At Home

Come in & Chat Awhile

The Man With the Hoe

This is the title of a painting by Millet and the title of a poem by Edwin Markham. Millet painted the true scenes of the life of the poor, who at that time were lacking in opportunities of time and means for anything but work. Thus work becomes a burden intead of a pleasure as it should be. Edwin Markham studied this work of rt and expressed his studies in verse

and both picture and poem have lessons or us today.

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"Jean Francois Millet was a painter

French peasant life. Competent critics assert that France has not produced in our day any greater or more original artist. He, himself, was a peaeant, and the son of a peasant. He was reared in a peasant's home, and for long rears labored on the soil. He was born an artist without ancestry, nurtured nature to be her interpreter, receiving inspiration from her alone. Until he was twenty-one she left him to hoe. and dig, and plough, through these experiences he was to learn the hardness of the peasant's lot, and then he was to be the interpreter to his age of a

ern. Of the laborer's intimate life, of January 11, 1911. the thoughts which occupied his mind, of the joys and sorrows of his life, men knew nothing, and did not care to know. Then came one sent from God who him to earn his bread by the sweat of of his house. his brow, always reminds him of the hard fundamental conditions of existence. Even the earth he stands on caped for a few hours from town. But Skunks usually hibernate in winter. for him who always lives in it, it is not the good, tender mother that the townsman fancies. It has its oppressive heats in summer, and its winter frosts; its majesty is austere."

"Millet is called to be the interpreter of this life which he knew so intimately. The titles of his pictures reveal his interest in the men and women among whom he was reared: 'The Workman's Monday', 'The Gleaners', 'Potato Planters', 'The Reapers', 'The Man With the Hoe'. In the last named picture the artist made no attempt to idealise his subject. The man with the hoe is clad in rough garb, with the marks of toil upon his bowed frame. Here, as in the Angelus, the pathetic spirit enters into Millet's art. He dwells upon the sense of the burdens and sorrows of the laborers' life. The blessing of work can be turned into a curse, when labor is incessant and unremunerative, and when it leaves no time for relaxation. It is not the dignity of labor, but its heavy unremitting burden, which here is emphasized.

"In Millet those dumb, neglected creatures like "The Man With the Hoe" at last found a voice. The man who uttered their protest through art was recognized as a prophet. Like every prophet of the first order he endured shame and ridicule until his message could be no longer neglected. He National Broadcasting Company, was the papers came out in black headchampioned the cause of the downtrod- announced last week. Mr. Brophy was lines announcing the date of the race Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pullen, Mr. and den and called for a new reverence for humanity. Since that day the challenge Company for 13 years. During that time has been forced upon every age. In he rose from a work-bench in the comour time it is not merely the problem pany's plant to the post of assistant of the peasant that faces us. It is the general manager. He resigned the latproblem of the submerged and abandoned in our cities, the underfed and born in Montreal in 1900. the overworked, the neglected waifs and unpitied progeny of the streets. This cry of God's poor must be heard. This challenge to modern society and the Christian Church cannot be ignored. With absolute frankness and virile courage the poet hurls it forth:

O Masters, lords and rulers in all lands,

Is this the handiwork you give to God-

This monstrous thing distorted and

soul-quenched? How will you ever straighten up this ciety."

NEWS IN BRIEF--Continued

(Continued from page 3.)

Canada

Regina, Sask.—A sweeping sales tax to raise funds to finance a program of public works in the coming summer was forecast for Saskatchewan recently by Premier J. G. Gardiner. A two per cent. tax on most commodities, other than necessities, was drafted by close observers, who declared the bill was being drafted and would be brought before the Legislature next week. While bread and milk would likely be exempt, Mr. Gardiner stressed that only by general application of the tax could the amount collected justify its imposition.

Edmonton, Alta.—Ray Winters owes W. A. Cameron in his addresses in his life to his dog. When fire broke book "Not by Eastern Windows out in his shack the dog barked loudly, nly" has very interesting comments awakening Winters, who fled to safety. Winters, police say, is the man who recently placed a dummy on a chair in his home to keep mischievous children away, which resulted in a call to police whiskey. to investigate a "murder."

> Edmonton-Mother love surmounts obstacles nature sets. Daisy, a Jersey cow, lost her calf and straightway adopted Prince, a seven-months-old puppy. Now Daisy won't go into the barn until she sees Prince safely put to bed each night. She drives away any strange dogs away.

