Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

The Late King Albert

He loved the mountains with that kind of intoxication that comes of climbing to the pure air of the highest altitudes. He went there alone, the better to enjoy the exercise and the beauty of the moment. And there he died. It is not given to all the great men of this world thus to die. He passed in a moment of glory and beauty. A greater halo shines around his head than if he had died in bed, in the decrepitude of old age.—Le Soleil, Quebec.

Almost Never

The horse may be old fashioned but you seldom see one getting pulled out of a snowdrift.—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

Cause For Hope

The increase in the quotations of farm products indicates that farmers also have turned the corner of the depression, although they are not by any means at the end of their troubles. It is conceivable that agriculture cannot enter into full prosperity after such a crisis at one stroke. The convalescence will run its course, but definite re-establishment is from now on a certainty, and Canadian farmers can now have confidence in the future. — La Presse, Montreal.

Frills and Frays

Two women, we read, were arrested for fighting at a bargain sale. Proving that where there's a frill there's a fray.—Halifax Herald.

What Then?

A story from the East tells of an octogenarian judge who was offered a lieutenant-governorship to round out his career. "But," the judge added, "What am I going to do after the four years are up?"—Winnipeg Tribune.

And They Are Neighbors

A Saskatoon court is puzzled over the question as to whether a Saskatoon man was drunk or sober. It's a question we have never been able to figure out over some Saskatoon men we know.—Regina Leader-Post.

Back to the Farm

.... Though farmers have been having a hard time of it the past four years, farms are not so easy to get hold of in this district as they were a while ago. One reason is that men from urban centres who came originally from the farm have come back again. A wage-earner with a family who is out of work can soon dissipate his savings in the city. He may fall a bit short on the farm, but he is at least sure of food, clothing and shelter.—St. Mary's Journal-Argus.

Fatal Relics of War

Mines put into the sea during the World War still are afloat. A Finnish steamer recently found one in the Baltic Sea and had it destroyed. Since the war one Swedish naval officer has found and destroyed more than 350 drifting mines—hideous engines of death, waiting to slip into the paths of unsuspecting ship captains. — Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

Intimate Question

How many husbands darn their own socks? We know of men who not only do their own mending but they can crochet and knit and do embroidery work as well and better than a great many women. In fact we know of one man who does the daintiest edgings for handkerchiefs and other embroidered articles which he has worked himself. This same man is very good at handling the knitting needles and every year knits socks, mitts and an odd sweater or two. Now speak up. Have you a husband in your home who mends his own footwear?—Lindsay Post.

Toronto is Worried

Needles controversy over the pronunciation of centenary.

Opinions of too many experts have left the city in a daze, not knowing whether to describe Toronto's one hundredth birthday as a CEN-tenary, or cenTENary or a cenTEENerie.

So long as it is not called a TEN-CENT-ary the birthday party should worry. The only thing necessary is that it shall be pronounced a success. —Toronto Telegram.

Vanity of Humanity

There is no man in the world who is indispensable, and no institution; little that the world couldn't lose tomorrow without missing it very much. We are all of us quite puny things, powerless greatly to influence or direct mighty forces, and nearly always without much of armor against fate. Yet, in our vanity, we live and talk and think as though the world would end without us; spend half our time fuming and foaming over the pettiest of trifles.—Ottawa Journal.

Largest Map

Possibly the largest relief map in the world exists in Nova Scotia. On the boundary of the two provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick a relief map of Nova Scotia was erected three years ago, and measures 150 feet long and 60 feet high. This relief map is built of concrete, is in generous colors and is illuminated at night by flood lights.—From the Empire Review.

Stockings and Books

A St. Catharines visitor to Bermuda recently discovered that one cannot purchase in that island a silk stocking that is not made in Canada. Well, why try? — Woodstock Sentinel Review.

This recalls an incident related by Dr. A. H. U. Colquhoun on his return from England on a pre-war visit there. He entered a bookshop and a man in spectacles stood behind the counter to serve him. "I have," said Dr. Colquhoun, "been looking around for a new book entitled 'The Unspeakable Scot'." "Aye," said the book-seller. "Weel, ye micht be better employed."—Toronto Star.

Rabbits Doing Damage

The rabbit cycle is again at the peak or nearing it, judging by reports from various parts of the province. A despatch from Dapp the other day reports two farmers in that vicinity have shot 2,100 rabbits in their own fields this winter so far.

