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Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

HOPES DASHED

The voice of a crooner has been heard in an Alberta well, due to some freak reception of radio programs. The incident may have raised the hopes of a good many people, before the circumstances were explained.—Hamilton Herald.

MODEL TAX RATE

While New York and other cities are bogged in a morass of financial dickering with bankers and getting a headache trying to devise new taxes to meet relief and routine expenditures. Baltimore expects to close the calendar year with a surplus of $2,500,000. Mayor Howard W. Jackson is determined to make a cut of at least 11 cents in the 1935 tax rate. This would bring the 1935 rate below $2.35 and make it the lowest since 1919. Members of the Baltimore City Council, even more sanguine than the mayor, are driving for a 1935 tax rate of about $2.15. The present Baltimore tax rate is $2.45.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

FOOTBALL

A London cable tells of England defeating Italy by a score of 3-2 in an "international soccer classic" before a crowd of 70,000 at Highbury. It is a striking example of the strides made by European races in games which, up to a few years ago, were almost exclusively Anglo Saxon. Time was when football, and particularly soccer football, was as English as the language Today it is played in France and Germany, and even in Soviet Russia.—Ottawa Journal.

SALAD HOUND

A dog in Florida climbs trees for oranges and grapefruit, and also eats bananas, apples and cabbages. Ah! A salad hound.—Woodstock Sentinel Review.

OLD HOME WEEKS

Old Home Weeks are not only great jubilees, they soar away beyond fun and frivolity, and yet there are few, very few, members of the human race who do not enjoy a good time, and they always have it at a function of this nature.—Perth Ex positor.

STREAMLINING IN ASIA

East may be East and West, West, but the distinction is not very evident in the matter of streamlined trains. In benighted Asia, on the Dairen-Hsinking line of the South Manchuria Railway, a steamline train known as the "Asia" is now in operation.—Moncton Transcript.

HIGH OXFORD HONORS

It will be of interest everywhere in Canada, particularly in university centres, to learn that a student from one of the Dominions has worked his way to acknowledged leadership among the students at Oxford, and has been raised to the highest elective position in their gift—that of President of the Oxford Debating Union.

This honor has fallen to a Rhodes Scholar from McGill.

David Lewis, graduate of the Faculty of Arts and Science, and at McGill a former prominent campus orator, is the man who has been accorded the outstanding honor of Oxford. At McGill, Mr. Lewis was also a member of the Students' Executive Council.

Let us hope that Mr. Lewis' success will be reached by other Canadians.—Halifax Herald.

ALL IN THE DAY'S WORK

Senator Huey P. Long is accused of having cursed and threatened to fire the editor of a Louisiana college paper. Let the youthful journalist buck up—older editors than he have come through safely.—Toronto Globe.

JUICY BONDS OF EMPIRE

Canada, this year, has imported 100,000 cases of oranges from South Africa. There's another juicy text for the advocates of trade within the Empire.—Winnipeg Tribune.

TEACHING LITERATURE

In literary instruction for the young, it should be borne in mind that the object is not to train critics, but to enlarge and enrich the mind, and to stimulate further reading. It is the food that is important, not the label on the package.

No doubt many teachers have this object steadily in view, but there is no harm in calling attention to the danger of being led into methods of instruction that are likely to foster a distaste rather than a love for literature.

Literature is valuable for its interpretation of life and its part in developing a philosophy of life. This is the test that should be applied not only to classics that have stood the test of time, but to new books. Do they confirm or modify your own opinions, or enlarge your range of thought? Those matters are much more important than the extent to which the new book is talked about.—London Advertiser.

THEIR BROKEN WORD

Not until some way can be found of making the bonds of nations as good as the words of honourable men is the peace of the world likely to be established on a really stable foundation.—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

HOUSING PROBLEMS

Most housing schemes on this continent have failed in their objective of providing homes for the worst housed because the subsequent charges made rents too high. What are needed are dwellings which will rent for $15 a month. . . The fact is, however, that under the present policy of taxing improvements private enterprise cannot construct such homes as the Federal Administration visions, and make them profitable. If private enterprise cannot build them, and the Government should not, it follows that millions of families must forever live in shacks and decrepit structures. There are no two ways about it, and it would be useful if those now engaged in surveying housing needs in Ottawa today kept this important point in mind.—Ottawa Citizen.

