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GUN FAILED TO GO OFF.

The Montreal Gazette chides the Opposition in Parliament with having "made things easy for the King Government" by its want of confidence resolution on Tuesday last.

The opposition, it says, had in their possession a weapon of great destructive force, the school question of Alberta, but did not know how to handle the issue and chiefly because the Conservative members "had no definite attitude upon this question."

Hence, when the Davis resolution was introduced, it proved to be a gun from which the charge had first been extracted.

The Gazette concludes that "there is too much fine artistry about tactics of this kind, and rather too little evidence of principle; and the sessional record is replete with such examples, with the result that we have seen."

"CUT OUT THE NOISES."

The British Whig, of Kingston, predicts that "cut out the noises" will become in time the slogan of a popular campaign, and it recommends that a start be made with factory whistles and cracked church bells, upon the theory that the former are unnecessary in this age of the universal clock and watch, and that bells which call to worship should be at least musical.

But, why step with shrill whistles and unmusical bells? asks the Brockville Recorder and Times, which continues:

We could add a hundred unnecessary noise-makers that might be eliminated with equal benefit to the nerves. People do not need to sound their klaxons as often or as long as they frequently do. Despite by-laws prohibiting the practice except when absolutely necessary for the sake of public safety, locomotive whistles and bells are almost incessant in their clamor. Motor boats make more noise than would be the case if the muffler was universally applied.

And what of the perpetual gramophone in the flat across the area-way, and the girl in the next flat with the noise too melodious ukulele? The cornet, the saxophone and the violin in the hands of the amateur fall within the same category.

Millions sometimes lament that they know not in what direction to apply their funds. Here is an avenue which has escaped notice; the creation of a sound-proof structure for the use of all who aspire to fame in music.

Every community should have one. And the world also needs a Burbank who will evolve a crowless Chanticleer that will not disturb the early morning hours. It would welcome the invention of a noiseless lawnmower and the application of the principle of noiselessness to every piece of machinery that moves.

A town or a city with less noise would be a much happier and more agreeable place in which to dwell. There would be fewer cases of nervous breakdown, greater harmony, less discord. Let's start The Whig's suggested campaign right away.

AN ACT OF COURTESY.

General Sir Richard Turner of Canada is considerably incensed because of "the flaunting of United States flags from tourists' cars in Canada." He suggests that the use of the Stars and Stripes be barred from cars in Canada unless there is a corresponding use of the Union Jack.

Sir Richard is an intense nationalist but there is a great deal to his contention, is the opinion expressed by the Watertown, N.Y., Times. The indiscriminate use of the flags on automobiles is not a display of pa-

triotism by any means. Patriotism goes deeper than the flaunting of a flag on every occasion. Yet one sees cars which are bedecked with flags. They do not necessarily mean anything. They flutter and wave in the wind but unless the person who displays them is imbued with a real patriotic spirit one might as well be hunting of any color on the car.

If American tourists feel that they must proclaim their nationality by the display of their national colors, the paper suggests, it would be a simple act of courtesy for them to buy a Union Jack when entering Canadian territory and display the two flags side by side. When ships enter foreign waters they pay similar respect to the nation whose waters they enter. It is these little courtesies, small in themselves, which go to promote international good feeling. The license plate of the tourist indicates that he comes from the United States. Waving the flag is not patriotism and never will be.

ONTARIO'S FUR LAWS.

The Northern Fur Trade, a Winnipeg publication, is hot foot after the Ontario Game Department for its system of allowing raw furs to be exported to another country or even to another Province in Canada on permit probably originated in Ontario. Ontario, indeed, seems to have led the way in placing every possible stumbling block in the way in extracting every last cent possible in revenue from the fur trade conducted within its borders.

The other Canadian provinces seem to have been only too willing to follow Ontario's lead. They have found the fur trade generally like "a poor dead soldier of the king" without power to lift a hand in its own defence. So it became the fashion, and it remains the fashion, to impose regulations and impositions on the fur trade without even the formality of consulting the trade.

