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EDITORIAL

The United States and the League of Nations

Despatches from the United States predicting that that country will accept the invitation of the League of Nations to participate in its preliminary disarmament studies and that the Senate is ready to approve United States adherence to the permanent Court of International Justice, are causing much interest in League of Nations circles. There they are interpreted as indications of increased United States co-operation with the nations which consult together at Geneva.

Universal Amity Engendered by the Radio

It was almost an uncanny feeling which crept over us as we "listened in" New Year's evening to the first British concert of music broadcasted by radio. As the sounds came stealing out of the air when we sat comfortably by our fireside, it seemed like voices from that realm beyond the veil, of which our scientific friends are so learnedly debating. It was a genuine annihilation of space, for it is stated the transmission took a quarter of a second, and then it was passed on down to Central and South America and to the Pacific Coast and away over the great western ocean to the beautiful coral islands of the southern seas, and we sat and listened while the American band played hymns of good will in the national anthems of many nations, all of which were distinctly heard in the various lands for which they were intended. Talk about your fellowship clubs, radio is proving the greatest agency for universal amity which has ever been discovered or devised.

The Benefits of Workmen's Compensation

The Workmen's Compensation Board for the Province of Ontario has just issued a statement showing that the Board awarded $5,565,443.39 in benefits in 1925. This figure is noticeably lower than the total for 1924, which was $6,122,820.34. While compensation awarded has been less, the total number of accidents has been greater, amounting in 1925 to 60,012, as compared with 58,675 during 1924. One notable feature of the accident statistics, however, is the decrease in fatalities, the total number in 1925 being 345 which is considerably less than the figures for 1924 which were set at 402. This alone is a most important item to the whole Province. It is evident from the figures issued by the Board that while minor accidents show an increase, probably due in part to better reporting, the serious and more costly types of accidents are on the down grade.

Will Lawbreakers be Allowed to Rule

There appears to be a percentage of people in the country who are easily discouraged in the matter of maintaining moral issues and giving the prestige of their influence in the enforcement of law. This, particularly in connection with the Ontario Temperance Act. The qestion is whether a great and beneficial reform is to be adandoned or made less effective at the bidding of a small group of desperate lawbreakers. That is all that is involved in the argument about bootlegging. It means that if the bootleggers and their customers will only fight the law hard enough, the people who cast enormous majorities for prohibition, and who are enjoying the benefits of prohibition, will meekly surrended. The other course it to fight as against a foreign invader, and enlist all the forces of law and order against the transgressors, exploring the whole field of law and reputable police methods, until the right remedy is found.

Canada Not Dependent Upon United States Anthracite Coal

The people of Ontario, and even farther afield, are getting accustomed to burning anthracite coal substitutes, and are rapidly coming to the conclusion that Canada is not dependent upon the anthracite coal mines of the United States, with their regular recurring miners' strikes. The necessary use of soft coal, boulets, etc., has shown that these substitutes can be utilized very satisfactorily. Oil burners are also being installed in many homes also, and this change from coal to oil will greatly reduce the demand for hard coal. Wherever Hydro electric current is available it also is being rapidly adopted for cooking ranges and auxiliary heating equipment. The necessary use of fuel substitutes this winter may eventually, mean a blessing to Canada in giving the people practical demonstration that hard coal is not a necessity, and in inducing our citizens over a much wider area than heretofore to adopt the consumption of our own excellent varieties of bituminous coal.

Collingwood's New Collegiate Institute

The new Collegiate Institute at Collingwood was officially opened by Lieut.-Governor H. Cockshutt last week, with Prime Minister Ferguson, Minister of Education, also present. The Collingwood Bulletin gives a highly interesting detailed and illustrated report of the historic event, a report admirably written and replete with desirable information. It is very creditable to Editor Williams to thus prepare in convenient form this chapter of local history covering a period of three-quarters of a century. It is very fitting also because his esteemed father, the late William Williams, became principal of the Collingwood Grammar School which was the nucleus of the fine Collingwood Collegiate Institute which has earned so wide a prestige in Ontario, in 1873, and on May 15, 1925 officially laid the corner stone of the building destroyed by fire in December, 1923. The cost of the new building was $140,000.

