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Dr. Riddell Is Removed

In Second Samuel, chapter II, verses 14 to 17 and 27, it is written, says the Mail and Empire: And it came to pass in the morning that DAVID wrote a letter to JOAB, and sent it by the hand of URIAH. And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye URIAH in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die. And it came to pass, when JOAB observed the city, that he assigned URIAH unto a place where he knew that valiant men were. And the men of the city went out, and fought with JOAB; and there fell some of the people of the servants of DAVID; and URIAH the Hittite died also. . . . But the thing that DAVID had done displeased the LORD.

It seems to us that there is something of a parallel to this ancient incident in the manner that MR. LAPOINTE has treated DR. W. A. RIDDELL, for ten years Canadian adviser at the League of Nations. As DAVID, intent on his own purposes, removed URIAH from the scene, so the Ottawa Government is removing DR. RIDDELL from the Geneva scene and sending him to Chile at a critical moment in the League's efforts to check MUSSOLINI's warlike ambitions and protect the peace of the world. There is significance, moreover, in the fact that SENATOR DANDURAND who, according to MR. MACKENZIE KING, went to Europe some weeks ago on private business, has really been active on Government business over there.

MR. LAPOINTE and the Senator were the two men who went on strike at the time of the formation of the new Government and who by threatening not to come in forced the Prime Minister to make MR. CARDIN Minister of Public Works. It looks as if MR. DANDURAND in Europe and MR. LAPOINTE at Ottawa, have been again co-operating—that they have indeed been responsible for the repudiation of DR. RIDDELL and the humiliation of Canada in the eyes of the nations.

Mr McIntyre At Ottawa

According to our local contemporary, Hon. MR. MCINTYRE recently went to Ottawa and interviewed the Minister of Labour on the subject of obtaining unemployment relief. He was informed by the Minister that no definite promises could be made until after the Dominion-Provincial conference which opens today. Since this is one of the most important questions on the agenda, and full publicity was given to the King Government's policy of withholding action in the matter until after the conference, it would not have taken a prophet to predict in advance the answer MR. MCINTYRE received. If MR. MCINTYRE had stayed at home and read the papers he would have known what the Inter-Provincial conference was about, and it would not have been necessary for the Minister of Labour to tell him.

A Menace To Canadianism

"One startling change of policy expressed in the new trade treaty with Washington," says the Farmer's Advocate, "is the free entry into Canada of United States Magazines and periodicals. For the past few years such publications were obliged to pay a substantial duty into the Canadian treasury, the impost based largely on the percentage of advertising carried. Many of the U. S. publishers affected sought out Canadian printers and proceeded to publish in Canada, thus employing Canadian workmen, using Canadian paper and paying Canadian postage. Now, under this new dispensation the overrun of United States publications enter not only duty free but enjoy the use of Canadian mails for which there is no compensating factor because very few Canadian publications of any kind enjoy distribution in United States. "It has long been argued, and rightly so, that Canadian writers, authors and Canadian literature generally, are battling against fearful odds. The overwhelming volume of U. S. literature—good, bad and indifferent—which comes into this country annually creates an insurmountable obstacle to the development of a strictly Canadian periodical press and a strictly Canadian literature. The radio broadcasts now supplemented by duty free magazines will thoroughly Americanize the Canadian people, and unfortunately the U. S. magazines which enjoy the largest circulation on this side of the border do not portray the best side of American life and American culture.

"When dealing with commodities one must be prepared to give and take, but standards of citizenship, national consciousness and a people's literature are on a higher plane than fish and apricots."

Editorial Notes

Inter-Provincial plus Federal Conference meets today.

Will the Federal Government shoulder unemployment relief, or will the cities be further taxed for the privilege?

New Brunswick does the right thing with its bond flotations. Why can't our Government at least appear honourable?

The announcement that Governor HOFFMAN, New Jersey, is determined that justice be done HAUTPMAN, recalls the story of the prisoner who declared "that's what I'm afraid of."

Characteristically enough, Prime Minister KING says that while the week-end statement denying responsibility at Ottawa for Dr. RIDDELL's declaration at Geneva "left nothing more to be said," yet he will make some further announcement concerning it.

In Germany the lot of the Jew continues not to be a happy one. Instructions published in the German police gazette, the Deutsche Polizeibeamte, empower policemen to arrest without a warrant Jews seen with "Aryan" women in restaurants and other public places.

There was no "mystery" about the New Brunswick bond issue, full details of which appeared in Saturday's press. Meanwhile, the LEA Government refuses to divulge the information relative to this Province's half-million dollar bond transaction.

Probably if BILLY SUNDAY had devoted his undoubted abilities to business instead of religion he would have died a millionaire. As it was he built an estate of approximately \$50,000 in his 39 years of evangelism, which was disclosed, when his will was filed for probate. He left all to his widow, Mrs. HELEN A. SUNDAY.

