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MORE WAR TALK

Tokio which by this time is discussing the proposal to shift the battleship fleet of the United States to the Pacific will learn by cable that the leading newspaper of the United States, the New York Herald, has plainly declared the purpose of this policy to be the placing of the right arm of the American navy within striking distance of the Japanese coast.

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One delicate one. The commercial effect of a war scare at the present juncture is difficult to estimate. It might, however, be held to result in increased rates for money and at the same time increased demand for capital for some branches of industry.

for transports on the Pacific. The attitude of England in such an eventuality would be a delicate and difficult point. Up to a certain point, she would inevitably be the friendly go-between of both powers.

Great Britain's interests would best be served by keeping the peace, and we may be sure that she would exhaust every reasonable resource in seeking to do so.

ROCKEFELLER IN COURT

Guarded by detectives and scrutinized as a living curiosity by a mob which had come to see but not to admire, John D. Rockefeller sat in a Chicago court room on Saturday and denied his secrets by retreating behind the well worn phrase 'I do not remember,' just like less wealthy if not less worthy witnesses.

The great combination which Mr. Rockefeller organized, and to testify concerning which he was summoned to court, has long pursued the dodging methods for which he is now condemned.

The making of great fortunes does not necessarily involve any wrongdoing; but in the United States many conspicuous fortunes are notoriously the result of oppression, unjust and illegal discrimination, the buying of legislation through the lobby, and obstruction of the course of justice.

"This is fighting talk, or a close approach to it, and it is the more remarkable at this time because it appears in a journal of greater international reputation than any other published on this continent.

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and enabling them to get assistance and at the same time lightening the weight upon the overturned canoe. Young men and young women, who go into deep water in canoes, should first try the experiment of swimming with their clothes on. It is a highly instructive one.

The canoe, for those who are skilled in its use, is not a dangerous pleasure craft. When properly loaded and trimmed it does not capsize in rough water. Properly handled a good canoe will withstand a very stiff sea.

FIFTY-THREE PER CENT.

Some revelations concerning the profits of the packers, or some of them, made in a lawsuit over the division of the stock of the William Davies Company, an Ontario packing house, are likely to attract much attention throughout Canada.

The Toronto Star warns the public against jumping at too many conclusions after reading these figures, but it adds significantly that the average profit for the whole period in question is fifty-three per cent—'which isn't bad.' Says the Star:

"It is fair to bear two things in mind: that the profits are due largely to the excellent organization of the business, and largely to the growth of the trade with Great Britain. It is only in recent years that the preparation of meat products has been systematized in Canada; and here, as in the United States, the economies thus effected have produced immense pecuniary returns.

"Still, the average, nearly 53 per cent, is very high. A reasonable profit is the fair reward of those who inaugurate new methods in business. But the public are also entitled to their fair share of any economies that may be effected in this way; whereas in this country the improvement in methods has been accompanied by a steady increase in prices.

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NATURE'S MEDICINES

"Throw away the pill boxes and go out into the fresh air and the sunshine" is a rough summary of the medical advice proffered in a recent address by Sir Frederick Treves, King Edward's physician.

This eminent man is a long way from condemning medicine and doctors, no doubt, knowing that both will continue to be necessary, but like many other leaders of thought in these days, he desires to emphasize the importance of a natural and simple way of living in preserving health or regaining it.

"It is well that men of great reputation in medicine like Sir Frederick are making such statements. They are not new, but they are more useful and will exert more influence when made by men of recognized authority.

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A CURIOUS SUGGESTION

The growth of the class known as habitual criminals, and long observation of British prison life and its effect upon prisoners, leads Sir Evelyn Ruggles-Brisie, K. C. B., chairman of the Prison Commission, to advocate the revival of the penal colony.

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period of the nation's growth has been sent out of Canada to assist in building up and developing the cities and industries of foreign countries. It is all very well to boast that Canada is now among the nations that seek an outlet for their wealth, but it is a dear boast when it simply means that because of the lack of that withdrawn capital, Canadian industrial growth is retarded and her unexhausted natural resources remain unused.

