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United States. There is also a feeling—justified in the light of events—that had the United States taken a stronger stand with Britain and France when the crisis arose, President Nasser would have been more inclined to agree to the representations of the first London Conference with respect to international control of the waterway.

B. C. Election

According to a Canadian Press report, Premier Bennett has hailed his Social Credit government's victory in British Columbia on Wednesday as "the greatest day for the ordinary man since the Magna Carta." Other political leaders feel differently about the matter. At this distance, the Premier's words are inexplicable. His chief campaign promise was to pay \$28 home taxes on urban and rural portions of British Columbia, which looks as much like an outright bribe as it is possible to offer within the limits of the law.

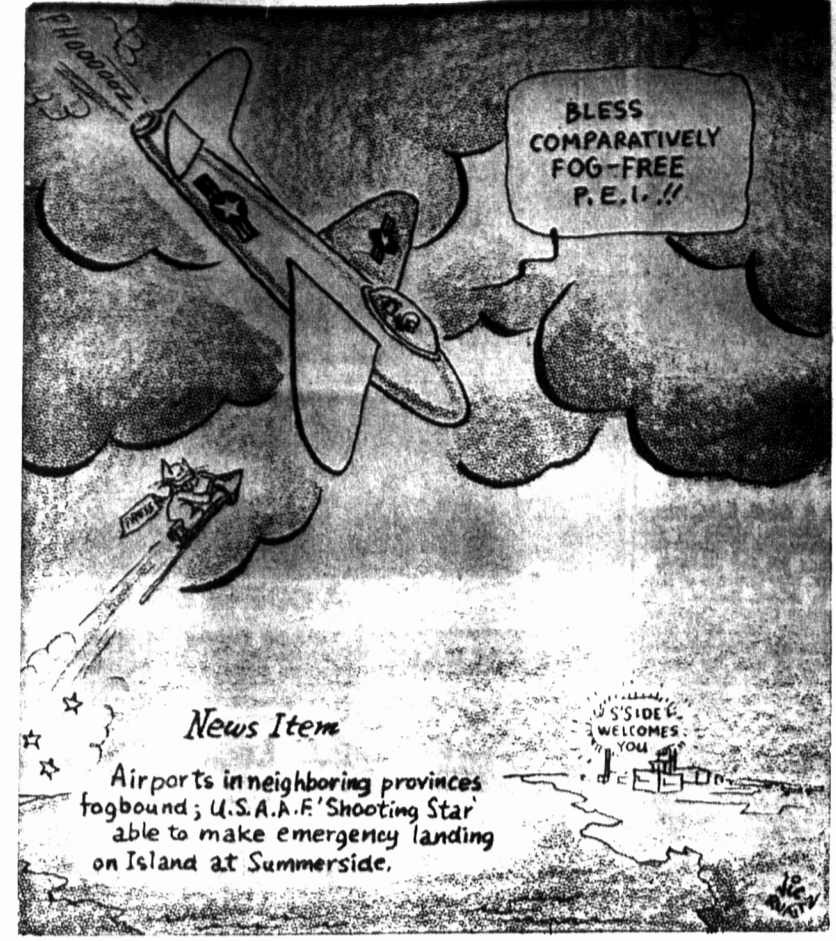
700-Year Old Rocket

There are, of course, a few new things under the sun, the gloomy preacher a view notwithstanding; but, according to researchers of the National Geographic Society, the rocket, about which so much is heard these days, is by no means a new thing. It is about to serve a new purpose, the conveying of man to outer space, but as an instrument of war it goes back to the early part of the 13th century when it was used by the Chinese who, apparently, invented it. A few years later it was introduced to Europe; however, for some reason, it did not come into general military use until towards the end of the 18th century when the "nationalists" of Mysore used it effectively against attacking British forces.

EDITORIAL NOTES

After lying idle for 16 years a coal mine near Princeton, B.C. is being revived. At present only 13 miners are at work. But these are producing 250 tons a day, the quantity produced by 125 men in 1940. Another indication of the technological advances of recent years.

The heavy hand of bureaucracy was evident in the arrangements made at Chalk River for the visit of Communist diplomats to Canada's atomic energy plant. None of the equipment seen by the visitors was on the secret list. Yet Canadian photographers were refused permission to take pictures of the tour. What purpose this served, other than to provide excuse for a display of officiousness on the part of some government underling, is difficult to understand.



WITH AIRPORT EXTENSION, CHARLOTTETOWN TOO

Lucy Maud's Early Efforts

Wifred Eggleston in the Winnipeg Free Press. In an earlier column I quoted from a letter written by Lucy Maud Montgomery on the day when she signed a contract with Page and Co. of Boston, for 'Anne of Green Gables'. This was only the beginning of a very notable publishing success. The Boston firm knew a winner when they saw one and they asked Lucy Maud to begin a sequel even before the first 'Anne' was printed. The first 'Anne' ran through six editions within the first year (1908), and the second 'Anne' of Avonlea headed a list of the 'Fifty Best Works of Fiction in 1909' chosen by librarians of New York State.

