

Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

SHOE ON OTHER FOOT

With Germany barring automobile imports from the United States the shoe is on the other foot and the States does not like the way it places. A clamor of protest has gone up at the arbitrary manner in which Germany has said that only two automobiles of each make will be permitted to enter the Reich each year through clearing arrangements with third countries.—Border Cities Star.

KINDS OF KISSES.

The out-of-fashion girl kissed less; but when she did it was a kiss, instead of payment for a good time.—Tweed News.

"THOUGHT IT WAS MARQUIS."

This season Dominion Department of Agriculture officials took 14,530 samples of grain from the wagons of farmers at elevators and 560 samples were secured from seed drills at the time of planting. It was all wheat. These samples are planted and the plots labelled.

It has been found that hundreds of western farmers who were certain they were growing good Marquis wheat have been producing a curious mixture of many varieties. Even under favorable conditions they could not produce number one grade, and they were about five bushels short per acre.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

HOW VIEWS CHANGE.

An interesting note to the "25 years ago" column of The Ottawa Journal reads:

"Katharine Wright, sister of the fliers of that name, said it was 'unladylike to fly and simply absurd' that women should think of being aviators."

And to that we say, page Amy Johnson, Amelia Earhart or Lady Bailey.—St. Catharines Standard.

IMPORTANCE OF TREES

Nothing so ages a country as denudation of its timberlands. Forests and the virility of a land go hand in hand. The process of depletion of forests is not necessarily a long one, nor are the effects long delayed. Without replacement by the government and landowners, the United States would suffer the decay of large areas such as are to be found in Asia, where one time flourishing nations are now but a name.—Bangor Commercial.

MUST SPECIALIZE.

Farmers who devote some attention to specialties such as onions, celery, tobacco, or fruit appear to have the best chance at profits from the land.—Welland Tribune.

ILLITERACY.

What's the matter with our school system? In Ontario there are 158,626 people who can neither read nor write. In addition, there are 9,290 who can read only. This includes everybody above five years of age. That is one person in every 20. For the province "with the best school system in the world—that has lavished money on its educational institutions continuously throughout the years, the record seems a depressing one.—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

FOR FEWER KILLINGS.

Fines for speeding in Montreal have been increased from \$5 to \$10 to \$25 and \$40 and within recent weeks there has been \$11,500 collected in fines. It is difficult to drive it through the thick heads of some drivers that a city means business when it asks for less speed and fewer killings.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

A WORD TO HUNTERS.

It ought to be the responsibility of every individual to whom a gun license is issued to study the regulations that have been set down for his guidance and to obey them to the best of his ability. More than that, he has a duty to perform in spreading the gospel of conservation, without which some of the species which now furnish sport will be in source of time as extinct as the wild pigeon.—Brockville Recorder.

MOTHER'S HELP.

Daughter still helps. She keeps good numbers on the radio, while mother does the dishes.—Kitchen Record.

HOW THE NEWS SPREADS.

Four buffalo from the Wainwright Park will sail for their new home in a park near Spala, Poland, this month. The arrival of these former monarchs of the Canadian Prairies is expected to create a great sensation. It is said in fact, that word of their coming has already traveled from Pole to Pole.—Edmonton Journal.

TEN MILES OF GESE.

A phone message was received the other day from Hilda, inviting local sportsmen to auto out and try their luck with a flock of 2,000 geese which were on the grain fields there. The number appears large to the uninitiated, but Walter Huckvale tells of seeing a real flock in 1887. It was 10 miles long and a mile and a half wide. The measurements were easily calculated as the geese covered King's Lake at Klipp Coulee, which was ten miles long and stretched up the banks on either side.—Medicine Hat News.

A MISTAKE

An instance of the weird workings of the human mind is the fact that many householders have elegant and expensive locks on their front doors and cheap builders' locks on the rear doors. This is one of the greatest helps to burglars that we know. The

properly cautious burglar prefers to work in the darkness at the back of the house anyway.—Hamilton Herald.

