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THE WORLD AT LARGE

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First in Radio

Recently Denmark celebrated its tenth anniversary of national radio broadcasting and on that occasion a survey was made of the progress that has been achieved under that system. It proves to be rather astonishing. Ten years ago radio broadcasting was made a public utility. A national board of governors was set up and a general manager appointed. The manager operates the system under the direction of the board. When started there were 28,140 radio sets in Denmark. Last year there were 583,109. That is 16.4 per cent of the population. They pay a license fee, as in Britain and Canada the amount being \$2.50.

These figures are somewhat astonishing. Many persons think the United States has the largest proportion of radios according to population, but according to the International Radio Office at Geneva, Denmark leads with the United States second and Great Britain third. Sweden is fourth.—Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

Hotel Ruling

An Alberta court has ruled that a hotel keeper "is not obliged to accommodate a guest on trust," but doubtless most guests will still be accepted at face value, plus a bit of baggage.—Toronto Globe.

Progressive Japan

Japan's entry of a hockey team at the Olympic games is just another illustration that the little country—little until recently—never misses a chance to demonstrate that she's in line with Western progressiveness—and then some.—Winnipeg Tribune.

One Pig Arrived

There has been more snow in the district about Stratford than we have felt here in this section. There is a snow drift which takes a strip up toward Listowel, across through Brussels and Wingham and then south of Stratford as far as Kelly's Sliding. Much snow in there.

Roads have been blocked and farmers have not been able to get to the city. The pigs which are of 200 lbs. or a little over the mark are due to be off and play part in the development of the bacon industry, but the pigs have had a few days more to live on account of the blocked roads.

E. J. Smith, of the Whyte Packing Co., at Stratford, says on a recent day only one lone pig came to the plant. Just one. An ordinary day would bring from 400 to 500.

We do know that if a person was the one lone guest at a hotel where four or five hundred people generally stayed, he could, if he desired, have all manner of service. The folk in the hotel, desiring to appear busy, would be romping all over the place to see what each in turn might do for the comfort and entertainment of the one guest. Whether it works out that way with one lone pig turning up at a packing plant instead of four or five hundred is something on which we lack definite information. It may be that one lone pig would just have to go in a room and wait until others came to join him. It is rather unlikely he would be shown over the plant, because if he were there might be much about he would not understand and more still which he would have no reason to enjoy.

There is no moral to the story, but just the same that one lone pig which was taken to the packing plant when the roads were blocked had something about him in the papers.—Peterboro Express.

Elusive Sleep

The Dionne babies go to sleep in a few seconds. Dr. Alan Roy Dafoe testifies. Before the fifth girl has been bundled in heavy outdoor clothes, the first is asleep. Many will envy them this gift. How many insomniacs tossing on beds from Halifax to Victoria would not change places for a while with the quintuplets! Blissful rest, how often it eludes us.—Hamilton Spectator.

Doesn't Like Name

You may think it a nice friendly way to call the Pullman porter "George," but he doesn't like it. He much prefers the quite dignified term of "Porter." So says George A. Kelly, vice-president of the Pullman Company, and he ought to know. Moreover, there are a lot of white Georges who don't like the Pullman "Georges." In fact, reports Mr. Kelly, they have a society called the "Prevention of Calling Pullman Porters 'George,'" and it is quite active, having several thousand members, each one a real George. How the railroads began to em-

ploy colored gentlemen as porters seems "wrought in mystery." There is no foundation for the belief that President Lincoln suggested it to George M. Pullman, mention of whose name may be the reason why porters are called "George." At any rate, colored porters were first employed in the late seventies or early eighties. Six or seven years ago when the railroads were really prosperous the Pullman Company gave employment to 11,000 porters, chefs and waiters, but at the present time there are only about 7,000. The pay varies according to the job on the trains, but the average is \$90 a month. Those who come in contact with the public, of course, do pretty well in tips, and the men in regular employment are comfortable.—St. Thomas Times Journal.

Type It Also!

If there is one petty annoyance more than another in the ordinary office humdrum, it is to get a letter or document with somebody's signature attached, which nobody in the office is able to decipher. If the person in question has a title, occupying some position in a company or organization, it is possible to address him in that capacity, but that does not solve the question of the name of the man to whom an answer must be sent.

Where there is no official position, driven to a last resort, clipping off the signature and pasting it on the answering letter may be one way out, but it simply shifts the burden on the post office, and in any event is an abominable waste of time and patience.

While appreciating the artistic ingenuity of devising a signature which is hard to copy, for perfectly obvious reasons, legibility should not be sacrificed in the process.

