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Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

Wives Who Lose Husbands in Department Stores

Wives who lose husbands in department stores these days can pretty well take for granted they'll find them again at the mechanical toy counter.—Hamilton Spectator.

As Some View It

A few decades ago there was a card game called "whist," and a very good game it was. Then it turned into bridge and a little later it became auction bridge. Then it became contract bridge, and now contract itself is evolving; and what the whole thing will be ten years from now no man can tell.

All of this, very likely is fine stuff for the experts; but what of the ordinary player, who plays occasionally for diversion but who doesn't quite care to make the game his lifework?—Chatham News.

Bad Combination

Glaring headlights are still a cause of danger and possible disaster to all motorists, especially when cars are driven recklessly. Headlights and headlights are a bad combination.—Crawda Journal.

Stick to Shakespeare

Sinclair Lewis was quoted the other day as saying he was not greatly impressed by Shakespeare. The belief persists, though that if these two had been competing in the same year, the Nobel prize would have gone to the Bard of Avoa.—Hamilton Spectator.

Recreation for the Unemployed

Reading and card rooms might well be opened in unused buildings. If it were possible, a properly organized recreation centre such as Montreal operated last winter would be a magnificent community enterprise. Whatever Edmonton can do along these lines will repay the city in the long run.—Edmonton Journal.

King Wheat is Crowned Again

We have grown so accustomed to Canada's sweeping everything before her at the annual Chicago grain show that Saturday's wheatsale clean-up might be the last of eight-five entries in the hard spring wheat division. It will be taken perhaps as a matter of course. Herman Treile of Weib, Alberta has become an international figure.

This year's remarkable triumph in the all-important wheat competition is particularly valuable to Canada. Competition for the cream of the world's markets is becoming fiercer and fiercer with production piling up and a diminished purchasing capacity limiting sales. There could be no finer advertisement to the world, including the British buyer certainly none more genuinely based upon the merit of the product, than these repeated triumphs of our wheat experts over the finest products of the most experienced United States growers. Year after year the superiority of the Canadian product becomes more firmly established.—Montreal Daily Star.

Dangerous Practice

The fact has been drawn to the attention of The Mercury that children are sleigh riding on some of the hills in the city leading out through streets. This is a dangerous practice and unless it is put to a stop it is likely to result in death or injury to some of the youngsters. It is stated that in a number of instances accidents have been narrowly averted. Parents should warn their children of the danger involved and see that the practice is discontinued. No matter how carefully motorists drive, mishaps are likely to occur if the practice is persisted in.—Guelph Mercury.

Lights Are Necessary

Detroit tried to economize by abandoning a portion of the city's lighting system. The experiment, which meant a gloomier metropolis, was responsible for a 23 per cent. increase in night traffic fatalities. A crime became more rampant.

These discoveries should not be overlooked by other towns and cities seriously considering a similar step to reduce costs.—Kitchener Daily Record.

Through Western Eyes

Important as the problem is, there is more than a possibility that it may not get a fair hearing. There are forces at work muddying the waters, insisting that it is local and provincial state interests that count, and that it is on the balance of these that the decision must be reached. Montreal is for Montreal against all comers. Buffalo is 100 per cent. for Buffalo. New York is for New York and a waterway down the Hudson. Chicago gazes longingly down the Mississippi Valley. The Ontario towns are for Ontario and the Hydro. Quebec is opposed to public ownership. Only the states and provinces of the Far West, the states of the lower Atlantic seaboard and the Maritime Provinces have no private fish fry. Under the circumstances, how is a great issue to get the hearing a great issue deserves.—Vancouver Province.

Disarmament and World Peace

If this effort (of the Disarmament Conference) succeeds, Europe will be given that breathing space from political fear which should enable her—and indeed, all the nations of the world—to concentrate upon the vitally necessary work of economic reconstruction.

In the event of failure it is much to be feared that political animosities, begotten of fear and lack of confidence, will prevent the carrying out of economic reconstruction. In this sense the success or failure of the World Economic Conference will depend in large measure upon the outcome of the Disarmament Conference.—London Referee.

Back to Barter

London's Chamber of Commerce published a remarkable proposal to carry on trade between Great Britain and thirty-five other countries on a basis of barter. By this scheme goods would be transferred across the world and paid for by vouchers issued under the authority of a central clearinghouse. These vouchers would, in fact, become a new currency between the countries engaged in such an exchange of goods. Trade has been refused to devices of this kind by the refusal of those who control the monetary system to make the volume of money sufficient to carry the ever-increasing amount of goods that are produced.—London Daily Express.

