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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Russia's Game

General Karl von Clausewitz wrote in his famous work "On War" that "A conqueror is always a lover of peace." When Lenin happened on that quotation he scribbled in the margin, "Ah, ah, Witty."

It looks as if Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky shares not only the views of von Clausewitz but also those of his illustrious Bolshevik mentor.

That Soviet foreign policy has temporarily changed its tack has become apparent. Among other things, Vishinsky has brought up once again the subject of "peaceful co-existence" of the capitalistic and socialist Soviet worlds.

Three factors have occurred in recent months, any one of which might account for the change in Soviet policy. First is the failure, for reasons best known to the Kremlin, of direct Soviet intervention in Korea.

These moves, it may be assumed, reveal two fundamental Soviet diplomatic objectives. The first of these is to foment an "American imperialist" war in Asia, of which Korea is but a phase.

Prudent Veterans

The Newfoundland Government has 27 vacant farms on its hands in its new settlement of Cormack in the Upper Humber on the west coast of that Province.

When it is realized that these are 10-acre farms it is not altogether surprising that veterans have not jumped at the chance to homestead. Ten acres in the Atlantic Provinces, and particularly in Newfoundland, offer little prospect of affluence from farming operations.

On the whole it looks as if the Newfoundland veterans show considerably more prudence and foresight than did their Government planning the project.

Unemployment Insurance

One loophole in unemployment insurance regulations which has allowed newly married women, who have no intention of returning to work, to draw benefits, has been plugged at Ottawa.

Women who have been married within the last two years must prove that they are available for employment in order to become eligible for unemployment insurance benefits. If they voluntarily have left their jobs, the assumption is that they are no longer, to use the economists' phrase, in the labor market.

clarified. Many persons still may believe that it is the individual, not his job, that is insured. This is a misinterpretation of the idea behind unemployment insurance.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Feast of St. Cecilia.

Once again the Army is entering into competition with industry in offering increased pay and service conditions for recruits.

Uncle Sam has drafted an order curtailing the civilian use of copper. It is not, perhaps, as serious as it would have been a few years ago.

Winter North Atlantic is the bottom line in the Plimsoll mark for shipping. The number of ships in distress this week vividly emphasizes why less lading is permitted for this service than any other.

The Fishermen's Loan Commission, resulting from Opposition criticism in the Legislature and ever since ignored by them, continues its inquiry, and evidently will be able to submit its report at the next session of the House.

November is not over yet but there seems little likelihood natural ice rinks operating before it passes. A few years ago the prospect would have been considered definitely mournful by hockey enthusiasts of all ages.

Prime Minister St. Laurent has been in office for two years yet is scarcely better known than when he succeeded Mr. King. At the same time he seems to have made almost no bad breaks except on his memorable visit here.

Canada does not have a Bill of Rights in so many words but decisions such as a recent one by the Supreme Court of Canada ruling invalid racial and religious restrictions in land sale covenants, show that discrimination can be limited by other means.

George Eliot (pseudonym of May Ann Evans), English novelist and poetess, born this date 1819. She wrote several outstanding novels before her best seller "Adam Bede", which is also her best work.

Thirteen scientists from Belgium, France, Portugal, Southern Rhodesia, South Africa and the U.K. will meet in Nairobi today, November 21st, to discuss how the sciences can best be applied to the benefit and development of Africa South of the Sahara.

According to a Montreal authority, men's attire is in for a complete revolution. "Suit coats have been made loose to the point of not fitting. Shoes became bulbous and fancy ties were the most flamboyant in history."

That was a graphic and timely address by Mr. Walter R. Shaw, M.B.E., at Rotary on Monday in praise of the farmer and his work. There is a great temptation on the part of unsuccessful farmers to blame the work, rather than themselves for their failure to make good, with the result their children became anxious to get as far away from the soil as it is possible to be.

Needed in Charlottetown: Someone To Open The Door



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.

INDICATIONS OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Sir:— I have been an anxious visitor to Charlottetown and Prince Edward Island. When I first set foot here I wondered what I would tell my Western home folks about this Eastern counterpart. It is a beautiful island with peculiar soil. I was, however, anxious to know what I would tell those at home about the people here.

Since I came I have met more than four thousand people. They have "drawn me a sketch" of "the Island" and its capital. They have shown me the shape they are in. Through them the communities have spoken loudly.

The communities have also spoken through their servants whom they allow to lead them. As a citizen of a yet free Canada I met the Provincial Premier, the capital's Mayor, two leading newspaper publishers, a desk sergeant at the Police Station, ministers of churches and a few other leaders and businessmen.

It was the immortal Shakespeare who declared: "What is a city but the people?"

I have been here nine months, being anxious to know the highest grade of what "the Island" has. I was anxious to meet that person with loyalty—He who is loyal to the great cause of freedom, both divine and civil; loyal to his neighbors and all his fellow men; loyal to his spouse, the help-mate of life; and a deep fidelity to joyous and exalted parenthood. I was anxious that somewhere these would be in exposition to me.

I was anxious too that the beauty of virtue in all things was primarily important to them; some who were of sound character and body harvested by cultivating wholesome needs of habit. It is the humbled heart seeking lofty pleasure which knows of wholesome. Said of a famous thinker: "Perennial pleasures plant, and wholesome harvests reap." It may well be a successful man who proclaims that wholesome being shined as light on sincerity is the key to happiness and success.

