkins, Liberal representatives of the dairy producers of Queen County, an uneasy bedfellow of the Deachmans and other out-and-out opponents of agricultural relief. Just what excuse Mr. McLean will be able to give for his desertion of the farmers' interests we do not know. He has been noticeably silent on the matter of New Zealand butter importations; but his silence can only be construed as consent to everything that the King Government has done or that its incautious party organ in this Province has said or will say on the subject. Mr. McLean is not given to violent or abusive language; but he must often have been tempted to comment profanely upon the suicidal methods adopted locally in defense of the policy to which his party has committed itself.

It is scarcely correct, however, to credit The Guardian with being a "lone" champion of the dairy interests. The Conservative party is solidly behind the policy of adequate protection for all our agricultural products. And not only the Conservatives, but the western free traders, are condemning the Australian treaty. When a man like Mr. Gardner, Progressive leader in the House of Commons, who has been foremost in attacking tariffs and denouncing protection, gets up and protests against this lowering of the bars on the basis of its injurious results to the producers he represents, there would appear to be little need of further argument on the local question.

Mr. Dunning, too, has recently been approached by the Southern Alberta sheep breeders with a resolution informing him that they "view with alarm the steady increase in the importation of mutton and other meats from Australia and New Zealand" and urging upon him, as Minister of Finance, the necessity of an upward revision of the tariff to coincide with the duties in force on meat imports prior to the negotiation of the Australian treaty. Mr. Dunning has diplomatically handed the resolution over to the tariff board. He was too astute a politician to tell the farmers of Alberta that they didn't know what they were talking about when they insisted that their sheep industry was being threatened. He left that for Mr. Deachman, alias the "Consumers' League", to do. Mr. Deachman, not being a sitting politician, can afford to be the "goat."

The local Liberal organ, instead of following Mr. Deachman's example, would have been better advised to walk softly like the wily Mr. Dunning. It was rash to have credited The Guardian with being the "lone" champion of the dairy interests; rasher still to use the term by way of reproach. Everyone knows that the Liberal press and politicians are opposed to our dairy interests, but there is a body of opinion, increasing with every shipment of New Zealand products dumped into this country, that favors the Conservative policy of adequate protection in the home market, and it is this body of opinion, representative now of every Province in the Dominion, that the King Government will have to face at the next election. And if, before the election, the Government, for political reasons, decides to give tariff protection to our farmers, what an unenviable predicament the local New Zealand butter champion will be in!

Still Yelping

The local Liberal organ still endeavors to persuade its readers, who have not yet been supplied with any report of Rev. Mr. Harding's address on Prohibition, that The Guardian's report was "garbled." It challenges us to mention a single paragraph in which Mr. Harding spoke of the efficacy and advantages of Government Control. Of course he didn't! No such statement appeared in his address nor in The Guardian's report of his address. Mr. Harding is a strong prohibitionist. That is what makes his indictment of the Saunders administration so convincing. The Guardian intimated editorially, as it had a perfect right to do, that Mr. Harding's remarks betrayed a widespread ignorance of the advantages of the Government Control system; but so far as his remarks on the prohibition situation were concerned, not even the Government organ has dared to question them.

The silence of the Liberal press and politicians on the whole disgraceful situation in Summerside, which was the main theme of Mr. Harding's address, is more damning than words. Mr. Harding specifically asked why a certain section of the press has remained silent. Can the Patriot answer? Let it publish Mr. Harding's remarks in full, and its readers will then be able to judge, both of the accuracy of The Guardian's report and of the present state of prohibition enforcement in Premier Saunders' home town.

Let it "put up" or "shut up"!

Editorial Notes

The United States at present has a fleet of 1,725 vessels engaged in carrying the nation's ocean-borne foreign commerce. This contrasts with a fleet of 2,947 vessels operated under the British flag. In tonnage the British fleet is more than 80 per cent. the greater, its tonnage total being 17,683,755 as against 9,658,183 for the United States. Yet the United States insists that its demands for naval protection are on a par with Great Britain.

