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Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the Truth—WATSON.

Thursday, July 10, 1930

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A copy of the *New Trail* of June 23, published by the South-East Grey U. F. O. Political Association, has a list of the "accomplishments" of the independent groups in the last Dominion Parliament, and these accomplishments range all the way from rural credits to amendments to the election act. The object of the article is, of course to convey the impression that the independent groups in Parliament were the initiators of all this legislation, and without whom none of it would have been passed.

In all the list of sixteen measures passed there is not a single one, we believe, on which any line-up of party would be called, unless it might be on the cancellation of the Australian and New Zealand treaties. Contrary to the general opinion, and in opposition to the insinuation that it was the independent groups which were responsible for this legislation, the credit should go to the individual members of Parliament, Liberals, Conservatives, and Independents. They were mostly measures which went through the House as private measures and as such each individual representative could and did vote as he saw fit.

In the list of "accomplishments" we fail to note the only one which might be truly listed as an independent measure in which the independent group won out over the whole House. This was the law making it possible to establish divorce courts in the province of Ontario. Why this "accomplishment" was left out of the campaign we do not know, but perhaps a majority of our readers can guess.

This bill was the product of J. S. Woodsworth, the radical member from Winnipeg. Ontario did not ask for divorce courts, and when the measure was first introduced it brought a storm of protest from all over the province. It was about the most unpopular measure before the House in a good many years, so unpopular, in fact, that the King Government would have nothing to do with it, the Conservative Opposition did not want to father it, and at one time it was voted down and shelved, to the relief of nearly every member in the House. But Mr. Woodsworth again introduced it, and it was carried—and the representative for South-East Grey voted for it, in spite of the opposition of both Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths.

It is one of the enigmas of the last Parliament why Ontario should be given something for which she did not ask and did not want and which was foisted on her by the Communist member from Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Rather than consider the measures quoted as "accomplishments" we think it would be nearer the mark to say they were measures granted a minority group, which showed lack of bigotry on the part of the two old parties. There are only about twenty independents in the House, and how they could accomplish anything without the assistance of the Government and the Opposition members will be no mystery to anyone who uses his reasoning powers.

Since returning to her riding Miss Macphail has found that her support of the Woodsworth divorce bill is anything but popular here. In voting for it she has gone strictly against the wishes of the majority of the electors who supported her, and nearly all of those who didn't. Whether these will adopt their own advocacy that party ties should be dropped and independence exercised remains to be seen. From what we learn in interviewing different people throughout the riding, there are a good many of Miss Macphail's former supporters who are not at all satisfied with her support of the divorce bill, and many of them have stated they cannot support her in this election.

There is also a serious defection in the Liberal vote in the riding which may be of sufficient magnitude to defeat our late representative. Formerly, Miss Macphail has received the support of the majority of Liberals in the riding. Her treatment of the Liberal party, both in her budget speech published in this paper some weeks ago, and in her remarks since, has estranged a lot of them, and while there may be a good many who may feel they cannot vote the Conservative ticket, several have said they shall not vote at all. Others have come out openly for Campbell.

During the present campaign Miss Macphail has endeavored to square herself for voting for the divorce bill by stating that this measure will not by any means increase divorces in Ontario. Statistics do not bear out her statement. In Ontario last year there were approximately 250 divorces granted. In the other provinces of the Dominion having their own divorce courts, and which have approximately

the same population as Ontario, the divorces last year totalled nearly 600. It would seem, then, that if you give the provinces the facilities, the divorces will naturally increase. In the statistics from which we gleaned this information, and it was taken from Hansard, the official House of Commons paper, Prince Edward Island and Quebec were not included, as they have no provincial divorce courts.

With this question before the electors of this riding, the election this year is not to be a walkaway as in the past. So far as South-East Grey is concerned no sure prophesy of the result can be made by either of the opposing forces. But there is no denying the fact there is a serious upheaval among the Liberal electorate who formerly supported our late member, as well as in the ranks of the United Farmers party itself. Many farmers are not now nearly so sure that an independent candidate can do as much for them as they have been led to believe during the past nine years.

NO MORE "U" TURNS

There is always someone taking the joy out of life, or if not just that, making it just a little harder for the rest of us to get along. The latest nuisance on Durham streets are a few motorists, and very few, who during this summer have persisted in running up and down Garafra street on Wednesday and Saturday nights, to the inconvenience of pedestrians and the danger of other motorists. The matter was up before the town council on Monday night and as a result there are to be no more "U" turns on our main thoroughfare from the top of the hill to South Street.

The editor of the *Chronicle* was not able to be present at the meeting of council when this bylaw was passed and for a few moments thought the reporter had got his wires crossed. A short interview with acting Mayor W. S. Hunter and the town clerk, however, soon disillusioned him, and the bylaw stands as published in the account of the council proceedings in another column.

