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THEY HAVE THE BIG IDEA

There was an item in the newspapers recently and by actual measure it received one inch of space. But it told a good deal. It came from Amulet, Sask., and said that farmers of that district were shipping truckloads of carrots to less fortunate farmers in the north. In dried-out years — and Amulet had its share of them — farmers there received supplies of vegetables from other sections. Now they find themselves in a position to help and they know where others are who need help, so they are keeping the thing going.

It is well that those farmers in Saskatchewan shipped vegetables to those in need; it is well that some person who heard about it had the good sense to see that it got in the newspapers. What a world we would have if the farmers-and-carrots idea began to expand! — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

BEFORE DAYS OF ROUGE

After listening to the usual damaging comparison between the girls of today and the girls of years ago, pert Miss Teenage remarked: "Well, if they were all so darned innocent, how did they know when to blush?" —Exchange.

FLYING DOCTORS

In Canada we have no official "flying doctor" service such as Australia possesses, but invaluable aid has been rendered for some considerable time past by the Canadian Airways Service. The ambulance notes of the company contain scores of records of flights, varying in length from ten to several hundred miles, all of which were made in response to urgent appeals for transportation and which in most cases definitely meant the saving of life.

In Canada air transport has completely transformed the service of government medical offices, as may be seen from a record of a recent tour of camps in western Ontario, when in less than four hours a doctor using a plane was able to visit four different camps, carrying out complete inspections and travelling 102 mlies, in less than four hours. Aeroplane service has also made medical service possible over territories which in bygone years were covered only by dog teams making one trip per season. This is now replaced by many trips per season in comfort over a vastly larger area at considerably less cost, and without the grave risks that inevitably attended the dog team tours. — Star, Montreal.

WILL STRIKE EASILY

Year round exposure of the sun makes the skin rough and dry, so the nudists can easily strike their matches. — Brandon Sun.

PREVENT WAR ANYWHERE

"The best way to keep America out of war is to do what we can to prevent there being a war anywhere into which she can be drawn," says Newton D. Baker. And he might have added that in these modern days it is hardly possible to start a war any place, in which most of the nations of the world would not be involved. —Chatham News.

SLEEPLESS, DRINKS TEA

A Toronto morning newspaper produced a picture of Mussolini already familiar — a picture of the fellow with a terrible scowl on his face, wearing a steel helmet. Above was the cutline: "Sleepless, Drinks Tea."

One finds it difficult to feel any quickening of the pulse over Il Duce's approach to a nervous breakdown. One feels that, had the nervous breakdown been complete and occurred some ten years ago, the world would be a happier place today.

Furthermore, when one learns that he has been drinking, not Ceylon or China tea, but Camomile tea, one loses reverence even for the steel thing on his head.

We have drunk that stuff. One drops dried Camomile flowers into a tea pot and pours hot water on them. If one desires one adds tilleul mint and verbena. The result is not unlike dish water in which sea-weed and pepperiment drops have been steeped.

Il Duce may never be wrong, but to our way of thinking anyone who drinks the stuff deserves a breakdown, Sanctions, or no Sanctions. — Hamilton Herald.

WEALTH OF THE NORTH

Another gold find is reported on the shores of Lake Athabaska. The riches of the north are great and even yet are barely tapped. — Edmonton Journal.

THE REPORTER'S PICTURE

. . . It is the same in newspaper reporting. The whole truth can not be told. There isn't time to write it. There isn't space enough in the paper to hold it, and if it could be all told the reader would grow weary before he had waded halfway through it. The newspaper, like the court, aims to get at the essential truth. The reporter selects his details and builds his picture, the things that do not matter he leaves out. He is a painter rather than a photographer. —— Vancouver Province.

YES, WE HAVE CANADIAN BOOKS

It is the habit of some of our Canadian intelligentsia, when they foregather about cocktails or coffee, to speak with something like shame of the shocking state of Canadian literature It ranks, they would have us believe with the literary production of the Laplanders; it has neither tradition nor background, little past, no present to speak of, at best a mighty uncertain future. Nobody is writing stuff that will live—outside, naturally, the ranks of those then present—and the outlook is black.

Perhaps all this is true—we should not like to get into an argument about it with this same intelligentsia—but certainly we are turning out books, even if they are not literature. The Toronto Public Library sends us a booklet of sixty-four pages listing "Books published in Canada, about Canada, as well as those written by Canadians, with imprint of 1934." In these pages there are listed, we should judge, more than 1,100 books. Forty pages deal with publications in English, twenty-four pages list the French works. They cover a vast range of subjects — philosophy, sociology, commerce, the sciences and the arts, biography, history, travel, poetry, fiction and so on — and anyone determined to persue all of them would find himself committed to three a day over the year.