Hearts of Oak

No nation, which stood to lose anything by the process, has been more ready to contribute to the liquidation of the financial heritage of the War. No nation has done more in the way of practical disarmament and none is ready to do still more so long as general reduction and limitation can be secured thereby. Within the short space of twelve months we have changed our financial position from one where collapse was imminent to one where the foundations of fresh progress have already been laid. We have changed our country from the dumping ground of the world to the originator of practical schemes for the extension of economic stability throughout wide and ever wider areas of the world. All this we owe not merely to a Government, but to the whole people, whose patience and forbearance in distress and difficulty have been beyond all praise.—London Times.

AMERICAN

Britain's War Debt

Credits set up in London in favour of the United States, under agreement that they were not to be transferred except under drastic control, would have little or no effect on sterling's position in the exchanges. We earnestly hope that progress may be swiftly made toward negotiating a settlement on these terms, if American and British financial experts are agreed that the payments which must be made on December 15 cannot be transferred in gold values without forcing sterling into a further collapse. Such a disaster should be forefended at all costs, for it would be about the most powerful force to hurt business and to prolong the depression that can be imagined.—Boston Transcript.

A Soft Answer

Congress, which has raised the inflexible standard of "pay regardless," cannot be censured for seeing primarily the rights of the United States. But its spokesmen should, in the interest of world amity, and in our own selfish commercial interest, refrain from displaying a total lack of sympathy with the problems of the debtors while the discussions of postponement continue.—New York Times.

Royal Christmas Cards Have Been Chosen

Thousands of people will receive Christmas cards from members of the British Royal Family this year.

The King has followed his usual custom of having some scene from England's history used on his Christmas card. This year he has chosen a reproduction of a painting by A. D. McCormick, entitled, "Sir Francis Drake Explains His Plans to Queen Elizabeth," the original of which is in the King's possession. The accompanying greetings read: "Christmas Greetings and all good wishes for the coming year."

Queen Mary again shows her partiality for garden studies. There are two garden pictures painted by Edith Andrews, on her card, with the inscription: "With all good wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year."

The Prince of Wales has chosen a view of old London Bridge, and the Duke of York has selected a breezy seascape illustrating an incident in naval history—the mutiny of the "Bounty" in 1781, and the setting adrift of Lieutenant Bligh and his loyal men.

The Princess Royal also has chosen a garden study.

"Did the Mayor show presence of mind when the Town Hall caught fire?" "Yes, he cancelled the fireworks display arranged for that evening."

Mary Says "Hello"



Mary Pickford attends a Caetor's opening. When a movie gets its first showing in Hollywood the film-folk get ringside seats and greet their fans via radio.

Free Milk Distributed At Regina Schools

Regina may be a healthy enough city to live in, but the school board is going to make doubly sure all its children grow into able bodied men and women even if it does cost an extra \$500 or 20,000 bottles of milk a month. The milk is provided free to all children, but any who can afford to pay donate a few cents when possible. Even free lunches were provided in some cases by the board last year—to the extent of \$1,715.

"God has made every man fit for his work."—Ruskin.



WITH THE LONE SCOUTS

The Xmas "Toy Shop" Scheme

We are glad to note that the Lones are taking an active interest in this annual Christmas Good Turn. The honor of being the first Lone Scout "Toy Shop" to enroll goes to the Lones at Belmont, Ont. who have planned to get busy at once. If there are any others who are working on this Good Turn (and we hope you all are) and who have not yet told us about it, do not fail to write to Lone Scout Headquarters and let our Commissioner, Capt. John Furlinger, know what you are doing.

"Good Turn" Service

A blind man stood on a busy street corner while automobile traffic passed swiftly by. Frequently he would tap the pavement with his cane—evidently hoping to attract the attention of other pedestrians who would assist him to cross the dangerous intersection. It was at the close of a business day and everyone seemed to be very occupied and in too much of a hurry to reach home to give any thought to the blind man. Fortunately, a man passing in the opposite direction, stopped, looked back, retraced his steps and offered to help the blind man across the street. The crossing was safely accomplished. The blind man tapped his way along the other side of the street while the man who had proffered his help turned back and continued in his own direction. He did so the writer noticed a small trefoil in his coat label, the emblem of Scouting worn by Scouts and Scouters on their civilian clothes throughout the country.

Such Incidents are commonplace,

and no Scout should find it difficult to carry through the Daily Good Turn program.

