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THE WAR SHADOW.

The British Prime Minister has announced that Great Britain will have an air force able to compete with the largest air force within striking distance. This is a grim reminder that the danger of war has not passed. Premier Baldwin is an optimist in regard to the situation in Europe, despite the clouds on the horizon, but his optimism does not outrun his prudence. His announcement, however, is far from being in harmony with the sentiments and the hopes expressed at the close of the war. In all minds was the hope and the expectation that the lesson of the war had been so well learned that the nations would unite their efforts to make another one impossible. The attitude assumed by the United States, the policy of France and Belgium in relation to Germany, the animosity between the Greeks and Turks, and the complete triumph of Bolshevism in Russia have largely dissipated those sanguine hopes of four or five years ago; and, while there has been a measure of disarmament, the rivalries and jealousies of nations stand in the way of an assured peace. In the present state of Europe and of the world, the friends of peace can but hope that the relations between the British Empire and the United States may grow more and more sympathetic since they together may exert a preponderant influence in world councils on the side of more peaceful and friendly relations. In the words of an American journal: "One needs only to look at the progress of invention in death-dealing instrumentalities to realize that the human race must, if its civilization is to survive, find some way out." That way can only be found through a League of Nations sufficiently powerful and determined to bring wars to an end.

THE ANTHRACITE SUPPLY.

The anthracite mine workers are in convention in Scranton, Pa., to discuss wage and other demands upon the mine operators. It is said the general sentiment points toward a demand for higher wages. The present agreement terminates on Aug. 31. If wages are advanced the advance will be passed on to the consumer. If the operators refuse to grant an increase if it is demanded, there will be a strike, and this also will affect the consumer. The latter gets the worst of it whenever there is a dispute between miners and operators. It is at least encouraging to know that the production of anthracite for the first five months of this year was greater than in the like period for five years past. Here are the figures:

Tons.	1923 (five months)	1922	1921	1920
42,504,000	42,504,000	41,838,000	36,078,000	36,131,000

Should no strike occur the outlook for a supply of anthracite next winter would thus be better than for some years past. The output in May was 8,573,000 tons, which is above the average in May for eight years. The results of the miners' convention will be awaited with keen interest all over the continent.

THE GREATNESS OF NEW YORK

New York prides itself on being a great city. It is never weary of saying is much to a supposedly envious world. It is pained because a benighted country will not adopt its views on prohibition and other matters. Never for a moment does it doubt its own wisdom and superiority. "There is only one New York," sums up, in the view of the New Yorker, the whole situation. Naturally, the world should look to New York to set the fashion in mayors. It presents Mayor Hylan. What manner of man he is—this chief magistrate of the only New York—was gathered from a report in the Tribune of a discussion before the Board of Estimate last week. Mr. Leonard M. Wallstein, counsel for the Citizens' Union, appeared to protest against a proposed sewer. We quote now from the report:

Mr. Wallstein had finished his argument against the proposed sewer levy when the Mayor rose from his chair and delivered a short speech to the spectators about the lawyer.

"I want you people to take a good look at Wallstein as he goes out," he said. "He's the fellow who was partly responsible for the spending of \$800,000 of the people's money through the Meyer investigating committee, for which he was counsel. Wallstein got \$17,000 out of it. He does like money."

"That's cheap stuff, Mr. Mayor," retorted Wallstein, "and it rolls off my back just as water rolls off a duck's back. It comports with so much that you get off. It's dirt cheap, but probably appeals to your kind of intelligence."

The Mayor, still standing, shook with anger and spluttered something in an attempt to interrupt the lawyer.

"I have tried to have respect for your office," continued Wallstein, "but for yourself, I find it beyond the bounds of possibility. You are making an exhibition of yourself for which the

citizens of New York are blushing with shame.

"All right," shouted the Mayor. "But Wallstein got \$17,000 out of the Meyer Committee."

"Yes," said Wallstein, laughing. "Well, I didn't raise my own salary and then hide behind phony excuses for doing it."

"We will show you fellows up soon," cried the Mayor.

"You are showing yourself up all the time," the lawyer retorted.

