

Like the pup chasing the flying
express, some folks are pursuing
ideals while others are wondering
what they would do with them if
they were overtaken.

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BUDGET DEBATE CONTINUED BY MR. M. F. MCDONALD

Member for Fourth King's Spoke Briefly but to the Point on Political Questions of the Day.

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Canadian Club To Raise Funds For Memorial

(Special to the Guardian)

NEW YORK, April 19.—The Canadian Club of New York, as the largest and most representative Canadian organization in the United States, he decided to take the initiative in raising funds by popular subscription for the purpose of placing a suitable memorial or tablet on Parliament Hill at Ottawa to express on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of confederation the sentiment of devotion to their native land of Canadians residing in the United States.

A committee had been appointed, under the chairmanship of W. W. Colpitts, to proceed with the work of raising the funds. The committee includes Frederic Hudd, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner; Herbert Alfred Morelle, Harold Traine, Captain J. E. Webber, executive secretary and others whom Mr. Colpitts or the committee may propose.

Smugglers Active

(By British United Press)

LONDON, April 19.—The Customs swindling season has begun and officials of all ports have been warned to keep a special look-out for innocent-looking men and women who adopt ingenious trickery in order to smuggle goods.

During one week recently two women were fined sums of \$500 and \$750 respectively for attempting to defraud the Customs. Silk articles were concerned in each case.

From now until the end of the summer every port with Continental services will strengthen its Customs department. The amount of smuggling among well-to-do women is surprising, and many of these women boast of the way in which they have "got things through."

"The temptation to smuggle silk," said an inspector at a London depot, "is very great and women adopt all sorts of ruses."

In one case, a woman was actually wearing four pairs of stockings. This discovery, made by accident, gave us the tip and on examination her baggage revealed a valuable staff to the value of thousands of dollars.

Skilfully disguised parcels, with books carefully packed on the outside are looked upon with great suspicion. Quite recently we found in such a "parcel" over 130 gold watches.

"Nowadays the smart Customs men must be almost lynx-eyed and it is used to hang it up.

Women Besieged Valentino Relics

(By British United Press)

LONDON, April 19.—Hundreds of the late Rudolph Valentino's women admirers have been besieging a London shop, where a dressing case owned by the film star and a letter written by him a week before his death, are for sale.

The dressing case is of pigskin lined with scarlet morocco. The fittings are of ivory and silver, and each article bears the monogram of its former owner.

"We are selling the articles for his brother, Alberto Guglielmo Valentino," said the manager of the shop recently.

"All day long women are telephoning or pouring into the shop to see the case. Most of whom want to walk right out with it."

"Women, knowing well that they cannot buy the case, come in to see it and handle its contents lovingly. A small quantity of tobacco in the tobacco pouch had been left there. It was becoming dry, so I threw it away. I happened to mention the fact to a girl who came to see the case, and she almost wept."

"Oh! what a crime," she answered. "I would have loved it!"

Sheets of the writing paper used by Valentino are in the writing case. They are delicately perfumed and bear his monogram, and they could have been sold a hundred times over.

Harmless-looking boxes of chocolates, bunches of grapes, thermo flasks—all these things have been found to contain small quantities of drugs.

"Artificial legs have on more than one occasion yielded a good haul when 'tapped' for information. A chinaman who looked too well wrapped about the legs was found to be wearing two pairs of trousers and in the inner pair a large stock of raw opium was discovered.

"Small pellets containing cocaine were once discovered in the high heel of a well-dressed woman. It was pure chance that a Customs man asked if he might examine her shoe. So vehement was her refusal that he insisted on doing so."

"Apart from these sort of cases, which are fortunately rare, we shall have all our work cut out during the next six months in dealing with the silk smugglers—many of whom are women who have no criminal intent, but who love to get something through usually from sheer bravado."

After juice is extracted from a lemon with a new implement it is strained through perforations in a cloth must have tempted it in other directions.

BLIND BOY PENSION MYTH

(By British United Press)

LONDON, April 19.—Millions of empty cigarette packets are soon to form a great bonfire, which will mark the end of high hopes in the colliery villages in and around Canock Chase, in Staffordshire.