QUEER CURES AMAZING

We in Canada are accustomed to regard the "toe-twisting" treatment for arthritic and other diseases, given by our own Dr. Locke, of Williamsburg, Ont., as being miraculous enough. And there are even sceptics who are not disposed to take his methods seriously, although his believers are legion and the results he obtains apparently speak for themselves.

But Coralie Van Passen writing from Paris to a Toronto paper, reports alleged cures that are more remarkable, if not more miraculous still. The healer is Dr. Armand Gillet who, like Dr. Locke, is said to be averse to publicity. And his method is to tickle the nostrils with a pair of small "stylets," or thin metal staves, about six inches long.

By this treatment, claimed to represent the fruits of years of research, an emotional effect is obtained that has curative power over neuralgia, rheumatism and so forth. He is reputed to have many marvellous successes to his credit and the people flock to him as they do to Williamsburg. Wonders will never cease! — Quebec Chronicle - Telegraph..

THE MAGIC CARPET

No line of steamships and no line of railway can ever take the place of an international highway as a tourist attraction. The automobile owner is captain of his own ship and conductor of his own trian. Any kind of a vehicle having four wheels, a brake and a gas engine becomes to its owner a Golden Argosy into which he can load his family and start for the Land of Dreams.—Edmonton Bulletin.

THE EMPIRE

THE SCOTS NATIONAL DICTIONARY

The publication today of the vocabulary from "beefer" to "bitteraks" sees the completion of Volume L of the Scottish National Dictionary. A work of noble scholarship, of vast dimensions, has thus been successfully inaugurated, and the editor, Dr. William Grant, and the Executive Council of the association responsible for the production are deserving of congratulations from Scots and scholars the world over.—Glasgow Herald.

THE FAITH WITHIN US

The outward show of welcome to the Duke of Gloucester which finds expression in crowded streets and a decorated city is the superficial clothing of an emotion which is of far deeper significance than the colour of a flag or the waving of a hand. His Royal Highness comes to Australia in a dual role, as an individual and as the personal representative of His Majesty the King. It is the latter role which kindles the imagination and turns one's thoughts to that powerful symbol of Imperial unity which is the Throne. Kings have had reason in these troubled post-war years to brood, as Shakespeare did, upon the insecurity of crowns; but the Crown of England has now become the Crown of a Commonwealth of Nations, and the sceptre which English Kings have held for centuries now sways an Empire which reaches out from the dark shadow of Europe across the whole world.—Melbourne Argus.

THE POPULAR PUSH-BIKE

The wonderful display of bicycles and the big crowds at the opening of the Bicycle and Motor Show in Olympia come as reminders that the pedal cycle is still the most popular of vehicles. No one who has stood outside a large factory at closing time can have failed to be impressed by the almost universal use of the cycle to go to and from work, which has been of such wonderful advantage to thousands. There are at the present time some eight million cycles in service in Great Britain.—London Daily Mail.

THE ROYAL WEDDING

If anyone doubted the attachment of English people to the Royal Family, or their love of domesticity, they have only to look at the photographs of the crowds that stood to welcome Prince George's fiancee, Princess Marina, on her arrival in England... The delight with which the news of the Royal marriage was received gives some pleasure of the respectful regret felt by the King's subjects that the Prince of Wales has not married. His Royal Highness is forty. If the news of Prince George's marriage is received with enthusiasm, that of the Prince of Wales would be acclaimed with an even deeper joy.—National Review (London,.

Viewing Royal Wedding Presents

Wedding presents received by the Duke of Kent and his bride, Princess Marina, on view at St. James Palace, where the public rushed to see the magnificent display.

Non-Smoking Councilman Loses Support of Woman

Hastings, Neb.—Councilman Clarence Young's faith in women has been shaken.

The Councilman is opposed to smoking. When the Council moved into the recently completed Municipal Building he urged that smoking be banned for the sake of visitors and especially on account of the women. "In fact we have one on the Council," said he.

