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## GAME AND FISH—AND POLITICS

New Brunswick is naturally a much better game country than the state of New York, but from that state we may learn something about the conservation of game fish and game birds. We should learn from the experience of New York state what folly it is to reduce our game to the vanishing point. We have not done that yet, but we are on the way to it. That state, which went to extremes in destruction of late years resorted to re-stocking and to stringent measures of protection. We in New Brunswick should be able to display as much common sense and as much public spirit in these matters as the people of New York state, but considering what they are doing notwithstanding their density of population and the tremendous number of gunners and fishermen who are active there during the active seasons, we might well copy some of their methods. The topic is particularly timely because today brings the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Fish and Game Protective Association at McAdam Junction, reminding all New Brunswickers of the commendable and rapidly spreading activity of this body in order to protect and extend our heritage in game birds and animals and game fish.

Recently the New York authorities made a survey of the game birds in southern New York, which showed that there has been a great increase in numbers and that the English pheasant particularly is flourishing beyond expectations. The improvement is attributed to the efficiency of the fish and game wardens, the character of the regulations, and the public's aroused interest in the conservation of wild life. The New Brunswick association is striving constantly to develop this public interest and in doing so it is deserving of general and practical support.

Cheap politics is responsible for the destruction of much game and for the waste of a great deal of money, and the association is fully justified in contending that it is both foolish and wasteful to appoint game wardens as a matter of political patronage, and to engage in the practice of discharging most of the wardens after a provincial election and replacing them with men whose chief qualifications for the job are that they were supporters of the party which was successful at the polls.

Politics aims to make two political game wardens grow where only one flourished before, whereas the sportsman want to make two partridges or two moose grow where one grew before—a much more sensible and respectable programme. Political game wardens—and some of them are honest—are too heavily handicapped under the patronage system to be really useful. No man should be appointed for such work unless he is fitted to do it and unless he can depend upon holding his position irrespective of political influence until he has given good ground for his own removal. Under the present system many of the best wardens, the men with most knowledge of the woods and of the conditions of the game, who have become valuable to the province through experience and determination to enforce the regulations, are pitted out after election and replaced by henchmen of the other political party. Both sides have been offenders in this matter, and it is high time so shameless and senseless a practice should be killed by popular indignation.

## THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

The Imperial Conference is due to open in London on October 19. Will Canada be represented? It is highly satisfactory to note that Mr. H. W. L. Mackenzie King has been authorized by the statement casting doubt on Canada's representation at the conference. Of course it is realized that Mr. King is not yet premier of Canada, but that is only a question of days or possibly hours.

Any idea spreading through the Empire that Canada does not take Empire affairs seriously and as her vital personal concern would be most unfortunate. It must be granted that domestic matters aptly need straightening out, but that would hardly be a reason acceptable to the rest of the Empire were Canada to send no delegation to the Conference. Already the Conference has been postponed to allow Canada to conduct her elections and, now as that matter is settled and the premiers of other Dominions are on their way to London, it behooves our representatives to make every effort to put in an appearance.

It will be remembered that Mr. Bruce, premier of Australia, declared that he would not attend the Conference unless Canada were represented there, and Archibald Hurd writing in the Fortnightly Review says:

The Imperial conference might well be regarded as being in the nature of a consultation of specialists who have been called together to examine the health of a patient whose well-being is of vital importance to the world. The British Empire is the great exponent of liberal civilizations, and its ill-

are apt to affect the destinies not of one state but of every state. Consequently, the British peoples, if they were not so characteristically casual and illogical, would ask that the Imperial conference should diagnose the case of the British Empire, and frankly state, not in ambiguous phrases, but in words which every one can understand, exactly what is the matter with it, and how it can be cured, and its vitality stimulated.

This plainly indicates the opinion of unofficial Britain, an opinion which will probably find an echo in most, if not all, of the Dominions that the time has come for a thorough overhaul of and a complete understanding of Imperial relationship. No Dominion has, so far as one is aware, any complaint of the manner in which Great Britain has treated her daughter-nations, nor is there any organic disease in the empire requiring diagnosis, as might be implied from Mr. Hurd's final sentence quoted. But most of us would be glad to hear in plain language about any small irritations that may exist with clearly outspoken suggestions for their alleviation. Without Canada sitting in at the council there would be a hopeless gap and if for that reason alone, all will hope that Canada's representatives will not be absent.

Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania in replying to the Moral Welfare Society, gives the very best of reasons for refusing to stop the Dempsey-Tunney fight. He intends to see it himself.

Will some prophet kindly arise and tell Winnipeg that the activity of the Aurora Borealis which interrupted telegraphic operations in that city was retribution for not routing all Canadian grain through Canadian ports.

