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When in doubt, take your foot off the accelerator.

What a peaceful old world this would be if it wasn't inhabited.

The soul of the grouch is simply a morgue where his dead hopes are.

One should pity the blind, but it is hard to do if the rascal is an umpire.

Age condemns the flapper. But the flapper will get over it. And age won't.

Everybody seems to have the inalienable right to quit work except mother.

Old Sol isn't far behind the scientists when it comes to delivering deadly rays.

Why is Japan so worried about her surplus population? Has she no grade crossings?

Vacations would be rather nice if we had sense enough to stay at home and enjoy them.

Seven parts of popularity are derived from the ability to tickle the other fellow's vanity.

At times you get just what you want, and at other times a good salesman waits on you.

Correct this sentence: "Stand near and tell me how to swim," said the flapper; "but don't touch me."

We would know when the first case word was invented if we knew when the first fly was domesticated.

The garden toad's snappy get-away convinces us that nature is trying to develop a higher type of pedestrian.

"The average woman has a vocabulary of only 800 words." It is a small stock, but think of the turnover.

People who read sub-titles aloud may be trying to demonstrate that they are not as ignorant as they look.

Number one on the list of hazardous occupations for the summer is that of trying to kiss a girl in a canoe.

It is rather surprising that nations do not trust one another, but it would be more surprising if they should.

We learn as the years pass: Air has always been free, but we couldn't appreciate it until tires were invented.

Savages: Those who expect wonders of a witch doctor. Civilized folk: Those who expect wonders of a beauty doctor.

At any rate the man who lives in the wood and makes a better moonshine finds the world making a beaten path to his door.

The slow-motion picture doubtless was suggested by the chap who says, "Let me pay for it," and reaches tardily for his purse.

BIBLE THOUGHT

THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.—Luke 10:27.

WHERE WAS KINGSTON'S MEMBER?

The fact that the supplementary estimates contained an item of only \$1,389.21 as "the government's share of the costs of local improvements opposite military property" has been seized upon as an excuse to deliver an attack upon the King government. Of course, the Tory ideal of a full pork barrel, from which all the faithful might help themselves until they waxed fat, is hard to forget. It is difficult for them to realize that that day has gone, never to return, when party patronage was to be had for the asking. Such persons cannot understand how a government dare practise economy, how or why it should endeavor to meet the sensible and insistent demand of the people for a let-up in expenditure.

The people of this country have rightly demanded that an end be made of all unnecessary expenditure until the heavy burden of war debt is reduced, and the Liberal government at Ottawa has pledged itself to this policy. Its consistency may be ridiculed, but its action, we doubt not, will meet with the hearty approval of all classes of taxpayers. This city is not a grafting city, that cries to be pap-fed by every successive government. Its ideals, we hope, are higher than that.

But if Kingston has been slighted—as the government's critics so loudly proclaim—where was Kingston's member all this time? Why was he not on the job? Had he no interest in this city's claims? Or was he not taken seriously at Ottawa? Surely the representative of a city of Kingston's importance should have some influence, even with an opposition government. Yet it would appear that Dr. Ross was a negligible quality, that no one paid any attention to his pleas, that is, if he bestirred himself enough to make a plea on the city's behalf.

The government's critics have not been kind to Dr. Ross. In fact, they have bit him below the belt, and he may well pray to be delivered from such friends. One would naturally expect that Kingston's member would look after Kingston's interests. Yet Ross did nothing to see that this city secured a slice of the grants provided for in the supplementary estimates. As our member he has failed us—failed us dismally and completely—as his own friends now admit. But why such an attack upon a man who, for all we know, might be sharing the government's desire for economy of administration?

THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE.

The deadlock, so long threatening the very existence of the Democratic party in the United States, has at last been broken, and a dark horse emerges as the party's choice for president. After over a hundred ballots had been cast and after it had been demonstrated that neither McAdoo nor Smith could possibly carry the convention, the delegates on Wednesday compromised on John W. Davis, of West Virginia, as candidate. For weeks one element in the convention tried to head off another, until the chances of the party electing their candidate in the forthcoming election were seriously impaired.

