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A CURE FOR CANCER

The public has reason for wonderment in regard to the case of Miss Rene M. Caisse, of Bracebridge. This lady makes claims to having found a cure for cancer, or at least a treatment that greatly alleviates the disease. The medical profession appears to be agreed that cancer is one of the modern menaces to life and human happiness and the profession asserts that no cure is available as yet. In her own district Miss Caisse has a large and devoted following. She has been treating cancer with the consent of doctors for some thirteen years. There are scores of cures credited to her treatment, though practically all of the cases coming to her attention are those in the more hopeless stages of the disease. In most of the cases treated by Miss Caisse considerable alleviation of suffering has resulted, and there appears to be a large number of fully attested cures. At the present time Miss Caisse has about 250 patients under treatment. So impressive has been Miss Caisse's success in the treatment of cancer that nearly 17,000 people, including many physicians and nurses, signed a petition to the Ontario Department of Health asking that Miss Caisse's method be accepted and used by the medical profession in cancer cases. Miss Caisse was granted formal permission by the Dept. of Health of Ontario to conduct her clinic for the treatment of cancer. At the same time, however, Miss Caisse is not recognized by the medical profession and there appears to be a tendency on the part of the profession to discount her claims and to frown on her attempts to treat cancer cases. In the past—as at the present time—doctors have advised patients with cancer to try Miss Caisse's treatment. She has had cases from all over Ontario and beyond. People in Bracebridge and Huntsville are inclined to speak of her work for cancer patients in enthusiastic terms. The newspapers in the district in which she lives give her hearty support. This is probably the strongest approval for the woman and her methods, as the newspapers are in excellent position to know the facts of the matter and to judge the situation from the standpoint of public welfare.

So far as a cursory study of the matter suggests, Miss Caisse appears to have given very careful and earnest study to the matter of cancer. Her theory is that cancer can not be cured by operation—the chief treatment offered by the doctors. She says that cutting the growths simply aggravates the disease. Her method of treatment is the use of a discovery that she names "Essiac." Essiac is given hypodermically. It is said to be harmless even to a well person and there is little ill re-action after treatment. The claim is made for the treatment that it achieves good results. Even in advanced cases, the treatment relieves pain, stops bleeding and prolongs life.

There does not seem to be any official denial of the efficiency of Miss Caisse's treatment. Yet there is quite evidently a more or less organized effort to prevent any professional approval or endorsement of her treatment. It is all very puzzling to the lay public. If the treatment is of proven value, it would appear that the medical profession should give it proper standing and approval. On the other hand if it is no more than quackery, or even if Miss Caisse is simply mistaken and ill-advised in her claims, then the truth should be made known. The present attitude appears an impossible one. The record of the medical profession is all against the idea that doctors would disown a treatment that would help patients. It is a popular opinion, perhaps, that the medical profession hesitates to accept anything that is new or that does not originate in the profession itself. However popular such an idea may be in the public mind, it is not in accordance with the facts. Medical and surgical science could not have made the wonderful strides of the past few years with any such narrow attitude prevailing.

There may be some features of the matter that have not reached the public. In that case it would be well to take the public into full confidence. There does not seem to be any question of the good faith of Miss Caisse. Neither is there much doubt but that many cancer patients have been helped by her. Just at the present time the Health League of Canada is doing notable work in giving information to the public on the menace of cancer. The Health League of Canada includes a number of doctors of outstanding ability and recognized knowledge. Would not the Health League add to its prestige for public service and its value to public health, if it made an independent survey of the reported cancer cure and ascertained the facts. If Miss Caisse has discovered effective treatment for cancer, the benefit should be made known and made available in very general way. If the treatment is without value it is not well to disappoint sufferers with false hopes. The Health League of Canada might well add to its public usefulness by a close enquiry and study and an authoritative pronouncement in the matter.

PREMIER HEPBURN'S STAND

If the so-called "strike" at Oshawa had been an ordinary honest strike, Premier Hepburn would have settled it before it really started. As it was he was able to secure an increase of wages for the employees and was equally ready and able to induce the remedying of any other grievances the men might have as to hours or conditions. Evidently, however, the trouble was not due to low wages or undesirable conditions of employment. There have been stories of low rates of pay and objectionable hours, but when the premier in his downright way attempted to negotiate between the men and the employees, these were not the questions with which he was asked to deal. Indeed, when a delegation of the "strikers" went to interview the premier last week, they disclosed the unfortunate situation by their actions and attitude. They refused the conference because very rightly Premier Hepburn refused to negotiate with an alien agitator. Oshawa has its own labour leaders—able enough surely to state their case. If the strike were caused by genuine grievances, then the men would have been able to present their case and they would have found ready help and support from the Ontario premier. Hon. Mr. Hepburn, however, was shrewd enough to see that the strike was not due to wages or conditions but to politics—foreign politics at that. John L. Lewis with his Committee for Industrial Organization was simply carrying his battle against the American Federation of Labour into the Canadian arena. The American Federation of Labour through its affiliated labour unions has done more to better the situation of the worker than any other organization in the world. Its sane and safe methods have gradually won advantage for all trades and gained the respect and support of the public. The American Federation of Labour has always set its face against violence and law-breaking. It has built success and confidence on negotiation and agreements. Its progress in securing better wages and better conditions for the worker is its own justification and the proof of the virtue of its policy. It has always had to battle the hotheads and the lawless in its own ranks. During the depression this element gained some measure of power and control under the leadership of ambitious fellows who saw their chance for power and pay. In striving to prevent the introduction into Canada of the evil influence that has disrupted United States industry and seriously injured the interests of the worker, Premier Hepburn did a patriotic service to the country and showed himself a true friend of the worker. Whatever the eventual outcome this is a case where Hon. Mr. Hepburn has no reason for making excuse or apology. He did the right, the far-sighted, the patriotic thing with courage and despatch.