A former forest ranger living near Wolf Creek writes to the :Journal: "When I look at the results of my efforts to beautify my home, I could weep, for there is nothing left of my spruce, birch and other trees but the peeled sticks. Without exaggeration there are a hundred rabbits in my yard every evening, destroying feed stacks, chewing every tree and shrub within reach and not only in my yard and in every other farmer's yard but over hundreds and hundreds of miles of forestland acres and acres of young growth are being destroyed."—Edmonton Journal

THE EMPIRE

Join the Air Force

The B.B.C., we are told, is going to give a boost to the Navy—during the Children's Hour. The boost will take the form of a talk on Choosing a Career, and the Lords of the Admiralty, we are told, have endorsed the scheme as an admirable one. It is nothing of the kind. By the time the children of to-day are grown men the Navy will have sunk to small proportions. Battleships and large cruisers will be obsolete, the use of small cruisers will be confined to the remote parts of the Empire unreachable by enemy aircraft, and the bulk of the Navy will consist of submarines and "mosquito" surface craft. If the B.B.C. wishes to perform a national service, let it do something towards making our children air-minded. There the future lies, not only in war but in peace. London Evening News.

Nationality by the Hat

I have often in frequenting cafes on the Continent entertained myself and my friends by guessing at the nationality of the other people in the cafe. For men I have often found that the surest guide is the hat. And the Englishman's hat has always been the easiest to recognize. Surely everyone knows that there are bowlers and bowlers, while if an Englishman wears an English Trilby he can be picked out at once. Straw boaters the hallmarks of the American, in deed! I was once sitting in the lobby during a meeting of the Assembly at Geneva. I was at a writing-table and regretting that it had no inkpot; the only things on the table were a blotting-pad and a straw boater. I began writing in pencil. Shortly afterward, as the Assembly adjourned for lunch, I saw a hand take up the straw hat, and, lo and behold! an inkpot now stood revealed. I looked up and saw M. Briand putting the straw hat to his head.—Percy Arnold in the London Times.

The Conquest of 'Flu

If the workers in the National Institute for Medical Research succeed in their attempt to immunize human beings from influenza, they will have rendered an enormous service to humanity. For "'Flu" is one of the most deadly diseases of our time. At its worst it slays millions. More men and women died of influenza in the 1918 epidemic than were killed in the four years of war. The research work is still far from complete. The workers themselves, true to scientific tradition, make no big claims. But the progress made in the past year gives more ground for hope than there has yet been.—Daily Herald.

Empire Trade

Sir Edmund Vesley has a talk on the telephone with Mr. William Angliss. Sir Edmund is in South Africa and Mr. Angliss is in Austrralia, and at the end of twelve minutes £1,500,000 meat business merger has been accomplished. It will mean that millions of telephone calls in this country from housewives to their butchers will deal with Australian meat orders instead of Argentine.—(From the London Daily Express.

Child-Killer

Diphtheria kills an average of 80 to 90 children out of every 1,000 attacked. It has been estimated that 10 per cent. of the children born each year suffer from the disease before they reach the age of 15.

These statements are in the report of the medical officer for Kensington, who pleads for the public to co-operate with doctors in securing immunization.

The medical officer says that in Edinburgh, with more than 11,000 children protected by immunization and 95,000 not protected, there was an attack rate at least ten times as great among the non-immunized as among the immunized.

The death rate was nil among the immunized, as compared with 63 per 100,000 among the non-immunized.—

"It appears," adds the doctor's report, "that diphtheria, with its persistently high incidence and mortality, has for too long constituted a grave menace."

The Kensington Public Health Committee recommends that arrangements for immunization outlined in the medical officer's report be approved. At a cost of £300 between 500 and 600 children could be immunized.—London Daily Herald.

Eight Die In Plane Crash

Bodies of seven men and a woman were found in the wreckage of the above giant transport aeroplane which crashed on a flight from Salt Lake City to Cheyenne, Wyo.

Gets Poplar Order

Toronto.—5,000,000 board feet of poplar has been ordered from a North Bay firm, according to a Queen's Park report, by a Montreal concern negotiating for an English importer.

Formerly practically little used, this consignment of poplar is to be used in manufacture of furniture as a veneer. Cutting has started, the timber to be shipped from Parry Sound,. and it is likely 400 to 500 men will be employed on the work.

