MEXICO STANDS BESIDE UNCLE SAM

Mexican troops, above, settle themselves in a railroad coach in Nogales, Ariz., for a friendly trip across United States territory en route to Lower California to re-inforce Mexican Army garrisons, Mexico has been preparing to repell any attempted invasion by Japs.

Open Season

The State Department of Conservation, Tenn., sent the purchasing department a requisition for 6,000,000 licences to hunt Japs at the regular fee of $2 each. The latter department vetoed the $12,000,000 requisition with the notation: "Open season on Japs—no licence required."

Have You Heard?

A civil engineer, building a railroad in old Mexico, was trying to show a native how much the new railway would benefit the country.

"How long does it take you to carry your produce to market at present?" he asked.

"With a mule it takes three days," came the reply.

"There you are!" exclaimed the engineer. "When this railroad is in operation you will be able to take your produce to market and return home the same day!"

"Very good, Senor," said the native. "But what shall I do with the other two days?"

Little Tommy was asked the difference between prose and poetry. He pondered for a while and then said: "There was a young man named Rees, who went into the sea up to his ankles.

"That's prose," he said. "But if the water had been a few inches higher, it would have been poetry."

The two commercial travelers were discussing the careless manner in which trunks and suitcases are handled by some railway companies.

"I had a very cute idea for preventing that once," said one of them, smiling reminiscently. "I labelled each of my bags With Care—China."

"And did that have any effect?"

"Well, I don't know; you see, they shipped the whole lot to Hong Kong."

Tobe—See hyah, woman. Didn't Ah see you kissin' a no-count piece o'trash last night?

Liza—Gwan, Tobe. It was so dark Ah thought it was you.

Tobe—Come to think of it, mebbe 'twas me — what time was dat?

Sharp received a letter from his friend McTavish which bore no stamp and he had to pay double postage. The letter concluded: "You will be delighted to hear I am enjoying the best of health, old chap. — Yours, McTavish."

Sharp then wrpaped up a large stone, and without paying postage sent it to McTavish with the following note: "This great weight rolled off my mind when I read your good news."

Aunt (at home party)—"What's the matter, Willie?"

Willie (indignantly) — "There was one cake short, and they made me have it!"

"I want a word of advice," the young man remarked to his uncle.

"Well?" said Uncle tersely.

"What is the best way to approach you for a loan?"

"If you are sensitive," replied uncle grimly, "you had better write for it. Then when you get my reply just tear it up without reading it."

"In your sermon last Sunday," dripping would wear away a stone."

said the stout woman to the minister, "you said that constant

"Quite right," said the minister.

"Well, I've eaten it with every meal since and I've put on more weight than ever."

C.N.R. Wins Prize For Best Window

First prize of a cup for the best Christmas window in the institutions classification offered annually by the Fifth Avenue Association, Incorporated, New York, was awarded this year to the Canadian National Railways, for the seasonal display at 673 Fifth Avenue. The prize-winning window was in competition with windows of steamship lines. airlines, railways and general transportation companies among which were twenty-eight railway offices alone.

This is the second year of the competition, the windows being under observation during the early part of December. The judges were individuals well known in society, fashion, art and news fields and the award to the Canadian National Railways window was based on "dramatic quality, originality in the use of the Christmas theme, selling appeal, beauty of design, neatness, color, harmony of display and effective lighting."

The winning display was prepared in Montreal by the Exhibits and Displays Branch of the Canadian National Railways. It consisted of a reproduction in tridimension of a typical Quebec village in wintertime, with buildings lighted and a night sky effect. Deep snow surrounded the display to exemplify the title "Where Winter is King."

What Science Is Doing

Heart disease does not rule out the possibility of a long and happy life, according to a report on a range of heart disease over years of private practice in heart ailments, Dr. Louis F. Bishop, Jr., and Ruth V. Bennett, of New York, report in Hygeia.

"Life can be tolerable with heart disease, but it must be marked by moderation, the article says.

"The human heart can seem to leak, to leap, to palpitate. Hearts can hop, skip and jump and yet life goes on," the writers point out. "A man may have a recognized disease of the heart for 30 years, live a comparatively comfortable life, be of service to his family and his country and in the end succumb to an infection of his big toe."

Commenting that countless records of persons who live comfortably with some type of heart disease may be found in any heart specialist's office, the article suggests the possibility that the shock of knowledge that too fast a pace will literally kill may have an important effect in leading the patients into quieter activities and thereby extending the life span.

Obviously, the authors point out, some types of heart disease have a shorter expectation of life than others.

The article also comments that high blood pressure need not necessarily mean the shortening of life, citing the cases of a woman 93 years old and another 89 who have had high blood pressure for many years and who have maintained a fairly normal life in spite of the handicap.

