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#### TWO INTERESTING FEATURES.

Two features of the Fiddling Budget appeal with special force to the people of the Maritime Provinces. One relates to Canadian trade through Canadian channels, and the other to reciprocity with the United States.

If the increased preference on British goods landed at Canadian ports produces any result, it must benefit St. John and Halifax. Of late we have been getting nearer the Laurier ideal of all Canadian trade through Canadian channels, but moving away from it. If the Fiddling Budget will serve to check an undesirable tendency the ports of these provinces will get more traffic, especially in winter. Moreover, if St. John is to get any more business it must have enlarged terminal facilities, especially for the Government Railways. There was frequent congestion in the harbor last winter because of a lack of facilities. Mr. Fielding's policy would be fruitless so far as this port is concerned if steamship lines could not get accommodation here, if the Government does not fully appreciate the situation. It must be the business of the City Council and Board of Trade to see that it does. To give with one hand and take away with the other would not be an impressive course for the Government to pursue. The Fiddling Budget makes very much stronger the case for harbor improvement at St. John.

The other feature of the Budget that appeals to Maritime people is that relating to reciprocity. The rejection of reciprocity when the United States has offered it was a costly folly, and hit these provinces very hard. At present our neighbors are off to the extreme of high protection, to the injury of Canada's trade, and there is no immediate prospect of a change, but our Government will do well to hold out the olive branch and perhaps pave the way for more favorable trade relations in future, with our nearest neighbor.

#### BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

"If war comes, the Red Army is ready." This is the defiance Trotsky hurled at Britain, in the same breath that he called for a conference to discuss matters involved in the British ultimatum to Russia. There was a great demonstration in Moscow on Saturday, and half a dozen of the Bolshevik leaders gave expression not only to Russia's willingness to confer but to fight. One of them said the capitalist powers could "go to hell," and another said the Russians would continue their "liberation of the east and the west," which means the spread of Bolshevism through all countries. It is said, however, that the tone of the official Russian reply to Britain is conciliatory, and invites a conference, which the Russian leaders profess to believe may smooth matters out and avert a break. The Russians will of course be encouraged and emboldened by the attitude of British labor, which at public meetings is doing its utmost to stir up against action that might lead to war. It seems obvious from the temper of the Soviet leaders that if Britain does not agree to a conference there will be a complete severance of friendly relations, but that would not necessarily mean immediate war. It would, however, have the effect of further complicating the whole European and Near East situation. There is certain to be a bitter controversy in England before the next important step is taken by the Government. The country now awaits the tenor and terms of the Russian reply, which has been forwarded to London. The situation is more difficult for the British Government because opinion at home is so sharply divided.

Finance Minister Fielding is chided by his opponents because he does not balance his Budget. It is suggested that he might insist upon greatly reduced expenditures. The critics who make this suggestion would be quite willing to see less money spent everywhere except in their own section of the country—and that is just the trouble. The needs of the country are so great that with the strictest economy the expenditure must be large; and when this is added the war burden and the railway burden, the task of the Finance Minister becomes such as to tax the ablest brain. The Minister is at least able to show that the financial condition of the country is improving, and that we are proceeding in the direction of the balanced Budget.

The American farm bloc will fight any proposal looking toward reciprocity with Canada. The general tenor of American press comment indicates that Canada's offer has come too late to bring any favorable action in the near future.

"France will stay in the Ruhr until she is paid," said Premier Poincaré yesterday. Which means a long stay.

