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Guns Too Easy

It is far too easy in this country, as in the United States, for a man to get guns. Nobody has any right to possess a revolver at all unless he is a police officer, or is engaged in some pursuit which requires that he have one under permit, with the police fully aware that he has it. Guns are no part of the equipment of a peaceable, law-abiding citizen. The law should be so tightened that the whereabouts of every gun in the country is known. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Uses for Bayonets

A military writer says in the next war the bayonet will be obsolete. And what will the troops use to make toast and broil steaks and chop kindling?—Edmonton Journal.

Another Suggestion

The Free Press has suggested on several occasions that May 24th be made Memorial Day. There is no fixed day in Canada for Memorial Day as in the United States. It is a moveable feast. Canada should have a general Memorial Day, when not only the soldiers who died for Canada, but our great statesmen and the builders of Canada could be remembered. As far as this part of Canada is concerned it is an ideal time. The country is at its best; the Spring flowers are in all their glory. Then there would be some excuse, some sound reason for continuing in Canada a holiday which in the rest of the Empire has long since been forgotten.—London Free Press.

Dr. Dafoe's Poets

Dr. A. R. Dafoe, "hero" of the Dionne quintuplets, has a grievence. It is seemingly the first complaint of any seriousness that he has voiced since he came into fame.

It has not to do with the quintuplets, with the quintuplets' parents, or with the Ontario Government's suzerainty over the quintuplets. It has to do with poets — of a sort. Dr. Dafoe has been telling the Ontario Public Health Officers' Association, in an address before it, of "sickly, sentimental poems" he has been receiving since the birth of the Dionne kiddies, verse inspired, as he says, by the advent of the quintuplets and the medical attention they have received. Said Dr. Dafoe: "It's awful stuff. It comes from all over the country, and why people pick on me I don't know."

First thing we know Dr. Dafoe may be taking to the Callander bush and staying there. Both he and the quintuplets have had a hard enough struggle without this insidious foe from without. It may be questioned if poetry is poetry where it threatens to drive the object of its outpouring to despair.—Regina Leader-Post.

Explanation

Vernon, B.C., boy flies over Rockies in a home-made airplane. Now we know why it has been so long since anyone went over Niagara in a barrel.—Winnipeg Tribune.

The Wealthy Babies

The Dionne quintuplets now have $500,000, the newspaper reporters tell us. That means their earnings have been at the rate of $50,000 per annum apiece, which is a good income and ought to qualify the quints to rank, in the minds of University of Toronto economicsts and others who protest against large incomes, as public malefactors and exploiters.

The Dominion income tax on $50,000 a year is $11,7000. If the quints have been paying their taxes regularly, Ottawa should have received about $115,000 from them already. The new Ontario schedule should increase the annual payment by $3,200.

Hon. David Croll says that by the end of 1938 the quints will be worth about $880,000. But he does not say whether this is after or before income tax.

This whole question of quintuplets' income tax bothers us. Some day some member of Parliament is going to ask questions in the House. That will embarrass the young ladies.

Someone may even demand a Royal Commission. After all the quints are about the only successful business people in Canada who have not been up before a star chamber inquisition on how they earn their money and what social income they provide in return. — Financial Post.

Perils of the Water

The danger of wading, swimming or diving in water of unknown depth has been tragically emphasized in Alberta during the current heat wave. Four boys are dead because they did not know just how deep the water was. A youth dove off a bridge spanning a branch of the Bow river in Calgary and broke his neck. He had not made sure that the water was deep enough for diving. Three boys in other parts of the province were wading in flooded creeks. Each stepped into deep holes they did not know were there and were drowned.

Even expert swimmers do not care to plunge into streams of whose currents and depths they know nothing. Make sure you know what you are going to run into before you step into a lake or stream, especially if the latter is at high water. — Edmonton Journal.

Two Carloads of Paint

It would be very interesting to tabulate how much money Kirkland Lake sends outside in a year. We don't refer to money sent by wage-earners to families, or to the mail-order business, but to the returns from the retail business here.

