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War Debts Unpayable

The U.S.A. was looking for payment of its instalments of war debts this week, but in vain. Only from Finland, a creation of the World War, can the United States expect payment. Twelve other war debtors already are in default to a grand total of \$1,314,821,109, and \$205,388,754 due last Tuesday swells that to \$1,520,210,863. Finland notified the State Department May 20 that its debt instalment of \$10,314,300 would be paid on schedule. Most of the debtor nations attribute failure to meet their obligations to unsettled world economic conditions. Britain's position is that so long as her debtors fail to pay what they owe her she cannot further reduce her obligations to the United States. Britain has already repaid \$2,025,000,000, but interest piling up has brought the total still owed to \$7,108,000,000, which is more than the original loans. Englishmen point out that all the gold in London would not liquidate the debt, and the United States, already holding the largest gold stores in the world, would merely have to show more gold in vaults out of world commercial channels. Payments in raw materials or manufactured goods, those observers say, would only add to the jumbled trade situation, since both nations are attempting to sell more to the other across a complicated set of tariffs and quota barriers.

Liberals Disappointed

With further regard to the rift between Premier H. H. Stevens and Prime Minister King, as well as the alleged defection of Hon. Mr. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, an exchange notes that it has been said many times that Mr. King was a thorough Liberal out of office but an orthodox Conservative in office, and in this connection it is recalled that from 1922 to 1930 the Liberal leader frequently complained he never commanded a sufficient majority to give effect to the kind of policies which he thought his Liberal supporters had a right to ask. In the past two years, it is pointed out, he has had behind him the largest majority ever accorded a party Government at Ottawa, and this is one of the facts which has prompted Western and Quebec Liberals to insist upon a return to the kind of Liberalism they thought they were enjoying when they voted in the fall of 1935. More than once it has been declared that it was only on liberal policy that the Liberals and the Conservatives could be differentiated, but last session Western Liberals complained the present tariff was still higher than when their party went out of office in 1930, and Mr. Bennett, in the closing days of the session in April, made some devastating tariff comparisons.

The United Front

His Honour Lieutenant Governor DeBlois and Hon. Mr. LeBorgne both express their admiration of the marvellous demonstration of loyalty and enthusiasm at the Coronation ceremonies in London. It was this which seems to have made the greatest impression on every observant eye-witness, even those from non-Empire countries. Writing in The New Statesman and Nation a Chicago journalist, Howard Vincent O'Brien, thus sums up his experience: "To one coming from revolutionary Mexico by way of the turbulent United States, the unity and decorum of the British is overpowering. If I were an agitator I think I should waste no time planting seed in English soil. And if I were a cardboard Caesar I think I should rattle my sabre a trifle less. England, with her Oxford cath, her Hyde Park rabble rousers, her pacifist philosophers, her dawkings in the Mediterranean and the antics of her madcap Prince, has given the world a wholly false impression. As I sloshed through the rain after the Coronation, my ears cocked to catch what I could of the talk in the streets, it came over me that the Lords of Britain have what the Lords of no other land have—a people who will obey orders, and obey them because they want to obey them. There is talk everywhere about the United Front. England is the only place I have seen it."

Liberal Paper Indignant

Charlottetown is not the only city which is feeling the pinch of financing unemployment relief. According to the Winnipeg Free Press (Liberal), Winnipeg, after struggling and worrying over this problem, has finally been notified that its bank credit for this purpose has been exhausted. Almost 34 per cent. of the entire area of the city has reverted to the city for taxes. Buildings are being torn down and more are coming into tax sale. Assessment has been falling steadily and as a result the municipal revenue in 1937 from real estate is \$1,510,000 less than it was in 1932. There is no money now in sight for relief in Winnipeg after June 30, except what the Province and Dominion are prepared to contribute. "The responsibility," says the Free Press, "comes right home to the Dominion—a responsibility which has been shamefully evaded for years. But the present situation would not have developed if the Provincial Government had not failed to impress sufficiently upon the Dominion the impossible position of the city with respect to the relief burden."

