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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Pinchbeck Economy

The hope entertained that construction of a new boat for the Wood Islands-Carlou service would soon be under way has been rudely shattered. As will be noted from today's news columns, the Canadian Maritime Commission, which has jurisdiction under the Federal Government in this matter, has turned down the proposal, and is averse even to permitting an extension of the present service into the winter months, by utilizing Georgetown and Picou as ports of call.

The last report of the Auditor General shows millions of dollars of public revenue wastefully expended in bureaucratic activities of all kinds, and almost every day new extravagances are being brought to light in the House of Commons. Obviously this excuse of "economy" is a trumped-up one, for the need of a more adequate service at Wood Islands was fully demonstrated last year.

Perhaps the greatest value of the Wood Islands ferries to our people is that they are independent of the Railway and provide for development of truck transportation which the Railway has done everything it can to restrict on the Borden-Tormentine route, regardless of the fact that it is only the agent of the Dominion Government in this matter and that the Government is obligated to maintain the service under our terms of Confederation.

Now our people want this service expanded, and they are not prepared to accept the ipse dixit of any Government-appointed Commission to the contrary. We have our members in the House of Commons and Senate, and a freshly elected Liberal Government at home pledged to fight for our rights at Ottawa. Let them get into action! Let them challenge the Government to show how the expenditure of one million dollars for greatly improved transportation to and from this Province can be uneconomical, as claimed, at a time when exorbitant railway freight increases are threatening the very existence of our farming and fishing industries.

Trouble In The Middle East

The Anglo-Iranian oil dispute has given fresh impetus to the differences which, ever since the end of World War II, have plagued relations between the United Kingdom and Egypt. It is, therefore, not without significance that King Farouk's marriage should have been marked by a display of Egyptian armed strength designed to influence the negotiations which have been going on for over a year for the revision of that strategic middle east country's treaty relations with Britain.

Egyptian demands in the negotiations are twofold. First, that British forces be evacuated from Suez. And, secondly, that the Nile valley be politically unified, bringing the Sudan under King Farouk's rule. In view of the traditional instability of Egyptian foreign policy, and the vital strategic importance not only to Britain but to the entire western world of the Suez Canal, it is at once apparent that the demands of King Farouk's Government cannot be met without implications of far wider significance than the immediate considerations of Anglo-Egyptian diplomatic relations.

The history of the Anglo-Egyptian dispute has been long and bitter. Egyptian politicians have made it appear that their country's sovereignty was constantly being infringed by the presence of British troops, and that selfish imperialistic aims prevented

ed the political union of Egypt and the Sudan.

In fact, it is not difficult to see that the series of "incidents" which in recent months have marked developments in the Middle East are more closely related than appears at first glance. For the objectives of British policy in the Middle East are not, as the Iranian oil affair and the trend in Anglo-Egyptian relations on the surface suggest, either exploitation of the natural resources of the former, nor yet infringement of the sovereignty of the latter country. Rather, they reflect the determination of the British, supported by other free nations, to construct and maintain a second line of defence against possible Soviet aggression. This line would be outside the existing defence line, which is based on Greece, Turkey, Iran and Afghanistan, and Egypt is its cornerstone.

Egyptian political leaders understand full well the necessity for such a defence line. Public sentiment, fanned by Communist agitation, is such, however, that no Egyptian Government could advocate a compromise on the issue of the Suez Canal or the Sudan and survive. The best hope, for the moment, is that Egypt may be brought within the framework of a Mediterranean Pact, such as favored by Greece and Spain, or that the Atlantic Pact, which already includes Greece in the North Atlantic Treaty system, may be extended to embrace Egypt.

EDITORIAL NOTES

According to an old farming tradition the 10th of May is the first date on which it is profitable to start sowing.

Today the parable of the sower would have the additions that: some seed was mixed with noxious weeds and the weeds outgrew the good seed; and that some seed had not been tested for viability and largely failed to germinate.

The Indian Mutiny broke out this date 1857 at Meerut and within three weeks the whole Ganges basin was in insurrection. The immediate cause was a report that the new cartridges issued to the Sepoys were smeared with the fat of the cow and the pig, defiling both Hindu and Moslem.

Inflation is a policy of governments who do not have the courage to tell the people honestly what the cost of their conduct of affairs is, according to the noted economist Professor Ludwig Von Mises speaking in Chicago. Another view is that governments recognize that they could not last if they took the painful steps necessary to avert inflation.

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An Ontario swine breeder advocates that Canadian Yorkshires should have bred out their tendency toward a turned-up short snout on the ground that they will succumb in feeding themselves. Whether the warning is valid or not, most bacon hogs seem to have little opportunity for self-feeding before being on their way to market after a scientifically balanced feeding program.