There is an impression among Canadian readers that in the publication of Anne of Green Gables, L.M. Montgomery hit a sort of literary 'jackpot', more by good luck than good management. Some people think of it as the first literary project she had tackled. This is far from the fact. Actually, before she offered the manuscript of 'Anne of Green Gables' to the Boston publishers, L.M. Montgomery had put in nearly fifteen years of literary apprenticeship, as devoted and stern as you will find in Canadian literary history.

By 1908 she had not only placed poems, stories and sketches in most of the leading North American magazines, but she was making a respectable living by freelance writing. GOOD BEGINNING. Writing to a friend a couple of years before 'Anne of Green Gables' was sent to the publishers, L.M. Montgomery reported that she had "made nearly \$600 last year (1904). \$501.85 to be exact." And she added, "I shall be content till I reach the thousand mark though."

In terms of the 1956 dollar, this may seem modest enough but in 1904 it was as much as many a clerk or saleslady, a school teacher or a stenographer was making. The six hundred dollars was made up of many small sales: \$2.00 from the Canadian Magazine for a short lyric, \$10 from a Sunday School magazine in the United States, \$40 for a seven-part serial somewhere else.

Like every other free-lancer, L.M. Montgomery collected scores of rejection slips. She kept some manuscripts on the road for years. She frequently was able to report that special triumph of the free-lance—the purchase, by a magazine paying substantial rates, of an article or story which had earlier been rejected by several publications, which paid much less.

When 'Anne of Green Gables' made the best-seller list, L.M. Montgomery had on hand a fairly big backlog of unsold material. Her fate had its effect. She kept on sending out the rejected manuscripts, as always, and this time they were examined with a more favorable eye. Editors bought them, and raised the rates. Her production of short pieces fell as she worked on 'Anne of Avonlea' and later novels, and it wasn't very long until she attained that extremely satisfactory position for a free-lance: her backlog was sold out. LETTERS QUOTED.

Ancient Roman Navy

National Geographic Society. A Rhine River dredge has come up with new evidence of the naval power wielded by ancient Rome, the landlubber empire that mastered the entire Mediterranean world. In their 'Mare Nostrum' the same sea that the Nazis cruise now puts in headlines. The Romans sailed in fighting fleets that ruled from Gibraltar to Egypt.

A warship's bronze fittings found recently in the mud of the lower Rhine, however, gives historians new proof that Rome had naval squadrons there as well. The heavy spar came to light north of Cologne, near the Dutch border in the area where a Roman Germanic legion was based in the second and third centuries A.D.

RELUCTANT SAILORS. Unlike the daring Phoenicians, the seafarers of Tyre, Greece, and Carthage, the Romans were not a naval people. Inevitable on land, they looked upon the seas somewhat with terror, as an element to be crossed for conquest not to be enlarged by exploration. Yet when necessary, Rome could and did launch navies, fight sea battles, and win great victories afloat. One such engagement was the Battle of Actium in 31 B.C. when Octavian beat Antony and Cleopatra.

Roman sea power was virtual nonexistent until the First Punic War in the third century B.C. Facing Carthage, long unchallenged on the Mediterranean, Rome built a fleet of huge galleys, met and defeated the enemy ships in 256 B.C. off Ecnomus in southern Sicily.

Two centuries later Pompey assembled a navy of 500 ships to subdue piracy in the eastern Mediterranean. The pirates light, fast Liburnian frigates, later copied by the Romans, were to give Octavian the crucial edge at Actium over the huge, cumbersome Egyptian ships.

Octavian, when he became Caesar Augustus, built up Rome's first real standing navy and made sea power a permanent part of Roman military strength. A major fleet was based in the Adriatic and another in the Bay of Naples. In addition there were squadrons of warships on the coast of France, in the Black Sea, and on the great frontier rivers.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D. TREATING EYE INJURIES. Don't try to treat your own eye injuries. While quick treatment is essential in cases of eye emergencies, it should be performed by someone who knows what he is doing. Chemical and ultraviolet burns, for example, are frequent causes of eye injuries. Both require expert treatment.

In cases of chemical burns, the eye should be promptly and thoroughly irrigated with tepid water after instillation of 4 per cent cocaine or 1 per cent Pontocaine. If the irritant is lime, the eyes generally contain numerous small solid particles. These should be thoroughly rinsed out. Sometimes a doctor will have to remove them gently with a swab or forceps.

