

# The Evening Times and Star

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## THE CONFERENCE IDEA

The Independent and the Weekly Review see in the Washington conference much hope for the future as well as for the present, and point out that this thought was in the mind of President Harding when he said his desire was to bring about an international association for conference and a world court whose verdicts upon justiciable questions this country, in common with all others, would be willing and able to uphold.

The Independent says—

"If the present Conference shall prove a success—and, in spite of surface indications of trouble, there is every reason to believe that it will—the programme outlined in Mr. Harding's famous speech of August 28 will evidently be in a fair way toward fulfillment. Whether formally pledged by an association or not, the nations of the world will have entered upon the practice of conference, and will be sure to resort to it when occasion arises unless they are bent on force. As for the international court, it is already in existence, and, although the United States is not yet a participant in its action, it would be preposterous for our country not to find a way to full co-operation in an activity so indisputably desirable and so effectively American in its character. Before the Washington Conference shall have passed into history, the future of both these agencies for the assurance of peace will, we trust, have been placed upon a firm footing."

The more one's mind dwells upon the significance of the Washington conference, and the clear evidence that the representatives of the nations who are there to promote peace and co-operation have their hearts in it, the more certain it seems that the conference idea will persist, and that hereafter international differences will be settled around a conference table instead of in the trenches. We may discount the talk of the pessimists and those who impute sinister motives to it or that power. One of these, Mr. Lauzanne, editor-in-chief of Paris Matin, tried to stir up anti-British feeling in the United States by his utterances. He contrasted the Paris conference of 1919 with the Washington conference of 1921, and said:

"The difference is this: In Paris the very first day, America was beaten and England got what she wanted, whereas, at the Washington conference, from the very first England was beaten and America got what she wanted. And that is the exact truth."

The Independent, from which we have already quoted, shows from the record the utter falsehood of this statement, and significantly adds—

"Perhaps, after all, the significance of what has happened is quite different from what M. Lauzanne imagines. Perhaps England's wishes are not centered upon the domination of the universe but upon the preservation of peace and of her national safety. And perhaps British as well as American statesmen see that those objects can be best obtained by an understanding which shall put an end to senseless national competition, which shall reduce to a minimum the danger of a clash between the great maritime powers, and which shall rest upon the assumption that both Britain and America can be counted on to stand for peace and justice in any future world-war. It is fortunate that those who, like M. Lauzanne, place upon what is going on at Washington a sinister interpretation are prone to indicate by their loose talk about matters of fact the weight that should be attached to their expressions of opinion."

What is true of Britain and America may fairly be asserted to be true of the other powers, represented at the conference. There may still be a lingering motive of self-interest or a measure of suspicion, born of the old secret diplomacy and its results, but when we consider what has actually been accomplished in a few weeks there is every reason for confidence in the final outcome of the conference, and a belief that the example now set will be followed in the years to come.

Moncton Transcript—"No longer will the high tourism of Ontario be able to maintain its own domination in the interests of the favored classes by making a common show about the alleged dangers of Quebec domination, for the people east and west have shown emphatically that they do not now take stock in that bogey. The men responsible for the hypocrisy of 1911 and the deception of 1917 have been buried so deep beneath the people's ballots that they will not emerge from the avalanche for years, and when they do so they will be wiser, as well as sadder, it may be hoped."

Montreal Gazette—"A movement to establish the 'Wander' League of Canada has been started in Toronto. It appears to be a branch of the Third International at Moscow, which has been helping on the ruin of Russia for some four years now. Its chances of realizing its purposes are not worth considering, which is also true of the movement."

The Tory press is still burying its dead, with many manifestations of grief and woe and dark hints of treachery in the camp.

Hon. B. Frank Smith gives notice that he is to be regarded as a perpetual candidate. He told Mr. Caldwell at the declaration proceedings this week that he expected to wipe out the majority against himself at the next general election. If he could wipe out the evidence submitted before royal commissions concerning the provincial government with which he was associated he would doubtless do so with even greater eagerness.

A letter signed by city clergymen appears in today's Times urging all the unemployed to register at one or other of certain places named. If there is a general response, as there should be, it will be the first step toward getting work. It is important that those in authority should have the situation placed before them as it actually exists. Yesterday's meeting should have good results, but the unemployed should register at once.

Canadians are particularly interested in the attitude of Mr. Bonar Law on the Irish treaty. It had been rumored that he would strongly oppose the agreement. On the contrary he has warmly endorsed it, and urged Ulster not to stand in the way. His attitude ensures the ratification of the treaty by the British parliament with a larger majority.

