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Worthwhile Hobby

Mrs. Albert Matthews, new "first lady" of Ontario, admits her most important hobby is her husband. Husbands in general will appreciate such leadership.—Niagara Falls Review.

Sensible Decision

Able-bodied single men who refuse to work in Northern Ontario timber and pulpwood camps are refused relief by the Government. It is a sensible decision.—Ottawa Journal.

Canada's Farmers Lead

Canada has retained the world wheat championship at the Chicago International Exhibition. In addition the crowns for barley and oats have come to this country. Canadian farmers are still second to none.—London Free Press.

A Super-Toothache

The international situation is like an ulcerated jaw. And it starts up reflex actions in three teeth, Italy, Germany and Japan, either singly of all together, so that one doesn't know exactly where to lay the finger on the cause. It is a super toothache.—Hamilton Spectator.

Home-Owners Wanted

Not quite half of the householders of Stratford now own their homes. Moreover, the trend is downward. Which is not a healthful situation. A community of home-owners is the ideal toward which civic administration should direct its efforts.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Sports and Morals

A sporting city is generally a good moral city. The promotion of sports is both a civic and social duty. You promote civic patriotism by keeping the boys interested in home sports. Be a good sport and support the games. A good bunch of rooters helps to create a winning spirit.—Guelph Mercury.

Government Ad Absurdum

That the number of Canadian governing bodies—28,000—could be cut by two-thirds or at least by half must be apparent to every serious citizen taking the time took over the situation. Indeed, the more one thinks of it the greater the puzzle becomes. Why have we been so cool and indifferent toward the building up of such a vast number of organizations to handle public money? No matter how good the intention, you must have serious overlapping and extravagance under such a system.—Windsor Star.

Till the Next Depression

But it is all very discouraging to the man on the street. While the depression was at its height—or should it be depth?—we used to hear politicians and money magnates declare that a new system would have to be devised so that such a disaster could never, never occur again. Cheerfully, as the curve of business swung upward, they began to present us each with his own plan for assuring future immunity from the unhappier consequences of the economic cycle. And now when we believe we have emerged from the woods what do we find? The reformers are putting their plans back into pigeon holes and the financiers are in a huddle talking of how to soften the blow when the next depression comes.—Calgary Albertan.

"Lifer" Is Given Six More Months

"Additional" Half Year Added to Life Term When Prisoner Assaults Guard

KINGSTON.—Already serving a life sentence for attempted murder, Pasquella Ferratti, 36-year-old Italian, was sentenced to serve "six additional months" for getting drunk and assaulting a prison steward.

'He did not knock me down, but my head rang for a week," Assistant Steward Frank Ellis told Magistrate Ambrose Shea.

Ellis, who is in charge of the vegetable cellar at the big prison, said he had found a pail of brew-mash hidden among the potatoes and carrots. Ferratti, considerably intoxicated, came along just as the discovery was made and swung at Ellis with a powerful right fist.

Ferratti told the court he had obtained the "home brew from someone else," but that he had drunk "plenty."

Some of the most delicious of the seventy or so different varieties of dates cannot be packed for export. They can only be eaten where they grow.

"It is the man who does not expect too much who is always happy."—Lin Yutang.

THE EMPIRE

Anglo-U.S. Deal

Britain will make a trade pact with the United States. There are many reasons for welcoming it. Friendship follows trade, and Britain and America need to be friends. The talks on which the terms of this New Deal will be based have been communicated to the Dominion Governments. At all stages they have been informed and, so far, no objections. British trade policy now rests (since the Ottawa Trade Treaties 1932) on three bases. First comes the British producer; next the Empire producer; third the foreign producer. If the new pact gives preference to the Americans above all other non-British traders, the Daily Express will welcome it. There are ways in which American industry and agriculture are complementary to our own. But let's be plain. Ottawa stands.—London Daily Express.

Sees Two Menaces

An amusing commentary of these claims to champion mankind against the Soviet menace is forthcoming in resolutions passed by a body calling itself the India Independence League of Japan, with headquarters at Tokio. This body, whose president is Mr. Rash Bihari Bose—a character whose patriotism is shown by the fact that he has become a naturalized Japanese citizen—has resolved as follows. "Whereas true happiness and contentment cannot reign among the peoples of Asia till British Imperialistic and Russian Communistic influence and domination are completely put an end to . . . this League hereby earnestly requests China to cease hostilities immediately, make up with Japan, and present a united front against British Imperialism and Russian Communism, both of which are a great menace to humanity."—Times of India.