An exhibition of Czechoslovakian etchings, woodcuts and lithographs at the Harris Memorial Gallery opens this afternoon under auspices of the Art Society of Prince Edward Island. The work is said to be of a quite exceptional quality, and should arouse much interest among art students and the public generally.

Several of the provinces have published the programmes they intend submitting to the Inter-Provincial Conference, but our delegation has gone without taking the electors into their confidence. Their secret attitude in this and other respects is reminiscent of the Railway King, who, being asked how his policy would affect the travelling public, "Public?" he asked. "The public be damned."

The only Canadian newspaper correspondent in Ethiopia is ROBINSON McLEAN who is sending specials to the Saint-John Telegraph-Journal and the Toronto TELEGRAM. He says the Italians have found that tough men and tough mountains can make a war not only long but doubtful, and predicts the war will drag on until the rainy season begins, and would resume when it ceased, unless events in Europe bring it to a halt sooner.

MR. ALLAN MACMILLAN, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. MACMILLAN, Brighton, who has been awarded the I.O.D.E. Scholarship for 1937, is just concluding his degree course in commerce and banking at Boston, and will take a post-graduate course in London. ALLAN needs no introduction to our readers, as he has made a name for himself at P. W. C. Acadia in sport, and is the son and nephew of two popular distinguished citizens and athletes "Toby" and "CYRUS".

"No two people are alike, and if a diet is necessary it should be designed not only for the condition but for the individual." This statement was made by Dr. C. J. TIDMARSH of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, in addressing the members of the Sherbrooke Rotary Club. Dr. TIDMARSH, who is a specialist in disorders of the digestive system, took "diet and digestion" as the subject of his talk and held that sedentary habits, hurried meals, cocktails, smoking, loss of sleep often resulted in a mental and general nervous exhaustion. As a result, the delicate nervous mechanism controlling the digestive tract was frequently upset and resort was had to laxatives, frequent use of which he condemned.

The Chinaman is not always the hewer of wood and drawer of water—or laundryman and restaurateur—that we know here. China's great philanthropist, AW BOON-HEW, who makes his home in Singapore, has returned to his native province of Fukien for a visit with the announcement he will donate \$5,000,000 Mex. (approximately \$1,650,000 Canadian funds) for the founding of 1,000 new primary schools. The schools will be founded at the rate of 100 a year for the next 10 years. A multi-millionaire who made his fortune from a string of Chinese medicine shops, rubber plantations and Singapore real estate, AW BOON-HEW recently donated \$20,000 Mex. (\$6,500 Canadian) to establish a public recreation ground and swimming pool in Foochow.

The front page was occupied fairly extensively several weeks ago with the detention and deportation of a man and woman arriving in Quebec from London. The sequel was to be found in the appearance of KENNETH GEORGE WARD before the Old Bailey Court, London on a charge of failing to notify the police of his intention to leave the metropolitan district, as required under the Prevention of Crimes Act. He was sent three months to prison. Police revealed Ward's long list of convictions for various crimes. He admitted that since his release from prison in April he had been arrested six times—once on a charge of murder, which was subsequently dropped by the Crown. His companion on his voyage to Canada, Mrs. CLAIRE PATTEN, who was sent back on the same ship, evidently had a clear police record, as no charge was lodged against her.

In Washington they are tightening up their neutrality laws, and the administration is reported to be drafting a more drastic neutrality measure. Reliable sources say the bills will be introduced as soon as Congress convenes. Points to be included in the measures include discretionary power for the President to embargo articles not specifically classed as munitions and a mandatory bar against loans and credits to all belligerents. Secretary HULL, in threatening legal action against arm makers and exporters not yet registered with the State Department in a formal statement said a number of firms presumably have not registered and expressed the hope that this had been due to "inadvertence." He added: "However, should they fail to do so within a reasonable time, I shall find myself obliged to send the names of the companies which are presumed to have failed to comply with the law to the Attorney-General for such action as he may deem appropriate." A penalty of five years imprisonment or \$10,000 fine or both is provided for violation of the law.

Notes By The Way

By itself an embargo on key-materials would not be damaging (to Italy) for many months, even if the United States were to be persuaded (with difficulty) to extend its list of prohibited goods and if Germany (by some unholy bargain) were to be bought off, could not equally well get elsewhere. The world can turn to other sources for cheese, rice, lemons, wine and vermouth, and textiles. Nor, except in the case of Germany's takings of citrus fruit, does any one country absorb a prohibitive portion of Italy's total export. She is the more vulnerable because the countries that cannot be counted on to join in a boycott are unlikely to be willing to take much more from her. As the "Economic" portion of Italy's total export, she is the more vulnerable because the countries that cannot be counted on to join in a boycott are unlikely to be willing to take much more from her.