Fairville, N. B., magistrate has a new way of dealing with juvenile delinquents which might be copied here with advantage, as it kills two birds with one stone, as it were. The juveniles on conviction are sentenced to be off the streets and home every evening not later than 6 P.M. and to stay at home till morning until school vacation. This means, of course, that one or other of the parents, probably both, must be at home too, instead of gadding about neglecting their offspring.

Sudbury Star is a little astray when it declares that "lootenant" pronunciation for "lieutenant" is an Americanization—it is positively and undeniably English as well, as Englishmen can vouch. Our contemporary writes: "Defence Minister Claxton has written to the Charlottetown Guardian in protest against reports of 'Americanization' of Canadian forces. Mr. Claxton states quite forcefully that it is not the intention of the Canadian Army or government to change anything in the Canadian forces bearing on their traditions. These include titles of regiments, ranks, rank badges, uniforms and affiliations with British and other Commonwealth formations. We particularly enjoyed the defence minister's assertion that 'lieutenants' in the Canadian army will continue to be known as 'leftenants'. The American 'lootenant' that is flung at Canadians from the movie screens and over the United States radio stations becomes somewhat tiresome."

Patch-Up Season Underway



PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

ADVICE TO LITTLE DOE

Sir,—Please permit me space in your paper to correct a wrong impression which I am afraid has been placed in the mind of the little doe deer, a gift to this Province from Ontario.

"Dear little Doe: "I can imagine the look of hurt in your soft brown eyes, after reading the "Hunters' Corner" in the issue of April 28th. You didn't know there were such people in Enmore, did you? We didn't either, and we have lived here all our lives. "Knowing the fear this knowledge must have caused you, we could but write to tell you we in Enmore and West Prince County are farmers and fishermen with homes and families, very much like the people of other parts of this Province and not at all the villains with cocked guns and bated breath, waiting for some poor wild thing to move so we may kill it, that this writer of articles would have you believe. "We are much too busy minding our own business. We may not find time to go about the country talking to various people, but we can and will find time to accord you the same hospitality which you have received in other parts and which is your due, should you ever decide to pay us a visit. And, little doe, we would warn you to beware of any creature who, calling himself your friend, succeeds only in frightening you. And if he persists then his yourself to Enmore where the air is pure and we are well rid of this type of resident. "So little doe, we wish you many happy years on our Island, and may the "Bogey Man" never scare you again. "Your friends in Enmore." I am, Sir, etc., SIDNEY B. ENMAN. Northam, R.R.

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The Poet's Corner

THE VANITY OF HUMAN WISHES

Should Reason guide thee with her brightest Ray, And pour on misty Doubt resistless Day; Should no false Kindness lure to loose Delight, Nor Prattle relax, nor Difficulty fright; Should tempting Novelty thy Cell refrain, And Sloth effuse her opiate Fumes in Vain; Should Beauty blunt on Fops her fatal Dart, Nor claim the Triumph of a lecher's Heart; Should no Disease thy torpid Veins invade, Nor Melancholy's Phantoms haunt thy Shade; Yet hope not Life from Grief or Danger free, Nor think the Doom of Man reversed for thee. Deign on the passing World to turn thine Eyes And pause awhile from Letters to be wise. There mark what Ills the Scholar's Life assails, Toll, Envy, Want, the Patron, and the Jail. See Nations slowly wise, and meanly just, To buried Merit raise the tardy Bust. —Samuel Johnson (1708-1784).

Taipei, Formosa, May 9-(AP)—The Nationalist Chinese Defence Minister today said Chinese Reds had executed 50,000 persons in the South China province of Kwangsi in a single month.

'Dash Of Witchcraft' About Psychiatry

(Peterborough Examiner)

We feel obliged to warn that there can be no real improvement in mental health services until there are regulations in Ontario which prevent unqualified persons from pretending to practise psychiatry. It is plain that there are many people, passing themselves off as psychiatrists in this province who have little or no claim to that title. From time to time court cases are reported in which sharply conflicting evidence has been given by men describing themselves as psychiatrists. Now it is probable that qualified psychiatrists might disagree on a matter of opinion, but unlikely that they would disagree on matters of fact relating to their work. We think that psychiatrists called as expert witnesses should in all cases be required to show that they are fully qualified in that branch of medicine. It is by no means easy to become a genuine psychiatrist. Approximately four years postgraduate specialization are needed to give the required training, and also to adjust the personality of the aspiring psychiatrist to the special requirements of his work. Not all psychiatrists are psychoanalysts; there are many who have not had a medical training, but they are not usually engaged in therapeutic work; certainly anyone describing himself as a psychiatrist, who is not also a physician, should be treated with reserve until he has removed all doubt about his qualifications. There is still a dash of witchcraft about psychiatry; superstitious people seek its aid and hysterics impose upon them. It must also be said that there are well-meaning but ill-informed persons who think that the aim of psychiatry is to make people "good", and who think that they are practising psychiatry when they are imposing their peculiar standards of "goodness" upon those who fall under their influence. But in spite of the confusion which still exists concerning it, psychiatry is an extremely important section of the healing art, and when practised by reputable and properly qualified men it can bring about remarkable cures. What we need in Ontario is a