Nobody contends that the capitalist system is perfect. The communists assert that it is rotten to the core and the Soviets proceeded to attempt demonstration of their claim. What has been the result? Nine years after the Russian revolution the standard of living amongst laborers in Russia is far lower than the very low standard of the Soviet Union. The wages of the factory worker are lower and it is estimated that the peasant's income has shrunk to one-half its previous dimensions. Compare this with the working classes of Western Europe where they are in no country appreciably worse off than before 1914. Germany may often make dire mistakes when essaying appreciation of foreign sentiment, but she is rarely wrong as regards what the Soviet Union is best for. Germany flirts with bolshevism when she contemplates the dreary of Rapallo. On further consideration and after a chance to examine conditions under the Soviets she asserted her decision at Locarno to remain faithful to her original love. Germany saw that capitalism with all its faults is infinitely preferable to communism.

## Odds and Ends

### News and Other Values

(New York Times.)

Letters continue to come to The Times, and we presume to other newspapers, protesting against the space given to the death and popular glorification of a movie actor. Few of the writers fail to point to the contract between this and the attention bestowed upon the pass of President Elliot. It is not contended that the loss of that great intellectual leader was slighted. To him, indeed, the press of the whole country paid its admiring tribute. Only by comparison, and owing to the accident of the two deaths coming at the same time, could it appear that the newspaper reports betrayed a distorted sense of values. Even this, be it remembered, had to do only with the news columns, not with editorial opinion. The latter, as a whole, showed that there was no misunderstanding of the high and lasting worth of the work done by the illustrious President of Harvard, and no thought of applying to it the ridiculous measure of the ephemeral fame of a hero of the cinema.

There is a difference between recording and approving. It often happens that a newspaper's duty requires it to print in detail the facts connected with an episode of modern life which may be exaggerated and even fantastic in itself, but which is yet full of instruction. We have had before us, moreover, the ever-vivid tale of the few days, inviting material for a study of mob psychology. The state of mind of the crowds who thronged and fought to get sight of the face of the dead actor may seem unintelligible, even repulsive, but it is a gigantic phenomenon which those who undertake to print a chronicle of their own time cannot afford to minimize or ignore. We do not see how its legitimate news value can be denied by any thoughtful person. The moral value of it, the inference to be drawn from it, the warnings which it yields—these are quite other matters which the better part of the press had not omitted to place in their proper relations.

## THE LIME LIGHT

NEW YORK—This is not an advertisement; it's simply one of those things one has to touch-and-depart. So, Jules H. Michelin, head of the Michelin Tire Company, is a Frenchman, but has been in America as a resident for the last 16 years, save for frequent visits in France. Well, returning from abroad recently, all goes well enough. His papers are in order, his wife's passport is according to Hoyle—er, that is, according to Kellogg, and the Michelines are about to disembark from the "Paris" when the immigration officer spies baby Annik, 18 months old, in her mother's arms. Baby Annik indeed! Where are her papers, please? Has she a re-entry permit? It appears that she has not, and is therefore a "deportable alien." Enthus, then, hours of frantic trading from officer to officer, the unwinding of miles of red tape and, at last, the necessary permit to allow Annik to enter. But does Mr. Michelin emerge from the business daisy-fresh and happy? He does not. He—oh—well—Michelin tires.

## MARS

PRINCETON, N. J.—Ever since the first astronomical speculations were aroused about the possibility of life on the planet Mars, there has been an unending succession of romantic stuff broadcast about what may or may not be the situation there. Of course, conjecture still enters in, but the scientist's attitude toward Mars, today, is briefly summarized by Dr. Henry Norris Russell, of Princeton University. Says he: "In 1924 when Mars was closer to the Earth than in many years, elaborate studies of it were made so that it is now possible that it has the necessary conditions for life upon it. Large green areas on the planet can be seen to change with the Martian seasons." On that basis, Dr. Russell thinks it probable there is at least vegetable life on the planet. Beyond that, the scientist cannot at present go.

## DINNER STORIES

A few years ago, in one of the rural districts, it was the custom, if the schoolmaster were a married man, to present him occasionally with vegetables, garden truck and oftentimes, after home butchering was done, a roast of beef or pork found its way into the schoolmaster's house.

These contributions very materially assisted in keeping down the living expenses of the small salaried schoolmaster.

One day a little chap in one of the lower grades approached the schoolmaster and said: "My paw was wonderin' if yo' all would like sun from me."

"I certainly would," replied the delighted schoolmaster. "You may tell your father that there is nothing I would enjoy more than a roast of fresh pork."

