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"Lest We Forget"

Everyone suddenly burst out singing: And I was filled with such delight. As prisoned birds must find in freedom, Winging wildly across the white. Orchards and dark-green fields; on; on; and out of sight.

Such were the thoughts that inspired one British war poet on the first Armistice Day, nineteen years ago. It seemed at that time that "the war to end war" had been successfully fought, that not for generations, at least, would another world outbreak occur, with its inevitable results of bloodshed and suffering on a colossal scale.

Was it a hopeless cause in which they died? We cannot believe so. In spite of all that is happening in the world today, we cannot believe that their sacrifice was in vain. That faith is the inspiration of the peace movement in which Canada is co-operating at the present time.

And oh! they'll give you rhyme And reason: some will call the thing sublime, And some decry it in a knowing tone. So here, while the mad guns curse overhead, And tired men sigh with mud for couch and floor,

An Empire Figure Passes

Whatever judgment posterity may pass upon the Rt. Hon. Ramsay MacDonald, whose death is announced in today's columns, there can be no question as to his great qualities of heart and mind. Three times Prime Minister of Great Britain, during periods of exceptional stress and strain, he did much to promote co-operation and goodwill with other countries, particularly the United States, where he was known and esteemed as a statesman of the Abraham Lincoln type, who had risen from poverty and obscurity by native ability to the highest government office.

A Radical in his younger days, Mr. MacDonald mellowed with years and responsibilities of state; and it was this fact, perhaps, which accounted largely for the bitter resentment he aroused among his former colleagues in the Labour Party. It was indeed a long step from the "Apostle of the Red Tie", as he was known in his early days in Parliament, to the cautious statesman of later years, the leader of a National Government consisting largely of Conservatives.

For a man who had lived so long in the public eye, Mr. MacDonald remained unostentatiously reserved. These qualities earned him the reputation of being stand-offish. He once told an audience of students that the test of life is whether a man can spend his leisure alone. There was no doubt that he preferred to live not alone at least with but a few chosen friends, and his beloved books. But his sense of public responsibility drove him on. His retirement from active politics a year ago was necessitated by ill health, and by the feeling that younger shoulders were better fitted to carry the burdens he had borne.

In his passing the British Empire has lost an outstanding figure, and perhaps more important than that, a statesman whose loyalty went deeper than lip service to British principles, and who never shirked duty for passing popularity.

The Two-Minute Silence

Every year, when the anniversary of Armistice Day comes around, someone is sure to ask, "Who originated the idea of the two minutes' silence?"

This question is not easy to answer—not because there is no answer, but rather for the reason that there are so many claims to have first suggested this solemn national rite that it is not easy to ascertain which should be given priority. It has even been claimed that King George V originated the idea of the two minutes' silence—though, to be true, His late Majesty never associated himself with such a claim.

As a matter of fact, the King seemed to have no such thought about the matter, for he once expressly acknowledged the claim made on behalf of a South African notable, Sir Percy

Fitzpatrick, in terms which were not only generous but unequivocal and conclusive. This is what the King's private secretary wrote to Sir Percy Fitzpatrick: "The King desires me to assure you that he ever gratefully remembers that the idea of the two minutes' pause on Armistice Day was due to your initiation."

There are, however, says an Old Country exchange, other people for whom the claim is still put forward, and among them is a journalist, Mr. E. G. Honey. It is true that the period suggested by Mr. Honey was five minutes, not two; but it is not in doubt that his proposal was put forward in an article which he wrote and published in May, 1919, and which at once attracted a great deal of approving comment.

Scotland, however, might reasonably assert an earlier claim in this connection, for it is an undoubted fact that a private in a Glasgow Territorial Battalion suggested a period of silent homage to our dead in a poem which he composed as far back as 1916.

The writer was Private W. Hutcheson, of "A" Company, 17th Highland Light Infantry (known as the Chambers of Commerce Battalion, and dubbed by the wits as "The Featherbeds"), who was killed in action in Mesopotamia. Private Hutcheson had a poem, entitled "To Silence", in the issue for September, 1916, of the battalion magazine, "The Outpost."

Of course the idea of a commemorative silence is not new or co-eval only with the Great War. In 1901 the Australians observed a period of silence on the occasion of the funeral of Queen Victoria; and during the Boer War it was the custom of the South African miners to stand bareheaded for a moment at noon each day as a sign of respect for their dead comrades who had been killed in action.

Having tied the hands of the Stipendiary Magistrate, the City Council now look to see how he will extricate himself.