#### THE AMERICAN TARIFF.

The American Farm Bureau Federation is asking for a reduction of fifty per cent, in the duty on cattle from Canada imported for feeding and fattening purposes. As only 170,000 to 180,000 of such cattle are taken across the line annually, where the consumption is around 25,000,000 the Federation says—"The tariff is wholly useless to us. It injures the Canadians and is an unneeded contribution to commercial friction between the two countries, resulting undoubtedly in the gratuitous loss of our best market for many products." This admission prompts the Toronto Globe to remark that if the views of the Federation become more general we might look for a number of rational readjustments of the American tariff. Last year, it says, Canada was the best customer of the United States, and it adds the following comment—

"It is therefore cheering to have our neighbors recognize the truth that it is a sane thing to try and make things a little more comfortable for a good buyer like Canada. One would have supposed that such an idea would have found place in American tariff legislation long ago; but all that has happened during recent years has been a steady elevation of the bars. At this moment some of the duties are practically prohibitive, while we have none of that nature on our side. It is perhaps too much to expect anything in the way of a sudden reversion to friendly sanity in the matter of the tariff, but even a symptom of a change of attitude gives a glow of hope. The war has compelled an appalling increase in taxation, but most of it has been the direct form. As a proposition in trade, the world now realizes that at a certain point all customs duties defeat the purpose for which they are primarily imposed."

#### THE PRICE OF SUGAR.

When the injunction sought by the Government of the United States against the New York Sugar Exchange was refused by the court the price of sugar went up to a new record. To a delegation of women who interviewed him on Thursday the president of the Exchange said—"The only way to force down the price of sugar is not to buy it." If the women have their way this is what may happen. There is a crusade against the use of sugar until the price does come down, and Dr. L. Emmett Holt, child specialist and first vice-president of the American Child Health Association said a limitation of the use of sugar for children would prove a blessing is disguise. He is quoted as follows—

"Eight million school children and many others would be pledged to continue their boycott indefinitely if it is interesting to consider whether this might not prove a distinct advantage. One hundred years ago the annual consumption of sugar was only about eight pounds per capita. Fifteen years ago this had risen to over 100 pounds. Many persons look upon a child's fondness for sweets as a natural craving which should be satisfied, but it is greatly to the injury of the child when this craving is indulged to the extent usual among modern youngsters. Sweets, especially when eaten between meals, destroy the appetite for wholesome, nutritious foods, such as milk, oatmeal and vegetables. It does no injury to the health of children if the consumption of sugar be cut down to two-thirds, or even one-half of the amount used at present."

It was discovered during the war that people could get along very comfortably with much less sugar than it had been their habit to consume. They have always as a weapon the "buyers' strike," and a judicious use of it put an end to soaring prices in many directions in the United States. It is recently that all remember, and many would now employ it again in the case of sugar. If, however, speculation has caused the rise in prices the hand of the Government should not be stayed. The people ought not to be compelled to deprive themselves of an article because of manipulation by the speculators after unfair profits.

The offer of the kindergarten teachers to carry on for a month without salary, rather than see the schools closed before the usual time, is a fine tribute to their devotion to the welfare of the children.

Many citizens of St. John got a full knowledge on Saturday of the work done in the hospitals, and how it is done. The value of these institutions cannot be overestimated, and they deserve the confidence of all the people.

The British Government has made it clear to Germany that the latest proposal of the latter in regard to reparations is wholly unsatisfactory. The Germans must come again.

### The Marriage Game

The Snappiest of Pastimes As Played to a Decision Every Day.

By Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hutton



#### YE HYMN OF PRAISE.

Her Play—It's positively delicious when it comes from strangers. Let a wife compliment her husband on his appearance or on some little achievement and he will regard her favor with the cold eye of suspicion and even profess to be annoyed. But let a perfect stranger praise him for any little virtue or accomplishment and he fairly recks with smug self-satisfaction, and for the rest of his life he regards the person who bestowed the flatter as one gifted with rare understanding and good sense. Will somebody please explain this phenomenon?

His Counter-Play—You are certainly plausible. But then, all women are. You omit the most important point, my dear. You forgot to say that the pauses between praise which a husband receives from his wife are as long that no wonder the poor fellow regards any outburst with suspicion. He is afraid he is the butt of ridicule or irony, or just being kidded by his Friend Wife. It is a fact that strange are the ones who most often recognize virtues and accomplishments, and the praise they bestow is unselfish and therefore genuine. Motives, my dear, are too often apparent when a wife hands a bouquet to a surprised husband. Isn't it so?

