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FOUNTAIN HEAD OF JUSTICE.

Lord Darling, who to-day is a visitor to Kingston, is a thorough believer in the Privy Council, of which he is a member. It is to his mind a body absolutely unbiased, and which has the confidence of the people of the entire Empire, especially India, where it is regarded as the "very fountain head of justice." As the Dominions became more and more developed there will be an increasing number of appeals to the Privy Council, which is not, in a strict sense, a court, but an old Council of the King, to which his subjects might come for redress of grievances. "Decisions," he said, "are given with absolute impartiality. There is no one on the Privy Council who has any desire to find anything but the truth."

CAPITALIZE WINTER PLEASURES.

Canadians should capitalize their climate. They are doing so in the summer and millions of dollars come into our coffers as a result. Why not the winter delights? In many sections of the Dominion the winter days are bright, clear, cold, but not so cold as to be unendurable by people who are warmly clad. There the climate is invigorating and such outdoor sports as skating, ski-running, ski-jumping, snow-shoeing, tobogganing, curling and hockey can be enjoyed.

Some Swiss visitors to the Rocky Mountains some time ago suggested that Canada might follow the example of their country and exploit the scenic beauties and the climate of its great mountainous area in winter as well as in summer. Thousands of people visit the Alpine resorts in Switzerland each summer, but large numbers go there in winter time as well. They go from countries where the climate in winter is chill and damp to Alpine resorts to benefit from a clear, dry atmosphere and to practise winter sports.

FOOTBALL AS A BUSINESS.

The New York Sun, in discussing football as a part of college course, says the seating capacity in the stadiums of the Western Conference of Colleges and Universities has been increased by some 50,000 for the coming football season. It was already large, but now it provides accommodations for 520,000 spectators. At an average price of \$3 a seat that would mean a total income of \$1,560,000 for each Saturday, or the respectable total of \$9,360,000 for a season of six weeks, if all seats were occupied every week.

The smallest stadium in the conference is that at Indiana, which has a capacity of 21,742. The largest is at Ohio, where there are 62,044 regular seats and 20,000 more "overflow" seats. The Ohio stadium represents an investment of \$1,500,000, a figure which will soon be equalled by the investment at Illinois, although there is seating capacity there for only 55,000.

Northwestern's new stadium, to be opened this autumn, will have cost \$1,000,000. A new \$500,000 plant is being constructed at Iowa, and Michigan will build a new one next year. The present investment value of all the Big Ten fields is estimated at \$8,820,000; plans already drafted call for spending \$3,300,000 more.

What is going on in the Big Ten

BISE THOUGHT THEN ELI ANSWERED AND SAID, Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant thee thy petitions that thou hast asked of him.—I Sam. 1:17.

Schools is going on almost everywhere else. Missouri is opening a new plant this fall; Nebraska did so last year. The amazing growth in drawing power of football, east, west, north and south, has started a general scramble for increased seating capacity.

DEVELOPING PESSIMISM.

Commander van de Kun, squeezing himself out of the conning tower of the Dutch submarine K-XIII in San Francisco harbor, after having sailed over and dived through 10,000 miles of brine since leaving Helder, a record never before approached by an unconvoyed submarine, said:

"I am always pessimistic on a submarine for that is safest. I do not let even the men become optimistic. The regular ration of Holland gin which our navy gives to every sailor is prohibited by me on the submarine. On a surface boat the men may drink gin and get optimistic if they like, but under the water they must be serious and take no chances. Every nation is working on the submarine. It certainly has not been outlawed."

It is not to be supposed that the nations which ten years ago protested against the "inhumanity" of submarines are now building them for the purpose of introducing prohibition among their naval crews, is an expression of the Winnipeg Tribune. An undersea boat with a cruising radius of 10,000 miles from its base of mother-ship is an instrument of frightfulness well calculated to produce pessimism not only among its own crew, but also among all those who expect to get jobs as escort officers during the next international argument.

THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

It is three years since the last Imperial Conference was held in London, and in view of the important subjects coming up for consideration, the assembly this month is looked forward to with exceptional interest. There will be no separate Economic Conference this year. On the last occasion it was found that no saving of time was effected, owing to all-important decisions taken on economic policy having to be reviewed by the Imperial Conference. The whole question of inter-imperial trade will engage the attention of the Premiers to a greater extent than hitherto. In view of the setting up of the Empire Marketing Board, for which Parliament voted half-a-million, and the great publicity campaign scheme that the board has prepared. Then there is the work of the Imperial Economic Committee, whose recently-issued report on dairy produce and the development of trade within the Empire will also come up for consideration. The Empire Marketing Board, by the way, intends to utilize the Imperial Park show to be held at Holland Park next month for propaganda purposes. Home and Empire fruit, and, for the first time, British canned fruit and vegetables, will be exhibited. As an occasional relief to the strenuous work of the conference, many social engagements are being arranged, and on Nov. 4th the King is to entertain the Premiers at a banquet, and they will be the guests of the Lord Mayor of London on Nov. 9th.