DOUBLE BENEFIT.

When Dr. Frederick Banting discovered insulin, he also made possible discovery of a cure for another dreaded disease, pernicious anaemia. He made it possible because insulin cured Dr. George Minot, who in turn discovered, through research, a cure for the other disease.—Niagara Falls Review.

UP TO ROOSEVELT.

Roosevelt's position, in some ways, is more difficult than before. He is the nation's hope. If he fails; if he cannot find the way out of the slough in which the Republic is plunged; if the New Deal proves to be a delusion; it will be a disaster, both personal and public. Not even Washington or Lincoln had a greater responsibility than rests upon the shoulders of Roosevelt at the present time.—London Free Press.

THE EMPIRE NOT TRUE.

It used to be said that the rich man's son who was no good in the practical affairs of life was sent into the church; and the poor man's son who was in the same boat went into the army. There was, no doubt, a grain of truth in the chaff of cynicism, but only a grain. Such a sweeping generalization is not true today, and so far as at least some denunciations are concerned, a very special standard is required. The army today is no longer the army of old. To gain admission recruits must have both physique and intelligence.—Belfast Telegraph.

HE DOES NOT LAUREATE

The suggestion that the poet laureate may write an ode for the wedding of Prince George and Princess Marina may be dismissed. A condition of Mr. Massfield's appointment, as of his predecessor's, was that he should not be expected to perform these "occasional" duties. Tennyson did it as well as anyone could, but he admitted to the Duke of Argyll that it cast a gloom over his life.—London Observer.

NEW ZEALAND'S DEFENCE.

This country with its small outlay per capita on defence and its considerable under-spending of the last parliamentary vote cannot be convicted of bellicose purpose or of exaggerated fear; and the Government's proposals suggest neither threat nor panic. They do suggest, and this is their merit, that in a time of insecurity, when the Homeland may be compelled by circumstances to withstand a sudden onslaught and the highway of the sea may be as suddenly robbed of its customary safety, this Dominion should be better prepared against hostile invasion, and that the preparation is a duty for New Zealanders to undertake.—New Zealand Weekly News.

CANADA AND BRITISH COAL.

Canada last year made the record purchase of 1,500,000 tons of British anthracite. She bought all her anthracite in the United States and foolish people said it would always be so, and nothing could be done about it. Now the shipment of Welsh anthracite to Canada is providing tonnage for the export of Canadian grain to Britain. The ships go to and from cheaply, because in this mutual trade they never have to sail light. That's the way to run an Empire. It will be a splendid day when the Board of Trade Journal, which records these facts today, has to enlarge its size to record the growth of mutual trade.—London Daily Express.

IMPERIALISM AND BIRTH RATE.

Pessimists will see racial decline in the latest population figures of the Registrar-General for they prove that the excess of births over deaths has considerably decreased. For several centuries British population has been in a state of expansion. This was due to the development of industrial economy and the necessity of providing labour to meet the demand of an ever expanding world trade. Now with the decline in world trade there comes a decline in the birth rate. Nations that aim at imperialist expansion will always view a decline in the birth rate with alarm. But in our opinion the sun of imperialism is setting and in the dawn of the new world fewer and better quality babies are the best auguries of a properly planned life.—London Sunday Referee.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND HEALTH.

A year ago Sir George Newman, the Chief Medical Officer to the Ministry of Health, devoted a part of his annual report "on the state of the public health" to rebutting the suggestion that unemployment has had any wide-spread and serious effect upon the nation's physical well-being. His inquiries then led him to conclude that "there is at present no available medical evidence of any general increase in physical impairment, in sickness or in mortality." But he qualified this with a warning that physical deterioration may appear at any time, though it has not in any general degree appeared yet.—Manchester Guardian.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE CHRISTIAN AS TEACHER

GOLDEN TEXT—"Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth."