Referring to Mr. Cope's future the Fredericton Gleaner says—"He may even go to the Senate, minus the great exactions made in the case of the greatly ambitious and useless Colonel Black." It is now the Standard's move.

With a reasonable degree of provision for work for the unemployed St. John could face the winter with a general feeling of satisfaction. Let the work be planned and provided.

St. John consumers should get the benefit of the hydro-electric development at Musquash in cheaper light and power. That is the essential fact to keep in mind.

What is the objection to a proper employment bureau in St. John? Moncton has one, and they are scattered all across Canada.

If anybody doubts that there is unemployment let him ask the grocers and small shopkeepers.

The authorities must grapple with the unemployment situation in this city and do it now.

## RUSH OF TRAVEL AT CHRISTMAS SEASON

Heavy Travel Looked for by Canadian National Railways—Western People for the Old Country.

The Christmas season is the time of travel. "Home for Christmas" is a custom that has come down to us through the ages. In the old days it was the stage coach. Now it is the Canadian National Railway. The train of great transcontinental railroads that annihilate distance and make a long journey a period of comfort and pleasure.

The Christmas rush to the old country is already over. A few days ago a special train of tourist cars and standard sleepers passed through Moncton en route to Halifax. The train was composed of the finest of our great transcontinental railroads, which sailed from Halifax for England. Nearly all were British born Canadians, some of whom were making their first trip to the old land since they left it. From Winnipeg this special carried them to Halifax over the lines of the Canadian National Railways—the "National Way from Ocean to Ocean." The train equipment was of the finest—the tourist cars being of most modern type and the standard sleepers the acme of comfort. They had most of the journey in record time and all were delighted with the fine train service afforded them.

Christmas this year happening on Sunday, with Monday observed as a holiday, gives an opportunity of an extra day for a week-end trip, and this is being taken advantage of by many. A large flow of local travel is being looked for, and the Canadian National Railways are making every preparation to handle the expected rush.

Enquiries at ticket offices and consequent reservations also show that there is to be considerable travel between east and west, and from coast to coast. The through service of the Canadian National offer splendid opportunities for those who desire the quickest and most comfortable journey. From the maritime provinces the finest of train service is afforded to Montreal, where connection is made with the famous "Continental Limited" leaving Bonaventure station at 9 p. m. daily for Ottawa, North Bay, Cochrane, Winnipeg, Saskatchewan, Edmonton and Vancouver.

At Montreal connections are made by the Grand Trunk train for Toronto, and the National for Harry Sound, Sidsbury, Port Arthur, Fort William, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Vancouver.

Connections at Quebec are made with the Transcontinental train which connects at Cochrane with the Canadian National Limited. All these through trains are the very finest in their appointments and assure the traveler of the most delightful journey.

What is therefore more fitting for Canadians than a trip through Canada—across Canada's National Highway, by the trains de luxe of the Canadian National Railways?

Probably when the point and vanities men began this "save-the-surface" stuff they didn't think the women and girls would take it so seriously.—Buffalo Times

## INTO MY GARDEN

(Rev. George Scott)  
Into my garden as I went  
One evening in the leafy June,  
So full the air of sweet content,  
The nightingales sang wistful tunes.

The fair moon climbed her ivory stair,  
And peered above my latticed wall,  
In radiant beauty everywhere  
Her glories seemed to rise and fall.

Between the dark laburnum trees  
She shivered, and the grassy plots,  
She drew translucent traceries,  
Above the blue forget-me-nots.

With roses, lilies all around,  
So languid on their languid sprays,  
Dreaming amid the peace profound,  
Drooping above the gravelled ways.

With roses, lilies everywhere  
And fragrant herbs beneath my feet,  
The cadence of the nightbirds' prayer  
Sounded as a burden all too sweet.

The little stars high overhead,  
So far away they seemed to glow  
Of radiance but a little thread  
Into the glory far below.

So quietly the breezes sweep,  
So dreamily they seem to stray,  
Soothing the sleepy flowers to sleep,  
Until the breaking of the day.

## LIGHTER VEIN

Old Phylthoy was "annoyed." To help a poor man he had given him a standing order for some turkeys and he hadn't got what he ordered.

"Hodge," yelled Phylthoy, "Some time ago I asked you to supply my family with turkeys, didn't I?"

"Yes, sir; thank you, sir," replied Hodge, touching his cap.