Up through the smoke haze bobbed the smart green hat of Mrs. A. Brooke, fellow-member, "I don't care anything about smoking," said she. "I expect if men like to smoke and have to sit here a long time they really need it. I expect they feel as I do when I want a drink of water. I just go and get it."

Dentist: "Which is the bad tooth?"

Patient (a cinema attendant): "Balcony, third on left."

No Divorce For Spanish Prince And His Cuban Wife

New York—"It's all a terrible misunderstanding, we've had no quarrel. The facts were misrepresented. There is going to be no divorce."

With vigorous shakes of her head, the beautiful Countess Covadonga, daughter of a wealthy Cuban merchant, denied when she arrived here reports abroad that she was to separate from the eldest son of ex-king Alfonso, the former Prince of the Asturias, who renounced his rights to succession to the Spanish throne to marry the commoner.

Reticent at first, the Countess finally turned aside the appeals of her sister and travelling companion, Mrs. John Argueles, to be silent and discussed the reports.

"Someone spread the report that I went to a dance and my husband told me if I went I needn't come back," she said. "That is not true."

"I don't like to dance. We live a quiet life and our entertainment consists mostly of the theatre, literature and conversation."

Someone else, she said, spread another rumor that she and the Prince quarrelled over red dresses — that she wanted some and the prince didn't want her to buy them.

"Red dresses—I hate them," she said.

The Countess, the former Edelmira Ignacia Adriana Sampredo, plans to return to Paris in two months.

Nova Scotia Apples

The small province of Nova Scotia remains the greatest apple country in the world, size considered. Exceeding the original estimate by more than 250,000 barrels, her commercial apple crop this year will be 1,750,000 barrels, according to the latest survey. This is close to 500,000 barrels ahead of the average over a 10-year period.—(From the Boston Globe.)

Swansea Home for Brangwyn Panels

South Wales has secured especial significance for itself in the eyes of cultivated people throughout the world by the enterprise and good fortune of Swansea in securing the famous "House of Lords" panels—or "British Empire" panels as they are to be known henceforth. Over and above its many other attractive features South Wales now possesses one of the world's greatest works of art.

The panels are housed in the Brangwyn Hall, the largest room in Swansea's new palatial civic centre, that cost 420,000 pounds to build and was opened in October last by the Duke of Kent. A commemorative tablet informs the visitor that:

> The annual paintings within this Hall are the work of Frank Brangwyn, R.A., Lord Iveagh who commissioned him to execute them died in 1927, and his Trustees presented the Paintings to the Corporation of Swansea in 1934.

By giving the panels to Swansea the Iveagh Trustees solved one of the most difficult problems that has ever arisen in the history of British Art. There are sixteen of them. measuring in their entirety 3,000 square feet. They cost 20,000 pounds and the artist was for seven years at work on his commission. And when they were at last completed there seemed to be no alternative to rolling them up and stowing them away indefinitely.

For the work was commissioned by Lord Iveagh with the intention of making them a memorial to British peers who fell in the War, and they were to hang in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords. While the work was still incomplete, however, and after Lord Iveagh had died, some of the panels were set up in position, only to be summarily rejected by the House of Lords, on the advice of the Royal Fine Art Commission.

Despite this formidable setback, the artist courageously went on with his work, and in 1932 the completed panels were handed over to the Iveagh Trustees.

Applications for the privilege of possessing them were received from many parts of the world, but, in view of their great size and the fact that they were designed for a specific wall space, the difficulty of finding an entirely suitable building seemed insurmountable. Eventually it became apparent that the only satisfactory way of displaying them was to build a hall for the purpose, and this is virtually what Swansea has done.

Bother Men Enough And You'll Get What You Want

Hamilton, Bermuda—Dudley Field Malone's advice to the Bermuda Woman Suffrage Society is: "Make yourself inconvenient to the man until they grant you the vote out of sheer desperation."

"Men do not like to be bothered," the New York lawyer said, at a suffrage tea, "and if you bother them enough for the vote you will get it sooner than you expect. Don't be passive—militant inconvenience is your best strategy."