The bank, it is explained, had been advancing the city 40 per cent. of the total relief bill in Winnipeg, or more than \$1,500,000 a year. It requested that this be reduced by 50 per cent., which would require the two governments to increase their joint contributions from 60 to 80 per cent. This could not be arranged, and the bank has issued its ultimatum. The actual money, says the Winnipeg Liberal paper, will now have to be provided by the Do-

minion, making whatever arrangement it can with the Province. And it adds: "The Royal Commission may have something to say about the gross overburdening of the cities of Canada with relief expenditure. In any case, they should maintain an unyielding fight against the entirely unjust policy of the Dominion in forcing this cruel load upon them because of the theory of local responsibility which is quite inapplicable under present conditions."

It is pointed out that in Great Britain the municipalities are not burdened with the cost of unemployment relief, which is taken care of by the National Government through its unemployment insurance and unemployment assistance schemes. The cities care only for unemployed who need assistance.

Our Winnipeg contemporary might have added that the chief election pledge of the present Dominion Government was to deal with "the present emergency conditions" of unemployment and to establish, among other things, a national system of unemployment insurance. It is therefore on safe ground in denouncing the King administration for failing to face its obligations in this important respect.

Editorial Notes

The Battle of Waterloo, 1815.

All seems now set for a bountiful harvest.

The average American will consume about 125 pounds of potatoes this year, according to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

The Acting Minister of Finance has found it necessary to desert Ottawa to lend assistance to Premier Macdonald in the Nova Scotia election.

Reading between the lines of Sir John Aird's optimism one realizes that neither Canada nor the Mother Country is out of the woods of European unrest and war threatenings.

Olympic swimming pools in Germany which were open last Summer to all races and nations now are closed to Jews of any nationality. Over the main entrance is a large placard reading: "Entrance Prohibited to Jews. A semi-pagan ceremony of the Summer solstice will be celebrated at the main Olympic Stadium on June 21 under the patronage of Dr. Joseph Goebbels, Minister of Popular Enlightenment and Propaganda."

Three delegates sent by General Francisco Franco, leader of the Spanish Insurgents, to German's Strength Through Joy convention received a big ovation at Hamburg. The Spaniards, wearing Phalangist (Fascist) uniforms, appeared at memorial services at which foreign delegations laid wreaths at the tomb of Hamburg's Unknown Soldier. "New Spain honors eternal Germany," the Spanish tribute was inscribed. The Strength Through Joy movement is the recreational branch of the German Labor Front.

Rotarians will be interested to know that Mr. Bruce Williams of Joplin, Mo., has been elected first vice president of Rotary International at the first meeting of the new board of directors in Nice, France. The convention ended with optelection of vice presidents. Other named were Armando de Arruda de Pereira, Brazil and Carlos P. Romulo of Manila. At the final session, it was proposed that Rotary raise \$2,000,000 during 1937 to contribute to world peace through exchange of students and other steps for improving international understanding. Officers said the plan was under consideration.

More than one-fourth of the officers of the Salvation Army in Japan have withdrawn from the organization and formed a rival army with the avowed intention of purging the ranks of Anglo-Saxon influence. The seceding officers—113 out of 400—issued a manifesto urging all members of the Army in Japan to join the new organization. They charged the London headquarters of the Army dominated the Japanese branch. The fight for control of the Army was said to have resulted from the recent dismissal of two high Japanese officers in the Army and an attempt to try them by S. A. court martial.

Mrs. Joan Sutherland, wife of a Colonel, will now be more careful of her gossip when in mixed company after her experience in the Simpson libel case. She repeated in a London West-end restaurant the story, about the Duchess of Windsor's second husband having been bribed to allow his wife to divorce him, without knowing a sister of Simpson was seated at a neighboring table. When his sister informed him of Mrs. Sutherland's remarks, Simpson felt compelled to resort to legal action to halt the stories once and for all. The defendant apologized and denied any intent to damage Simpson's reputation, and thereupon Simpson withdrew his case on condition Mrs. Sutherland paid expenses, which must have been considerable.