A snap opinion on the bylaw would make one believe it was just another of those nonsensical enactments, and for a time we could not see why the whole motoring public should be penalized for the foolishness of the few. Why not punish the few who persisted in making a nuisance of themselves on busy evenings?

The bylaw was passed, we were told, on the complaint of Chief Scott, who told the council of the continued foolish practice and asked that something be done to curb something which if continued would surely result in a serious accident. There was a lot of discussion before any arrangement could be arrived at and the no "U" turn bylaw passed.

The *Chronicle* was informed, however, that Chief Scott was instructed to use judgment in enforcing the bylaw. It was not passed with the idea of getting people into trouble; rather, it was to keep them out of it. It does not mean that with little or no traffic on the street a motorist facing north has to go around the block to turn his car around to proceed south. It means that the constable now has authority to lay information against the few motorists who spend the greater part of Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday evenings journeying up and down between the foot of the hill and the Ford garage. The bylaw has been passed to overcome a nuisance that has been prevalent far too long, and to keep our streets open for the use of those people who come to town to do business rather than make a runway for a few irresponsibles. Enforced intelligently, the new bylaw will be a good thing; enforced to the letter, and it will become as big a nuisance as the one it is intended to counteract. The bylaw has to be sanctioned by the Department of Public Highways before it becomes law.

"Sight Is Restored by Poke in the Eye" says a heading in the *Toronto Globe*. Will someone please hand the *Globe* a poke in its political eye?

The heat wave is leaving the West and moving East. Yes, the political pot is getting hotter and hotter down here as the 28th approaches.

A dispatch from Bisley, England, tells of a man there who is "young at 78." Evidently they haven't yet heard of Jim Burt of Durham, who is "young at 93" and seems to grow younger each year.

A news heading says the crooks of Chicago get election jobs. This might not mean so much if it were not for the fact that the performances of past civic officials in that metropolis lead one to believe the crooks of Chicago also get elected.

And the *Globe* in a three-column scare heading tells of J. H. Burnham, a lifelong Conservative, taking the platform for the Liberals in support of the King Government. But there is no three-column head for W. T. R. Preston, a lifelong Liberal, who has chucked the Liberal party and is out campaigning for Bennett and the Conservatives! The *Globe* has long harped on its honesty of purpose, but is just about as tricky as the rest of them when it comes to hiding news that does not agree with its views. As an independent newspaper that boasts about it, the *Globe* would naturally be expected to publish all the news. It certainly cannot plead ignorance in this case.

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

The Unemployment Situation

Premier King proposes, if he is returned to power, to hold a conference of representatives of the Dominion Government, the provinces, and heads of industries and agricultural organizations to discuss the unemployment situation. Hon. Mr. Bennett, the leader of the opposition, has announced that if he is called on to form a government after July 28 he will summon Parliament at an early date to deal with the unemployment situation.

The editor of this great family journal does not profess to be an authority on political economy but we would be very dull if we did not know by reading newspaper and magazine articles that the present situation is due to overproduction. When the representative politicians, business men, and farmers get together will the decision be to produce less manufactured goods, grain and other farm produce? How would that relieve unemployment? It would result in more men and women being thrown out of work, as was the case when machinery took the place of hand work. There isn't as prosperous times on the farms as there was during war years when high prices prevailed but there is no unemployment. As a matter of fact it is the trend from the farms to the cities that has been a factor in unemployment.

In the second place what could Parliament do to relieve the situation? Would the tariff be increased, how would that help out? In Saturday's papers we read the reading: "Labor publication estimates 100,000 men unemployed in Detroit alone. Sting of summer faces thousands of Detroit 'idle'." This in the greatest industrial city in the United States with its high tariff goes to show that the panacea for unemployment is not to be found in the year 1930, at least under a highly protective system. Unemployment is much worse in the United States than in Canada.

Next let us turn to free trade England and we find labor conditions still more acute. It is estimated there are two million men out of work in that country. J. H. Thomas, Minister of Unemployment in the Ramsay MacDonald Govt., has been unable to improve conditions and the Premier is going to try his hand to relieve the situation. The Baldwin government was turned out of office, largely, to relieve unemployment conditions and the situation has become worse under a Labor government. One would think that if any government in the world could help the unemployed by legislation it would be a sympathetic labor administration but it has utterly failed in the effort.

Governments can, of course, help the situation in a limited way by spending large sums of money on public works but neither a low, moderate, nor high tariff system has proven adequate to relieve unemployment which is a world condition brought on by overproduction and which will require time to readjust to a normal state.—Mount Forest Confederate.