A Scout Choir Good Turn

The Boy Scout Choir of Christ Church, Hartlepool, when camping this summer gave their services to the local church, which lacked a choir, provided music for the wedding of a daughter of the farmer on whose land they were camping, and formed a guard of honor outside the church.

How Many Scouts in South Africa?

There are 14,516 Scouts of all ranks in the Union of South Africa—in Cape Western, Cape Border, Cape Midlands,

Highway Motor Accidents

Due to Poor Lighting

Any suggestion for the reduction of motor accidents on the highways must receive serious consideration. Statistics collected by the Motor Vehicles Dept. of the Ontario Government for over two years prove conclusively that inadequate illumination is responsible for a very large proportion of these accidents, particularly fatal accidents. Although a smaller proportion of automobiles travel at night more than 40 per cent. of motor accidents occur then. Fatalities on rural highways occur then, as distinct from those occurring on urban streets, make up a large percentage of the total automobile fatalities.

Electrical News and Engineering, which has been looking into these statistics, finds that about 37 per cent. of the total number of winter accidents can justifiably be charged to insufficient illumination. There were 3,980 accidents which happened at night during 1931, and it may be assumed that 37 per cent., or about 1,472, resulted either directly or indirectly from lack of proper and adequate road lighting. As the amount paid for these accidents in Ontario come to over \$1,000,000 annually it is fair to ask: how much can be charged to inadequate lighting? Electrical News and Engineering maintains that good lighting on our main highways would certainly prevent many nighttime catastrophes. The cost would be much less than in other countries because there are already Hydro lines on most of the 3,000 miles of King's Highways. It might be argued that the lighting of many of the highways would soon pay for itself, so many and so great are the palpable advantages.

The conclusions of this journal seem to be well-founded. The proposal should be investigated more fully when financial conditions become more satisfactory.—Toronto Mail & Empire.

A Christmas Carol

"What means this glory round our feet?"

The Magi mused "more bright than morn?" And voices chanted clear and sweet, "Today the Prince of Peace is born!"

"What means that star," the Shepherds said, "That brightens through the rocky glen?"

And angels, answering overhead, Sang, "Peace on earth, good-will to men!"

—James Russell Lowell, in Poems.

Sees First Train



Ramona Clark, this pretty young American girl, was born in the Hawaiian Islands and until she visited America, had never seen a railroad train.

Sunday School Lesson

December 12. Lesson XII—Christian Standards of Life—Philippians 3: 8-14. Golden Text—If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.—Luke 9: 23.

We set out on those studies in October to discover the Christian standards of living, and to follow these in daily life. We pause now to gather up the results of our discussions in what our topic suggests as the ideals of the true Christian.

In the first place we set down the importance of cultivating the Christian spirit and attitude by devotional practices. Can our religious life be maintained at its best without such cultivation? Is it spasmodic or regular? Note the value of a regular time and a more or less regular regime in devotional exercises. Yet variety is needed, too. Rest and quiet, meditation and reflection are often needed, as well as reading and study.

Then in the most intimate of all human groups, the family, we saw that the Christian would, of necessity manifest his very best self, the Christian spirit of good will and service toward all in the group, whether as parent or as son or daughter or brother or sister or employed help in the home, and also toward all others who came into any sort of relationship, with the family or business or social relations. Is his easier or harder to be at one's best in the home? Is there not a temptation to let familiarity breed contempt? Do not the dearest we have often get the brunt of our most unchristian behavior? Can we not guard against that by having a general compact in the family circle, an ideal of happy good will and unselfishness in the life of the home?

What will be the ideals of the true Christian with reference to self-control, both for himself and for others? Is it a truly Christian attitude if one decides on sobriety for himself, but makes no effort to make the most probable sobriety of the nation? Has the individual Christian any obligation for his fellow's well-being? So long as we have restrictive laws governing the use of intoxicants, what is the Christian's duty? Should we study so as to make those restrictive measures as helpful as possible? Can we as Christians take any but one attitude toward the use of intoxicants for beverage purposes? Education must go hand in hand with legislation.

What will be the Christian's attitude toward people of other races, and all that affects our relations to them? Believing that God is the Father of all men, we can think of the people of other races only as brothers. What will be the ideals of the true Christian on the matter of war and peace? Can we hope for world peace apart from a spirit of mutual understanding and good will among the nations and races of the earth? That being so, will not the Christian set himself to understand and appreciate other peoples and races, and to promote such mutual respect and appreciation as will ensure world co-operation and peace?

What are the ideals of the true man that the Christian principles of good will and service will be the controlling motive in all his business relations? The motive of gain has been replaced by the motive of service. Note that this Christian demand is

Farm Queries

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H. S.—What is the best variety of barley? Would sod plowed up last fall be good for barley?