It is evident that the Administration has made up its mind to side in principle with the League of Nations, adopting the theory that the way to end the war is through economic pressure. The difference between our attitude and that of the League is that we treat both belligerents alike, while the League's embargoes affect only Italy. But inasmuch as we sell little or nothing to Ethiopia, and considerable to Italy, our decision affects the latter country alone.—Detroit News.

To celebrate his seventieth birthday just as his father had done, Lieutenant Colonel Frank Harris walked 33 miles from his home in Southborough, England, to London, thus celebrating his seventieth birthday. Harris vowed that he would do the same when he reached three score years and ten. The hike required "13 hours, two glasses of beer and one ounce of tobacco," according to his report.

Winston Churchill has no valid grievance because he is not included in Mr. Baldwin's cabinet. He excels his freedom as a private member, and as a member of the government. Indian policy, having made serious trouble for the administration, his appointment as a minister would be regarded in Britain as an attempt to finance a critic, and in India it would be bitterly resented.

Premier Laval has saved the franc again, until the next time. It is a pity the franc and France, which so closely associate the minds of millions of Frenchmen. In their view the franc has become as much a national emblem as the tricolor, and talk of devaluing it is regarded as almost a species of treason. The British government, while the "pound" is being fought, has not forgotten the pound. The pound went off gold a few months later, and its saviors joined in the hurrahs. If the franc, as many economists believe, is over-valued it is not until it reaches its normal level, as sterling did.

At the present serious stage in the international crisis, there are two facts which the British people should remember. First, that the dispute between Italy and Abyssinia never did concern British interests; and, second, that it was never a matter which the League of Nations was not to deal with. Further, secessions of Great Powers crippled it hopelessly and moved it a greater distance from reality. Yet Great Britain, whose interests are in no way affected, has become desperately entangled in confused schemes, which are getting so out of hand that a European war has become a grim possibility. However much public opinion may condemn the high-handed action of Italy, it is against the prospect that, another great measure of restraint against her.—London Daily Mail.

Someone should start a movement to build a monument to the average taxpayer. He is the man who keeps the home fires burning and makes the wheels of government go around. He has gotten himself into the position of a taxpayer by theft, by spending his money in making, by investing in the home town. To do it he has denied himself pleasures and luxuries that the spendthrift had in plenty. In every community he may be abused and referred to slightly on many occasions, but in good years and bad years he is the backbone of the country, and without him there would be no government and no relief. He carries the burden that others shirk, many times without complaint, which he would often be justified in voicing.—Petrolia Advertiser.

The Lloyd George independent Liberal party of four is an all-Welsh group and a seventy-five per cent family institution. It consists of the leader, Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George who represents Carnarvon-Burroughs, his daughter Mogan Lloyd George, elected in Anglesey, Major Gwelin Lloyd George, returned for Pembroke and Major G. Owen, who carried Carnarvonshire. For its size it contains quite a lot of political dynamite which may go off at any time in almost any direction.—Sydney Record.

The present Labor administration in the London County Council is the only one for more than a generation which has bought foreign pencils for use in their schools.

That Baby of Hours

By James W. Barton, M.D. CHAPPED SKIN

One of the mean ailments that comes with the cool or cold weather is chapping of the skin or mucous membrane about hands, face and lips. There are tiny cuts in the skin or mucous membrane which are so severe that they are practically like eczema. Fortunately they disappear with warm weather, but with cold damp weather these little cuts or fissures are so painful that "they get on the nerves" of the patients suffering with them. These fissures are especially painful when the patient is eating. There is less moisture in the air during the cold weather and the patient easily acquires the habit moistening with his tongue the dry surface containing the cuts. This of course only aggravates the symptoms. That the diet may be a factor in causing this condition is quite probable because patients find that leaving certain articles of food from their daily food intake seems to lessen the symptoms.

The taking of baking soda, a half teaspoonful about twice a day seems to be helpful in some cases, which would indicate that in these particular cases anyway an acid condition exists. Patients find that they must protect the skin and lips from sudden changes of temperature and never go outdoors if the skin is not perfectly dry. The skin should not be washed in very cold or very hot water. Further it is most important that the skin be made perfectly dry after washing. Drying the skin before the fire instead of drying it gently and thoroughly with a towel is felt to be one of the causes of this type of skin irritation.

Some soaps do not agree with certain skins and the individual should avoid soaps which leave the skin with a dry irritated feeling. Some of the common everyday toilet soaps seem to agree with the majority of individuals. Soaps that are too alkaline should be avoided. The prevention of this condition—chapping—then is first and foremost to avoid very hot or very cold water, drying the skin thoroughly, and the use of a soap that agrees with the skin.