Years ago the battle was waged to establish the fact that labour had rights. That battle was won, and much of the credit for the victory must be given the American Federation of Labour and its affiliated unions. The racketeers in the labour ranks in the United States at the present time seem to be challenged for another battle—a battle to establish the fact that employers also have rights. The public have little real interest in changing one form of tyranny for another. The public includes both worker and employer. Indeed in the present day's complicated system, the employee in one line is often the capitalist in another through the investment of his savings. Many workers throughout the land, for instance, hold General Motors stock. What is needed is fair play on both sides. There is no public profit in turning an oppressive capitalism into the tyranny of a racketeering group of men who seek power and profit from exploiting the ranks of labour from inside. Every credit is due Premier Hepburn for his keen insight into this feature of the game attempted and his courage in taking his political life in his hands to oppose the exploitation of the workers by the cunning and the reckless.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

There are rumours that some of the Ontario Cabinet ministers may resign because of the premier's stand in regard to communism in labour agitation. It will be interesting to watch and see if Premier Hepburn's luck does hold and he does get rid of these members of his administration.

At a recent school examination the pupils were asked to define a coroner. One boy answered: "A crooner is the man at an inquest into a death." There is no justice in this world or that boy's answer would be practically correct.

"Hey, fellow," writes Gordon Sinclair to The Advance, "this is a private fight between me and Kirkland Lake." Hey, yourself, and see how you like it. And there are no private fights in this North Land when a Sassenach dares to insult and revile a good neighbour and a good town of good sports like Kirkland Lake.

In the interests of health as well as appearances every day should be "clean-up day" in Timmins these days. And the municipality might well set the example by cleaning up some of the worst-conditioned streets in town.

Will the new town hall be built this year? This is a question frequently asked. In 1935 the ratepayers voted in favour of a new town hall. Last year the Municipal Board did not give its approval



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(By A. H.)

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Have you ever been "nearly dead," when some friend with a keen sense of humour has come in and "snapped you out of it?" If you haven't such a friend, read Jerome K. Jerome's "Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow" and you will find a friend what is always on hand.

So that you will not have any doubts as to the nature of this book, I shall quote the preface:

"One or two friends to whom I showed these papers in MS. having observed that they were not half bad; and some of my relations having promised to buy the book, if it ever came out, I feel I have no right to longer delay its issue. But for this, as one may say, public demand, I, perhaps, should not have ventured to offer these mere 'idle thoughts' of mine as mental food for the English-speaking peoples of the earth. What readers ask nowadays in a book is that it should improve, instruct, and elevate. This book wouldn't elevate a cow. I cannot conscientiously recommend it for any useful purpose whatever. All I can suggest is, that when you get tired of reading 'the best hundred books,' you may take this up for half an hour. It will be a change."

As it would really be an impossibility to explain Mr. Jerome's book without quoting him, I shall simply quote: "I always do sit with my hands in my pockets, except when I am in the company of my sisters, my cousins, or my aunts; and they kick up such a shindy—I should say, expostulate so eloquently upon the subject—that I have to give in and take them out—my hands, I mean. The chorus to their objections is that it is not gentlemanly. I am hanged if I can see why. I could understand its not being considered gentlemanly to put your hands in other people's pockets (especially by the other people), but how, O ye sticklers for what looks this and what looks that, can putting his hands in his own pockets make a man less gentle!"

"Dear old ladies and gentlemen, who know nothing about being hard up—and may they never, bless their gray old heads—look upon the pawnshop as the last stage of degradation; but those who know it better (and my readers have, no doubt, noticed this themselves) are often surprised, like the little boy who dreamed he went to Heaven, at meeting so many people there that they never expected to see."

On Being in the Blues
"At length you drop into an uneasy and fitful slumber, have bad dreams, and wake up late the next morning."
"At least, this is all we poor single men can do under the circumstances. Married men bully their wives, grumble at the dinner, and insist on the children's going to bed. All of which, creating, as it does, a good deal of disturbance in the house, must be a great relief to the feelings of a man in the blues; rows being the only form of

to the project, though the need for a new town hall was both urgent and apparent. It may be, however, that the provincial authorities were confused or misled by the suggestion that the Central public school be taken over for a town hall. The ratepayers did not favour any such proposal, but this was the plan pressed on the Municipal Board at its session here last year. There are rumours now that plans are under way for the securing of another site for the town hall. Is this another scheme to further delay the building of a new town hall? The ratepayers have not endorsed any such scheme. It is more than doubtful if they would approve the new plans reported. In any case it would necessitate a new vote with the consequent delay implied by such a procedure. The present

amusement in which he can take any interest."