And the Lady Hit The Bull's Eye Every Time

Urichsville, O.—Mrs. Mildred Cessna of Cadiz is not one who does things by halves. She:

Attained a perfect score of 300 as a member of the Urichville Rifle Club.

Achieved a string of 44 consecutive bull's eyes.

And enabled her club to defeat the Barnesvill Club in a shoot off, 1,494 points to 1,477.

Joan Bennett Mother of 8-pound Daughter

Hollywood.—An eight pound daughter was born Feb. 27th to Joan Bennett, screen actress, on the anniversary of her 24th birthday. Miss Bennett is the wife of Gene Markey, film writer.

Miss Bennett has another daughter by a previous marriage, Diana Fox, who observed her fourth birthday recently.

Owl Is "Overcome" By Stuffed Birds

Stratford, Ont.—A stuffed crow and a mounted duck proved superior to a pet owl in a "battle" in a bottling works here. Found half-starved and stiff with cold, the owl was warmed back to life and became a gentle pet but objected to the presence of the other birds which were treated with arsenic. The owl destroyed the crow, and perished while at work on the glass-eyed duck.

Golden Wedding Club Gives Sage Advice

San Francisco.—Members of San Francisco Golden Wedding Club offer a little sage advice to honeymooners seeking marital longevity.

If your tempers appear to be nearing the hair-trigger stage, take a good brisk walk, advises Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wood, ranking members of the club. "We've followed that rule for 60 years," 85-year-old Mr. Wood says, "and it works."

The club's "babies," Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Luck, married just 50 years ago, suggest counting to ten or higher during moments of stress.

Seventy-five couples recently attended the club's fifth annual dinner.

Oh, What a Fall!

Baltimore.—Clark Gable, the movie star, who is supposed to send the female heart a fluttering, may not be so hot.

Two hundred and fifty Washington misses were invited to have tea with the one and only Gable appearing here in a theatrical tour, and thirteen came.

Hen Lays 112 Eggs In As Many Days

Agassiz, B.C.—Barred Rock Pullet No. 3, owned by the Delta Land Company, Vancouver, recently maintained her perfect record through the 16th week of the Dominion Experimental Farm egg-laying contest here with 112 eggs in as many days.

Barred Rock Pullet No. 2, owned by A. Pennington, Agassiz, remained one egg behind the pace-setting chicken with 111 laid during the contest.

What Does Your Handwriting Show?

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The increased interest in Grapho-Analysis, the science of character delineation from handwriting, has brought in its train not only a host of converts, but the inevitable sceptic.

One of the most frequent objections is posed by those who ask "How can handwriting show one's character, when we are taught how to write from the same copybook in school?"

The answer to this objection only proves how strongly handwriting does show character. Because if you will study the writing of a single class of students who have learned writing from the same copybook, a few years afterwards, you will not find two who write alike.

Each one writes differently—a different slant, a different pressure, and differing conformations of letters. This shows that, as one grows, one's character changes or strengthens, and one's handwriting changes too.

And, whilst I am discussing objections, I would like to stress that it is not possible to tell a person's age or sex from handwriting. Here and there, a trained grapho-analyst will be able to hazard a guess. There is no scientific foundation for it, however, and consequently, no reputable grapho-analyst will attempt it.

I have seen women's writing that looked masculine, and, conversely, I have examined the writing of men that looked for all the world like that of a woman. Then again, some young people write a mature hand, and on the other hand, I have seen the writing of a man of 50 which seemed to be that of a youth in his teens. We can only get from handwriting what is in it.

There is increasing evidence that certain ailments can be discerned from handwriting. People suffering from heart trouble reflect this condition in their writing.

But grapho-analysis has not yet attained the point where it is possible to analyse ailments from handwriting with entirely scientific accuracy.

These are factors that time and continued research will attain, but character analysis from handwriting is an accomplished fact. And it is also true that vocational guidance can be given by trained grapho-analysts.

If you want to discover your own characteristics and traits, as revealed by your handwriting, take advantage of the offer made at the foot of this article.

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D.N.—You are ruled by your heart—impulsive; emotional appeals will always draw your sympathy. You are inclined to get hysterical. There is evidence of good powers of concentration. If you get really interested in anything, you find no difficulty in concentrating all your powers on it. You like to move around; to change environment. You are not content to remain passive in a routine way.

