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A Contrast in Mortality Records

Yesterday the figures quoted from the Vital Statistics for August, prepared by the Registrar General, showed an alarming increase in the number of deaths among infants in St. John's. In the English papers received yesterday we find that 1923 was a record babies' year in England, and that the general death rate, 11.6 per thousand, was the lowest in history.

The figures have been prepared by Sir George Newman, Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health. In his reference to infant mortality he states that the record was 69 per 1000 born, which is the lowest ever registered. "This means," he adds, "that no fewer than 45,000 babies' lives have been saved over and above the average saving obtained in 1901-1910." He claims that it is the greatest recent triumph of preventative medicine, and can also be attributed to the absence of epidemics following improvements made in local conditions.

Here is a practical illustration of what can be done to save the children, and we cannot too soon take the lesson to heart and apply it in this community. It may not be possible to do everything at once, but if a beginning were made, let us say, with the substitution of concrete for cobble drains in the back streets, and the issuing of instructions to the Sanitary staff that covers must be used on the dust carts, it would indicate that we are earnestly attempting to accomplish something.

The Gezira Scheme

THE PRACTICAL RESULTS OF BRITISH RULE.

The recent demands made by the Egyptian Government for control of the Soudan have recalled to everyone that brilliant chapter of British History, which closed the last century, and in which the late Earl Kitchener figured so prominently. Largely owing to his ability, that vast extent of territory on the Upper Nile, which, following General Gordon's death in 1885 had been evacuated, was restored to the Empire, and plans were immediately prepared to develop the country to the fullest possible extent.

Immediately south of Khartoum, which is situated at the confluence of the White Nile and the Blue Nile, is a huge plain known as the Gezira. It is almost enclosed by these rivers and is in consequence frequently referred to as an island. Here, it was found, both soil and climate were suitable for growing cotton, and provided a scheme of irrigation could be developed, great possibilities offered.

Experiments were at first made by means of pumping stations and they proved so successful that others were erected, and in the meantime preliminary operations towards the building of a dam were begun. It was a stupendous engineering undertaking, but is at present rapidly nearing completion. It has been constructed on the Blue Nile at a place called Makwar, and, two miles in length, will be one of the greatest engineering con-

structions of its kind in the world. The main irrigation canal leading from the Makwar Dam to that part of the plain to be irrigated and the smaller irrigating canals, are nearly completed. A portion of the canal system is now in use conveying water from the four pumping stations.

Already large quantities of cotton have been raised and during the next few years it is estimated that over half a million acres will be under cultivation in this area. This will not only help to reduce the world shortage which at present exists, but will provide for the Lancashire mills a supply of raw material grown within the Empire. Further it will have the effect of providing steady employment in the Soudan which has already shown the beneficial effects of British rule in other directions. It can easily be understood that these people show little inclination to be placed under the control of the Egyptians with whom they have little or nothing in common, and who are by no means in a position to care for their interests.

Meeting To-Night

PLAYGROUND RECREATION ASSOCIATION.

Another meeting of the Playground and Recreation Association of St. John's will be held to-night. Everybody who is interested in this playground work is invited. Anyone who contributes to the playground funds is a member of the association. If you have not already contributed come to-night and do so, thereby becoming a member of this worthy organization. If we are to have playgrounds it is necessary to have money. Will you do your part? We have a very good start and now it is a very good time to add your name as a member. Everybody in St. John's is eventually going to be asked to contribute to these playgrounds. Don't wait to be asked, volunteer. Come to-night, anyway, and see what it is all about. His Excellency the Governor has graciously consented to address the meeting. The proposed constitution of the association will be read and the Executive Committee elected for the current year. Come whether you are a member or not. See what is being done for the boys and girls and then you can decide whether or not you want to help. You can help by simply becoming a member of the Association. Don't let any other appointment keep you away. It will be a short meeting. To-night! Board of Trade Rooms, at 8.15.—COM.

New Brokerage Office Opened

Attention is called to the advertisement of Mr. Austin H. McNamara which appears in to-night's Telegram. Mr. McNamara opens office on his own account, and is specializing in the Customs work. His long experience in the Customs Brokers Department has given him a thorough and detailed knowledge of Customs matters, and he is therefore well qualified in the service which he now offers to the public. We bespeak for him a generous share of patronage.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL—The Cup Series, St. George's Field, this evening at 6.45 sharp. Star vs. C.L.B. Admission 10c. Boys 5c. Ladies free. Grandstand 10c. extra.—sept5.11

Government Boats

Argyle left Argentina 12.15 p.m. yesterday on Western route.

Clyde arrived Lewisporte 1.15 p.m. yesterday.

Kyle, no report since arriving Port aux Basques.

Malakoff left Port Blandford 4.30 a.m.

Meigle arrived Indian Harbor 7.50 p.m. Wednesday.

Portia left Fortune 4.45 p.m. yesterday, inward.

Prospero left Hr. Deep 8 a.m. yesterday, coming south.

Sagons no report since leaving Humbermouth.

Sebastopol left Goultois 9.30 a.m. yesterday, outward.