THE WORLD NATION.

Out of the international friendship revealed at the meeting of the philosophers, held at Cambridge, there rose a hope which found expression in a prophetic statement (for a philosopher's hope must be accepted as having vatic value) that the peoples of Europe are on the way to the United States of Europe and that in another century, perhaps, we shall have the United States of the world. The suggestion in an illuminating editorial in the New York Times, seventy-five years ago, an utterance of such a hope by a philosopher of standing would have been looked upon as a utopian fantasy, such as great philosophers have indulged in in the past, or a vaporous philosophical speculation; for even the United States of America itself was not then the assured "one and indivisible" entity that it is to-day and is to be "forever." The telegraph, the telephone, the radio, the airplane, the railroad, the steamship and other inventions had not yet given hint of their conquest of space and the consequent bringing of all mankind into communication and communion, one man with another, one people with another.

Even now it takes the vision and faith of a philosopher to see the copying of a wider political unity than man has yet achieved. The Oxonian pragmatic philosopher, Professor Schiller, who spoke at the closing session, saw the whole earth entering into "one social environment"—by reason of trade, wars, news, fashions and films that are spread over all the earth—and into social problems which no country can now solve in isolation, "not even America." He saw the world "united already" for many purposes. Further unification—which is bound to come, "say in a century or two"—and which must come to stave off another disaster, is a movement in which, in his view, the philosophers

and international bankers are to be the most practical agents; for the new philosophers have their feet on the ground (though on ground that is high enough to let them see the circumstances of human life as a whole in space and time), and the international bankers have also a world view even if they can't look as far into the future as the philosophers.

If, as we suggested by a philosopher from the Continent, the United States of Europe will come first, it may be questioned whether the waiting for that may not postpone the coming of the larger, the planetary, unity of which poets have dreamed, of which philosophers now begin to talk, and of which even bankers have a glimpse. America's refusal to sit with the other nations in the only parliament of man that has come into being may help to make the other and narrower unity a reality and to take from America the determination of the future, which, the Oxford professor says, rests in her hands. The next twenty-five years will hold the fate of centuries.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Toronto Mail and Empire enquires: If the corn-corer kills the corn in Ontario how will we save our bacon?

Germany is paying reparations by handing back to the Allies the proceeds of foreign loans, made chiefly in the United States.

The sale to an American of another of the earliest Gutenberg Bibles for \$275,000 is the highest price ever paid for a book.

Apples, like tomatoes, will be about a 60 per cent crop as compared with 1925. Our apples are extra-fine quality this year.

One thing you may tell the world Americans did last year. They just chewed up fifty million dollars worth of gum, including that which was stuck under the table.

Rocking chairs have been substituted for the customary pews in a church in Florida. This is a delicate compliment to the elocutionary powers of the minister.

Hamilton has sold bonds at 100-0777, a fine figure for five per cent debentures. Kingston, Ottawa and Hamilton are fine cities that sell bonds to great advantage.

The new German tariff on grain came into effect Aug. 1st. Increases average about 50 per cent. The purpose of the new tariff is to keep out foreign grains and encourage home production.

The time was when poultrymen got the highest egg prices in late December and January. To-day the season of prevailing high prices are along in October and November, and running into December.

Greater interest is being taken by farmers of the prairie provinces in growing sunflowers for ensilage. This year it is estimated that 40,000 acres have been planted to sunflowers, as compared with 26,723 in 1925.

The Earl of Elgin as Chairman of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust will attend the fiftieth anniversary meeting of the American Library Association next month as a delegate from Great Britain, and may visit Toronto and its libraries.

Col. O. M. Biggar, Chief Electoral Officer, says we cannot bring on bye-elections until the writs from the general election are received. It is impossible to say when the last of these writs will come in, but it is generally understood that they will not all be returned before Oct. 10th. They may be even later.

Professor Jordan says that the hen is the most efficient transformer of raw feed into a finished product.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

Wild-cat, he used chiefly to be called, but now bob-cat seems to be the accepted name, because his tail is shorter than that of our domesticated cat. His real nature, however, is exactly similar to that of his relative of the town.

In other words, our own town has not changed one iota since those days, how so distant that we do not know either the time nor the place of his enslavement, if such a word can be used to describe the domestication of an animal so little tamed that after all these ages he still takes all, and gives nothing.