It all began in Heath Hayes, two miles away, where a miner had a twelve-year-old blind son.

A rumor was circulated that a blind boy of Burton-on-Trent, on whose behalf three million cigarette packets had been collected, had been awarded a pension for life by the manufacturers of the cigarettes.

Accordingly a local miner organized a collection of cigarette packets for the Heath Hayes boy. Collectors were appointed at collieries, clubs, public houses and schools. Every smoker for miles round saved his cigarette packets, children brought them to school by the bucketful, and the hoard grew at the rate of nearly 100,000 a week.

Then W. H. Goring, the headmaster of West Hill Council School, Hednesford, writing to ask subscription towards a concert he the cigarette manufacturers for a was organizing for the school medical work, mentioned the collection being made on behalf of the blind boy. Already, he said, two million packets had been collected.

The answer to the letter was a great blow. The firm gave a subscription to the concert fund, but said the story of pension being given in return for collections of cigarette packets was a myth. No such thing was contemplated.

Shortly after this coalfield interest confined to people outside of Canada. Mr. Howard stated, for a greater number of letters are being received from Canadian sportsmen this year than ever. The early opening of spring has turned the thoughts of many toward fishing expeditions, and it is likely that early spring trout fishing, which can be enjoyed in Quebec and Ontario before the advent of the season, will draw more sportsmen to the lakes and streams.

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U. S. Tourists Will Flock to Canada

(Special to the Guardian)

MONTREAL, Que., April 19.—Canada will this year witness a greater invasion of tourists from across the United States border than in any previous season. It was stated today by C. K. Howard, General Tourist agent of the Canadian National Railways, Mr. Howard based his opinion on the hundreds of applications for information which are reaching his office from every state in the union.

The fame of Canada's hunting and fishing areas has spread to all parts of the continent, and many large parties of American sportsmen are now being organized to visit noted fishing lakes in Canadian National Territory. Not only is the country confined to people outside of Canada. Mr. Howard stated, for a greater number of letters are being received from Canadian sportsmen this year than ever. The early opening of spring has turned the thoughts of many toward fishing expeditions, and it is likely that early spring trout fishing, which can be enjoyed in Quebec and Ontario before the advent of the season, will draw more sportsmen to the lakes and streams.

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6,000 Dances in Lent

(By British United Press)

VIENNA, April 19.—"Fasching"—the season without reason—covers a multitude of Vienna follies and sins. "Carnival," with its suggestion of one great night of revelry and song, is not an adequate word for this "reign of folly" in a city which a few years ago was starving and on the verge of Bolshevism.

It is the air of Vienna for the two months preceding Easter. Officially, it dies at midnight on Shrove Tuesday, when the frivolous and deplorably insincere cakelets known as "fasching fritters" are officially baked for the last time.

A total of 6,000 dances have already taken place. One hundred and twenty were held on Ash Wednesday, once the death of the gay season and the beginning of Lent. These figures do not include dances in private houses or at night clubs and cabarets, but only special tributes by the votaries of folly.

Where is Vienna Fasching to be found? There are no signs of it on the streets—no posters, no placards, only little notices, which the Viennese know where to find tucked away in odd corners of the newspapers. They give the times and prices of admission to the beloved masked balls.

Let us look in at the ball of the art students. They are not much money, these light-hearted boys and girls, but they have made their dance the merriest of all. Costumes and decorations in the wildest futurist style, daring and dazzling, are created by artists, many of them Vienna Fasching to be found? There are no signs of it on the streets—no posters, no placards, only little notices, which the Viennese know where to find tucked away in odd corners of the newspapers. They give the times and prices of admission to the beloved masked balls.

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Lost! An Elephant

(By British United Press)

LONDON, April 19.—The keeper of a circus elephant, while proceeding with his charge from Ashby-de-la-Zouch to Atherstone, early one morning recently, left the animal at the roadside while he called at a farmhouse to make sure of his route.

