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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.

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HEARST AND REPARATIONS

William Randolph Hearst, the father of yellow journalism, and, judging from his logic, the original of the Happy Hooligan and Yellow Kid caricatures of a third of a century ago, is engaged in a campaign against the United States cancelling any of the war debts. Like others of his class, Hearst strays far from the truth to make his points, but it takes Walter Lippman, well-known editor, to put him in his place, if a man of Hearst's class can be so placed. Not satisfied with Hearst's attempt to label the reparations parley as "a crooked conspiracy by European confidence men," Mr. Lippman points out:

"Mr. Hearst is a powerful man, and in his own estimation an upright and patriotic man, but if he were ten times as powerful, and ten times as upright, and ten times as patriotic as he professes to be, his words would be unjust as they are unmanly."

"No man living knows enough, no man living is good enough to insult, indict, and to condemn a whole continent of civilized people. Such language spoken at this moment of crisis and world-wide anxiety is an act not one bit more responsible than to shout 'fire' in a thickly packed crowd of men, women and children."

"What makes the performance absolutely indefensible is that there is not a word of truth in Mr. Hearst's accusation. Mr. Hearst says there is a conspiracy. Well, a conspiracy is a secret plot to commit a crime. Our debtors have proclaimed from every housetop that they propose to ask us to reconsider the terms of the contract. They have also said that they intend to consult with each other. There is no secret. There is no plot. There is no crime. Therefore there is no conspiracy. If it is a conspiracy for a group of debtors or creditors to consult with each other, then there are a thousand such conspiracies every business day."

It is gratifying, no doubt, to know that the better thinking citizens of the United States do not agree with men of the Hearst type, but at that we question if it does any good to pay very much attention to Hearst and his gang. William Randolph Hearst and his chain of newspapers never did represent the best thought in the United States. A successful publisher, Hearst has made his millions, not by his leadership, but by the class of newspaper he published. He is an Anglophobe through and through, and behind his demand for the payment of every penny of reparations by Europe, lies his hatred of Britain and everything British. Hearst is a big man financially; otherwise he is a pygmy. Possessed of millions of his own, he would rather see the world remain in its present chaotic state for years providing his hated England suffered with the rest. United States or world prosperity mean less to him than the opportunity to sate his hatred for everything Anglo-Saxon.

Hearst is a leader, no question of that, but his leadership is confined to that class of people whose highest ambition is to peruse the numerous "funny-cuts" which have built up the circulations of his numerous journals. For that reason, we say it does not pay to give his utterances too much attention, as the opinions of the better class of United States citizens will prevail in the end. Business, not hatred, will ultimately decide the reparations question.

Like all agitators, Hearst and his journals make a lot of noise, but they cut little ice with that class of people capable of thinking for themselves, and who refuse to be stampeded by the wild utterances of hatred or private gain.

INTERPROVINCIAL TRADE

The first fruits of the agitation for inter-provincial trade became apparent this week with the announcement that the Ontario Government, General Motors of Canada, and other large industrial concerns in the province had placed orders for Nova Scotia coal. Any doubts of the quality of the Nova Scotia product were dispelled when General Motors ordered a trial shipment, and only last week placed orders for the entire requirements of the company until the opening of navigation in 1933.

There is a good deal of bituminous coal

burned in Ontario, and with the installation of more modern heating equipment in which the soft coal is much cheaper than the anthracite, there should be a good market for this product. Every town or village needs more or less of it, and it might be a good idea if consumers were to insist on Canadian-mined coal when they order their supply. With Alberta coal proving satisfactory in price and quality as a substitute for anthracite, and Nova Scotia's product replacing that from the United States, there should be a good deal of money in this country around next Christmas time that in other years helped to emblazon the Christmas festival of the American coal barons. We understand Nova Scotia coal can be laid down here at the same or less cost than that from the States, is as good a product, and gives the best of results. This being the case, Ontarians should see to it that they burn Maritime coal.

THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

The first sitting of the Imperial Economic Conference met at Ottawa last Thursday, and the discussions to date show that the delegates really mean business and that so far as they are concerned the Conference will be successful. It is rather too early yet to look for anything outstanding, but one thing noticeable in the debates is the frankness of the speakers. Those who pictured the Conference as a meeting in which the principals would spend their time angling for advantages must have been disappointed, and the statement of Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin that "We shall do our utmost with goodwill to accomplish Mr. Bennett's purpose" is assuring to those who are looking to the present gathering to bring the outlying parts of the Empire together in business relationships.

Rt. Hon. Stanley Bruce of Australia placed Australia's position before the meeting bluntly but courteously, and submitted his country's proposals for enlarging their trade with British Empire units. The unfair trading practices of Russia were also gone into and a committee appointed with wide powers to deal with the situation as it affects the Empire. On Tuesday Australia, New Zealand, the Irish Free State and Canada joined together to offer Britain a definite butter, cheese and milk proposal. This will be of inestimable benefit to the agriculturists of all four colonies, with especially great benefits to the farmers of Ontario and Quebec. As a result an improvement is seen in the cheese industry and the forecast is made that there will be a big development in the production of condensed milk and kindred products.

It is hardly time to predict anything from the Conference. It is early yet to jump to conclusions, and both sides (those who see nothing but success, and those who see nothing but failure) must wait for a time before expressing definite opinions.

Even with a one hundred per cent. success, it can scarcely be expected that any agreements entered into can immediately affect business conditions. The Conference is no Aladdin's lamp. No matter what opinion one may have as to the ultimate result, it will take time to adjust ourselves to the new business life.

Our best plan would seem to be to consider that the biggest men with the brightest minds are at the head of things, and it is our duty to let them alone, give them a free hand, and give their findings a fair chance.

WATERWORKS RESTRICTIONS

A notice in another column of this newspaper contains information from the Public Utilities Commission that restrictions announced a few weeks ago on the use of lawn taps, or hose taps for washing cars, have been withdrawn until further notice. The restrictions originally prohibited the use of municipal water for lawn or car washing purposes except between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock in the morning and 6 and 9 o'clock in the evening. While the restriction was justified so far as lawn and garden watering was concerned, there was considerable dissatisfaction expressed that the washing of cars should be included in the same restriction, and as a result it is now the privilege of the water users to take advantage of the service for the whole 24 hours if they see fit.

Before the ruling of the Commission was off the press, in fact as soon as we read the copy sent in, we sensed there would be trouble, but said nothing, feeling that the Commission had not possibly considered the car washing angle and would correct it in time. It is difficult to get a new system running smoothly without mistakes.

Now that the restrictions are lifted, it is to be hoped no undue use of the water will be made for lawn or garden purposes. We trust the citizens will recognize that the more water they use the more it is going to cost them, and that lawn or garden taps left on too long will militate against the efficiency of the system and raise the cost to the consumers.

As we have stated, we think the Commission was working for the good of the system in restricting the hours for lawn- and garden-

watering, and had they not inadvertently placed the washing of cars in their order no dissatisfaction could have been found with their ruling.

Next Monday is Civic Holiday; soon it will be Labor Day, then the Toronto Exhibition, with Summer on the run. How the time does fly!

According to announcement, the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool will have a surplus of a million dollars over the past year's operations. Let's start a wheat pool!

"Kaye Don Used Castrol" yells an advertisement, and made 119.8 miles an hour. Now for an advertisement telling us of the speed of Cascara!

The Owen Sound Sun-Times complains of the antics of some of the younger element in that city while band concerts are in progress. Well, we are glad some other town has them, too.

Hurray! We have at last discovered a radio announcer who speaks of the Imperial Economic Conference. The use of the pronunciation Eck-o-nomic is becoming much too common, and is not recognized by any standard dictionary.

The recently announced British-Canadian steel accord, it is estimated, will divert more than 40 millions of dollars' worth of Canadian steel business from the United States to British mills. "Stealing the Steel" as a song will not be popular in some quarters once the Empire's Preferential Tariffs get working smoothly.

