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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink."

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The Plank They Forgot

All of the orators at last week's Liberal banquet, says the Ottawa Journal, talked of the year 1919; they told what a historic and famous year it was, how it had brought the leadership of Mr. King; sought to awaken memories of its conflicts and its victories. Not a single orator mentioned one of the notable products of that year, the 1919 Liberal platform. Did they forget it? Or did they think it a troublesome ghost—a ghost that mustn't walk? Here was one plank:

"That . . . wheat, wheat flour and all products of wheat, the principal articles of food, farm implements and machinery, farm tractors, mining, flour and sawmill machinery and repair parts thereof, rough and dressed lumber, gasoline, illuminating, lubricating and fuel oils, etc., nets, net twines and fishermen equipments, and fertilizers, should be free from customs duties as well as the raw materials entering into the same; that a revision downward should be made and substantial reductions should be effected in the duties on wearing apparel and footwear, and on other articles of general consumption (other than luxuries), as well as on the raw material entering into the manufacture of the same; that the British preference should be increased 50 per cent of the general tariff. That the Liberal party hereby pledges itself to implement by legislation the provision of this resolution when returned to power."

The Ottawa paper recalls the frenzy of enthusiasm with which this resolution was carried. Liberalism had struck its tents and was on the march; British Columbia's John Oliver so carried away in exaltation that one of his sweeping platform gestures upset a pitcher of ice-water upon the head of poor Tom Blacklock sitting in the press-box below.

Then came doubts; some cynicism. Mr. Sam Jacobs, wit of the party, remarked that "we've given free trade to everybody, and Britain 50 per cent more than that." Mr. King, always distinguished for prudence, said the platform was a "chart." Mr. Fielding, equally prudent, wrote the gay cynicism that "platforms are made to get in on." Others just forgot. When poor Andrew McMaster, a forthright man who thought that platforms should mean something, continued to protest, they drove him across the floor of the House. Mr. King, by this time, was talking about a tariff that would be "fair to producers and consumers alike." Mr. Crerar, who had previously resigned from Sir Robert Borden's cabinet because his colleagues wouldn't cut tariffs, stopped beckoning us to the "uplands" and (as a Liberal cabinet minister) calmly condoned the betrayal.

So they didn't speak of the 1919 platform last week. Once or twice Mr. King seemed to be about to touch it, or perhaps trip over it, but he was too cagey. Mr. King is not the man to make ghosts walk; and he wouldn't want this particular ghost about the Saskatchewan's Mr. Tucker and all the other free trade scholars of John Dafoe sitting right there in front of him.

Air Raid Over England

Five hundred "enemy" bombers roared in from the south and east over England and for four hours subjected one-half of it to a practise air raid. Eight hundred planes and 60,000 air defence soldiers met the attack. The graphic story written by the London staff of The Canadian Press was horrifying in its implications. In a real war there undoubtedly would have been tremendous damage—thousands of men, women and children would have been killed or maimed; a proportion of the raiders would have dropped their bombs even if few had returned to tell the tale.

The only consolation, if consolation it be, is, as declared in an article by a British naval authority that areas in enemy countries would be similarly bombed—that "frightfulness" has "now become a two-edged sword which Britain can and would wield effectively," and eventually with compound interest.

The practise raid and "blackout" of Thursday night is reported to have cost the British taxpayers \$700,000, but if that money and all the fabulous sums being spent in the course of "talking rough and acting tough" provide a deterring lesson to war-mad dictators it will be worth the price.

Materials That Count

Here, from an article by Liddell Hart in Saturday Night, are some substantial reasons for viewing the present European situation with optimism:

"There are some twenty basic products essential for war. Coal for general production. Petroleum for motive power. Cotton for explosives. Wool. Iron. Rubber for transport. Copper for general armament and all electrical equipment. Nickel for steel-making and ammunition. Lead for ammunition. Glycerine for dynamite. Cellulose for smokeless powders. Aluminum and bauxite for aircraft. Platinum for chemical apparatus. Antimony, manganese, etc., for steel-making and metallurgy in general. Asbestos for guns and machinery. Mica for flexibility. Nitric acid and sulphur, both for explosives. With regard to the above, Italy

has to import the bulk of her needs in nearly every product, even to coal. Spain, despite recent gains, is still short of most materials, save copper and coal. Germany has no home production of cotton, rubber, tin, platinum, bauxite, mercury, and mica, while her supplies of iron-ore, copper, antimony, manganese, rickel sulphur, wool and petroleum are quite inadequate."