This is, we submit, a lot of writing, and we should be surprised if these eleven hundred books do not contain a fair amount of what is called literature. It is hardly probable that so many men and women should aim at the mark and without exception miss it. — Ottawa Journal.

THE EMPIRE

STILL ON THE UPGRADE

Slowly, but surely, Britain is reducing her number of unemployed.

Official figures issued recently show that at August 26 there were 43,000 more insured persons at work than a month previously — 244,000 more than a year ago.

Thus the upward trend noticeable since the beginning of the year is maintained.

Since January the total number of registered unemployed has dropped by over 377,000.

The numbers of unemployed on the registers on August 26 were 1,533,259 wholly unemployed, 334,419 temporarily stopped and 80,236 normally in casual employment making a total of 1,947,964.

This was 24,977 less than the number on the registers on July 22, and 188,614 less than a year before.

The reduction during the month in the numbers of unemployed occurred chiefly in the North-Eastern and Midland divisions, where the improvement in coal mining was mainly felt.

TRINIDAD SHOWS THE WAY

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and those responsible for medical reorganisation activity in Trinidad have reason to be gratified by the manner in which this movement has spread to other colonies in the Caribbean. Barbados, the Windward Islands, British Guiana, Jamaica — all have instituted medical service investigations of a more or less comprehensive kind which are expected to lead to important reforms. — Trinidad Guardian.

PROSPERITY COMES TO CANADA

Prosperity is reaching Canada, too. The Canadian West always held the view that dollar wheat was a paying proposition. Now, once more, they are bordering on dollar wheat At the same time the earth of Canada is not yielding wheat only. There is an immense output of nickel, copper, silver, and other precious commodities, to say nothing of the Dominion's forest wealth, which supplies the American market and a large portion of the British market also with newsprint. The British nations are showing the way to prosperity.—London Daily Express.

AUSTRALIA'S BUDGET SURPLUS

Having regard to the serious effects of the depression on Australia's economy, the recovery already achieved is the subject of justifiable self-congratulation on the part of those who have seen the country through its troubles. In his Budget speech Mr. R. G. Casey gave well founded evidence to prove the extent of the advance towards prosperity in the material sense, but he rightly laid emphasis on the great gain represented by the passing of the depression mentality. Internal adjustments inherent in the financial relations between States and Commonwealth still involve many difficult problems, but so far as the outside world is concerned the position of the country as a whole is one of growing strength. — London Financial Times.

Motivated By The Sport Of It All

Henry Ford and Mrs. Ford pictured in their box at Navin Field, Detroit, as they watched their home team in opening game of World Series with the Chicago Cubs. The motor magnate proved to be an enthusiastic fan.

Royal Betrothal Thrills Scotland

Attractive Brown-Haired Fiancee of Duke of Gloucester Has Strongly Marked Black Eyebrows Said to Denote Royal Stuart Stock.—Of Artistic Tastes and Abilities.

The betrothal of Lady Alice Scott, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch, to the Duke of Gloucester has given particular satisfaction to the whole of Scotland, writes a correspondent of the Glasgow Herald, but nowhere was the news received with keener pleasure than in the Borders, where the future bride and her family are so well known and esteemed.

The bride-to-be spends most of her time in the South of Scotland, and indeed is not widely known outside the Borders, where she hunts, sketches, and goes to all the local functions. One thing we are certain of is that Lady Alice will have her sister, Lady Angela, in her wedding retinue.

They have a great look of each other, with their clear fair complexions, brown hair and unexpectedly black eyebrows, strongly marked—brows which are said to denote the royal Stuart stock. Pretty Lady Burghley, tall Lady Sybil Phipps (always so graceful with her willowy figure), and indeed all five sisters (like the Duchess of York's sisters) have a strong "family look," making it difficult to say which Lady Alice resembles most — a typical Scott is the verdict.

"SCOTT GIRLS"

Though she has artistic tastes and abilities with which some of the other are not endowed, Lady Alice is very much one of the family. She has always known the joy of having sisters and brothers to share her life, a joy which members of large families take for granted, sometimes grumbling against the little annoyances and disappointments of living in a crowd, though in their hearts realising a crowd's mighty comforting in good times and bad. Being one of many also "rubs the corners off," even if you are a Duke's daughter or a King's son; you grow up with a "community spirit" very useful in every walk of life.

The "Scott girls" are always in a bunch at point-to-points, meets, and Border races, their numbers augmented by the tall and exquisitely beautiful Lady Delamere (daughter of Lord George Scott, her twin sisters (one a bride of last year), and other young people from their sporting group. Simple tweeds, handknit jerseys, a pull-on felt hat, and brogues are Lady Alice's racing uniform.

