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TO THE RHINE

Tomorrow will be the second anniversary of the beginning of the march of the British army of occupation from Mons to the Rhine. The Times-Star prints today the first of a series of articles descriptive of that advance written by a member of the staff, who with other men from this city and province took part in that memorable march on the heels of the beaten and disheartened enemy to their own country. These articles will recall to those who participated the feelings and experiences of those wonderful days and nights when the burden of war had fallen from them and they knew the victory had been won, and they would soon be free to return to their native land. Other readers will also be reminded of the joy that thrilled all hearts when the armistice was signed, and it was known that the great sacrifice had ended and the forces of righteousness had triumphed. It is well to remember those days and the days and years which preceded them, for evidences are not lacking to show that the spirit of Germany has not materially changed, and that if she had the power the League of Nations covenant would be thrown aside as another "scrap of paper."

A STRIKING ADDRESS

Not often does the Canadian Club listen to so noble an address as that delivered by Dr. Houlton last evening. He was billed to speak on the moral element in democracy, but really discussed the individual unit in democracy, from the text: "Let us make men." Heredity, environment and education were in turn considered in their relation to the child and its development. In speaking of heredity Dr. Houlton gave some positively startling facts about the increase in mental deficiency, and this portion of his address is of particular value at a time when better care of the feeble minded is a very live question in this city and province. The fact that the children of feeble-minded parents are certain to be feeble-minded should make any people beware of poisoning the life stream of the nation by permitting these unfortunate to go at large and reproduce their kind.

Dr. Houlton was equally impressive in dealing with environment and what it may do for the mentally and morally sound as well as for the deficient. If he were to speak of the large group of boys who were in the St. John police court yesterday he would undoubtedly point to a glaring disregard of environment in these cases. As to education, the gifted speaker has no love for old forms and theories. He would make the education suit the child, and would not seek to run all pupils through the same mould. Some of his quiet stories and illustrations in this regard were highly amusing, but every one of them drove home a point to be remembered.

Touching the task of the church in developing righteousness, Dr. Houlton conceives it to be the duty of the church not to bring in sinners so much as to send out men and women to live the Christian life. That is a remark worth pondering over. But it is of the child he thinks most, and of the duty of the community to raise and cultivate a human crop that will not tend to degeneracy as the generations pass. And that should be the thought in the minds of all men and women, stimulating them to see that the forces of heredity, environment and education are co-ordinated in the making of a race that shall be of a finer physical, mental and moral fibre.

MARITIME PROVINCE INTERESTS

Simultaneously with the meeting of the maritime province premiers in Halifax there comes a despatch from Ottawa to the effect that the western provinces will reiterate their demand for the transfer to them of the natural resources hitherto held by the federal authorities. These provinces have been getting a large annual subsidy in lieu of the natural resources and now demand the latter also. It is rightly held by the maritime provinces, which helped to buy and develop the western territory, but which have not been able to secure any accession of territory or resources for themselves, that in any new deal their claims should be met by an increased federal subsidy. The justice of their claim for consideration was conceded by Sir Robert Borden. One purpose of the conference in Halifax was to consider joint action to guard the interest of the maritime provinces in regard to the settlement demanded by the west.

The provincial premiers had, however, another grievance to consider, and that is in relation to transportation. The pre-conference pledges and assurances have not been carried out. The people of these provinces are handicapped by excessive railway rates, which give Quebec, Ontario and the west a great advantage. Those provinces also get the lion's share of the benefit to industries conferred by a protective tariff. Their industries find a valuable market here, and their financial institutions also derive such advantage from maritime province connections. It is too much a case of live much and get little, so far as the extreme east is concerned.

The conference of premiers dealt with no other matter of importance, and that is immigration. The three provinces should, as Mr. H. J. Logan contended in behalf of the Maritime Board of Trade, take joint action to acquire the people of the Mother Country with the special advantages they offer to home-seekers. In the past their interests have been neglected and those of the west promoted by the immigration department and the transportation companies. Joint action by the three provinces would be infinitely better than for each province to have a separate small office and staff in London. It is a hopeful indication that the three premiers have got together for a frank discussion of common problems materially affecting the welfare of the constituency of each of them.

Germany announces that she no longer considers herself bound by the clause of the treaty relative to her colonies. The Allies will doubtless make short work of that protest. Perhaps Germany is emboldened by the hope that the attitude of the United States may favor her designs. But is not the United States still at war with Germany?