Edmonton, Alta.-Establishing a record for the coldest spot in Canada, new gospel of art to be the painter of Great Bear Lake sprang into the limethe peasant life and of the poetry of light New Year's Day when the temperature reached 73 degrees below zero, "It is no exaggeration to say that be- according to the official Government Thames River last week near Westfore Millet's day the peasant had been Meterological Bureau thermometer at treated in art in the spirit of jocular- Cameron Bay, N.W.T. Previous record of destruction in an air raid during the ity or caricature. He was painted "the was held by Mayo, Y.T., when on De- war the bomb had narrowly missed ignorant rustic dancing awkwardly on cember 20, 1933, the mercury slid to 68 the village green," or the roisterous below to beat the former record of 67 boor drinking deep in the village tav- below established at Fort Vermilion on Buildings or Scotland Yard.

Campbell River, B.C.—One man is dead and seven families are homeless in the wake of two devastating snowknew the peasant's life and who had in slides which crashed down upon a his heart the "cry of the earth". As small fishing settlement on the west Muther says in his History of Modern shore of Cape Mudge, located at the Painting, "Millet is not the first who southern end of Quadra Island in the Suspects questioned in Los Angeles told has represented them truthfully, in all Gulf of Georgia. The first huge slide, their ruggedness, and likewise in their plunging from a 400-foot cliff which greatness, not for the amusement of rises above the settlement, covered and others, but as they claim a right to smashed three of the fishermen's cottheir own existence. The spirit of the tages. The second demolished five of rustic is naturally grave and heavy, the houses and resulted in the death of and the number of his ideas and emo- C. L. Shaw, 66-year-old fisherman, tions is small. His life, which forces whose body was taken from the ruins

Kisbey, Sask.—Talking about skunks -F. E. Speer's rat terrier, "Tiny", had plot. wakens in him a mood of seriousness. a litter of seven pups. One day she ap-It is gravely sublime, this nature with peared, woe-begone and highly punits wide horizon and its boundless sky. gent. It developed a female skunk had At certain seasons it wears a friendly chased Tiny away and taken over the smile, especially for those who have es- pups. The skunk is nursing them.

> Montreal, Que.—A bill of \$6,000 was received by the Montreal executive com- L. Smith. mittee from the group of tax experts whose recent report was rejected as soon as it was received. Thomas Bradshaw, of Toronto, put in a personal expense account of \$180 while Lorenzo Belanger of Montreal requested \$2,500 and Oscar Morin of Montreal and H. I. Brittain of Toronto, each \$1,700.

Ottawa-Instructions for full speed ahead on the printing of the voters' lists have been issued to the Government Printing Bureau lending a measure of support to rumors of an early general election. The bureau was told to have the lists ready by April. Some 100 printers are being engaged along with the necessary number of proofreaders. New typesetting machines have been installed and everything is being made were justly proud of their young fellow ready for the gigantic task of printing countrymen. But only a few Canadians the names of 6,000,000 voters through- are aware of the fact that Harold re- of Oklahoma, niece of Mr. McDougall, out Canada in addition to the routine work of the bureau.

Foreign

connected with the Canadian Marconi ter position a year ago. Mr. Brophy was

shape; Touch it again with immorality: the light:

Rebuild it in the dreams:

wrong. Here is the conviction that these neglected men and women have world champion speed-boat racer, a right to the blessings of modern sothe sea.-New Outlook.

Paris, France—Premier Pierre Etienne Flandin last week denounced governmental regimendation and defied party politics to force him to abandon his aim of freeing trade from state interference. Interviewed by the weekly newspaper Candide, he declared constitutional reform is of no immediate urgency, and promised to cure France of the "intoxication of state control." "Iam opposed to price-fixing," the premier was quoted as syaing. "My idea is that the state ought to intervene in prodduction only to give to it more freedom; to organize that freedom, and defend that freedom, if need be.

Dublin-Toothless indigents in West Cork, Irish Free State, may consider themselves particularly favored, even though they are unable to consume the government's handouts of free beef. The board of assistance in that community is determined that no one shall be deprived of food becaused he is deficent in dental equipment, so it recommended that those lacking teeth be given vouchers exchangeable for Irish

Vatican City. Italy-The sounding of automobile horns within the gates of Vatican City was prohibited last week. The ban follows a recent decree prohibiting sounding of horns within 300 feet of his office in the Palazzo Venesia. Il Duce is expected to extend the decree to all the principal cities of Italy.