The U.S.A. used to be uncompromisingly pacifist, in the words of the late President Wilson, being "too proud to fight". Bitter experience undeceived and converted them to the necessity of preparedness, and now no nation in the world is going ahead faster in armament production and personnel training than our friends to the South. At an eight-day centenary celebration of the purchase of Governor's Island from the Indians Bishop William T. Manning condemned the extreme pacifist position as "neither sound sense nor sound religion." Sound religion and sound sense always go together. We must do everything in our power to prevent and eliminate war and to remove its causes. But we cannot eliminate war simply by passing resolutions against it and by pledges that we will take no part in it any more than we can eliminate crime and disease by such action. "If we wish our land to be protected, we must provide for its protection; if we wish to see law and right and peace maintained in the world, we must do our part in the necessary police work, and if we are to do this we must be prepared to do it effectively."

Notes By The Way

To this day dictatorship has failed to convert to its own cause a single nation experienced in the ways of democratic government. Where has it scored its greatest victories. In Russia, which, for centuries under political absolutism and has now returned to it, after a brief interlude lacking any means of measuring the loss of something it has never really had. In Italy which had fifty years of national unity before the war, but comparatively little success in achieving a stable parliamentary system. In Germany, where democracy before the war was always something of a green concealing the authority of these in positions of real power and where democracy after the war was a makeshift device ordained to failure by the adversities which beset a vanquished nation. It is no great triumph for dictatorship to have established itself in these three nations.—New York Times.

The "old swimming hole" of former days has suffered as a result of the automobile and it has become the custom of those on outings to venture into unfamiliar waters on Summer outings. Often such swimming is undertaken on small parties, with little help available in case of accidents. Every farm boy and girl is justifiably learning to swim, but their training should be under supervision in streams and lakes where conditions are known. Swimming in strange waters is always dangerous and should be avoided.—Maritime.

On a store shelf at Potsdam, New York, the other day, a druggist discovered six dusty packages wrapped in yellowed papers torn from an 1859 almanac. Each package contained eight ounces of the fine black sand which was sifted over writing papers to develop the ink before blotting papers were developed.—Frederick Gleaser.

What is he, or what has he? Which verb do we use in our introduction of a new acquaintance? It is a question of the form of material things to be formed by estimate of the other person. But stripped of monetary value, how many points can we honestly credit to his character? Sterling qualities may be found by investigation—what a man is—honor, these are qualities that make a person a worth-while member of society or of the family, and a good neighbor.—Exchange.

In the field of radio the Reich is much more willing to give than to receive. Its citizens are urged against unfriendly foreign stations, are liable to punishment for listening to foreign broadcasts, and Nazi authorities consider anti-German the vulnerability of the totalitarian State in this respect is illustrated by the recent excited efforts of the German authorities to silence the mysterious "Red" broadcasting transmitter which was making available to the Germans propaganda of the Nazi regime. Communist stations, such as appear daily in Communist papers in the United States and Great Britain without attracting the attention of more than an insignificant minority, become infectious and subversive. Doubtless, the press and radio are absolutely controlled by the State to hear radical criticism of their rulers.—New York Times.

Alaric, the Visigothic King who died in 410, D. was buried with a vast treasure of gold, silver, precious garments and weapons in the bed of the River Busento in Southern Italy. The place of burial had remained a secret for 1500 years, but it has been found by Mile. Amelie Cavolini by the aid of scientific instruments which have located previous metal seven metres below the earth's surface and which is believed to mark the burial place. Another of the king's secrets may be unearthed and will be believed by the discovery.—Victoria Colist.

The average man, if he is walking down a crowded street, does not put a chip on his shoulder and look for trouble. He does not push and shove and demand the last and smallest particle of his legal right. He conforms to the current of traffic. He has a decent regard for the comfort and safety of others. He is courteous, gentlemanly. Put the same individual in the driver of a motor car, and very often the picture is changed so that it becomes unrecognizable.—Ottawa Journal.

