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Premier Mitchell Hepburn had parely landed back in Canada from his trip to the Land of the Kangaroos when he noted the interest roused in all quarters by the first plank in the policy of the Leadership League-"Government-How to Reduce It!" Premier Hepburn is a whole Leadership League under the one derby and he took the popular fancy at once with his practical plan for a little more economy in the cost of the multiplicity of governments. He had the specific ready He plans to reduce the membership of the Ontario Legislature from 90 to 72. If all the other provincial legislatures are similarly reduced, and the same plan worked on the Dominion, then there will be quite a noticeable reduction in government in Canada. (But if anybody mentions the Senate in this connection, a whole lot of good people will scream).

Premier Hepburn's specific has been greeted with loud acclaim on all sides. However, when he becomes specific about his specific, there will be rifts in the lute, or words to that effect. Everybody at first thought is ready to agree that 72 members could govern Ontario just as acceptably as the present 90, and it would be a simpler matter to watch a smaller number of legislators. So far so good! But second thoughts arrive. Now just what ridings are to be sacrificed on the altar of economy? Any city man will tell you that there are scores of rural ridings of comparatively small population that might be doubled up without serious injury to anybody. And any rural resident is equally sure that the cities are over-represented in the Legislature. Toronto, for instance, has twelve members, where four would be too many in the opinion of some people. Then, again, in endorsing the idea of reducing the number of legislators in Toronto, The North Bay Nugget very properly points out that care must be exercised in seeing that the North has at least as many members as at present. Indeed, a few more would be still better. In the case of the rural areas emphasis is laid on the importance of each particular riding and its special problems. In the matter of the cities stress is given to the large number of people concerned. In the North there is importance, value, population, all to be considered. In view of the large area of the Northfour times the size of all the rest of Ontario-and the various sectional problems—the present membership is scarcely adequate.

It does not take much imagination to see Premier Hepburn's problem in reducing the size of the Legislature. If he cuts off any city seats, he will raise a little revolution. If he lops off any of the rural seats, he will need to be ready for civil war of a kind. If he should touch any of the North ern seats, except to increase their number-well, that would make even secession talk popular. It happens, however, that Premier Hepburn is the kind of man who isn't afraid of anything-or at least, no one yet has tumbled onto the thing he it all in double lines, and the result might read may be afraid of. So, there may be reduction in the Ontario Legislature. That will be all right so long as it does not do injustice to the North.

(commence of the commence of ONE WAR BEING ENDED

It might be thought that the world being so peaceful these days that another war may be added to those in progress in Europe and elsewhere, there would be unanimous approval of the stopping of one of the present wars. This does not appear to be the case, however. In the British House of Commons this week the Premier announced that the war in Spain was practically over-all but the shouting. He suggested that there was to be no more shooting. General Franco, Spain. General Franco on his part has told the was not right all the time. people of Spain that the triumph of his armies is a victory over Communism and the forces seek- platform of problems, a modern "Marse Henry" ing to destroy Spain. If he had made it equally might suggest that the linotype mixed lines gave plain that the victory was also a triumph over the more popular approach to these questions. Fascism, Nazism, or any other ism contrary to But in any event, between the leadership of the freedom and democracy, no one would have any Leadership League and the linotype operators, real grounds for regret at immediate closing of the people in general is being stirred to some the war. There are many in Britain, however, thought on the real issues of the day. who fear that the victory over Communism is a triumph for Fascism. In consequence of this Premier Chamberlain had to face fierce criticism in the House of Commons, the Labour party leading the ranks against him. There does not seem

ister being sustained in the House. But it is expected that the present battle against him will be the most bitter yet. It should be noted that the British Labour Party is not another name for the Communist Party. Any sympathy shown for the losing forces in Spain may rather be construed as fear of Fascism and not love of Communism. It rests with General Franco and his associates to prove Premier Chamberlain right or wrong. If there are no unnecessary reprisals in Timmins, Ont., Thursday, March 2nd, 1939 spain in respect to those who opposed the Franco forces-if members of the Government and army are allowed safe conduct to other lands,-if the Spanish people are permitted reasonable freedom and safety and good government under General Franco's leadership-if there is no persecution of opponents or unfair seizure of property,-and chief, perhaps, of all, if General Franco and his aides refuse to permit Fascism to control and oppress the Spanish people, history will speak well of the judgment as well as the intentions of the British Premier.