London, Eng.—A German air bomb that never had exploded was found buried deep in the muddy bottom of the minster Bridge. Loosed on its mission striking what military men believe to have been its objectives-Parliament

Calexico, Calif.-A network of law enforcement agencies was spread over Southern California last week, but in its meshes was found no clue to a fleet of fast trucks and automobiles believed carrying guns and ammunition to the would-be revolutionaries in Mexico. police machine-guns and rounds of ammunition had been secretly gathered, and had been started from the city to the border. Federal men here believe that if the story is true then the guns must be somewhere in the vast desert stretches that lie on the United States side of the border. Mexican political refugees in Southern California, some of whom were questioned by officers. could shed no light on the purported

Seattle-City Health Commissioner F. M. Carroll said Tuesday that policemen should eat more onions. "They may get a heavy breath but they need onions for a balanced diet," he said. The doctor commented after examining Seattle's policemen at the request of Mayor C.

Boston—A move to make Boston the fourth largest city in the United States was made Tuesday by Mayor Frederick W. Mansfield in a bill he plans to file with the Legislature. The measure would combine Boston and 40 surrounding municipalities into one political division having a population in excess of 2,000,000. Mansfield also proposed a state-wide two per cent. sales tax to relieve the burden on real estate.

HONORED THE SABBATH

When Harold Wilson of Ingersoll, won the speed boat race for the President's Cup, before a crowd of a hundred thousand spectators in Washington, D.C., all Canadian lovers of sport fused to run his boat on Sunday, the Mr. and Mrs. Pearrie of London, Mr. day set for the race. He notified the Charlie Gibbs and Miss Ada McLean, of committee that it was against his prin- Toronto. ciples to race on Sunday. They could make no changes. But when the young New York-Appointment of Reginald Canadian began to pack up his boat for McL. Brophy, former executive in the home, the speed-boat people petitioned Canadian radio field, to the position of the race committee to have the race manager of station relations for the transferred to Saturday. That night H. Coghill, Mrs. Fannie McDougall and had been changed because Harold Wilson, of Ingersoll, Ont., on account of religious principles, would not race his boat on Sunday. That stand was taken by Harold himself, without any suggestion from his friends. And when father and son were congratulated by Priceville Old Boys and Girls Associamany Americans on the lad's splendid loyalty to principle, they seemed at a loss to understand the reason for spe-Give back the upward looking and cial commendation. "As this was the natural position we all take," says Mr music and the E. A. Wilson, father of the champion Make right the immemorial infamies, out of the ordinary." In a day in which Athletic Club, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Par-Perfidious wrongs, immedicable woes? the air of this continent is so clutter-"Here is the knowledge of a great ed up with raucus announcing of Sun- Priceville; McDonald family, Edge Hill; sociation for the Advancement of Sciday games the story of Harold Wilson, Mrs. D. McDonald and Louise, Leth- ence a vaccine which may save the comes like a breath from the hills and

Many Pay Tribute To Wreck Victims

Funeral Services in Toronto and Priceville Largely Attended. - Deceased Were Well Known and Highly Respected by Chinese in Toronto.

Hundreds of friends, members of Cooke's Presbyterian church, members of the Chinese Mission, former residents of Priceville and London, crowded the funeral parlors of M. S. Bedford, Eglington Ave. west, Toronto, to pay tribute to the memory of the late John McDougall and his daughter, Alice, who were killed Christmas night in the train wreck at Dundas, when returning from London, where they had spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pearrie. The service was taken by Rev. A. R. Skinner, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Toronto, where Mr. McDougall was an elder, and a faithful worker. Mr. Skinner read the service, and later spoke from II Samuel, Chapter 1, 23rd verse, quoting the words, "They were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in death they were not divided." Dr. Lee, Mark Shung, and George Mark, three young men from the Chinese Mission, paid glowing tributes to Miss McDougall Premier Benito Mussolini who institut- for her work among the Chinese. Dr. ed an anti-noise campaign in Rome by Lee said she was their friend, sister councillor and adviser. She was known to all the Chinese, even to the smallest child, and was loved by all. She helped them materially, morally and spiritually to graduate from Universities and Colleges, and many of them are now occupying positions of trust in China and elsewhere.