Take, for example, just one hardware establishment, whose manager the other day mentioned that he had just ordered two carloads of paint, and one of wall-paper.

It would be interesting to find out what Kirkland Lake sends out for other ware for other businesses.

And such a tabulation would certainly show that this and other mining communities have a great deal to do with keeping things going "down below."—Northern News (Kirkland Lake).

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The King's Teapots

Tea is King Edward's favorite beverage. As Prince of Wales he often surprised local officials during industrial tours by refusing champagne, whiskey and beer which had been obtained specially for him, asking for a cup of tea.

The King drinks tea many times a day. As a young man he often burnt his fingers on the all-metal teapots at Buckingham Palace. He remembered this when discussing household arrangements at Buckingham Palace with Queen Mary. Result: Fifty heavy Queen Anne teapots of valuable Sheffield plate were packed off to Marlborough House, where the Queen is to live. They are being replaced by teapots with wooden handles. —— British Cavalcade.

Earlier Holidays

From Easter it is an easy step to anticipations of the summer vacation. The railway companies and other travel agencies, backed by the seaside authorities and big employers of labour, are again making very sensible efforts to induce people to take their holidays earlier. This movement, which is of such obvious benefit, has made considerable headway in recent years. But in spite of it August remains the supreme holiday month. The arrangement of school terms compels many thousands of people to go away in August, but on its merits the month has no more, and in some respects rather less, to commend it than others.—London Daily Mail.

Baden-Powell's Head

Lord Baden-Powell, now in his 80th year, has one claim to fame which most of his Boy Scouts don't know about. He is the only living Englishman not of royal blood whose portrait has appeared on a postage stamp. It was during the siege of Mafeking. All the stamps had been used, and no portrait of Queen Victoria was available from which new ones could be prepared. So, without consulting "B-P." an emergency issue was made on which his head had been reproduced.—Answers, London.

Hosiery to Match Toeless Footwear

NEW YORK — Some women who follow a conservative taste in shoes during three seasons of the year, in summer like to take a flier in open-shank and toe slippers for street and country wear.

The color of one's toeless and heelless shoes now can be matched by the soles of the stockings worn with them. The thin toe, heel and soles of several shades of tan stockings have been dyed the exact shade of new summer shoes in white, green, red, blue or carrot. Thus a touch of color in the hose peeps over the shoe at the heel and shows through open straps. There are also bags and gloves of these colors, from which as many matching accessories may be selected as one wishes. The gloves come in [illegible] colors, or in white piped with [illegible]olor.

Canadian Lawn Bowling Team Sails for England

Photograph shows the official Canadian team representing the Canadian Lawn Bowling Council and selected from all Canada under the auspices of the International Bowling Board, sailed on the Empress of Australia. The team will tour one week in England, one week in Wales, one week in Ireland, three weeks in Scotland, and close with a final week in England between June 6 and July 30. One of the highlight matches will be a game between this all-Canadian team and the team of the Royal Household of Windsor Castle, at which there is a possibility that His Majesty King Edward VIII will be present.

The photograph includes: W. A. Kent, Toronto; W. B. Cowan, K.C., Toronto; Dr. H. McL. Paterson, Rodney; Dr. C. H. Brerton, Toronto; R. J. Tretheway, London; W. T. Douglas, Orillia; W. G. Cleghorn, Kitchener, captain; C. H. Burgess, Port Credit; John Wharram, Toronto; A. A. Langford, London, manager; R. Gray Vancouver; G. E. MacLean, Toronto; Wm. G. Murray, Vancouver; John M. White, Vancouver; E. S. Munroe, Port Credit.

The ladies include Mrs. Cleghorn, Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Brereton, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Paterson, Mrs. Trethewey, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. White, Mrs. Pedwell and Mrs. Roddick.

