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CIRCULATION

"Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew"

"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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Maritime Conference

The proposed meeting of the premiers of the four Atlantic Provinces hold "tremendous possibilities" in the words of Premier Hugh John Flemming of New Brunswick.

These Provinces are on the verge of large industrial development. Resources which were previously unknown or inaccessible are now ready for exploitation and can be developed either with local capital or, if that is not forthcoming, by American and other outside investment.

These Provinces are blest with excellent communications, nearness to both American and world markets and with resources which are only now beginning to be appreciated.

Lord Montgomery's Warning

One of the most thought-provoking speeches of our time was delivered this week before the Canadian Club at Ottawa by Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein.

It is not just one of preparing for some anticipated date of aggression on the part of the Communist East. It will not be solved by building up large forces by a certain date, without regard as to how those forces are to be maintained and kept up to date in equipment over a prolonged period of cold war.

The problem can only be dealt with on a global basis, and is complicated by the fact that no nation will want to keep its land forces for ever across the seas in peace time in the countries of other nations.

Viscount Montgomery laid great stress on the importance of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as "the strong right arm" of the United Nations Organization.

chief difficulty. "It is hard enough to get agreement on the structure of national forces, with each Chief of Staff fighting for his own service. But in NATO we want to decide on the structure of allied forces as a whole; we have fourteen nations and the difficulties are multiplied more than fourteen times. However, it can and must be done."

Hypnosis And Monkey Glands

The medical profession has come a long way from the days of witch doctors and such but has not altogether rid itself of the fear of being accused of quackery.

Medical interest in hypnosis would have developed at a much earlier date had the profession not feared that it was bound to be associated in the public mind with charlatans and exhibitionists.

The unfortunate result of that over-caution is that these and other matters of great medical interest have been left to be exploited by the unscrupulous and ignorant. If hypnosis had been accepted as a promising line of investigation by the medical profession the public would no more tolerate its use for questionable entertainment than they would applaud the use of radium or the X-ray for a similar purpose.

This comment deals chiefly with the past, of course. Science today is readier to explore new fields, but the fear of ridicule is still a potent force to retard progress. The spirit of research requires to be accompanied by a thick skin and the public must learn that if it is to get the best out of its scientific pioneers it must permit them to follow their inquiries in peace.

Today there are, as always, popular channels of investigation, but if scientists are not permitted to follow up leads in unexpected directions the advancement of knowledge will be seriously impeded.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Joint action to relieve the flooding situation at the east end of Grafton Street is being taken by the City, Province and C. N. R., a co-operative move which will certainly be appreciated by the frequently submerged east enders.

Announcement that Canada has test-fired an air-to-air guided missile should not be given more significance than it deserves. If this country had failed to keep abreast of such developments it would be a very serious matter indeed.

It is not often that jet aircraft have an opportunity to make "mercy flights", more often these are necessarily made by slower machines which can operate from secondary airports or from makeshift landing strips.

Helicopter taxi-service is provided between New York International, La Guardia and Newark Airports. In 10 or 21 minutes passengers may make cross-connections between the various airports.

Sir Charles James Napier, British general and statesman, died this date 1853. He fought in the Irish rebellion in 1798, in Denmark, and was wounded and taken prisoner at Corunna and took part in the expedition to Chesapeake Bay in August, 1814.

Down in Alabama, notes the Windsor Star, a vending machine for eggs is in use. Customers drive up to it, drop in the required amount, and out pops a dozen of fresh eggs.



The Poet's Corner

THE MIDNIGHT WATCH

We are the children of a stormy sky Who keep a rendezvous with punctual fate. We are the dancers who arrive too late And find the hour of merriment gone by.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

RAILWAY PICNIC

The fourth annual picnic of the Railway employees, held at Birch Grove, FreeTown, yesterday, was attended by an immense concourse of people.

Best standing jump — 1st. John Morgan; 2nd. Andrew MacDonald. Throwing heavy hammer and championship of P.E.I. Railway — 1st prize, P. A. Dogherly.

Wheelbarrow race — 1st. Thomas Riggs. Men's sack race — 1st. Nicoll McParlane.

Three-legged race — 1st. Fred Crabbe and Peter McQuaid. Running high leap — 1st. John Morgan.

Pots race — 1st prize, in dispute between William Bagnall and John Morgan. Sword dance — 1st. Michael Smith.

Highland piper — 1st. Peter Ferguson. Go as you please match, 30 minutes — 1st prize, in dispute. Brace and bit game — 1st prize (1 brace and 28 bits), Herbert Kelly.

—The Examiner, Sept. 11, 1879.

Ulysses Sails Again

(Vancouver Sun) Over in Italy a company using American and continental actors is filming the Homeric story of Ulysses, the crafty king of Ithaca.

Notes By The Way

Manitoba has stepped boldly into the experiment of trying to market whale steaks — an experiment that failed in Britain and British Columbia.

The air is cool these August nights. Against the black star-spangled sky the curtain of the northern lights flickers greenly. In the gardens the crickets sing their melancholy little song, and the first promise of Fall is here.

The person with a sensitive ear or eye finds a deeper delight in good fiction or good writing than the average listener or reader, but he pays for it. He pays for it because diction and good writing are so rare.

Way back of beyond, in the hills of Vancouver Island, new forests are growing! They can't be seen from the main highways, these magnificent splashes of green.

Two dollar bettors who study the Racing Form... compare performance charts, jockey ratings and blood lines will shake their heads over the luck of an unidentified woman who collected a record \$763.60 for a \$2 wager at the New Hamburg Trotting Derby.

Judging by reports out of Italy the makers of "Ulysses" aren't falling into the usual mistakes. They're sticking to the fellow behind the counter who she had to place a bet.

The Odyssey is a story that will never die. As an epic poem it was a favorite of the ancients.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer THE CHANGING WORLD-TEMPORARITY

I do not think that anyone in the early 1900's except perhaps the career men in the various foreign offices of the world, and they only for formal diplomatic reasons, had the slightest interest in anything that happened in Iran, or Persia.

How different things are now! It is safe to say that every foreign office is watching developments night and day, for whatever happens in Iran is now of world concern. It could conceivably affect the lives of people in every quarter of the globe including our own little Island.

The economic troubles of that far-off land are of even more concern than constitutional ones. The Shah's appeal for help is, one might say, one of the symptoms (or it may be one of the effects) of the new political fashion that has encompassed the world.

Iranians, well fed, might prefer the democratic way of life as against the Communist way. Iranians hungry and threatened with national desolation, are not likely to be too particular, for it is still true that a hungry man needs no politics.

The Korean situation is another instance of the big change that has taken place in recent years (since 1914) in what might be called the "new world temperaments".

True, the door had been partially opened to Western influence—not always good—but only the very venturesome bothered to look through the inside. As for China's becoming a Great Power, or China's Power at all in the customary sense of the term, hardly anybody, I imagine, was disposed to think about it.

A school class, as I remember, was now and then told to fill out the What and Where columns concerning Peking, Seoul, Formosa, or Nanking, but only as formal exercise signifying nothing in particular.

Those days a missionary who had lately returned from China

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