

The Language Of the Future

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It would be foolish to suppose that the babel of languages which now stands in the way of easy communication between the peoples of this tiny world will continue for very many years. More than 3000 languages now exist. But the complicated systems of intercommunication are bringing men all over the world closer together both materially and spiritually. The difference in modes of living and thinking between the inhabitants of different countries is inevitably diminishing.

I do not believe that an artificial language will come to be adopted—the principal thing against it is that absurd sensation felt by anyone who finds himself speaking a "manufactured" language. I believe that a world language will be adopted, not by treaty or agreement, but as a result of natural forces. Some languages are steadily losing ground; others are growing. Sooner or later one of these latter will gain such an advantage over the others that it will monopolize the field.

Already the potentialities of the various languages are clear enough to enable us to name those which are likely to be contenders in the coming struggle. For one thing, all languages foreign to Occidental culture are automatically excluded, no matter how many people may be speaking them today; for Occidental culture is spreading irresistibly even into the Orient, and a civilization of Occidental origin cannot hope to find its expression in an oriental language.

Turning to those languages which are truly Occidental, I see no reason to expect any expansion of German, French, Italian, Danish, and the other languages which are spoken by relatively small areas. I therefore arrive at the conclusion (as others have before me) that only English and Spanish have any likelihood of overcoming the others in the struggle. Both English and Spanish have the advantage over all others in that they are spoken over very large and scattered territories which are not only well populated today but give evidence of rapid growth in populations.

Only a blind man could fail to see the great progress that the English language and culture have made in the Americas. The English race has not only grown strong roots in North and South America, but, as is well known, it has spread over the world into more places than any other and has even rooted itself in places like Australia. And, unlike the abortive shock which the French language sent out in Canada, English is continuing to spread. Even in a country like Japan it is difficult to find a boy or girl who does not understand at least a little English and in the larger cities there are more copies of newspapers printed in English than in Japanese.

I do not believe it possible that, in the long run, Spanish can successfully compete against English. If the Spanish people had kept in the vanguard of scientific activity, the Spanish language would today be in a far stronger position. But a language of mysticism, war, and imaginative literature cannot properly fulfill the needs of the present day. When a country does not export the products of scientific, technical, and political research, it cannot export the words with which these things are expressed. A Spanish-speaking person who wishes to investigate any field of knowledge must necessarily turn to a foreign language. Rarely do Spanish terms appear in scientific or technical works.

Everything points to the ultimate predominance of English. The motion picture, for instance, was invented in France; but the Americans have gained a quasi monopoly of this powerful means of diffusing ideas. And now the Americans have invented talking motion pictures, a development of tremendous importance. Sound pictures must be produced in a single language, and this language must be understood by anyone who wishes to enjoy the pictures. These pictures are sent all over the world. It is in the English-language countries that the most elaborate pictures can be made, and it is there that the biggest audiences are found. Necessarily, talking films produced in any other language will be less good. Thus an Argentine Peruvian, French, German, or Spanish motion-picture fan who wishes to enjoy the best films must learn English.

Can a more powerful weapon for the spread of a language be imagined? And since the various phases of culture are interlinked, the more people there are who know English, the more books and periodicals printed in English will be read, the more opportunity there will be for those who write English, the more advertisements will be written in English, the more products of the English-speaking peoples will be bought—and so on.—Buenos Aires, February 1924.

ENJOYMENT

There is no enjoyment to equal the enjoyment of the great intellectual treasures which are always at hand and always at our disposal.—Cockburn.

New Yorker (theoretically): "And you mean to say that in California you have 365 days of sunshine a year?" The Man from Los Angeles: "Exactly so, sir, and that's a mighty conservative estimate."