TIME AND PLACE—The passage from Matthew is the conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount, spoken on Kurn Hattin, a hill west of the central portion of the Sea of Galilee, at midsummer of A.D. 28, the second year of Christ's ministry. The passage from the Acts relates an event which took place at Ephesus in Asia Minor, A.D. 53, when Paul was in the midst of his third missionary tour, and before the Apostle began his long work of three years in that city.

"Everyone therefore." Therefore implies that the parable which follows is an elucidation of what precedes, the picture of that day when the Lord will pass judgement upon the lives of men. "That heareth these words of mine." It is an indication of Christ's deity that in his mouth they seem perfectly natural, and merely in accordance with his exalted character. "And doeth them." Hearing is never enough. Unless obedience follows the hearing, our listening has been in vain. "Shall be likened unto a wise man." A man of prudence and sagacity, a man of practical knowledge. There is much book learning that does not meet the test of actual experience. "Who built his house upon the rock." Palestine is a stony country. A great rock ridge runs north and south through the land, and on it the soil is very shallow.

The one solid foundation for human character has been abundantly proven to be the Lord Jesus Christ, his person, his word, his work, his grace. "And the rain descended and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house." The prolonged rainless weather is suddenly broken up by the season of rain and of storm. "And it fell not; for it was founded upon the rock." A man who takes Christ for his pattern, Christ's teachings for his principles of life is a

man whose life is safe and who shall endure.

"And everyone that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them not." How much of our hearing is described in these stern words of the Great Teacher! "Shall be likened unto a foolish man." When Christ says "Thou fool!" it behooves men to look well to their going, for they are facing the wrong way. "Who built his house upon the sand." He built it in some wady, or dry bed of a stream. No sign of water in the rainless season, but a rushing torrent as soon as the rains come.

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and smote upon that house." The house on the rock could stand the gale; and the house on the sand went down against it with a great crash. "And it fell; and great was the fall thereof." That there are houses of faith being built which grip the rock and which no storm can overthrow, we know of with a glad assurance.

"And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these words." The Sermon on the Mount occupying three chapters of Matthew. "The multitudes were astonished at his teaching. How strange and marvellous it must have seemed to the people to whom it came absolutely fresh and new; for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes."

"Now a certain Jew named Apollus, his name was a shortened form of Apollonius or Apollodorus. "An Alexandrian by race." He was born in Alexandria, the great city of northern Egypt.

"An eloquent man." A man of culture, the word expressing both thought and its expression in words. "Came to Ephesus." He was a traveling philosopher and lecturer. "And that he, of course, in the Old Testament had not been written, but in the New Testament had not yet been formed and for the most part had not been written."

"This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord." The Greek verb suggests that this instruction may have been oral, and hence that no written Gospel had yet circulated in Alexandria: "And being fervent in spirit." A quality greatly honored by Paul, who possessed it in its perfection see Rom. 12: 11. "He spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus." Accurately, that is, as far as he went, but not fully. "Knowing only from that of the apostles mainly in these respects; first that theirs recognized a Messiah who had come and, secondly, that it was attested by the extraordinary gifts of the Spirit.

"And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue." In the synagogue of Ephesus, where Paul began his preaching setting forth Jesus as the Messiah, the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world. "But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him. He preached the gospel of repentance from sin with wonderful power and he could prove with unanswerable logic that Jesus was the Messiah. But of the supreme glory of Christ, an experience which comes in the witness of the Holy Spirit in one's own soul to the forgiveness of sins, he had never heard.

"They took him unto them." Probably they made him an inmate of their home, where Paul had been, so that they could have a better chance at him. "And expounded to him the way of God more accurately." It would have been no easy task to take in hand a man of Apollo's intellectual attainments and independence of character, and lead him on to the views more generally held among the Christians. But Priscilla and Aquila undertook the difficult task and succeeded in it.

"And when he was minded to pass over into Achaea." The southern part of Greece, containing Athens and Corinth. "The brethren encouraged him, and wrote to the disciples to receive him." He could not have chosen a place more suitable for his work as Corinth was a centre of commerce it was a town also of great intellectual activity. "And when he has come, he helped them much that had believed through grace." They helped him and he helped them! A noteworthy instance of Christian reciprocity.

