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TUESDAY MORNING, FEB. 3.

The Need of an Observatory.

For many years the need of a good astronomical observatory in Toronto has been felt in many quarters. In the first place, a large number of the citizens are anxious to have the opportunity of actually seeing thru a large telescope the heavenly bodies. It is especially desirable that the young people should have this privilege, as a single practical observation often renders the interest in the world about us lasting and real.

The University of Toronto is without adequate means for astronomical research or for instruction in practical astronomy. Also, the Royal Astronomical Society has no suitable headquarters or a place for its library, which it has been accumulating for 30 years, and which it is willing to put at the service of the people.

Early in 1914 the society appointed a committee to consider the question of securing an observatory. In its report it outlined a plan to satisfy the above interests, and in which it was proposed that the city should provide a suitable site, the university should maintain the institution and allow the citizens access to it, and the society should place its library in the building and permit the public to use it.

The outbreak of the war prevented further attempts to carry out the scheme, but last summer it was revived and was presented to the board of control and the city council. By them it was considered favorably, and an admirable site was allotted in a ten-acre park newly dedicated for the purpose. The university and the society are willing to do their parts, so that all that is lacking is the building with its equipment. This should be forthcoming without undue delay. The cost will be small in comparison with that of many projects heard of these days, and the benefits to be conferred on the community will be very great.

On its practical side astronomy is simply indispensable, but it has ideal aspects, too. Indeed its great interest to the majority of people is thru its appeal to the imagination and its attempt to satisfy our thirst for knowledge about the universe, about us and our place in it. An observatory would be a noble memorial to those who gave their lives while fighting for a great ideal. Will not some person or persons supply this want?

The Female Franchise in Quebec.

In the province of Quebec, while the women are eligible as voters under the federal statute, the fact that there is no provincial list in which they are included, disfranchises them. There is no way by which they can be recognized by a returning officer. A bill has been framed by G. Ashby, the member for Lachine, to provide for the inclusion of female voters on the provincial lists, but it is not at all clear that the provincial assembly of Quebec citizens will extend as far as to recognize the political equality of the sexes.

The Montreal Women's Club, on the principle that God helps those who help themselves, has taken up the case, and is appealing to every member of the legislature in terms such as have been effective in Britain and other civilized countries.

It will seem to most people that the argument that should be effective with the Quebec legislators is the handicap that will be placed on the women of Quebec, as compared with those of the other provinces, a handicap which will extend to their children and eventually affect the whole province. The influence of women in education, in sanitation, and particularly in child welfare, is bound to be felt where it can be exercised, and where it is excluded society is bound to suffer proportionately.

If Ontario Copies Queensland.

Labor in Queensland has reached the stage of white satin breeches, silver-buckled shoes and the plumed hat—only it wants neither breeches, buckles nor feathers. Mr. Lennon, a Labor member of the legislative assembly, has been appointed governor of the state, and glasses of fashion and molds of form are all of a tremble.

The opponents of the Labor party have been protesting against the appointment because they say Labor can't represent majesty, and if Labor gets the habit of conking and propping it will presently cut the imperial painter. They don't like the idea of a Labor man appointing the upper house membership.

Everything seems to have been done according to constitutional propriety. Governor Lennon's appointment is not the sort of thing the ancient stickers for use and wont expected. It is the final proof that London has become the subsidiary power in filling state offices in Australia.

Thirty-two years ago the Queensland governor died. The government

told London it ought to be consulted about his successor. "None of your business," London replied, and appointed Sir Henry Blake. Queensland protested till Blake resigned. Democracy in Australia asserts itself.

Sundry nourishers of the U.F.O. conscience used to declaim upon the superiority of lieutenant-governors. The Drury government was not consulted about the appointment of Sir John Hendrie's successor. If it had been would it have asked for an every day farmer to be a gubernatorial mate to a farmer premier? Or in honor of its partner, would the U.F.O. in King street conclave assembled, have allotted the governorship to the LLP? If the Queensland precedent had been anticipated we might now have been listening to the non-committal observations of the Hon. James Simpson or the smoothing remarks of His Honor Governor Hallford. In the latter case Hamilton would have supplied the third successive royal deputy to the province, and the Saskatchewan precedent would have been followed—Governor Brown passed from a Regina alderman to the throne.

The Queensland example may yet become an example for this proud province. If it does and the Hamilton leader should be chosen, his change of chairs won't be a greater surprise than some of those to which the public is becoming better accustomed than the Prince Edward Island horses are to automobiles.

Progress in Palestine.

Reports from Palestine indicate that the British occupation is having the same effect as in other regions in introducing modern ideas of sanitation, transport and other development policies of up-to-date government. The natural resources of the country are of the most valuable character. Coal, oil, bitumen, sulphur, copper, the building stone of various kinds, phosphates and salt are abundant. Yet in the case of the latter commodity the Turks imported it from Asia Minor and from England.

