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CANADA

A Road Menace....

The report on automobile accidents during the first four months of 1933, just issued by the statisticians for a leading insurance company, contains one rather significant little disclosure. While the total number of deaths decreased about 10 per cent. from the number for the same period in 1932, the number of defective cars involved in fatal accidents increased by nearly 40 per cent. This, of course, is a consequence of the depression. Cars that ought to be retired to the junkyard are still in service; others which have defective brakes, lights, tires or steering mechanism are going without the repairs they need because their owners are pressed for cash. The man who drives such a car is under a heavy responsibility. If he keeps his car's defects in mind and makes allowance for them in his driving, everything is all right; but if he tries to handle an aging and defective machine as he would a brand new one he immediately makes a public menace of himself.—Vancouver Sun.

Police Uniforms

Former Mayor Frank J. Mitchell is only talking common sense when he suggests that the police department be outfitted with neat flannel shirts for hot weather use, instead of being compelled to roast in heavy tunics and Sam Browne belts. "I have been trying to get that done for five years," the former mayor remarked to the Star yesterday, "and it should be done on the grounds of common humanity." We have not talked to any policemen about the idea, but we have no doubt that all members of Windsor's fine force would welcome the innovation. Furthermore, the cost of making this change for the hot months would not be a serious item.—Border Cities Star.

Speculation and Recovery

Only a short time ago Sir Josiah Stamp warned the people of the United States against the dangers of speculation. Another boom such as the one of late lamented memory what he feared. It is foolish to suggest that such a thing cannot happen again. It can. There are indications of that possibility everywhere. The stock markets are flourishing, stock prices advancing sensationally, and everyone is beginning to think in the same terms as formerly. If the recovery from the depression is to be accompanied by an uncontrolled wave of reckless speculation, it will not last long, for speculation unsettles business, plays hob with prices, makes production and development subordinate to the making of money by exchanging pieces of paper and diverts money and attention and constructive thought away from the channels of legitimate, productive business. The controls must be prepared.—Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

Man and Vanity

A despatch from London says that even the masculine Englishman has taken to the pursuit of personal beauty. All over England beauty shops are crowded with men. They are having their sleep in hair nets. Well, why not? Why are we married to the unspeakable notion that personal vanity and adornment unfit a man for the stern duties of the world? France's great Louis was a little fop, and yet he was a highly successful ruler. The greatest Greeks and Romans spent hours beautifying themselves. One need not look like a stableboy to pack a punch.—Vancouver Sun.

"English as She is Wrote"

Dr. Allen Sinclair Will, head of the Department of Journalism at Rutgers University, finds cause for congratulation in the English now being used in the newspapers of this continent. "All but impeccable," is the way he expresses it. "The English used at the present time in the best newspapers," Dr. Will adds, "is not inferior to that which may be seen in current literature finding acceptance from a large body of discriminating readers. Newspapers do not use or wish to use Victorian English. Their preference is for the vigorous speech current among cultivated people." — Winnipeg Tribune.

His Secret of Success

Cyrus H. K. Curtis, Philadelphia publisher, who when he died the other day was the publisher of prosperous newspapers and even more prosperous magazines having nation-wide sales running into the millions, ascribed his success to the men who worked for him. He once said: "The main point with me always has been in getting somebody to do a job better than I could do it myself. I knew what I wanted, but I could not always accomplish it. The success of our organization has been due entirely to the people I have found."—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

World's Third City

By suddenly increasing its city limits, Tokio has joined London and New York, in the exclusive group that comprises the three largest cities in the world. When this achievement was celebrated in the Japanese capital in October, some enthusiastic citizens even claimed second place for Tokio. The new greater Tokio, with a population of little in excess of 5,000,000, however, falls into third place. London and New York are both credited with more than 6,900,000 inhabitants.—Fredericton Gleaner.

THE EMPIRE

Needs of the World

The three vital needs of the world are the raising of price levels; the stabilization of currencies ,and the reduction of artificial restrictions to trade. These and dependent problems have created 30,000,000 unemployed, and brought the world to the verge of insolvency. Each of the 66 nations which are meeting in an attempt to bring order out of chaos has its own interests, rights, and engagements. The task is one calling for the greatest caution. Any measures decided upon will have to be made with full regard for the national interests involved.—Daily Mail.