The Nova Scotia miners did not accept the Montreal agreement, after all. The conventions throw it back to the unions who will take a vote on the question. Thus the uncertainty is prolonged, with the possibility of further serious trouble.

'Now that the Canadian Club has learned how much a little hearty singing adds to the enjoyment of a luncheon it has a new attraction for its members.

LOCAL NEWS

The resignation of Rev. Dr. T. Stanage, rector of King's College, Windsor, has been accepted but will not take effect until the end of the present term.

The members of the Philatelic Club of German street Baptist church were entertained last evening by the Y. M. A. of the church and a delightful programme was presented.

The Very Rev. William Hogan, C.S.S.R., rector of St. Peter's church, has been elected to Rome to represent the interests of the Redeemptorist Order in Canada. At a meeting in Montreal recently he was chosen one of two priests to go with the delegation.

Commissioner Frink and G. N. Hatfield, road engineers, made an inspection of Millville avenue yesterday afternoon to see what can be done towards straightening that thoroughfare. It is probable that sections of private land will have to be used in ironing out the curves.

A kindergarten for instruction of the children in the East St. John County Hospital has been opened in this institution and Dr. Farris has engaged Miss Woodrow as teacher. The I. O. O. F. and the Y. W. P. A. have assured the institution of their support financially in connection with the expense of the new department.

The silver anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society of the Carleton Methodist church was observed last evening in the school room of the church and a pleasing programme was carried. A dainty supper was served under the leadership of Mrs. G. J. Barrett and Mrs. A. Mortenson. The work of the twenty-five years was reviewed by the various speakers which included the president, Mrs. I. O. Beattie and Mrs. Hickson. Mrs. B. C. Holder and Mrs. C. H. Byles were given certificates of life membership by Mrs. C. F. Sanford, president of the N. B. and P. E. I. branch, who also during the evening spoke on "The Road Ahead." Those who assisted in the programme were: Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Dawson, Miss Nita Brown, Mrs. Long and Mr. Lanyon. Miss Veasey, a returned missionary from Japan, gave a stirring address.

P. A. McPherson, a tailor, of Hampton, was seriously injured on Thursday evening when he was going from his place of business at Hampton Station to his home near the village. The injuries were caused by a double tram which was traveling along immediately behind a car, struck Mr. McPherson and threw him to the ground heavily. He was picked up unconscious and taken to his home, but was reported last night to be resting comfortably and it is thought no bones are broken, although he is severely cut about the face and sustained injuries to his hip and ankle.

At a conference yesterday afternoon between the great marsh commissioners, board of trade committee co-operating with them, the city engineer, B. M. Hill, provincial engineer, and G. C. Torrens, P. N. B. engineer, Moncton, it was announced that the C. N. R. would soon proceed to provide sufficient pondage and the diversion of the marsh creek along the line of railway track. It was necessary to do considerable filling in during the progress of extending yard room and to prevent overflowing of city, government and private property provisions for pondage were necessary.

At the regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last night it was announced that the dispute between the shipping interests and the various water front labor organizations would be amicably settled within a week. F. A. Campbell, the president, said that a branch of the Retail Clerks Union had been formed in St. Stephen. The president and J. E. Tighe were appointed delegates to the N. B. Federation of Labor. Clearance Tower was recommended for appointment to the local staff of liquor inspectors when a vacancy occurs. The Street Railway Men's Union's action with regard to the one-man car was approved.



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MASTERPIECES

I stand the bulky book on end, give it a glance, and let it drop—the stuff the wise men recommend to youths who yearn to reach the top. I wonder if the wise men read the dope they'd like to pass along, stale bunk from ages gone to seed, and words who croak a dreary song. I've tons of volumes in my home, on reading them I'm always bent; but I pass up the musty tome that makes personal punishment. The mildewed sages, when they wrought, held it a crime to start a smile; I have no use for Gems of Thought couched in a dull and dismal style. The wise men like to stand on end, and say to youth, "Read useful books! Here a work we recommend—the serious of Augustus Snooks!" But when these wise old boys were lads, they hid in their respective barns, in trembling terror of their dads, and read the Bradie brand of yarns. I say to youth read high romance, and tales of daring and of gore; the day will come, as years advance, when they won't thrill you any more. Then with the wise men you will stand, and say to striplings blithe and hale (some punk old volume in your hand), "Read anything that's flat and stale!"