The Referee—No, it isn't! The lady wears the medal again today. (Copyright John F. Dille Co.)

#### IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Training Counts.  
Dentist (applying a tool to his car)—"Now this is going to hurt just a little!"

Artists Aren't the Only Ones.  
Tommy—Say, me, do you know what artists like to draw best?  
Mother—No, Tommy. What is it?  
Tommy—Their salary.

Learning Early.  
"Now, children," said the Sunday school teacher, "can you tell me of a greater power than a king?"  
"Yes, ma'am," cried a little boy eagerly.  
"Very well, Willie, you may tell the class," replied the teacher benignly.  
"An ax, ma'am."

On the Same Errand.  
"That guy," said the proprietor of a soft-drink emporium, confidently indicating a departing figure with his thumb, "is a prohibition enthusiast."

"So'm I," replied the new customer, dropping himself along the edge of the counter.

"What? You a prohibition agent?" demanded the other in alarm.  
"No—oh, no, no, to this that relate to our same errand." "But I'm on the same errand."

WOMEN WAR MECHANICS IN PERMANENT SOCIETY

British Organization Plans to Expand Knowledge Gained From Munition Shops.

London, April 10.—(By Mail).—Very much in earnest, indeed, is the Women's Engineering Society, which is holding its conference in Birmingham, itself, says The London Daily Telegraph. The organization, which has over 200 active members, is a survival of the war, when women for the first time in history took part in such operations as the rolling of armor-plates or the forging process of heavy ordnance.

Not a few who engaged in such work were women of advanced education and a knowledge of applied mathematics, and they saw no reason why they should relinquish work from which they learned in detail from overhauling store pipe at the home of J. Regalbur, 212 St. Patrick street.

HER THIRD SET OF TEETH IS "COMING IN" AT 83

London, April 2.—(By Mail).—A Brighton correspondent to "The Westminster Gazette" sends particulars of an English woman, who will be eighty-three years old next month, growing her third set of teeth.

"Her teeth were all extracted some years ago," writes our correspondent, "and were replaced by an artificial set. Since then twelve new have appeared. Some have worn quite through, others only partly. They grow very slowly. Bread and other hard foods helps them."

THE END NOT YET.

(Toronto Telegram).

Night yardmaster at the Union Station delayed the departure of a great Canadian National passenger train for an hour.

The nominal author of the delay was the night yardmaster.

The real author of the delay was the system.

The night yardmaster may have possessed power to send the train out on time and leave the Rodolph Valentino private car on a siding.

Authorities of the passenger department would have pursued the night yardmaster with curses on his obstinacy. The authorities would have resented that obstinacy as the reason why the railway, the night yardmaster's employer, was deprived of production on the haulage of Mr. Valentino's private car.

The night yardmaster would have prejudiced the railway authorities against him if he had sent the train out on time. The night yardmaster ordered an hour's delay in the departure of the train and was reduced in rank and pay because of that order.

The Railway Brotherhoods will have public opinion on their side if they defend the right of a fellow worker. The brotherhoods should protest against a decree that penalizes an individual for the faults of a system.

#### PROTECTING PARKS

The following resolution favoring the complete safeguarding, in perpetuity, of all National Parks in the United States and in Canada, against every economic or commercial use of whatever kind, was adopted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science and issued from the Washington office of the Association, April 23, 1923:

"Whereas, by repeated action by Congress for more than half a century, widely approved by scientific and other societies and by the public generally, the National Parks of the United States have been completely conserved from industrial uses so as to constitute a system of National Museums of native America; and

"Whereas, one of the National Parks of Canada is similarly completely conserved; and

"Whereas, the combined National Parks System of both countries, covering geological, biological and geographical features of the greatest scientific value, to the Grand Canyon of Arizona, the preserved untouched wilderness of the National Park of the United States constitute a unique Continental Exposition of inestimable value to science and to the popular education of future generations; and