HER BROTHER'S SUPPORTER

But all her time has not been spent rusticating. She has travelled and she has enjoyed London at its best and gayest, though always retaining a preference for Scottish festivities. Electioneering has also come into her scope on her brother's account.

Lord Dalkeith, M.P., who has the pink cheeks and the shyness of a schoolgirl in spite of his war record, is a contemporary of the Prince of Wales. He was up at Oxford, at "The House," when the Prince was at Magdalen. Judging by the number of men—mostly — fellow-members of Buck's Club—who call him "Walter", he must be very popular. Pomopous people are seldom referred to affectionately, and one even forgets that they own Christian names. So Lord Dalkeith is not really stiff —just shy of limelight, which he leaves to his wife, who is a great beauty and was Mollie Lascelles, kinswoman of Lord Harewood.

Lord Dalkeith was in Grenadier Guards, like his uncle, Lord Francis Scott, who married one of Mary Lady Minto's handsome daughters (another connection with the royal family, as Lord Minto's mother is regularly in attendance on the Queen), and of all Lady Alice's relatives Francis Scott is most likely to capture the admiration of her soldier husband-to-be.

For Lord Francis is a great warrior—to use a grand old word — and did his duty nobly by the Brigade of Guards, returning to the trenches after wounds so severe that anyone else would have continued a most justifiable convalescence. Eventually he was crippled, and after war was over settled in Kenya.

The Duke of Gloucester loves Kenya for its sporting appeal, and Lady Alice loves it for its artistic appeal, judging by the excellent landscapes she exhibited at Walker's Galleries in Bond street last July. So as a married couple they are quite certain to revisit the colony.

ALREADY WELL ACQUAINTED

The Duke of Gloucester has been such a regular visitor to the Duke of Buccleuch's home for so many years that he's already well acquainted, as we say in the North, with his future in-laws, and they in turn are already attached to him by the affection which comes with friendship, as well as by mutual interests such as hunting, soldiering, and the simple life.

Everyone knows the Duke to be a keen soldier, a good horseman, an adequate dancer (who is not overfond of sophisticated parties — preferring a Hunt Ball to a night club), and a thoroughly good fellow in the pleasant sense of the phrase.

Until lately it was not realized that he had the same diplomatic gifts as the Prince of Wales. He seemed just the typical British soldier with a taste for sports and a sense of duty, but the Jubilee Empire tour he completed this spring proved him a man of many parts. Australians summering at home say that he was a genuine success not merely as the King's son but as himself—a simple, observant, and easily entertained guest, who fulfilled endless public engagements without sign of bore-

But we must not imagine Lady Alice's fiance is an inhuman "wooden soldier." Hasn't he a big circle of hearty men friends, including his brother-in-law-to-be, Lord William Scott, and hasn't he finally shown the good sense to fall in love with a Scots lass and plight his troth in the bonny Borders? If only they could be married in Scotland, what a great day for our country that would be! The Scotts are related to so many Scottish families that even were the wedding fixed at Westminster there would be a tremendous gathering of the Clans.

A SAD COINCIDENCE

It is interesting to recall that the Duke of Gloucester was at Eton in the same house as the tragically bereaved King of the Belgians, while Prince Paul of Serbia, now Regent in Jugoslavia (where the Duke and Duchess of Kent have been staying with him at Bled), was an Oxford contemporary of Lord Dalkeith.

Another of the Prince's generation is Lady Sybil Phipps's husband, an old Life Guard, while another Scott much in the public eye is Lord Herbert Scott, who, as chairman of Rolls-Royce, brings the family into contact with "big business."

To trace the ramifications of the Montagu - Douglas - Scott family in Scotland alone is too long a task to attempt here, but it's quite safe to affirm that one and all will give Lady Alice's husband a great welcome and feel pride in their kinswoman's good fortune and interest in the new life which opens out to her as a "Royal Highness".

They used to beat the swords into plow-shares. But now they beat the plow-shares into niblicks.

A checkered career often ends in a striped suit.

The world contains an over supply of average men.

Generally the fellow who makes the most fuss about the way the elections goes did not vote.

The fool thought requires just as much time as that which turns out to be a big idea.

Love is the sweetest story ever told until somebody pulls the trap door from under you.

THE SLAVERY IN ETHIOPIA

Light is thrown on the question of slavery in Ethiopia by the latest Foreign Policy Association report on "Imperialist Rivalries in Ethiopia."

Slavery exists in Ethiopia. A condition of serfdom not easily distinguishable from slavery exists in British Kenya, which adjoins Ethiopia. And actual slavery continues to exist in Italian Libya, as Italy was only recently forced to admit before the League of Nations Advisory Committee of experts.

The slavery issue is always raised by the Power which at the moment hopes to annex part of Ethiopia. The charge was first brought not by Italy, but by Great Britain.

