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CREATING AN UNFAIR IMPRESSION.

The story—like any with a semblance of truth in it—has been given publicity by a popular weekly of the United States, of the struggles of an ex-Canadian soldier afflicted with shell shock, who spent his money in seeking a restoration of health, and when despair seemed inevitable his devoted wife saved the situation by her toil. The story is quite dramatic, a broken and wrecked husband was cast on his wife's hands to do the best she could with him. But what are the facts, for the story quite clearly suggests ill-treatment on the part of the military authorities and as he was a captain in the Canadian army the presumption is that it neglected him. Reading over the tale there is not a single suggestion that he had applied for treatment in Canada nor the pension and allowances, which under the circumstances would have been forthcoming. If the facts, as the writer claims are true, then she has still a good case to lay before the pension board and hospital authorities in Canada. A case like this would not be lightly dismissed if properly presented to the right authorities.

The woman who wrote the story must have been badly advised, is the conviction of the Brantford Expositor, as to the steps to be taken for recognition of her husband's condition and the allowances and compensations to which he would be entitled. It is more likely that, even though the story may have a foundation of fact, it is very largely imaginary. It will, however, give an unfortunate and utterly erroneous impression of the treatment accorded by Canada to the men who fought against the German menace. The fact that the publication has several million readers will only serve to magnify the injustice that is done to this country in this story of the treatment of one of its own sons who served it in the great war.

LEVELERS OF NATIONAL BARRIERS.

The Watertown, N.Y., Times, in noting the coming international yacht meets in Lake Ontario commends them for the good feeling created. To the editorial mind the gatherings work for good feeling between peoples on different sides of the international border. The old-time prejudice existing between Americans and Canadians has been removed to a great extent and the last lines separating us are gradually disappearing. These yachting events both on this side of the lake and in Canada participated in as they are by Americans and Canadians are more than sporting affairs. They are the lovers of national barriers and the promoters of good feeling among peoples who have every reason to be the best of friends and pleasantly neighborly.

NEGLECT OF AGRICULTURE.

Hon. J. F. Fraser, acting premier of Nova Scotia, who can speak with authority, declares that more than \$12,000,000 is being sent out of Nova Scotia annually for products that should be raised on her own farms. With the exception of apples and jambs, Nova Scotia "does not begin to produce enough farm produce to supply her own demands"—to say nothing of meeting the demands of

export markets in which the Province has a distinct geographical advantage. She imports every year some \$1,500,000 worth of pork, \$300,000 worth of poultry, \$250,000 worth of cheese, \$300,000 worth of butter, and more than \$300,000 worth of eggs. For products such as flour, corn, oats, feed, potatoes and canned fruits the province pays out another \$8,000,000 per annum, in all, \$12,000,000. Nova Scotia, with a population of 523,000, was producing some \$40,000,000 worth of farm products, Manitoba, with a population of 610,000, was producing more than \$160,000,000 worth; Saskatchewan, with a population of 707,000 was producing \$281,000,000 worth; and Alberta, with a population of 588,000, was producing about \$200,000,000 worth.

Mr. Fraser gave his fellow-citizens an eye-opener as he pictured their economic losses. There were conditions which were beyond their control but agriculture to his mind was sadly neglected. The remedy was in their own hands. Everyone working more or less on the land would bring about very desirable results.

HOW DID MAN REACH AMERICA?

The Smithsonian Institute at Washington is to send an expedition to Alaska to seek to find out how man reached America. Dr. A. Hrdlicka, the famous anthropologist, says the origin of man in America is in dispute. The mass of sound evidence points to his having crossed over from Asia via Siberia, the Diomed Islands and Seward Island and Seward Peninsula, and then to have slowly worked his way southward down the coast to Yukon. This man must have left some traces of his passage in the way of pottery fragments, stone implements and bones.

The narrowest plain in Behring Strait which separates Alaska from Siberia is fifty miles across, cut about midway by the Diomed Islands. The natives of both continents trade back and forth to the present day and have done so for ages past. For eight months in the year the passage can be made over the ice and for the rest it is manageable in native boats. It is, therefore, logical that this should have been the route by which man first came to the American continent. The Eskimo is doubtless a comparatively recent arrival.