How U. F. O. Leaders Tried to Trick Followers

The so-called politicians who misled two thousand farmers into assembling in Ottawa on the eve of the Imperial Conference did so with their tongues in their cheeks. Their endeavour was to place the Prime Minister in an embarrassing position. He had agreed to see a deputation from the gathering, and it is understood that he and the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Robert Weir, were compelled to waste an hour and a half waiting for the delegation to appear. Then the manipulators of this attempt to make political capital out of the Prime Minister and the Conference notified him that he was to go down and address the farmers at the fairgrounds and submit to questioning by them.

Of course, the Prime Minister could do no such thing. He spent much of Saturday afternoon placing the final touches on the International Waterways Treaty and in concluding preparations for the Imperial Conference. The fact of the matter is that so far as Canada is concerned the Imperial Conference has been assembled largely in the interests of the farmers. The Premier is trying to secure for the agriculturists larger and more profitable markets overseas. In the face of this undeniable circumstance, the U. F. O. leaders sought to leave the impression upon their hoodwinked followers that Mr. Bennett had no time to consider their welfare.

Mr. J. J. Morrison, Miss Agnes Macphail and their associates in this transparent plot have not done their cause any good. All across the country newspapers are denouncing them for their attempt to capitalize for their own cheap advantage a supreme moment in the Empire's history. We have already quoted a number of journals in condemnation of the farmers' tactics. The Picton Gazette, which represents a fine section of agricultural country, condemns the U. F. O. leaders for trying to embarrass a Prime Minister who is doing everything he can to advance the farmers' interests. So the Calgary Herald takes this little group of sharp politicians to task. It thinks that the tactics of these people will be repudiated by all reasonable men throughout the Dominion.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

The Five-Year Cheese Plan

It is not to be expected that the sweeping five-year plan for betterment of Ontario's cheese industry, proposed by Hon. T. L. Kennedy, the Minister of Agriculture, will receive ready general approval among farmers and dairymen, but whatever its fate at their hands it will assuredly serve usefully to concentrate a lot of fresh thought on dairy problems.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

Pertinent

Mr. Sean O'Kelly, head of the Irish Free State delegation to the Imperial Conference, arrives in Canada with the message that the Free State would be freer and happier outside the British Empire than inside. What about being outside the Imperial Conference.—London Advertiser.

Economical Crusade

A specialist estimates that moths of the North American continent cause an annual loss to clothing of \$40,000,000. Every woman who seeks to get them, while on the wing, will thus realize that she is engaged in a truly economical crusade.—Brantford Express.

Almost a Superman

One marvels at the versatility and the almost superhuman energy of Premier Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain. Since he became premier with the National Government behind him, he has faced and overcome tasks which would have been far beyond the strength of the average man, in spite of the poor condition of his health.—Oshawa Times.

What we are looking for is a great statesman who will invent a lot of taxes that nobody but the other fellow will have to pay.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

The United States once said nothing would be too good for the boys who went to the front, but it looks like they didn't mean beer.—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

Jail sentences in Elgin are being shortened from 30 to 20 days. Sounds like the announcement of one of the businesses that is going to sell out.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

By a mere scratch of the pen President Hoover put into effect Uncle Sam's greatest peace-time tax measure. Now it's the taxpayers who will have to do the scratching.—Kitchener Record.

"Stop the leaks" should be the battle cry of all governments, municipal and otherwise, as they prepare their spending programmes for the current year.—Peterborough Examiner.

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

C. N. R. President Resigns

Sir Henry Thornton has resigned as president of the Canadian National Railways. As his contract with the Government expires in 1933 and there was not a chance in the world of the contract being renewed, he has doubtless decided it is better for him to retire at the present time. His resignation removes the Government from an embarrassing position. In view of the evidence that came out at the time of the railway committee's inquiry in regard to his extra salaries the hiring of a New York financial man at \$62,000 a year, the purchase of a huge home for him, and the general extravagance of his administration, he had lost his usefulness as head of the public-owned railway. To be fair to Sir Henry, he did a real service for the C. N. R. and Canada which cannot be overlooked. He took a disjointed road, consisting of the Canadian Northern, Intercolonial, Grand Trunk, Grand Trunk Pacific and other lines and welded them into one great system. He made a railroad out of the Canadian National.—Tara Leader.