The River Jordan has been spanned by new bridges and is to furnish water for an irrigation scheme. The arable plains of Moab only require this aid to blossom as the prophet foretold. It is possible that hydro-electric installations may yet be found on Jordan's banks, but as a source of irrigation it has a decided future. The water supply of Jerusalem has been a problem, solved by cleaning out the ancient cisterns and introducing a pure supply thru an aqueduct from reservoirs lying south of Bethlehem.

OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINIONS

The World will gladly print under this head letters written by our readers, dealing with current topics. As space is limited, letters must not be longer than 200 words and written on one side of the paper only.

Garbage Disposal.

Editor World: I noticed in one of yesterday's papers that some person has come forward, offering the city a scheme whereby they are to make untold profits out of the garbage, and entering accordingly a protest against the sale of this garbage to a company formed for the purpose of manufacturing and placing in the homes of the citizens an efficient and economical fuel.

Now, the best experts on the subject have been endeavoring for years in the largest cities of the United States to invent a plan whereby the economical disposition of the city garbage may be made—without success until the present time, when a company here has purchased from the inventor in the United States the rights to manufacture this garbage into fuel—with advantage to the city, which process has been investigated and endorsed by the fuel controller at Ottawa and government and university assayers.

Would it not be well if we could do without many of these "Smoke Alas," who have been placing obstacles in the way of progress and economy? A home might be provided for them.

PANAMA INDIANS ATTACK SETTLEMENT

Chief Was Arrested on Charge of Burying His Grandson Alive.

Panama, Feb. 2.—San Blas Indians, in a sudden attack on Panama police and the residents of a rubber-gathering settlement at Porvenir, about 80 miles to the east of Colon, killed 17 persons and wounded many others, according to advices received here. No whites were involved in the fight. The Panamanian government is fitting out an expedition to sail from Colon to restore order. Some of the Indians, it is stated, came from Colombia to participate in the attack.

Reports from Porvenir say the raid was in retaliation for the arrest of San Blas Chief Quilo last November, on the charge of burying his grandson alive. Other advices declare hostility of the Indians to the establishment of a station at Porvenir under Panamanian rule, resentment against attempts to force the Indians to cease wearing nose rings, and the closing of a school conducted by an African woman missionary figured in causing the attack.

ELECT HEALTH CHAIRMAN.

Kitchener, Ont., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—At the inaugural meeting of the board of health here today John Schwartz was re-elected chairman by an unanimous vote. Mr. Schwartz was chairman last year.

THAT GLOBE STUFFED ROBIN



GLOBE EDITOR: I pit 't up every February, but it aye fa's down again.

CHURCH MERGER PLANS OUTLINED

(Continued From Page 1.)

been in operation for a term of years," the announcement states, "the importance of divisive names and creeds and methods will pass more and more into the dim background of the past, and acquire, itself, in the peculiar denomination itself, a merely historical value, and the churches then will be ready for and will demand a more complete union."

The form of union advocated, it is declared, "does not interfere into the deliberations of the council any disputatious topic, any question of the validity of orders or of the modes and subjects of baptism or of the formulation of a specific or comprehensive creed. The hope is expressed that 'the evangelical churches may give themselves with a new faith and ardor to the proclamation of the Gospel, which is the only hope of our stricken world, and to all those ministries of Christian love and leading for the community, the nation and the nations, by which they shall reveal to men the mind of Christ and hasten the coming of His Kingdom.'"

Emphasis is placed by the committee on the "federal union" feature of the proposed amalgamation. "It is an organic union," the report says, "that has the vital principle of growth and development. The council has definite functions and duties may from time to time be developed in like manner as the functions of each district council. The proposed constitution of the United Church of America, as revised, sets forth the following as its article of faith:

"The United Church of Christ not adopting any symbol or creed, recognizes in the historic creeds of the evangelical communions varying expressions of their common Christian faith. It avows their common belief in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, goodness and love, and in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord and Savior, who for us and for our salvation lived and died and rose again and liveth evermore; in the Holy Spirit, who taketh of the things of Christ and revealeth them to us, renewing, comforting and inspiring the souls of men; in the Holy Scriptures by which the will of God is revealed; in the church, the living body of Christ; in the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's supper, instituted by Christ and committed by him to the church, and in life eternal beyond the grave. It accords its members both as groups and as individuals in all lesser matters the broadest liberty, 'wherein Christ hath set us free.'"

Each local church belonging to the United Church will have authority over the following: (a) Control of property held by it; (b) The terms of admission of members on confession of faith; (c) The times and modes of administering the sacraments; (d) The initiative in the settling or dismissal of a pastor; (e) The forms of worship used; (f) Discipline of members; (g) The causes to which it shall contribute and the amounts to be given.