Personal

Mrs. A. H. Taylor leaves for her home in Montreal by Sunday's express, after a very enjoyable six weeks' vacation. Mrs. Taylor is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sinclair, No. 24 Prince of Wales Street. Mr. W. N. Sinclair, her brother, who has been working at the Royal Stores for a number of years, accompanies her.

NOTICE—The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Bricklayers and Masons' Union will be held on next Monday night at 8 o'clock. A large attendance is requested. By order JAMES J. SPRATT, Secretary.—sept5.21

Severe Sentences Given Yesterday

THREE OFFENDERS GET TWELVE MONTHS EACH.

In the Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon three men named McManus, Dawe and Murgod were assigned before Judge Morris and charged with breaking into the store of James Whelan, Colonial Street, on the morning of August 8th last, and stealing therefrom a quantity of Condensed Milk. All three were convicted. McManus and Dawe, who have very bad records, were sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment with hard labour. Murgod, who was a first offender, was allowed to go under suspended sentence.

A labourer belonging to Hants H. held on remand for the larceny of \$45.00 in cash and a watch, the property of Mr. Underhay of Heart's Content, on August 9th last, was also tried in the afternoon. The accused was convicted and sent down for 12 months.

Booked by Silvia

The following have booked passage by S.S. Silvia sailing to-morrow:—Mrs. A. McKay, Miss M. O'Brien, Mrs. E. Harris, C. H. Manchen, Miss A. O'Reilly, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dalton, Wm. and Mrs. T. B. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Penney, Mrs. C. W. J. Martin, Masters Wm. and Robert Martin, Mrs. A. W. Knight, Miss Knight, A. B. Fraser, Miss B. Foote, Miss H. Byrne, F. J. Dowden, Alf Moakler, R. Gushue, Mrs. Bowkley, Raymond and Hubert Bowkley, Miss D. Long, Miss G. Bradley, Miss G. Knight, Miss A. Leslie, Mrs. O'Connell and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lane, A. Cowan, Miss Calver, D. McNeary, Mrs. E. McGinn, Miss T. McGinn, K. McGrath, Miss P. Parsons, H. and Mrs. Glass and 3 children, Miss Larkin, Miss O'Burnell, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Murtry, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Kearney, Miss J. Healey, Miss A. Conroy, Miss C. Jerrett, Mrs. W. J. Cawl, Miss Cawl, Jos. Taffe, R. McNeilly, Mrs. Denihy, Master Denihy, Miss C. Walsh, Miss J. Kennedy, B. Outerbridge, Miss J. Forbes, Misses E. and P. Neal, Mrs. E. D. Bate, Miss E. Casels, Miss Croable, Miss Ennis, Mrs. M. Power, W. J. Roberts, Miss K. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Tucker, R. S. Abbott, Miss M. Nay, Mrs. B. H. Elliott, Miss C. McKay, Mrs. Sydney White, T. McGrath, F. J. Little, Miss R. Reid, J. M. Marshall, Mrs. Pittman, G. Reid, D. McLeod, S. Marshall, Miss F. Lester, I. Lester, Miss E. Harris, Mrs. R. Dowden, Mrs. J. Roberts, Miss M. Healey, Miss E. Summers, Misses McNamara (2), Miss R. Foran, Miss S. Cull, P. J. Lewis, Mrs. E. Coffin, F. S. Walden, wife and child; Miss J. Hart, Miss M. Coleman, R. Bennett and 18 second cabin.

Shipping

S. S. Hickie having on board 1245 casks fish and 183 drums, shipped at Fogo and Herring Neck and 100 casks from Bonavista has sailed from the latter port to Carbonear.

Schr. N. E. Schmidt has arrived at Fogo, salt laden from Cadiz.

Schr. H. H. Macintosh has cleared from Sandy Point for Halifax with 1225 barrels herring, 40 qts codfish and 3 casks cod oil.

Schr. Gertrude which entered at Marytown, July 16, to load for Oporto sailed yesterday for this port to discharge.

S.S. Digby arrived at Halifax this morning at 3 o'clock.

Sanity Beyond the Border

Newfoundland has made a move to repeal its dry law. Our neighbor north of the Canadian border does not find prohibition a success. One bill introduced by the government recognizes spirituous liquor as a beverage and would permit each adult to obtain a bottle a week without physician's prescription. That bill has some opposition. The second bill provides for the sale of light wines and beers under government supervision.

On the liquor question there is sanity beyond the border. But on this side we have no sanity on that question. We still persist in keeping an unenforceable law on our statute books. We still say "Thou shalt not" and the people say "piffle" and do it anyway.

The bootlegger rides in a Rolls-Royce, some of his customers ride in a hearse, and another amendment to the Constitution is becoming strangled from disease.—N. Y. Daily News.

Four Armed Bandits Steal \$112,000 FROM BANK MESSENGER IN NEWARK STREET.

NEWARK, N.J., Aug. 20.—Cheques totalling \$112,000 were taken from two Northward National Bank messengers early to-day at Broad and Lombardy streets, by four armed bandits, who escaped.

MILARD'S LINIMENT FOR SPRAINS AND BRUISES.