Canada Lacking In Self-Reliance

Not Thrown Enough on Own Resources, Says Regina Editor

WINNIPEG, — Canada has come through a series of great physical achievements "but one of our troubles is that we have not been thrown enough on our own mental resources," D. B. MacRae, of Regina, declared, who addressed the Winnipeg St. Andrew's Society's 66th annual celebration of St. Andrew's Day at which the Hon. Norman Armour, United States Minister to Canada, spoke of Scottish history and related anecdotes of Scotland to the audience of nearly 600.

"What is it about that little country of Scotland that inspires such devotion — what quality in its air, what colour in its hills or sound in its streams that keeps it so fragrant in the memory of its sons and daughters?" asked Mr. Armour. "It is a sentiment all of its own."

Mr. Armour said that lowering the trade barriers was the first step towards eliminating discord among the nations.

Democracies Must Unite

"It is naturally foolish to erect barriers between nations and expect co-operation and understanding to follow," he said on his arrival here to address the St. Andrew's dinner.

He stressed the urgency of Great Britain, the United States, France and Canada coming as close together as possible. "I believe that never before in history has it been so essential for the democracies of the world to be as clearly united as possible," he said.

A fossilized crab, probably more than 50,000,000 years old, has been unearthed during excavation work on the Highgate Tube extension, London England.

Number One Trotter of the Current Year

Greyhound, owned by E. J. Baker, is the fastest trotter now alive. He tied the world trotting mark for the mile, 1:56, recently.

Scientist Urges Study Of Life's Prolongation

Dr. Alexis Carrel Says That "Inner Time" Regulates Our Length of Existence.

Dr. Alexis Carrel, Rockefeller Institute scientist, who made small colonies of cells virtually immortal, last week forecast a new step in longer human life, by regulating "inner time," the human clock, whose hours are set by the blood and tissues.

Dr. Carrel spoke to the annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents. He proposed a new kind of scientific institute to study the process of ageing.

Body Must Have More Resistance

"The problem of longevity," he said, "is entering a new period of its history. So far increase in duration of life has resulted from hygiene and medicine. But these have nearly completed their work."

A few more discoveries, like preventing heart disease and cancer, he said, will bring further longevity, possibly to average into the 70's.

"Thereafter," he continued, "further lengthening of human existence will demand a new method. True prolongation will require improvement of the quality of tissues and blood; that is, more resistance to the body wearing out."

40 As Old As 60

This will be done by discovering how to regulate what Dr. Carrel named "inner time", also called the "physiological clock," by which some persons of 40 are really as old as others of 60.

The hands of this clock are the blood, its works are the tissues, its mainspring perhaps the mind. Its hours are age, and these have different lengths in different persons. This accounts, Dr. Carrel said, for the fact that the days of childhood seem very long, those of maturity and senescence disconcertingly rapid,

"Time Within Ourselves"

"Our time," he declared, "is not an outside event. It flows within ourselves."

That one of these hours can last indefinitely, perhaps forever, has been demonstrated at the Rockefeller Institute. But in a complex human being, for reasons not yet known, the hours do not last, even though, the well-known differences point to the possibility.

As an example of the hour that never ends, Dr. Carrel said a colony of tissue cells—that is, a bit of living flesh separated from the body—will live in a drop of serum. Left alone, the cells soon show signs of growing old. But if the waste products of the cells are not allowed to accumulate, "senescence and death are indefinitely postponed."

A bit of chicken embryo, taken from a heart in 1912, washed every few days ever since, is still growing as actively as twenty-five years ago at the institute.

News In Review

Urged to Forget Russia

BUCHAREST, Rumania — King Carol II and Premier George Tatarescu were reported to have warned French Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos last week that France must choose between close collaboration with Soviet Russia and faithful military support from Rumania.

Loyalist Victory

MADRID— Loyalist anti-tank gun crews were reported by the War Office to have blown to bits a squadron of "whippet" tanks which led a surprise rebel attack on positions in the Sierra Nevada Mountains southeast of Granada, last week-end.

The tank attack against the Government lines around Portugos and Pitres, 22 miles below Granada along the Trevelez River, was launched after rebel infantry suffered heavy losses in two attempts to storm the well-fortified loyalist positions.

More Violence in Palestine

JERUSALEM— New acts of violence, including an attempt to bomb a freight train were reported in Palestine last week.

A bomb was discovered on the railway line between Jerusalem and Lydda shortly before a freight train passed over the spot. During its journey from Jerusalem to Lydda, the train was subjected to terrorist rifle fire. There were no casualties, however.

Terrorists again cut the Iraq pipeline, this time in the Jordan Valley. The agitators set fire to the oil which flowed from the breach.