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

LEASED FOR PASTURAGE

"Now is the time for the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Benj. Davies) to urge upon his colleagues the propriety of asking the Crown to restore a portion of Government House Farm to the City, for the public use. . . . Mr. Robert Hodgson, as Administrator, occupies Government House. The Farm is still in the possession of Mr. Dundas, who for nearly twelve months has been on the other side of the Atlantic, and the land which the public generally so much need is either in a wilderness state or occupied by some thirty or forty cows, whose owners pay between three and four pounds for the pasturage of each cow. "This is a subject upon which we feel it difficult to write. It is humiliating to reflect that Mr. Dundas or any other Lieutenant Governor should be allowed to augment his salary by leasing year after year any part of Government Farm as a cow-pasture. We feel sure that if the facts of the case were brought to the notice of the Colonial Minister, or of the Governor General—in whom the legal estate is vested—the grievance of which we complain would soon be remedied." The Islander, July 30, 1869.

London, May 9.—(Reuters)—Richard Stokes, Lord Privy Seal, sailed aboard the Queen Mary today for Washington to discuss supply questions. As "handyman" of the British cabinet, he has been given the job of obtaining raw materials for industry in Britain's rearmament drive.

clearer definition of who is, and who is not, a psychiatrist, and regulations which prevent the use of that word and the techniques of the treatment by quacks.

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Notes By The Way

There is generally one around somewhere. He is called "The Old Man". Affectionately. Sometimes he is the old-timer of the shop or office. Sometimes he is the cop on the beat whom all the youngsters love. In the armed forces he might be almost any officer who is ready to go all out with and for his men. Now and then you will find him on the train or bus; the chap who knows everybody and has a good word for everybody. In short, he is the fellow who has gone over the long road with his eyes open and his heart warm and has never lost that zest for life which takes the form of encouragement for the chap who is temporarily out of luck, or a pat on the back for the man who is turning in a good piece of work unnoticed. So we salute "The Old Man". He is in every profession and trade, endearing himself to others because of his knowledge, skill, wisdom, honesty and understanding of the human animal, whom he regards with affection and good humor.

It is quite certain that St. Paul didn't wait for a chance to talk to church congregations until the Corinth Eye-Opener printed a display advertisement announcing "Pulpit Vacancy." Or until the Ephesus Gazette let it be known in its Personal Column that a congenial group of Christians was looking for an equally congenial minister. Which is the basic reason why we can sympathize with an explosively annoyed editorial in the United Church Observer. The editor came across a display add in the London Free Press seeking a parson, and reading: "Position Open July 1. Excellent North London congregation, good manse, close affiliation with university, apply in writing." Then he blew up: "Position open, forsooth. Position open! Is the high and holy calling of the ministry, for to be advertised in the secular press? Is the ministry to become a fraternity of competitors for the chief places, and the Boards of the Churches agencies competing through the daily press, holding out good music, supplied choirs, streamlined manse and good schools as bait to men who seek a 'position'? Is that where we are heading? . . . Courts

The University of Manitoba is establishing a chair in Icelandic literature. The money to endow this chair has been raised by the citizens of Icelandic origin in Manitoba. Winnipeg has no finer or sturdier citizens than its Icelandic settlers, who have contributed much over the years to the development and the life of that Province. They were early settlers in Manitoba, the largest colony coming out to Canada in the seventies of the last century. They located first in Muskoos, but were not satisfied. They finally decided to move to Manitoba, where they founded a settlement on Lake Winnipeg at Gimli where they could, as in Iceland, combine agriculture with fishing, industry, thrifty, hard working and lovers of democracy they have fitted into the Manitoba way of life. They are a studious people and have won many scholarships in the University of Manitoba. Several Rhodes scholarships have been won by Icelanders, including one by Judge Joseph Thorson, who was formerly a member of the King Government. For years they have always had representatives in the Legislature. Perhaps the most outstanding Icelander is Stefansson the explorer. Probably no settlers have more easily assimilated Canadian and Icelandic life than the Icelanders. But they have quite properly retained a love for their own tiny country, its traditions and its literature. It is fitting that Manitoba should establish a chair in Icelandic literature. — (London Free Press.)

The Age-Old Story

I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember the wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings. Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

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