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domestic Happenings of Other Days

MAJOR PEAN.

One of the chief military commanders who helped rob the King of France in the early days of America and enriched himself by so doing, was Major Pean, who had served the king with much distinction in the campaigns in the Ohio district in 1763. In fact he was as zealous then for the glory of His Majesty as he was later in pillaging the stores of that sovereign. He married a very handsome lady of American birth and his fortune was made when she accepted as he wished the attentions of the intendant Bigot. He persuaded the intendant to loan him a large quantity of the royal money with which to corner the local wheat market. When he had accomplished this Bigot issued an order commending all the grain he was taking to the military purposes at a very high rate of payment. This made a fortune for the major—even after he had shared the spoil with the intendant. So fast did his wealth increase that in a few years it was estimated that he had accumulated somewhere between two and four million francs in such crooked manners.

His wife became a political power in the new colony and made everyone pay richly for any favor they wanted from the king and finally carried on her escapades to the extent of deserting her husband. He, in return, became involved in a love affair with a prominent Montreal lady who while a woman of great beauty, possessed none of the commercial qualities of the first Madame Pean. The pair drifted further and further apart until each established in the new colony a home of almost royal splendor where they flourished on the spoils they had stolen from the king, through their intimacy with the intendant and other high officials. Pean was one of the most daring of the military thieves that infested the colony.

A DAY DREAM

Ab, me thinks I see a cottage While idly dreaming here A pleasant little cottage Where two hearts may grow more dear.

Around the shaded doorway Sweet morning glories cling And o'er the side a woodbine grows, Where birds are wont to sing.

And all around the path way there That leads to that sweet cot 'A little dell, here, here Mixed with sweet forget-me-nots.

And as my steps draw nearer I spy a rustic door Just shaded from the sunbeams By the morning glories there.

And here I stop to rest a bit To let my fancies roam Amid this blissful peacefulness For 'tis our cottage home.

And while the twilight shadows spread Across the sky so blue I sit and dream of love, sweet love, And home sweet home with you.

Again on the breeze I faintly catch The breath of mignonette And from my day dreams I awake With sadness like regret.

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LIGHTER VEIN.

The Mystery. "The fool and his money are soon parted," observed the Old Fogey. "That is to be expected," replied the Grouch. "The mystery is how they ever happened to get together in the first place."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Sure Was Potent. "How abominable goods in this town!" asked the stranger. "In what particular?" said the old inhabitant. "Is it potent?"

"Potent" is the word. A gentleman of my acquaintance stepped out of a theatre one night during an intermission and purchased a few drinks in a nearby alley. Then he returned to the theatre. "Well, what is so remarkable about that?"

"He didn't know till the doorman kept kindly told him that it was the next night."

Unanimous. A jury recently met to inquire into a case of suicide. After sitting throughout the evidence the twelve men retired, and after deliberating returned with the following verdict: "The jury are all of one mind—temporarily insane."—San Francisco Chronicle.

He Got The Spirit. There's a suburban house whose owner's principal delight is in keeping it spick and span. After dinner he and a guest were smoking on the front lawn. The guest, after lighting his cigar, threw the burned match to the ground. "Oh, I wouldn't do that, George!" said the host.

"Why not?" asked the guest, surprised. "It spoils the appearance of a place!" was the answer. "It's just those little things that make a place look bad!"

The guest smoked his cigar in silence for a minute. Then, without a word, he got up from his chair, walked down to the road and disappeared. He returned in a short while and his host asked: "Why, have you been, George?"

"Oh, I just went down to spit in the river!" said George.—Everybody's.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR KING'S SCOUTS

Tests for Ambulance and Cyclist Badges

Promotions in St. Andrew's Troop—St. Jude's Visited by New Assistant Provincial Commissioner.



THE BOY SCOUT.

Having received the first-class badge, (the requirements for which have been given in this column) a scout may qualify for his King's Scout badge. This one of the most important badges which a scout may receive, so that the examinations are governed accordingly. The requirements for this badge are as follows:

A King's scout must be a first-class scout, and duly qualified to wear four of the following proficiency badges (of which pathfinder is compulsory): ambulance, cyclist, marksman, pathfinder, signaller, fireman, rescuer. Should he fail to pass the annual test for any of the badges he must cease to wear the King's Scout badge.