"And the moon, with its dark mysteries and ever-hidden face, is an arrangement for us to flirt under."

"It is in our faults and failings, not in our virtues, that we touch one another and find sympathy."

Jerome K. Jerome has compiled a book that is hearty and cheerful, and which, beneath its humour, carries many ideas that are worth bearing in mind, such as:

"Let us be vain, not of our trousers and hair, but of brave hearts and working hands, of truth, of purity, of nobility. Let us be too vain to stoop to eight that is mean or base, too vain for petty selfishness and little-minded envy, too vain to say an unkind word or do a single-act. Let us be vain of being single-hearted, upright gentlemen in the midst of a world of knaves. Let us pride ourselves upon thinking high thoughts, achieving great deeds, living good lives."

Cobalt Girl Orator at North Bay Contest

Young Lady to Represent North at North Bay Tomorrow.

Cobalt, April 15—(Special to The Advance)—Norma Sjöberg will represent Cobalt school at the district finals in the oratory competition at North Bay to-morrow night, she having been adjudged winner of the school contest at the annual event there on Monday evening. There were four contestants this year, second place being awarded to Rena Almone, with Irene O'Gorman and Laura Wuorimaki the other entrants. Miss Sjöberg chose as her topic "Russian progress since the Revolution." Miss Almone spoke on "Advances made by women in professional occupations," with Miss O'Gorman taking "The importance of music as a study in the primary and secondary schools," and Miss Wuorimaki "Western and Northern exploration conducted by early fur-trading companies." An interesting feature was that each girl represented a different racial descent. Judges were Mrs. H. G. Pickard, of Halleybury, and Dr. Florence Stark and Frank Lundrum, of Cobalt. Dr. E. F. Armstrong, chairman of the high school board, presided. C. P. Cross was timekeeper and the high school orchestra provided a musical programme.

SO CONSIDERATE?

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Milk may be served in many ways. Milk combines well with many other foods. Milk preparations require little fuel to cook. Milk may be purchased in different forms.

Potato Soup

3 medium potatoes
2 cups boiling water
2 to 3 cups milk
3 slices onion
3 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour
1½ teaspoons salt
½ teaspoon celery salt
½ teaspoon pepper
Few grains cayenne
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
Cook potatoes in boiling salted water. When soft drain and rub through sieve. Measure liquid and add enough milk to make 4 cups. Sauté with the onion. Remove onion and add liquid slowly to potato pulp. Melt butter, add flour and seasonings. Cook few minutes, stirring constantly. Gradually add potato mixture. Cook 3 minutes. Sprinkle parsley on soup before serving.

Chocolate Bread Pudding

2 cups stale bread crumbs or small squares bread

2 cups scalded milk
2 squares unsweetened chocolate or
½ cup cocoa
½ cup sugar
2 eggs
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon vanilla

Soak bread in the scalded milk about half an hour. Melt chocolate over hot water. When using cocoa mix with sugar. Add sugar and enough milk taken from bread and milk mixture to make it of a consistency to pour. Pour into bread and milk. Add salt, vanilla and well-beaten eggs. Turn into buttered baking dish, or individual dishes. Put dish in pan of water, and bake about one hour at 350 degrees F.

Ham a la King

4 tablespoons butter
1 cup mushrooms
1 tablespoon green pepper, chopped
4 tablespoons flour
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon celery salt
Few grains cayenne
2 cups milk
2 cups cooked ham, chopped
1 tablespoon pimiento, cut in small pieces

Melt butter, add mushrooms and green pepper. Stir and cook 5 minutes. Mix flour and seasonings. Add to first mixture. Cook 5 minutes. Add milk slowly. Add ham, parsley and pimiento. Reheat.



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Conklin Shows to Pay \$1200 at Sudbury This Season

(Sudbury Star)

Sudbury council Friday night discovered that Conklin's All-Canadian Shows were anxious enough to come to Sudbury this year, under Knights of Columbus auspices, June 7-12, to pay \$1200 instead of the usual \$900 license fee.

So council accepted the proposition of the Knights of Columbus and agreed to permit the shows to play Sudbury since the Knights had promised to keep the shows clean and the games straight. "Three hundred dollars more, eh?" remarked Ald. J. Newburn. "That's good return for the \$150 I was gyped out of last year."

site appears to be the logical one for the new town hall. There is no apparent honest reason why the site should be changed. It would appear that, if the reports are founded, the talk of another site is simply a second scheme to delay the building of a new town hall this year.

Circumstances alter cases. Hon. Geo. Henry proved himself a gallant leader because he fought the actions and attitude of the Ontario government in the recent session of the Legislature. And Hon. R. B. Bennett proved himself a courageous and patriotic leader because he did not unduly battle with the Dominion Government, but assisted in the good work of legislation in the interests of the people.