Whatever else a man may write, he at least ought to be able to write his own name so that it can be read, and if this is not possible, as is the case with some of these glorious hieroglyphics which suffice for a signature, then, in fairness to the man who has to read it at the other end, it might, at least be typed below the apothecosis of his name.—Halifax Chronicle.

Wrongfully Possessed

The inferiority complex is like wealth. It would be a blessing if the right people had it.—Montreal Star.

Driving People Crazy

Modern business and social customs have succeeded in imposing such a strain on men and women that they are breaking down mentally at a rate that is startling.

Dr. Montgomery, director of the Ontario Hospital at Whitby, speaking to the Women's Canadian Club at Bowmanville recently, said that fifty per cent of those suffering from mental diseases were victims of the excessive stress that modern civilization entails.

In Ontario there are about 2,000 new patients admitted to the mental hospitals in a year. There are many more mentally deranged individuals who do not get into hospitals.—Sarnia Canadian Observer.

Advertising Pays

Tourist advertising pays. Mr. J. D. Burton, chairman of the Yarmouth tourist committee says an advertisement in a New York paper brought two hundred direct queries, and one tourist family paid for the whole season's advertising in goods purchased at Yarmouth stores. Direct evidence of that sort cannot be thrown lightly aside.—St. John Telegraph-Journal.

Horticultural Hint

Rhubarb, says an oculist, is good for the eyes. Why not try crossing it with a grapefruit.—Kitchener Record.

Looks Like a Safe Bet

The claim that Queen Mary will win back the blue ribbon of the Atlantic by doing 32 knots and 35 if necessary gains considerable force when it is known that Clydebank Scots are willing to bet on it.—St. Catharines Standard.

George V.

In him has passed from the earth the very mould and pattern of a constitutional monarch, wise, courageous, considerate, unaffected, simple. Whether he was a great man those who will may dispute. That he was a man great in kingship, if greatness in kingship consists in a faultless discharge of that high office, belongs to the realm of facts indisputable.—London Spectator.

Their Wheat Problem Too

The millers' proposal (that South African wheat surplus should be removed from the market) could only



The man-of-war Erie, latest type gunboat having many characteristics of a small cruiser, pictured as she was launched in Brooklyn, N.Y., Navy Yard drydock. Displacing 2,000 tons, the staunch little fighting ship is 382 feet long and carries four six-inch guns and four anti-aircraft guns.

be carried out in one way—by the Government agreeing in advance to buy the surplus at a high price and dispose of it overseas for what it will fetch. The Government has made serious blunders over wheat, but we can scarcely believe it will commit this crowning blunder, the effect of which would be to drive production higher and higher.—The Cape Argus.

A Forgotten Lesson

It is distinctly disconcerting to find that although prosperity has returned to South Africa in full spate, people are not giving so freely to charity now as they did during the years of the depression. Possibly this is due to an entirely mistaken idea that there is less need for giving in good times than in bad. Prosperity, unfortunately, is never as comprehensive as one would like it to be, and there are always vast numbers to whom the difference between bad times and better times is scarcely noticeable.—Johannesburg Times.

Officials of the Manhattan Aquarium announced that their electric eel would be tickled with a copper hook, and stimulated into lighting a neon bulb in front of its tank, three times a day. Said Trainer V. W. Coates: "He was glad to light his bulb at first, but then he got accustomed to the wires and refused to shoot juice into them. Now I have to tickle him. If he's feeling right he lights two bulbs."

Something "Springy"



You'll be won over immediately by the charm of the model patterned for today. It has daring and chic in the new collar and sleeve. Decorative inverted pin tucks give youthful fullness to the bodice and the skirt. It looks so young and fresh 'neath your dark winter coat in gay print silk as pictured. Amazingly quick to make it, and inexpensive, too. Style No. 2620 is designed for sizes 14, 16, 18 years, 36, 38 and 40-inches bust. Size 16 requires 3 3/4 yards of 39-inch material. HOW TO ORDER PATTERNS Write your name and address plainly, giving number and size of pattern wanted. Enclose 15c in stamps or coin (coin preferred); wrap it carefully, and address your order to Wilson Pattern Service, 73 West Adelaide Street, Toronto.

New Gunboat Floated

Farm Problems

Conducted by Professor Henry G. Bell with the co-operation of the various departments of Ontario Agricultural College.

