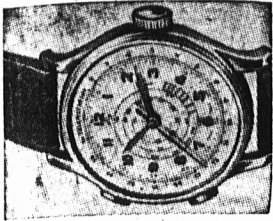


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Toppling 164 entries from the United States, United Kingdom and Canada, Ronald Leonhardt, 19, of Drumheller Alta., has been awarded the Canadian National Railways Trophy, emblematic of the world wheat championship. Ronald received the honour at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Toronto, for his sample of Mar-

quis wheat. J. A. Argo, right, assistant traffic vice-president, Canadian National Railways, Montreal, presents the trophy, a silver tray and one hundred dollars, and congratulates him above. Ronald is the third junior farmer from that area to win the trophy in successive years. (C. N. R. Photo)

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Strange as it may seem to Christian peoples there still exists in the land of Tibet two curious beliefs. The first one concerns the "Fetish of Faith" a woman who is so much in love with her husband that when he dies she does not paint her cheeks with blood to show she is willing to have a second mate, is called an "eternal widow". But to make sure that her husband is faithful to her in the world beyond, as she is to him on earth, she wears about her neck the figures of two nude images. If she by any chance loses this "Fetish of Faith" her departed husband will prove unfaithful and she will lose her love in the great hereafter.

So a Tibetan eternal widow guards her amulet as a miser guards his gold!

But occasionally an "eternal widow" does lose her little image. When this happens the "Drum of Betrayal" is beaten at the hour of prayer in all the temples. The priest whose duty is to carve up the bodies of the dead and cast the pieces to the fowls of the air has the right to keep the brain-pans of any faithless man and woman. Each brain-pan is covered with a thin membrane, a drum-head. A small ivory ball between each membrane is constantly kept in motion. And thus chained to each other for keeps the two betrayers know no rest after death, for every day when the hour for prayer draws near this ghostly drum is pounded in the temple as a warning to the living who come to worship.

The Dakota Indians believe they possess four souls. One remains with the body, the second one hangs about the village, a third goes zooming into space, and the fourth, finally, goes to the land of souls. There its fate depends largely whether its soul belongs to a male or female. If a female, soul it gets a cold reception. Why? Because of the low esteem in which the Indian squaw is held.

Among other races that believe in more than one soul are the negroes of the Gold Coast of Africa. The Gold Coast negro has a couple of souls. When he dies his spiritual soul meanders around until it can find some other body to enter. The second soul, or shadow-soul, become a ghost and dwells in a land of shadow-animals. It leads a pale double of the life it lead on earth. No wonder these people have a saying that "one day on earth is better than a year in the land of ghosts!"

Indeed, primitive religions are tied in with the belief of more than one soul. It is the old belief in a physical soul which makes certain folk afraid to walk in cemeteries at night. The spirit soul may be in heaven but, the ghost soul may show up anywhere. When an Iroquois warrior was laid to rest his ghost lingered near the grave, but his soul went straight to the happy hunting grounds.

Believe it or not, but the serpent still counts worshippers by the thousands in some parts of the world.

Since the beginning of time the snake has been a creature set apart. It always has lived in a fearsome world of its own, distinct from bird or beast. The serpent's habit of shedding its skin and getting a new suit may have suggested immortality to the Algonquins and Hurons who claimed the rattlesnake as their kin. Early peoples feared snakes because they saw in their stealthy movements and magnetic eyes the possessor of occult and obscene power.

Some Indian tribes have a legend of a tree of knowledge inhabited by a serpent. And one of the beliefs of nearly all primitive mankind was that the serpent's flesh had medicinal properties; that eating it would cure sickness.

While we don't believe such nonsense today most people are still afraid of one. The custom of killing snakes shows how people will cling to snake killing for dear old tradition's sake.

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Fight Manager Dejected By Boxer's Ailment

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AP)—Jack Hurley, usually a happy, gabby fight manager, sat dejectedly in his hotel room Monday night talking about the ailing back of his heavyweight Harry (Kid) Matthews and "the loss of one of the biggest purses ever offered us."