It had been generally admitted that the Democrats had a good fighting chance of winning the election. The oil scandals and other unsavory episodes proven against the Republican administration had aroused the indignation of the better element throughout the United States. Once more, it "was time for a change." But the squabbles within the Democratic party itself have well nigh spoiled their chances of victory. The long drawn out fight on the floor of the convention, the fierce hostility of a powerful section of the press to the candidature of McAdoo, the unyielding opposition of the west to Al. Smith, the failure to declare against the Klu Klux Klan or in favor of the League of Nations—all these have militated against the Democratic party's chances of success at the polls next November.

Mr. Davis, the nominee chosen as a compromise candidate, is a man of sterling worth, who deserved a better fighting chance than he now has. He was born at Clarkburg, W. Va., was graduated from Washington and Lee University in 1899 and admitted to the bar in 1905. He was elected to congress in 1910 and re-elected in 1912, serving until August, 1913, when he resigned to become United States solicitor-general. In 1918, during the great war, President Wilson appointed him ambassador to the Court of St. James. His services in the latter position were of outstanding merit, winning for him the good will and esteem of Britain for his fairness and his ability. Davis was ever the friend of the Allies during the long struggle for victory, and many were the tributes paid to his work. In him it is felt that the League of Nations has a friend, for he was, first and last, a friend of the founder of the league, the late President Woodrow Wilson.

There's no need of being lonely in a strange city when you can call a young M.D. for an hour's chat at a cost of three dollars.

WAR DEBTS COMPARED.

On December 31st, 1923, the national debts of four leading participants in the great war, on the side of the Allies, compared as follows: The internal debt of France was \$52,247,000,000 and the external debt, estimated at the rate of exchange then current, was \$28,331,000,000, making a total indebtedness of \$80,578,000,000. On the same date, according to a study just completed by the research department of the Bankers Trust Company of New York, the internal debt of Great Britain was \$22,709,000,000, the external debt \$6,290,000,000, making the total debt \$28,999,000,000. The internal debt of Italy was \$18,393,000,000, the external debt \$19,354,000,000, a total debt of \$37,747,000,000. The United States at that time owed \$21,916,000,000, of course all internal.

If these figures are adjusted for varying degrees of inflation by dividing the total debt of each country by the wholesale price index number of that country, the following result is obtained: The debt of France so stated amounts to \$17,555,000,000, that of Great Britain to \$24,999,000,000, that of Italy to \$6,542,000,000, and that of the United States to \$14,514,000,000. If these figures, which for simplicity may be referred to as figures on the pre-war gold basis, are compared with the estimated national wealth of each country similarly estimated in pre-war gold dollars, we find that the debt of Great Britain is 35.71 per cent. of her wealth, that of Italy 30.78 per cent. of her wealth, that of France 30.32 per cent. of her wealth, and that of the United States 6.31 per cent.

Comparing the interest charge estimated in pre-war gold dollars, with the national income on the same basis, we find that the percentage of interest charge to national income for Great Britain is 10.52 per cent., for France 9.30 per cent., for Italy 6.18 per cent., and for the United States 2.18 per cent.

On a per capita basis, the debt of Great Britain in pre-war gold dollars is \$531.89, that of France \$450.13, that of Italy \$163.55, and that of the United States \$131.95, whereas the per capita interest charge is \$22.38 for Great Britain, \$16.69 for France, \$6.15 for the United States, and \$5.25 for Italy.

To sum up, therefore, these figures show that, estimated in pre-war gold dollars, the national debt of Great Britain is heaviest, that of France comes next, that of the United States next, and that of Italy last. In proportion to public wealth, the debt of Great Britain comes first, Italy and France in the order named follow closely, and the United States comes last with only about one-fifth or one-sixth of the percentage of the other countries.

KINGSTON IN 1851

Viewed Through Our Files

THE MAMMOTH PANORAMA.

April 22.—Mr. Lewis, the proprietor of the Panorama of the Mississippi, has arrived in town, with his mammoth painting which is to be forthwith exhibited in the City Hall. No point along the entire flow of the river is omitted. There stands New Orleans, with all its stirring reminiscences of one of the bloodiest battles of this century of sanguinary national struggles. And there, wrapped in a winding sheet of flame, is St. Louis, of which city nearly one thousand houses were destroyed by a fearful conflagration in May, 1840. This fearful catastrophe is brought under the eye with a fidelity which the highest scenic skill could alone effect. Many interesting and characteristic scenes of savage life are graphically represented on these 400 square yards of glowing canvas. Among which will be found the Battle of Bad Axe, the last scene of the Black Hawk war and the stirring scene which occurred at Wabash Prairie on the occasion of the removal of the Winnebagoes. In which twelve hundred figures are represented.