I was anxious to see tolerance—Tolerance because of society's continuous adjusting; tolerance of the weakness of some tolerance for the sake of cooperating and loving. I was anxious to know of the people who have hope—hope for the fortunate, and for the unfortunate; hope for the conquering by all good; hope based on all truths they could find; hope based in the maker of all eternal laws and truth; and hope based on faith they could live by these truths.

We Canadians were given free agency by both, God, our Maker, and the laws we've made for ourselves. According to the essence of this abundant agency I was anxious to know if it was realized on "the island." Through free agency we all may seek anything virtuous, lovely, of good report, or praiseworthy. Because of it I was anxious to know those with loyalty, wholesomeness, tolerance, hope—the glory of God made manifest.

"The glory of God is intelligence," a noted American named Joseph Smith once wrote. Soon I am leaving "the Island", but I asked: Would "the Island" help me be more intelligent—a better person? I was anxious to know these people here.

Many thanks for the valuable space given for this letter. I Am Sir etc. ELDER GORDON J. FORSYTH Missionary of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) 17 Orlebar St. Charlottetown, Hometown — Magrath, Alberta.

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Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.) POWDER MAGAZINE

"The case of James Jenkins and another, vs. the Government, was tried in the Supreme Court on Wednesday. This was an action to recover the sum of £49 14s. for extra labour and expense alleged to be incurred in building a Powder Magazine in Victoria Barracks.

In 1866 the plaintiffs, bricklayers by trade, entered into a contract with the Government for the completion of this work. The Magazine was to be a square, flat roofed brick building, with an outer wall 18 inches thick. Inside was a second wall, 14 inches in thickness, 5 feet high and arched overhead. For the purpose of ventilation an aperture, or open space of 9 inches was left between the two walls. It was in evidence that the contractors followed the plan and specification to the letter, but that as the mason work was completed the arch tumbled down. In rebuilding it, the Superintendent of Public Works ordered the space between the walls to be reduced from 9 inches to 4 1/2.

"The defense was that the work was not properly executed, nor supported by the outside wall as it should have been, and that was the reason it did not stand. The plaintiffs admitted that the inner and outer walls were not connected, but that was no fault of theirs. They built the arch according to agreement, and did not feel themselves bound to supply any omission or defect in the plan and specification. The alteration afterwards made by the Superintendent of Public Works was proof that the plan was defective.

"The defendant's counsel contended that it was the duty of the plaintiffs to strengthen the inner wall, by projecting the bricks at the spring of the arch against the outer wall, but this would not only vary the contract but increase the cost of the work beyond what the plan and specification led the contractors to understand at the time they tendered.

"Verdict was given for the whole amount claimed. For the Government, the Attorney General, Solicitor General and John Longworth; for the plaintiffs, Messrs. C. Palmer and MacLeod." —The Islander, Jan. 31, 1868.

BIG PAYMENT

Largest marine insurance payment is believed the \$7,000,000 paid for the stranding of the Magdalena off Rio de Janeiro in 1949.

The Poet's Corner

A FIRE AT NIGHT

A man should kindle once a year A fire after dark and peer Across his little world of light Into the faces of the night.

On such a night of sparks and dust He reads the Apocalypse of dust. Knows, without his brain to guide him.

The emptiness and fear inside him. The loneliness and bitter plight Of a creature fed on light Which must burn out. He hears the tread

Of vast feet above his head. Where the future and the dark Lean above his dying spark.

And as he tends the sudden shoots Of fire, he can feel the roots That grow from him and reach out far.

Till their tendrils clutch a star. He feels the safety of the sky Curved about him cold and high. He comprehends eternal life. Keen before him, like a knife Between him and the silence going Beyond the reach of any knowing.

It is good to stand with flame By the gulf that has no name. —R. P. T. Coffin.

The Age-Old Story

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

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Notes By The Way

The annual slaughter of "Christmas trees" is about to start in the forests of Ontario, and we wonder what steps have been taken by the Department of Lands and Forests at Queen's Park to control this butchery. Every year there are widespread protests over the number of trees that are cut and wasted for the Christmas tree trade. Unfortunately the protests are never made until the trees are already making their appearance on the market, often two and three weeks after they have been cut.—Sudbury Star.

George Bernard Shaw, "the greatest dramatist since Shakespeare," was perhaps the highest paid author in Broadway history. The celebrated Irishman is estimated to have earned \$750,000 in royalties from New York productions alone. Probably only Shakespeare, whose works are royalty-free, topped him in number of productions, and it's doubtful if even the Bard had as many performances over the same 45-year span on Broadway. When Shaw's royalties from touring productions, a stock and repertory revivals and book sales are taken into account his earnings from the U. S. obviously topped the \$1,000,000 mark.—Variety.

Prisoners in Bombay will soon be able to live a normal family life under the new scheme now being introduced by the State Government. A chain of "moral camps" is to be set all over the state where prisoners will be given work and paid wages. They will be employed in a group of 20. After three months the prisoners' families will be allowed to join them and work in return for wages. The prisoners before getting this benefit must have served at least one year's sentence. Only certain categories of criminals will be excluded from the plan. If any prisoner escapes from the camp, the entire group in which he worked will be held responsible.—India News Bulletin.

For the first time in history the community of free, peace-loving nations is carrying through a police action against a criminal state with fighting forces whose battle flag is the emblem of no single state but of the United Nations—that is of "the concerted powers of the civilized world." The first positive steps to make real the ideal for which both wars were

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