The tendency of capital is to seek the investment which is safe and which yields the greatest return, and Mr. Casson should not be surprised that all Quebec capital is not invested at home. It is true that Canada needs more capital to develop its resources—a great deal more. It is true also that an immense amount of Canadian capital is already so invested, and that the amount is increasing at a very rapid rate.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The number of civil servants here who are yearning to pay taxes just like the rest of us is 576. In the words of the man in the street, "That ought to help to keep down the tax rate—some."

Schmitz, San Francisco's grayer mayor, is to go to prison for five years. The judge's remarks in sentencing him, and the sentence itself, indicate that this is not a good year for criminals at the Golden Gate.

There has been considerable talk from time to time about preserving the old and historic Chipman house, but on Saturday it was sold for \$28; from which it may be argued that sentiment is one thing and money another.

Premier McBride announces that he is going to keep up the fight for better terms at Ottawa and is disposed to threaten the Dominion government. At the same time the news from British Columbia is that the province is going to have a million dollar surplus. This good fortune at home may limit the force of the Premier's appeal for sympathy. His province is rolling in wealth.

"The Springhill Tribune's editorial column appears this date and somewhat threatening pronouncement: 'A number of our readers were disappointed in not finding something in Wednesday's issue that they expected to see. It was rumored around town that the editor had been the victim of a MISSTAKE and it was supposed that his feelings were warm enough to make a ROAST of it.'

Dr. McCallum, of London, warns girls against the craze for the nurse's profession, and especially against training in U. S. hospitals, where it is said fifty per cent of the Canadian graduates are broken in health by the severity of the work imposed upon them.

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NOXIOUS WEEDS

One of the very hard weeds to fight is the bladder cancer (Silve inflata). It is a deep rooted perennial, and goes by several names in the different localities where it grows, such as rattle-weed, rattle-weed, etc. owing to the fact that the seeds when ripe rattle in the cuplike cases which hold them. It has a deep tap root for its most part, but at the crown it shoots up a multitude of stems which branch somewhat at the terminals. The leaves have something of the appearance of the live-forever. The crown of the plant has great vitality, and if it is cut off and left on the field anywhere it will take root again. The root itself will send up more shoots when it is cut off. It spreads mostly by its seed, however, of which it produces a large number, which are hard to distinguish from the seeds of catchfly. If anything, campion seeds are a little larger and darker in color. The weed makes most headway in pasture lands which are unbroken or permanent, or in fields left in soil for years. If it gets located around a stump or stone it is in its glory, and will put up a big fight for its existence.

How to Kill It. (1) Summer follow, if persistent, will kill the plant. Frequently cutting of the stem will exhaust the food supply, as with a broad sharded cultivator. After growing in the land for some time the soil will contain a lot of seeds, which will retain their vitality a long time, so the young plants will have to be looked after.

(2) The hoe crop will diminish it, but help to germinate a large number of the seeds. (3) If the plants have not got too thick, by cutting them off in some ground and putting in a handful of salt to kill the root will be an effectual remedy. Efforts should be made by the farmer not to let any plants go to seed, which will prevent the spread of the weed until such time as he can make a finish of it. He should examine any clover or grass seed he may be buying to see that it is free from seed has the appearance of a small burr.

T. G. RAYNOB.

Quaker Reflections

(Philadelphia Record.) If a woman treats her husband like a dog she must expect him to growl and put up a fight. Some people are as much afraid of a microbe as other people are of a mad dog. It is just as well to get there with boots if you feel that you have a kick coming. Tact is simply the ability to increase the admiration that other people feel for themselves. Money may not make the man, but it extracts the money from some men as if they aren't much left. It may also be true that it is none of the business of one-half the world to do the other half's work. Many a poor night has kept the woe from the door with the money he has spent on postage. Slobbe—Well, you know a woman can never hit anything she throws at. A woman should be just as dear to her husband in the country as in the city. In fact, most things are dearer in the suburbs. Mrs. Wigwag—Did you suffer much from your operation, Mrs. Talkalot? Mrs. Talkalot—Suffer? Why, I thought I should never live to tell the tale. Scrivener—Hello! Scribbler. What are you doing now? Scribbler—I am compiling a book of bright sayings of small children. Scrivener—Think there will be any in it? Scribbler—Sure. Every father of a two-year-old will want one.

