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INFANT MORTALITY.

During the year 1920 the number of children in the city of Montreal who died before they had attained the age of one year was 4,072, a percentage of 192.2 per thousand. This is an appalling loss of infant life. It is announced, however, that while the rate was 1 1/2 per cent. higher in 1920 than the average for ten years. This is encouraging, and as the most earnest efforts are now being made to arouse a deeper interest in infant welfare the percentage should show a continued reduction. Consider the following statement which appears in the New York Evening Post—

"The number of deaths under one year for each 1,000 live births in England and Wales in 1891-1900 was 153, and in France in 1891-1900 was 176. These figures were reduced in England, 1911-1915, to 110; in France, 1911-1915, to 124.6. The rate for the United States in 1918 was 101. That is, England, despite her dense population and the comparative poverty of the masses, is almost on an even footing with us. The lowest rate in the world is that of New Zealand, stated by a recent issue of the Survey to be 46.4. The New York Maternity Centre Association has shown that among children of all races in New York city the rate can be kept below New Zealand's. It is for Congress to give the new impulse needed."

The action which Congress is urged to take is the adoption of the Sheppard-Towner bill before that body, its purpose being to stimulate the states in the public care of maternity and infancy. The Labor Department of the United States has issued reports showing how that country has fallen behind others in this field, and in a summary of their findings the Post says—

"Almost every important nation in Europe has made provision for financial assistance to mothers at confinement or during the nursing period, or both. In Great Britain legislation for a confinement rest for industrially employed women was passed in 1901. Home visiting on a large scale began after 1907. Maternity insurance was instituted in 1911. In France a four weeks' rest at confinement, with pension, was provided for in 1913; government aid in infant welfare work had begun several years previous, and maternity and nursing benefits were greatly extended during the war. Subsidies up to twenty per cent. of approved expenditure have for some time been given to infant welfare organizations. Italy, Germany, Austria, Belgium, and other countries have passed generous legislation. Those congressmen who think that the rich United States cannot afford to undertake this work should note that in 1918-19 the grants by the British government for infant and maternity welfare were £284,500, or nearly \$1,500,000, while in France the average annual outlay during the war was \$3,000,000 francs."

Knowledge of the facts should stimulate interest in the efforts now being made throughout Canada to improve conditions for prospective mothers and for infant life. There is no reason why the infant mortality rate in Montreal should be 192.2 when it is 46.4 in New Zealand, and even less in a portion of New York city. Every native-born normal infant saved and developed to maturity is of great value to the state. Why sacrifice such, and spend money to bring foreigners into the country?

CIVIC OWNERSHIP.

An interesting bit of news regarding public ownership of a street railway comes from Edmonton. It is interesting because it indicates that it is possible to conduct a street railway as a civic enterprise without loss. Canadian Finance tells the story as follows—

"Advances to Edmonton to sell its street railway system, or lease it to a representative of people willing to enter into a deal of this kind. It is suggested that local interests are seeking to obtain the system and more developments are expected. In some quarters it is reported that the fact that the system is not now losing money but steadily getting on a better basis, is causing offers to be made before the city would be likely to want more money in a deal than at present. Officials state that next year the system will be run at a profit, possibly a contingency that causes efforts to be made to take over the system from the city now."

Obviously if the city can operate the public utility in a manner satisfactory to the people and get results that are attractive to private interests the citizens would be very unwise to let it pass out of their hands.

It would not be unwise in this pleasant summer weather to consider the possibilities for work and wages and the possible need of measures to provide both in the coming winter. He is wise who looks to the future in such times as these.

There are more than 111,000 Japanese in the United States, and the rate of growth in numbers in ten years surpasses that of any other race. Because they do not assimilate, the United States would now be glad to be rid of them.

GET EVERYTHING GOING.

The Toronto Star offers a suggestion that is worthy of attention in every city. It says:

"There are too many people out of work in this city at present, too many people looking for work and unable to find it. It had been supposed that when May arrived, and June, the unemployed would find their troubles ended, but this, which usually happens, has not been so this year. The situation is such that any man who is in work ought to stay in it and play safe. Any man, any business firm, or any government, in a position to start anything that will furnish employment, ought to set out tomorrow morning resolved to strain a point in order to get work under way. If something like a concerted effort can be made to brush aside delays right now and get everything going that can be made to go, the effect would be to electrify the whole business of the country. For it looks as if nature meant to be bountiful, and the mood of the people everywhere inclines to optimism, if but a few strokes of enterprise afforded reasonable excuse for it."

