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Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

It is the Only Way

Severe penalties for reckless driving are being imposed by magistrates in the United Kingdom. One 20-year-old driver of a motor van was disqualified for 25 years from driving any motor vehicle, and fined $15 and costs. He had been driving a motor van which swerved across the road, mounted the sidewalk, knocked down a lamp standard, and killed a pedestrian. His explanation was that a "jar" wrenched the steering wheel of the van out of his hands. Another young man, son of a former Secretary of State for the Dominions, was fined for reckless driving and deprived of his license to drive for five years It is the only way to deal with those who so flagrantly abuse the convenience of a modern amenity and turn it into a menace.—Ottawa Journal.

Rioting is Futile

The unfortunate incidents in London and Belfast show how useless demonstrations of this kind are to settle our present difficulties. Baton charges and revolver shots are certainly not going to provide food for the hungry and drink for the thirsty. Everyone knows how the people are suffering. In unhappy days like these they are always inclined to lay the blame on the social order of the day and the detonating action of a few agitators is enough to cause an explosion. Imbued with revolutionary ideas, the latter take advantage of bad times to excite the passion of the crowd. They egg it on against the authorities and forcible repression becomes a necessity. While honest and brave fellows are being killed, they sneak away and hide in cellars and sheds.—Le Soleil, Quebec.

Autumn Weather

If the British Isles could be blessed in October with Canada's weather the health and energy of its people would greatly benefit. Who that has ever inhaled the fine keen October air in Canada will deny this! If the tired professional or business man could only realize the extraordinary health-cure a month in the Canadian woods can give there would be heavier steamship bookings and increased longevity for the health-seeker. In its wonderful autumn climate Canada has an asset and an attraction of great value. It is vastly appreciated in the United States, as is shown by the great tourist traffic but it is not at all sufficiently known in the Mother Country.—Canada, London.

Inalienable Advantages

Recent evidence goes to show that Canada, despite some discouragements in the last few years is certain to retain and enhance her prestige as a wheat exporting country. Export figures issued recently show that Canada's output practically dominates the market.—Fort William Times-Journal.

Five Real Fathers

Five fathers of Reigate, Eng. have been awarded certificates by the town council for their proficiency in knowing what to do with a fretting infant, how to detect mumps and measles, and other skill in tending their small offspring. These awards indicate that fathers can be adept in babycraft if they try.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

A Bountiful Crop

The prices of farm produce may be low, but the harvest is large. Everything that the farmer raises has been produced in abundance this year. He may not have much ready money, but he need not go hungry. Nature has been prodigal this year. Taken as a whole, the principal field crops in Canada have seldom attained such total volume as during the present season or been of a higher quality. Yields were generally satisfactory in each of the provinces, despite sectional reverses due to weather conditions or other causes.—Gananoque Reporter.

Rest and Change

The editor of the National Revenue Review tells a good one about a member of Parliament for one of the Montreal constituencies. The member spent a vacation at a fashionable resort this year, and, when he returned, someone asked him if he had enjoyed the change and rest. "I really can't say," replied the M.P. "The bell boys got most of the change, and the hotel-keeper got the rest." — Border Cities Star.

Vehicles in the Dark

Another case is reported from Cadillac, where a farmer on the road with a waggon was run into by a car and one of the horses either killed or badly injured. Cases of this kind are happening all over the province and they will continue to happen until lights are carried at night on all vehicles. A few more deaths and casualties will likely have to occur before a proper law is put on the statute books. Going out at night without lights on a busy highway is flirting with disaster.—Regina Leader-Post.

THE EMPIRE

The Ottawa Agreements

The Ottawa agreements are in many respects experimental, and we make no prophecies about them. Only experience will show their value. But a certain measure of fairness is required of all who presume to discuss them.—Leeds Mercury.

Modern War

Whatever happens, the mood that declares statesmanship to be helpless and war inevitable must be fought at all points. It was precisely this kind of fatalism which paralyzed the will to peace before the great war. But there is a difference between then and now. The pre-war statesmen had at least the excuse that they did not know what the war was going to be. The only war which the war-makers had in mind was the war of the Schlieffen plan, the short sharp struggle which was to lead to victory "before Christmas." Post-war statesmen have no such excuse. They know that modern war is a sentence of doom for victor and vanquished.—London News-Chronicle.

The Australian Loan

By increasing taxation, cutting down all public expenditure to the bone, reducing internal interest rates, lowering wages and salaries all round, and drastically restricting imports, Australia has managed to meet in full her obligations to her overseas creditors. It is now the business of those creditors not only to show their appreciation, but also to help her to carry on the unequal struggle, by co-operating whole-heartedly in her efforts to reduce the burden of her overseas debt by well-judged conversion operations. By so doing they help not only Australia but themselves as well, for in these difficult times a wise creditor will make it as easy as possible for his debtors to meet their obligations.—London Times.