After a week or more had passed, during which time the schoolmaster had been anticipating the gastronomic joys of fresh roast pork, he could no longer contain himself and approaching the boy with an assumed air of nonchalance, he ventured: "Oh, by the way, Johnnie, a short while ago you mentioned something about fresh pork; I haven't heard anything about it since."

"Now," replied Johnnie. "The hawg got all better agin'."

A brass band once visited a village in the far South and the people were delighted with it, but they wouldn't make head nor tail of the trombone, so they sent for old Moses Jackson, who claimed that he understood music.

Old Moses watched the performance of the trombone player for some time. Then he said with a solemn finality: "Oh, by the way, Johnnie, a short while ago you mentioned something about fresh pork; I haven't heard anything about it since."

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## Ah, These Gentle Christians



—From Sioux City Tribune.

## Queer Quirks of Nature



By ARTHUR N. PACK

MANY have heard but few have seen the tree frog, for he does not court familiarity, though through most of the summer his cheerful trill rings from our dooryard trees.

When he utters this sprightly call he blows a big bubble in his throat like a Highland piper. If we can contrive to detect him at this time he may allow us to approach near enough to see that his back is marbled and flecked with gray and brown, like the bark on which he rests, and we understand why we have not seen him before.

Should we impose on his privacy he is likely to jump to another limb or bunch of leaves, and, wherever he lands, there he sticks. No wonder, for on each toe is a sucking disk that clings fast to any smooth object it touches.

This feature, and some others less easily observed, indicate his closer relationship to the spring peeper, who has some weeks of their life in the water. Here the eggs are laid in small masses and these soon hatch into tiny tadpoles.

Now, like most of our frogs and toads, the tree frog and his mate seek some quiet woodland pool, for their prospective children must pass the early weeks of their life in the water. Here the eggs are laid in small masses and these soon hatch into tiny tadpoles.

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CUSTOMER on phone: Hello! Hello! Who is this? Who is this? Clerk: How do I know? Ask yourself who you are.

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## Other Views

Good-bye, Rube.

(Chicago Herald-Examiner.) According to Will Hayes, the films have eliminated the "rube" from American humor. Pictures are now shown in every small town. A great portion of their spectators live on farms. Comedy relief, to be effective, must deal with life elsewhere. The rural patron will smile at a caricature of the urbane, but the fun is lost when turned on himself. But perhaps a better reason why rural caricature has ceased to "go" is because the goat-bearded, one-gallon farmer, around who it revolved, has disappeared. The chief difference now between the farmer and the city man is that if either is a rube or boob the chances are it is the latter.

Soviet Meddling. (London Daily Mail.)

Some people say that is a powerful country and that it and its great Empire have no reason to fear anything from the bolsheviks. But the bolsheviks were quite strong enough to inspire the general strike, and they were impudent enough to take part in it openly, by offering to supply the T.U.C. with money. Their offer was refused, but their tainted gold is now being used to strangle our industries by cutting off our supply of coal. Thus they hope by maintaining and extending the coal strike to achieve more slowly the aim of the ruin of Britain which originally they sought to compass in one blow by the general strike. They may have no chance of succeeding in their object, but the British public cannot understand why they are allowed to meddle thus insolently in British affairs.

BARGAINING FOR POWER. (Farmers' Sun.)

Last week we pointed out how co-operation between the Liberals and farmer representatives in the last parliament became inevitable. The Sun does not discountenance co-operation between the farmer group and the Liberals, or any other party or group in the house for that matter, provided such co-operation is for the purpose of bringing into effect legislation which meets with the approval of the farmer representatives. What the Sun finds objectionable is not political co-operation for legislation, but political bargaining for power. And, be it noted, there is a distinct difference. It is the failure to distinguish between co-operation for legislation and bargaining for power which is hastening the inevitable absorption of the Progressive party by the Liberals.

KISSING your girl over the phone may be all right, but there is a lack of the personal touch about it.

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## New Curtains And Materials

In a Mid-September Sale, Thursday

Tomorrow will be a day of fine values throughout our window fabric section. It's a timely chance to make your windows bright for the winter months at much less than it would cost at regular prices. Note these values, though there are many more to be found in the department.

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Here Was a Bright Lad (Toronto Star.)

The Bishop of Manchester, who was at one time a schoolmaster, tells the story of a teacher in an elementary school who was trying to impress on the children how important had been the discovery of the law of gravitation.

Sir Isaac Newton was sitting on the ground. An apple fell on his head; and from that he discovered gravitation.

"Just think, children," he added, "isn't that wonderful?"

A small boy replied: "Yes, miss, and if he had been sittin' in the school-room lookin' at his books, he wouldn't never have discovered nothin'."

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