Jack Solomons, London fight promoter, watched Matthews for a moment during the workout and called the Seattle, Wash., heavy out of the fight. After announcing Matthews could not fight, Solomons said he would substitute Werner Wiegand, champion of Luxembourg, in the card at Harringay Arena.

Hurley declined to say how much Solomons guaranteed Matthews. Solomons was forced to cancel another card recently when American Jimmy Slade was injured. Jury to his lower back failed to heal.

Jap Boxer To Defend Title

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AP)—World flyweight champion Yoshio Shirai of Japan will defend his title against Terry Allen, British 112-pound king, in Tokyo in May. It was announced here Monday. The exact date was not given. Allen, former world flyweight champion, lost the crown to Dado Marino who in turn was beaten by Shirai. Shirai defeated Marino in a return title bout in Tokyo Nov. 15.

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International Pressures Strain The U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 9 (CP)—The United Nations structure is creaking under the opposing pressures of national sovereignty and international actions. France is boycotting a heated discussion of demands that its protectorate of Tunisia be given independence. South Africa has refused to co-operate with a proposed international commission to investigate racial conflict in the Union. Britain and other colonial powers are at least annoyed at those members in the UN who have no experience in the field trying to advise on how they should run their colonial territories.

These fights revolve largely on this question: When does a national problem become one for international action? France and South Africa have taken the stand that the respective questions of Tunisia and racial conflict are strictly their own affairs and that the UN charter rules out any UN discussion, let alone UN action, on the matters.

A group of Asian-Arab countries with some Latin-American support have pushed Tunisia and racial conflict into the UN limelight as threats to international peace despite the fears of some countries that they spell trouble for the UN.

So-called middle-of-the-road countries, among which Canada is included, believe it is necessary to allow these problems to be discussed by the UN if the time is ripe, but draw the line at making matters worse by antagonizing the country whose policies are attacked. France and South Africa have obviously been antagonized. Prime Minister Daniel Malan said even before the General Assembly's action that South Africa might withdraw from the UN but so far the threat has not been carried out.

France's boycott is reported to have been undertaken to forestall French demands for withdrawal from the UN over the Tunisian issue.

Whether UN resolutions on these questions have any effect on the policies of France and South Africa is yet to be seen.

directors, Mrs. Charles Quinn, Mrs. Urban McLeod and Mrs. Emmett Wisener; auditors, Mrs. J. J. Grimes and Mae Grimes; school committee, Mrs. Urban McLeod and Mrs. Ivan Quinn; Red Cross convener, Mrs. Louis Grimes; programme committee, Mrs. Chester Walsh.

A vote of thanks was extended to the officers of the past year and best wishes were extended to the newly appointed. It was decided that the next meeting would be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Quinn, and that the roll call would be answered by an exchange of Christmas gifts. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses and the meeting was then adjourned.

GREAT EXPLORER Raouid Amundsen in 1911 was first to discover the South Pole.

Tracadie Notes

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. MacDonald, Mr. Alexander MacDonald and Mrs. Ellis Lacey are pleased to see them out again after their illnesses.

Miss Bernice MacDonald left her home in Blooming Point on Thursday, December 4th, to take up residence in Boston for the winter months.

Mr. George MacDonald and Mr. Joseph Lacey have returned to their homes in Tracadie after a very enjoyable trip to Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and other points of interest.

Mr. Johnny Fitzpatrick, Billy Fitzpatrick and Ann Fitzpatrick have left their home in Tracadie

for Toronto, where they will reside for the winter months.

Miss Margaret McKenna, Peakes, was a recent weekend guest of Miss Teresa MacDougall, Blooming Point.

A very enjoyable card party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lacey on Friday evening, November 28th.

Tracadie Co-op. is progressing favourably under the capable management of Mr. Daniel MacDougall and his efficient assistant, Miss Annette MacDonald.

Among the recent weekend visitors to the city were Melville MacDougall, Reuben Smith, Leonard McKenna, Herbert Mullen and Irwin Mullen.

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By J. R. Williams



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