Peiping or Nanking?

As things look in China to-day, the question of the site of the capital would no longer seem to be of any great practical importance. The Kuomintang party is losing its influence and power from day to day, and the whole country is breaking up, and will most likely end in some loose federation of independent states. That is to say, for a long time to come there will be numerous sub-capitals but no central capital at all. Under the present conditions, therefore, the British and other Governments will be very ill-advised to listen to the advice of those who wish them to move their legations from Peiping.—W. Lewisohn in The National Review (London).

Arms and the League

To bury one's head in the sand is not an intelligent policy. On the other hand, to try and recognize the facts as they are courts the danger that a bad tendency may be fortified and set upon an irrevocable course. Those who before 1914 steadily foretold the Great War did their bit in producing it; for war is the climax of a general state of fear. By the same token faith is proved to be a practical weapon in human affairs. It follows that it is every serious person's duty to cultivate confidence in peace and to encourage others to a like confidence. But faith against the light is difficult. When a man sees that the League of Nations whose essential object is the encouragement of a general belief in peace, has become so enmeshed in the policies of those particular politicians who least believe in peace, as itself to provoke an active sense of fear among large sections of the people of the world, then it seems wise to look facts squarely in the face with a view to mending them.—George Glasgow in The Contemporary Review (London).

AMERICA

Tit For Tat, and Quid Pro Quo

"He that taketh the sword shall perish by the sword" is hard doctrine for tariff makers. United States exporters in textiles, in iron and steel, in glass, in telephone equipments, in automobiles and automobile parts, and in a dozen other lines will lose heavily as Canada puts into effect the Imperial preferences agreed on at the Ottawa Conference, minor hitches between Ottawa and London having been ironed out. With the British Islands, Canada's policy is quid pro quo. With the United States it is tit for tat.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Free Telegrams Increase Use of Telephone

London — Britain's campaign for more telephone subscribers continues, the latest advertising scheme being put into operation recently by the General Postoffice.

Nearly eighteen thousand persons not now subscribers and whose names were collected by the district postoffices have received telegrams as follows:

"I cordially invite you to become a telephone subscriber now, so that you may enjoy the advantages and comforts of telephone service during the coming Winter.—Kingsle Wood, Postmaster General."

The General Postoffice believes the scheme will bear fruit. Anyway, it is an economical form of advertising, for the Postoffice is able to send telegrams for nothing.

The Prince of Wales Inspects Polar Relic

The Prince of Wales seems greatly interested in a kerosene stove used by the Swedish polar explorer, S. A. Andree in 1897 on his-fated balloon trip to Spitzbergen. It was found in perfect condition, 33 years later.

For An End to Wars

By Henry L. Stimson, N.Y. Secretary of State.

We have a right to take courage. . . For ourselves, we believe that eventually the reign of peace will come. There will be among nations in respect to public war, war between nations, the same development that has been seen in individual communities in respect to private combat between individual men. We do not delude ourselves as to the difficulty of the road that lies before us nor as to the obstacles and trials which stand in our way We are well aware that it will require the utmost patience and faith. We know that all such developments in human organization are extremely slow. We realize that it took centuries to eliminate ordeal by battle in the settlement of the individual quarrels of individual men. But we are unshakably confident that the same process is on its way among the nations and will eventually arrive.

Christmas Tree Cutting Begins

Montreal.—The annual cut of Christmas trees for the United States market has commenced in New Brunswick. Already crews are out in Albert County, cutting for New York buyers. Several carloads are expected out of Albert County this season. Most of the trees average from three to five feet in length, with some from twelve to fifteen feet for public demonstrations.

Bars Pistols From Schools

Knoxville, Tenn.—The school board of Knox County, Tenn., has barred the carrying of pistols to school. Other published rules include: Use of tobacco and chewing gum in the schoolroom strictly forbidden; no intoxicants shall be permitted on school premises, and novels, papers and periodicals having no connection with the studies are not to be allowed.

Metered Taxiplanes Installed

Berlin—Airplane taxis equipped with meters to calculate crow flight distances have been put into service at the Templehof Airport here. They make London in less than five hours.

Diseases of Heart Cause Most Deaths

Indianapolis, Ind.—Diseases of the heart have passed cancer and tuberculosis in the mortality tables, and now kill more persons in North America annually than any other ailment, Dr. R. W. Scott, of Cleveland, reported recently to the assembly of the Interstate Post-Graduate Medical Association.

Dr. Scott, a professor of the Medical School of Western Reserve University, urged early recognition and treatment of heart diseases.

He said a majority of children suffer damage to the heart between the ages of five and 15 by rheumatic fevers which often are unnoticed or pass as "growing pains".

"Ninety per cent. of the persons under 30 years of age who have died or have been invalided by heart diseases in this latitude have got their beginnings in these childish rheumatic pains," he said.