The national committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce, which seeks to co-operate with the public schools, says in a recent report: "Superintendents of schools and chambers of commerce throughout the country need to bring to the attention of the public the needs of the schools and to help them to understand that money spent on education is in fact an investment in the economic and social well-being of our country. To spend \$3,500,000 a day on our criminal classes, which have developed through lack of early training, and at the same time neglect to provide educational advantages for our youngest school children is a short-sighted policy."

Montreal Gazette: "Archbishop McNeil, in unveiling a memorial statue in St. Paul's R. C. church, Toronto, claimed that in connection with the war it had the largest number of enlistments of any church in the city. The number he gave was 762, less than a hundred having been conscripted. The number is certainly large and not many churches anywhere in Canada can beat such a record. The case may cause some profitable thinking where there may have been an inclination to consider some religious denominations outside the pale of patriotism."

The Painters and Decorators' Union of Ottawa went on strike for ninety to ninety-five cents an hour and a seven-hour day. They received seventy-five to eighty cents an hour for an eight-hour day last year. They have now gone back at sixty-five to seventy cents for an eight-hour day, and concede the open shop. They are worse off than before they went on strike, and lost much valuable time.

The cotton strike in England has been settled on the employers' terms. If the miners would now go back to work, the industrial situation would at once improve. Meanwhile Germany is working full time at low cost of production to capture the world markets. It is poor business for Great Britain to leave the field so open to these competitors.

Toronto Globe: "It will be difficult to convince the Canadian people who have been hard hit by advancing freight rates that railway wages, which were increased in Canada from time to time as they were increased in the United States, should not go down in company with wages on American railways."

The rumored revolt in the Unionist party against Premier Lloyd George has not materialized. If he were overthrown who is there that could ride the present storm in the United Kingdom?

If St. John makes a poor showing after the census has been taken, the city and the province will both lose. Every citizen should co-operate to make the enumeration complete.

There appears to be every prospect of good crops in Canada. If the farmers were assured of good markets they would be fortunate indeed.

The Alberta elections, called for July 18, will invest politics with some degree of interest. Premier Stewart outlines a progressive policy.

The proposed tariff on Canadian lumber has stout opponents, even among Republicans, in the United States Congress.

As they walk back and forth, the people of Fairville will be filled with glad anticipations of a street car service in the sweet by-and-by.

CHILD HEROINE.

Paris, June 24—A did not want to die of ten-year-old Mary Rossi who was burned to death. She was preparing a dinner for herself and grandmother who is a cripple, when her clothing caught fire. She did not scream for help because she did not want to frighten the aged woman, and the flames enveloped her as she reached the doorway.

400 DIVORCE CASES IN WEEK. London, June 24—The "combined attack" by the judges on the undefended divorce list has been continued with redoubled vigor and as a result 400 cases were disposed of in a week. The majority of the petitioners were husbands.

Modern Portia of the North

BY MARIETA COLE DIES

INTERNATIONAL HYMN.

(Sung at the American University, Washington, June 24, 1921, when President Harding delivered the commencement address):

Two empires by the sea
Two nations great and free.
One anthem raise,
One race of ancient fame,
One tongue, one faith, we claim,
One God, whose glorious name
We love and praise.

What deeds our fathers wrought,
What battles we have fought,
Let fame record.
Now, vengeful passion cease,
Gray coasts and islands green,
Nor hate nor pride's caprice
Unleash the sword.

Though deep the sea and wide
Twixt realm and realm, it binds
Binds strand to strand.
So be the guns be silent,
Gray coasts and islands green,
With bonds of peace serene
And friendship spanned.

Now may our God above
Guard the dear lands we love,
Both east and west,
Let love and friendship glow
As peaceful ages go,
And strength yet stronger grow,
Blessing and blest.

GEORGE HUNTINGTON.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Cost of Covering.

Mr. Hardfax—Do you ladies save much by skipping the goods in your evening clothes?

Mrs. Lowcut—Not much. Rice powder's awfully expensive.

Not a Fidget.

Bergdoll is said to be real angry at the United States, but from what we know of that bird it isn't likely he'll get mad enough to fight.

Classic Obscurements.

"Some of the greatest works of literature and philosophy lie buried in obscurity."

"Don't I know it?" agreed Senator Sorghum. "Look at any of last year's party platforms."

Doing Their Best.

"Couldn't you find any eggs, dear?" a woman asked her little niece who was visiting her on her farm.

"No, auntie," said the child, "the hens were scratching all around as hard as they could, but they hadn't found a single egg."