So ended the dignity of the meeting that onlookers interested various pointed remarks, cheering on the combatants. Then the press took it up. The Tribune editorially disputed Mr. Wallstein's assertion that the people were blushing with shame for Mayor Hylan, declaring that "a citizenry which has lived under the rule of Croker, Tweed and Murphy does not blush easily." The Tribune would concede that Mayor Hylan might render a little on his own account if he took the trouble to read what he uttered; and in all good-will it offered him this helpful suggestion:

"If it were Mr. Hylan's purpose to put pay rates in the entrances to the Board of Estimate room, and charge \$1 admission to all who desired to come and hear him perform, his conduct would be excusable. In that way he might net the city enough money to pay the annual rise in salary which he recently gave himself."

The purpose of The Times in referring to the case of Mayor Hylan is not to encourage similar conduct in our own City Hall. Ours is a small and unimportant city. We would do well not to strive to be too much like New York. We know that Mayor Fisher could not approach the Hylan standard if he tried, nor could any of the Commissioners approach Mr. Wallstein in the fine art of baiting a chief magistrate. We may be awed and impressed by New York's example, and yet hesitate to follow it, until we are able to make greater pretensions as a centre of wisdom and authority and the highest civilization.

Later returns show that the Conservatives will have seventy-five seats in the Ontario Legislature, and the Farmers seventeen, the Liberals being in third place instead of second, with fourteen members. Labor will have four seats and there is one independent. Casting about for a reason for his defeat, Mr. Drury blames the "wets," who, he says, threw their whole weight with the Conservatives and turned the scale against the divided Farmers and Liberals. This will not be generally accepted as the explanation of so crushing a defeat.

Parliament is asked to make many grants for which not nearly so much justification may be found as for the annuity to Dr. F. G. Banting, whose discovery of insulin as a cure for diabetes has made the world his debtor. It is most desirable that he should be free to pursue his laboratory work without the fear of poverty falling upon him in later life.

The sum of \$100,000 will not go far on the Negro Point breakwater, but it will make a beginning, and that is a great point gained.

RESUE WORK ON SINKING LINER HALTED TO FIND DOLL

London, June 6.—(By Mail)—"I want my dollie."

This pathetic wail of a little girl rose above the noise and bustle of the passengers lining their rescue from the sinking Liverpool-to-Belfast steamer Graphic, which was rammed by the United States Shipping Board cargo steamer Balsam in Belfast Lough, says "The London Daily Express." All the 108 passengers were rescued.

The Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, who, with her maid, was returning to her beautiful home at Clandeboye, County Down, and was one of the calmest and most self-possessed of those on board, tried hard to comfort the little girl as they sat together in a lifeboat, but the cry persisted.

A passenger then gallantly left the deck and went below in quest of the doll, which he was fortunate in finding. The doll was thrown down into the lifeboat. A smile alone through the tears on the child's countenance as she pressed her precious doll to her.

The marchioness and the party in this lifeboat were taken on board the Heysham steamer Duchess of Devonshire.

BRITONS SHIVER AND SIGH IN VAIN FOR WARM DAYS

London, June 27.—(A. P.)—Britishers have given up hope of having any summer this year. Mid-June finds the whole of England experiencing intermittent frost, rain storms, biting winds and disagreeable fogs. Many crops are blighted and the farmers are in despair.

The present month is described as the coldest June within memory. Merchants, dressmakers and milliners who laid in large stocks of light summer goods are facing bankruptcy, while the straw hat and soda fountain business have collapsed.

At the Ascot races this week the fashionable women's gowns were hidden under wrappings of steamer rugs and furs.

Hotelkeepers who had only a sufficient coal for the winter season are finding it difficult to keep their guests warm.

HERITAGE.

(Roselle Mercer Montgomery in New York Times.)

Old things, strange things, stir in the blood of me!

A cavalier bluntings to the earth his prey;

Advancing Norsemen ride the wind and sea;

Gay cavaliers fling reckless dice at play.

A pirate hides his chest of ill-got gold;

A prelate of the church tells beads at prayer;

A robber baron swaggers, roistering, bold;

A mountain shepherd tends his flocks with care.

A Puzitan sets forth for unknown lands;

A soldier falls; a cloistered scholar walks;

A Scottish elder prays with lifted hands;

A poet dreams; a savage toms-hawks.

A princess binds her braids of pale gold hair;

A farmer's wife sets forth her ples and cakes;

A gypsy maiden sings a haunting air;

A faithless wife her liege's hearth forsakes.

