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WAR AND RUMORS OF WAR

The news of the world these days is featured by uprisings and turmoil and distress in all sections of the globe and observers in every land are speculating on the possibility of war. God forbid that such should be the outcome. Surely by now the peoples of the world have learned that war will not solve our problems, but will rather only create new problems and more distress.

THE MODERN ATLAS

Atlas no longer supports the civilized world. Rather, the burden rests upon the supple shoulders of a flexible-muscled young giant, a tawny haired, swiftly-moving youth known as Electricity. He stands with feet firmly planted at the opposite poles while coursing through his body, from negative to positive, flows the greatest force known to mankind to-day.

Some call it white coal, some call it a natural phenomenon, others call it indefinable force.

Call it what one will, it is the thing to-day which hurls voices and music around the world; which turns the motors of the industries which have made Canada a great country; pulls long trains of cars laden with human freight and valuable merchandise; lights the greatest city and the smallest hamlet.

It is the thing which is taking drudgery out of the housewife's daily tasks. It is the thing which enables science to see the inside of the human body and other matter. It is the power which courses through the veins of the world to-day, every bit as necessary as the red blood which flows through the circulatory system of the human body.

No one catastrophe could befall the world to-day which would be more paralyzing or more devastating in its effect than the sudden loss of the natural phenomenon called electricity. Man can hardly conceive of modern civilization continuing without this benevolent force.

MUNICIPAL PROBLEMS

There are three main reasons why municipal councils finish the year's business with a deficit. The first is that the estimates of the year's expenditures are not given enough careful attention. The second is that after the estimates are passed too often the council and committees fail to live up to them and spend money and embark on schemes for which no provision was made.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

The eleventh annual Commencement exercises of Richmond Hill High School is one of the outstanding events of the week. The people of this district are justly proud of the Richmond Hill High School which enjoys a high standing among the fine educational institutions of the province.

A GREATER PERIL

A game of checkers so excited four Apache Indians that a fight followed which ended in four deaths. The authorities had better keep this tribe in ignorance of contract bridge.—Edmonton Journal.

PERSECUTION DOESN'T PAY

The indignation of the world against Dictator Hitler's persecution of large numbers of German citizens guilty of nothing worse than the religious faith of their fathers and their race is beginning to make itself shown in dollars and cents—or rather in marks and pfennings.

Germany's favorable trade balance, that is, the excess of what she sells to the rest of the world over what she buys, was one-third less in 1933 than in the previous year. The world bought about \$320,000,000 less of German goods.

Boycotts against German goods organized as protests against the Nazi attitude toward the Jews undoubtedly were a factor in the shrinkage.

SKATING REVIVAL

The revival of the popularity of skating in this district this winter is very gratifying. Nothing but good can come from a more general revival of this healthful outdoor relaxation. Outdoor recreation is just as desirable in winter as in summer but unfortunately the trend in recent years has been to spend too much time indoors around the card tables or some other form of indoor recreation.

INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH FOR YORK COUNTY IN 1934

An important announcement of recent weeks is that the 1934 International Plowing Match staged annually by the Ontario Plowmen's Association will be held this year in York County. The first provincial match was held in York County just one hundred years ago, so it is fitting that the centenary event should be held in this county.

NEWTONBROOK

Mrs. W. R. Lang of Toronto will address the United Church Sunday School on "Temperance" next Sunday at 10 a.m. and will also give an address at the morning worship service.

Mrs. G. Lockerlie left last Saturday for Cleveland, Ohio, to visit her father who is very ill.

Mr. O. D. Bales, Mrs. J. C. Bales and Miss Helen Bales left by motor last Saturday to spend a couple of months in Florida.

Among those who attended the Ontario Prohibition Union Convention as delegates from the United Church were, Mrs. F. Summers, Mrs. H. Smith, Miss E. Street, Mr. and Mrs. Caines, Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Halbert and Mr. W. J. New.

The World's Day of Prayer service was held last Friday in Westminster Presbyterian Church, Willowdale, with Miss Olive Davies presiding. Representatives of the W.M. Societies of Lansing, Willowdale and Newtonbrook United Churches, St. George's Anglican Church, Willowdale, and the Baptist Church, Willowdale, took part in the prayer service.

The Y.P.S. were guests of Willowdale United Church Y.P.S. last Monday evening. The devotional period was conducted by Mr. F. Good of Willowdale and Newtonbrook Y.P.S. took the topic and the remainder of the program. Miss Mabel Gospel presided. Mrs. H. James and Miss Soden contributed to the program, also a solo by Rev. A. H. Halbert.

Concert under the auspices of the United Church choir is being held tonight (Thursday) in the Newtonbrook United Church. Miss Pearl Carter, elocutionist, will assist Ye Olde Tyem Village Quartette with the program. Come and enjoy a real happy evening. Concert commences at 8:15 p.m.

Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Halbert attended the "At Home" in Timothy Eaton Memorial Church last Tuesday evening of the Ministers Wives Association.

The W.M.S. met last Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. W. T. Wells with a good attendance, and the president, Mrs. Halbert, presiding. The devotional period was conducted by Mrs. Dempsey and Mrs. Arnold Douglas.