The Situation at Ottawa

The present situation in the House of Commons is unparalled in Canada's history. Neither of the old parties has a majority in the House, consequently the Progressives and Independents hold the balance of power. For weeks the readers of the Conservative papers have been told that the Liberals are aiming to retain office, although the Conservative representation in the House outnumber them by fifteen. As a matter of fact, the Conservative party is outnumbered by thirteen. Either party is dependent upon the Progressives for power to carry on. The Mail and Empire says the King Government is endeavoring to carry on for the sake of the fruits of office. And, pray, why is Mr. Meighen's supporters so anxious to get into office, but for the same objective. This is not saying much for the primary object of either party, but unfortunately it appears to be very near the truth in both cases. A week or so will prove which party is the better able to command a majority sufficient to properly administer the affairs of our country. Whether the King administration did the right thing in meeting parliament, or whether it should have resigned several weeks ago and handed the situation over to Mr. Meighen will soon be determined.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Bramptonian, which was established in Brampton by J. E. Fullarton in May last, has ceased publication. This journal pointed out when it came into the field that there was not room for three papers in Brampton under present condition. Mr. Fullarton was wise in discontinuing when he did. The Bramptonian was a very creditable publication, however.

One of the most sprightly weekly papers in Eastern Ontario is the Carleton Place Canadian. It is piling up years of useful service to the community, and last week celebrated its fifty-first birthday. Mr. T. A. J. Davis, the publisher, is a newspaper man by instinct and training, and his long practical experience enables him to keep his paper in the front ranks.

The people of Fergus evidently have faith in their town, for they purchased nearly the whole issue of $50,000 debentures for the street-paving enterprise of last year. But why did they make their purchase of these local debentures from a Toronto financial house, instead of buying them direct from their own town treasurer? Acton people have the habit of buying local debentures at home, and thus saving the bond dealers' commissions.

The Provincial Legislature is announced to open on Wednesday, February 10th. It is anticipated that the session will be a lengthy one, but it will be prolific of much interest for those who believe in prohibition as a feature of social uplift which Ontario should not discard. It is pretty generally conceded that the next provincial election, whenever it comes, will be fought on this issue. It will be well for the people of Ontario to be ready for such an issue.

A dispatch from Winnipeg says: "Bootleggers have made such inroads into the profits of the Manitoba Liquor Commission that the authorities have offered a reward for the apprehension of violators or information that will lead to the seizure of illicit stills. It is estimated that the Commission's profits decreased $100,000 in 1925." Let's see! Isn't Manitoba under Government control? And didn't the opponents of the Ontario Temperance Act clamor in the plebiscite election of 1924 for the repeal of that act so that bootlegging might be entirely wiped out?

The Forest Free Press has commenced its forty-eight volume with a vigor and an experience which is admirable. For nearly half a century the Free Press has championed very worthily the interests of Forest and of Lambton County generally. The editor of the Free Press, Mr. H. J. Pettypiece, Ex-M.P.P., has been the editor and publisher for forty-three years. He has seen Forest make substantial progress, and has himself influenced in a large degree the adoption of improvements and utilities which tend to make the town the go-ahead place it is.

The draft horses of Belgium have the reputation of being the largest and strongest in the world. This is partly because the Belgians stuck to their standards during the war, and refused to breed lighter horses for cavalry and artillery. They went on raising large-framed, energetic work horses which stand so high in the estimation of Canadian and United States farmers and draft-horse users. During the visit of the editor to Belgium no stock of any kind was more admired than these fine, heavy-draft Belgian horses, with their great strength and fine appearance.

"There is in Canada to-day $125,000,000 more money available for general business purposes than usual at this time of year," says Sir John Aird, the president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. "There is plenty of money available to finance new undertakings needed for the development of Canada. The Dominion is in splendid shape to go ahead. Manufacturers, in practically all lines and commercial houses in general, have reduced their indebtedness to an extent impossible for several years past. All the banks show the same thing—a great reduction in commercial loans and a big increase in bank investments in stocks and bonds."