All these go surging in the blood of me—

The blood that ran in them, my heritage!

Why did I have I mad longing for the sea?

Why do I shake with wild insensate rage?

Why do I dream? Why feel the need to pray?

And why do mountains calm the soul of me?

Why do I keep upon my narrow way, Who know so well the road to Romy?

They know—they know—whose blood is met in me!

I know—that I can nevermore be free!

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

A Nature-Faker.

Teacher—Now, children, with what part of its body does a butterfly fly?

Tommy—With its buzzum, Sir.—Boston Transcript.

So There, Smarty.

"The difference between a woman and a glass," said the funny fellow, "is that the glass reflects without speaking, while a woman speaks without reflecting."

"And the difference between you and a glass," said the sharp girl, "is that the glass is polished."—Auckland Weekly News (New Zealand).

Just Played.

A motorist and his wife travelling over a familiar road came to a sign pointing to Bangor. The reversed arrow pointed to Monroe.

"That sign is exactly reversed," said the driver to his wife. "Bangor is the other way."

"I guess the sign is more apt to be right than you, Fred," answered his wife, with conjugal wit, and the right in and inquire at that farmhouse."

Fred obeyed, and the farmer answered, "Yes, it is right, but when we tried to set it we struck a ledge, so we stuck her over there."

"But," remonstrated Fred, "it makes the directions the wrong way around."

"I know it does," said the farmer, "but anybody knows enough to get to Bangor."—Harpers Magazine.

MANY FASHIONABLE HOMES IN LONDON ARE FOR RENT

London, June 5.—(By Mail)—In spite of the fact that the London social season is now in full swing there is hardly a square or street in Mayfair without its mansions to let or sold, reports The London Daily Express.

The vista of brightly polished doors and windows screened by lace and net curtains of every hue, framed by the staring windows and shabby frontages of the empty homes that were once the scene of such brilliant entertaining. They are like beggars in a fashionable throng.

Portman Square, Grosvenor Square, and Berkeley Square, as well as the spacious avenues of Belgrave, the inner circle of Regent's Park, and every aristocratic little street in Mayfair, all contribute to the house agents' books their quota of "desirable residences" which no one desires.

Mr. Melville, defending, said that Catza had no intention of staying in this country, and was trying to reach Russia from America.

DAUGHTER AND FATHER MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEAR

Two Curious Happenings in Same Family a Year Apart.

London, June 6.—(By Mail)—Search is being made over a wide area around Budeigh Salterton, Devon, for F. H. Hallett, proprietor of a hotel in that town, reports The London Daily Express.

Mr. Hallett left the hotel last Wednesday, and was seen in the evening on the parade. Since that time all trace of him has been lost.

A year or so ago Mr. Hallett was manager of a hotel at Exeter, and while there his daughter mysteriously disappeared. On that occasion search was made all over the country and large rewards were offered, but no trace of Miss Hallett was found.

CLERGYMAN, 95, REMAINS ACTIVE AND PREACHING

London, May 30.—(By Mail)—One of the oldest clergymen on the active list of the Church of England, the Rev. Denham Rowe Norman, master of St. John's Hospital, Lichfield, is ninety-five. He was ordained sixty-eight years ago and received his present appointment twenty-five years ago, after having been for twenty-three years rector of Stafford. He is still preaching every Sunday.

Mr. Rowe, who looks and says that he feels as hale and hearty as he did twenty years ago, declared to a "London Daily Mail" reporter yesterday that in his opinion lengthy services are among the primary reasons for decrease in church attendance.

"Brain work is far more strenuous today than it was in my younger days," he declared. "The result is that people require relaxation on one day in the week, so the tendency is to spend Sunday in recreation."

"Coca Cola King," Re-Wed, to Fight \$500,000 Slander Suit of New Orleans Beauty



MR. AND MRS. ASA G. CANDLER: PROFILE, MRS. ONEZIMA DE BOUCHEL.

Atlanta, Ga., June 27.—When pretty Mrs. Onezima De Bouchel, New Orleans beauty, faces Asa G. Candler, the "Coca Cola King," across the counsel table at the trial of her \$500,000 slander suit here next fall, she will find at the aged millionaire's elbow his new wife, formerly Mrs. May Little Ragin.