Dr. Scott recommended a treatment of prolonged bed rest and quietude.

New Service Will Carry Air Mail Across India

A company is being formed which will establish a new airway across India, according to the Simla correspondent of The London Times.

The service will supersede the present arrangement whereby the Delhi Flying Club has carried air mail between Delhi and Karachi. That service's contract with Imperial Airways, Ltd., expired at the end of last year, but the club, in conjunction with the Jodhpur Flying Club, which provides a link at Falna Junction with the Bombay mail, has run its service with only one lapse, due to a forced landing.

The new company's machines will fly by the shortest possible route from Karachi to Moghal Sarai, a short night's journey fro Calcutta, where the mail will be transferred to the railway train for Calcutta. In default of facilities for night flying this arrangement will provide for as early a delivery in Calcutta as would be possible if the mail were carried the whole way by air. The mail for Delhi and other stations now served from there will be dropped at Agra.

Wind in the Orchard

I have watched him half the morning,
And I can't control my laughter;
It is plain he is not getting
What he goes so widly after.
He blows,
How he blows!
You would think he'd burst his face.
And the leaves just leap around him
With a tantalizing grace.

When they gather close together
He's more curious than ever.
No doubt he thinks a pile of leaves
inordinately clever.
They huddle
In a muddle;
And their faces wrinkle up:
Then he strides about among them
Like a large, ungainly pup.

He is totally defeated,
For although he stops their chatter,
He has not divined their secret.
He has merely made them scatter.
They scurry,
In a hurry,
With a low, delicious sound
Like the mirth of many thousand
Merry leaves upon the ground.
—P. P. Strachan.

Football Gains Lead In Trinidad's Sports

Port of Spain.—Football, which has gained steadily in interest in recent years, has become the outstanding sporting event of Trinidad Island and near by mainland points in Venezuela this year, attracting prominent personages along with the mass of sports foll wers.

In a recent tour of Trinidad by a team representing the Club Sportativo, of Caracas, Venezuela, the Governor attended every contest.

Football heroes have come more and more to monopolize space in local newspapers.

Western Australia Has Heavy Wheat Yield

Perth, W. Aus.—A "bumper" harvest is anticipated in Western Australia. Acres and acres of splendid wheat crops supplied at the right time with plentiful rains are coming to fruition.

The Director of Agriculture Mr. G. L. Sutton, believes the average yield will be 15 bushels to the acre, and if he is right 50,000,000 bushels of wheat will result. The people are encouraged and there is a hopeful feeling everywhere.

Locusts Invade Mexico

Mexico City.—Scientific study of the origin of locust invasions, three of which have occurred in Southern Mexico this year, is to be undertaken soon by the Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Alfonso Dampf, chief entomologist, stationed at the Federal Agricultural Defence office in Chiapas state, has gone to the Guatemalan border to organize the fight on the third invasion, which began about October 10.

Memorial Honors 500 Miners

Trento, Italy.—A monument to 500 miners from the nearby region of Brez who died while working in mines of North and South America has been erected in Brez village, centre of a district where men are noted for their skill underground.

Preserve Royal Viking Tombs

Oslo—Nine great tombs of Viking rulers of Norway have been inclosed at Borre, Vestfold, and the area made into a national park. The tombs are huge mounds under which were buried the kings with their ships, chariots and horses.

