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Facing Both Directions.

Niel W. Aasen, a Norwegian inventor, with a record of accomplishment big enough to give him entrance to any war office, is in New York with a bundle of ideas about new ways to make war more horrible than ever before.

His mission is to demonstrate a new depth bomb to be hurled from an aeroplane, proving the superiority of that machine over the warship. He drops one of these new bombs on a giant sea fighter, and that ends it all.

While all this is going on a new gun has been demonstrated at Fort Totten, where U. S. ordnance department is operating. It throws 15 shells per minute a distance of from 30,000 to 36,000 feet. An aeroplane can be shot down at over three miles high. The gun can be rushed to any position or placed on a battleship and made ready for operation in five minutes.

While all these activities are going on in United States President Coolidge is suggesting Washington as the scene of another disarmament conference.

Does it not show the topsy-turvy condition of the world?

On one side are military experts and inventors, paid by the people, experimenting, setting one force of destruction against another force of destruction. They build giant battleships, then aeroplanes and bombs to destroy them; the next step leads them to the development of guns that will destroy the aeroplanes that were built to destroy the battleships.

Against that is the great national machine, the government at Washington, also financed by the people, laying plans for a conference which, if it means anything at all, must seriously discuss the problem of wiping out these forces of destruction which are being so feverishly constructed.

The same people are thus financing two great movements, one diametrically opposed to the other. It is a deliberate policy of facing both ways. If it is their intention to work for peace, why not say so boldly, and concentrate energies in that direction?

The Crooks Are Winning

Lloyd's of London, the world's greatest insurance company, has cancelled insurance on diamonds and jewels, after paying \$3,000,000 in losses so far this year.

Losses on diamonds, mainly through theft, have increased 300 per cent in the last year.

It might be imagined that with greater police protection, better vaults, more burglar alarm systems, and all manner of thumb print cards for tracking criminals, that there would be a reduction rather than an increase in insurance rates. Word of a positive cancellation by the world's biggest company indicates that the wits and nerve of the burglar, aided by the gaudy and sometimes vulgar display of jewels, are still a couple of laps ahead of the officers of the law and the designers of safety devices.

When the Mayor Orders a Suspension.

At the next meeting of the London City Council action will have to be taken on an amendment to the procedure bylaw introduced by Ald. John Greer at the last session. This provides that the mayor cannot suspend a civic official without the consent of the chairman of the committee and a majority of its members under which the employee serves.

The immediate cause for the amendment comes from the suspension of the relief officer on order of the mayor. This incident should not be the dominating factor in the consideration of the matter given by members of the council. It is a matter of policy, and should be dealt with as such, and on no other grounds.

The Municipal Act sets forth in a general way the powers and duties of a mayor or the warden of a county. Section 215 states: "It shall be the duty of the head of council to

"(a) Be vigilant and active in causing the laws for the government of the municipality to be duly executed and obeyed;

"(b) Oversee the conduct of all subordinate officers in the government of it and, as far as practicable, cause all negligence, carelessness and violation of duty to be prosecuted and punished, and

"(c) Communicate from time to time to the council such information, and recommend to it such measures as may tend to the improvement of the finances, health, security, cleanliness, comfort and ornament of the municipality."

That is a fairly wide-open statement of the powers vested in the mayor of the municipality, and these are more specifically stated by the local bylaws in the various municipalities. It might be possible in the working out of this that a mayor in one place could have powers that would not be granted to him in another city.

Section 58, clause 6, of the City of London bylaws, dealing with the powers of a mayor in the matter of suspending a civic official, says:

"(6) The mayor may suspend from office any employee for absence, disobedience or other improper conduct, reporting such suspension to the committee having charge of the department at its next regular meeting, unless such employee has already been reinstated. Persons so suspended shall not be entitled to any pay during suspension."

That clause is well worded, and accomplishes two purposes. If the head of the municipality, elected as such by the votes of the people, finds that a certain official is doing wrong, or if, in his opinion, he is doing wrong, he can order his suspension. He would do so in order to protect the municipality, and he has been elected to do

that, and the Municipal Act says that he shall do it.

The next step in the clause serves to protect the employee from persecution. His case must be brought before the committee under which he serves; the mayor then reports his action to that committee, where the whole case can be reviewed, and final action will depend on the decision of the committee. That makes prosecution possible, but should make persecution impossible.

The provisions as they stand now are fair to all concerned. It leaves the head of the corporation open to take quick action in any emergency that may arise, but also removes the danger of an injustice being done by providing that the case must go to the committee following the mayor's suspension.

Looking at it entirely apart from the present case, the section appears fair and not likely to work any hardship. The Greer amendment would leave no provision, in case the committee had to be called, for meeting an emergency at once. The bylaws should be left as they now stand.

Let the Girls and Boys Speak.