On Up Grade

The employment return for May is encouraging. For the fourth month in succession the employed total is up and the unemployed total down. Trade and industry are at least on the up grade. The numbers of unemployed on the register—2,582,000—are still terribly large, but they are less by 158,000 than they were last May and less by 320,000 than they were last January. On the other hand, there are now 9,657,000 employed persons, a gain of 372,000 in four months. In every district except the North-Eastern, dependent on coal and badly affected by the seasonal decline in that trade, unemployment has decreased. Almost all industries except coal mining show an improvement, slight, perhaps, but none the less significant.—The Sceptator.

Ottawa Pacts Help

Up to the present the Ottawa agreement has brought Australia no disadvantage. On the contrary, it has meant advantage. The building of new factories and the general improvement in manufacturing production are among the best signs of returning prosperity. Industrial stocks on the share market are stronger and more buoyant than they have been since adversity swept over us.—Melbourne Herald.

Ideal Pedestrian Found?

It is reported from Czecho-Slovakia that a certain Alois Novotny was run over the other day by a motor car and suffered a severe cut on the head. M. Novotny's head had, of course, no serious effect on the car, but the transaction so flustered the driver that he swerved into a lamp post, which had. The victim rose unsteadily. "How much will it cost me," he said to the astonished driver, "to repair your car?" He then wrote out a cheque on the spot and went home to bed. Is it possible that out of the welter of modern traffic, after years of waiting, exhorting, and legislating, the perfect pedestrian has arisen, humble enough to accept the status of bunker in the fairway, and so businesslike that he pays promptly and goes home?—The Glasgow Herald.

THE UNITED STATES

An Englishman's Conscience

In an English movie house the other night nearly a thousand people sat waiting for the feature picture. The projection machine broke down and the management announced that the patrons would be refunded their money at the box office. But as there were different price seats the problem arose as to various claims for remuneration. The manage merely put his customers on their honor. And when the last payment was made the receipts and the money paid out corresponded to a penny. It is a marked characteristic of the sturdy middle-class Englishman that he only wants that which is his. A whole volume could be written on that little incident to show how a highly civilized people can have ingrained into them a sense of personal responsibility. Call it honesty or houor or what you will, behind it is a social conscience which explains why London police do not have to carry guns and rarely even carry billies, and why Old Bailey, the once criminal court in all London, only needs to hold sessions three days a week. The good Englishman knows no higher duty than the responsibility of individual citizenship.—Detroit Free Press.

How to "Bawl Out"

When you want to "bawl out" somebody write it out. Take a lot of time and make it strong. Then lay it aside until next day for mailing. Next day tear it up and throw it away. You will feel better and it has served its purpose.—Maysville (Okla.) News.

News

A novel bone of contention was discovered in a London police court. A man who had been nearly bowled over by a dog was charged by the owner with growling at it, thus rousing the animal's ire. When a man bites a dog, that's news, said a famous editor, and it seems to be news when the man does the growling.—Christian Science Monitor.

A Good Fish Story

Mrs. Oliver Grinnell hooked a huge fish near New York city at 9 a.m., fought him until 7 p.m., was relieved by her husband, returned to the fight at 5 a.m. following morning and finally gaffed the monster swordfish after 20 hours of play.

Lady Wavertree's Adopted Daughter Married in London

Bride Gowned in Ice-Blue Lace is Stockingless—No Reception

Lady Wavertree did not attend the wedding of her adopted daughter, Miss Rosemary Hall-Walker, to Mr. Charles Lionel Kayser, which took place at St. Clement Dane's, Strand, London.

The bride was given away by her cousin, Sir Ian Walker, a well-known polo player, and was accompanied by two bridesmaids, who were her school friends.

Only fifty guests were at the wedding. The church was barely decorated with several pots of palms, and the service as short as possible.

The bride, who was dressed in a cool looking frock, made of ice-blue angel skin lace, followed the fashion of wearing no stockings. Over her head and face she wore a veil of net.

No Reception

There was no reception. Immediately after the service the couple returned to the hotel at which Miss Hall-Walker had stayed the previous night. She changed into travelling clothes, and they left for Switzerland by train.

Lord Wavertree left Miss Hall-Walker, £10,000, £10 five per cent. shares, which will yield an income of approximately £4,000 per year.