Dr. Hrdlicka does not believe that any single invasion of America of great magnitude by primitive man took place. He is of the opinion that small groups dribbled across the ice fields through periods of perhaps thousands of years.

THE GOOD OLD CRICKET.

Cricket never had such a hold on the British public as to-day. Not even the British strike has lessened the interest in the visit of the Australians, who are touring the Old Country. Just why the hold of cricket on the Englishman it is hard to understand. Compared with baseball it is slow and sedate. How people can take the time to follow a game or keep up their enthusiasm over a match that will last several days is difficult to fathom. The Christian Science Monitor tries to fathom the secret and remarks:

"Perhaps the secret is that by reason of its leisureliness it is the game par excellence in which the individual may sink himself for the sake of the side. Cricket ceases to be cricket unless you put playing the game before playing to win. So much has cricket had to do with the growth of that modern standard of sportsmanship, which is rapidly conquering the world and is one of the great unifying factors in a time when the divisions of race and nationality seem to be exceptionally strong, that the phrase, 'It's not cricket,' has come in many parts to be used as synonymous with 'it's not fair.'"

In these days, when professionalism is in danger of spoiling all sport, and when promoters are taking advantage of the growing interest in athletics to capitalize almost every sport, it is refreshing to know, remarks the London Free Press, that there is one game which is played for the game's sake, and which stands preeminently for the best principles of sportsmanship.

MAY HAVE AN AUTOLESS FUTURE.

When a youth asks his dad, "Can I have the mosquito tonight?" he is only asking for a car. It is a baby car that can poke in where other cars dare not enter.

With the admission of a traffic problem huge enough to warrant the death knell of the standard cars and the birth of this new species, it is not preposterous to prophesy a future age entirely autoless.

It is only the old truism that a convenience makes an inconvenience. Many of us know herds of people who, owning several cars, prefer to ride the street cars, in peace, letting somebody else do the dirty work.

We ourselves may be among that host who prefer to have the peaceful and distinctive pleasure of tarrying at home in the joy of quietude on Sundays and holidays whilst the rest of the world keeps up the week's

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

BY W. L. GORDON. WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "yours is different than mine." Say "from mine." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: violet. Pronounce vi-p-let, not vi-let. OFTEN MISSPELLED: au revoir. SYNONYMS: healthy, healthful, hale, hearty, well, vigorous, strong, sound, hygienic, sanitary. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. To-day's word: AUGMENT; to increase; enlarge; intensify. "The shouts of both parties augmented the fearful din."

nerve-strain of honking and crawling and breathing dust. Ruskin it was who inveighed against a raucous age of too much iron and steel and prophesied the doom of too much and many engines.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Make the daily paper a part of your nightly reading.

"Would a good shower just now be worth a dollar a drop?"

Marshall Pilsudski seems to have washed out the Government of Poland.

The newspaper is the loud-speaker for the community and it costs but a trifling sum a year to tune in.

We may do wrong and injustice by dealing out certificates of character to those whom we know are unworthy.

The "good fellow," so styled, may have anything but a good commercial rating and reputation for prompt paying.

Victoria Day, 1926, finds the empire larger and stronger and not less influential than the good old Queen left it, comments the Hamilton Herald.

Soon it will be a case of "detour and the world detours with you." And by the time new stretches of highway are open, older ones will be closed for repairs.

The women in Switzerland are campaigning for general franchise rights. They are permitted to vote only in certain municipalities on questions touching religion and education.

An attendant at the Sydenham Street United Church, who has been regular at the Conference gatherings at night, says there is one thing that does not seem natural, from a Methodist standpoint, there are no collections taken up. This may be the Scotch in the new body.

A bill that ought to commend itself to the good judgment of the people of Canada was introduced in the senate by Senator Belcourt. The object of the bill is to control the use of dangerous firearms by prohibiting the importation, manufacture and sale of revolvers and similar weapons except under governmental authorization and supervision.

Commissioner Harnett, Watertown, N.Y., believes that glaring headlights cause more accidents than anything else, with the possible exception of intoxicated drivers. The inspectors are trying to bring about elimination of dangerous lights. Like any law the headlight law is an inconvenience. So is the operators' license law. But both are good for safety.