The treatment consists of dusting powders containing zinc of bismuth, or the various lotions or ointments recommended by your physician.

The Poet's Corner

NOVEMBER The mellow year is hastening to its close; The little birds have almost sung their purpose of decorating the trees. Their small notes twitter in the dreary blast— That shrill-piped harbingers of early snows; The patient beauty of the scentless rose, Oft with the mom's hear crystal quantity glazed, Hangs, a pale mourner for the summer past, And makes a little summer where it grows; In the chill unbeam of the faint brief day, The dusky waters audder as they shine; The russet leaves obstruct the straggling way Of oozy brooks, which no deep banks detain, And the gaunt woods, in ragged scant array, Wrap their old limbs with sombre ivy-twine. —Hartley Coleridge

Belittling Santa Claus

(Sydney Post Record) Up in London, Ont., a public school teacher was reported to have belittled Santa Claus in the presence of his pupils, whereupon a storm broke out among parents and an administrator of the schools rebuked the teacher. We like that. For among impossible and unpleasant people in the world are those cynical and terribly illiterate people who are never happy unless trying to destroy romance or pleasant illusions. Belief in Santa Claus, the spirit of the belief, is one of the loveliest things about childhood. To seek to uproot it, to destroy so much that is precious and magical about Christmas, is to attempt a poor thing, as poor a thing as effort to abolish fairy tales. It suggests such a lack of sentiment, of romance, as to be all but appalling. Mr. G. K. Chesterton once argued whimsically that Old King Cole was a great English King, had had more influence upon the character of the English people, than King John. Perhaps he wasn't altogether wrong. Romance,

for the paltry saving they think they have effected they can be justly accused of making the children submitted to their charge "foreign minded" by having them taught to write, figure, and draw with foreign pencils for the period of the next 12 months.—Letter—Manchester Guardian.

On the strength of the father's description of his daughter's beauty Ramzanjan Sing paid \$500 as a dowry for a bride in Singapore, India. After the wedding he sued the father, who has been ordered to return the \$500 and pay a fine of \$250 for false pretences.

By Air To Manila

(Vancouver Province) The China Clipper has arrived safe and sound in Manila Bay, six days out from California, and it is a remarkable occasion deserving celebration. This was substantially the first commercial passage of the Pacific Ocean, east and west, by air, and it seems to have been completely successful in every detail. Pan-American Airways, the aerial transport company which inaugurated its new Trans-Pacific service with this flight, will receive deserved congratulations, and especially, as we are very ready to believe, from those who know best how much patient planning, as well as imaginative daring, have gone to the preparation and execution of this venture.

The China Clipper carried a chief pilot, a crew of six, several passengers (employees of the company and 11,000 pieces of mail. Her voyage, made without any sort of delay or mishap, is described as leisurely, and it was so in the sense that her flying time of sixty hours was stretched over six days of elapsed time from the take-off at Alameda to the landing in Manila Bay. The flying was done in daylight, and the ship rested overnight at her stopping places en route, Honolulu, Midway Islands, Wake Island, Guam. No doubt the time could have been considerably shortened if necessary, but the China Clipper was out over the Pacific on a much more important errand than the breaking of aerial speed records. As it was, she made her 6,000-mile voyage in two weeks less than it is made by the fastest steamship line. She did her last stage, 1700 miles from Guam to Manila, in eleven and a half hours.

This pathfinding voyage of the China Clipper answers a number of the questions, and, as always in the number of others. To say that she will be followed across the Pacific by others of her kind is only the bare literal statement of the intention of the company whose operations she inaugurates. Undoubtedly her performance contains the promise that a Trans-Atlantic air traffic is also to be practicable, some day before very long.

Maritime Christmas News

(Exchange) A Christmas tree cut at Dalhousie East, King's County, Nova Scotia, is to grace the living-room of the White House during the Christmas season, says the Brockville (Ont.) Recorder. Around it President Roosevelt and the members of his household will gather for the customary festivities. It is 15 feet high, a fine looking fir, and Clinton E. Wright is the man who cut it down before its shipment, with other trees from New Germany, N. S. This is a reminder of the fact that many thousands of small fir trees leave Canada each year for the purpose of decorating the houses of the United States at the Christmas season. The annual movement of these Christmas trees is now under way with carload after carload crossing the border. In the aggregate, the trees mean a considerable sum of money for farmers and others participating in the business. It is sometimes argued that such large-scale cutting of Christmas trees as that which is practised year after year on farms and in woodlands throughout Canada is prejudicial to the forest resources of the country. Foresters, however, do not support this view. Many of the trees, they point out, are stunted species which might never attain larger growth and where this is untrue, the thinning of the woods effected through such cutting is of benefit to the remaining trees. It is probably true that only a small proportion of the Christmas trees cut down each year would become otherwise merchantable.

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