Candid Criticisms

Our young ladies have listed the following dislikes regarding beaus and hubbies: Walking on the wrong side of a girl in the street, and keeping hats on, smoking, or not standing up when speaking to a girl.

Gossiping, especially about women. Wearing loud shirts, hats, ties and socks. Being childish about their hurts.

"Men who call for you and sit in the car and toot instead of coming to the door annoy me intensely."

"I wish men wouldn't say 'Mr. Smith speaking', instead of 'Smith speaking' on a telephone."

"I hate men to say 'I'm in love with you—I've never been in love like this before.' There's no need to tell lies."

"I don't like men with hairy chests in bathing trunks."

"Men who burn holes in carpets and chairs are the ones I detest. We don't buy ashtlays for fun."

"Why must men chat to waitresses? It's most embarrassing. Women's don't chat to waiters."

"Generally hateful to most girls, I think, is the mauling man who, when talking to you, must put his hand on your shoulder or hold your arm. He mightn't mean anything, but he's a nuisance."

EDITORIAL NOTES

"Lawrence of Arabia" (T. E. Shaw) born this date, 1888.

Still the royal weather continues, which we missed when the King and Queen were here.

One thing about the Island Fair, (not meaning exactly the Fair Island) is that going there you meet so many people you have longed to meet but haven't—like pearls in oysters.

A North Shore visitor remarked yesterday—"Now I know why the farm homes and surroundings here are so well-kept and tended—the Exhibition sets the example."

The London stock exchange is usually a safe indicator of the state of the war barometer, and on Saturday although a dull tendency developed, there was practically no selling and it was evident by the philosophical atmosphere that a manufactured political crisis is becoming less effective as cause for alarm.

This happens to be our second year of unusual universal front page publicity—last year Dr. Dunning's illness and convalescence, at the Governor's summer home; this year Their Majesties visit, the Confederation celebrations, and last, but not least, the Golden Jubilee Exhibition—the exhibition that never let up, nor let anybody down, in the whole 50 years of its existence.

In its report of the Mackenzie King banquet at Toronto last week the Globe and Mail notes: "The crowd sang 'For He's a Jolly Good Fellow' several times, and an orchestra, which earlier had, rather lamentably, ginned out 'The Old Grey Mare Ain't What She Used to Be,' gorged its inadvertent slip, for a twentieth anniversary occasion, with a stirring rendition of 'O Canada'."

Published in England on behalf of the King George's Jubilee Trust is a pictorial record of Their Majesties' visit to Canada, the United States and Newfoundland in which, regrettably, Prince Edward Island figures not at all. In addition to official photographs of the visit, which are handsomely reproduced, there is a chronological record of the speeches and broadcast addresses delivered by Their Majesties during their tour. Omission of any reference to the visit to this Province was no doubt unintentional on the part of the Jubilee Trust, but it nevertheless is a matter calling for protest.

Important changes in the personnel of the Civil Service Commission have been made without any undue publicity. Miss E. Saunders, who has for several years been on the staff of the Civil Service Commission, has been appointed secretary of that body, succeeding William Foran, who retired some months ago, it was announced recently. The French secretarial work will be carried on by Arthur Thivierge head of the assignment branch, who received a promotion with the title of chief assignment branch and associate secretary. The executive functions have been allotted to Stanley G. Nelson, chief examiner of the commission, with the title of chief examiner and executive officer. Miss Saunders joined the commission in 1908, and Messrs. Nelson and Thivierge in 1921 and 1920 respectively.