Mrs. R. F. Hicks reviewed chapters four and five in the study book "Living Issues in China." Very splendid reports were received from the delegates, Mrs. James and Mrs. Soden, of the annual meeting of the W.M.S. of Toronto Centre Presbyterian which was held on Feb. 1st.

Mrs. Halbert gave a report of Ontario Prohibition Union Convention which was held last week in Toronto. Mrs. Allan Wiltshire sang a solo very acceptably. Dainty refreshments were served with Mrs. Nelson Smith and Mrs. W. T. Wells as hostesses.

BENNETT BANS KNITTING

One of the minor news items from Ottawa is the banning of knitting in the gallery of the House. It was permitted during the war, but the boys are out of the trenches and socks for the soldiers are no longer an excuse.

The banning notice from Mr. Speaker does not imply that "socks" have entirely lost popularity in the House. But they will be delivered by the members—to the enemy—and will not be soft and woolly—nor always a good fit.

It is a long time since the hectic years 1914-18, when the loyalty of feminine hearts expressed itself in knitting for the boys. Many a girl learned to knit whose education with the needles might have been delayed. But that was slight recompense for the sufferings of war—The record knitters, however, were older ladies who did the work at home.

The dignity of parliament is restored. There is to be no more fussy flashing and clicking of needles to distract the members when they arise to discuss weighty affairs of state.

You say that if a millionaire Should happen to propose to you You'd turn him down for love of me, You'd be that true? I'm sorry, dear, this is the end; I hate to cause you pain, But I can't love a woman who Admits that she's insane.

Man—"The doctor says I need a change of climate." Neighbor—"What are you going to do?" Man—"Pray for an early Spring."

KING CITY

The Y.P.S. on Tuesday evening, Feb. 6th, was in charge of the Missionary Convener, Miss Ruth Campbell. An illustrated lecture on the "Life and Habits of the Korean People" was given. Miss Mabel Rumble had charge of the recreation period.

The United Church W.M.S. was held on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 8th, at the home of Mrs. V. Hall. Mrs. V. Gates and Mrs. J. Archibald gave wonderful reports of the annual conference held in St. George's Church, Toronto.

Rev. Davis has commenced the annual Lenten Services in the Sunday School room of the United Church. The first service was held last Wednesday evening and this week will be held on Thursday evening and continue each Thursday evening at 8 p.m. during this season. On Good Friday an illustrated lecture will be given and Laskay and Teston congregations will be invited. The pastor is very anxious that all the members attend these services.

The ladies of the Baptist, Anglican, Presbyterian and United Churches observed the Universal Day of Prayer on Friday afternoon of last week. The service was held in the Baptist Church with Mrs. (Rev.) Hardy and Mrs. (Rev.) McClaren as leaders.

The Mission Band will meet on Saturday afternoon in the United Church Sunday School rooms at 2:30 p.m.

The Y.P.S. had a Valentine Social on Tuesday evening after the regular meeting. The Y.P.S. paper "The King's Herald" was read by Miss Madeline Tankard.

The Young Canada Movement are holding a meeting in McDonald and Wells Hall on Wednesday evening, Feb. 28th. This meeting is open to all as it is non-political and non-denominational. Questions of economic importance will be dealt with. There will also be a musical program. Every one interested are cordially invited.

The Harmonic Club open meeting was held in the United Church Sunday School room on Monday evening, Feb. 12th. Miss Eva Dennis had charge of the program. A most interesting paper prepared and given by Mrs. W. Rolling "Soul Thoughts of Great Men of the Past and Present" was immensely enjoyed by all. Piano duets were given by Misses Lillian Leece and Mary McCallum; violin solo, Miss A. Carson; piano solos, Misses Mary McCallum and Dorothy Armstrong and Master George Armstrong. Musical contests were held after the meeting.

We are pleased to see Mrs. J. Dew at home again after being ill in Toronto for the past two weeks.

Mrs. E. Knowles and two children Janet and Shirley of Providence, U. S. A., have been visiting at Mrs. J. McDonalds the past week.

The "Fireside Club" members gathered at the home of Mrs. W. Rolling on Thursday and spent a delightful evening in honor of Mrs. E. Knowles, a former member of the club.

Misses Audrey and Hilda Patton entertained a few of the young ladies on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Boyce of Palgrave is visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. Davis, this week.

A number from here attended the funeral of the late Mr. Hiram Hamilton of Laskay on Thursday afternoon.

NEW METHODS NEEDED FOR NEW CONDITIONS

Dr. Tanner of Midland, a Liberal candidate for the provincial legislature, speaking in Orillia last week, denounced the Henry government for its failure to meet the needs of the present day. There is no use, he said, applying old remedies to new conditions and that is exactly what the present administration in Queen's Park is trying to do.

The opinion was expressed by the candidate that the present administration, instead of helping conditions, was making the poor man who needed assistance, poorer, and making the rich, richer. He ridiculed government leaders who blamed Ontario conditions on a world wide depression.

At one point of his address, Dr. Tanner compared the government to a "sick man" and the Liberal party to a physician. "I think it is a very apt comparison," the candidate said, "for the government is certainly sick." He referred to what he called its most notable afflictions as "spendicitis," "wasticitis" and "favorismicitis." There is plenty of evidence the government is afflicted with all these "diseases," the speaker said.

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