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The Englishman (Calcutta): When the State is enjoying surplus budgets it is only too ready to encourage railway development. But the Government of India is never certain of a continuity of "prosperity budgets." When its finances are not affected by unfavorable monsoons they are still liable to be affected by political changes. The recent remission of provincial contributions combined with the reduced receipts from the salt tax have effectively checked the flow of surpluses. When the Government purse is overflowing railways are encouraged and exhorted to "get a move on." Railwaymen seize the opportunity to frame large projects, but before the projects can be completed Government finances slump, capital is no longer forthcoming and the work is left incomplete. It does appear like adding insult to injury when railway authorities are accused of having shown too much zeal.

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Director of Immigration in Europe Looks to Juveniles of Britain

J. Bruce Walker Stakes His Hope for Canada's Future Immigrants on the Young of the Old Land

SPECIALIZER NEWCOMERS

Quebec.—"The future of the great volume of immigration to Canada is to be found in the juveniles of the Old Country," declared J. Bruce Walker, Director of Canadian Immigration in Europe, upon his arrival in Canada aboard the Duchess of York.

Queries as to the possibilities of immigration to Canada next year, Mr. Walker declared that it was not possible, at the moment, to estimate the prospects for next year, as the negotiations at present going on at London between the Deputy Minister of Immigration and the British authorities may possibly have a very material effect on the volume of immigration for 1920.

The past year, in some respects, he stated, was a very satisfactory one for immigration to Canada, for the first nine months of 1919, 4,502 domestic servants had been sent out to this country as compared with 4,100 for a similar period last year.

Then for the first nine months, this year, 1,305 families had been transported under the re-union of families scheme as compared with 18 families during the same period last year.

Boys and girls to the number of 4,016 under the care of societies had come out to the Dominion from January to September, 1919, as compared with 2,178 for a similar period last year, Mr. Walker added, all of these proving a very substantial increase, but especially so in the cases of families.

"The future of the great volume of immigration to Canada is to be found in the juveniles of the Old Country," he added. "Every year, from 300,000 to 400,000 boys and girls between 14 and 16 years of age leave the schools and are thrown on the labor market. Only a fraction of these proceed to higher grade schools and professions, the bulk finding their way into industry of one kind or another."

"This is an addition to the labor market so greatly in excess of immigration to all parts of the world as to leave a constant increase in the industrial population."

Mr. Walker discussed the deleterious effect in his estimation, the unemployment insurance, as the deleterious effect, has blunted the edge of many a Briton's ambition. There was no great inclination to emigrate to Canada or anywhere else among recipients of the dole, added the Director of Canadian Immigration.

He said that the Dominion Government was concentrating its immigration efforts on the obtaining of agricultural people and that it would make no effort to assist the movement of skilled labor to Canada, all organizations concerned with this work being so informed.

Three thousand trainees will be placed on the farms of the Dominion during the course of next year, for that number will go into training in England around Christmas and will follow a three-month course, at the end of which time they will be sent out to Canada and placed on farms in one part or another of the Dominion.

An Unpleasant Tendency
It gives a married man the chills. And chronic blues. When marriage merely runs to bills, instead of coos.

One Step Too Far
She told me to fly, and I flew. She begged me to lie, and I lied. I'll allow her to talk me, but if she should ask me To lie I'll be damned if I do!

Wags On Wags
I told my dachshund such a joke. I thought he did not see. But, ere five minutes had elapsed, He wagged his tail in glee.

"Boots!" called the guest in the country hotel, thrusting his head out of his bedroom door. "Boots!" There was no reply to his call, just as there had been none to his furious ringing of the bell. He called again and again and at last a small boy in a much be-tattered uniform appeared. The guest looked him up and down. "I want the boots. You're not the boots, surely?" "No, sir," said the boy. "I'm the socks." "Socks?" cried the guest. "You impudent young rascal! What do you mean by that?" "You see, sir," answered the boy, "I'm under the boots."

"Hans, did you hear the step-ladder fall?" "Yes, mummy." "I hope daddy hasn't fallen." "Not yet—he is still hanging by his waistcoat to the picture hook."

