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NOTES BY THE WAY

Today's economic crisis is "worse" than any that have preceded it because its savage blows have fallen upon a more sensitive social organism, upon a public opinion more susceptible to shock. A million unemployed today is worse than a million unemployed forty years ago because our social conscience today is more awake to the reproach of willing workers who can find no work to do. We can no longer think with equanimity of a "labor reserve," to be mobilized when needed and turned out without provision when production slackens.—New York Times.

In a speech at Newcastle, England, the Prince of Wales said: "I am full of admiration for those running voluntary organizations, but it struck me that the older people were to the fore. It is the younger generation got down to leadership as well. They are doing a lot, but, frankly, I am suggesting that they can do a lot more. It is up to us to see the youth of the country encouraged to exercise their minds and blow off steam, and help them to grow up good sports. It would be a fine thing if all who are associated together for games were also associated in some form of service. I wonder, too, if the staffs of our great business houses, insurance offices and banks might not make themselves corporately responsible for some form of individual service that would enlarge the opportunities of boys and girls. We are not here to consider how industrial or political action can help us in our present difficulties. We are here to consider how we ourselves can help each other, and I am sure there is a lot that can be done."

should Germany fall to meet her obligations. The whole financial fabric of the world depends on the outcome of this Lausanne Conference. Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald, with the concurrence of the other countries, intends widening the object of the Conference on the present occasion to include consideration of plans for the betterment of the commercial countries of the world at large, and hoped that in view of this widened scope, the United States would send a representative. Washington, however, has turned a deaf ear to this appeal, and so far as the United States is concerned the conference will have to reach decisions without obtaining any United States official expression of views on the threatening financial crisis upon which we are entering.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN

The warning note given by the Soviet official organ Izvestia to Japan is not without its significance. According to the Week End Review of May 21st, there are still keen observers who believe that a Russian-Japanese clash is in the highest degree improbable; but opinion and fears that it is becoming more likely is growing. Russia it seems pretty clear, does not want a war and will do her best to keep out of one; she is anxious to complete her present plan and the next one, and seeks no weakening external distractions. But what Russia wishes and what Japan intends are not necessarily compatible. If Japanese forces in Manchuria, where the atmosphere is growing still more intense, were to violate Russian territory the Soviet would be forced to fight, and the world would be in for a first-class war. If Russia won, the prestige, and possibly the area of communism in the world would be enormously increased. If Japan won would she be content to stop there, or would her next target be America?

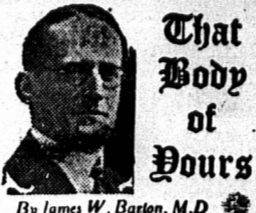
LIBERAL VIEWPOINT

Reviewing the events of the past session of Parliament, the Toronto Globe, leading Liberal newspaper, finds much to commend in the various measures adopted. It notes, first and foremost, that "the public purse was closely guarded, of necessity." It calls attention to the emphasis placed in the Speech from the Throne on the Government's policy for unemployment and farm relief as the chief consideration of the session, and adds: "There is reason for satisfaction that the equilibrium of the Budget was well maintained, even at the expense of drastic economies and extra taxation. Besides seeing the country through a year of serious depression, however, the session will be of historic, and probably national, importance in other respects. The nationalization of radio is a milestone. The new insurance legislation and amendments to the Bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts are important. Adoption of a treaty with New Zealand is a notable step in progress."

Obviously the Globe speaks for the more responsible element of the Liberal party. It realizes the exceptional difficulties under which the Bennett Government is working and in this respect sets an example which other Liberal newspapers, of less weight and importance, would do well to follow.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Good news comes from Fort Erie, Ontario, to the effect that six United States jazz bands have been barred from Canada by immigration officers acting under new regulations issued from Ottawa. There is more than a sufficiency of jazz now flooding Canada from American broadcasting stations, and those who care for that kind of entertainment have every opportunity of gratifying their appetite.



YOUR ANNUAL VACATION

It is said that it is the man who needs a vacation least is the one who thinks he needs it most, whereas the one who thinks he needs it least is the one who needs it most. However there is no question about it anymore; everybody needs a vacation. Not perhaps the vacation you may have in mind, but a vacation nevertheless. In other words a vacation may be easily interpreted as simply vacating, leaving vacant your usual place of work or abode and putting yourself—mind and body—somewhere else.

The very fact that you are away from your usual surroundings with their cares, worries, and obligations, and that your mind and body is occupied with other things, is just what is needed by that mind and body of yours. The ideal vacation, as I've mentioned before, is trying to do at vacation time exactly what you've been planning the rest of the year, that you would do at your vacation time. It is this fulfillment of desire that makes this life of ours seem just that much more worth while.

Perhaps you have always wanted to do some certain thing, or go to some certain place, and while the actual realization of your desire may not be just up to all that you expected, nevertheless it has released or let loose something that you felt was binding you before.

Until a few years ago, everything for the vacation was considered from the standpoint of just what it would do to that body of yours; give you some color, enrich your blood, rest your body, improve your appetite. The vacation did it all right and still will do it, but thinking people now recognize that it is the effect upon the mind that is most important from the health standpoint.

If the mind gets free from worry from routine duties, from the sameness of everything—food, street cars, automobiles, noise,—and the brain through eyes, ears, nose, and tongue by reason of a vacation gets an entirely new set of sensations, these sensations react upon every part of the body. They recreate the individual as it were; thus a real vacation is recreation.

Now is the time then for those of us who get our vacation during July and August to be planning just what we are going to do to get the most out of it. It should mean plenty of rest for the first two or three days, then some form of activity until the last couple of days, when rest should again be taken.