The records again show that those who have to work for what they get in this life are those who have the necessary ability and determination to come out on top. The incentive they have to fight up from the bottom is never known by those who are born with silver spoons in their mouths. City slickers, who look down upon country folks, are more often than not the descendents of the men who were born in country towns and worked to make the fortunes they themselves are dissipating.—Detroit Free Press.

It was Mussolini's huge expenditures on armaments his advocacy of war as good for mankind his threatening attitude his talk about forests of bayonets, and his unjustified invasion and seizure of Ethiopia that had much to do with awakening Britain to the realization that disarmament must be replaced by rearmament if peace was to be preserved in Europe and the world. It is quite unlikely that Mussolini has undergone any change of heart. His new policy is merely a new tactic. He is born of the near-bankruptcy of Italy and an understanding that he has started something he cannot finish to his own satisfaction.—Toronto Telegram.

That Body of Hours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE PATIENT, NOT THE ULCER, MUST BE TREATED IN PEPTIC ULCER

There was a time when a patient with ulcer of the stomach or small intestine (peptic ulcer) would mainly get tired of "the same old diet and alkali powders" and decided to undergo operation expedient to be thus "cured" of all ulcer symptoms. To-day both patients and physicians know that it is not the ulcer that has to undergo treatment but the patient himself. The fact is that the patient is just the right kind of an individual to grow or develop peptic ulcer, and unless he makes himself over (change his habits of tenseness, worry or anxiety, nervousness, rapid eating, tendency to argue or quarrel) he is going to continue to develop ulcers.

As many of these ulcer patients just can't change their habits and disposition, they are given the kind of food the stomach or small intestine can handle easiest, together with alkali powders to overcome the high degree of acidity in the digestive juice of the stomach. Hence the "medical" treatment of peptic ulcer has been for years and still is "soft, bland diet and alkali powders."

Now just as an overweight individual will grasp for a "quick" method of reducing weight—a drug or gland extract—so are many ulcer patients now taking injections of histidine which in addition to relieving the pain of ulcer also allows them to eat almost anything they wish. And reports from physicians using these injections certainly prove that this method is much more pleasant than the "diet and alkali" treatment and much to be preferred to operation. However what about the results obtained from the histidine injections?

The reports continue to show that while relief from pain and other symptoms are obtained by this method, nevertheless the ulcer often remains and would give trouble were the histidine injections discontinued. In speaking of the result obtained by the old method—bland foods and alkalis—Dr. D. J. Sandevis, Detroit, in the Journal of the American Medical Association says, "Approximately 90 percent of the patients with ulcer attacks became free of symptoms after careful diet-alkali management." However of 155 patients treated (medically and surgically) and observed longer than five years, only 5 (3 percent) are still free of symptoms from five and one-half to seven years after their first and only ulcer attack.

This speaks unfavorably for the lasting benefit to be obtained from any form of ulcer treatment. It appears that, at the present state of our knowledge, all we can hope to accomplish and should aim for are: (a) to relieve symptoms, (b) to delay relapses or return of ulcer symptoms and (c) to prevent complications.

The Poet's Corner

There was a whispering in my heart, A sign of coal, Grown wistful of a former earth It might recall. I listened for a tale of leaves And smothered ferns, From ferns, and the low sly lives Before the fawns. My fire might show steam-phantoms shimmer From Time's old cau dron, Before the birds made nests in summer Or men had children. But coals were murmuring of their mine, And moans down there Of boys that slept wry sleep, and men Writhing for air. I saw white bones in the cinder-beds, Bones without number, For many hearts with coal are charred, And few remember. I thought of all that worked dark pits, Of war, and died Digging the rock where Death re-putes Peace lies indeed! Comforted years will sit soft-chaired, In rooms of amber, The years will stretch their hands, well-cheered, Of our life's ember; The centuries will burn rich loads With which we groaned, Whose warmth shall lull their dreaming lids. While songs are crooned; But they will not dream of us poor lads, Lost in the ground. —Wilfred Owen.