"Whereas, at the option of a single official of the National Parks in the United States are nevertheless open to mining and grazing, while the control of wilderness in future parks has recently been surrendered to the Water Power Commission; and all but one of the national parks in Canada are similarly open to certain economic or commercial uses; and

"Whereas, every interference with their natural condition will destroy the usefulness of these areas to science and education; and

"Whereas, this generation can pass on to future generations no greater gift than these parks in their primitive condition. Therefore,

"Be it resolved, That the American Association for the Advancement of Science earnestly requests the people and the Congress of the United States and the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada to secure such amendments of existing law as will give to all units in the international parks system complete conservation, and that they safeguard them against every industrial use other than private or public control at least until a careful study shall justify the elimination of any part from park classification."

COURAGE AND MORALE WEAK IN HIGH ALTITUDES

London, April 20.—(By Mail).—"Courage," said Dr. J. L. Birly, in an address before the Royal Society of Medicine in the Lancet, may properly be regarded as the evident existence of mental and moral courage by which they are controlled. Weakening of the latter, from whatever cause, leads to the development of various abnormal states, the character of which largely depends on the particular "take-up" of the individual affected.

Fatigue, long continued stress and strain, loss of sleep, exposure—these are the factors which control the forces. In the air an additional factor is operative—the defective oxygenation of the blood, which occurs at high altitudes.

"During the war," Dr. Birly said, "the conclusions repeatedly forced upon me that courage and morale tend to evaporate at high altitudes, and I believe it was owing to this that the whole operation of placing the stud, at the greater heights to which our machines could ascend, was so difficult."

"Control becoming weakened in the thin air, fear obtrudes into consciousness, and then such new laws as they are controlled. Weakening of the latter, from whatever cause, leads to the development of various abnormal states, the character of which largely depends on the particular "take-up" of the individual affected.

SUN APPEARS RED; MANY ALARMS RUNG

(Ottawa Journal).

The red sun, peeping through the clouds at sunset yesterday and reflected in the windows, caused many persons to think that buildings were on fire. The alarm was rung by which the false alarms were sent in to the fire department. At one time last night, shortly after 7 o'clock, the alarm was rung for a fire at the home of P. Dineale, 162 Hinchey avenue, and Paul Guetite, 71 Forward street, at the home of J. Regalbur, 212 St. Patrick street.

HOW TO PLANT A TREE.

(Calgary Herald).

The root of trees are sometimes bruised or broken in digging at the nursery. All broken roots should be cut away.

Die a hole big enough—too big to be true. Place the roots of the tree in the hole slightly lower than the level of the ground. Fill in the earth around the roots—fine earth. As the soil is being put around the roots, tramp the ground very firmly about the roots. A man who weighs 300 pounds could do the stamping best, but since all do not weigh so much, take a blunt stick and pack the soil tight.

After the tree is set, cut back all limbs on the tree at least one-third—one-half is better. Shrubs are planted in the same manner as trees. Be sure cut the tops back evenly. Cultivate the surface of the ground at least once each week. When long hot dry spells arrive, soak the ground with water around the tree or shrub once a week.

Any one who will pay attention to these directions will find trees and shrubs easy to grow. The culture directions must be carried out.

THE TEUTONIC BOURBOUNS.

(Toronto Star).

The German mark has fallen to 40,000 to the dollar. But that is not the worst the Germans describe it. They speak of it as "the rise of the dollar"—as if America, fattening on the misfortunes of Germany, were sending the dollar up, up, and ever up, to the injury of the poor but honest Germans.

After all there may be something in the contention of the French that you can't make a German understand or admit that he understands—unless you hit him on the head with a mallet.

#### MR. BEATTY'S OPTIMISM.

(L-Evenement.)