In the interest of "fraternity, order and union of effort" each church also agrees (1), to receive into its membership of baptism, the Lord's Supper and administer baptism by immersion for those who desire that form; (2) it will recognize the authority of a district council and participate in its meetings thru statedly chosen delegates.

Grouped by Districts.

Local churches, according to the plan, will be grouped geographically into district councils of varying sizes. Each church will be represented in the council by its pastor and one delegate, with an additional delegate for each 100 members, or major fraction thereof. The district council's duties

WORLD'S DAILY BRAIN TEST

By Sam Loyd.
10 Minutes to Answer This.
No. 100.

I asked Bill Sykes if he wanted to work and he said, "Why should I work?" "To earn money," I replied. "What's the use of earning money?" he said. "To save it up," I replied. "But what do I want to save money for?" he asked. "So that when you grow old you can rest," says I. "But I am growing old as fast as I wish now," says he, "and what's the use of working to rest when I can begin to rest now?" I failed to convince him. I got him to contract to just try for 30 days at 16 shillings a day, but stipulated that he would forfeit 20 shillings for every day he idled. At the end of the month he neither owned the other anything, which convinced Bill of the folly of labor. Can you tell just how much work Bill accomplished?

ANSWER TO No. 99.
Morgan, Greene, Gates, Andre, Howe, Concord.

will include the ordination of ministers, and it will have "the power of discipline or expulsion under conditions prescribed by the national conference." It also will have the power to "terminate the membership of any church refusing to meet its obligations." Each church will be required to pay a per capita tax of 25 cents a member, the same to be known as "council dues" and which will be used for administrative expenses.

A state synod, composed of churches in each state, and consisting of five delegates from each district council and five additional delegates for each 25 churches, or major fraction thereof, will hear and pass upon appeals from the district councils, support the bishop or bishops, superintendent or superintendents chosen by it in the prosecution of their duties, and have supervision of missionary, educational, Sunday school and corporate administration.

The central authority in the United Church, it is proposed, will be vested in a national conference. It will meet annually, and will be composed of two delegates chosen by each synod, with two additional for each number of churches in each synod as shall make the conference membership not less than 500, nor more than 1000 at any time.

FLU IN CANADA NOT WIDESPREAD

Federal Health Department Issues Statement—Disease of Mild Character.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—(By Canadian Press.)—Reports from every province of Canada indicate that there is as yet no widespread epidemic of influenza. The federal department of health, which has been keeping in close touch with the situation for the past month, states that where cases have developed they are of a comparatively mild type, with few complications. The eastern provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick report no influenza within their boundaries. All of the eastern section of Quebec is also free, but 92 cases have been reported in the city of Montreal.

Ontario Situation.

In Ontario, several centres are affected, the disease spreading east from the city of Windsor, and eastward from the city of Toronto, and southward from the city of Ottawa.

Manitoba has a few cases in various parts of the province, few of which have developed into pneumonia. Saskatchewan reports a few deaths and a few cases in widely-separated localities. Some of these cases have been traced directly to the United States. Alberta has some scattered cases of a mild type, and British Columbia reports a number of cases in Victoria and vicinity. Extensive preparations for combating the disease have been made.

TO DEFINE POWERS OF COMMERCE BOARD

Matter of Deciding Exact Jurisdiction Before Supreme Court Today.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—(By Canadian Press.)—At tomorrow's sitting of the supreme court, an application to have the case, which will result in the determination of the exact jurisdiction and powers of the board of commerce, tried during the February term of the court, will be made. Mr. E. F. Burritt of Code and Burritt, who are acting as agents for the board in the matter, will make the application, which is altogether likely to be granted. The case is therefore likely to be heard shortly. It seems likely that quite an array of counsel will be present when the argument actually takes place. The Crescent Creamery Co. of Winnipeg, which precipitated the action by refusing to obey certain orders of the board, will be represented by J. B. Huggs, K.C., of Winnipeg.

Counsel for Board.

The board of commerce will have as its counsel Mr. W. F. O'Connor, K.C., and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association will be represented by W. N. Tilley, K.C. T. A. Beament will appear for the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada. Other organizations which will probably have representatives present are the Toronto City Dairy Company, Ltd.; Toronto Milk and Cream Producers' Association; The Canadian Creditmen's Association, and the Industrial and Domestic Council of Canadian Meat Packers.