COUNTING THE COST

The dinner table was set, and mother and father were waiting; the little son had been away all morning. Suddenly they heard him coming along the walk. In three jumps he was up the steps, and, bursting through the open door, he eagerly ran to his mother, holding up for inspection a shining fish.

"Mother, see what I have caught!" he cried. "Isn't it a fine one."

"Yes, I see the fish, and it is very fine," said the mother. "I am sure you must be proud to have caught it, but I see something larger and more important than the fish. I see a pair of good shoes covered with slimy mud from sole to top, a pair of stockings torn in several places, suit of clothes so soiled that it will have to be cleaned before it is fit to be worn again. And I see a boy who disobeyed his mother and went to the stream alone. Do you think the fish was worth it? Do you think I can be well pleased with even so fine a fish after you paid such a price for it?"

As the boy looked at his soiled shoes and clothes he realized with shame his disobedience toward one whom he really loved better than anyone else in the world. He turned from his fish that had appeared so attractive at first and that had seemed such a big achievement, and with downcast face took his place at the table.

When the meal was over, he said, "After this I am going to think what it means to other people and not just to myself when I start doing anything. It is far more fun to please you than to catch fish—after it is over. I don't like fishing so well as I thought I did."

And what of grown-up children who go fishing for the prizes in life? Is there such a thing as paying too high a price for a coveted prize? Is it possible to win success and at the same time lose that which makes success worth while? Do we pay too high a price for our fish?

It is possible to gain great wealth at the price of honor, advancement at the price of a good conscience, temporary reputation at the price of character, popular applause at the price of truth. It is possible to gain worldly ease and the pleasures of sin at the price of eternal life. "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" True success consists sometimes in relinquishing, not in achieving.

EVERYWHERE AT ONCE

The Argonaut prints an anecdote received from the navy yard at Mare Island, California. It is told by a naval officer, who at the time of the occurrence was a midshipman just out of the Academy. His vessel was destroying a blockade runner, aground near the entrance of Mobile Bay. All at once the disabled craft returned the fire, and a shot passed directly over the Union vessel.

"I was stationed on the forecastle," said the naval officer, "and I give you my word I thought that shot was coming straight for my head, or at any rate was going to graze it. My first impulse was to dodge; my next was to feel ashamed of my cowardice, and to glance around to see if any one had observed it.

"A consoling sight met my eyes. The captain and the first lieutenant, aft on the poop deck, were just straightening up, and I heard the captain say in a tone of relief:

"'By George! that was a close shave. The confounded thing must have passed just over our heads.

"I wondered how that could be, seeing it had gone directly over mine, and at that instant I heard the voice of an Irishman who had occupied a position midway between me and the officers:

"'Begorry, b'yes,' said he, 'I could have caught it in me hat!'"

RIDDLES

Why is an old man's sheep farm that is run by his sons like the focus of a burning-glass?

Because it is a place where the sons raise meat. (Sun's rays meet.).

What is the difference between a soldier and a clock?

A soldier marks time with his feet and a clock marks time with its hands.

Why is a snake up a tree like a boy doing his sums?

Because he is and adder up.

What is it that all the people in the world are doing at this very moment?

Going around with the world.

When is the sun generous?
When it tips the clouds with gold.

Where was the first potato grown?
In the earth.

What is the saddest sight at a wedding feast?
The cake is usually in tears (tiers).

MAKING IT WORTH WHILE

There was a measure of philosophy in the conduct of a certain Irishman of whom a story is printed in Current Literature.

In walking over a plank sidewalk while counting some money, he dropped a nickel, which rolled into a crack between two of the planks. He was much put out, and continued on his way, grumbling audibly.

Early the next morning a friend, while walking by the spot, discovered the Irishman in the act of deliberately dropping a dollar down the same hole. The friend was, of course, astonished, and desiring to learn why Pat should throw away money, inquired his reasons, and received the following explanation:

"It was this way," said Pat. "It's yesterday I was passin' this way, when I lost a nickel down that hole. Now, I reasoned that it wasn't worth me while to pull up that sidewalk for a nickel, but last night a scheme struck me, and I am dropping down the dollar to make it worth me while."