Above all, try to get a complete change.

The Poet's Corner

ROSE-CHEEKED LAURA
Rose-cheeked Laura, come;
Sing thou smoothly with thy beauty's
Silent music, either other
Sweetly gracing.

Lovely forms do flow
From consent divinely framed;
Heaven is music, and thy beauty's
Birth is heavenly.

These dull notes we sing
Discords need for helps to grace
them,
Only beauty purely loving,
Knows no discord.

(Thomas Campion (1567-1620))

"Science and industry have gone forward, but our methods in conducting our daily affairs have not."
—John Grier Hibben.

"The measure of strength of a country is not a few great estates, but a multitude of prosperous small independent holdings."
—Theodore Roosevelt.

"The foundation of real business is service."
—Henry Ford.

ing; in order to provide healthy distraction in the homes, the development of good taste and the evolution of a mentality largely Canadian. To this end, there should be intelligent control of broadcasting and enlightened surveillance. In this way the almost infinite extension of radiography will give birth to a new duty that will be added to those which already are grave and numerous in regard to family education.

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.

A SUGGESTION OF HOPE

Sir:—Many attempts have been made to diagnose our social and economic ills, and amid the conflicting opinions of so-called specialists—bankers, economists, business men and parliamentarians—it may be presumptuous for a mere parson to express an opinion, yet he ventures to assert that somewhere, somehow the causes for the present depression are mostly moral not material.

The earth has not failed us. It still brings forth bountifully. There is enough, and to spare, of everything to satisfy every human need. The trouble is in man; in his use of the world's resources; in his relationship with his fellow men, and in his attitude towards God. Greed, individual and national selfishness, insane wastefulness, insane pleasure seeking, churchlessness, godlessness and loose living have each, conjointly and in degrading unemphatic and rendering cleavages in society.

We have been fooling with the ten commandments, and this by a pastime that cannot be indulged in without appalling consequences which have been accumulating and from which we are now suffering. When men in public life of the widest experience, such as Sir Willmot Lewis, Correspondent for the London Times in Washington, warned the members of the Canadian Daily Newspaper Association in Toronto that "previous civilizations had collapsed because of their lack of moral principles" and urged them to "remember that there is nothing more certain upon any reading of history, than that without moral principles we are lost," when a man of the eminence of Sir Josiah Stamp clearly indicated in a recent address at Ottawa that there was no hope of ultimate recovery without a recognition of spiritual verities in life, when one of the most outstanding lawyers in New York told a group of his fellow citizens that he could see no relief until men got on their knees and confessed their sins unto God; when our own Senator Hughes in a remarkable address told his fellow Senators that one of the causes of the present depression was forgetfulness of God; when the Prime Minister at a notable gathering last autumn stated that nothing but the grace of God could save the world; a statement which the leader of the opposition did not qualify in a speech in the House of Commons but indirectly approved—then a preacher need not apologize when he suggests that our people should repent and turn unto God.

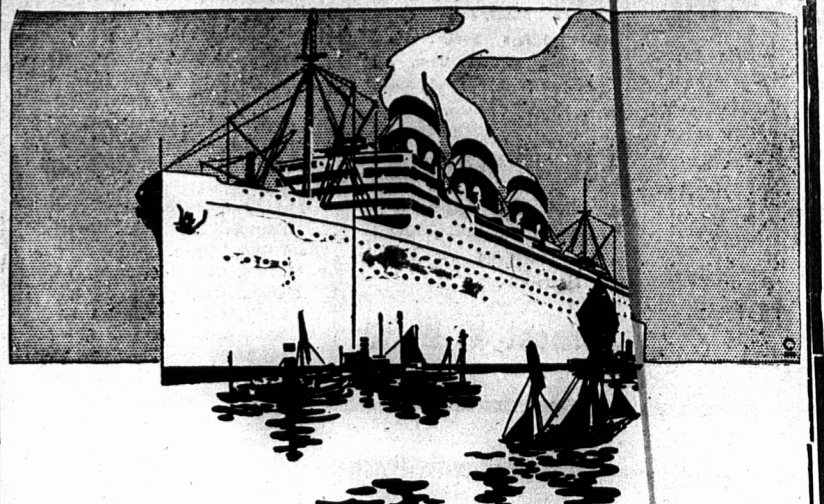
To get a change of mind which repentance means, it is not enough that the people should flock in increasing numbers to their respective churches—commendable as this would be. The vision which the writer has before him is the getting together of all people of goodwill in public assembly, either in church, or hall, or in the open air; in every hamlet, town and city where by song, by prayer and exhortation they might receive the quickening, the uplift, the comfort, the changing mind that comes from the union of hearts in common worship.

One of the most inspiring and pathetic sights stored away in my memory was a gathering of thousands of people—held weekly—in St. George's Square, Liverpool, who met in a time of depression to sing, not jangling doggerel, but the great hymns of the church universal. The poor were there in great numbers ragged, pinched and wan, but as they sang—and how gloriously they sang—their faces for the while were lit by a celestial fire. Something of this kind is what I crave to see, and without obtruding our creeds and ecclesiastical theories, surely the best minds in all the churches throughout the land—United Church Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Roman Catholic—can plan a way whereby this may be accomplished. If not, then the Christianity represented by the churches is a ghastly caricature of Him who came to shed abroad a spirit of love and mutual helpfulness.

I have been told by chaplains in the Great War, that in the midst of the mighty holocausts of battle when men were moaning, crying and dying, they knew no ecclesiastical distinctions but "felt the pulse of one fraternity."

Today with men homeless, penniless and friendless—men who want to live and yet day after day are in jeopardy as to their existence, fathers out of work with hungry children, mothers who have seen better

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