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

MACDONALD PREDICTS THE ENTRY OF U.S.A. INTO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

GENEVA, Sept. 5. The British Prime Minister, Ramsay MacDonald, with characteristic forcefulness and precision, set forth before the Assembly of the League of Nations to-day the British Government's attitude on the harrassing questions of security and disarmament. Arbitration was the keynote of his speech. The problem of aggression, he declared, could best be handled by a Court or Courts of Arbitration. His Government had no faith that military alliances could bring security. Everything in its power would be done by the British Empire to widen the influence and prestige of the League of Nations, but Germany must become a member of the League. "If we could devise a system of arbitration, do not let us fool ourselves that we are going to have peace," the Premier exclaimed. MacDonald's references to the loyal way in which the United States Government was co-operating in the reconstruction of Europe, were especially marked. These references and his prediction that one day the United States would enter the League when Europe herself had given evidence of her desire for peace, were widely commented upon by the delegates generally as voicing the British belief that the United States would not abandon her collaboration with Europe.

ANTI-SOVIET LEADERS SHOT.

TIFLIS, Georgian Republic. Twenty-four leaders of the anti-Soviet parties of the Georgian Republic, declared to have been responsible for the attempt made last Friday night in several towns and villages to overthrow the Soviet reign, have been shot, after they were condemned to death by Georgian Cheks.

ARMY OF OCCUPATION REDUCED TO 20,000.

BRUSSELS, Sept. 5. France's army of occupation in the Ruhr at the present moment comprises 22,000 men, according to a trustworthy authority. The army originally numbered 45,000. One of the principal obstacles in the way of rapid evacuation of Franco-Belgian occupied territory is the difficulty of moving quickly families of non-commissioned officers and railway workers.

REPORTED ATTEMPT AT ASSASSINATION DENIED.

ROME, Sept. 5. The Italian Foreign Office officially denied to-day that any attempt had been made on the life of Premier Mussolini, and explained as a "Bourse manoeuvre," the report which was circulated yesterday that an unsuccessful attempt had been made to shoot the Premier while he was motoring Sunday night.

STOLEN BONDS SALE LEADS TO ARREST.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5. Two men who were said to have sold at cut rates some of the \$55,000 in securities taken by the six bandits from a mail wagon in Montreal, on August 8th, were arrested here to-day. The prisoners said they were Harry Saulman and Harry G. Lewis, both of this city.

FLIERS WARNED OF APPROACHING STORM.

PICTOU, N.S., Sept. 4. Lieut. Smith, commanding the United States round the world fliers, was advised by the cruiser Milwaukee late to-night that a storm of violent intensity was approaching the Nova Scotian coast and recommending the hop off for Boston be delayed. Lieut. Smith had ordered his men to be up at 5 o'clock in the morning when the weather reports which will then be available will be examined.

WHAT ABOUT WALL PAPERS?

We have a nice selection to choose from at attractive prices. THE WEST END BAZAAR, 51 Water St. West. sept5.11

Trinity College of Music

To the results of the above examination, published elsewhere, should be added to the Diploma List:—Mary Veitch, The Art of Teaching.

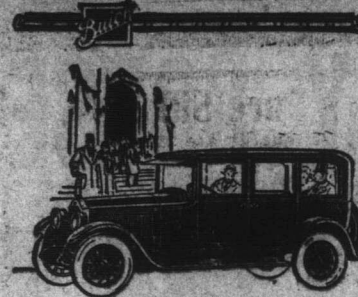
McMurdo's Store News

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Bonicilla Vanishing Cream, Tubes 65
Bonicilla Vanishing Cream, Pots .50
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Italian Mixture . . . 25c
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Magistrates Court

A truckman drunk while in charge of a horse was fined \$20.

A labourer charged with being drunk and disorderly was fined \$20.

A motorist for driving a car without a tail light was fined \$50.

A motorist charged with driving a motor car at a speed dangerous to the public was convicted and fined \$25.00 or in default 20 days imprisonment.

Miss T. M. Power, A.T.C.L., resumes lessons in Piano and Violin, Monday, September 8th, 5 Alexander St. Phone 1848R. sept5.11

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TRAIN NOTES.—Thursday's west bound express left Norris' Arm at 9 a.m. There is no report of the east bound express leaving Port aux Basques this morning.

From Cape Race

Special to Evening Telegram

CAPE RACE, to-day. Wind west, blowing strong; weather showery. A heavy south and south-west gale raged all night and a heavy sea on coast to-day. Nothing sighted. Bar. 29.82; Ther. 60.

DIED.

On the 5th inst., at Larkin's Square, Bridget Nora (Bridie), darling child of Patrick and Catherine Kerrigan, aged 8 1/2 months. Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Rotary

At the weekly meeting of the St. John's Rotary Club, held at the Stirling Hotel, on Tuesday last, the Rev. Chas. J. O'Donnell, M.A., presided. A very interesting and profitable session was held. Many interesting and valuable papers were read. A paper on "The most practical of all things" was read by Mr. O'Donnell. A paper on "The value of a good address" was read by Mr. O'Donnell. A paper on "The value of a good address" was read by Mr. O'Donnell.

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