Notes By The Way

Another straw indicating an early Dominion election made its appearance in the New Brunswick legislature the other day. It had been confidently anticipated, and generally accepted, that the New Brunswick election would be held in June. Since last fall word went out to the polls from both Government and opposition headquarters to prepare for an early dissolution this year, and an election in that month. Since the opening of the year, however, there has been some let up in preparations, and the explanation was forthcoming at the opening of the Legislature. In replying to an invitation of the Hon. R. R. Bruce, Lieut. Governor of British Columbia, (who was present en route to England), to visit him in September next, Premier Baxter grimly replied that it was probable the members would at that time find something else to fully occupy their time, so that they would be unable to accept the invitation.

It is conjectured that in consequence of an expected Federal election in June or early July, the Government of New Brunswick has considered it advisable to postpone the Provincial election (which must take place this year) to the Fall. It is unlikely that two elections would be staged for the end of the year, so it may be taken for granted that Mr. Mackenzie King contemplates a June election this year, or intends postponing the evil day (for him) till 1931.

Credit is being claimed by Nova Scotia for the oldest railway man in Canada, he having joined the Inter-Colonial Railway in 1877. Prince Edward Island can beat that by the 11 years, as the Honorary President of the Island Division of the C. N. R. Veterans Association was a station-master on the old European and American Railway in New Brunswick in 1866. If "records" are wanted in age, agriculture, or honorable length of service no one need attempt to pass by this Province.

That the Mackenzie King Government has no love for this Province has been well established, and if further evidence is required it is to be found in the declaration of Postmaster General Veniot that Prince Edward Island is not entitled to a health grant under the Rockefeller Foundation because we have no medical school. A statement who had any regard for this Province would have said that the conditions of the Rockefeller foundations would require to be altered to include Prince Edward Island, as the cream of her brains went to enhance the reputations of the universities of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario. But no, the Hon. Mr. Veniot seizes the pretext in order to "knock" this province.

Mr. Veniot adopted a similar attitude to Nova Scotia over the air mail service. "He knocked" that Province, and was looked upon with such contempt, that last month when the Halifax Board of Trade held a banquet to boom Nova Scotia, an apology for absence from the Postmaster General was received with roars of derisive laughter. Now Mr. Veniot has sent a letter to the Mayor of Halifax that it is his intention to make Halifax the eastern terminus of the Government air service! Perhaps an approaching election helped him see the error of his ways.

Evidently it is becoming a fashion for United States dignitaries to apologise to German powers-that-be or were. The instance has just been recorded of the Governor of Louisiana apologising to German Naval officers for receiving them officially in his silk pyjamas and glaringly hued dressing gown. Some excuse must be allowed the Southern governor for his breach of etiquette. In the southern states they love display, and colour is their second nature. Under the democratic rule, however, the only official dress a Governor may wear is an evening dress suit, and nothing looks more hideous and out-of-place than an evening dress suit worn in the morning. Here were German officers coming to visit His Honour officially in all the gay panoply of Naval uniforms, and he had nothing to don but his night-before suit. As it was a morning visit why not wear his customary morning attire which was much more attractive and awe-inspiring than his "other suit"? The suggestion seemed a brilliant one and was acted upon, the German officers in their blue and gold finding themselves completely outshone when His Honour appeared in gay green silk pyjamas, blue silk slippers, and blue and red dressing gown. Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like Governor Long of Louisiana. But it does not always pay to outline in glory and colour even German republicanism, and a twenty-four hour diplomatic crisis between Washington and Berlin ensued, resulting in the ambitious Governor tendering the German admiral an apology—no doubt personally in his old swallow-tail coat.

We have still another apology being

That Body of Yours By James W. Bartles, M.D. TO GET A CLEAR SKIN

In these days when to have a clear soft skin is considered desirable by men as well as women, I often wonder why more thought is not given to what gives and maintains a nice skin.