2. How deep should the land be plowed for peas? Should they be sown early or late in the spring?

3. Do you recommend white blossom sweet clover for pasture? Does it make good pasture for all summer?

Answer.—1. The Field Husbandry Department, Ontario Agricultural College, have the following to say regarding your questions: The best variety of barley for general use in Ontario is O.A.C. No. 21.

Sod plowed up last fall should work down into a good seed bed for barley in the spring of 1932.

2. Land should be plowed about ordinary depth for peas. They should be sown as early as the land works well in the spring.

3. White blossom sweet clover is best for pasture in Ontario. It is a heavier yielder than yellow blossom. There is one thing to keep in mind regarding sweet clover and pasturage, and that is that the sweet clover tends to go to seed about midsummer. After seeding it is pretty woody, subsequently, the pasturing quality deteriorates.

J. C.—I have five acres which have been sod land for 12 to 15 years. This field was plowed and two acres of good corn have been grown. Then it was summer fallowed and sown to wheat. The piece was top-dressed with manure and 200 lbs. superphosphate per acre was added for the wheat. A fine piece of wheat was harvested last summer. I plowed the stubble in the fall and next spring I wish to seed this ground to alfalfa. Will you direct me to the proper manner of seeding? Also, had I better test the soil for acid condition? Can I take the frozen lumps that them in the house, and get a satisfactory test?

Answer.—If your field is fairly well drained you should have a good seed bed for alfalfa. I would recommend having your soil tested for acidity. Your Agricultural Representative can do this or he can supply you with a Reacto Soil test set with which you can make the test yourself. You could make the test on samples that were thawed out, but it would be better to wait till the frost is out of the soil. Take a test at about 4 inches deep. If your soil shows acid indications, the chart will tell you how much lime to apply in order to put the soil in good condition for the growth of legumes.

Excellent stands of alfalfa have been obtained by seeding the alfalfa with a crop of barley, probably a bushel and a peck to the acre of barley, with the quantity of seed that you wish to apply. From 12 to 18 lbs per acre of high grade alfalfa seed should give the crop a good stand. Excellent results have been obtained by applying two bags of 2-12-5 fertilizer to the acre when seeding with alfalfa. This plant food gives the plant an early, vigorous start and the potash is very beneficial to the young growing crop. Results we have obtained in tests throughout the province throughout the past three years indicate that top-dressing the alfalfa with a phosphate-potash fertilizer such as 0-12-10 or 0-12-15 at the rate of two bags per acre the second year of its growth is a profitable practice. See that the soil is thoroughly prepared into a good smooth seed bed

Just as real to the employee as to the employer. Emphasize the fact that the Christian's whole life of business is to be motivated in this way. He cannot buy exemption from these basic principles of the Christian life by making large subscriptions to religious projects. He will make such subscriptions as he is able, but he will understand that he is doing religious service in all of his work and business. In the light of this, what is the Christian's ideal with reference to the use of money? In all these matters, with reference to the use he makes of his abilities and opportunities, his time, his money, his business, the Christian's ideal is one of stewardship.

The Rooks

The rooks settled; the rooks rose. The trees which they touched so capriciously seemed insufficient to lodge their numbers. The tree-tops sang with the breeze in them; the branches creaked audibly and dropped now and then, though the season was midsummer, husks or twigs. Up went the rooks and down again, rising in lesser numbers each time as the sage birds made ready to settle, for the evening was already spent enough to make the air inside the wood almost dark. The moss was soft; the tree trunks spectral. Beyond them lay a silvery meadow. A breadth of water gleamed. Already the convolvulus moth was spinning over the flowers. Orange and purple nasturtium and cherry-ple, were washed into the twilight.—From "Jacob's Room," by Virginia Woolf.

before the grain and the alfalfa seed are sown.

Livestock Notes

Prevent the loss of valued animals. Have your horses treated for bot removal, during December or January. The adult bot flies quit their egg laying in September and any grubs hatching therefrom will have reached the stomach of the horse by the end of November. Colic, unthrift, and sometimes death are caused by bot grubs attached in great numbers to the stomach wall. Every bot grub that gets away in the dung, during the early summer will transform into an active horse annoying bot by that time.