IN OTHER COMMUNITIES

Badly Hurt by Horse

While assisting Dr. W. H. Huck to administer veterinary treatment to a horse belonging to Joseph Illig last Thursday morning, June 5, Harry Culliton of Carrick received injuries that nearly cost him his life. The horse threw itself upon Harry, crushing him badly and fracturing the large bone in his leg between the knee and the ankle and breaking and splintering the small bone in two places. The fractured bone protruded through the flesh and splinters of the bone ruptured an artery in his leg, causing it to bleed very profusely. Dr. Carpenter being called, he hurried the patient to the Bruce County Hospital where the fractures were reduced, but the arteries had been so badly torn that it was with extreme difficulty that the bleeding was finally checked. The patient's condition at this time, appearing to indicate a danger of infection and a recurrence of the hemorrhage, it was deemed advisable that a specialist be called in on the case. As a specialist could not be immediately secured, the patient was therefore taken to Toronto General Hospital on Sunday, and we learn that his condition now, while still serious, gives his friends every reason to hope for his ultimate recovery. He will be laid up for three or four months at least, as a result of the accident.—Walkerton Telescope.

New Long Distance Telephone Record

What is claimed to be a new record in Western Ontario for long distance telephone calls was made in London on Friday last, when Mrs. Thomas Pearce of Wallaceburg, received congratulations from her son, Walter Pearce, in Buenos Aires, a distance of 5,800 miles. The occasion was Mrs. Pearce's eightieth birthday. Walter Pearce is assistant engineer of the International and Telephone Company of Buenos Aires. The call was received promptly at 1 p.m. at the private office of R. I. Stratton, district manager of the Bell Telephone Company of London. Mrs. Pearce, with her son, John Pearce and Mr. and Mrs. Turville, were awaiting the call there by arrangements made by the Bell officials who had been notified by Walter Pearce of the call. Considering the distance and the circuits to be covered, preparations had been made for the amplification in the office, but on receiving of the call, Mr. Stratton spoke first to New York and then to South America and found the transmission perfect. Mrs. Pearce then went to the telephone instrument and despite her 80 years, heard her son's voice without amplification as plainly as if he were in the next room, she said. Walter Pearce said he heard very plainly when Mrs. Pearce talked in an ordinary tone.

Mrs. Turville, who is a daughter of Mrs. Pearce, then talked to her daughter, who was in Pearce's office in Buenos Aires, and John Pearce also talked to his brother, all stating that they heard clearly. The conversation lasted for seven minutes and cost \$2 for

the first three minutes and the additional four minutes brought the total to \$25 for the call.
R. I. Stratton stated that the call was transmitted by the Bell long distance lines to the border from there by American Telephone and Telegraph lines to New York. At New York the connection was made with the trans-Atlantic operator. From New York the wireless telephone system to South America was used direct to the receiving station in Buenos Aires.—Arthur Enterprise-News.

Child Fatally Infected

Mr. Den. Whitehead, whose home in Brant was destroyed some time ago by fire and who subsequently moved to town and purchased a house in a West Ward, where, it is claimed, a young child died from meningitis about two years ago, when his son, Sunday morning last, succumbed to the same malady in his sixth year. Owing to the extremely contagious nature of the disease, the remains were interred in the Walkerton cemetery at one o'clock Sunday afternoon, or a few hours after death, the funeral being of a private nature.

An old mattress allegedly from the sick bed of the first victim had been in an exposed condition in an unused street at the rear of his property, it having previously been partly buried, but had become uncovered again, while in his orchard some clothes, also presumably from the first victim had been found under some brush as it had been originally the intention to burn them. The little lad, who passed away last Sunday had been playing horse with another of his children and using a band of one of these little dresses for a line, and it was with a view to discovering where this band or remnant came from after his death that a search of the premises was made and the bundle of discarded clothing found.

The father recalled that about a week after the lad had been playing that he complained of feeling ill, and the trouble developed until the Wednesday prior to its death, symptoms of meningitis presented themselves, and the attending physicians called another doctor in consultation, and he confirmed the diagnosis. Although everything possible was done to combat the disease, the youngster passed away about 4.15 on Sunday morning.—Walkerton Herald-Times.

LEVITY OF THE PRESS

Men may not be practical, but what one of them would wear kilts and spend time in trying to pull the skirt below the knees?—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

Lithuanian and a German are to fight for the heavyweight championship of the world. Old Fritz and John L. must be turning in their graves.—Ottawa Journal.