"In addressing the shareholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Mr. Beatty referred to the National railway with the breadth of view of a great business man and a patriot. He foresees relative success from the unity of command as is now applied to the state system of the reform results only in stopping the ruinous competition that went on between the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk lines in certain regions. It will be sufficient to appreciably reduce the deficit. Mr. Beatty conceives the possibility of a campaign of publicity on behalf of the National railways in order to try and make the Canadian electors to see that by supporting their own railways they may be saving themselves at least part of the Federal taxes which result from present railway deficits. Such entirely appears quite natural to Mr. Beatty, but he fears nothing therefrom, for, as he says, the Canadian Pacific can count upon the excellence of its service to keep its enormous number of customers. Mr. Beatty speaks like a man of superior mind. He probably sees further than ninety-nine hundredths of even the clearest minds what will be the ultimate consequences of the nationalization of a system of 22,000 miles of railway. He hopes for the final success of the present 'fair trial' because he knows that Canada will soon be rich enough and populous enough to profitably maintain two great systems of transportation. But his citizenship also realizes the national disaster that a large closure of our railways would represent. The Canadian Pacific Railway is directly interested in the prevention of such misfortune."

VOICE OF FIVE OCTAVES.

At a recent meeting of the Austrian Society of Experimental Phonetics in Vienna, reported in the Scientific American, Dr. Rethi presented Michael Prita, forty-four years of age, whose voice possessed the remarkable range of five complete octaves. The deepest note uttered by this singer was a bass F, corresponding to forty-two vibrations per second, and two octaves lower, therefore, than the deepest note which can be produced on the violin.

His highest note was a soprano C, which is one note higher than the highest sung by Patti. After the exhibition of Mr. Prita's remarkable voice, Professor Rethi made some observations upon the structure of the larynx and the noteworthy brevity of the vocal cords. The phonogram, or graphic voice record produced by the singer, will be preserved.

ELECTRIC WELDING.

During the war a remarkably ingenious welding equipment was designed for the purpose of fastening studs to iron plate. In the construction of a warship it was necessary to fix hundreds upon hundreds of studs to the bulkheads, and the old way of doing it was by cutting holes in the bulkheads and screwing in the studs, in order to save time and labor, the British Admiralty encouraged some of its experts to solve the problem of electric welding under these peculiar conditions, and they eventually perfected a most ingenious machine which would weld studs of almost any kind of metal to plates of almost any kind of metal. For example, brass studs can be welded to very thin tin sheet plate, and a brass stud can be welded to a bronze plate. The main purpose for which this type of appliance has been perfected is in welding hard tools on to high-speed tools. These tools have, to be made with a blank of mild steel, and the tip has to be of special steel in order to give a tough cutting edge. The problem of combining the two has given engineers a great deal of trouble, but henceforward this important operation will be readily carried out to perfection with the apparatus now available.

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### Folks Are Screening Early This Year

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GAINING GROUND. (Le Derrier).

"The French language is gaining ground with a number of the public and semi-public services. Communications from the Ministry of Marine regarding ocean and river navigation are now issued in French as well as English, thanks to the intervention of the Hon. E. Lapointe, who is to be congratulated accordingly. The Canadian Pacific Railway also merits the public's

felicitations on having latterly published in French several beautifully printed booklets and a whole series of pamphlets relative to the company's ocean services."

PRESS TO HONOR BERNHARDT. Paris, April 20.—(Associated Press. By Mail).—The Paris daily newspaper "Comedie," which devotes its columns exclusively to matters theatrical, has started a public subscription for the erection of a monument to Sarah Bernhardt.

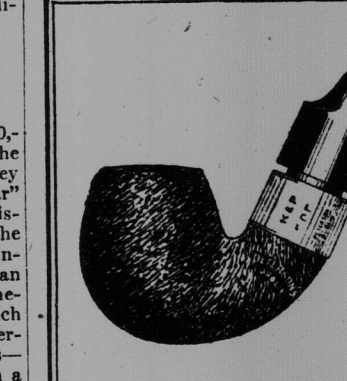
Thus is added another tribute to the memory of the great dramatic artist, others including a project to rename the Place Chatelet in her honor. "Comedie" is also distributing a drawing in color by Vertes showing the great artist reposing on her death bed.

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