News Parade

Commentary on the Highlights of the Week's News . . . by Peter Randal

BOOST FOR CANADA: "A fortnight's holiday on the east coast of Canada would give better value for the money spent, than a month in many overcrowded Continental resorts". Thus spoke the Duke of Gloucester to a Canada Club dinner last week in London, adding the hope that he and the Duchess might be able to come here in the near future. If the Duke had no real intention of sojourning in Canada, and made the remark merely to seem pleasant and agreeable, he will now be put rather on the spot, poor chap. At any rate his statement is a good advertisement for Canada, as a holiday resort.

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SHOWMANSHIP: A writer in the Toronto Financial Post leads a timely discussion of Canada's sad lack of "showmanship". The fifth largest trading nation of the world has fallen down badly, he says, in national advertisement. The exposition is suggested as a good medium. At the Paris show this year, our exhibits lacked the punch and glamor of modern showmanship — they "missed the boat", seemed dull and old-fashioned among more clever contemporaries. They overplayed the Indian, the trapper and the things of yesteryear when they should have told of our present development and the promise of the future. Canada will have other chances, however, at the Glasgow Exhibition in 1938 and the New York World's Fair the following year. Exhibits at these, the Post says, should be designed to represent present-day life in Canada, should assist exporters in the sale of goods, induce tourists to visit our country. May the Government lend an attentive ear to these constructive suggestions!

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FIASCO: Nobody really expected anything to come of the Brussels Nine-Power Conference convoked to settle the Sino-Japanese question. How complete a fizzle it turned out to be, however, is realized only when one learns that its sole accomplishment was the production of "A Report" — not a report on anything, just "A Report". It's the old fable once again of the mountain giving birth to a mouse. Even "A Report" was the result of heated wrangling, the American Ambassador fighting vainly to have it entitled, "A Report to the Governments Here Represented."

Not addressed to anyone, "A Report" covers twelve typewritten pages with an historical summary in which Japan and China are pictured as entangled in difficulties "such that solution can be achieved only by the co-operation of all countries interested in the Far East". "A Report" has indeed told us something, there.

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QUESTION MARK: Claiming that the whole future "is a gigantic question mark", Lammat du Pont, President of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., one of the wealthiest concerns in the United States, has proposed to his fellow manufacturers in all fields that a huge $25,000,000,000 program be instituted to create 3,000,000 new jobs, lend new expansion to industry. Before such a scheme can be launched, he said, the Government will have to dispel the fog enshrouding business and guarantee a reasonable amount of certainty upon which it can count in planning current and future operations. Further, "New jobs, new wealth and agricultural prosperity could be produced only through planned research, planned development and planned expansion of plant, sales and administration facilities. That meant, he said, "planned expenditure of capital months and years in advance of any penny of return." Mr. du Pont is now offering of his own free will to endorse that which President Roosevelt has all along been trying to induce big industry to do. The outcome may be that if Mr. Roosevelt turns down his offer, Mr. du Pont will be able to blame the New Deal for any further recession in business.

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GIVE HIM SIX YEARS: In spite of his continual talking and campaigning for colonies, Reichskanzler Adolf Hitler last week admitted that he didn't expect to have German demands answered for another six years at least.

Hitler is right in this, that for the present Britain and France are not ready (intimidated though they be) to rush forward and offer to make a gift of certain sections of their territories to Germany. Say Britain and France: "Germany's colonial demands require 'much more extended study'."

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HOW MUCH TO EAT: A nation-wide nutrition survey is soon to be made with the purpose of discovering what the food requirements are of the various stages of human development; what the Canadian workingman's requirements are and what resources are available to supply them. The data will be gathered by the 25 (approximately) members of the new National Council on Nutrition who will pick out 50 typical families across the Dominion and make an intensive study of their diet down to the last detail. Something very important will have been achieved when it is found out exactly how much each person needs as food. Then it will be our business as Canadians to see that every individual receives the proper amount.

To Qualify As President

DUBLIN, Ireland—A Czechoslovakian Count, whose ancestors left Ireland more than 200 years ago, prepared last week to become an Irish citizen so that he might be qualified to succeed Eamon de Valera as President of the Free State.

Count Edward Taafe, who recently sold his vast estates near Prague, is one of a half dozen men proposed for the Free State's first President under the new Constitution which will become effective December 29.

Amalgamation Wanted

WINNIPEG — Premier Bracken asked the Dominion-Provincial Relations Commission at its last sitting in Winnipeg ths week to make a thorough study of the proposal to unite the three Prairie Governments into one. He related the history of the abortive attempt of his Government in 1932 to get action on such a plan in order to have one Legislative meeting per year, instead of three; one university, instead of three; and one civil service staff, instead of three, to head the west.