Now our bob-cat is by no means the savage and unamiable beast that he is usually pictured. Nature, it is true, has decreed that he live by taking toll of such creatures of the forest as are weaker than himself, and in their pursuit he is no more relentless than the robin who searches the lawn for earthworms, or the king-bird who snips all day on the orchid though snapping up each insect as it comes along. True, man has invaded the haunts of the original inhabitants of the

forest, and has brought with him his flocks and herds. It is a wonder if the poor bob-cat, finding the creatures on which he used to live growing scarcer, should sometimes take for his supper some of the new game that comes his way.

And when the concealed trap grips his foot, and after days of suffering the trapper comes to kill him, why should he not fight for the life that is being taken from him? But man is at the head of creation, someone says, and his institutions must not be interfered with. Well, so it seems, but there are those who seem to perceive, already the beginning of the end of the age that he is chief, and the beginning of the era of insects.

If this be true, should not man carefully weigh the evidence before he destroys even the race of bob-cats, for he has not yet learned the place held by this wild creature in the economy of nature. Let us learn more about him, before he exterminate him from the world, for when he is gone it will be too late.

Quebec Viewpoint

La Presse dwells upon the importance of public safety education. "Now that Safety Week has ended, it is important that parents and teachers should continue the work that has been commenced. Otherwise the labor that has been done will be in vain and the warnings and good counsel given last week will leave only a superficial impression. It has been well said that the laws of prudence will be better observed and the number of accidents will become proportionately less as we occupy ourselves with the instruction of our children in the elements of security. At the same time adults need not be neglected; but above all, let us consecrate the major part of the propaganda to instill in the minds of the younger generation the virtues of prudence. The work may be slow, perhaps, but the results will be more durable. It is for parents and teachers to realize this fact and direct their energies accordingly."

Le Devoir refuses to take alarmist weather prophets seriously. "A Washington meteorologist is not very optimistic with regard to the coming winter. Well, for four or five years past we have had predicted for us long and rigorous winters and summers without sun and heat. We need not be unduly alarmed by Mr. Browne's predictions. The best thing to do is to prepare for an ordinary winter. We need not get in sufficient coal to heat the house uninterruptedly for a period of twenty months or so. Those who have to prepare in these times for a season that is certain to be hard and protracted are the politicians who lost their elections last Tuesday."

THE FOOLS WHO RACE A TRAIN.

The Engineer Speaks. Listen to me; just a moment, please. You folks who drive a car; Who think my life is one of ease, And moves without a jar, I pull a train I'd have you know, A thousand tons of steel, Swift as an arrow from the bow, Along my path I wheel. Do you give to me a single thought? Do you think I have no fear? Don't you realize my nerves grow taut. When a speeding car draws near? Time after time, I have held my breath. My heart's most stopped with fear: As I've seen a driver flirt with death. With those who hold so dear, I've seen despair upon the face, I've heard the moans of pain; Of those who ran a losing race, With my swiftly speeding train. I've felt my engine leave the rail, As she struck a passing car; I've lain for weeks upon my back, I've glimpsed the gates ajar. And as I've left the shades of death, In anguish, and in pain; I breathed a prayer beneath my breath. For the fools that race a train. Please use the brain, the eye and ear. The sense the good God gave; And save yourselves, and the engineer. From grief or an early grave. —By Engineer H. C. Boles and Fireman W. J. Blakley.

Informed. Bridget: Yes told me Mrs. Brown was sweet-tempered. Norah: Well? Bridget: Well, yer did her a great injustice.—Life.

Y.W.C.A.

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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BAND.

Wonderful Soloists to be Heard at Arena. Press comment on the world-tour of this famous band, is unanimously of the opinion that no band in the world to-day possesses such wonderful soloists as those of the Australian National Band. It might be pointed out that in Australia and New Zealand band contests are held every year. These continue for a week or ten days at a time, and bands from Australia visit New Zealand, and vice versa, at a cost of fifteen thousand dollars. Not only do the bands compete in two test selections quick step and hymn test, but individual contests are held for every instrument in the band—even the drum! The result of this is that one and often discoveries are made of wonderful talent that would have been lost otherwise. It is no uncommon thing for the cornet championship class, to have seventy to eighty entrants! English judges have stated that no place in the world has better players than Australia and New Zealand. It is of interest, therefore, to note that Arthur P. Stender, solo cornetist of the Australian National Band has been champion of Australia and New Zealand four times. He has won over forty gold medals in open competition. Clarrie Collins, the Australian "Caruso of the Trombone" is another example of the value of competition in that country. Four years ago he could not get a place in his band to play in the tests. He entered for the solo events and astonished everyone by his brilliant playing! To-day he is recognized as one of the great trombonists alive. Harold Reid, xylophonist, has created such a wonderful reputation that he recorded for three gramophone companies in London in a week! Never before has such a combination been heard. The Australian National Band appear in the Arena, Kingston, on Friday, October 1st. In the afternoon at 2 and evening at 8.15.

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