The business of farming is yearly becoming more and more dependent upon facts that have been gathered regarding livestock and livestock management, crop production, soil management, and insect control and business organization of the farming industry. Individual problems involving one or more of these, and many other phases of agriculture, engage the attention of Ontario farmers from day to day. During the winter months there is a little more time for study of the most acute problems. Through this column farmers may secure the latest information pertaining to their difficulties. To introduce this service Professor Bell has prepared the following information which should be given in order that a satisfactory answer can be made. If answer is desired by letter enclose stamped and addressed envelope for reply. Address all inquiries to Professor Henry G. Bell, Room 421, 73 Adelaide St. W., Toronto, Ontario.

Question:— J. G. Simcoe — I have three cows that are lame and not doing well. When they came in from pasture last fall, they were chewing bones and boards. I believe they are troubled with Bots. One of my heifers, due in early March, has a swollen udder. Answer:— Indications are deficiency in phosphorus and lime. Feed Steamed Bone Flour—one handful daily per head. If Warble Flies are troubling the cattle, apply any of the Berris compounds as a wash according to instructions. If horses are troubled with Bots, have them treated with Carbon Bisulphide—given in capsule for Bot removal. For the heifer that has a swollen udder, you had better have your herd tested for Bang's disease.—Dr. L. Stevenson, Ontario Veterinary College.

Paper-hanging An Art

Any man or woman who has ever fought a losing battle with a strip of wall paper will agree heartily with the dictum of a court in New York state that "paper hanging is an art to which talent may aspire but in which genius alone moves with sureness."

Humorous writers have found riches in paste pots and rolls of paper. Vaudeville artists have struck a responsive chord in their audiences by depicting whole families battling step-ladders; paste brushes and yard and yards of writhing wall paper. For man loves to laugh at his fellow's mishaps. A malignant spirit slumbers within every roll of wall paper and awaits only the uncertain touch of the amateur to strike. Like a deadly viper, the paper must be gripped firmly just behind the ears if one would escape its coils. But if the grip be too harsh disaster is swift and complete, for the miserable stuff collapses into pulp within one's very own hand.

The wise words of the New York court were evoked when the referee visited a large room recently papered by a man who professed to be an expert but whose efforts had displeased the lady of the house. She refused to pay him; he sued. Equipped with the bitter experience of his salad days, the judge found that the paperhanger had evidently kept pushing his thumb into the bowl of his pipe, using that same thumb to press the paper into place.

"The fruits of the plaintiff's labors," he remarked, "remind me of my own experience 45 years ago when, pressed by need of economy, I papered the ceiling of my own dining room. I explained to my family that the result was due to the irregular proportions of the room." He had tried to cover the deficiencies by placing a large border around the room, "but it wasn't much use."

"Genius that alone moves with sureness" in flinging strips of paper on a ceiling it is only necessary to try to do it, one's self. The attempt, however, had better be made in an old bathing suit, with a hot bath ready to deal with those eventualities which may be predicted with confidence.

Girl Guide Garb May be Changed

Annual Meeting to be Held May 22-25; Seniors to Have Smart New Uniforms; Juniors Seek Similar Regalia

EDMONTON.—Proposed changes in uniforms to permit better expression of personalities of the younger girls will be discussed at the annual meeting of the Dominion command of the Canadian Girl Guide association to be held here May 22 to 25. Mrs. H. D. Warren, C.B.E., LL.D., Chief Commissioner, will preside, and approximately 150 prominent workers in the movement from all parts of the Dominion are expected to attend. Senior girls, known as Rangers, are already rejoicing in the changes in their uniforms which will become effective February 1. Previously the girls had worn a uniform similar to that of their juniors, but the new pattern will set the style with a smart navy blue hat bearing a soft narrow brim. The older girls expressed annoyance with the former wide-brimmed, stiff hat.

Another change in the regulations, passed by Guide authorities, permits the senior girls to wear a new silk four-in-hand tie as an alternative to the broadcloth triangular one. All members of a company however, must be dressed alike. The junior Guides, watching their big sisters parading in their stylish modern uniforms, will follow the proceedings of the Dominion meeting with close attention.

Strange World

What the pilot does in a display of aerobatics will be told to the public by the pilot himself at the R.A.F. Display at Hendon, Eng., on June 29th. The pilot will speak a description of his movements into a microphone hung round his neck. Whether he is upside down or rolling or spinning his wireless set will continue to work and a receiving set on the ground will pass up his remarks to loudspeakers.

A "cheerfulness" tax, which most workers will have to pay, is being introduced in Portugal. Money collected will be devoted to a "national fund for the promotion of cheerfulness in work."