THEY WERE DISCUSSING THE MATTER

The Brooklyn Citizen tells about a farmer who said to his negro servant:

"Jim, have you fed the horses?"
"Yassir."
"What did you feed 'em?"
"Hay."
"Did you feed the cows?"
"Yassir."
"What did you feed 'em?"
"Hay."
"Did you feed the ducks?"
"Yassir."
"What did you feed 'em?"
"Hay."
"Did they eat it?"
"Nawsir; dey didn't actly eat it, so far as I saw, but dey was talking about it when I left."

THIS IS A GREAT AGE

Never in all history did men have so much to live for as they have now, never did they have so much to live in, never did they have so much to live with—and yet, never did they seem to have so little to live by. We live in a world to-day where the very air is quivering with human speech, where the skies are actually vibrating with music and song, where every thought we think "goes shivering to the stars." Literally and actually the time has come when "deep calleth unto deep" and when "day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night showeth knowledge."—Exchange.

Neighborhood News--Town and Country

MILTIN

R. McJannet spent New Year's in Woodstock with his brothers, Ed. and Jack.

J. F. Little has been appointed issuer of automobile licenses, succeeding G. A. Hemstreet, resigned.

Mrs. I. Baker of Waterdown, and her daughter, Miss Doris Bews, of the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, spent New Years here, the guests of Mrs. Wm. Bews.

There were only a couple of changes in Milton town Council for 1926. Harry London and R. B. Galbraith succeed G. Smithe and W. Morrison, retired. The two men ought to make good councillors.

The mild weather played hob with the ice at the Arena and curling rink last week, consequently all hockey games, skating and curling have been suspended for the present.

Wallace Dickin, of Owen Sound, an old Milton boy, headed the poll for councillors at the municipal elections held in Owen Sound, polling 2,027 votes, the next highest polling 1,915.

The annual meeting of the Milton Horticultural Society will be held this evening at eight o'clock in the Council Chamber.—Reformer.

BURLINGTON

Prof. H. L. Hutt gave an illustrated address on floriculture before the Horticultural Society on Tuesday evening.

Rob Hedley, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hedley, Hager Avenue, was taken to the Hamilton hospital on Friday last, suffering from a fractured skull as the result of a fall while skating at the rink on New Years eve.

About 2.30 on Saturday afternoon last, as Mr. E. W. Smith, Water St., was driving along the highway, he seen a robin in a hawthorne tree on Mr. Fong Young's property on the lake shore side of the road.

Burlington can truly be called he land of flowers, even in the winter time. On Tuesday, Mrs. W. Vallance picked a pansy in full bloom in her flower garden, and brought it to the Gazette office, where it is now on display.

Mr. E. J. Corwin reports the sale of 16 feet off F. W. Taylor's lot, Brant and James Streets, to Mr. E. A. Metcalfe. Mr. Metcalfe has already commenced the erection of a new store on the lot for for his heating and plumbing business.

A large registration of men is expected to take the "First Aid to the Injured" course at the Vocation classes at the High School to-morrow (Thursday) evening. Dr. A. H. Speers, M. O. H., will be in charge, and the classes will be continued every Thursday evening for six weeks.

ERIN

W. J. Wilson, Reeve of Caledon, won his election by a majority of 443 votes over his opponent, Thomas Quinn.

Mrs. W. W. Young and family, of the 10th line, were presented with handsome upholstered rockers on New Years eve, prior to their removal to Orangeville.

Rev. A. L. Platt, of the local Church of Christ, preached his farewell sermons on Sunday last. He intends residing in Hillsburg indefinitely, however.

The annual meeting of Erin Horticultural Society will be held in the Town Hall this evening.

The annual meeting of the Township of Erin Agricultural Society will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, January 20, at two o'clock.

Miss C. L. Shaw, teacher in the second room of the local public school, was unable to return to her duties after the vacation, being ill at her home at Pakenham.

Mr. Duncan McConnel has sold his residence on Main Street to Mr. Wm. Glassford of the village. He moved to the lower part of the village, where he will reside with Mr. James Faulkner, Mrs. McConnell's father, for the present.

