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CARRVILLE

Mrs. Bert Middleton and Marion are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Walker at Edgeley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bone visited Mrs. Dennie at Victoria Square on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Burton attended the golden wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. M. Stoddard at Woodville last Tuesday.

We are sorry to report that Walter Mitchell had his hand caught in the circular saw, but glad it is doing nicely.

Messrs. A. and F. Everingham of Toronto spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Stan Woods.

Miss Josephine Delbrocco has been in St. Michael's Hospital for a couple of weeks and underwent a tonsil operation. We hope for her speedy recovery.

The Young People of Carrville held a sleigh riding party on Tuesday evening and went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Waters for lunch.

Mrs. Brock Rear returned to her home at Barrie after spending nearly three months with her mother Mrs. Hancock.

Little Gordon Woods swallowed some Gillett's Lye accidentally last week and was in the hospital a few days. His tongue was quite badly burned but is healing nicely now.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Clarke, Mrs. Hancock and Madelene Clarke spent Good Friday with friends at Newmarket.

EDGELEY

A Euchre under the auspices of Edgeley Red Cross will be held on Wednesday, April 3rd at 8.30 p.m. in Edgeley Hall. Six regular prizes, four freeze-out prizes, 6 lucky frame prizes.

Views of Others on Timely Topics

BASIS OF BRITAIN'S UNITY

This war has shown the strength of those intangible bonds which link the British Dominions to England. Under the Statute of Westminster, the Dominion of Canada and South Africa are independent of the Mother Country as to foreign policy, yet they, as well as Australia and New Zealand rallied instantly to its support upon the outbreak of war. There is good reason to believe that this was a major and most unpleasant surprise to Hitler, who was convinced that the British Empire would break up rather than be drawn into another European conflict.

Nothing would be less helpful, however, than to pretend that no strain has been put upon the unity of the Commonwealth by the war. That there have been serious stresses and even some cleavage is only too evident, and there is no effort to deny this in Whitehall.

The storm over the sudden and unexpected elections in Canada and particularly the resistance by the Nationalists in South Africa, as well as questionings and unrest in India, illustrate the gravity of the test through which Britain's Empire is passing.

In Canada protests aroused by the elections seem to have been motivated mainly by political considerations. Nevertheless, the unity of the Empire is indirectly an issue, although it takes the form, not of whether Canada should continue to aid England—this is questioned only by a small minority—but whether enough is being done to prove Canada's determined loyalty and active allegiance.

Likewise in India the unrest and dissension brought to the surface by the problem of Indian aid to the Allies is to some extent political. The Congress leaders and other Nationalist elements are in a measure exploiting the present situation against England; that is to say, they are standing out against Indian participation in the war in the hope of obtaining from London more precise pledges of independence in return for the support which presumably they would then give.

In South Africa, on the other hand, the trouble goes much deeper. It is not merely a conflict of personalities between General Smuts and General Hertzog, and it is much more than a purely political or parliamentary battle. Fundamentally, it is a problem arising out of the federal basis both of the British Commonwealth and of South Africa itself. It is a test case of the ability of the federal system to function properly and to endure when exposed to the heat of wartime friction.

For the present strain on South African unity results from the sharp racial and national cleavage which goes back to the Boer War. The conflict in Europe has once again brought to the surface this division. It has uncovered a situation too often slurred over, namely, that the Afrikaans-speaking people in the Union have differences not only of language but of outlook which have tended to make them respond sympathetically to certain Nazi teachings, despite their own deep-rooted individualism and love of liberty. The question must be put, and today is being asked, why the English-speaking population have failed to do more to win them over, to awaken a stronger loyalty to the democratic ideals for which Britain is fighting, and on which the unity of the Empire depends.

That this need has been laid bare and is now more clearly seen is an encouraging sign. Once the problem has been perceived, steps can be taken to solve it. The unifying force in South Africa itself, as in the larger federation of the British Commonwealth, is the community of spiritual ideals—ideals of law, liberty, democracy, justice. The strength of the unity, in both cases, depends upon the purity and vitality of the ideal. If there is a need for burnishing up these ideals in thought and for applying them with greater humanity in practise, surely this need, once discerned, can be met. It is of the greatest importance, not only to South Africa and the British Empire, but to the world, that every possible proof be given of the practicability of the federal system and of its ability to surmount the difficulties and resist the disruptive forces which war puts in its path.—Christian Science Monitor.

Let us see to it that our lives, like jewels of great price, be noteworthy not because of their width, but because of their weight.

—Seneca.

CONFUCIUS GAVE SOME GOOD ADVICE ABOUT GOVERNMENT

Confucius was really a wise old owl, although those who hear only the remarks, some sapient, but mostly silly, which are going the rounds as a result of the "Confucius Say" fad might be doubtful of it.

But even at a time when elections are in the air, it is perhaps instructive to take a glimpse at Confucius and his advice to rulers. Duke A had asked: "What should be done to make the people loyal?" And Confucius replied: "Exalt the straight, set aside the crooked, the people will be loyal. Exalt the crooked, set aside the straight, the people will be disloyal."

Confucius had the idea that government was a matter for gentlemen. But that depends, of course, on what is meant by a gentleman. Plato, you recall, suggested that government should be in the hands of philosophers. But as Lord Samuel pointed out the other day in discussing German philosophy, the success of that experiment would depend on whether they were good or bad philosophers.

The Chinese sage, however, gives us a glimmering of what he means. His reason for preferring gentlemen was: "Gentlemen cherish worth; the vulgar cherish dirt. Gentlemen trust in justice; the vulgar trust in favor." And to Tzu-Chan he made this tribute: "In four ways he was a gentleman. His own life was modest; he honored the man whom he served; he was kind to the people; he was just in his calls upon them."

There may be a touch of paternalism in that view, but otherwise the outlook seems sound in a troubled world.—Orillia News Letter.

CRITICISM IS SO EASY

Thomas Richard Henry gets off the following in a recent issue of The Toronto Evening Telegram:

We heard a university professor getting sarcastic the other day about small errors in newspapers.

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The printer sets it with one eye on the clock watching for quitting time.

The proof reader skims through it for errors, with one eye on the clock and the other on the pretty girl who reads the copy aloud to him.

And steaming with the speed with which it has been handled, the newspaper story stands before the reader in print, a half-hour after it was just a nebulous theory in the mind of some reporter.

Then a university professor chortles with glee because he finds a present and a past tense playing hide and seek with each other in one paragraph.

But take a university professor.

When he sets out to write anything he takes six weeks to write one short chapter of a book.

The printer sets it, then the proofs come back to the professor.

He reads them.

His secretary reads them.

His wife reads them.

His married daughter reads them.

Then he gets an expert to read them.

Six years later the book is printed—with an extra page enumerating the mistakes that have been missed.

He makes the mistakes appear learned and respectable, however, by calling them "errata".

Unionville

LOOK—City Dairy Co., Toronto, are bringing a male chorus of 24 voices to Township Hall, Unionville, Monday, April 8th at 8 p.m. Program will consist of choruses, quartettes, solos, piano accordionist, ventriloquist, etc. Get your tickets early. 25c. and 15c.

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