When he returned the elephant had disappeared, and he ran along the road shouting its name in vain. He fished people from their beds to ask frankly if they could suggest where the elephant might be. No one had seen it, however, and no one could make any suggestion.

The harassed keeper sped on, and at last came on his lost charge, sorely pursuing its way towards Atherstone, in spite of the fact that more than one cross-road must have tempted it in other directions.



Conley Dabney, Kentucky mountaineer, was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1925 on a charge of having slain little Mary Vickers. His supposed victim, however, has just returned to her home and the state has attempted to rectify the miscarriage of justice by granting an immediate pardon to Dabney. The two principals in the case are shown above. Law officers are now trying to show that the bones which were originally identified as those of Miss Vickers were in reality those of Mrs. Lea Hicks Cole who disappeared in December, 1924.

'VULTURE' FANS FOR WOMEN

(By British United Press)

LONDON, April 19.—The scavenger vulture is to take the place of the bird of paradise in its relation to women's fashions.

"Vulture" fans, masquerading as "bird of paradise" fans will be seen at the coming Courts, in the company of other new fans made out of cock's feathers coloured a brilliant sapphire blue and fans of natural flamingo feathers. The vulture fans are made in soft flame colours mounted on dark tortoise shell.

It is the latest discovery that the feathers of a common vulture, subjected to an intensive "treatment," which consists of thinning, colouring, tinting, can be made to resemble the bird of paradise plumage.

The difference, in fact, between the two plumages, after the necessary treatment, can be detected only by the eye of an expert.

Since the Plumage Bill, and the prohibitions with regard to the use of paradise feathers in this country, infinite labor and ingenuity have been directed to the search of a possible substitute, now discovered in this unlikely source—the scavenger vulture.

Radicals Killed in Canton Disorders

(Special to the Guardian)

HONGKONG, April 19.—Fighting and shooting throughout Canton, in which about 100 radicals were killed, was reported in a wireless despatch from that city bearing yesterday's date, received here today. The fighting is said to have occurred while Conservative forces were rounding up and disarming many radical unionists by order of the Canton government.

The headquarters from which it is alleged the Chinese strikers and radicals were rounded up, were arrested. A number of rifles were seized.

Utmost precautions were taken at Shamoen, the foreign quarter of Canton, to prevent the disturbances resulting from the raids spreading to the bridges dividing the concessions from the native city. The vicinity of the bridge was stated to be heavily guarded and the troops had the situation well in hand.

Date Fixed For Arms Conference

(Special to the Guardian)

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Exchanges between the London, Washington and Tokyo governments have tentatively fixed June 12 as the date for the meeting of a three power naval arms conference at Geneva. The date has not been agreed upon definitely but it is assumed that the state department will be agreeable to the British and the Japanese who had previously expressed preference for an opening date later than June 1.

While there has been no authorized statement in connection with proceedings of the preliminary commission there is a tendency in state department circles to regard the suggestion by the French delegation that the United States might adhere to any general disarmament convention evolved from the preliminary discussions without being committed to acceptance of international supervisory machinery as a friendly and conciliatory gesture on the part of the French chief delegate M. Boncour.

one is every one else's best friend by midnight.

Just the usual looseness of Continental manners and morals? Not a bit of it. It is a prized and peculiar property of the Viennese Fasching that every one is intoxicated on air. They are drunk with the Fasching spirit and no other. Folly is nourished on an average of two glasses of wine, rarely champagne—much of it is born on mineral water.

But even such a Fasching night as this must come to an end, though it is 7 a. m. before the last merry-makers stroll off to breakfast at the nearest cafe, ready to do all over again the next night without turning a hair.

FINED FOR NOT SMOKING

(By British United Press)

BUDAPEST, April 19.—A short time ago General Jonsescu was appointed director of the Rumanian State Railways, and he determined to put an end to the dishonesty of the railway employees, which has been inconveniencing the public for some time.

One day, disguising himself in a false beard and a suit of muffled General Jonsescu went to the station with the intention of travelling to Jassy. His troubles began at the ticket office, where he was compelled to pay double the scheduled fare. At the turnstile his ticket was declared out of order and he was obliged to pass on to the platform. The journey had scarcely started when the conductor discovered that the ticket was wrongly dated, but offered to allow him to remain on the train for a consideration. The general paid and remained.