Japan not yet having declared war on China the fall of Shanghai may be looked upon, in the terms of the Insurance Companies, as "an act of God."

A Canadian peer's daughter, Hon. Angela Greenwood has just been married in London after serving as an assistant in a Charing Cross book store. It would have taken some courage a few years ago for an aristocrat to become a "counter-louper" and still more for another aristocrat to marry her.

There will be nothing but commendation for Mr. Oliver Dionne taking time by the forelock in buying Christmas presents for his big little brood at Callander, Ont., but why should he trek all the way to New York for the purpose? Why doesn't he trade at home, where he expects his Quinits & Co., to be fed, nourished and housed?

The Mayor's request for strict observance of the Two Minute Silence at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning should not be necessary, but unfortunately in the past this solemn period, about which the whole ceremony of Remembrance Day centres, has been interrupted by traffic or other noises. One such interruption is enough to mar the proceedings.

Is Quebec beginning to mend her ways? In a judgment in Superior Court by Mr. Justice Philemon Cousineau, Mr. Joseph Arthur Coulombe, former Mayor of Ste. Therese, was disqualified and barred from sitting on the council of Ste. Therese for a period of five years. In evidence it was shown that Mr. Coulombe, during the time he was Mayor had received nearly \$10,000 for contracts given by the municipality and had taken profits in violation of statute 107 of the Quebec Revised Statutes, 1925.

With regard to economic conditions in Canada, says the Monthly Review of the Bank of Nova Scotia, there is as yet no evidence of a recession, though there has undoubtedly been a pause in the upward movement. Complete data for August and preliminary returns for September indicate that business was well maintained. Indeed, viewing the summer quarter as a whole, it appears safe to say that business was better than at any time since 1930. Employment has been steadily increasing and the relief rolls have been further reduced. Production of almost everything except wheat was substantially larger this summer than last and carloadings, again excluding wheat, have recorded appreciable gains. Exports have continued to rise, albeit at a slower rate, and the tourist trade has been considerably greater than a year ago. The value of imports has been increasing at an accelerating pace, partly through higher prices and partly in response to improving living standards and greater activity in the heavy industries.

The United States Tariff Commission has gone on record as being wholeheartedly behind Secretary of State Hull's reciprocal trade policy. "The Hull program attempts not only to increase the volume of world trade," Dr. Henry F. Grady, Vice-Chairman said. "It aims to neutralize the marked trend in recent years of countries to throw off the established economic and political rules of the game and establish their own rules of economic and political conduct. It seeks by precept and example to induce the countries of the world to co-operate in the re-establishment of the international economic system. Such a consummation will not only make possible the ever-increasing flow of international business but will check the tendency toward autarchy and totalitarianism. (The totalitarian States are those which seek to maintain precise control over all the activities of their subjects.) You cannot well have the international system properly re-established and a number of States dedicated to the totalitarian principle. The international system inherently implies international co-operation for international ends and purposes."

Consider the enormous harm done to international relations by the sabre-rattling pacifists even in the last five years. They wanted to fight Japan over Manchuria in 1931. They clamored for war with Italy over Abyssinia in 1935. They have been calling hysterically for intervention on the side of the Spanish Reds. And in the present critical times irresponsible cries for "strong action" against everyone realize that it is not this country's job to pull other people's chestnuts out of the fire. Swift, unflinching progress in rearmament is the insistent need of the hour—and especially rearmament in the air.—London Daily Mail.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The Gods never laughed more ironically than when in sending nineteen persons to death in the crash of the United Air Lines "Mauliner," they included a pilot who had flown 1,000,000 miles in war and peace without a mishap, a businessman who was taking his first flight, and two newspaper photographers who were making a picture of "The Safety of Transcontinental Flying."—Harrison in Windsor Star.

A young man has been shot by a dog while motoring in the country near Cape town. A party of four was returning to Cape Town after a week-end in the country when the dog, scrambling about the car, trod on the trigger of a loaded and cocked and wound one of the party. He died before he could be got to hospital.—South African News Letter.

There are two excellent reasons why the provinces and the Dominion should take over the social services and relief. The first is that the municipalities have little more than the tax on real property. Their revenues, because there are various sources, can be varied according to need. The municipal revenues, as a rule, dwindle just at the time the demands upon them are heaviest. The second reason is that in throwing excessive burdens on the municipalities and so forcing the Dominion and Provincial Governments are interfering with the proper development of real property.—Vancouver Province.