"For he powerfully confuted the Jews, and that publicly." The unbelieving Jews of Corinth had tried to drive Paul out of the city and had indeed succeeded in driving him out of the synagogue, but only to set up his own church next to the synagogue. Now in Apollus the Jews found an antagonist equally staunch, one who did not mince matters. "Showing by the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ." All Bible teachers have much to learn from Apollus. He studied the Scriptures and made them the basis of all his work. He was ready to learn from others, even from those far inferior to himself in natural ability. He was full of energy and fiery zeal. He was bold and courageous. He combined logic with grace. He was profoundly helpful.

Western Co-eds Want Girls' Smoking Room

London, Ont.—The question of sex equality is being carried a stage further by co-eds at the University of Western Ontario. They are asking the board of governors to set aside a girls' smoking room so that they may enjoy the weed without "surprised methods." The men students have a room for smoking and the girls have decided that they are entitled to the same convenience.

Distinguished Visitors To Montreal



Dr. Hector J. W. Hetherington, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Liverpool, England, who arrived in Montreal after visiting U.S. Universities for the past two months to report on research work being done by the British graduates under the Commonwealth fund. With Dr. Hetherington is his wife, a graduate of Glasgow University and W. M. Birks, with whom they were guests during their stay in the city.



Woman's World

By Mair M. Morgan

PRESENTS

Christmas is just around the corner and many are faced with the problem of the season's offerings of good-will. Here are a few suggestions. For instance oilcloth novelties take only a jiffy to fashion, cost almost nothing and are smart practical gifts.

Designs may be painted with lacquer, enamels or artists' oil colors. They may also be applied by hand with buttonhole stitch (big stitches always) or done with the sewing machine.

To transfer designs to oilcloth lay the pattern on the right side of the material, trace with a blunt object no thicker than a pencil point (a crochet hook is excellent), press just hard enough to make a slight indentation on the surface of the oilcloth without cracking or cutting the finish. Go over these indentations with a soft pencil again being careful not to cut the painted surface. For sticking oilcloth to wood or other surfaces, use either flour paste or liquid glue.

Card Table Cover

Use dull or glossy art baize with an embossed finish in black or colors. Measure the card table, cut the material four inches longer and wider. Cut a rounded piece out of each corner. Turn back a quarter inch fold all around and bind with bias tape adding elastic to each corner to slip over the corners of the table and hold the cloth firm. Score pad covers made to match are unusual.

If you have a card table with a worn top, undo the corner screws, stretch oilcloth over the entire surface and replace the side boards. It also may be decorated.

Telephone Book Cover

Use pebble finish oilcloth in black or colors. Measure each cover and the thickness of the book. Cut the oilcloth one half inch bigger than the book measures from top to bottom and ten inches longer than the measurements of covers and thickness. Fold five inches' on either end for pockets, bind with gold braid, ribbon or silk bias tape. Add a cord and tassel.

The cover shown in black with the design done in gold with touches of red and green Chinese lacquer. The tassel and cord also carries out these colors.

Wall Rack

Use a thin board one-quarter inch thick and fifteen inches long by three and one-quarter inches wide. Shape the top corners. Allow one inch on all four sides when cutting the oilcloth for lapping. Paste the oilcloth on the board. At the back paste a strip of heavy paper to cover the edges of the oilcloth. The tabs are fastened with covered thumb tacks.

Wall Pocket

One piece of plain oilcloth ten inches by six inches for the back, two shaped plain pieces measuring six inches wide and four inches at the highest point, two strips of gingham pattern oilcloth measuring three inches by six inches with a rounded piece cut out of each at the top. Bind tops of the two gingham pieces and the two small plain pieces. Arrange the plain and gingham pieces of the "back" alternately. Sew the bottom of the first gingham piece for the first pocket. The bottom of the second gingham piece and the one marked "receipts" should meet and are sewn to the "back" to form the second pocket. The third pocket is formed by the decorated piece. Bind all around with checked bias tape.