"And I told you I wanted tame ones, not wild," continued Phylthoy.

"Yes, sir; thank you, sir," replied Hodge, again touching his cap.

"Well, that last one you sent us was a wild turkey," stormed the exasperated buyer.

"No, sir; begging your pardon, sir, it was a turkey."

"But I found some shot in it!" screamed old Phylthoy.

"Well, sir, begging your pardon, sir, that was a tame bird all right. That shot was meant for me."

Financial Signs.  
The fact that his supposedly adored big brother was returning home from college that day had been carefully concealed from ten-year-old Tommy until he came back from school.

"Tommy," said his mother, after her younger son had gone upstairs to wash his face, and the elder brother had been concealed in the pantry, "I have a big surprise for you."

"I know what it is," replied Tommy, unconcernedly. "Brother's back?"

"Why, how did you guess that?"

"Cause my bank note rattles any more."

Ring Oh!  
Jones—"Blind as a bat" he likes to talk to his wife over the telephone.

Wilkes—"I wonder why?"

Jones—"Oh, that's the only time he can shut her off when he wants to."

The proprietor of a certain store is forever scolding his employees for their indifference in the matter of possible sales.

One day, hearing a clerk say to a customer: "No, we have not had any for a long time," the proprietor, unable to contain himself, said to the clerk: "You are to work yourself into the usual rage. Fixing a glassy eye on the clerk, he said to the customer:

"We have plenty in reserve, sir—plenty down stairs."

Whereupon the customer looked dazed, and then, to the amazement of the proprietor, burst into hysterical laughter and walked out of the shop.

"What did he say to you?" demanded the proprietor of the clerk.

"We haven't had any rain lately."

## A WORD FOR WINTER

When Lowell, sitting by his study fire or looking up from his manuscript through the window looking out to the rolling hills, recalled all the poets whose muse shuddered at the first blast of winter, he wrote the charming apologue which he named "A Good Word."

It is an essay which every dweller in lands stove-bound for winter will find a most beautiful phrase of school room's long ago, learn by heart.

Winter, stretching north and south and east and west about our own city is too level to allow snow its exquisite effects in large curving surfaces, yet here in the town we see all the delicate colors which Lowell saw in New England. He said: "The faint blue of the hollars."

And we have many a part in it, since the rising smoke from every chimney is mixed with the colors of sunset ere its topmost column disperses all the frosty air.

Winter is the season for youth when the heart is young that pumps the warm, vigorous, red blood flowing through veins. When age draws on and the blood turns more and more to color, the desire is for the warm south when winter is well upon us. That is because the luxury of the age has invaded and enveloped the west. These "Towns of the Red River Settlement" lived to a hardy old age, not knowing, not ever hearing of winters in California or Florida, or Southern France. With the early founder of the west, the long cold months were turned to recreations that wrought improvement of mind as well as merriment of spirit. They turned to their well-chosen books and they looked well to their schools. And this is why persons from Eastern Canada, coming to this city in its infancy, marvelled at the correct speech of the people from Fort to Fort, at their intelligence and outlook. Sweet were the uses of that adversity of alone frost and biting wind. Every oldest inhabitant in this so highly favored and no nobly founded Manitoba has a good word for the winters of long ago.

Winter is the season of intellectual opportunity for young and old, in school and college and by the open fire. For the fire on the hearth is a luxury in this day of costly fuel, a luxury that is no luxury; it feeds all those finer and nobler faculties of mind and heart in the home that bear so large a part in building up a vigorous and righteous nation. Much might be written about the mental and moral influence of the fire on the hearth, even though necessity and science turn the old poetic flames to electric burning. Children deserve to gather about an open hearth. The light of the fire of childhood is carried far into the heart of the man; age, and if that light flickered from flames of coal or wood the little heart gets wither in his heart even to old age.—Manitoba Free Press

## SHIPPING

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, DEC. 16.  
A.M.  
Sun Rises... 7:37 Sun Sets... 4:43  
High Tide... 10:1 Low Tide... 6:40

PORT OF ST. JOHN.  
Sailed Yesterday.  
Str. Ravanger, 2004, for Norway.

MARINE NOTES.  
The steamer Ravanger sailed last evening for Norwegian ports with a cargo of grain.

BRITISH PORTS.  
Morville, Dec. 15—Arr. str. Assayria, New York for Glasgow.  
Hong Kong, Dec. 15—Sld str. Tatheybus, Vancouver, B. C.