Chess-For-Children Plan Aims To Improve the Minds

Toronto Experts Believe They Would Obtain Better Grades at School; Young Players Abide by Ethics of Game Strictly

TORONTO—High-grade pupils would be assured if chess were taught in schools, in the opinion of S. A. LeRiche, vice-president of the Queen City Chess Club and leader in the chess-for-children movement begun in Toronto.

"The mental improvement would bring results," said Mr. LeRiche. "The whole thing is mathematical training built around combinations on 64 squares on the chess board."

The youthful stimulus the ancient game will receive came through plans laid by Bernard Freedman, treasurer of the Canadian Chess Federation. Through his efforts came the announcement that for the first time boys' championships will feature this year's Dominion chess tournament. It will be held at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, Aug. 29th to Sept. 5th.

Mr. Freedman, considered Canada's patron of chess, pioneered with four other players last November in founding the Queen City Chess Club. Special aim was to encourage children. Saturday afternoons throughout the winter 15 or 20 boys engaged in enthusiastic matches and tournaments.

On a recent tour of the west Mr. Freedman discovered a boy expert of great promise. He is A. Yanofsky, an 11-year-old Winnipeg youngster described by Mr. Freedman as "almost a second Reshevsky."

Yanofsky may possibly attend the Dominion championships and give exhibitions of simultaneous matches. His visit would prove an incentive to young Toronto exponents, who play a good game but lack unusual individual talent.

Mr. LeRiche said the youngsters are sticklers for etiquette. Old players, thinking a move unsound, sometimes take it back. "But not these boys, a move is a move with them."

"These kids are keen," he said. "We want to get them playing. It not only keeps them off the streets but assures the growth of chess in Toronto."

Efforts are under way to have chess included on public school curricula. Royal Canadian Military College at Kingston is believed the only Canadian school having organized chess. Military colleges in the United States demand chess, and it is part of the training at a Milwaukee school.

Calls Destruction Second "Industry"

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. — "Destruction of forests" was quoted by Captain Jack Turner, chief forestry officer for the department of natural resources, as Newfoundland's second largest industry.

Pleading or prevention of forest fires, Captain Turner said this "industry" had robbed the island of a dollar's worth of the national wealth for every dollar the fisheries produced.

"In some parts of the island we have done a job of destruction so thorough that it may be classed as perfect," the chief ranger said.

Visiting Card

Sandy joined a golf club and was told by the profesional that if his name was on his balls and they were lost, they would be returned to him when found.

"Good," said the Scot. "put my name on this ball."

The pro. did so.

"Would you also put M.D. after it?" the new member asked. "I'm a doctor."

"There's just one more thing," the Scot went on. "Can ye squeeze on 'Hours 10 to 3" as well?"

Herbert Hoover Not Candidate

Announces He Has No Interest Except to Get Critical Issues Before People

CHICAGO — Former President Herbert Hoover announced recently "I am not a candidate" for the United States Republican presidential nomination.

Mr. Hoover's declaration of his position was contained in a formal resume of an interview handed to reporters in the former President's hotel suite here.

The resume said:

As to his personal position, Mr Hoover said:

"It should be evident by this time that I am not a candidate. I have stated many times that I have no interest but to get these critical issues before the country.

"'I have rigidly prevented my friends from setting up any organization, and from presenting my name in any primary or to any state convention and not a single delegate from California or any other state is pledged to me.'"

Mr. Hoover added:

"That should end such discussion. And get one thing straight—I am not opposing any of the candidates. My concern is with principles."

In another paragraph, he said former Governor Lowden of Illinois "should be asked to write the agricultural plank for the convention."

After discussing his own position, Mr. Hoover went on to say:

"The convention will be composed of a most unusual and able personnel.

"The seriousness of the convention is evidenced by the fact that the large majority of the delegates are being sent by the people of the states without other instructions than to find the right thing to do for the country in the greatest crisis we have met in two generations."