Surely Prime Minister King must be convinced now that there is no immediate risk of war to interfere with a Fall election. Lord Beaverbrook declared on arrival in Quebec he did not "believe there will be war in Europe" otherwise he would not have left London for Canada. Mr. Beverley Baxter, M.P., London, who arrived with Lord Beaverbrook said there were three strong factors against the outbreak of war in Europe. The British navy and air force, the French army and France's unity of purpose, and the unknown factor of the United States. The British newspapers, according to latest despatches, agree with these leaders of public opinion, in stating that there is little likelihood of war this year. Why, then, does the Prime Minister delay his election announcement?

NOTES BY THE WAY

Our Ottawa undercover agent reports that the reason the federal government has delayed its campaign tour of the country, is busy learning to waltz like the Queen.—Toronto Saturday Night.

Considering the record of national blunders made by voters who went to school in the days when the theory of education was that it should be as unpleasantly as possible, the older generation must be careful in their criticism of present tendencies. "More power to the educators," they must say, "if by making learning attractive they can produce a new set of Canadians with an understanding of what it is all about."—The Printed Word.

The craft of writing can be taught. Through practice and criticism of people ordinary in intelligence can acquire the technique of clear and orderly statement just as certainly as they can be taught to read and to multiply. Training in writing will not make them any more intelligent or anything remotely resembling one, but it will produce competent craftsmen. Most college graduates, to judge from their letters, are not competent writers, not because they lack intelligence, but because their training has been neglected. They have had too little criticism of their writing and the standard of accomplishment in the course they have taken has been set far too low.—Chicago Tribune.

A Rome despatch says that for expenses growing out of the military operation in Albania—the operation which resulted in King Zog being driven from the throne—Italy had to appropriate almost \$15,000,000. Add this \$15,000,000 to the much larger expense incurred in the subjugation of Ethiopia and you have a tremendous bill to satisfy Mussolini's personal colonial ambitions. Some of these fine days the Italian taxpayers are going to start grumbling out loud—especially when they start checking up to discover just what benefits have been derived from the acquisition of the territories over which Haile Selassie and Zog once ruled.—Windsor Star.

A squadron a day is the motto of the Air Defence Cadet Corps. The ranks of a cadet corps to this body of air-minded boys between the ages of fourteen and eighteen. The corps is only a year old. When it was formed by the Air League the aim was 30,000 members by the end of 1918. Well, there are already 13,000 air cadets. The original enlistment looks too modest now. The authorities appear to be surprised at the rush. Why should they be? The corps, by its very effort to see that air-minded boys are given a chance to show they are as keen about the air as the youth of any other country.—London Daily Mail.

It is hardly worth while to keep track of the humors of the German press in its comments on British decadence, but Dr. Ernst Scheide, of Leipzig, (who seems to have some resemblance to Dr. Strabisimus of Utrecht, whom God preserve!) has found some really wonderful reasons for Axis jubilation. He has discovered, for instance, that "Great Britain no longer plays first fiddle in the Mediterranean, the Italian Empire having recovered her pre-eminence there." And he believes that the excellent force of voices that are sent in air would, in the event of war, frighten Great Britain out of any attempt to close the Mediterranean Well, well!—The Navy London.

Canadians are soon to see a full-length feature film of the royal visit, not undergoing its final cutting by the Dominion's own motion picture bureau. Camera men shot more than 80,000 feet of film in recording the triumphal tour from one end of Canada to the other. No one saves the bureau the task of cutting this huge amount of film, showing aspects of the visit in about forty cities, towns and villages, down to 7,000 feet or thereabouts. What should go in and what must come out are questions the bureau is now trying to answer as it piles the shears and tows film away on the cutting-room floor. The film must be cut down to the regulation length of a feature, which averages around 7,500 feet, for several reasons. That length has been found most satisfactory for audiences. And the process of boiling down should help to eliminate the repetitions. The film, which should have general release early in the fall.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Empire shopping week deserves widespread support. It is not designed merely to sell goods, though that is included in its aim. It has something greater as its purpose, namely, the expression of the Empire as a fountain or reservoir and a reservoir of wealth to be distributed to each Dominion and colony. Trade and industry have been called the life-blood of nations. It is upon them that the strength of each part is based and through them that growth and expansion are possible. They give vitality that enables constant development, and if trade and industry languish and atrophy from any cause, then power, influence and greatness depart. Empire shopping week is an annual effort to impress on all persons in the British Empire a knowledge of its illimitable resources, its capacity to produce, and the value of its products. It must be taken rather as a symbol of ability to live within the Empire than as a desire to do so by isolating other nations.—Exchange.