Do-x Designer To Select Site

Dornier Finds United States Well Adapted For Use of Flying Boats

New York.—Dr. Claudius Dornier, German designer of the world's largest flying boat, the DO-X, which established a record in aviation recently by flying at 110 miles an hour with 109 persons aboard, has just arrived here on the steamship Olympic of the White Star Line.

Discussing with ship news men the purpose of his visit to the United States, Dr. Dornier, who is president of the Dornier Metal Bauten Corporation, declared he saw no reason why the first DO-X flying boats could not be produced in this country within six months after a factory site is selected.

Dr. Dornier said he will remain in this country for three weeks, and that the object of his visit is "to help General Motors Corporation select a site for a Dornier factory here." He is accompanied by Mrs. Dornier.

The new factory will first produce twin-engined Dornier-Wal machines accommodating 10 to 12 passengers, and used for commercial service, he said. Later it will build a super-Wal, a four-engined model for 25 passengers, and eventually the large 100-passenger model.

He expressed the view that on account of its extensive river and harbor facilities for seaplanes and flying boats, the United States offers great opportunity for the use of that type of aircraft for regular commercial flying between large cities in various parts of the country.

Such models, however, would not be practical for transcontinental transportation, he said, because of the long stretches of mountains and desert territory which must be crossed and where there would be no emergency landing places available. There are, however, great sections of Canada where they could be used.

Education in India

Times of India: The Government has to meet two great needs—primary education and secondary and higher education. It is to educate the peasant or to improve the Universities and the High Schools? Primary schools involve an expenditure of 156 lakhs, secondary schools demand an expenditure of 175 lakhs. But when Arts Colleges, professional colleges, special schools and universities are considered, it is found that far more is spent on secondary and higher education than on the primary schools. Though primary education is very important, there should be no reduction of reasonable expenditure elsewhere. The enlightened women of India are comparatively few in number; yet they are strong enough to commence a profound revolution in the social life of India. And probably primary education in this country will not be secure until the upper and middle classes are properly educated. That, of course, is looking rather a long way ahead.

Handkerchiefs

With the prevailing mode of femininity, handkerchiefs have become more than ever an important accessory. Large chiffon handkerchiefs matching the frock or one of its accessories are one of fashion's foremost style notes. These handkerchiefs differ from the lace-trimmed squares for evening wear and also from the chiffon squares with gay borders in block designs intended to accompany sports costumes. The only trimming they display is the owner's name hand-painted in one corner. Their effectiveness lies in their colors.

For daytime costumes the all-white linen handkerchief, with or without an initial is always in good taste. Some of the new handkerchiefs which are less tailored have net inserts or borders instead of the lace trimming of last season.

Petticoats Return

Petticoats are back in the fashion whirl! The new mode in dresses has made them a necessity, and so they enter the fashion-cycle after a long absence. Some petticoats are fashioned especially to wear under the sheer chiffon and velvet dresses which demand more protection than an ordinary slip offers. Satin petticoats with the circular flared bottom are excellent. Velvet and chiffon fit smoothly over the satin and most important of all, the lines of petticoat and frock correspond.

Other intimate garments likewise show the altered silhouette. Teddies, chemises and even dance sets have a circular bottom. The slips are two and three inches longer; their lines are distinctly princess style and, additionally, they have built-up shoulders, instead of shoulder straps.

A darky one day bought a horse, which he afterwards found would not go. He took it to a veterinary surgeon, who injected dope into the animal. The horse bolted down the street, while the astonished negro turned to the surgeon and asked "what the charge was." "Ten cents," said he. "Then," said the darky, "I want you to put 50 cents worth of that stuff on my arm." "Why?" asked the surgeon. "Cause," said the darky, "I've got to catch dat hoss."

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THOUGHTS

To have thoughts of our own is a very different thing from the entertaining the thoughts of others however well we may lodge and feed them. We want thoughts which come to us not as things which seek an entrance, but as things that seek an exit, and cry for forms of embodiment that they may pass out of the infinite, and, by incarnation, become communicable.