Where the skin is harsh, gray looking, perhaps pasty in appearance, or has blemishes of any kind, the first thought with many individuals is to use some special soap, cream, powder, or salve.

Now there are conditions where these applications are helpful, as they stimulate the skin in this particular part, increase the circulation, and improvement can be noted.

But I have particularly in mind that dead dry looking skin so often noticed.

Now it has been found in treating certain chronic skin ailments, eczema for instance, that diet is the most important factor in bringing about a cure.

Sometimes it has been tomatoes, too many potatoes, too much bread, too much fresh fruit that were the underlying causes of harsh skin.

Research men, with the above experience in mind, have been experimenting with food, and its effect upon the skin, and found that the diet of these individuals with dry, harsh, gray skin was made up mostly of those four main articles, meat, potatoes, bread, and pie or pastry.

These are serviceable foods, all of them, and should be eaten, as they have plenty of starch for energy purposes and the meat is a body builder, but they lack certain essentials, certain vitamins, mineral substances. They are too "acid."

Accordingly by lessening the amount of meat, potatoes, bread and pastry, and adding milk, fresh cooked vegetables, fresh fruit and lettuce, they have given to the blood the elements necessary to give the skin its rightful appearance, clear, a good color, soft, and pliable.

Now if these foods are doing this for the skin, what must they be doing for all the internal tissues of the body. If these foods are making the skin "young" in appearance, they will do the same for the lining of the blood vessels, kidneys, liver, and other organs.

Remember you are to eat meat or eggs, bread and potatoes, in smaller quantities and add fresh cooked vegetables, milk, fruits and lettuce.

This is a simple method of securing and retaining a good clear skin.

The Poet's Corner FROST SONG

Here where the bee slept and the orchid lifted Her honeying pipes of pearl, her velvet lip, Only the sweet leaves of the oak lie dried.

In sombre fellowship; Here where the flame-weed set the lands alight Lies the bleak upland, webbed and crowned with white.

Build high the logs, O love, and in thine eyes Let me believe the summer lingers late.

We shall not miss her passive pageant, We are not desolate, When on the sill, across the window bars, Kind winter flings her flowers and her stars.

—Marjorie L. C. Piekthall.

THE LAND WE LOVE By FRANK VEIGH

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES Q. What are the figures regarding alcoholic beverages? A. The consumption of alcoholic beverages for the fiscal year 1928 was, spirits, 4,105,982 gals; malt liquors, 58,626,873 gals; native wines, 4,306,422 gals; imported wine, 1,181,192 gals.

Why Doctors Vaccinate (Manitoba Free Press)

The Vancouver Sun has gone off the deep end over an article reprinted by the Michigan Department of Health from the Journal of the Medical Health Society. Admittedly crude, the article in question deals with the income which would accrue to the doctors of that state if and when immunization for diphtheria and smallpox is the general practice.

The Sun is all upset over it. It adds a deck head to the effect "Medical Trust Unmasked," and is well away. "The business of operations and serums has reached such colossal proportions as a business that it is little wonder the public is taking steps to defend itself from the vicious greed of the medical profession.... The vaccines and serum business has got into the hands of rich and unscrupulous drug combines which have been using the medical doctors to work up scares so that whole communities and schools and little children can be filled with putrid rot as so much per." Thus the Sun and so on for several paragraphs.

What it does not mention is a further paragraph from the offending document which reads thus "Local immunization in towns, schools or institutions have been the direct cause of the total absence of and diphtheria in these restricted areas. The county medical societies of four counties sponsored the immunization of all the school children of their respective counties. The result was a reduction of one-half the diphtheria deaths."

In the period of adjustment between curative and preventive medicine there is bound to be among the profession a certain proportion—a small proportion be it said to their honor—who see in prevention a cutting down of the field of practice which they have come to regard as their vested right. No doubt that the computation as made by the Michigan Medical Society and broadcasted by the state department was to meet this apprehension. In the face of the scourge of diphtheria and smallpox it becomes a rather horrifying spectacle, it is true, to ask for enlistment against these on the grounds of monetary returns. But the situation may be better understood when it is remembered that it really is the presentation of an argument for the economic value of preventive practice as well as curative practice. And after all, before becoming too superior, it is well to consider that doctors have to pay coal bills and taxes "even as you and I." But legitimate or not, there is nothing whatever in the presentation of the truth that preventive medicine may be a lucrative practice to obviate the claims of the blessing of diphtheria and smallpox immunization.