The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem fled to Syria when the British authorities moved against the Arab terrorists, his friends. France still exercises a mandate over Syria and it is not likely that the Syrian Moslems want to be involved in the activities of those in Palestine, although some of the young hot-heads would enjoy it. The Moslem leader will be happier in Libya where his friends and paymasters, the Italians, are and thither he is said to be going. Birds of a feather.—Exchange.

Germany is said to be building 100-ton army tanks. This would be two or three times the weight of a modern all-steel road car. Since the Germans already have a 70-ton tank with armor that can turn back a 3-inch shell, the new German model is only a step forward in a process of evolution which may yet give us so-called tanks with 6-inch armor, like the battleships of a few years ago. Actually these titan tanks are movable fortresses. On their great caterpillar treads they can be shunted over comparatively small distances. But a small distance may mean a great deal in modern warfare, as was shown from Shanghai, where the fighting is from house to house, or from the so-called University City at Madrid, where the fighting has been actually from floor to floor in the same building.—New York Times.

Mussolini has not paid for Abyssinia yet, orders a 10 per cent. capital levy—to meet the bill. That surprises those good people here who think that Italy is so strong. It also surprises those who think of Mussolini as the heaven-sent defender of private property. It does not surprise those who know that the opposite is true. The Abyssinia annexation cost Italy not less than £150,000,000. The total trade of Abyssinia is worth about \$2,000,000. If Italy collars the whole lot it can only yield her less than one quarter of the cost of the war debt charges. Is that good business?—London Daily Express.

Tourists who are anxious to cover a lot of territory in a few days will be interested in knowing that a motorist driving 45 miles an hour steadily for 10 hours a day would require 13 years, 10 months and 21 days to travel the distance. So it can't be done on one vacation, after all.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

A despatch telling about a man being taken into custody at Ingersoll after having caused a grievous bodily injury to an officer, concludes with this amazing statement: "It was shown there were some 20 convictions against him during the past 20 years." And in the course of events there will likely be another added shortly, which will make 21 convictions in 20 years. So that means that on an average this man has been in trouble each time eight months rolls around, and he has been keeping that up for 20 years. It would take on a minimum of 160 years to believe there will be any change in the man's habits.—Peterborough Examiner.

It is lucky that Americans are not a sensitive people, otherwise our pride would be hurt by the way this continent was discovered and explored by people who had their mind on other things. It began with the pre-Columbian discoveries. In those early days no one came here because he really wanted to, but either he was looking for some other place or else he was driven far out of his course by a storm. These things happened to Leif the Lucky, who was headed for Greenland, and to the Irish missionaries on their way to Iceland and to the British fishermen on the Grand Banks, and to the crew of Chinese junkies. As one historian recently observed, America was never discovered in a proper sense, but was only stumbled upon like a bedroom chair in the dark.—New York Times.

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ARMISTICE DAY, 1937

A Message to Youth from Lieut.-General the Rt. Hon. J. C. Smuts, C.H., K.C.

I value the privilege of being once more invited by the League of Nations Union to give the Armistice Message. I gave a similar message to the Schools of Great Britain in 1931. During the intervening years world affairs have taken a very grave turn.

It is unnecessary to go through the long list of disasters which have almost overwhelmed us: world-wide depression and suffering on an unprecedented scale; Manchuria; Abyssinia; Spain; and now again China; the decline in membership and authority of the League; the abandonment of disarmament and the restarting of a great armament race among the nations; the violation of treaties and the return to a naked belief in force; the disappearance of popular self-government from large parts of the West; above all, the loss of faith in ourselves and in the principles of our civilisation.

No wonder there is confusion and distracted counsel among us. We are like people who have lost the road and grope around in darkness. All sorts of desperate expedients are resorted to. Many have abandoned their ardent faith in the League. Some are for watering down the Covenant until little or nothing of its vital principles will be left. Some are for out-and-out Pacifism, even at the risk of endangering the very causes which are dearer to us than peace itself. Many depair of human nature and self-government, and seek refuge in one or other of the new ideologies. There is a dispersal of strength and aimless drifting. It is just here that the gravest danger for the future lies.