The chancellor of Austria was formerly a policeman and there is small cause for wonder that he feels quite sure that he can evolve some arresting

SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

- S. S. No. 7, Glenelg
Sr. III to Jr. IV—Clinton Haley 79, Catherine O'Neill 64.
Jr. III to Sr. III—Vincent McKeown 61, Patrick Gillen 56, Betty Gillen 55.
Sr. II to Jr. III—Michael Markiewicz 74, Metta Gillen 63, Mary McKeown 62, Isabel Gillen 60.
Jr. II to Sr. II—Donald O'Neill, Mary Haley.
I to Jr. II—Bobby Gillen 75.
Pr. to I—Helen O'Neill, Malcolm McKeown, Dan Haley.
Julia Burns, Teacher.
- S. S. No. 9, Glenelg
Jr. IV to Sr. IV—Margaret Brown, Allie McGirr, James Wilson, Doris Dyer, Sarah Dyer.
Jr. III to Sr. III—Cecil Brown, Arthur Newell, Dorothy Lawrence, Phyllis Lawrence and Victor Arnett (equal), Violet Collinson and Clifford Lindsay (equal), Harry Lawrence.
Sr. II to Jr. III—Olive Newell, Charlie Brown, Murray Greenwood (rec.).
Jr. II to Sr. II—Jean Jacques, Catherine Dyer, Doris Pratt, Jimmie Arnett, Harold Atcheson.
Sr. I—Archie Lawrence.
Jr. I—Lawrence Atcheson, Grant Greenwood.
Sr. Pr.—Jean Brown, John Weir, Glenna MacFadden.
*—Honors.
J. M. Anderson, Teacher.

PIMPLES

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MOVIES

SENNETT FEATURE MARKS CLOSE OF FAMOUS STUDIO

"The Good-Bye Kiss" Is Appropriate Title for His Latest Comedy Romance

When final scenes were filmed for "The Good-Bye Kiss", Mack Sennett's personally directed production coming next Friday and Saturday to the Star Theatre, it marked the close of the most colorful motion picture studio in Hollywood.

"The Good-Bye Kiss" was the last picture to be made in the famous old Sennett studio in Edendale, a section of Los Angeles. For more than ten years Sennett produced his famous two-reel comedies in this studio. Dozens of now famous screen stars and directors worked there, many starting as extras or bathing beauties. Keystone Kops cavorted about the lot in the "good old days." Gloria Swanson, Phyllis Haver, Marie Prevost and others were winsome and unknown bathing beauties.

Harry Langdon first faced a motion picture camera in this studio, as did Charlie Murray, Louise Fazenda, Chester Conklin and dozens of others. "The Good-Bye Kiss" is Sennett's first feature-length production in a number of years, and immediately following its completion the studio was abandoned and the company moved to larger and more palatial quarters in another section of the city.

"The Good-Bye Kiss" is an unusual story, blending drama and a tender love story with Sennett's distinctive comedy. First National Pictures is releasing the production.

It's bad enough when men don't practice what they preach, but I suspect it might be a darn sight worse if some of them preached what they practised.

BARGAINS

That you should not miss!

- Ladies' Cotton Hose, all colors—per pair 25c.
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The Variety Store

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A WEDDING CALAMITY
One of the guards of honor drops his sword.
—The Posing Show, London.

Mrs. George accompanied by of Chicago, via A. H. Jackson & Mr. and Mrs. over Sunday vives in Hamill Mr. and Mrs. son Bert, accom Robert Camp the week-end son, Niagara Mr. and Mrs. ronto spent la Mrs. William Mr. Arden Miss Sloop of holiday with Ryan. Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Welsh of the home of doch. Mrs. Clifford Mrs. J. A. V with Mrs. Ve over. Mr. George spent Tuesday ther-in-law. E a patient in Mr. and M. troit are spe as the guest Murdoch. Mr. and B. Hanover, ac father, Mr. I spent Tuesda sin, Mr. Cliff Durham hos Miss Alexia at Mrs. Willi of the week. ed home with Mr. and M. Clen and M. day in Ham Mr. Thos. Miss Pauline itors with M. Miss Grae ing her holi Clara Thom Mr. and onto, spent former's pa Sharpe. Mr. and M. two sons Br the past we mother, M. sister, Mrs. their home first of the Miss Juli cousins, the tink, for a Mr. and son Bruce, Mrs. John Falls last d panied bac St. Cathari Julia McLe Mr. and ronto, visit in this vic week. We call from t Mr. and daughter I visiting for town. Mr. Ted visiting with town. Mr. Lloyd Co., Chic with his p McClocklin Mr. E. C. ited his p last week, Mr. Can visiting h McLean, a Miss L. S. Strasburg, days in T. Mr. and I Miss Ge is visiting Malcolm weeks. Mr. Ch and dau Melville o cousins, M. Cannel th were acc James B. will spen