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F.B.—You have considerable depth of feeling and a desire to get on in the world. There is a sense of balance displayed. You do not talk too much. You are inclined to be clannish; you do not make friends indiscriminately. Mechanical or engineering work is indicated.

These are, of course, merely brief extracts from analyses.

Readers of this newspaper are invited to send samples of their handwriting to the author for a character analysis. Send as long a letter as possible, and write your usual script. Address your letters to Geoffrey St. Clair, Room, 471, 73 Adelaide St. W., Toronto, and enclose 10 cents and a stamped (3c), addressed envelope. Letters, of course, are confidential.

New Brunswick Parish Under Curfew Law

Children in the parish of New Bandon, Gloucester County, N.B., dislike to see the approach of dusk these evenings, and the church bell at Grand Anse has a new purpose.

New Bandon is under curfew law as the result of an unusual parish ordinance, and all children must be off the roads and out of public places at an early hour each evening. Ringing of the church bell heralds the curfew.

New Bandon has a population of 2,909, mostly French-Canadians.

Celluloid Comb Sets House Afire

Toronto.—Like other children, little Johnny Muirhead had been told what happens to boys who play with matches, but he did not know much about celluloid combs. He thrust one into a stove and expressed keen delight at the spectacular manner in which it burned. The comb, however, burned down to his fingers and he dropped it. When firemen from four stations left Johnny's home they estimated the damage at $1,200.

Wild Ducks Winter Along Grand Valley

Brantford, Ont.—A large number of wild ducks, mostly sawbills, with a few whistlers, mallards and red-heads, are making their winter home along the Grand River, hunters stated here recently. A certain number usually winter here, but they reported the flocks much larger this year.

Open Safetty Pin Removed

Jeanette Stephenson, 15, of Ogden, Utah, recently swallowed an open safety pin and went to a basketball game. Then she decided to have the pin removed. The pin was located even with the sixth rib, deep in her gullett. A bronchoscope and a long thin pair of forceps removed the pin.

Soviet Plans Call For Huge Palace

1,361 Feet High Surmounted by 262 Foot Statue—Will Dwarf N.Y. Skyscrapers

Moscow.—A special committee of the Tzik, or central executive committee corresponding to a parliament, have approved plans for a gigantic Soviet palace, 1,361 feet high, surmounted by a statue of Nikolai Lenin 262 feet high.

With a total height of 1,623 feet the building will be by far the world's tallest. New York's Empire State Building is only 1,248 feet high.

The building long planned, will have two main halls, one seating 20,000 persons, the other 6,000. It will have a revolutionary museum. The palace will be built on the site of the Cathedral of the Redeemer, facing the Kremlin.

Boris Lofan designed the building.

Royalty Visited Fair Of British Industries

London.—The Queen and Duchess of York visited the British Industries Fair and made many purchases while the Duke of York and the Duke of Gloucester filled the traditional role of male onlookers.

When the royal party was leaving the exhibit of the Indian State of Mysore, a little girl wearing a ruby-colored sari rushed out breathlessly and asked, "Won't Your Majesty come and see our stand again?"

"Certainly I will," Queen Mary told her. "I remember you gave me a bouquet last year."

The child, five-year-old daughter of the Mysore Trade Commissioner in London, wore a tiny ruby in her nose, native fashion.

256 Killed, 2,037 Hurt in 1933 Rail Accidents

Ottawa. — A total of 256 persons were killed and 2,037 injured in railway accidents for the year ended Dec. 31 last, according to a return recently tabled in the House of Commons.

Among passengers five were killed and 2444 injured. Of employes, 44 were killed and 2,037 injured.

Clocks Become Issue In London Elections

London.—Clocks, and not housing or rent restriction, may form the battleground on which next elections to the London County Council will be fought.

For some Londoners have noticed with dismay that while they start from home on a 10-minute journey at, say, 7:30, they often arrive at their destination at 7:29, or else at 8 o'clock—according to the public clocks. And the complaint has been raised that the present London County Council will do nothing to remedy the clocks.

Show Miles of Film

New York.—The American Museum of Natural History during the past year exhibited enough motion picture film to reach the 2,700 miles between New York and Hollywood, according to F. Trubee Davison, president of the Museum. It was shown to 9,000,000 people.

Scrip Goes Up In Smoke

John Jones and John F. Fell, chief engineer and fireman at the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Company, are seen as they prepared to burn over a million pieces of scrip, used in the bank holiday a year ago.