Why Subscribers Have That Wild Look.

Operator—That line is busy.

Subscriber—What line is busy?

Operator—What line are you calling?

Business Associates.

"Who's the sweet guy you was just talkin' to?" asked Tony, the bootblack.

"Aw, him and me's worked together for years," answered Mickey, the newsboy. "He's the editor of one of me papers."

And the Gerate Blushed.

Affair in railway compartment (to little boy)—"Who's got nice, round, chubby legs?"

Little Boy—"Mummy!"

Very Likely.

Young Man—"It is quite possible for two to live as cheaply as one."

But love is apt to starve in the attempt.—Answers.

The ventriloquist managed to scramble aboard the train as it was leaving the station in England. He had had no time to get a dog ticket for his terrier.

When the cry, "All tickets ready!" was heard at five stations farther on, the ventriloquist dropped the dog into a hamper, which was labelled in bold characters, "Ventriloquist's dog."

The conductor opened the door and the dog began to bark. Noticing the label on the hamper, the conductor turned to the ventriloquist with a satisfied grin and said: "All right, mister! That's very clever; but you can't fool me! That trick has been played on me before!"

THE HEALTH NURSES.

DO A GOOD WORK.

(Halifax, Chronicle.)

The seven county health nurses who are supported by the Provincial Red Cross Society examined 3,422 pupils during the month of May. This being the largest number of pupils examined in one month since the work was inaugurated October last. The nurses' reports for a seven month period show the following results of the 20,371 pupils who were examined—11,219 (55.4 per cent.) were found to be healthy, 6,372 (31.2 per cent.) appeared to have diseased tonsils, 1,226 (6.5 per cent.) were apparently under-nourished, 2,228 (11.4 per cent.) were found to have defective vision, and 225 (1.1 per cent.) defective hearing, 609 (3.0 per cent.) had enlarged glands, 616 (3.0 per cent.) scalp disease, and 169 (.8 per cent.) deformities. This makes a total of 23,861 defects.

The nurses gave 830 health talks and 340 tooth brush drills to the school children; 16,182 notifications were sent to parents informing them of the defects requiring attention from which their children seemed to be suffering, and the parents are largely attending to the correction of these defects; 1,228 home visits were made in the interest of child welfare and tuberculosis work.

Eleven counties have furnished clinic rooms, and three additional nurses were added to the staff the first of June, but the supply of available trained public health nurses is not sufficient to allow of one being placed in every county of the province.

MOTHER'S FIRST HOLIDAY.

London, June 24—The National League for Maternity and Health Welfare has just given a poor mother in London the first holiday in her life. In the case of her married life. She is the mother of 21 children, including two sets of triplets. While a paid attendant tended her children the mother went to the movies twice and took three trips by motor.

Entertained at Tea.

Frederick Glenzer—Mrs. John Black is entertaining at tea this afternoon at Bishopcourt in honor of Mrs. Delancy Robinson and Mrs. Barclay Robinson of St. John, who are returning to St. John tomorrow after spending a few weeks in the city. Mrs. Black will be assisted in the tea room by Mrs. T. C. Allen and Mrs. Montgomery Campbell.

Out in Edmonton, Alberta, a city of 60,000 souls that nestle on the banks of the bewitching Saskatchewan, there is a modern Portia who sits in judgment over sinners of a province larger than France and England and several smaller countries combined.

Like the great Kioochman of Indian folk lore, she watches the scales of justice quiver, sag and then steady, as the sordid stories of life, intermingling pathos, tragedy and blasted hopes are poured forth.

"Janey Canuck," she is endearingly called by all Canada, for she is the idol of the land. In her place are represented the philosophy, courage, initiative and general independence of the Canadian woman. Janey Canuck—Mrs. Emily F. Murphy, author and writer—works as magistrate of the woman's police court for the province of Alberta, and judge of the juvenile court in the city of Edmonton. Neither political pull nor a chance bit of luck brought her the honor of being the first alderman magistrate in the history of the province of Canada. It was hard work, years of intensive struggle along humanitarian lines; work that attracted attention across the seas and resulted in King George conferring upon her the Order of Lady of Grace of St. John of Jerusalem.

It was sixteen years ago that Janey Canuck, who was born in Cookstown, Ontario, went into western Canada and took up the cause of women. It was twelve years later that her almost scanty knowledge of people and her judicious turn of mind were recognized and led to her appointment to the juvenile court in Edmonton and subsequently to the magistracy for the entire province.