The following are the new officers of L.O.L. No. 112, Erin, for the ensuing year: E. Wright, Master; J. Baird, Deputy Master; T. C. Foster, Chaplain; J. E. Austin, Recording Secretary; J. H. Scott, Financial Secretary; E. Scott, Treasurer; Jas. Irwin, Lecturer; Committee: H. Robinson, G. Jackson, A. McLeod, G. H. Scott and G. H. Walker.—Advocate.

GEORGETOWN

Mr. Clifford Creelman spent New Years with his wife and family who are visiting at Topeka, Kansas.

Mrs. W. A. Bailey, who underwent an operation at Wellesly Hospital, Toronto, on Tuesday, is progressing favorably.

Mr. Robert F. Leslie, of Norval, was the recipient of many hearty congratulations on Saturday last, January 2, when he celebrated his eightieth birthday. Mr. Leslie is still hale and hearty.

The annual meeting of Esquesing Agricultural Society will be held in the Council Chamber, Georgetown, on Wednesday, January 20th, at 2 p.m.

On Thursday evening, December 29, the Royal Arch Masons, of Georgetown, held their annual installation. Right Excellent Comps. H. Corke, J. T. Cameron, H. G. Mair and J. B. Wallace with Ex. Comph. Cotton and Findlay, of Guelph, performed the ceremony in a most impressive way. Ex-Comp. R. G. Arnold was honored with the principal office.

On Tuesday evening, December 29, 1925, the general officer commanding military district No. 2, Brigadier General A. E. Bell, C. M. G., D. S. O., and his staff, Colonel J. L. R. Parsons, G.S.O., Lieut. Col. Hilchie and Capt. Baird inspected "D" Company of the Halton Rifles at the Armories, Georgetown. There were 35 all ranks on parade. The General expressed himself as being very pleased with the way training had been carried on in spite of the adverse circumstances, lack of money and proper accommodation. The regiment under the command of Major H. M. Kennedy, is making great progress toward a strong and efficient unit and "D" company is helping to set the pace.—Herald.

HIS HEART WAS WON

A plainsman and his horse, a mountaineer and his dog, a spinster and her cat, an Irishman and his pig—all these suggest familiar opportunities of reaching an owner's heart through his pet animal.

The Nebraska Journal says that when Colonel Van Wyck, now of that State, was running for Congress many years ago, there was a certain Irishman who steadfastly refused to give the old soldier any encouragement. The colonel was greatly surprised therefore, when Pat informed him on election day that he had concluded to vote for him.

"Glad to hear it, glad to hear it,' said the colonel. "I rather thought you were against me, Patrick."

"Well, sir," said Patrick, "I wuz; and whin ye stud by me pig-pen and talked that day fur two hours or worse ye didn't budge me it hair's breadth, sir; but after ye wuz gone away I got to thinking how ye reached yer hand over the fence and scratched the pig on the back till he laid down wid the pleasure of it, and I made up me mind that whin a rile colonel was as sociable as that, I wasn't the man to vote agin him."

THE FACTORY EXPERIMENT

A Roman Catholic priest in a New York town lately announced from his pulpit that he wished his men and boys to raise their hats to a certain local minister when they met him on the street. This unusual request was the result, not of articles upon church unity, but of a personal exemplification of brotherly love.

The minister in the case is settled in a little town in the east, says the Church Economist, in which there is also a large factory. He went one day to the owners of the tannery and said, "You have two hundred men in your employ. Few of them ever enter a church. Some are notoriously drunken. When wine is in, wit is out. I want to help them by preaching a series of sermons on every-day life. I think I can do something to make them better for you; and better men mean better work."

The members of the firm consulted among themselves, and at length offered to give an hour's time each noon for two weeks. The experiment began on Monday, and each day's meeting marked some step of progress. On Saturday the speaker appealed to the men to take their wives and children to church the next day. All the local pastors reported a large attendance of working men with their families that had attended their churches on the following Sunday. At one church two men asked the clergyman to give them the temperance pledge.