No important fur centre has ever been developed in Ontario nor ever can be under the present laws. No person who buys furs in Ontario will leave his goods there a moment longer than he can help. American buyers refuse to enter Ontario to buy Ontario furs; it is too risky and complicated. And too costly. The delay in getting the goods out is too great.

Therefore, the province loses a great part of the benefit of its fur trade. The fixed scale of royalty charges in Ontario is too high. The license fees charged are ridiculous.

A change should take place in the administration of the department. It is time for a change unless the people of Ontario wish to see their fur business annihilated.

WANT TO PREVENT CONFISCATION.

A referendum is to be held in Germany, the people to decide on the confiscation of the state, without compensation, of the properties formerly belonging to the Hohenzollerns and other German monarchial houses and to sell them for the benefit of the state.

President Von Hindenburg has roused national feeling by declaring, in a private letter, which has been circulated, that he is against the proposal regarding it as "a serious attack upon the very texture of State rights, which is the deepest foundation of respect for law and legal acknowledgment of private property, and a regrettable lack of respect for tradition."

Von Hindenburg is a real monarchist at heart, loyal to the former emperor, and would in an emergency side with Wilhelm. It is true he has capably handled the Republic, has ruled with exceptional ability, but he cannot forget his great sovereign, and his loyalty makes him feel that the estates still belong to the deposed ruler.

The people, who were under the yoke of despotism, feel otherwise, and the probabilities are that the Nationalists will succumb before the onslaught of the Socialists and Communists who control legislation.

SMART MEN ONLY.

Yale University comes out now for an aristocracy of brains. President Angell announces the general policy is "definitely the limitation of the university's best efforts to the best men."

The law school no longer will be open to all men graduated from reputable colleges, but will admit only men whom it may expect to make a mark of 65 to 73, or "Grade C." Estimate of his mark will be based on the applicant's college record, and a man who has failed in another law school will not be admitted to Yale.

This is a manifestation of the trend throughout higher education toward individualized instruction. The smaller and more intelligent the classes, the higher the quality of instruction and the greater the leeway for independent work on the part of the student.

THEY WANT A JOB!

Vowing that home-making is an occupation as much as anything else, the Massachusetts Federation of Wo-

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

BY W. L. GORDON

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "the news had a serious affect." Say "effect."
OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: prefix. Noun is accented on first syllable, verb on last syllable.
OFTEN MISPELLED: descent. Note the sc.
SYNONYMS: pardon, acquitted, forgiveness, remission, absolution, amnesty.
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: PERFIDIOUS; treacherous; faithless. "He was in the power of the perfidious and cruel king."

News and Views.

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QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

(By Arthur N. Pack). Jaguar Isn't Unknown in Arizona. Every schoolboy can tell you that the jaguar lives in the tropical jungles of South Africa, but how many grown-ups will believe that an occasional one is found in Arizona, where neither tropics nor jungles are known? But though the schoolboy is right, for the Brazilian wilderness is the home of this great spotted cat, a few have followed the rough mountain ranges over our border, and have lost their coats in Uncle Sam's territory. Of all the large cats, the jaguar seems the most muscular. His short, powerful legs support a body which is thick and almost clumsy in appearance. But this yellow-orange coat, marked with spots and rosettes of black and rich brown, is one of the most beautiful born by an animal. Travelers tell us that his spotted skin helps to make him inconspicuous on the sun-flecked forest floor. The jaguar, though somewhat dreaded by the people of the jungle, rarely attacks man, though his great strength makes him a powerful opponent. He easily overcomes any of the animals of his region. The peccary lives a constant terror of the great cat, and is a favorite food. Dogs are relished, and are sometimes snatched up from camps before the eyes of their masters, and doubtless even to their relief, for had the dog been lacking, the man would have served just as well.



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