Make your wish that you had done something to destroy the grubs during the winter, when they were feeding in the stomach of the horse. If every horse owner would kill the bot grubs there would be no bot flies. This pest is costly now and will become more so in the future if the horse owners neglect its control. The control—soak the bot fly eggs that are attached to the hair with a two per cent. carbolic solution. This will prevent their hatching. This should be done during the period of egg-laying, June to September. In December or January have your veterinarian administer a carbon disulphide capsule to each horse, to kill the bot grubs in the stomach and the round worms in the small intestine. Watch your horses and colts in love in condition after treatment.

Don't Forget the Mineral Matter

The covering of a general over Ontario in mid-November this year. Earlier than usual by several weeks. This early snow cover, has shut out the contact between our domestic animals and mother soil. The soil with its minerals, lime, potash, phosphorus and iodine is responsible for the normal nutrition of our animals. But the snow has come early and this will cause, in many districts, the cows to chew bones, the pigs and other young animals to be rickety, the new-born pigs to be hairless, thick-throated and weak, and the egg shells from the poultry to be thin and soft. All this may happen before spring, coming on as the mineral supply runs low. During winters of long duration and heavy snow coverings, some provision should be made to supply mineral matter to all classes of growing and producing animals. Failure to supply such will be reflected in losses on many farms next spring, in animals dead, crippled or out of condition. Expensive mineral mixtures are not needed, only in special cases. Make use of what you have at hand. Scrape the field, soil from the roof house, hardwood ashes from the kitchen stove, bone meal, and lime from the feed store and iodine from the veterinary. will save minerals and promote thrift. The soil minerals must be supplied by you as the animals cannot dig under the snow in search of them. Three hundred liters of pigs were lost in one county during the spring of two years ago, due to lack of iodine in the feed and water of the pregnant sows. All could have been saved at a cost of 25 cents per sow. A little potassium iodine would have prevented much grief. Take time by the forelock that you may be saved from grief next spring.

Concessions Made to Peasants To Sell Grain Privately

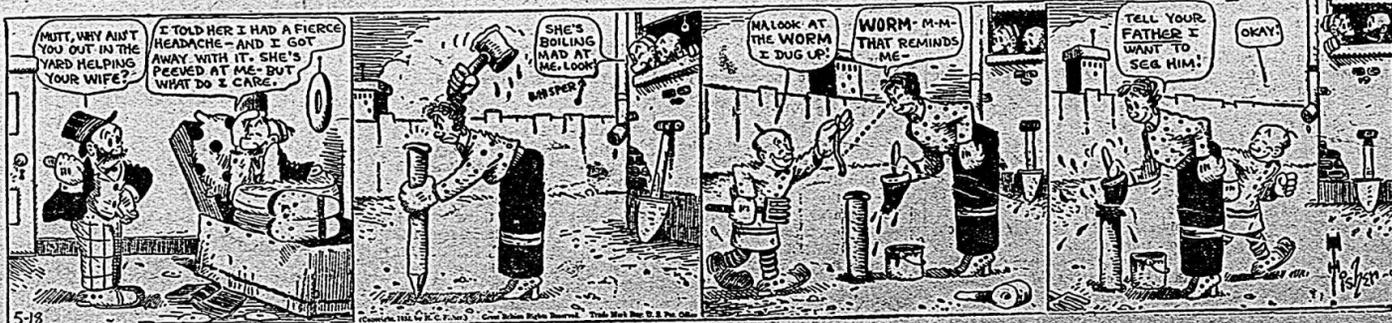
Moscow.—The Council of People's Commissars and the Central Committee of the Communist Party have issued an important decree permitting all collective and individual peasants in the Moscow Province and the Tartar Republic immediately to sell their surplus grain in private markets. Although these regions of the nation's total grain, the order was significant in that they are the only ones which have supplied all the Government's grain collections—that is, the part of the crop the state requires peasants to furnish at fixed prices.

Under regulations announced last May, which authorized peasants to sell their surplus in the open market, it was stipulated that no grain could be marketed until January 15, 1933, which is the date set by the Government for the completion of nationwide collections.

Collections on the whole have been notoriously backward in 1932. There have been unofficial predictions that some concessions to the peasantry would be necessary to speed them up. In some quarters, it was predicted that this new decree was the beginning of the alteration of Soviet Russia's agricultural policy respecting collections.

Rain falls 250 days a year on the Falkland Islands, the South Pacific.

MUTT AND JEFF—By BUD FISHER



Jeff Thought it was a Success

EMPIRE

Still Fighting

Armistice Day recalls us sharply to our poignant duty to the living comrades of the fallen, thousands of whom are in dire distress. The war took heavy toll of their strength. In the difficult times that followed the blows of misfortune have constantly struck them first.—London Daily Telegraph.

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