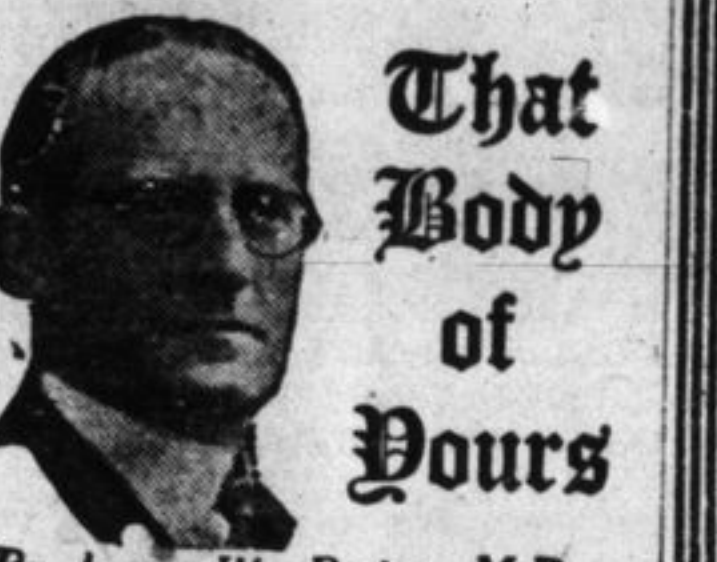
May 7.—(Not to be taken too seriously.) We are credibly informed that at the exhibition of Lewis & King's Panorama last night, three young children, a poor lame girl and a very old woman, were crushed to death in the crowd, owing to the immense attraction. It is to be hoped that at the exhibition tonight, the very last of the season, no such deplorable events will result. With the characteristic liberality of their countrymen we are happy to state that Messrs. Lewis and King have defrayed the whole expenses of the entertainment of the deceased and generously returned to their friends the price of their entrance tickets.

Canada's Story Day by Day

By B. G. Owen Davies

July 10th. Charles I. of England, who was destined to lose his head on the block in 1628, sent three brothers, David, Louis and Thomas Kirk, in charge of a fleet, to take New France. On their way to Quebec they captured some French vessels with settlers and supplies bound for the colony. With such prizes they were compelled to return to England. The next year they set out again, and on this day of July, demanded the surrender of the town of Quebec. Re-

duced almost to starvation by reason of the year's supplies having been captured at sea, Champlain had to submit, and four days later the British entered the town. The French had the privilege of quitting the country, but had no means of doing so. The Kirks supplied them with a ship and a crew of 70 men, and 100 French, Champlain among them, set sail for England, accompanied by Capt. David Kirke. The war had ended three months before this event, but there was no means of the news reaching Canada. For three years thereafter the British occupied the town of Quebec. There are few records of the occupation. Those of the French who remained, did so by choice, for all of them had been offered the privilege of leaving, with arms and furs. It constituted the first British occupation of the St. Lawrence region.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Hours Bleeding From the Mouth. When we were youngsters and were taught "first aid" to the injured at school, there was one point that was hammered into us by the teacher. "Bleeding from the lungs is always bright red and frothy, but bleeding from the stomach is dark and often clotted." Now although that general rule was likely good enough, and will still hold good in most cases insofar as the lungs are concerned, still there are some points to remember about bleeding from the stomach. Bleeding from the stomach may actually be a bright bright red, due to the rupture of a small blood vessel when you have an ordinary vomiting spell.

Perhaps you have eaten too much, your stomach is greatly congested, the blood vessels are engorged and stretched, and in the violent effort of vomiting a little vessel or vessels are torn, with the result that you have bleeding from the mouth and are naturally alarmed. The bleeding from the stomach due to some real trouble there, is usually red with dark spots throughout, or a brownish colored fluid. Where the trouble is cancer, there is found, in at least half the cases, a sort of material like coffee grounds. It always tells the bleeding truth.

The bleeding other than bright red may be from an ulcer of the stomach, from hardening of the liver, or even some trouble with the spleen. If you have an ulcer, cancer, liver or spleen trouble, your doctor is likely treating you for it, because you need him.