She will tell you that goodness is a by-product of efficiency. She has learned from studying that army of unfortunate women who have stood before her bowed heads that the fallen girl usually is the lazy, ignorant lass who has not been taught to use her hands. She will tell you that one of the greatest accomplishments of western Canadian women is the teaching of citizenship. It is making better boys and girls; it is making for higher standards of morality.

"Child, I am going to give you a fresh start. And you're going to make good"—how many times Janey Canuck has said this! How many times Magistrate Murphy has adjourned court to become plain Janey Canuck, and to give motherly advice! The court itself is shielded from the public, and names are seldom published.

But when Janey Canuck wants to strike at the very bottom of a case, court is adjourned, the child (the law defines a child as a boy or girl under 18) is seated beside her, and Janey Canuck says: "I want to be the friend of every woman and every child in Canada. I want to be your friend; I intend to help you, not punish you. I am going to make you think good thoughts and live a good life. And right now I want the truth."

This is Janey Canuck. But Magistrate Murphy, when dealing with a professional law violator, man or woman, is an entirely different person. She can be as cold and hard and resolute as a New York police judge. Her freedom of opinion, her disdain of pretensions and insincerities, and her deep understanding, coupled with an Irish wit, qualify her to meet all situations. And wit is an important factor. "A sense of humor to act as a kind of shock absorber is one of the most necessary adjuncts of the woman judge," says Magistrate Murphy.

Further phases of the philosophy of Janey Canuck, a philosophy expressed from the bench of justice by her worship, Magistrate Murphy, may be found in the following:

"Should woman propose? Certainly. Woman should do anything she chooses—perhaps the unimportant exception of being the father of a family. "The business of marriage is essentially woman's province and should be handed over to her. "Woman has been a kind of blank census paper, waiting to be filled in with marriages, births and other domestic affairs."

"Talk to a woman about a man whose exploits are filling the world, and she will ask you only two questions—Is he married, and has he any children?"

"The soul of the moral courts should be protection, not punishment."

Besides her multitude of legal duties, Janey Canuck finds time for riding, horse-back, playing golf and curling, and taking a leading part in many women's organizations. She is president of the Federation of Canadian Women's Institutes, which is rapidly advancing all phases of the woman movement.

Women's institutes, substantial buildings for study and recreation, are scattered through the provinces. Western Canada has not stopped with Janey Canuck; it has appointed other juvenile court judges, including Mrs. R. Jamieson and Mrs. Fred Langford of Calgary, has sent Mrs. Louise Crumming McKimney and Miss Roberta McAdams to the provincial legislature, and has honored Mrs. W. J. Gale of Calgary by electing her to the city council.

CHINA'S CHRISTIAN PRESIDENT.

(Montreal Herald.)

Sun Yat Sen, said to be the ablest statesman in China, is back in power. He was inaugurated president of the republic amid scenes of great enthusiasm at Canton.

China, the oldest, or if the claims of Japan are conceded, the second oldest monarchy in the world, first became a republic on February 12, 1912, and Sun Yat Sen was its first president, though he was very quickly forced to retire in favor of Yuan-Shi-Kai. In 1920 his arrest was ordered on the allegation that he was concerned in the setting up of a military government at Canton, but he eluded his pursuers, and has now perhaps succeeded in creating a revolution in his favor which may mean great things for the future of China.

Of many men of action it can often be said that their conspicuously brilliant qualities are unfortunately marred by defects which seriously operate against a successful career. This is not true of Sun Yat Sen. In the case of the great Chinese leader, whose life-work is being unfolded before the eyes of an astonished world, it is a remarkable fact that the foundations of his campaign were solidly laid upon four cornerstones—unselfishness, patriotism, courage, capacity.

Sun Yat Sen is said to be no idle dreamer of visions; no adventurer seeking under the cloak of philanthropy, to float schemes for his personal profit and aggrandizement; nor are his plans for the regeneration of the Chinese nation the idle vapors of a disappointed politician. He is, in truth, a sincere and humble-minded Christian, who translates into action the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount.



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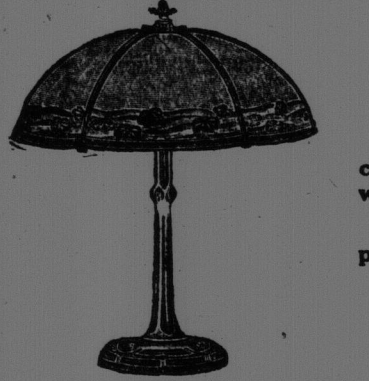
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