Modern Etiquette

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1. Is it necessary to give a gift to a person just because this person gave you one?

2. Is it considered proper to wave a handkerchief as a means of greeting an acquaintance or attracting his attention?

3. Is it obligatory to include a man's wife when one doesn't know her and wishes to invite the man to dinner?

4. If one has been called on the telephone during a particularly busy part of the day, what can be done?

5. If an employer always gives his stenographer a Christmas check, should she give him a gift?

6. Which is proper for a man to say, "May I have the next dance?" or "Do you have the next dance taken?"

Answers

1. No. Too much of this so-called 'exchanging gifts" is done. when the giver expects equal value in return. 2. No. This is not only a breach of etiquette, but it should be forbidden by health authorities as a germ spreader. 3. Yes; both of them should be invited. 4. If a telephone call is too much of an interruption, one may say, "May I call you back in half an hour?" or, 'Will it be convenient for you to call me again in half an hour?" 5. No; thank him for his gift and wish him a Merry Christmas. 6. "May I have the next dance" is the correct form.

Storm-Diggers

Mechanized squads of "storm-diggers," travelling in groups of 100 or so, have been organized by the agriculture department in England to travel from district to district during the winter, preparing the ground for land girls to plant in the spring.

HOW CAN I?

Q. How should I oil an unpainted floor?

A. If you wish to oil an unpainted floor, use boiled linseed oil. Keep the oil hot all the time while applying it with a large brush. It may be necessary to reheat it when going over larger surfaces. When floors are oiled in this manner, they are easily cleaned, almost dustless, and wear much longer.

Q. How can I prevent scattering of crumbs when grinding bread in the food chopper?

A. Fasten a paper bag over the bottom part of the food chopper when grinding bread crumbs. It will prevent scattering of the crumbs over the floor.

Q. How can I avoid having cloudy mirrors?

A. Do not place mirrors so that they have direct sunshine on them. It will cause the surface of the mirrors to spot and become cloudy.

Q. How can I make a "dustless" dust cloth?

A. Place a cloth in a strong, hot suds of pure soap, to which add a few drops of turpentine; let set for two hours. Then wring out dry. Cloths treated in this way will hold the dust and at the same time give a brilliant polish to the furniture. Treat the cloths in this manner every two weeks.

Q. How can I make certain that the soap is entirely removed from the hair when shampooing?

A. If there is considerable difficulty in ridding the hair entirely of soap, try squeezing the juice of a lemon into the final rinse water. It will free the hair of soap suds and leave it soft and glossy.

Army Can't Handle Out-Sized Recruit

A man 7 ft. 6 in. tall offered himself for enlistment in the A. I. F. at Melbourne Town Hall, Australia, and the recruiting officers didn't know what to do with him.

To give them time to ponder they handed him over to a 5 ft. private to take particulars — weight 18 st. 9 lbs., chest 61 ins., expanded 68 ins., age 35 and sound in mind and limb.

Still the recruiting officers were at a loss. His hat, boots, uniform and all his equipment would have to be specially made they said. An ordinary rifle would be of no use to him — he would have to be built a special blunderbuss.

And any arms officer giving the order, "For inspection, port arms", would have to be given a stepladder to carry it out.

Every time he walked along a trench he would take his life in his hands.

And if he was wounded he'd want a special stretcher and a special bed in hospital and —

They referred the application to higher quarters.

Front Line Church Is Still Standing

A centuries-old church "somewhere on the south coast" of England" is geographically nearer the German Army than any other church in the British Empire. So far, it has been spared the destruction which has befallen hundreds of churches in Great Britain, but it has been damaged by gun-fire from Nazi guns emplaced on the north coast of France. Strange entries are now being made on the church records, which date back to the fifteenth century. The Vicar has written for example; 'Evensong—Shelling during service," or "Heavy machine-gunning during morning service." A letter was recently received from Wyoming, U.S..., which said: "I can remember as a boy hearing your bells down there by the sea, and worshipping in your noble old church."

War Has Ruined Garden of Eden

Dr. C. W. Lowdermilk, agricultural expert of London, England, points out that wars of a thousand years ago have left their mark on the prosperity of Iran, Iraq and Palestine. The valleys of the Tigris and Euphrates have never really recovered. Now oil wells are replacing the tradition of the Garden of Eden. Iran and Iraq suffered worst in the peace that followed strife, because the farmers had been driven out and irrigation systems left to destruction. In ancient times, Phoenicians in hilly Palestine terraced the open felds with stone on the sides of the hills, and harvests were rich. Came Assyrians and Hittites and other warriors to trample all into dust. The fields washed into the rivers as fences fell, and Palestine became again a dust bowl.