Bale Holder

Cut three pieces of gingham pattern oilcloth each measuring four inches wide, one sixteen inches long, one ten inches long and one six inches long. Bind the tops of the two smaller strips. Lay the six inch strip two inches from the top of the sixteen inch strip and sew across the bottom to form a pocket. The ten inch strip forms the second pocket. Bind and add the tab for hanging. Slip a twelve inch rule into the bottom pocket, a new tape measure and a pencil into the top pocket.

An oilcloth apron is both practical and pretty. Use any pattern you desire. Make it of any design or color you choose. Bind the edges and add tapes to tie straps instead of buttoning them.

A child's bib with a pocket will

please the wee tot and help the busy mother.

A cover for the high chair tray to match the bib is also worthwhile. Chair pads add a decorative note to the modern kitchen. Cut pieces of coarse felting the size of the chair and two pieces of oilcloth measuring one-half inch wider all around. Add tapes to tie the "pad" to the chair legs and bind all about with strips of plain oilcloth or wide bias tape.

Tie backs for bathroom or kitchen curtains made of plain colored oilcloth are pretty.

YOUR LIST

Of course, by now you have made your Christmas list and no doubt "A Book" is placed opposite at least three. Here are a few of the season's offerings. For those who love the sea, "Pitcairn's Island," by Charles Nordhoff and James Norman Hall, will meet every requirement. E. Phillips Oppenheim's new novel, "The Strange Boarders of Palace Crescent," has every element of mystery and menace, and is the "thrill lovers" meat. For adventure, a tale of men who lived dangerously, "Tents in Mongolia," by Henning Haslund, will appeal to those who like first hand accounts of man's battle with the elements. Warwick Deering is always dependable and many are his followers. In "The Man on the White Horse," you have him at his best.

Armchair for Baby On Bicycle Trips

Luddersfield, Eng. — Do not leave the children at home if you want to go cycling; take them with you—is the advice given to parents by Mr. and Mrs. Frith of Huddersfield, whose two children aged 5 and 3 respectively, are also keen cyclists.

Baby sits in a glorified armchair in between father and mother, on their specially constructed bicycle made for two and a half. But, to tell the truth Baby's incline is to be a little bit jealous of Junior, who has a bicycle all to himself and who is very proud of having ridden from Bridlington to Huddersfield, some 60 miles in one day.

All the same, the Friths say Baby gets in some private practise at home on the kiddie car, and will soon be graduating to a real road tricycle. Then it won't be long before the entire family are a wheel.

Two Australian Churches Support Wider Union

Adelaide, S. Aust. — In outlining further negotiations that had proceeded for a wider union of the Methodist and Congregational churches, the Rev. Principal Edward S. Kiek said that the world crisis had emphasized the urgency of breaking down obsolete sectarian barriers.

Principal Kiek told the half year meeting of the Congregational Union that after Presbyterian reluctance to further a scheme for a triple union, efforts had been made to explore avenues for Methodist and Congregational unity. Meetings had been held in Sydney where it was agreed that the union was desirable and in Adelaide where it was recommended that a basis for unity, to safeguard reasonable freedom in theological thought and expression, should be prepared.

Duchess of York Uses Modern China for Tea

You are wrong if you imagine that guests who go to tea with the Duchess of York are asked to slip from heirloom china, writes a woman correspondent in a London daily newspaper. The Duchess is modern in many things—and especially in the arrangement of her home. She believes nothing is more charming than the designs and especially the colorings of modern china so the two teasetts that are used on alternate days in her drawing room at Piccadilly are exactly the same type that you could buy for yourself in any up to date china shop.

The grander of the Duchess of York teasetts is tinted in palest peach. The cups have gold handles and round the rims a delicate scroll design in gold forms a deep band.

The other set is of ivory with white jonquils appearing like stars against its deep bands of springtime green. It strikes a very joyous note.

By BUD FISHER

MUTI AND JEFF