The Advertiser invites boys and girls under 16 years of age to enter the "Save the Forests" competition. We want the best 500-word essay on the subject. A lot can be said in 500 words—it is equal to almost one-half a column of newspaper space.

The full rules and regulations, together with the prizes offered, are published elsewhere in this paper.

Forest fire prevention is a subject that should appeal to children. The forests are their heritage. In years to come, after the men and women of today have passed on, the forests, with proper care, should stand, a source of wealth and a national asset.

Let the boys and girls rise up and sound their note of warning. Now is their opportunity to speak in a way that will be heard.

An Inventor Wasting Time.

H. Gernsbach, of the American Psychological Society, is perfecting a number of tests, really four in number, by which he claims to be able to tell whether a man and woman should marry. In making the tests a sort of harness-like apparatus is strapped to both parties. They are then to come together in an embrace, and the dials and needles should go clicking around to show that each of the contestants appreciated the performance.

A young man who does his embracing without all this hocus pocus arrangement, and without professional spectators in attendance to pronounce it satisfactory, is simply headed straight for the divorce court.

Another test, as described in "Science and Invention," is the mutual sympathy one. The girl in the case is strapped with all this recording machinery on her. It circles round her arms, throw another coil over her heart—a regular octopus to watch every nerve. The doctor has her fiancé in the room, and suddenly he turns and smites the lover on the jaw. The needles and dials are supposed to hop and click some more. They must register pain and anger on her part or it's no go.

In after years, when he comes roaming in at two in the morning, she may have a strong feeling that the doctor should have hit him twice, but of course she has no recording harness on, so that terrible emotion is wasted.

But what a lot of plain, unvarnished twaddle it is. The next step will be the placing of these recording sets in the house alongside the vacuum cleaner and the kitchen mop. When a man comes in for a supper of green onions and rhubarb sauce he will have the apparatus clamped on him to see if he registers disgust or approval. If the former, the offending dishes will be thrown into the garbage; if approval is registered he will get the same thing every night until the onions are done and the rhubarb gone to seed.

Mr., or Doctor, or Prof. Gernsbach, whoever he may be, is working where there is no call for effort. He might better invent a machine that will put a perpetual wave in a woman's hair or keep the knees of a man's trousers from looking like grain sacks.

How Can It Be Done?

Plasterers at Windsor announce their intention of insisting on \$14 per day for five days a week. That is at the rate of \$70 per week of five days, or \$84 for a six-day week at the same rate.

How can John Jones, mechanic, who does not draw more than half that amount, or John Jones, laborer, who gets still less, build a home for himself and pay a wage for plastering so far in advance of what he himself receives?

Note and Comment.

And now the tonsorial artist's place is referred to as a bobber shop.

Henry Ford's cashy wound up the year with \$271,618,668 on hand. We can get the idea of the first three figures being left over at the end of a busy year, but the rest of them bother us.

Hon. Arthur Meighen will have the sympathy of all classes in the Dominion in the loss he has suffered through the death of his father. The late Joseph Meighen was for many years a farmer near St. Marys, and his home, typical of many others, provides the right setting for the early training of a son who has been called upon to play an important part in Canadian national life.

Guelph lost a good citizen in the passing of J. M. Duff, for many years manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce there, and prior to that at Dunnville and also in Parkhill. He was in many ways an ideal bank manager, with a first-hand knowledge of the conditions and circumstances of the people whose business he transacted. Mr. Duff was several times mentioned as a Liberal candidate in South Wellington.

Rarebits By Rex

IMPOSSIBILITIES.

Shout it to the treetops,
Sing it near and far;
Five and twenty salesmen
In a smoking car.
Though they talked and chatted
Like all travelling folk,
They never once related
A prohibition joke.

Tell it to his lordship,
Tell it to milady;
Half a dozen flappers
Looking at a baby.
Though they gushed and giggled,
Blushed and laughed to boot,
They never ejaculated
"Isn't he cute!"

Crowds of business moguls,
Executives and all,
Heard an advertising man
Speaking in a hall.
Picture their amazement
And their consternation,
When he failed to mention
"Close co-operation."

It is understood Sir Adam Beck is going to drive the first ball at the new municipal golf course, and Mayor Wenige the second. Needless to say, the mayor does not intend to yell "Fore!"

When his worship heard Sir Adam was going to open the course, he remarked: "I hope he falls and breaks his niblick."

The mayor's favorite caddy said to him, "Will you have your iron today, sir?" But his worship declined, "I only take it before meals," he explained.

After swinging at the ball for an hour the mayor became discouraged. "It's the first time in my municipal experience I've been unable to get myself into a hole," he murmured.

The chief magistrate lost a valuable golf ball last week when he drove it into a swamp. This means, of course, that there will be another probe.