DOES THE LINOTYPER KNOW?

There is a story once more going the rounds of the press at the present time about an editor who was supposed to become hopelessly drunk and in that condition so mixed an account of a wedding and an auction sale as to produce a form of humour. The veracious account of the wedding described the bride as "looking attractive in one bridle and one sursingle." It tells about those who attended "the charming event including one shoat, several chickens, four old cows and one young heifer." It concludes by picturing the happy couple as "leaving for a honeymoon in the third concession on one gang plow in good condition. In the days when the story first was popular

editors never became hopelessly drunk. There wasn't that much liquor. The trouble with this particular story is that it was born forty years before its time. It would have been a practical impossibility for an editor or even a hand compositor to mix a story, or two stories, in the fashion indicated. But the linotype operator is another matter. A good linotype operator can do pretty nearly anything along that line. Indeed he does it nearly every day—and worse.

It will be noted that the actual story of the wedding and the notice of the auction sale are not given separately and then repeated in their beef cooked. He would have equipped mixed condition. You have to take the mixture on faith—just believe it could be done. But it is different with the intelligent linotype operator. He can set the lines acurately and truly and then mix them so hopelessly that they are humorous to everybody but the unfortunate editor.

For example take the platform of the Leader ship League now so much in the limelight:

Government-How to reduce it.

Taxes-How to reduce them. Public debts-How to reduce them. Patronage-How to kill it. Home Ownership-How to save it. Farming-How to revive it. Unemployment-How to beat it. -Railways-How to make them pay. Resources-How to develop them. Defence-How to speed it. Freedom-How to guard it. Unity—How to get it. Putting them in lines like that, and they are all right-if you watch the linotype slugs. But turn the linotype operator loose and let him set

Government-How to kill it. Taxes-How to beat it. Public debts-How to develop them. Patronage-How to get it. Home Ownership-How to revive it. Farming-How to save it. Unemployment-How to guard it. Railways-How to beat them.

Resources-How to reduce them. Defence-How to make it pay. Freedom-Try and get it.

Unity-!*(?)@-lb*! The late Col. Henry Watterson, of The Louisville, Kentucky Courier-Journal, used to tell about they please anybody or not. Oftentimes they able, immutable, once made by its very nature it the linotype operator who set the story of a banwho now controls the greater part of Spanish quet tendered to a Kentucky colonel. The editor territory and who appears to be in position to go had written about the "battle-scarred" veteran. on and take the rest by force of arms and needless | The linotype operator in his wisdom had it appear loss of life and suffering, has agreed not only to "the battle-scared veteran." Those were fighttreat those on the other side with consideration ing words in a fighting country in a fighting age and mercy, but has also made it plain that the and, of course, there had to be an apology and new government of Spain will fully preserve the explanation. The lino man "fixed" it all right. independence of the country and its people and Apology was made for the missing "r" in "scarrsee to the removal of Italian and German forces ed," and it was explained that the term should and influence. With these implied promises in really have been "the bottle-scarred veteran." mind, Premier Chamberlain has announced the At that, "Marse Henry" always seemed to be in ladies' new hats look worse than some of the women and children in the North will have a unconditional recognition of the Franco regime in doubt as to whether or not the linotype operator

In his mixing of lines in the Leadership League

ness of criticizing women's hats. The ladies are mit that the constitution of Canada may be alter- with Premier Hepburn, and Premier Hepburn is to be any question about the British prime min- supposed to dress to please the men, but this ed, that even the British constitution may be double ditto with Premier King.

ROYAL GIPSIES MARRY



Prince Steven Semio and Princess Kika Butsch, offspring of the royal house of Romany and future king and queen of the gipsies, got married recently in Toronto-and everybody at the wedding wished they would live 1,000 years "We had a big table with pigs, chickens, wine and everything, enough for 150" the gipsy bride said. "My father and mother took me and gave me to the father and mother of my husband -that made me theirs. They then gave me to their son and said:-"We hope you will have a good life, that you make a good wife, and live

Logic, Motor Cars, and Journey's End

Word About the Man Who Called Himself a Scottish Communist.