Winnipeg can supply data along diphtheria immunization lines. Begun here in the city schools in 1923, in two years the system was covered and now is carried on from year to year, the concentration being in Grade 1 where danger of infection is most imminent. In 1923 there were 1,285 cases and 34 deaths which in 1928 was cut down to 606 cases and 21 deaths. In each of these years a certain proportion did not belong to the city but were brought in from surrounding municipalities. During this time the use of the toxoid in private practice has been a steady factor. Winnipeg's experience and that of every other community where immunization is practised supports the view that in this toxoid has been found an ally for childhood against one of its most dreaded enemies. And if a doctor is paid for administering it, why not? He would be paid for treating a case. What the Vancouver Sun should do is to address its passionate periods to the Undertakers' Association.

For rescuing the crew of the Canadian motor-schooner Quaco Queen in the Atlantic in January, W. D. Congdon, chief officer and eight seamen of the steamship Manistee, have received from King George of England the bronze medal for gallantry in saving life at sea.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

offered from an American to a German—in this instance a distinguished author bows the knee and metaphorically kisses the hand of—whom? No other than ex-Kaiser Bill. Mr. Pontney Bigelow of New York, we are told is going to Doorn to apologise to the ex-Kaiser for his bitter anti-German attitude during the war as he is now convinced "William the Second did his best to keep the peace!" Next thing we'll be told America did not win the war.

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

IMPROVED ROADS WANTED

Sir,—I admit the snow plow made a nice road early in the winter when there was very little snow to move and good weather; it took almost three weeks to go from Charlottetown to Mount Stewart and back. How long would it take now? I venture to say it would not make a road from Charlottetown to Mount Stewart and back in two months. I mean a road, not a narrow tunnel where two sleighs cannot pass. In the first place public opinion did not demand it, and the administration that does not cater to public opinion is doomed. What did Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Premier of Ontario say to a delegation a month ago? He said this: "That public opinion did not demand it and that settled it."

In the second place the road snow plow machine has no place to put the snow. In an open country like this where drifts will run half a mile and cuttings are deep, the road should be made from fence to fence to give the machine a chance. It is all right to work it near the city, and even then it would need to be a wider road than I have seen made on cemetery hill. It is not saying too much to say that the snow plow is premature. Prepare the road in the good old summer time. Admitting there was a good road from Charlottetown to Mt. Stewart there are not three men would shovel the snow from their garage to take out a car. It is admitted by nearly everybody that the St. Peter's road is the levellest and best road out of Charlottetown for autoists. Safety first being the slogan from the Atlantic to the Pacific, why not cut off some of the curves and that would be a standing monument to any Government. For instance, run a trial line from Hector Darrach's work shop to Mill's gate, this would cut off that terrible curve at McLaughlin's culvert. This culvert is too narrow and the foundation is not good, it is rumored. This would go a long way towards straightening it, the curve in its place would be slight, compared to what it is now. It would not take a Deleeseps to do it either. Then there are a couple of places from Smith's Forge to Tracade Station where bad curves could be cut off. This is necessary work and the country would approve of it, the money would be well spent.

Our Legislature will soon meet, and the report of the business of the House will be interesting reading. If the Opposition are awake we will know the cost of the snow plow and what it cost to make the road from Charlottetown to Mount Stewart; the auditing of the Public Works

Account, etc. We want no white washing of the affairs of this Province. Again I warn this Government that the last three elections showed that there was considerable independent votes, that limited each government to four years, and this is going to happen again. Yes there is a political cemetery ahead, and the next election will tell who will be buried in it. I am, Sir, etc.,

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