Ten members of the society have refused to pay taxes on the ground that taxation without representation is tyranny. Their personal property is to be auctioned in tax arrears sales. The first sale, that of property of Mrs. St. George Butterfield, president of the suffrage group and a wealthy society woman, will be held shortly.

Highway First Aid Refresher Course Plans Authorized

Ottawa—Authorization for a "refresher course" at the 21 highway first-aid posts established between between Toronto and Montreal was given at a meeting of the ambulance committee of St. John Ambulance Association here. Courses will be given at each post, it was decided. The meeting folowed a luncheon gathering of the commandery council of St. John Ambulance Association attended by officers of the asociation from Montreal, Toronto, Saint John and Ottawa.

Chinese Women Holding Their Own In Business

Los Angles—Women have escaped the role of chattels in the Orient in the opinion of Mrs. Besie Ochs, Hong Kong businesswoman.

Mrs. Ochs, an official of California-Asia, Ltd., here to attend a meeting of the western division of the United States Chamber of Commerce, affirmer in an interview that Chinese women have invaled commercial fields once open only to men.

"Chinese women are holding their own in business," she said.

Mrs. Ochs pointed out that a Chinese woman is president-manager of a Shanghi bank and that others are recognized as lawyers, dentists, doctors and business executives.

Movies Making Another Advance

London—Work on the vexed problem of creating three-dimensional movies is reported to be in full swing under the auspices of the Gaumont British Pictures Corporation and the Imperial Chemical Industries.

Acording to the Daily Herald if experiments now going forward succeed stereoscopic films will be shown to the public in about two years.

Cinema audiences will receive from the screen the same sense of solid three-dimensional reality that theatre audiences now obtain by watching actors moving on the stage.

Gaumont British, the paper said, has equipped special research labortories for sterescopic experiments and it expects its work there to yield definite results early next year.

Golds Cut 37 P.C. Among Students

Ithica, N. Y.—Reduction of 37 per cent. in the frequency of common colds among male students of Cornell University in the last five years is announced by Dr. Dean F. Smiley, professor of hygiene and university medical advisor.

The program for the cold susceptibles is centred around two ultraviolet light solaria, in which students take artificial sun baths twice a week from October to May for 10-minute periods. They also get special instructions concerning diet, alkalinization, ventilization and slep.

American Sweet Potatoes Welcomed Into Britain

London—Britain is now having a chance to become better acquainted with the American sweet potato, for a campaign has been launched here by Mr. Seth Taylor, special representative of Maryland, to popularize this product. The first step was taken recently when the S.S. American Merchant unloaded what is claimed to be the largest individual shipment (100 bushels) of sweet potatoes ever introduced into England.

Jimmy and the Philosopher

Somehow or other, the rumor has gone abroad that wrestling is a sport suitable only for Neanderthal men, or, at best, survivors of the Cro-Magnon era of human development. Let it be laid. Champion Jimmy Londos breakfasts on Socrates, has Spinoza with lunch and takes Kant with his after-dinner coffee.

Pinning the shoulder blades of other wrestlers to the canvas is merely a lucrative avocation for Jimmy, a kind of breather after a hard day with the philosophers.

We advise Jimmy, however, to stick to wrestling, because the fans will never pay good money at the box office to see him attempt to place a double-nelson on old Plato.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Ordinary Federal Revenue Increases by $28,000,000

Ottawa—Ordinary revenue of the Dominion Government for the first eight months of the present fiscal year ending Nov. 30 was more than $28,000,000 ahead of the same period last year, and for the month of November, 1933, by nearly $1,500,000 according to a statement just isued by the Comptroller of the Treasury.

For the first eight months of the year the Dominion treasury has a surplus of $1,604,449 on ordinary account, expenditures totalling $243,458,091 and receipts $245,062,540.

Guard of Honor for Halifx Doctor and Bride

Dr. Murray Fraser of Halfax, N.S., and Miss Audrey Roulston, St. John's, Nfld., passing between a guard of honor made up of nurses and babies after they were wed in the first marriage ceremony to be performed in the church of the Routunda Maternity Hospital in Dublin, Ireland.