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LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid up		$ 36,000,000.00
Reserve fund	$ 20,000,000.00	
Balance of profits carried forward as per Profit and Loss Account	3,209,074.84	
	$ 23,209,074.84	
Dividends unclaimed	47,196.58	
Dividend No. 217 (at 8% per annum), payable 1st December, 1941	700,000.00	23,956,271.42
		$ 59,956,271.42
Deposits by and balances due to Dominion Government	$ 31,385,428.71	
Deposits by and balances due to Provincial Governments	11,538,097.33	
Deposits by the public not bearing interest	484,749,276.16	
Deposits by the public bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement	417,403,399.71	
Deposits by and balances due to other chartered banks in Canada	19,867.10	
Deposits by and balances due to banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom and foreign countries	11,008,127.16	
		956,164,196.17
Notes of the bank in circulation		22,325,889.88
Bills payable		6,606.46
Acceptances and letters of credit outstanding		35,906,480.01
Liabilities to the public not included under the foregoing heads		1,820,317.72
		$1,075,119,761.66

ASSETS

Gold held in Canada	$ 99.50	
Subsidiary coin held in Canada	1,789,294.84	
Gold held elsewhere	31,132.13	
Subsidiary coin held elsewhere	1,799,412.68	
Notes of Bank of Canada	23,616,848.50	
Deposits with Bank of Canada	62,925,378.28	
Notes of other chartered banks	646,663.70	
Government and bank notes other than Canadian	23,468,217.28	
		$ 114,277,046.91
Cheques on other banks	$ 46,251,360.34	
Deposits with and balances due by other chartered banks in Canada	2,763.16	
Due by banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	73,547,538.87	
		119,801,662.37
Dominion and Provincial Government direct and guaranteed securities maturing within two years, not exceeding market value		209,903,172.06
Other Dominion and Provincial Government direct and guaranteed securities, not exceeding market value		161,328,787.09
Canadian municipal securities, not exceeding market value		7,484,368.95
Public securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value		13,849,027.72
Other bonds, debentures and stocks, not exceeding market value		31,449,226.57
Call and short (not exceeding 30 days) loans in Canada on bonds, debentures, stocks and other securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover		7,340,019.83
Call and short (not exceeding 30 days) loans elsewhere than in Canada on bonds, debentures, stocks and other securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover		16,484,997.69
		$ 681,918,309.19
Current loans and discounts in Canada, not otherwise included, estimated loss provided for	$241,782,846.36	
Loans to Provincial Governments	1,036,891.18	
Loans to cities, towns, municipalities and school districts	15,648,081.17	
Current loans and discounts elsewhere than in Canada, not otherwise included, estimated loss provided for	75,554,655.52	
Non-current loans, estimated loss provided for	1,574,684.93	
		335,597,159.16
Bank premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off		14,228,242.27
Real estate other than bank premises		1,801,258.39
Mortgages on real estate sold by the bank		667,449.30
Liabilities of customers under acceptances and letters of credit as per contra		35,906,480.01
Shares of and loans to controlled companies		3,182,415.97
Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the security of note circulation		1,200,000.00
Other assets not included under the foregoing heads		618,447.37
		$1,075,119,761.66

M. W. WILSON, President and Managing Director.

S. G. DOBSON, General Manager.

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholders, The Royal Bank of Canada:

We have examined the above Statement of Liabilities and Assets as at 29th November, 1941, with the books and accounts of The Royal Bank of Canada at Head Office and with the certified returns from the branches. We have checked the cash and the securities representing the Bank's investments held at the Head Office at the close of the fiscal year, and at various dates during the year have also checked the cash and investment securities at several of the important branches.

We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and in our opinion the transactions of the Bank, which have come under our notice, have been within the powers of the Bank. The above statement is in our opinion properly drawn up so as to disclose the true condition of the Bank as at 29th November, 1941, and it is as shown by the books of the Bank.

JAS. G. ROSS, C.A., of P. S. Ross & Sons
W. GARTH THOMSON, C.A., of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.
} Auditors.

Montreal, Canada, December 22, 1941.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1940	$ 3,198,146.37	
Profits for the year ended 29th November, 1941, after providing for Dominion Government taxes amounting to $1,892,224.96 and after making appropriations to Contingency Reserves, out of which Reserves provision for all bad and doubtful debts has been made	3,535,928.47	
		$ 6,734,074.84
APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:		
Dividend No. 214 at 8% per annum	$ 700,000.00	
Dividend No. 215 at 8% per annum	700,000.00	
Dividend No. 216 at 8% per annum	700,000.00	
Dividend No. 217 at 8% per annum	700,000.00	
	$ 2,800,000.00	
Contribution to the Pension Fund Society	325,000.00	
Appropriation for Bank Premises	400,000.00	
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward	3,209,074.84	
		$ 6,734,074.84

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