It was now the turn of the controller, who noticed that General Jonsescu was not smoking, although he was occupying a smoking carriage—a fine of 30 lei.

When General Jonsescu reached Jassy his suitcase was stolen by the porter to whom he entrusted it. This, however, was not the climax of the adventure. Suspicion had fallen on a certain purveyor of railway furnishings as the chief instigator of bribery and corruption, and to this man General Jonsescu went, representing himself as a merchant from Bucharest, who had concluded an agreement with the railway and desired to obtain the necessary document. "All right," said the complacent purveyor. "How much are you willing to pay?"

Upon this General Jonsescu quietly removed his hat and beard; after which denunciation little needs to be said. On the following day all the culprits were dismissed without inquiry.

More Power For The Human Heart

(By British United Press)

LONDON, April 19.—A discovery which is likely to have far-reaching effects, not only on the treatment of falling and diseased hearts, but on the capacity of sound hearts to meet extra strain, has resulted from experiments with a frog's heart.

It has long been known that a frog's heart, when removed from the body, will continue to beat of its own accord for a considerable time.

To ascertain the meaning of this phenomenon, Professor Haberlander of Innsbruck, recently placed some frogs' hearts so removed in a solution of common salt.

While the hearts continued to beat it was found that they communicated "something" to the salt solution which had the effect of revitalizing hearts which had been removed several days earlier and had ceased to beat.

It will readily be seen how this may benefit an athlete who is trying, say, to break a record. His exhaustion is due to the fact that his heart gives out—not dangerously or completely, but temporarily. His heart is sound he recovers after a short rest.

The new "something" which Professor Haberlander has discovered will probably enable athletes and others to sustain fatigues and spurts with far less exhaustion.

Ghost of a Curate

(By British United Press)

LONDON, April 19.—A remarkable ghost story comes from the little quarrying village of Peak Dale, near Buxton, Derbyshire.

Three people declare independently they have seen the spectre of the late curate, Rev. F. W. Bowring, whose death occurred from influenza over a year ago.

A professional man who was a close friend of the curate and whose home is within easy walking distance of the church, states that, whilst passing the church gates shortly before midnight, something impelled him to enter the burial ground. There he was startled to see an "ethereal figure" in clerical attire bending over the grave of the late Rev. F. W. Bowring.

He had no difficulty in recognizing the features and figure as that of the dead curate, who was apparently examining a wreath which his wife had recently laid on his grave. The startled spectator remained spellbound for a few moments and then hurriedly left the churchyard without waiting to make any closer investigation.

A woman also claims to have seen the ghost when she was passing the church one night. She was so terrified that she ran to a nearby house for protection.

The late Mr. Bowring was a believer in spiritualism, but the professional man alluded to was herefore a pronounced skeptic.

BRILLIANT SPEECH BY MR. J. AUGUSTINE MCDONALD

Member for Third Queens Aably Reviews Work of the Stewart Government and Deals with Opposition Criticisms.

Mr. J. Augustine McDonald, (Third District of Queens) speaking in the Legislature Wednesday evening, April 18th, during the Budget Debate, said his remarks would necessarily be brief as the ground had been well covered by previous speakers. The financial situation has been fully gone into as well as matters connected with the various departments of administration. It would not be amiss to congratulate the speakers who have already taken part in the debate. Mr. McDonald would also like to congratulate the Leader of the Opposition. His duty is at any time a fairly difficult one, and the hon. gentlemen must appreciate this very much at this particular session, because he finds it hard to offer any constructive criticism. The people will doubt not the Leader of the Opposition, if he was then so strong an advocate of these claims as he pretends to be, press the matter upon Premier Bell, to go to Ottawa and present our claims? Did he do that? They passed a resolution in the House in regard to the claims, which Mr. McDonald was informed never reached Ottawa at all. Premier Bell also wrote a letter to the other Maritime Premiers, but unfortunately they were contemplating retiring at the time; and the matter ended there. Having done this, one must assume that Premier Bell explained the matter to his party and said: "I am stuck; I can't press our claims any further. Give me some help." He applied to the legal minds of his party, and the inference is that he must have applied to the present Leader of the Opposition. The Macedonian cry was sent forth on the floor of the House, and Premier Bell accused directly the present Leader of the Opposition, saying that he had turned him down. He could get no help from the legal members on his own side. No other inference can be drawn from Premier Bell's statement to the House in reference to his failure to implement this pledge in his platform. At any rate, they did not press our claims, and they did not get anything.