Doughnut Day

If I could dip into the jar Where mother's bliss, round doughnuts are Or leavies where they used to be, I'd be a sweeter soul than I am now. Snak in an' drop a doughnut in My pocket, then sneak out again In some 't down in my coat, I'll be Under the elms that overlook And far off wriggles into town. Just like a dusty, yellow snake; Then wipe the crumbs all off 'n' make Another snack because 'n' I'd Be a happy sort of kid. To my idea a doughnut round, Dropped into boiling fat an' browned, Just the right shade 'n' a thin slice 'n' To touch the heart of man 'n' boy; I know my dad used to make 'em, The kitchen with a sneaky grin. Nobody in the world would mind, There was a twinkle in his eye. That took the edge from his lips, An' on her lips the sweetest smile. That coated a fellow all the while. That coated him to just help himself! From doughnut jar or pantry shelf? No! You show you liked 'em best. An' please let us to eat enough To founder you, I think I stole Them doughnuts them days 'n' hole. Because a boy has got a fool That anything he has to eat. Tastes a lot better than a great Big loaf that he'd had to eat; An' I'd steal them all day 'n' she. Meal times, when I'd look at me An' say: 'That boy, upon my word, Don't eat enough to keep a bird! I've drunk champagne a little bit, An' I've a love 'n' spot for it. An' I've eat a quail served hot on toast, An' I'd like to see you do it. The doughnuts that I swiped and took They were the best I ever had. The road that winds around 'n' down, This way away off to the town, This way away to Uncle Joe's. As tasty as a serpent's rose; My both ways to the world. Where all my future yet lay unfulfilled, But with no tears when I take Doughnuts like mother used to make. —Houston Post.

The Canada Wind

Whence bloweth the Canada wind? Not out of the west, though the west wind bears. Lightens hours and the joy of spring, And the heavenly blue of a wild bird's wing, And the heart of the violet seeks the air, And the scent of the violet's all to He flowers in my hair to glow. The west wind's of the left, And pulls on the soul of the poet.

Whence bloweth the Canada wind? Not out of the east, for the east wind chill With its dank, gray mists and its stores of rain. And down is foreboding again and again, Spices dripping sky with grayness dim, And night is black on the sodden hills, And never a star I find. The east wind's of the sea, And drives to the heart of me.

Whence bloweth the Canada wind? Its pathway is the way to the world's whirring rim. The strange, white tracts of the barren seas, Immense, luminous, wild and lone; Spaces curling through seas dim, Veiling the sea, and the blue sea's brim, Striving forever, yet never free, Fetters which ever bind— The Canada wind is the best north wind, The wind of the secret sea.

Whence bloweth the Canada wind? It will surprise the people to know that the cost to the government of maintaining a private soldier is but a trifle more than it is thirty years ago. It was about \$350 then, and is about the same now.

THE WORLD'S RAILROADS

Table with 2 columns: Country, Miles. Europe... 122,251; Asia... 50,993; Africa... 16,238; North America... 233,098; South America... 22,839; Australasia... 17,441; Grand total... 562,780.

A GOOD WOMAN'S INFLUENCE

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TO PROTECT PASSENGERS

There is much sense in an order passed by the Railway Commission Monday providing that in future a fire extinguisher must be carried at either end of every passenger car, that it must be approved by the board and must be recharged every three months.

Oak Hall's Advertising Automobile

A Ford runabout secured from J. A. Pugsley, agent, by Oak Hall, made its first appearance on the streets yesterday and attracted considerable attention. The name Oak Hall appears on the cover. The machine is to be used in the city and country, distributing advertising matter pertaining to the store. The idea is another illustration of the advanced methods of Oak Hall proprietors, and promises to be a success.

Lightning Caused \$2,000 Damage

Machias, Me., July 8.—The barn of George R. Gardner, of Boston, who has a summer place at Roque Island, was struck by lightning today and destroyed. The loss was \$2,000.