

## What Will Mr. Thomas Do?

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Politics in Great Britain at the moment are a paradox. We see a Government elected by artisan votes going from strength to strength in foreign diplomacy.

It is the Socialist voter is known on a forward disarmament policy than other politicians suspected, but his main preoccupation is unemployment. Yet the Government which he elected are succeeding nowhere at home. Conservatives are too despondent to expose the failure.

The One Mistake Only one mistake has been made abroad. Mr. Henderson started the country by his declaration that he was ready to sign on the spot a convention which would bind Great Britain to pay through the League of Nations.

An outcry was raised. Mr. Henderson, it was said, would betray Britain's interest at Geneva. This shows that he will not be allowed to pursue the road to disaster.

A Great Triumph Mr. MacDonald's agreement on naval disarmament with President Hoover is a great triumph.

Agreement must now have been reached. The Prime Minister is too good a politician to risk a spectacular transatlantic voyage if there was a chance of failure. Mr. MacDonald can only make the voyage or sign an agreement already determined.

Conservatives will be still more grieved at this result, for with more imagination they might have found the Socialist fit matched from their unemployment.

All goes well for the Government abroad. But what of the home front? Mr. Thomas' friends are complaining that he is being harassed by Minister of Employment.

He returns from Canada with so far no one to judge, nothing accomplished, nothing gained. His friends hope that he will not be greatly reprimanded.

The Eight-Day Day Another fair in minutes' hands. The miners who have a large representation in Parliament are described as the most dangerous group after the 1926 strike. They are shorted at once without waiting for the year which the Act still runs.

Mr. Tipton, the Secretary of State for Mines, is a veteran textile official who has just come to see the conditions of work for him. His name is Tipton, and Mr. MacDonald's has been publicly confounded.

Dear Coal A simple method of meeting the cost of short coal is to be used by the coal owners. They mean to increase the price of coal both for home fires and for industrial furnaces. That will not please the public, and if the Government if they take difficulty, that easy way out of the railwaymen.

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Socialists are always satisfied at this connection if it is advanced by the Conservative. Now the Minister of Labour has placed statistics in a form that emphasizes the truth of it. But when you add up all the figures, the total is as bad as ever. Unemployment is not reduced.

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Snowden rejected the plan and succeeded in modifying the plan which Sir Josiah signed. Mr. Churchill supports the modification.

Sir Josiah has been singularly silent in his defence. He has made only one statement, and he has said either too much or too little. What if Sir Josiah stamp speaks out and defends himself? Will he incriminate the Conservative Government? Will he say that the Conservative Government made him sign the Young plan?

What is the "Story?"

These are bold questions, but it is tantalizing to be told by him in a single public defense: "The full story cannot be told for some time, I fear." He went on to declare that the right course (the course which he followed) was to "accept the obligation of apparently letting our case down in the general interest of a settlement." What then is the "full story" which cannot be told until years have dimmed its interest?

Daring Canoeists Reach Varennes

Dick Lesage and Paul Paquin Encounter Rough Water in St. Lawrence

The two intrepid canoeists, who left Montreal recently to continue their 4,800-mile trip from Vancouver to Halifax, arrived at Varennes the same night, and next morning continued their journey down the St. Lawrence. They say that for the most part of their journey they encountered rough water, the east and northeast winds making waves which caused them to make slow progress.

Their canoe has been strengthened by an extra layer of boards around it, and they have had a canvas cover fitted. This will be a great protection against the waves of the Gulf. Paquin and Lesage both say that they are very glad to be paddling down the St. Lawrence River, which, they declare, is the best river in the world. During their trip they met many steamers and from each of them were greeted with triple blasts of their whistles in salute. Both are in the best of health.