In this crisis of our times, what is my message to youth? Let us in the first place, I would say: let us stick to the light that we have seen; let us rally to the Covenant which was born of the suffering and vows of the Great War, and still remains our noblest and truest vision of the future. In the Covenant of the League of Nations lies imperishably embedded the road to the future of the world. There is nothing amiss in that vision of a world amply functioning in conference and in co-operation. Not the sword but the Round Table is the sign under which we shall win. If the Covenant happens to be in advance of

No Newfoundland Dictatorship

(Montreal Gazette) The irrepresible Jack McGovern, fiery Independent Labor member of Parliament for Glasgow, charges that Newfoundland is in the hands of a financial dictatorship. Mr. McGovern has again gone to extremes. When the Dominion in question was on the financial rocks in 1933, the people called for a change and in November of that year the Legislative Council unanimously passed a resolution from the Lower House in favor of a temporary suspension of Dominion status and recourse to Government by Commission under authority of the United Kingdom. Accordingly, a Commission of Government was established, and the Dominion of Newfoundland and British members. The British Government extended financial aid as well as advice and in the meantime there has been considerable improvement both in Newfoundland's public finances and in her industry. Dominions Secretary Malcolm MacDonald, therefore, was in a position to assure Glasgow's representative in the Common that when the island is more self-supporting the "old Constitution will be reverted to." The answer should disabuse Mr. McGovern of the idea that Westminster is holding the Newfoundlanders under a relationship of any kind. They are being helped along the road to complete recovery, which was what they had in mind when they petitioned Britain for a Commission of Government.

That Body of Hours

It is hard to understand why some individuals suffer with hay fever, asthma, eczema, the common cold, and other do not, despite the fact that all breathe the same air, eat the same foods, and come in contact with the same substances—pollen, fur, feathers, and others. Similarly with sea, car, or train sickness; just why some are afflicted and others are not, on the same vessel, car, or train, has never been understood. What may be a factor in causing sea, car, or train sickness is suggested by Dr. Wm. J. Kerr, of the University of California Medical School, in The Dental Journal of Australia. "While treating cases of neurotic (high-strung, nervous individuals) suffering from 'anxiety states,' Dr. Kerr found that anxiety states give rise to hyper- or overventilation of the lungs, a state in which the patient breathes out carbon dioxide in excessive amounts. Similar conditions of hyperventilation (too much oxygen and not enough carbon dioxide in the lungs and blood) were found by Dr. Kerr to exist among sufferers from sea sickness and may apply to car sickness and similar 'traveller's illnesses' where anxiety may be a contributing factor. In these cases Dr. Kerr discovered that by holding the breath the nausea and dizziness would be relieved in about thirty seconds."

Communitistic Fascism

(Christian Science Monitor) The differences between Fascism and Communism are fast being obliterated. Fascism in its infancy claimed the honor of retaining the profit motive and regard for private property. Since Communism wiped out these vestiges of capitalism, Fascism when it appeared on the scene held itself out to the business man as industry's saviour. Fascism rode into power on the backs of business men. Italian and German industrialists breathed sighs of relief on discovering they were saved from Communism. And yet in Fascist countries business men are finding less and less scope for individualism and private enterprise.

The dictator-dominated Italian Chamber has just announced a 10 per cent. capital levy on all the country's corporations. Last June Italian workers were awarded a 10 per cent wage increase by the Mussolini-controlled Central Corporative Committee. In March, 1936, the Duce admonished large private industries, at the same time dismissing the Italian Chamber of Deputies. Although intervening in industry only when it is considered necessary, the Italian State by its power to intervene has made a mockery of the judgment of business executives.

Italian business men may have been glad to see Fascism put labor under state control. The thought of no strikes or lockouts is appealing. But state discipline of labor has been followed by state discipline of employers and of owners. What business received with one hand it was forced to give up with the other. The result has been that

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The Man Who Started It

(Globe and Mail) The Dominion Bureau of Statistics recalls that on Oct. 29 a century ago the first Dominion Statistician was born. Fifty years later he was appointed to the office which has become a clearing-house for information on almost every conceivable line of national activity. The Bureau itself was set up by statute in 1918, following an investigation commenced six years earlier by a Commission on Statistics. It was made responsible for the statistics "relative to the commercial, industrial, social, economic and general activities and conditions of the people." It collaborates with all other Departments of the Government, and has right of access to Provincial, Municipal and corporate records. Today there are a dozen Divisions functioning under an administrative head, and if anything escapes their attention the public has not noticed it. So, when filling out a complicated form telling all about your business or farm or personal affairs, it may not be altogether appropriate to blame the job on a baby boy born to Rev. George Johnson and his wife, Victoria Cater, of Annapolis Royal, in the year of Queen

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