The requirements for the ambulance and cyclist badges are as follows:

To obtain the ambulance proficiency badge a scout must know: 1. The first-aid list. 2. How to drag an insensible man with ropes. 3. How to improvise a stretcher. 4. The position of the main arteries. 5. How to stop bleeding from a vein or artery, internal or external. 6. How to improvise splints and to diagnose and bind a fractured limb. 7. The Schaefer method of artificial respiration. 8. How to deal with the choking, burns, scalds, frost bites, poison, grit in the eyes, bites or scratches of dogs and other animals, snake bites and stings of insects, spiders and bees. 9. How to diagnose and treat fits, fainting and insensibility, as the examiner may require. 10. How to throw a life line and how to deal with electrical accidents.

Cyclist. 1. Sign a certificate that he owns a bicycle in good working order, which he is willing to use in the King's service in case of emergency. 2. Demonstrate his ability to ride his bicycle satisfactorily and repair punctures, take his bicycle apart, clean it and put it together again, etc.

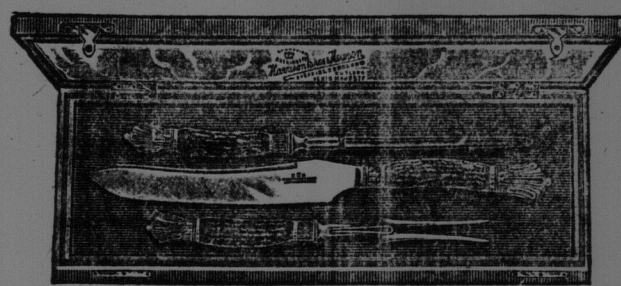
3. Be able to read a road map, make a written report, and repeat correctly a verbal message. 4. Have a knowledge of local by-laws governing street or road traffic. On ceasing to own a bicycle he must hand back his badge.

3rd St. Andrew's Troop. The weekly meeting of this troop was held on Monday evening with a full attendance. During the evening two new boys were brought in, Donald Campbell and Russell Stackhouse. The evening was spent in games and practice for the different scout tests, after which the first meetings of the court of honor took place. At this meeting some important changes were made, after which the court of honor, presided over by Kenneth Steele being elected patrol leader in his place. Everett Robinson was elected secretary and Kenneth Plumpton treasurer of the troop. The by-laws were then read and accepted by all present.

5th St. Jude's. The regular weekly meeting of this troop was held on Thursday evening at troop headquarters. After the usual routine work instruction on first and second class tests was given, followed up later on by games. A visit from V.

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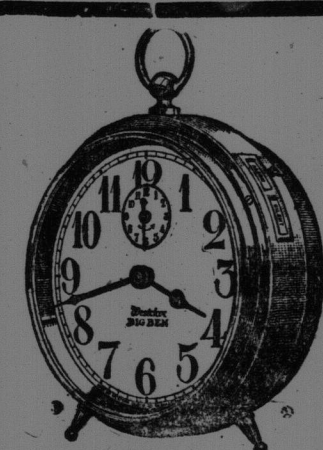
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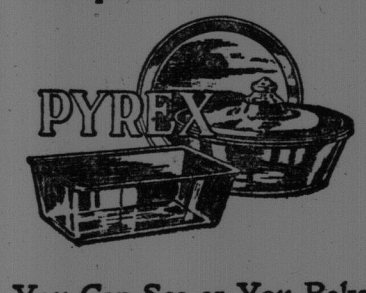
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NO INTENTION TO RE-OPEN MATTER OF CASH GRATUITY

Premier Meighen's Emphatic Statement re Soldiers at Meeting in Toronto.

Toronto, Nov. 20.—In a speech here last night Premier Meighen warmly defended the record of the government in the treatment of returned men. To a question as to whether the government intended to re-open, during the next session of parliament, the matter of a cash gratuity, the premier answered decisively: "No."

He said that a committee was appointed each session to make such adjustments of veterans' claims as considered advisable. He denied emphatically that any man with a German name had been hired at a salary of \$10,000 a year, to re-organize the civil service, or in any other capacity. On the other hand, he said there were 27,000 returned men in the civil service at present.

JUMPED IN FRONT OF TRAIN AND END HIS WEARY LIFE. Port William, Nov. 20.—Tired of life, Cedar Harachun gave \$150 to a friend, saying he had no further use for money, and tried to hang himself, but pedestrians rescued him. Then he asked for his money back, and after spending it jumped in front of a train at Upsala, near here. This was the tragedy revealed by the coroner's inquiry. Suicide was the verdict.

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