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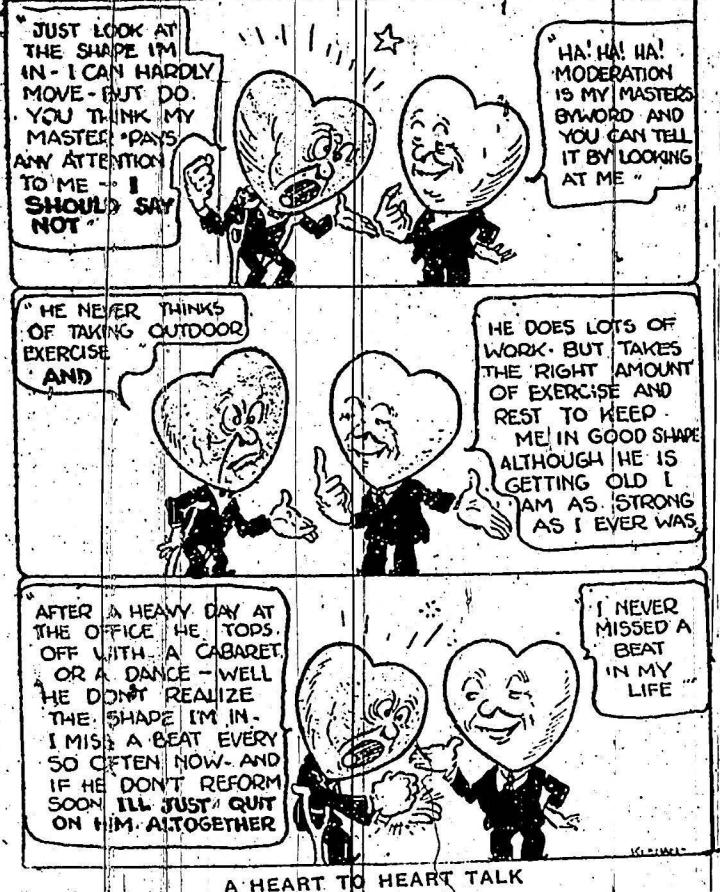
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## WHAT HO? MY HEARTIES!



## Both Poor Boys

Premier Ramsay MacDonald Sleeps in Bed Abraham Lincoln Used in White House

It was little more than a "news item" which stated that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald on his visit to the White House to sleep in Abraham Lincoln's bed, but in the "Children's Newspaper" Mr. Arthur Meek explains the significance of that fact to children in a leading article which will appeal also to the older people.

It is nothing, they may say. What does it matter where any man sleeps? But it matters a very great deal that Ramsay MacDonald is sleeping in Abraham Lincoln's bed.

A long time ago he passed since Abraham Lincoln knelt at his bed side and made a promise to his Master. We all remember that other promise, made to himself at a slave auction. The iron ran into his soul as he looked, and with a prayer to God on his lips he cried out: "By God, boys let's get away from this; if ever I get a chance to hit that thing I'll hit it hard."

He remembered his promise and he kept his word. The chance to hit the hard blow came.

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"Is it like a page from the life of Joan of Arc, but it is a page from the life of Abraham Lincoln. He told his Cabinet how he had decided on his knees and how God had decided the question in favor of the slaves.

I said nothing to anyone (he said) but I made the promise to my Master. The rebel army is not driven out of Maryland, I have gone to talk to my Master. I have got you together to hear what I have written down.

Then was signed the Great Emancipation. It was the beginning of the end of the war, and it had begun when Abraham Lincoln became a little child.

He struck his blow for liberty, and passed to those far realms where our immortals are. He had done his part, I say. I have got you together to hear what I have written down.

In their summer clothes, railway gauze and deck construction workers are tolling at their late October labor.

There is not a sign of life in the barbershop at Charlottetown, and the bay is clear as far as the eye can see. Obligingly, Winter is postponing its visit to the Prairies outlet on the bay.

The Crowd

I love the crowd that fills the city street. The endless stream of people passing by.

Here in equality before my eyes I see the rich man and the beggar meet.

I try to lift the veil that masks each face.

That I may read the hope that spurs some one;

Or in a countenance sorrow and wan;

The dark despair behind the lagging pace.

Here in the schoolroom of humanity I learn of grit and courage when I see the little crippled neophytes at his stand.

A sightless fiddler playing near at hand.

With such as these belonging, I am proud.

To call myself a member of the crowd,

—Ray in the Detroit News.

## Leather Coats In Lively Shades

## Trans. Road

The new leather coats show many improvements on last year's models. They are lighter in weight, less bulky and better cut. The best shapes have a wide skirt flap that is buttoned back on the inside when the wearer walks, it covers the knee like a rug when she travels or drives a car. A button at the left hip on the inside of the coat holds the flap in place. Smooth metal rings have replaced bone buckles so that the edge of the belt may not be rubbed, and in some models a strip of leather is slotted through the upstanding collar fastens with a matching ring-buckle.

Suede jackets were seen last year, but full-length coats in suede are new and very attractive. They may not perhaps wear quite so well as chrome leather, but are delightfully supple and light. Suede looks best when it is severely tailored, and one desirable long coat seen in London is perfectly plain, with an outstanding collar finished with rows of silk-colored stitching, a studded-breasted pocket, stitched cuffs and belt. This coat is available in tan as well as in a multitude of brilliant shades.

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