Grandma Should Work Right Into Old Age

Old Ladies Should Crusade For More Common Sense in the World Today

WASHINGTON—Carrie Chapman Catt, 77, recently challenged 1,500 countrywomen to be peace crusaders, on into old age.

"Once, grandmothers sat in a corner by the fire and knitted stockings for their grandchildren," said silver-haired Mrs. Catt. "There are new duties, much more thrilling ones, for old ladies in our time. Be a crusader, and leave the world with more common sense tha it had when you came into it."

Mrs. Catt shared honors with Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace at the third triennial banquet of the Associated Countrymen of the world, filling to capacity a huge hotel ballroom.

Wallace, addressing the farm women, said progress in an attack on the agricultural problem is slow, "but we should not be pessimistic."

"So far as the United States it concerned," he said, "we are keenly aware that good weather might bring down on us again in serious form the problem of over-production."

British People Are Air-minded

Attendance at Empire Air Day Meet Sets New Record

LONDON—Empire Air Day, which was celebrated May 23 at civil and military airdromes all over Great Britain, set new record. Returns to the Air Ministry show the total attendance, of visitors was approximately 200,000, as against 140,000 last year, and net "gate receipts" aggregated $37,500.

This was the third successive year in which Empire Day had been celebrated, and the program arranged by the various squadrons included many ingenious novelties.

Royal Air Force officers and men entered into the spirit of the thing and devised flying and "static" exhibitions which were widely appreciated. Dive-bombing, mock aerial combats, aerobatics, individually and in formation, squadron drill air "raids," army co-operation work, radio telephony, parachuting, air firing and flying instruction were included.

Anti-aircraft guns, searchlights and sound locators figured among the static exhibits and members of the public were not only able to examine all these things at close range but to try for themselves such instruments as the latest forms of sound locator, and to watch parachutes being folded and gas drill performed.

At some stations the gas chamber was shown and visitors watched aircraftsmen wearing gas masks enter the chamber when it was full of tear gas. Some visitors were permitted to don gas masks and enter the chamber themselves.

Freddie Stays With His Aunt

Bartholomews Settle Rift Over Child-Actor

LOS ANGELES, — A peace pact in the Barthoomew family dispute, leaving 12-year-old Freddie in the custody of his aunt who made him a $1,000 a-week star, was set in legal phrases last week for final approval.

Under an oral agreement announced by attorneys after a long conference the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil L. Bartholomew, would share in their son's earnings and live here while the aunt, Miss Myllicent Bartholomew remained in control of his film career.

Issac Pacht, counsel for the parents said the written form would be ready to submit to the principals and then to Superior Judge Harry Archibald for final approval.

"The father and mother would have free opportunity to visit the boy and would establish a home here for themselves and their other two children and resume a normal family life with the boy," Pacht said.

"This does not mean that the proceeding in any sense is an adoption by the aunt. The parents would continue to be in relationship of parents and child.

"Freddie's earnings would be utilized, first, for the establishment of a trust fund for the boy, second, for the support and maintenance of the mother and father and the other two children, and third for the support and maintenance of the boy and his aunt."

Pacht said details of the trust fund remained to be worked out—when Freddie would receive the principal and what would be done with the interest and income.

The controversy arose almost two months ago when Mrs. Bartholomew came here for the announced purpose of breaking the guardianship awarded her sister-in-law six months before.

The mother's first petition to set aside the guardianship was rejected. Later the court indicated that she might be entitled to his custody, since her fitness had not been questioned. The case was postponed, the father arrived as "peacemaker" and this night's conference resulted.

Since curly-headed Freddie was a mere baby of three, his aunt has had a hand in developing his dramatic ability, relatives said. She brought him to Hollywood in 1934, after negotiating with his parents, and the excursion into American films resulted in almost instant success for the lad.

Miss Bartholomew has been credited with training Freddie in his precise Oxonian manner of speech and the almost-mature dignity that helped make him a star in his first Hollywood role, "David Copperfield."

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