May Join Fascist Axis

ROME—Fascist circles hinted this week that Premier Milan Stoyadinovich of Jugoslavia may recommend, after conferences with Premier Mussolini, that Jugoslavia withdraw from the Little Entente and join the Rome-Berlin axis.

Foreign diplomats said that the report, which would be a severe blow to the French security system in Central and Southeastern Europe if true, probably was mere "wishful thinking" on Italy's part. They admitted, however, that Stoyadinovich's week-long visit in Italy indicated closer collaboration among Rome, Berlin and Belgrade.

Urges Conservatives Reorganize

TORONTO—Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, Conservative former Federal Railways Minister, addressing Conservative businessmen here this week declared "nobody knows what is the policy of the Federal Conservative party." The party must be reorganized, he said.

Disagree With Agreement

CALGARY—Protest to the Federal Government against the proposed new Dominion-Provincial relief agreement has been made by the Alberta Government, it is learned here.

New French Minister Here

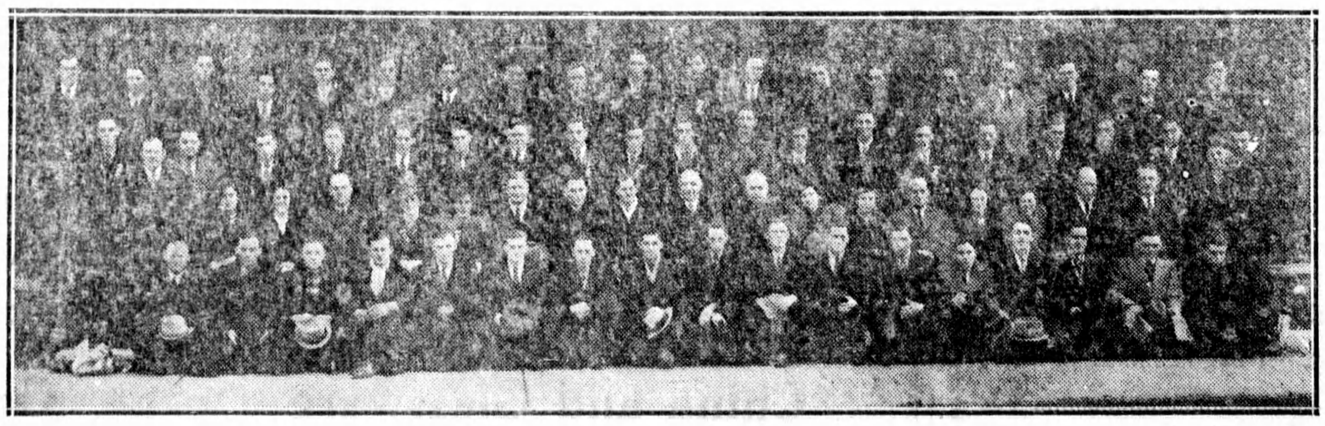
OTTAWA—Count Robert de Dampierre, new French Minister to Canada, arrived last week to take up his post, and paid a formal call on Justice Minister Lapointe, acting head of the Government in the absence of Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

The province, according to word received by Mayor Andrew Davison from Hon. W. W. Cross, Minister of Health, has endorsed the recommendations of Alberta cities holding the agreement would be inequitable in comparison with the assistance given to other provinces.

Japanese Apology

LONDON—Japanese naval authorities this week-end apologized for the bombing of two British ships, the Tuckwo and the Tatung, at Wuhu, last week. One of the ships was so damaged it had to be beached. The British Government is considering an indemnity claim.

Junior Farmers Visit International Harvester Plants at Hamilton



62 winners of their own respective Farm Clubs throughout the Dominion of Canada journeyed to Hamilton from the Royal Winter Fair, to be guests of the International Harvester Company of Canada Limited. Here they were shown how farm implements and binder twine are manufactured. This picture was taken immediately following their tour through the two large plants. At a luncheon in the Company cafeteria, A. E. MacLaurin, General Secretary of the Canadian Council on Boys' and Girls' Club work, spoke on the work of the Clubs, made possible by a fund to which the Harvester Company contributed generously, to teach better methods to the 35,000 young farmers who now belong to the Farm Clubs. Accompanying these 62 winners were J. C. Magnan, President of the organization, and other officials. F. M. Morton, Vice-President of the Company and Honorary President of the Canadian Council on Boys' and Girls' Club work, was the official host and invited the winners in future years to visit Hamilton again. The picture includes representatives from a number of Ontario Clubs.