An unemployed Alsatian has spent five days in prison in place of an innkeeper who had been sentenced. A year ago he took the same man's place in prison, but on that occasion he was not found out.

The great-great-grandson of the man who founded Brisbane, one of Australia's greatest cities, is a painter in a Stirlingshire village. His name is Brisbane.

A baby has been born in Kunszentmiklos, Hungary, with a complete set of thirty-two teeth.

A plague of flying ants stopped a cricket match for half an hour at Outwood, Surrey. Armed with stumps, the players drove them off and the game was resumed.

Hailstones as big as golf balls have fallen on Montevideo, smashing windows and skylights to such an extent that only ten per cent of the damage can be repaired by the glass available. The Government has sent an emergency Bill to Parliament urging the remission of all customs dues on imported glass.

THE FIRE DANGER IN YOUR HOME

Some Startling Facts About The Home Use of Gasoline

"In New York State recently a frugal housekeeper filled a pan in the kitchen with enough gasoline to clean a blouse," writes Paul W. Kearney, in "The Family Circle." Taking what she considered adequate precautions, she was careful not to have any open flame in the kitchen and she made sure to have the windows open so as to ventilate the place. As she worked on the blouse, her maid went down to the cellar to look at the furnace, leaving the door ajar. And before she got back upstairs there was an explosion which wrecked the house, killed four people in it, and sent three others to the hospital.

With its proclivities for trouble, and with the carelessness with which it is used, gasoline probably gives more freak fires than any other cause. I wish every housewife in the country could see the demonstration frequently staged at the officers' college of the New York Fire Department. A fireman lays a handful of cotton waste, barely moistened with gasoline, in the higher end of a sloping sheet-iron trough, 20 feet long, and the demonstrating officer places a lighted cigarette lighter at the opposite end. In about 30 seconds a blue ball of flame pops up around the cigarette lighter and with amazing speed rolls all the way back the uphill path to the cotton waste which bursts into fire at the contact.

A TINY FLAME Not more than a tablespoon of gasoline is used, and none of it runs down the trough, yet it is ignited by a tiny flame 20 feet away. And since the same thing could be done at 20 yards or 20 rods, the moral for the housekeeper is obvious: "Don't use gasoline (or benzine or naphtha) in the home for any reason whatever. Because no matter what precautions you take, you can't make it safe!"

The fireman's demonstration emphasizes some of the reasons why, first, gasoline is dangerous because it freely gives off an invisible vapor. Because it is heavier than air, this vapor seeks the lowest level so as soon as you open a gasoline can in the kitchen, the vapor begins to flow down to the floor where it follows the prevailing draught. If, in the course of its flow, it happens to come across an open flame—a pilot light or even live coals in the ash box of the stove—the cigarette-lighter trick is re-enacted on a large scale. The amazing ball of blue flame appears from nowhere, runs back along the invisible vapor column to the vapor's source, and a flash fire or an explosion instantly follows. Even being touched by that rolling ball of fire on its return passage will burn you badly enough to send you to the hospital.

What the test doesn't show is that this vapor, when properly mixed with air, is a high explosive at least equal in power to dynamite. Since only a few spoonfuls of gasoline produce enough vapor to drive your heavy car up the steepest hill you can readily deduce that it doesn't require much of that vapor to blow you right into kingdom come!

But you never use gasoline near an open flame? All right, consider another case. A mother was cleaning with gasoline one afternoon. Her daughter entering the kitchen observed that it was growing dark and switched on the electric light. Before she could take her hand off the switch there was an explosion which blew both of them through the side of the house into a vacant lot 30 feet away. The switch had sparked!

What is the solution? Simple. Don't ever allow a can of gasoline or benzine or naphtha to come into your home because you cannot possibly clean with it safely. In your car gasoline is all right because it is under mechanical control, but in the kitchen or laundry—never.

State Department Rules on Rising for National Anthem

(From the Saint John Telegraph-Journal)

While it is a commendable demonstration of loyalty to the Crown, and the usual British custom for members of an audience to rise and stand during the playing of the National Anthem at the beginning or end of a theatre performance or at other functions, there is no official regulation which requires them to do so, unless they happen to be members of the defence forces of the country. When the National Anthem, or a portion of it, is played as incidental stage play, audiences need not feel that they are displaying any disrespect to the Crown if they remain seated. As a matter of fact, by remaining quietly seated they enable others as well as themselves to appreciate more satisfactorily the significance of the episode being witnessed, and perhaps in that way they engender a deeper loyalty than if they rise.