"Let George Do It"

"Let George Do It!" An old familiar saying to most of us, which, unfortunately, is being borne out in practice altogether too much. Whether it is the trend of the times or the feeling of apathy on the part of the majority of the people to any public enterprise, it cannot be gainsaid that the spirit of "Let George Do It" is gaining headway with alarming speed. But that is not the worst feature of the thing. Those persons who calmly sit back and let the other fellow do the work are not content to let the other fellow do it in his own way. They must offer their criticism—often unfair. Constructive and fair criticism never hurt any cause or individual, but a nagging, growling fault-finding policy is certainly detrimental to every movement. There are those who are criticizing always, and we doubt very much if any enterprise could be run to their satisfaction. Government departments, municipal affairs, police administration, all come in for their share of criticism. There are people who know this and that, would run things this way and that way, but when they are asked to offer suggestions or information, then they know nothing. They kick about such and such a body's method of procedure, but refuse to assist in any way. While the spirit of apathy is certainly not to be desired in our opinion it is preferable to the fault-finding critic.—Southampton Beacon.

Looked for Weeds and Found Them

Ye Editor was down at the Hamilton rock garden, at the entrance to Hamilton, one Sunday recently. This is nothing unusual to those who know our weakness. There are probably few more frequent visitors to this beauty spot than ourselves. Year after year, we have noticed the wonderful improvements made and have often written about it, as our readers are aware.

While we were again admiring its beauty that Sunday, and conversing with Mr. Graham Brunten, the capable foreman, a man walked up and introduced himself. Then he asked what were the plants in a plot near us. For a moment Mr. Brunten looked embarrassed, then in a gentlemanly way said plainly: "Weeds." Another rather insulting remark ensued from the visitor, and he was once more kindly informed that, on account of recent showers and shortage of help, he had got a little behind with his work, but this bed was due for his attention on Monday.

Probably every gardener has been in a similar predicament. But the wonder to us was that of, say a thousand nice plants he could have seen, and a hundred nice remarks he could have made, yet this man apparently saw and said just what he went there for. And is it not true in life that we generally see just what we go to see? How unwell-

come such pessimists are everywhere, and what pleasures they miss in life, and what troubles and worries they cause other people! "Cheerio" is an unknown word in their vocabulary.

Anyway, a visit to the Hamilton rock garden is one seldom forgotten by the thousands of people who see it annually. If you have never been there, go at your first opportunity.—Fergus News-Record.

A Matter of Opinion

A rather amusing disagreement has been manifested for years between the two Walkerton weeklies with respect to dogs. The Herald-Times which dislikes them, said last week: "The two months' ban on dogs running at large in Walkerton expires today, and with the opening of July the canines will once more roam the landscape, terrorize the children and destroy the gardens." But the Telescope, which approves dogs, said: "Today is the last day for the dogs to be tethered. The bow-wows should join with the kids in celebrating their release from the bondage."—Toronto Star.

Didn't Go Smash

Last December Sir George Paish made our flesh creep by telling us that unless war debts and reparations were fixed up in some way by February the world would go smash. The old perverse world didn't fix up war debts or reparations or much of anything else, and it refused to go smash. But the fixing up is being accomplished slowly the work of the Lausanne conference being the most conspicuous chore done by the heads of nations in a long time. And reading the items on the agenda for the Imperial Economic Conference opening at Ottawa next week we are optimistic enough to anticipate a whole lot of repairing done to the economic structure of the British Empire.—Alliston Herald.

The young wife went into the grocer's. "I bought three or four hams here a month or so ago," she said, "and they were fine. Have you any more of them?"

"Yes ma'am," replied the grocer. "There are ten of those hams hanging there now."

"Well, if they're off the same pig, I'll take three of them," she said.

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