Canada Improves Sales of Bacon

Climbs to Fourth Place as Supplier of British Market

Ottawa.—Canada has climbed into fourth place as a contributor to the Britsh bacon market during the month of May, according to Hon. H. H. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce. In that month the Dominion delivered 5,556,400 pounds.

"The progress which Canada has made in supplying the British market with bacon one of the most encouraging things in our international trade," said Mr. Stevens. "The countries with higher contributions were Denmark, Holland and Poland. In May, 1932, Canada stood sixth with 2,814,224 pounds and May, 1931, eighth with 234,976 pounds, coming far behind Denmark, Netherlands, Sweden, Poland, United States and Lithuania."

Natural Gas Found In Quebec Village

Ste. Angele De Laval.—At a depth of 5,000 feet below this small village on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River, opposite Three Rivers, a small quantity of natural gas has been discovered. The well is at present only yielding 25,000 cubic feet and as a minimum of 50,000,000 feet is necessary for commercial purposes, drilling is continuing. A total of 82 tons of piping has been sunk since operations commenced on February 1.

East - West to Meet at Altar

The young woman gazing fondly at her fiance is Frances Yorne, Columbia university librarian, to wed Dr. Toyozo Nakara, Japanese scientist. They believe racial intermingling improves humanity.

Theft of Typewriter Brings Ten Years Imprisonment

Offense of "Diverting Socialized Property" in Russia Normally Punishable by Death

Ten years' imprisonment was the sentence passed on a young and pretty blonde typist in Moscow for stealing a typewriter.

The local press recounted the trial without any sense of the enormity of the sentence. Indeed, the press implied that the girl got off lightly since stealing "socialized property" is normally punished by death.

Mme. Shurochka owed her downfall to a handsome engineer. He had told her the modern Russian woman must combine the business acumen of a man with the charm of a woman. In the office she must be an efficient worker. In social life she must be modishly dressed and endowed with sex appeal.

This ideal, and apparently the handsome engineer, impressed Mme. Shurochka. The theft of the typewriter, she explained to the judges, was the first step in putting that ideal into practice. A typewriter sells in Russia at anything from 5,000 to 10,000 roubles (nominally £500 to £1,000). She was thus showing business acumen, and at the same time acquiring funds to enhance her sex appeal.

Now she will spend ten years in prison for "diverting socialized property."

Golden Rules for Holidays From A Nurses' Journal

The holiday season is near and a multitude of preparations for it are already under way. The "Nursing Mirror" offers some excellent advice intended more particularly for nurses but applicable also to the rest of the community. A holiday must be stimulating, and it must whet the appetite with a spice of adventure. Physical exercise is essential, but the "Nursing Mirror" has this to say about it:

"The soundest rule to remember is to be careful for the first few days; in our enthusism at our new freedom we climb too high, walk too fast, swim too long, dance too late, and even eat too heartily, and some of our precious days are spent in recovering. In nursery days we can all remember the tiresome rules which restricted our paddling on the first day at the seaside, or enforced a rest out of the hot sunshine after lunch, but it is perhaps a pity they are not more studied by the adult."

There is one other piece of advice offered by th "Nursing Mirror" which is well founded but is too often neglected. Sleeping in a new bed every night is not the surest way of obtaining refreshing rest. It is better, therefore, to combine the tour with some days spent in one place, drinking in light, air and sunshine, and not having to hurry to catch trains and reach new towns.

Grasshoppers Aiding World Recovery?

Kincaid, Sask.—There is no need for the four great wheat growing countries, now meeting in London to cut the world's wheat acreage 15 percent.

Grasshoppers have already done all the reducing in the wheat crop that is necessary.

So said Dr. D. F. Donnelly, M.P., for this constitutency, on his arrival here from Ottawa.

Dr. Donnelly, who returned to the west by way of the United States, declared that millions of 'hoppers were eating off the crop in the country to the south.

Lady Astor Beaten By Prince at Golf

Walton Health, Eng.—The Prince of Wales defeated Lady Astor two and one in their 18-hole semi-final match of the annual Parliamentary Handicap Golf Tournament here last week.

The Prince gave his opponent seven strokes.

Lady Astor led one-up through the sixth but lost the lead soon after and never regained it.

The Prince insisted that Lady Astor should take the honors at the first hole, tlthough he, as the conceder of strokes, was entitled to drive first.

