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New Munroe Doctrine

It would seem that the United States is preparing to extend the Munroe Doctrine to cover the whole Middle East from Iran to Turkey.

The Gazette suggests that this announcement will be warmly welcomed by Britain and France, as a measure of approval of their own actions in the area.

"The only conclusion one can draw from the whole chain of events," says our Toronto contemporary, "is that the U.S. doesn't want collective action in the Middle East."

50 Years Ago

An interesting article entitled "Yuletide in 1906" appeared in a recent issue of the St. John's Daily News.

At that time St. John's had the reputation of having, per head of population, more liquor saloons and bars than any other town or city on the North American continent.

Of particular interest is the scale of prices in these "good old days" (and they were good in many ways,

although, doubtless, the passing of the years has surrounded them with a glory they did not in fact possess): Tea, 25 cents a pound; coffee, 20 cents; men's suits and overcoats, \$5;

Many of our own citizens will recall what the Christmases of the early part of the century were like here and wonder whether the changes which the years have wrought are all for the good.

A Sad Case

The case of Christian George Hanna is plain testimony to the foolish extremes to which the laws of nations can go when they are interpreted in a strictly legalistic sense.

If there is anything more ridiculous than this, we've never heard of it. Could not Canada, which is opening its doors, and rightly so, to thousands of refugees, find some way of releasing this young man from red-tape entanglement?

EDITORIAL NOTES

The New Year's highway toll in both Canada and the United States was lower than that of the Christmas holiday, but only because there were fewer cars on the roads.

"People look to mathematics only as a useful tool and not as a science out of which great concepts have been developed," laments a professor.

Two special trains, one from the Atlantic Provinces and one from Ontario, will carry over 500 Canadian Scouts and leaders to the fourth American national jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, next July.

A joint brief by the Agriculture Department of the Atlantic Provinces and the Maritime Federation of Agriculture has been sent to the Federal Minister of Agriculture, urging a readjustment of the freight assistance payments on Western feed grain in line with the recent rail rate increases.

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GETTING NOWHERE FAST

On Growing Old

Elizabeth Henderson in the Winnipeg Free Press

"I still remember that emphysema is not a disease, nor still is it a crime," wrote Stevenson, admitting that he would not willingly part with such scraps of scientific knowledge.

It was, however, George Pele a contemporary of both Shakespeare and Raleigh, who left us that most charming farewell to arms, "His golden locks Time hath to silver turned."

Even Pele the Elizabethan lacked the courage to hint that his lady too might grow old, but we are braver nowadays and few women can remain untouched by Years' "When you are old and gray, and full of sleep";

NO MATCH FOR LEAR But Shakespeare seems to have come down rather heavily on the side of youth. Adam, in As You Like It, whose age was as a lusty winter, frosty but kindly, is no match for the agonies of Lear.

A SCOTSMAN'S AMERICAN LOG

The Human Equation

By Wilfred Taylor of The Edinburgh Scotsman

This morning we felt strong to pay our respects to the United Nations in their airy booth down by the East River. The part of the booth which houses the Secretariat looks exactly as we supposed it would look — a great rectangular glass box stretching up to the stars in a frightening number of stories.

After an hour or so of edification and instruction we started to find our way out of the building. Joking past various restricted zones we found ourselves out on the street and meetings hordes of schoolgirls heading towards enlightenment. American schoolgirls, in their sloppy Joe sweaters and bobby socks, tend to look much more sophisticated and worldly wise than the U.N.O. delegates.

When we told the young lady at the information desk that we came from Edinburgh, Scotland, she asked us very seriously how you pronounced Edinburgh and how you spelled it.

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of an aged face."

This is not the place to discuss Browning's philosophy in "Grow old along with me", nor to question the implications in lines that will be remembered while the language lasts: "From the contagion of the world's slow stain he is secure," and, growing more poignant from November to November, "They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old."

Shelley wrote as one, in Keats' own words, to whom the miseries of the world were miseries that would not let him rest; in Laurence Binyon it is grief that speaks, and one does not argue with grief.

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MAXIMS

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

WHAT ARE THE CHANCES FOR A MULTIPLE BIRTH? What are your chances of giving birth to twins or triplets?

Older women seem to have a better chance for giving birth to twins than do younger girls. In the 35 to 39 age bracket the twinning incidence is about 17 for every 1,000 births.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A man of 102 says his long life is due to cigarettes. He cut them out! — T.D.F. in Ottawa Citizen.

West German hea jumped on the hood of a car at Bonn and laid an egg, without, however, settling the old arguments to why a chicken crosses the road in the first place.—Windsor Star.

We are terribly hurt at teacher's marks on our son's homework. We wrote it for him.—Brandon Sun.

Policeman to driver of a long, long new car: "Look, lady, if you can't park it all, park as much of it as you can."—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

A Russian soldier asked a Swedish newspaperman beside a Hungarian river: "Is this the Suez Canal?" Perhaps a hint of where he thought he was going.—Ottawa Journal

And now we are told that jurors fail to convict people of manslaughter charges in traffic deaths because of the jurors look at the prisoner and think, "There but for the grace of God go I." But shouldn't the evidence count? —St. Catherine's Standard.

It has been said that some motorists these days can't tell whether a car in the distance is coming or going. And very often its driver couldn't give much of a clue either.—Hamilton Spectator.

There are virtually no appropriate public hospital facilities in Canada for the treatment of emotionally disturbed children. The Ontario government deserves credit for taking the first step toward remedying this lack. It intends to establish an institute of child psychiatry which will be the first of its kind in the Dominion.—Toronto Star.

We will have to sympathize with the "old sweats," who will sigh, "Here we go again," at the news that the new German army is going back into jackboots and Nazi-styled uniforms. Clothes may or may not make the man. But there are a lot of uncomfortable memories associated with jackboots, Hitler tunics, goose-stepping and high-peaked caps.—London Free Press

A convention which, in many respects, put the GOP and Democrats to shame was held down in Britt, Iowa. It was the annual get-together of the hoboos of America—the happy-go-lucky boys of both the U.S. and Canada who ride the rails. But they are getting fussy — they want cushions for box cars, if you please, and bigger and better hand-outs of mulligan stews. Delegates promised "not to sail at any time with more than three sheets in the wind."—Lethbridge Herald.

NOTED SCIENTIST Sir James Ross in 1831 was the first to compute the position of the magnetic pole in Canada's Arctic.

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