When France and Italy sponsored Ethiopia for membership in the League (the black Empire was admitted in 1923), Great Britain objected on the grounds that slavery still existed in Ethiopia. At that time the British feared that the Covenant of the League might interfere with their plans for control of the Lake Tsana region.

In 1924, in pursurance to pledges made on admission to the League, the Emporer of Ethiopia published an edict providing the death penalty for slave trading and emancipating all children born of slaves. Slavery in Ethiopia will probably be eradicated in this generation.

The reason for slavery is revealed in a passage of the Foreign Policy report: "One-half of Somaliland (under -Italian control) would repay extensive irrigation; but the natives, once freed from slavery, have been loath to work."

Fishing, farming and hunting are still free. So it is not economically necessary for the natives to work for a few pennies a day for some great Italian corporation. Italy, if it conquers Ethiopia, will remedy this. The farm land will be taken away from the peasants. Prohibitive taxes will be put on fishing and hunting. Slavery will no longer be necessary. Ethiopians will have to work or starve, and their masters will be relieved of the obligation to feed them when there is no work.

Just as in civilized Italy.

"In The Marriage Market" — Definition Of New York Debut

New York, The coming fortnight looms as a crucial period of preparation for the 1935 season of giddy whirls, heartbreak and lack of sleep for some 300 of Gotham's fortunate young women, — in short the debutante season.

The first big event of the winter "deb" season when the beauty and charm of the deb class is presented to society is the autumn ball at Tuxedo Park. From then through next January, the "debbies" will swirl along the stag lines at society's function, dash through round after round of cocktail parties and teas, serve on assorted committees, model clothes and undergo the stress of being photographed for the rotogravure pages.

One of New York's well-informed society editors defines the debutante as "a young gal in her late teens (an average of 18 or 19) whose parents feels she's of marriageable age and ought to be meeting some eligible young men. A debut is fair warning that Josie or Susie is in the market. It's a happy medium for putting her before her public, which is the stag line, composed of likely looking young men in tail coats.

Teeth

Observes the Milwaukee Journal "Novelists talk of heroines with "pearly white" teeth, but no human being ever had teeth that were white or anything like white, says the Milwaukee Journal. Examine your own against a background of white paper and you will see how true this is. More than that you will make the odd discovery that your teeth are not all the same color.

The first artificial teeth were made white, and dentists were obliged to stain them; nowadays they have no trouble of that kind for they have no fewer than 30 different shades from which to choose, and there is no tooth in the world that cannot be perfectly matched.

The variety in shape is equally wide. In all, the dentist has a choice of something like 2,000 different shapes.

Artificial teeth are made of a special porcelain. Before this was discovered they were sometimes carved out of solid ivory."

Regal Couple Will Live In Surrey

London, — The Duke of Gloucester and his bride-to-be, Lady Alice Scott, will make their first home at Camberley, Surrey, 35 miles from London.

The Duke is a major in the Hussars and was nominated to the Staff College at Camberley by the War Office recently. It is expected the Duke will join the college next January.

Just Like A Woman To Be So Practical

Manitowoc, Wis. — "Clean up your attic and basement and lessen fire danger," Mayor Arthur Schuetz told Manitowoc residents in a broadcast.

When he arrived home, Mrs. Schuetz met him with two bushel baskets and a broom, with a word that it might be wise if he followed his own advice.

"I guess we all get a little careless" he said with a grin. "My own place certainly needed attention."

Wistfulness

No longer do I feel inspired
Dear God, I'm young and very tired,
The hopes that lived in me lie crushed,
The song I would have sung is hushed.
Before my high ideals are sold,
Before my tale of life is told—
May I forget all sordid truth
And tread the carefree ways of youth.
May life hold laughter—love, perchance
Be colored with some sweet romance;
Light-heartedness—some joy supreme
Fufilment of one treasured dream.
May I have happiness to hold
Before I'm old—before I'm old!

Joan Frances Austen

Autumn Force

Daniel W. Smyth in the New York Sun:

This is a frosty drive that sharpens air,
So city bells may further clang the hour.
I tread on brittle glint when everywhere
The felds turn white and panes burst into flower
The wind has coasted down our thinning elms
Like unseen oceans roaring out of space,
And sudden earth is one that overwhelms
With windy beauty springing from its place!
Hill-pastures, roads and maples for whose sake
Autumn as worked with all its force and sound
Lose not this stirring hour but dare to take
The color and the wind that wheel around!

Uncle John came to visit, and before he left he gave his nephew a dollar bill.

"Now, be careful with that money, Tommy," he said. "Remember the saying, 'a fool and his money are soon parted'."

"Yes, uncle," replied Tommy, "but I want to thank you for parting with it, just the same."

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