A Sermon on "Bunyan, the Swearing Tinker," led to the formation of an anti-swearing society, and most of the men in the factory joined it. The talk upon John B. Gough influenced forty men to take the pledge of abstinence. The last day of the services the old, old story of the cross was told as if for the first time, and eighty men rose to express a desire to lead a new life. As the last hymn was announced, a member of the firm rose to testify the value of the services. He had already raised the wages of a score of men who were doing better work. Employees who had been given to intemperance, who were blasphemous, foulmouthed, saucy and hard to get on with, were now more sober, more industrious, more painstaking.

The bitter opposition of a saloon-keeper, which the minister incurred because his sermons had decreased the liquor seller's profits one-half, was perhaps no less significant of results than the direction of the priest that his men salute the minister on the street.

The power of one man who says "I will" is inestimable. This incident of the tannery meetings—true in every detail—confirms it.

HOW'S THIS

An extensive owner of city real estate was called upon at his office one morning by a stranger who asked him:

"Is this Mr. Philpot?"

"Yes, sir," he replied.

"You own the property at 575 Bumblethorpe Avenue, don't you?"

"Yes."

"I am told that you are trying to sell it."

"I am."

"I should like to buy it, if your price is reasonable enough."

"May I ask who you are?"

"I am Professor Goodkind of the University. I have bought the place next to No. 575 for a residence, and to be frank, I don't like the kind of tenants you rent your house to. I wish to buy it and select my own neighbors."

"No, sir!" answered the owner of the property. "That puts a different aspect on the matter. I don't care to sell the place now. I shall keep it, and raise the rent on the ground that the neighborhood is improving."

A CANNIBAL'S DISH

"My dear, listen to this, and tell me what you make of it!" exclaimed the elderly English lady to her husband, on her first visit to Canada.

She held the hotel menu almost at arm's length and spoke in a tone of horror:

"Baked Indian pudding!' Can it be possible in a civilized country?"

GEMS OF THOUGHT

Overcoming the world implies overcoming a state of worldly anxiety. Worldly men are almost incessantly in a fever of anxiety lest their worldly schemes should fail. But the man who gets above the world gets above this state of ceaseless and corroding anxiety.—Charles G. Finney.

When I choose my friend I will not stay till I have received a kindness; but I will choose such a one that can do me many if I wish them. But I mean such kindnesses which make me wiser and which make me better.—Jeremy Taylor.

Over the future God has cast a veil, which it is not for us in our curiosity to try to raise. Of this only we may be sure, that those who sought communion with Jesus upon earth are enjoying still higher communion now.

Work, to my idea, is not enough for any man or woman; one needs love as well. Work and love are the full complement of contentment. The one helps the other to make a perfect whole.—Olive Gregory.

It's not what you'd do with a million if riches should be your lot, but what you are doing at present with the dollar and a half you have got.

The path of a good woman is indeed strewn with flowers; but they rise behind her steps, not before them.—John Ruskin.

The noblest deeds of heroism are done within four walls, not before the public gaze.—Jean Paul Ritcher.

KEEPING POTATOES FROM SUNBURNING

Many housewives have to use sunburned potatoes throughout the winter and spring, as the result of a little heedlessness. They wonder why their potatoes turn dark when they are cooked and are not more mealy and palatable. Too much light in the cellar is frequently the cause. Potatoes may be injured by sunshine without actually showing sunburn on the surface. Often you can detect the slight greenish tinge just beneath the skin when there are no outward signs of it. It may be seen at times as a distinct layer of green cells immediately below the outer skin.

In the ordinary cellar potatoes are kept in too much light. The housewife uses those from the top of the pile and thus exposes those beneath, which in turn are subjected to the unfavorable light rays. In that way it is easy to be using sunburned potatoes constantly without realizing it. Potatoes that have been in a light room or in line with the sunlight shining through a cellar window for only a few days are seriously injured. They are heavy and soggy, dark colored, and not uniform in texture when cooked.

It is always advisable to keep the potato pile covered with gunny sacks, canvas or some such material if the cellar is at all light. It is still easier to tack gunny sacks over the windows.

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