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World's Oldest Inhabitant

(Special to the Guardian)

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 19.—"My one remaining wish before I die is to undertake a voyage to England," said Zaro Agha, Turkey's Grand Old Man, who is just celebrating his 154th birthday, when interviewed the other day in Constantinople.

"I should like to see for myself the country which I have so often been told is the most powerful, richest and wonderful in the world," he added waving the reporter to a seat and calling for a cup of coffee.

He himself would have nothing, for he was observing the fast of Ramadan, which enjoins on the Moslems the total abstinence from food and drink from sunrise to sunset.

Abstinence from drink did not worry Zaro, however, for, as he proudly asserted, he has never drunk a drop of liquor or smoked tobacco or cigarettes throughout his whole life.

"It is true that in my youth I partook of coffee for some time," he admitted, "but for the last 50 years I have drunk nothing stronger than tea, which I take sparingly." The old man attributes his long life and splendid health to his abstinence.

Up to three years ago he used to work, carrying loads on his back weighing up to 160 pounds, but now he is in receipt of a Government pension, and a small house has been placed at his disposal.

Zaro was obviously flattered to be interviewed and to learn that so much interest was being taken in his long life.

"I have taken part in four wars," he said, "with an air of triumph, and my life has been a happy one. I would be glad to live on, if Allah pleases."

"Eleven times have I been married, but ten of my wives are long since dead. By them I had 23 children. Only three years ago I lost a son, who was aged 97, and now, of all my children, I have only one son left, and he is but 64."

"My present wife is 65, but Allah should take her from me if I would seriously consider re-marrying."

The veteran asserts that he fought in Syria against Napoleon Bonaparte, taking part in the siege of St. Jean d'Acree.

He recalls that he saw Napoleon when the latter was on a reconnaissance.

"I recall Napoleon quite distinctly," he says. "He stood out prominently among the other French officers and seemed indifferent to danger. He walked in great-grandchildren's

Hot Hors D'oeuvre

(Special to the Guardian)

LONDON, April 19.—A new delicacy, or series of delicacies—hot hors d'oeuvre—are to be introduced to London.

Fourteen chefs at one of the big hotels, cooking, testing and tasting innumerable combinations of foods and fruits have evolved 84 new hors d'oeuvre dishes that have never before been eaten in London.

Each chef has invented six new kinds of delicate appetizers. Some of them will be cooked, or their preparation completed, in front of the guests.

In the preparation of these hors d'oeuvre, the chefs have asked for over 220 different ingredients, including fish, birds, eggs, vegetables, and strange fruits from all over Europe and Northern Africa. The dishes will be judged by the degree of popularity they achieve among the diners.

front of our outpost as though he were among his own people. We hesitated about shooting because we felt that we should not be the first to fire on so brave a man."

Agha also served in the Crimean War, but in the Turco-Greek war of 30 years ago he was content with running a canteen for the Turkish Army. The Great War found him responding to his country's call, however, at the age of 140.

The census recently taken in Anyk, however, reveals that Zaro Agha has lost his claim to be the world's oldest inhabitant, as Allah should take her from me if I Fatma Handum, a woman who lives in the capital, is 160 years old.

When she was asked how it was that she had never before made known her extreme age, she pleaded ignorance of any reason to do so. She added: "I am a native of Tirmovo, and when the Sultan Mahmud II (1785-1839) came to that town I had a grown-up son and daughter." Her children are now dead, but she has grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.