An ode sung at a Boston festival in 1810 goes like this: No foe dare molest where in union are

The plough, loom and chisel, with commerce combined.

The thought just struck us while reading this that the chisel has been in business a long time.

Reeve Allan Caldwell, a municipal statesman up Peterboro way is credited with the remark that "if the Almighty wanted milk pasteurized He would-have put a pasteurizing apparatus in the

We hope the Reeve is consistent enough to eat his beef raw on the assumption that if the Almighty wanted the cow with a kitchen range

Motor Cars The German \$400 "people's car" is being shown at the Berlin Auto Show current date. Judging from the picture it is a fair looking bus, and we wonder if the government factory that produces them at \$400 each puts an engine in them.

We could well imagine in Germany in you bought a car from the government for \$400 (or \$4,000) and found that the price did not include an engine, you probably wouldn't do very much about

However, regardless of how good or bad the cars may prove to be, we imagine it is quite a trick to get \$400 together for a car in Germany to-day. And while discussing cars, it is interesting to note that the Japanese are exhibiting one to run without gasoline. Enterprising people, these Japs, and they have no home supplies of gasoline. So they are showing a gas buggy that generates gas for itself by burning charcoal in what is generally the trunk compartment in a gasoline-driven car.

Erratum

The sophisticated "New Yorker" magazine makes quite a feature of finding errors in other publications. Under the circumstances we would

like to know if the printer who transposed a couple of lines in one of their alleged jokes recently was fired. Along the same line we noticed Maclean's Magazine quoting the Charlottetown Guardian as follows:-

"The young couple will reside in Brookyln where the groom has a farm admidist the best wishes of their many And Maclean's comments that it is

"a mighty nice place to have a farm. We would like to know if that "ad- | vieing for supremacy.

men's old hats, then consult a good occulist.

In referring to the recent talk about the seces-

sion of the North, it is well to note that not a

single newspaper in this North at this time is ad-

ing the talk of secession as a bogey or threat.

town Guardian's contribution to the hilarity of the occasion.

the errors in the above paragraphs. Journey's End

at the Ontario Hospital at Orillia, and had a very pleasant visit with two of my former auxiliary class pupils." Is this where modern education leads

For instance we are told of a 16able time. President Austin E. Neame year-old girl whose class work consists of "catching a rat, dissecting it and telling the class about it."

It is probably a good idea to teach girls how to eatch rats-but dissecting them does not sound like a pleasing

A friend of ours up at the City Hall Intosh Reds

he said to just put down as a Scotch

Another Good Event

Group No. 3, under leadership of Miss Esther Leeman and including nine members of the Y.P.S. provided a very good programme at the Literary and Music Night held last Friday in the Timmins Finnish United Church. There was a very good attendance, and the aim of making every member of the Y.P.S. an active member, has been an unexpected and great success. From the nine members of the group in charge an ex-tempore sextette provided two fine selections of choral music, two members of the group gave two duets on guitars. There was also a good paper on "Total Abstinence" by Leivo Punkari as part of the Temperance work of the Y.P.S., also readings and recitations. The balance of the evening was spent in games. This week Friday, March 3rd, the Y.P.S. will have their regular business meeting, which many important matters will dealt with, and plans made for th future activities.

Smiths Falls Record-News:-An Ontario doctor said recently that "ninety per cent. of the men over 40 attending sporting events are taking a chance of dropping dead of heart failure." This business of keeping alive has certainly all sport fans who are over the two-

midst" is Maclean's or the Charlotte-

One report to the Public School inspector states:

"During the summer holidays I called

"project."

Scotch Communists

says that when it comes to apples, he would like to put in a word for Macact temporarily until such time as We asked if we could quote him, but

Communist.

by Finnish Y.P.S.