FOREIGN PORTS.  
Naples, Dec. 15—Arr. str. Guglielmo Petre, New York.  
Harre, Dec. 12—Arr. str. Canadian Warrior, Sydney, C. B.  
St. Michael's, Dec. 12—Sld str. Chelabucto, New York, Halifax.  
New York, Dec. 15—Sld str. Canadian Spinner, Boston.  
City Island, N. Y., Dec. 15—Sld str. Frances Parsons, Perth Amboy for St. John's Nfld.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE OF PORTLAND CHURCH PRESENTS PLAY

The amusing comedy entitled "The Young Village Doctor" was presented to a large and appreciative audience by the Epworth League of the Portland Methodist church in the school room of the church last evening. Humorous comedy was sold in the periods between the four acts and helped to swell the receipts of the evening. The cast of characters and those who portrayed them were as follows: Mrs. Crane, Miss Harriet Wright; Mrs. Frost, Miss Annie Harbison; Jane Grant, Miss Laura Fawcett; Dr. Young, Stanley Irvine; Solomon Wiscaree, William Leck; Miss Penelope Knowlton, Miss Lillian Brown; Miss Olinger, Miss Nan MacDougall; Mr. Brief, Lloyd Youngman; Simon Grab, Frank W. Merrill; Mrs. Simon Grab, Miss Sara Carr; Mrs. Ware, Miss Lucilla Folkens; Tommy Ware, Willie Brownfield; Mr. Loveloy, Herbert Ford; Mrs. Grant, Miss Rose Rowley; Mr. Soffley, Lester Rowley. During the evening music was dispensed by a orchestra composed of Messrs. Cohen, Goldstein, Hurwitz and Jacobson. Miss Olive Rankin favored the audience with a solo. Miss Mollie Lingety directed the play.

## DECISION IS GIVEN AGAINST THE BANKS

Interesting Check Case Tried in Hamilton Court.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 16.—An interesting check case was decided in the Division Court here. J. J. Hunt, a lawyer, received a Bank of Commerce check for \$32.00, made to himself or "bearer." Mr. Hunt endorsed the check, made it payable to his client's order and sent it to his client, but it was lost and the person who found it cashed it at a branch of the Bank of Hamilton. Mr. Hunt's client and the person who signed the check sued, and were given judgment.

## COUNTRESS GETS SIX MONTHS FOR PRESENTING HUSBAND ROGUES HEIR

Berlin, Dec. 16.—A strange story of how a countess secured a false heir for her husband, has just been told in one of the Berlin courts.

Count von Zinsiedel, who is a wealthy land proprietor, has long been awaiting an heir, and when the countess, who had come to stay in Berlin for a while, was disappointed in her hope to secure a newly-born child.

Her nurse, whom she bribed with 4,000 marks, was willing to part with her baby, a boy only a few days old, and the boy was brought to the countess.

The glad news of the arrival of a son and heir was immediately telegraphed to the count, and he arrived post haste.

Happily for the countess, the registration formalities were delayed owing to the need for a copy of the marriage certificate, which could not be obtained immediately. Had the child been registered she would have incurred a much more serious penalty.

But before registration could take place the authorities became aware that the new-born child of the working woman was missing.

Her case in court was that she acted in fear of her husband. Six months' imprisonment was the sentence.

## REGULATIONS FOR MILK SUPPLY IN HALIFAX

(Halifax Echo.)

At this week's meeting of the City Board of Health the new milk regulations announced as below were approved and are to come in force on May 1 next.

All milk kept or offered for sale in the city shall be delivered to the consumer in tightly capped sterile bottles.

No milk from outside to be sold here except that which comes from producers in sealed containers, the two seals bearing the initials of the shipper. No milk to be brought to the city or held offered or sold here, the temperature of which is higher than 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

Any milk brought to the city or offered for sale here found adulterated may be seized and destroyed by the inspector.

All milk containers received by the dealers must before being returned to the producer be disinfected by sterilization and sealed with two seals.

Adequate facilities for sterilization of all bottles, utensils and containers used in the handling and storage of milk to be provided at the dairy premises or other places approved by the inspector.

All bottles, utensils, receptacles, strainers and other utensils used in the handling of milk shall be sterilized by boiling water or steam and so stored as to be kept free from contamination.

The bacteria count to be not more than 200,000 in summer and 100,000 in winter, delivered at the doors of the consumers.

An "at home" for the benefit of the members of Alexandra Temple was held last night by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Temple. A pleasant evening of games and music was spent and refreshments were served.

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