The new Mrs. Candler is a former public stenographer, who until her marriage to the magnate, had offices in the Candler building here. Candler met her while she was doing work for his attorneys, Candler, Thompson, and Hirsch, and married her after six months' courtship.

She was a widow with twin girls, aged 10, whom she had supported by working as a stenographer since her husband's death, nearly three years ago.

The ceremony was performed in the chapel of Emory University here, which has become, through Candler's generous endowment, one of the foremost colleges of the south.

Candler, widely known for his various philanthropies, was made defendant several months ago in a suit for \$500,000 damages, alleging slander, by the wealthy New Orleans beauty.

Mrs. De Bouchel alleged that Candler proposed to her during a Confederate reunion here in 1922, and that he later broke the engagement. His reason for doing so, the suit said, was that he had received information from sources he was bound to believe, that Mrs. De Bouchel had been visited in her room at a local hotel by two men, during the reunion, at her solicitation. Mrs. De Bouchel denied the charges and called on Candler to produce the names of the men, which he refused to do.

TRAPS SET IN BRITAIN FOR BOLSHEVIST COURIERS

Close Watch Kept on All Suspected of Being Agents of Moscow.

London, June 5.—(By Mail)—The police are keeping a close watch on all persons in this country who are believed to be revolutionary "couriers" for the Bolsheviks, says The London Daily Express.

Two men who were suspected of being links in the revolutionary chain were sent to prison a fortnight ago, and recently a Russian physician, who was arrested in the Regent's Canal Dock, was sentenced at Bow Street Police Court to six months' imprisonment for having an irregular passport and fined £100 for making a false statement. An order also was made for his deportation.

He was Moise or Morris Catza, aged thirty-five, and it was stated, was believed to be connected with the Russian revolutionary movement. Evidence was given that he landed at Southampton and intended to proceed to Hamburg by the object of transshipping for Hamburg. Catza explained to the police that he was going to Petrograd and that his name was "John Stroth." It was found that he was using a passport issued to a man now dead, whose photograph and particulars had been replaced by those of Catza.

BRITISH TEST DIVINING ROD TO LOCATE METALS

Action of Gravity on Two Bobs Hung on Wire Determines Site to Sink Shaft.

London, June 6.—(By Mail)—A delicate piece of apparatus which can be used for divining the presence of metals to be located in the earth's surface, and used without any shifter except that of a small tent. A mass of heavy ore, even if buried in the ground, affects the pull of gravity in the instrument if this is placed near it, and affects two plumb-bobs differently. One of these is at a lower level than the other. The two are connected and the system of hanging up by a long fine metal wire. The whole arrangement forms what is a torsion balance.

The twist in the wire measures the irregularity in the action of gravity caused by ore bed, by a neighboring hill, a cave beneath the surface, and so forth. By a careful study of the readings of the instrument it is possible to find the best position for sinking a mine shaft to tap the ore.

AIRPLANE WRECKS CHIMNEY FALLS INTO WATER HOLE

London, June 5.—(By Mail)—After circling several times in the air at Westbury, Wiltshire, an aeroplane from Salisbury struck a chimney and almost demolished it. The machine then fell into a mine-hole working at the bottom of the hill, and was almost submerged in seven feet of water, according to The London Daily News report.

The two occupants had narrow escapes, one tearing the straps from his body while under water. They were taken to a hospital and treated for concussion, shock, cuts and bruises.

STUDENTS TO STUDY ENGINES ON BIG LINERS FIRST HAND

London, June 3.—(By Mail)—While on vacation a student from the engineering section of Liverpool University will be carried on each White Star Line passenger steamer sailing from Liverpool to America this summer.

The practical knowledge gained from an experience of the engines of a great liner under working conditions at sea will be of great value to the students, the majority of whom eventually will become marine engineers.

Engineer Captain W. J. Willett Bruce, superintendent engineer of the White Star Line, is the originator of the scheme.

DETECTIVE TURNS TO SCIENCE

Lyons, France, June 2.—A. P. (By Mail)—France always is interested in developing modern methods to trace down criminals, and M. Locard, head of the Lyons detective bureau, is giving his attention to doing this.

Recently he was confronted with three prisoners whose occupations it was necessary to ascertain despite their efforts at concealment. M. Locard placed the clothes of each man in a large paper bag, shook them out, analyzed it and determined that one man was a mason, another a carpenter, and the third a coal dealer.

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