Pleasing Success.

karning was used as the ski highway. Mrs. Chapman. Mattawa being reached last night." The annual banquet of the Timmins Citizens' Band held in the Oddfellows hall ten years ago, proved a very pleasing and successful event and up to the high standards of enjoyment set by similar affairs in the past. About thirty members of the band, members of the band were present and all had a very happy time. Mrs. Howse did the catering for the occasion and the supper and service were excellent. The food provided was of the very best, with well-set tables and the best of service. The meal provided brought forward words of appreciation from all. The chair was taken by G. A. MacDonald,

president of the band, and the excellent supper was followed by an attractive programme of music and addresses. The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Moore, who resided near Daldeveloped into a complicated affair. ton's Farm, in Mountjoy township, However, there is some consolation for passed away at St. Mary's hospital, Timmins, ten years ago. The child was score years, in the fact that more people | almost five year old, and had been il in Canada died in bed than anywhere for some days, her condition being so else, even though motor vehicles are serious that it was necessary to take her to the hospital. Despite all that

doesn't apply to their hats. So long as the hats changed, that a new flag may replace the old one are in fashion, it doesn't seem to matter whether in this Dominion. But an itinerary is unchangedon't even please the women themselves, but that remains the same whatever happens. It sounds is nothing to make a fuss about. One mere man very much like a cross-word puzzle word of four speaks sarcastically about the present pancake letters meaning bunk on the vertical side. As a hats and the pill boxes, as if these were the worst | matter of fact there are persistent rumours and ever. What about the old coal scuttle hat, the reports that the itinerary has been changed, and umbrella hat, the ice-box hat, the drunken sailor will be changed again, no doubt. Word from Othat that flourished like the green bay tree some tawa is to the effect that Windsor has been acfew short seasons ago, some of them looking not tually added to the places of call, though it was unlike the said green bay tree, if anyone ever saw missed in the original unchangeable route. There that sort of tree? Mere man would do well to should be one more change—the change that will bother less about the ladies' hats. If any of the mean that hundreds of thousands of loyal men. sporting chance to catch a glimpse of Their Majesties on the tour.

The city of Windsor is reported as being added to the list of places to be visited by the King and vocating any such secession. In fact, there is not Queen on their tour of Canada. Hon. David Croll, a single Northern newspaper that is even approv- as mayor of Windsor, has made the announcement. Unless the itinerary is further changed to remedy the ignoring of the North, the question When Premier King was asked to remedy the will naturally arise, "Why could an utterly untotal ignoring of the North in the itinerary of changeable itinerary be altered for Hon. David the royal tour of Canada, his reply was to the Croll or the city of Windsor, and not for this effect that the itinerary could not possibly be North?" Cynics may suggest the answer to the There are men today engaged in the futile busi- changed. Premier King no doubt is ready to ad- effect that Hon. David Croll is non persona grata

TEN YEARS, AGO IN TIMMINS

pose dangerous to the public peace."

the water was not used or for other

best held by the Post for a consider-

support. The new secretary-treasurer,

in connection with the town, but would

permanent secretary was elected.

valid reason.

From data in the Poroupine Advance Fyles

********************** Ten years ago the police were called care and attention could do, however to a poolroom on the corner of Fourth | the youngster passed away.

and Maple where it was said a Fin-At the United Church, Timmins, t lander was threatening others there years ago, Miss Hazel Rutherford, or and fleurishing a gun. Constable Parch- daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ruth er visited the place and arrested a ford, was united in marriage to A man who seemed to be under the in- Harry Johnson, also of Timmins. Re fluence of liquor. The man had a re- J. D. Parks officiated at the ceremony

volver in his possession when taken in The bride was given away by her father. charge but it was not loaded when the In The Advance South Porcupine police took it from him. Some cart- news ten years ago; "The Young Peoridges for the gun were found in one ple's Society had a sleigh drive on of his pockets. According to the stories Thursday evening last. It was their told the police by several Finlanders, regular missionary night so they drove the accused had been enquiring as to to Golden City and took up their topic whether certain men intended to go to at the meeting of the Young People's church the next day and he learned Society there. The Golden City Young that they did he is said to have flour- People served refreshments. It was a ished the revolver. The charge against glorious night for their drive so they him was laid under a section of the all came home happy,"