Puppy-love marriages usually turn out disastrously; calculating marriages usually turn out pretty well, says Dr. H. A. Reys, Detroit. The "dinging vine" type of girl is not to be preferred as against the self-reliant girl who is not afraid to look difficulties in the face. "Because a girl spends four years pounding a typewriter is no reason for believing that she will not be a good wife or that her husband will have to subsist on burned biscuits," was his defence of the stenographer.

Quebec Viewpoint

Le Droit wishes to know why French Catholics in Ontario receive a treatment different from that accorded to English Protestant in Quebec.

"The Catholics of Toronto will no doubt appeal to the Privy Council the judgment delivered by Mr. Justice Rose on the separate school issue. If they are no more fortunate in London than they were at home, their only course, then, will be to present a demand to Ottawa for the redressing of their grievance. All Catholics in the province will approve and support such demand. If the provincial Legislature had been willing to act, the Catholics of the province would not have had to go to court to seek the protection that has been refused them. They would have been allowed to interpret the law in a larger manner or demand what Quebec has already conceded to the Protestant minority of that province, namely greater constitutional liberty for the Catholic minority of Ontario. The Protestants of the province of Quebec have full liberty in the administration of their schools. More than this, they receive annual grants for secondary and university education. Why is it that the Catholic minority of Ontario has not been so well treated? Why is it that, in the same country, under the same constitution, two minorities, issues of races having equal rights, have not shared liberties equally with each other? So long as the province of Ontario remains infatuated with her sectarianism and her Francophobia, so long will she perpetuate discomfort and defiance and so long will she maintain a state of things under which it will be impossible to realize national unity."

HAD A LONG TRIP. Visitors Motor From Kalamazoo, Mich., to Sunbury. Sunbury, May 27.—The farmers are busy on the land. The weather for the past ten days has been very favorable. Miss Gladys Moreland, K.C.I., spent the holiday at her home here. Her cousin, Miss Evelyn Moreland, accompanied her. Mrs. T. H. Mulhall, Kalamazoo, Mich., and Miss Islay Sampson, Chicago, spent a few days last week with the former's sister, Mrs. William Cooper. Miss Ellen Marshall accompanied them. They made the trip by motor and reported the roads excellent all the way.

Miss Nellie Taylor, Lansdowne, spent the week-end at the home of her niece, Mrs. Wilfred Cooper. The annual meeting of the Sunbury W.I. was held in the hall on Tuesday afternoon. The election of officers took place; the following being the executive for 1926: President, Mrs. Martin Sands; vice-president, Mrs. Harvey Dixon; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. William Cooper; district director, Mrs. C. Smith; pianist, Miss Hazel Sands; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. William Moreland.

A few from here attended the opening dance at Collin's Bay on Monday evening. Miss Jessie Cooper is spending this week at Loughborough View, Battersea. Mr. and Mrs. Lemon and Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Kingston, spent Sunday at George Ritchie's.

Met After Twenty-five Years. Rev. F. E. Malott, Bridge Street Church, Belleville, and Mr. John E. Gow, inspector of inland revenue, met yesterday after twenty-five years. They met last time, before a board of examiners in Windsor, Ont. They had a real happy renewal of acquaintanceship.

See Tweddell's Suits at \$20, \$22, \$25, \$28 and \$30.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

The Skunk Is One to Mind Own Business. By Arthur N. Pack. The idea of a skunk being friendly to a human, or of a human being friendly to a skunk, may not appeal to most of us, or be in accord with our experiences on particular occasions. Yet if we have found the skunk otherwise than friendly, it was very likely our own fault, for on the average skunks attend to their own business more strictly than most humans. That is why the skunk needs to have some extraordinary means of defense. And, when we call a person a skunk, we may be slandering the animal. Though skunks may occasionally visit a chicken coop, without permission, or may do some other damage, most of them spend their lives in

A present for the bride on her 30th anniversary (A suggestion to the bridegroom) A second honeymoon: A trip abroad, for instance—when you have leisure to enjoy it—and no worries about the cost. Give your bride the promise to-day, in the shape of an endowment policy on your life. A small payment each year will enable you to do it and—well, in case you are not here to make the trip with her— You know she will find the money useful. Say what day you want the present delivered and the details will be arranged.

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