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Sir Robert's Memoirs

(Montreal Star)

When in August, 1920 Sir Robert Borden retired from the Prime Ministership and the leadership of the Conservative party, he determined to withdraw as completely as possible from all things political. He not only retired from office, he retired from politics. In pursuit of this aim, he returned to visit the House of Commons Chamber when the House was sitting. He scrupulously avoided any comment on the leadership of his immediate successor, R. H. Hoegh Arthur Meachen, and of the present Conservative leader, Right Hon. R. B. Bennett, which anyone could have construed as meddling. While he made public speeches on various occasions and gave interviews regularly, on his birthday each year, Sir Robert was always careful not to make any observations for publication with any time touching current political events. Sir Robert's appearances on Parliament Hill in recent years were confined to donning his Imperial Privy Council's uniform to sit on the floor of the Senate for the formal opening of Parliament, sometimes for its closing, and to attendance at Canadian Legion functions such as the annual Remembrance Day service on November 11, and similar occasions.

The one isolated occasion on which Sir Robert set on the platform for Mr. Bennett's final public meeting in the auditorium here before the 1930 Federal election served but to emphasize his decided aloofness toward political affairs. Sir Robert spent considerable time in recent years at his home at "Glenmere" assembling material on former speeches and the inside of events during his nine years' premiership, which covered the entire period of the Great War. When asked how he was getting along with his memoirs, Sir Robert always smiled off the inquiry with becoming modesty. Doubtless, however, he has left much valuable material which some capable biographer could readily put into shape, as Dr. O. D. Skelton did in the case of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and Sir Joseph Pope did concerning Sir John A. Macdonald.

Another Puzzle (Hamilton Spectator) It is just a coincidence, but we find that two distinguished national leaders—admittedly far apart in their political practices—have run afoul of those meshes which surround bachelorhood. Along with the report about Chancellor Hitler's friendship with an actress, a thing unheard of hitherto in the Reich, we read this perplexing item in the Birmingham (England) Mail: "It was a nice touch on the part of the admiralty to invite the Australian and Canadian prime ministers, with their respective wives, to be guests on the Enchanter for the naval patentary at Spithead. Mr. and Mrs. MacKenzie King and Mr. and Mrs. Lyons are greatly interested in all the functions associated with the Coronation, and are so enthusiastic about the hospitality that they have already received in London that they are sure to go back to their countrymen with a good report. This, by the way, is in the Club and Society Gossip, where a certain amount of leeway might be expected. And the Spectator reader who sends us this issue of the Mail simply asks: "Who is the lady? Is this a surprise for Canada?" We cannot know how this piece of intelligence originated in Germany it might be almost any kind of state intrigue, for there propaganda holds sway and impartial recording of news is out. Put this could not be said.

WARMI little breezes Are kissing the daisies. The little plants growing In colorful mazes, Rills are flowing, Faces are glowing, Now bluebells are ringing, And robins are singing, For all is living, And all is young In June. —D. Vere.

TOSCANINI AT SALZBURG SALZBURG, Austria (CP) — Becoming more and more the guiding spirit of the annual music festival here, Arturo Toscanini, veteran maestro, has begun high-pressure preparations for the month-long operatic season.

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about the editor or reporter of the Birmingham Mail who provided our Minister with a wife for the Coronation ceremony. It may have been that either the editor or the reporter, with the Imperial Conference in full swing felt that there was something wrong with a country which had given the wife of state for some sixteen consecutive years to two bachelors, Mr. Bennett and Mr. King, that with the well-known British respect for ecclesiastic felicity, the cause of Empire might be furthered by this quite harmless propaganda. They are shrewd up not to go in for romantic dreaming so we are just up against another enigma in international affairs.

WELCOME My tulips have put on their bonnets bright, For Lady Spring is here! So in bright colors they are be-diglit, And nodding with quaint smiles, Curtsying in the golden light, Cheering her with their wiles. —D. Vere. Uruguay will moderate the provisions of the law requiring the exclusive use of the metric system for marking or labeling imported merchandise by permitting the marks used in the country of origin to be shown in addition to those of the metric system.

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