criminal code which forbids the "Carry-There was a good crowd attended the ing of offensive weapons for any pur- Birrell Bell Concert Party programme given in the Goldfields theatre ten The regular meeting of the town years ago. Col. S. B. Scobell occupied council was held ten years ago with the chair in very capable way, effective-Mayor Geo. S. Drew in the chair, and ly introducing the several numbers on Councillors A. G. Carson, H. Charle- the excellent programme provided. The bois, P. Dougall, R. Richardson and Al- gathering enjoyed every number on the ford Caron present. Authority was giv- programme and showed appreciation by And we hope our proofreader gets all en for the paying of \$5,000 to the pub- continued applause. The Birrell Bell lic school board on account. A number orchestra played with special effectiveof rebates were authorized on water ness and won very hearty approval for rates where the parties had moved or each number given.

Among the local items in The Advance ten years ago were: "Mr. Edgar The regular monthly meeting of Tim- | G. Grenier, of the Employers' Liability mins Post No. 88, Canadian Legion, was | Assurance Company, Montreal, is visitheld in the Oddfellows' hall, ten years | ing his brother and sister-in-law. Mr. ago, the meeting being one of the very and Mrs. H. P. Grenier, Elm St. S." "James E. Grant was elected president of the board of directors of the Kirkoccupied the chair, with vice-presidents land Lake District hospital last week." Dr. S. R. Harrison and H. C. Garner in "The Rev. J. D. Parks returned last week after a visit in Toronto." "Mr. Comrade Channen was also present. F M. Burke returned on Sunday from After one minute's silence, the presi- his recent visit to Florida." "Mr. and dent stated that Comrade Channon Mrs. W. E. Thompson, of Montreal, could not accept the position of sec- spent a few days in town last week." retary permanently, owing to an in- | "Born-In Timmins, on Tuesday, Feb. creased press of work in connection with 19th, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. Ellard Mc-Alendin-a daughter (Mary Audrey)." "Born-In Timmins, on Thursday, Feb. 21st, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bel-In The Advance ten years ago: anger, 7 Laurier Ave.—a daughter "Word received last night (Wednesday) (Sylvia Catherine)." "Mr. A. Mills, of shows that Clair Severt reached Mat- | Moosomin, Sask., who has been visiting tawa at 6.23 p.m., Feb. 27th, thus cov- his aunt Mrs. C. Rusk, left for Iroquois ering more than half his journey on Falls and other points this week to visit skiis to Ottawa, and fully half the al- other relatives." "Mr. and Mrs. Harold lotted time to make the rest of the trip. Grist, of Matheson, had the misfortune Although there is no wager or reward recently to lose their residence and in connection with this hike on skiis, contents through a fire that started one Literary and Music Night | Clair is maintaining the schedule set | evening about ten o'clock, probably from out by himself and will make Ottawa | overheated stove pipes." "Mr. and Mrs. without difficulty in the fourteen days | Arch Gillies left this week for the specified. Clair left Timmins last South, where Mr. Gillies will attend Thursday, following the power line to Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Mas-Whitefish and making 42 miles the ons at Brockville. They will also visit first day. Friday was not so good go- Ottawa and Montreal before their reing, only 35 miles being covered that turn." "Mr. A. C. Chapman, of Transcay. Cobalt was reached on Sunday, cona, Man., was a visitor in Timmins 134 miles being covered in the four over the week-end, being the guest here days. From Haileybury, Lake Temis- of his brother, Mr. P. C. Chapman, and

Free English Classes for Finnish People Here

The third Spring term of the free English Language School for Finnishspeaking adults opens in Timmins Monday, March 6th, at 10.30 a.m. and of the town council and other friends | 2 p.m. in Finnish United Church Manse. and at 7-9 p.m. in Church building. In South Porcupine the school opens Tuesday, at 7-9 p.m., in South Porcupine High School building. All former pupils and new ones, who wish to learn the English language are welcome. The school in South Porcupine will be conducted by Rev. A. I. Heinonen every Tuesday and in Timmins every Monday only, at above hours. During the past two years and a half a total of 182 Finnish-speaking adults have taken advantage of this apportunity to learn the language of their adopted country.

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