Sixty per cent of the population of Ethiopia is engaged in farming. An alcohol burner heats water in the handle of a shaving brush that has won its inventor a patent.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The editor does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

D. SGRACEFUL WHARF

Sir—Last Sunday night a child was almost drowned at the Ferry wharf, by falling in. It is reported through the hole at the head of the wharf. The wonder is, there are not more accidents on this wharf due to the disastrous condition it has been allowed to fall into this past few years. Along a large part of the wharf only the top rail is in place, both it and the remainder of the railing is almost falling into the stream, while the sidewalk is most dangerous to walk on, especially at night, due to the ups and downs in it, as well as its curves. The accident last Sunday night should be a warning to those in authority, that if the wharf is left in its present condition, accidents are almost bound to happen. Surely here is a project, which will not only give work to our unemployed, but also be a safeguard to all those who pass to and from Rocky Point to the historic National Park of this Province. I am, Sir, etc.

CITIZEN

Manion Shows The Way

(Globe and Mail) Hon. Dr. Manion's reproach of the Prime Minister for his humiliating stand on the proposal of a Dominion for British children was no more than was deserved. He could share the Conservative Leader's view that the reason for the stand is simply the Premier's inability to make decisions. Unfortunately, Mr. King's Cabinet colleagues must share responsibility. And the lingering suspicion that sectional politics are the real obstruction to Canada performing a "Christian and humanitarian duty" makes the Government's timidity doubly distasteful. Dr. Manion's statement thoroughly exposes the subterfuge of Parliamentary action behind which the Prime Minister took shelter in refusing official support to the project. It is a matter of credit to himself that Dr. Manion, recognizing the onus on the Government to give leadership to such enterprises, did not shrink from a candid comment until after the Cabinet had decided its course. Parliament in the natural order of things would be asked to pass on the refuge plan so far as it involved Federal agencies or expenditures. But the responsibility on the Government is the responsibility which it shirked. And if all the signs are right, it is expected that the Government to cover up for it. The Conservative chieftain was misled to a true reflection of the public mind when he said: "Every man and woman in Canada would gladly agree to such a plan, if it were possible." They will not be able to do so, if the Government is to abandon it by talk of "insurmountable" but unidentified difficulties. These stubborn cases of sleeplessness where insulin is used should be of course, be handled in hospital.

FIGHT BANANA BUGHT

KINGSTON, Jamaica.—(CP)—A grant to Jamaica to fight a banana blight has been announced by the British Department of Agriculture.

The Poet's Corner

NIGHTFALL Sunset and the slow murmur of the hours Drifts through the leafy gossip of the trees. Lie the shadows underneath the towers Of ancient eims, and dusky are the seas Of tremendous bracken on the forest floor. A night moth wanly flutters to the yield Of perfumed meadowsweet. A wakeful bird Calls from the thorn that skirts the sleeping field. A quiet call, that dies and then is heard. To call again. Till silence comes once more. —Cartwright Timms in 'Chambers'

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No one has been able to tell us what causes sleep. In my student days we believed there was a sort of cycle of events during the 24 hours and a certain period the blood left the brain—the brain became anemic—and this caused sleep. This has been disproven. Patients who are nervous, emotional, under severe mental strain, must on heart, bloodvessels, and nervous system may cause exhaustion and collapse.

In speaking of the usual methods of bringing rest and sleep to these high strung, upset individuals, Dr. G. Wilsie Robinson, Neurological Hospital, Kansas City, Mo., in Clinical Medicine and Surgery, tells of three—(a) drugs, (b) baths, and (c) psychotherapy (treating the mind disturbances by free discussion of them with the individual). As these three methods have certain disadvantages, or fall in a number of cases, Dr. Robinson states that insulin (the treatment given to diabetics) has been used successfully by a number of research workers including himself in quieting and bringing sleep to patients suffering with mania, overactivity with or without impending collapse.

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