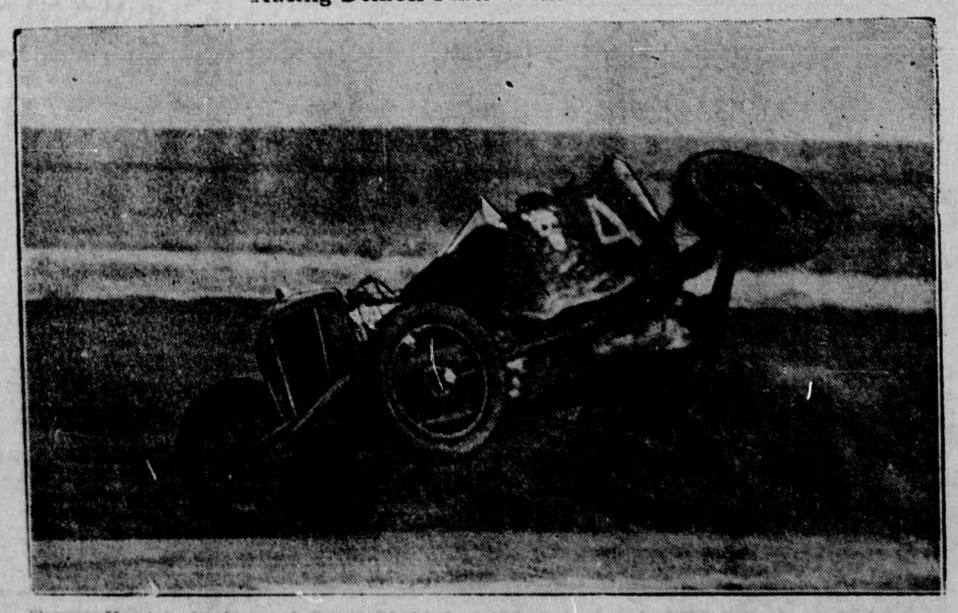
1,600-Yr.-Old Treasure Found

Chalon-Sur-Saone, France—Fleeing, perhaps, from invading Huns, some old Roman buried his treasure on the banks of the River Saone. After 1,600 years workmen, deepening the river, came upon it. So far 150 bronze coins have been found.

Lay Insanity to Bad Teeth

Birmingham, England.—Two cases of insanity caused by bad teeth have been reported by the chief medical officer of the mental hospitals here.

Racing Demon Flirts With Death



Tommy Newton, track speed demon, skidded around and around Jeffries' track at Burbank, California, like this fifteen times without a mishap. In defiance of all the laws of balance—we'd say.

Autumn Problems Of the Motorist

While the transition from summer to fall is slight, the motorcar is much more sensitive to it than its owner often realizes. Apart from changes in operating conditions, the automobile had just emerged from its season of hardest use, and it needs attention on that score, too. So writes William Ullman in an article issued by his feature service (Washington).

Minor adjustments are all that are needed for the most part to make ready the car for the period just ahead. To conserve fuel, improve operating efficiency, and make starting easier, this might well begin with the valves. The odds are that summer's high-speed driving on long trips has left valve adjustment quite ragged. It has not shown up in warm-weather starting, but it does when there is a chill in the morning air.

The chances are against the average car's needing to have the carburetor mixture enriched. A majority, service authorities think, went through the hot weather with too rich a mixture, one that will be properly lean for fall. But the choke should receive attention. Many motorists have not used it for months. It should be inspected to determine that the valve is opening fully and freely, and the operating mechanism is in working order.

Spark-plug gaps that have made no appreciable difference in engine operation when the mercury was continuously high will interfere with both starting and smooth running when the range of temperature becomes autumnal. If plugs can not be cleaned and reset to produce maximum efficiency — apart from mileage records—they should be replaced. Proper plugs will help considerably now, and a great deal later when the temperature gets really low.

Several remnants of summer operation should be removed from all cars at this season. One of them is the scale that has collected in the cooling system. The average car has ranged far afield in the past few months, and its radiator has been filled with water containing a wide variety of impurities. The more of them of which the system is rid now by a thorough flushing with sal-soda, the better prepared it will be for the anti-freeze solution which it will carry during the cold months.

Another product of the season, we are told, may be a general looseness. Long periods of high-speed driving with vibration and jolting can hardly have failed to have their effect. Body bolts, Mr. Ullman advises, should be taken up not only to eliminate noises but to prevent frame strains that inevitably occur when the body is allowed to weave. He continues:

Tightening spring clips also will serve a double purpose—that of reducing the chance of spring breakage and increasing riding comfort. Engine-bolts in many cars also will be found to have worked free.

Other points where the car owner may spend a profitable few minutes with screw-driver and wrench are the bolts, nuts, and screws holding fenders, running-boards, and running-board aprons; the bolts which hold the radiator to the frame, and brace-rod running from the radiator to the dash; and the screws by which the door-hinges are attached.

Wet and leaf strewn streets, autumn's specialty in the way of driving hazards, are less dangerous if the car steers as it should. This involves lining up the front wheels, tightening front-wheel bearings, taking up any looseness in the steering-dray-link, and thoroughly lubricating the entire mechanism.

Another factor in seasonal safety is brake condition. Without going in for an exceptionally close adjustment, which leaves too little pedal-play for gently application, the car-owner should make certain that the brakes are equalized. Unless he is possessed of more than average mechanical skill, the task of equalizing and adjusting brakes is one that should be left to a mechanic with the ability and the equipment to make a good job of it.

The fact is that brakes have been violently used in the period of high-speed driving now coming to an end, and that character of use is bound to have had its effect.

One prewinter form of conditioning that the car-owner can allow to go over until later is that of draining, flushing, and refilling the transmission and differential. It is still too early to supplant the heavier lubricants used in these parts and, pending the need to change them, the car will operate well enough with nothing more than a replenishing of the present filling.

Because fall brings rain and dampness, and they in turn cause rust, the car-owner should be certain to cover up with a brushing lacquer or enamel any chipped or marred spots on the body of fenders. If the season should reveal any leaks around the top molding, the motorist will find several plastic fillers on the market with which these crevices may be treated.

When you are an anvil have patience; when you are a hammer beat straight.