WELDERS TORCHES. Causes of ultraviolet burns include welders torches, arcing of high powered electric gear and long exposure to snow. Usually it will be several hours before you'll notice any symptoms at all. Then the conjunctiva will become reddened and your eyes will begin to hurt. It may feel as though you have sand in them. Any kind of light might make them hurt even more.

Within 24 hours, these symptoms generally will subside and disappear. Cold compresses might give some relief. Also, your doctor might prescribe adrenalin or Antistamine Praline drops.

COMMON CAUSE. Vitreous hemorrhage is a fairly common cause of blindness. It may be a manifestation of hypertension in older persons. In young people, the condition is apt to recur until there is permanent loss of sight. Generally, once the blood has been absorbed, sight will return. If it is not absorbed, short wave diathermy of the globe may prove helpful.

QUESTION AND ANSWER. Q: I am about 50 pounds overweight and am bothered with perspiring feet. Can you recommend anything to stop this? A: Usually excessive perspiration of the feet is more common in those who are overweight. Excess weight puts added strain on the feet.

Various preparations are on the market to reduce perspiration of the feet, but the wisest course would be to reduce under a physician's directions.

The Poets Corner

TO CLAIM THE HILLSIDE. Now is the time of year when flames burn through the day and fade at night. Startle the wood with colored flames. And prove that summer's out of date.

The adlers dusting by the road. Have let their bluish mists go by. And constellations are pursued by wedges winging in the sky.

The gray fox searches out his moon. And aims a sharp starcark bark To claim the hillside as his own Within the autumn's brittle dark.

William Vincent Skeller, in the Christian Science Monitor. OUR YESTERDAYS. From The Guardian Files. TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Sept. 25, 1931).

Lobster fishing on the South Shore has been very unsatisfactory during the past week, owing to the heavy gales that prevailed. However to offset this the price has remained good at 12 cents per pound.

For the first time in history Prince Edward Island has been chosen as the site for the Executive Committee meetings of the Dominion Board of Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church of England. The meetings will be conducted in both Charlottetown and Summerside.

TEN YEARS AGO (Sept. 21, 1946). Charlottetown is prepared to give a wholehearted welcome to Their Excellencies Viscount Alexander and Lady Alexander, who will arrive in the City by train this evening. They will be welcomed by Lieut. Governor and Mrs. J.A. Bernard; Premier and Mrs. J. Walter Jones and Mayor and Mrs. B. Earl MacDonald.

Organization of the Adult Education Council of Prince Edward Island was completed at a meeting held in the Women's Institute office, Charlottetown, last evening. An executive group was named under the chairmanship of L.W. Shaw, Director of Education.

The Age Old Story

For thou Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor will thou compass him as with a shield. while again at sea, raiding Spanish treasure ports and galleons in Caribbean. His body, in a lead coffin, was dropped somewhere off the harbor of Portobelo in Panama.

INDIAN HEADS FAO. ROME (Reuters)—Bisaya Ran Jan Sen, Indian ambassador to Japan, Thursday was elected director-general of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. Sen, 55, is the organization's fourth director-general. Two of his predecessors were Americans. The first was a Briton.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Another blow to old timers is the announcement that cornob pipes are now being made in pastel colors.—Edmonton Journal. Maybe it would be a good idea to include a first aid kit with every can of sardines that is to be opened at a picnic.—Vancouver Herald.

Unless human beings of this age very soon learn to live at least tolerantly with their neighbors, the 20th Century may well be registered in history as the century of hatred.—Fredericton Gleaner. Hon. Paul Martin says he was once introduced as "the minister of wealth and hellfire." Reminds us of the English clergyman who called on a fellow minister, and said to the maid at the door: "I beg your pardon, is the bean ditzzy?"—Niagara Falls Review.

A man had pie for breakfast and felt far the better for it. In such an instance, the state of the well-being has everything to do with the character of the pie, its ingredients and intrinsic quality. At a rare moment in a lifetime a pie comes along so inspiring that you sit down and write a letter about it. A slice of such a pie is good for any moment of the day—at dawn or just before going to bed at night.—Cape Breton Post.

It must, surely, be the wide gap between reality and the ideal that leads Mr. Howe to say that Canada's trade deficit is a sign of strength rather than of weakness. For what the astronomical figures of the trade deficit demonstrate beyond all doubt is that Canada's trade relations with other countries are far from "fair and equal" when it comes to access to foreign markets for Canadian exports.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

The Nazi general, Kurt Meyer, was convicted of responsibility for the mass execution of 18 Canadian prisoners by his men. Released after nine years in a Canadian prison he is a civilian in Germany prepared to fight his battles over again, re-try his own case and advise reporters on strategy for the West. But we feel no enthusiasm for a publicity campaign to give him the status of martial strategist or corrective historian.—Ottawa Journal.

GLACIAL LAKE. Centuries ago as the Labrador ice sheet retreated, the area now including lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron was called Algonquin lake.

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