13,500-Foot Height Too Cool for Flier

St. Paul. — An airline passenger ship flying from here to Chicago found it too cool.

At an altitude of 13,500 feet, Lee Smith, pilot, found the temperature 32 degrees above and was forced to come down to 8,500 feet to get his passengers warm.

It was 99 above on the ground.

Advice to Bathers

"Da not bathe soon after eating—wait two hours.

"Do not get water in your mouth.

"Do not bathe in water near sewer outlets or which is otherwise polluted.

"Do not die or swim in unknown waters—test the depth.

'Do not go far from shore alone een if a good swimmer.

"Do not bathe when overheated."

Ottawa Bather Has Thrilling Escape

Sucked in Intake—Carried Right to Pumping Station

Ottawa.—Sucked into a 16-foot watermain, helplessly carried along and finally dumped into a tank at a Queen Street pumphouse, was the horrifying experience of Ralph Preston For 20 minutes in pitch-black darkness Preston was carried by the swirling waters. There was an airspace of but two inches between the surface of the water and the roof of the tube. At times his head bumped the top of the big tube. His noce was badly skinned and his nerves shattered.

Preston, with two or three others, was diving from a pier above the Chaudiere Falls. He was not wearing a bathing suit, and when he came out at the pump-house had to borrow a pair of trousers until he could recover his clothes on the far-off river bank.

On his final dive of the day, he suddenly was dragged into the mouth of the mammoth intake pipe. "I can't describe the trip," he said. "It was dark, and only the rushing waters could be seen and felt. Time after time he turned in an effort to fight back to the river, but the fast-moving current rushed him along. He did not know where the pipe led to, and finally weary, managed to stay afloat and let the water carry him where it willed.

Then to his intense surprise, he plunged into the comparative light of the tank and a few seconds later climbed out of the water. Here he found the pump-house—in the heart of a residential area, and remembered his clothing had been left behind. In desperation he shouted to a man in an apartment house to throw him a pair of trousers and explanations followed.

The intake pipe, carrying thousands of gallons into the heat-soaked city, had never before trapped a swimmer. Officials could not explain how Preston had been swung into the orifice, but expressed the opinion a river-eddy had washed him into the danger zone.

Some time ago, a youth in Hamilton paddled up a city sewer to the corner of a busy street and was seen passing an open manhole by a surprised policeman. It was later found the canoe in which the boy was exploring had been stolen.

Handicraft To Be Shown in Regina

Rug Section Expected to Have Interesting Display

The rug section of the handicraft exhibit to be held by the Women's Art Association of Saskatchewan in connection with the World Grain Show at Regina, July 24 to Aug. 5, bids fair to be a most extensive and interesting display.

In recent years great interest has been revived in the handicrafts as a beautifier of homes as well as a practical pastime—and especially adapted to this is the art of rug-making—coming as it does from a background of early pioneer and colonial days. Home-made rugs draw attention because of their traditional and historical association and a revival of them under newer ideas should call forth widespread attention throughout the prairies.

Instead of the quaint pictures of Newfoundland dogs, bowls of cherries and baskets of kittens woven into the ravelled and tufted rugs of bygone days, these modern rugs show scenes of the west—a field of wheat—a prairie farmstead—the Red River valley. But their quaint old-fashioned beauty stirs memories of childhood when similar ovals graced the floors in grandmother's pioneer home.

The executive expect wide representation of the following classes of rugs: 1, hooked; 2, braided; 3, loom woven; 4, knitted; 5, crocheted; 6, needle woven. Those made of prairie grown wool will be of particular interest.

Snores of Tired Doctor Bring Police to Bedside

Ferndale, Mich.—It was just like a mystery story, those weird sounds that came over the wire to the tele-telephone company switchboard during the early morning hours, and the operator knew just what to do.

She notified police that some one apparently was in distress at the address indicated and all the homicide squad made a flying call.

But at the other end of the line the found that Dr. W. G. Beattie had overturned a bedside telephone in his sleep and was snoring contentedly into the transmitter.

Weddings in Canada Show Big Jump for May

Ottawa. — May was a popular month for weddings. Deturns for 76 Canadian cities received by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics showed a total of 2,246. This was a 16 per cent. increase over May, 1932, when the total was 1,940

More than 15,000,000,000 tons of earth are lifted in dust clouds from the soil of Britain every year and deposited by rain storms.