> and girls taught by Miss McDougall in her Sunday School class: Dr. George Lee, graduated from Toronto University in Medicine, gave his services for two years in Canton Hospital, in Canton, China: Mr. Peter Mark, graduated in M.I.I. Michigan, as an electrical engineer, and is employed by the Shanghai Municipal System as an electrical engineer: Mr. P. E. Wong, editor of the Chinese Republic, a monthly magazine published in English at Shanghai; Miss F. Lee, graduate of Neargaret Eaton School in Toronto, in physical education, now teaching physical culture in a girls' school in Hong Kong; Jean Mark, also a graduate of Margaret Eaton School, in physical education, now employed by the Chinese Government in the Maritimes Customs Service; Lem Pak-Sing, graduate of Michigan University, now teaching in a Government school in Canton; F. Wong, graduate of States University, now employed as an engineer in Northern China; Dr. May Ing. graduate of Toronto University, now practising in Hong Kong, and many others who were helped and inspired by Miss McDougall's life and ways be remembered by the Chinese in teaching. Her name and work will al-Toronto.

The following are some of the boys

Following the service in Toronto on Sunday, December 30, the remains were taken to Priceville the next morning. The service was from the Presbyterian church, which was filled to capacity with friends who mourned the tragic ending of two who were honored and revered. The service was taken by the pastor, Rev. Norman McDonald, who spoke eloquently of their faithfulness, and the interest they took in the building and furnishing of their present church. He spoke along the same lines as Rev. Mr. Skinner, and also quoted Samuel, 2nd chapter and 23rd verse.

Deceased were both faithful workers in their church in Toronto yet they never lost interest in the home church, where they erected a beautiful memorial window, designed by Miss Mc-Dougall, in memory of her grandpar-

Those who accompanied the remains to Priceville were: Mrs. Roy MacKenzie, of Texas, sister, and Mrs. Dawson

The floral tributes were from: Verona Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, Neff Robertson & Co., F. O'Hearn and Co., Allmama Svenska Slektriska, Swedish General Electric Co., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. family, Mrs. Ed. Currie and family, Mrs. Charles Clark, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Holliday, Mr. and Mrs. Carsall and Margaret, F. McPherson, Ada McLean. Harry Lang, Chas, Lee, Jung Fee and Jung Yuee, George G. Lee, Chinese Young Men's Christian Institution, tion, Central Presbyterian church, Session of Central Presbyterian church, Teachers of Knox church class, workers Amongst Chinese, Women's Association, Cook's church, Mark Sheng, Miss McDougall's Sunday School class, must protect against them all. "it did not appear to us as anything 1916-1924, all of Toronto; Priceville slow, Mr. and Mrs. D. Campbell, of bridge, Alta.; Mrs. John Baxter and world from the terrors of infantile parfamily, and Mrs. D. Campbell, Duluth, alysis, is regarded as one of McGill Un-

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against encephalitis, or sleeping sick- famous bacteriologist then carrying on ness was reported to the American As- research at New York City laborasociation for the Advancement of Sci-tories. When Dr. Wm. Brebner, associence at Pittsburg by a young Canadian ate of Dr. Park, died, the young Canaresearch worker Thursday.

To date medicine has absolutely no his research work there. known defence against catching this disease, one of the cruelest of human

The encephalitis experiments were reported by Maurice Brodie, M.D., formerly of Ottawa and Montreal and now of the New York City health department, during a description of the new infantile paralysis vaccine,

Last year's St. Louis sleeping sickness outbreak furnished the virus, the cause of the disease, from human beings, which Brodie used for the vaccine experiments.

Mice infected with this human virus developed sleeping sickness.

Their brains, containing the virus, were treated with minute amounts of formalin which killed the virus. This virus was then used as a vaccine on 100 healthy mice.

It immunized them all against the encephalitis. Most important from the medical point of view, the new vaccine had no apparent ill effects on the

The next steps are further animal experiments to make reasonably sure it may not harm human beings. Then the volunteers, who try it on their own

Encephalitis, like infantile paralysis, attacks the brain and has numerou "strains" of virus, each working a little differently. A vaccine to be useful

Brilliant Student Dr. William Brodie, who described to the Pittsburg convention of the Asiversity's most brilliant graduates.

Following his graduation from Mo-Gill in 1928, when he won the Woods gold medal, the young bacteriologist was an interne in Royal Victoria Hospital at Montreal. His accomplishments in preventive medicine led to his being financed by the Banting Research Foundation, Toronto.

Common interest in attempting to blot out infantile paralysis brought to-The first step in making a vaccine gether Dr. Brodie and Dr. W. H. Park, dian went to New York and continued

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