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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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Difficult Assignment

It is not an enviable task that faces the members of the Senate-Commons Committee on capital punishment.

The first question has been discussed ever since the dawn of civilization. Philosophers, moral theologians, ecclesiastics, sociologists, reformers, and traditionalists, of many races and many cultures, have taken part in the debate; but, thus far, unanimity has not been reached on a plan yes or no answer.

One thing on which there seems to be general agreement is that in a civilized State the purpose of punishment, including the extreme form, is to discourage crime.

Berlin Today

Diplomats attending the Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference in Berlin are in a city that is still only a sprawling skeleton of its former mighty self; but they have found also a surprising recovery from war's devastation.

Berlin today is deep in the Soviet zone of Germany. The eastern half of the city is occupied by the Russians, the western half by American, British and French authorities.

In pre-war days the former German capital was the largest city on the European continent. Its 1940 population of 4,355,000 was surpassed only in London, New York and Tokyo.

Modern Berlin spreads over 341 square miles of a flat, open plain on the Spree River, a hundred miles from the Baltic Sea. Its site has been a natural crossroads for both trade and conquest since medieval times.

Eskimo Cities

An intriguing picture of great northern industrial cities inhabited by Eskimos is called up by a missionary who returned to Belgium from Labrador. He predicts that the exploitation of the great iron, uranium and radium ore fields will transform the Eskimo people from nomadic hunters to industrial workers.

It is well known, of course, that the Eskimo is apt to be a genius with machinery. Those who have lived in the north tell how they repair equipment which is quite unfamiliar.

The change envisioned is, none the less, startling. In New Zealand the native population, the Maoris, have adapted themselves to modern life with great success.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Summerside's Mayor and two out of three Councillors have been returned by acclamation, an easy victory that candidates in Charlottetown are not likely to duplicate.

Women are being given credit for exerting the predominant influence on automobile design. Perhaps it is only fair because the automobile, after all, played a prominent role in influencing women's fashions.

The existence of refugees is indeed a blot on mankind's political record. The record is redeemed in part, however, by the efforts to improve the lot of those people without a country and particularly by the United Nations convention on the status of refugees.

It is indeed a feather in the cap of Island poultrymen that the supervising fieldman for the Maritime Provinces should declare that "a standard of cleanliness and sanitation has been set for all Canada by the chick producers of the Island as well as a very high quality in breeding stock."

The emphasis placed upon the fostering of good relations between town and farm in the address of Mr. Alan Holman, retiring President of the Summerside Board of Trade requires to be constantly borne in mind.

Fedor Mikhailovich Dostoevsky, one of the giants of Russian literature and one of the greatest novelists of all time, died this date 1881. He was educated for the army but early showed a preference for writing.

Re-Appearance



The Poet's Corner

THE CONQUEROR
How do I know the sea is near?
Too far to glimpse it: too far to hear
Thundering surf on hard-packed sand.

Old Charlottetown

Mr. John Richards, Bideford, sold one of his thoroughbred Hereford bulls to Mr. Edwin Darby, Egmont Bay, a short time since.

The Age Old Story

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

He Made Life Gay

Like Gilbert's collaborator, Arthur Sullivan, Oskar Straus, who died the other day in Austria at the age of eighty-three, longed to be remembered for serious music.

The Public Forum

ISLAND WILDLIFE
Sir, I have seen so many and tragic sights in Nature's drama this winter that I thought I would write you about them.

Another thing I would like to mention while I am on trout. I remember, the summer we were putting in a new bridge above Whitlock's mill in Upton, that the fish hatchery men dumped a large container of young trout in the pond, just above the bridge.

Now my opinion was, although I may be wrong, that it was the worst place in the pond to put the trout. The water is too deep and there is no shelter from sun, birds or animals which feed on fish.

Another tragedy of Nature in this part, even worse than that of trout, is the almost complete clean-up of rabbits, grouse, pheasants and Huns by that four-legged marauder, the red fox.

CAR LAID UP?
If your car is laid up for the winter phone or write us immediately and we will cancel the Liability and Collision Coverages.

The Passing Scene

By Observer "THE UNEDUCATED"

This is the title of a book recently published by the Columbia University Press. The authors, Eli Ginsberg and Douglas Bray, were associated with a post-war research undertaking at that University bearing the name "The Conservation of Human Resources."

School and college facilities are so plentiful and wide-spread in the United States, that it is hard to believe that at this moment there are more than two million persons in that country who can neither read nor write.

fall there were several flocks in the fields I go through. I believe the fox has caught them all. An example of what a fox can do to a flock of Huns can be seen by what happened about four or five years ago. I found a box in which farmers had shipped chickens.

The next wild creature whose very existence is in jeopardy is the raven. Not only one grouse and a couple of pairs of pheasants; however the native partridge are holding out in spite of cove Mr. Fox.

I have seen no grouse or pheasants this year. Of course last year I saw only one grouse and a couple of pairs of pheasants; however the native partridge are holding out in spite of cove Mr. Fox.

One way to get more trappers interested, would be to raise the bounty on foxes to five dollars and coons to three dollars. At the present time, the money made on the pelt and the bounty isn't worth the time it takes to catch and skin them.

Even if the Government does raise the bounty to five dollars, I doubt if the treasury would suffer very much for they are hard to catch and few if any trappers would or could make a living at it.

FIRE INQUIRY ORDERED
AURORA, Ont. (CP)—A special inquiry was ordered Wednesday by the Ontario fire marshal's office into the \$300,000 fire which Monday destroyed part of Aurora's main business block and claimed the life of one man.

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