PEOPLE OF MONS TO TEND GRAVES

Form Association to Care for Burial Place of the Allied Soldiers.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 1.—(By Canadian Press.)—Word has been received by the office of the overseas military affairs of Canada from Mr. Gustave Caey, president of an association formed by the people of Mons to care for the graves of allied soldiers. The burgomaster and inhabitants of the 81 communes of the district of Mons are assisting the association. The aim is to allot one grave to a family to be cared for and beautified by that family. Further, the family must endeavor to visit Belgium they will be the guests of the family in charge of the grave whilst there.

Give Free Title.

The owners of the ground in which the deceased soldiers are buried, thru the association, have given a free title for each plot to the families interested. Many headstones have been erected by public subscription and on the anniversaries of the two battles of Mons (August 23 and November 11) homage is paid to the deceased and wreaths are laid upon their graves. The association now reports that they have now in their charge the graves of 100 allied soldiers.

This information will be of general interest to Canadians in view of the friendship for the Canadian corps which is entertained by the people of Mons. The imperial war graves commission, of which the high commissioner of Canada, Sir George Pauley, is a member, has by agreement with the Belgian government, the general supervision of all maintenance.

GALT CUSTOMS.

Galt, Ont., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Customs collections at port of Galt for month of January amounted to \$41,514.41, an increase of \$2,794.44, compared with returns of January, 1919.

MOONLIGHT AND MONEY

BY MARION RUBINCAM

CAROL SAYS SHE'LL HELP.

CHAPTER 104.

"And you will come to my party? You've not been around for ages," Louise said into the telephone.

"All right, I'll come with bells on," Murray promised. And next evening, true to his word, he appeared at the Driscoll mansion in his dress suit, looking unusually distinguished.

There was a large crowd. Butler knew most of them. Jerry was present, and Annabelle. They were openly engaged now, and Jerry was very proudly showing off his fiancée to all his friends. Annabelle had discarded her smock, and wore the most demure of debutante-style frocks, her bobbed hair giving her the appearance of an elfin child.

And Carol and Breck were there, too, and Mary, making eyes at the newest man to be introduced, and a dozen others, at least, with Driscoll looking very handsome and trying to join in with this young and frivolous-minded gathering, and seeming a trifle bored by the process.

"You are unusual for the time tonight," Murray told Louise. She wore a fluffy gown of blue net over silver, and did, indeed, look younger and prettier than ever.

"It's the thing to say nice compliments to your hostess," she smiled by way of answer. "Carol tells me, more frankly, this is not my shade of blue," she turned to smile at her friend.

"I like her in green—it makes her eyes such an odd color, even prettier than blue," Carol answered, holding out her hand in greeting to Butler.

"Do talk to me a while. I'm old enough to feel horribly grandfatherly in this youthful crowd," Butler answered. "And you're such a kindly mortal, Mrs. Sproul, I know you'll be nice to me."

Carol gave him her most brilliant smile, and they sat together on one of the sofas. A dance was going on in the next room, and for the time they were almost alone in Mr. Driscoll's study. Carol, it appeared, did not want to dance. She watched her husband and Louise go off together, then sat, tied back, idly fanning herself, to talk to Murray.

London, Feb. 2.—Bolshevik agents entrusted with messages regarding sensational widespread Red plans, have been for a considerable time traveling between Berlin and Soviet Russia on false credentials. It is stated officially that they usually travel as American Red Cross delegates on the pretext of arranging for the exchange of German prisoners from Russia.

A number of the agents have been arrested in Lithuania. Two men on their way to Moscow via Berlin were found to have letters concealed in their neckties. One was a German, the other a Swiss Socialist.

The German carried a letter to Tschitcherine, soviet minister of foreign affairs, from the head of a Socialist organization in Germany emphasizing the communist sympathies of that body. Another letter described a system of forged American, French and German passports. The Swiss had a letter from the head of a Red Cross Society in Bern, asking for further supplies of Red Cross literature.

The German courier, under examination, said that the German Independent Socialists would attack and overthrow the present government the moment they were assured of support from Lenin.

"A Man Doesn't Need a Woman's Help!"

Alice Fairbanks said this bitterly. For she had believed that her interest in David's ambition had encouraged him and helped him—until he allowed himself to be won away from her by a girl who took no interest whatever in his work.

Then Alice told herself that the man-nature was absolutely independent of the woman-nature. Little did she dream that, as she told herself these things, David was telling himself that his ambition was dead—dead because he had married the wrong girl.

Before the other girl had come between them, David and Alice had dreamed of running a farm together on scientific principles, and she had taken an eager interest in his agricultural studies which were to lead to the realization of this dream.

And then life had led them far apart, and yet had not taken the roots of that early ambition out of the man's heart any more than out of the woman's—so that it blossomed forth again, too late!

Yet sometimes life sees a way of smoothing out tangles even as great as this one. Does this happen? Find out by reading "The Girl Who Smiled Thru," which starts in this paper on Monday next, a week today.

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