But if some day you have bleeding from the mouth, and begin to worry about tuberculosis because the blood is a bright red, don't lose your nerve and picture a long sanitarium treatment or possibly an early death.

Remember that even if it should be tuberculosis, and you've had no other real symptoms, the bleedings is a fortunate sign because you'll be months ahead of your treatment, and will be completely well in a few months due to this accidental bleeding. But remember still further, that bright blood may come from your stomach or any part of the throat, when you have a coughing or a vomiting spell.

WHY THE WEATHER?

DR. CHARLES F. BROOKS Secretary, American Meteorological Society, Tulsa, Ok.

Thunderstorms in 'Lows.' In discussing the occurrence of thunderstorms, Sir Frederic Stupart has pointed out that they are most likely to develop on hot relatively calm days when the air is moist. Moreover, they are most frequent during the hottest hours of the day, the late afternoon; although the line, or windshift thunderstorms may occur at night.

Further knowledge of the habits of thunderstorms may be gained from his tabulation of 5 years of eastern Canadian data. It seems that thunderstorms rarely appear in a high pressure area; over 84 per cent. of the instances recorded fell within a low pressure, or cyclonic area. And the centre of this area is probably the most thunder point, the likelihood of thunderstorms diminishing from the centre outward. The south-east quadrant of a low, however, is much more favorable to thunderstorm development than the northern or western sides. Nearly a half of all the thunderstorm cases studied occurred within this quadrant, which is typically a region of rising, warm, moist air.

Be not hasty to disprove every aspersion that is cast on you. Let them alone for a while, and, like mud on your clothes, they will rub off themselves.

Prof. Edward E. Prince, Dominion Commissioner of Fisheries since 1892, is among the older civil servants now being retired by the government. It is but poor eloquence which only show that the orator can talk. Nothing dies but something mourns. Silence is the sanctuary of war-dancers.

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LETTERS To The Editor

Thoughts From the Pen of a British Patriot.

Eiginburg, July 8.—(To the Editor): Will you allow me to give you a few utterances in reading an article from the pen of a British patriot? I thought they were too good to keep in the dark:

The British Empire was raised of God in His gracious providence to be a fit instrument, for the establishment of His kingdom without frontiers. For crowns and thrones must perish, and kingdoms rise and fall, until His kingdom cometh that ruleth over all. What a wonderful commonwealth of free peoples is the British commonwealth! No such freedom is to be found in any other country on the earth, as is tolerated in the great British Empire. An Empire of one speech, one religion, whose symbol is unity, whose passionate purpose is the establishment of liberty and justice throughout the world. We believe our Empire, in God's providence, is to usher in that kingdom (of Him) who sealer is righteousness and whose dominion is an everlasting dominion.

God has produced the Anglo race, this fine flower of humanity, full of endurance, courage, capacity, spreading itself with its law and language over the habitable globe. In the providence of God and the sowing of centuries, we have climbed to place and power. God gave us the courage, the fearlessness, the adventurousness, the enterprise, the wisdom, which has made us the greatest Empire on the earth to-day.

What hars, who dare to say the hour of our doom has come! Why would we take the devil's camera and hold it up as God's view of this fair world? It is true that evil abounds; it is true the devil raises up the Philistines; it is true also that God raises up the Davids to fight them.

We thank God to-day for the splendid young manhood and young womanhood that is growing up, clean-limbed, clean-minded, coming from clean homes, full of the fire of pure patriotism. Our candlestick is not yet removed.

In no age was there such a dissemination of missionary literature and such missionary effort as is being put forth at the present time. We need an enlargement of vision to recognize that God has given us these lands in trust and to hold not only for commerce, but for the salvation of the peoples who live in these lands. Our trust must be in God, not in munitions of war. We will trust in God, and keep our powder dry, that justice may be faithfully administered and liberty established. There is no land on the face of the earth to-day that has any power to keep the missionary from entering with glad message of redemption. We must beware of the bastardi nationalism called self-determination. The unifying faith will be found not only in the love of country but in the God who has given us our country. May the day speedily come when the emere of righteousness, peace and brotherhood shall be permanent, established.

—JOHN PUTTENHAM.

Rev. J. Puttenham, past grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge of British America, O.E., will be one of the speakers at the 12th of July celebration at Battersea on Saturday.

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