FLAPPER METHODS.

Jessie leads the world in dress,
Gowns so chic, and silken hose;
Dora's effort to impress
Is the sympathetic pose.
She affects the blasé stare,
Flo, the innocent, I think;
Mary says, "Give them the air,
Let's sneak off to mix a drink."

Winnie pulls the languid stuff;
Tess is ever off to dance,
Martha throws her powder puff
Every time she gets a chance.
Gertrude does the wild and gay
With her knowing, roguish wink,
Mary whispers, "Come away!
I know where to get a drink."

One half the world may not know how the other half lives, but it has its suspicions.

The success of burlesque productions here shows that you can prove almost anything by figures.

A bank account will continue to grow as long as it remains unchecked.

The One Sure Sign

Spring ought to be along to stay accordin' to the people's minds, they've counted now some 63 unfaillin' and unchangin' signs.

Some folks they wander in the bush and get their feet all soaked wet, and on the strength of such a trip they're willin' for to place a bet that spring has come, it's here to stay, no more of ashes and of coal, because they heard two bull frogs chant out in a muddy little hole.

While others wander in the park to see who's sittin' on the bench, or if the park debatin' club has settled down to fix the French, and talk of politics at home and how the world is on the rocks, with women rushin' to the store to cut three feet from off their locks.

They gaze likewise in our backyard to see if seedin's almost through, and if the speckled hen still sets and if she's goin' to last right through. They likewise walk along the street where each domesticated thug is workin' off his surplus fat a-whackin' at the parlor rug.

And when these certain signs come true they figure that the case is clear, that winter's took his trunk and kit and moved himself on out of here.

These signs may be all right and good for folks who reckon things too fast, but I've been watchin' for one more, the surest and the best and last.

For all these things don't dint on me, for them I wouldn't give a whoop, till dad he takes the rubber plant and sets it out upon the stoop.—ARK.

Press Comment

It Does Work Out That Way.

The self-made man takes the credit, but the self-unmade man usually lays the blame on some one else.—Boston Transcript.

From Cottage to Apartment.

Isn't it about time to change the name of cottage cheese to apartment-house cheese—and raise the price accordingly?—Los Angeles Times.

Oshawa and Its Growing Pains.

Oshawa is already finding that being a city is not always a bed of roses, there being additional responsibilities that were not apparent.

Reading Follows the Cut.

It's getting so that instead of finding the Police Gazette in a barber shop, one is handed Vogue or the Ladies' Home Journal.—New York World.

The All-Wise Youth.

A college president says youth today knows more than age, and it's probably been that way ever since youth and age first met.—Buffalo Courier.

Once More The Peace Ship.

It looks at this writing as if it would take more than Henry Ford to get the boys out of the oil-wells by election.—Philadelphia North American.

Complications Setting In.

A bootleggers' fight near Cobalt has resulted in a murder. Usually the bootleggers content themselves with poisoning their customers.—Peterborough Examiner.

A Sermon On Honesty.

You cannot very well argue about being honest. If you are, you are; if you are not, you are not. And that is all there is to it. Honesty is an instinct. A man is honest for the same reason a woman blushes. We say honesty pays, but if a man is honest only because it pays he has a poor brand of honesty.—Chicago Herald.

Dr. Frank Crane

Hari-Kari

IN MOST countries it is a crime to commit suicide and anyone who tries it is liable to get into trouble with the police. But not so in all times and places. On the contrary, both suicide and murder have been considered very honorable in certain conjunctions.

For instance, suppose you are a Japanese gentleman of very high class and strong notions of personal honor. If you belong to the younger generation, possibly you might personally chastise the offender. But, if you are a gentleman of the old school you would proceed as follows:

You would announce to all of your friends that you had been insulted. Then you would call out a priest and tell him all about it. Then you would go home and write a letter to the insurer. This letter you would inclose in an envelope of lotus leaves. In it you would tell him that you considered yourself insulted and were about to commit hari-kari.

After this you get up on a platform and rip your vitals with a good sharp sword. If the man who insulted you is a gentleman he will go and do likewise. This clears everything up and everybody's honor is appeased.

THIS is not much different from the custom that prevailed in western civilization up till not so long ago. If one gentleman insulted another a challenge was issued and the two parties, accompanied by friends, met at dawn in some lonely place and proceeded to attempt to kill one another with swords or pistols.

While we in these days do not practice hari-kari, nor trial by ordeal, nor duelling, we are still dominated by the same idiotic reasoning. For what we have ceased to do as individuals, we continue to do as nations.

In order to settle a dispute between two nations, to determine a boundary line or wipe out an insult, anywhere from a thousand to a million men are recruited in each country, and they are led out into a fair field where they keep butchering one another until their respective countries are so bankrupt that they can buy no more powder.

This recruiting is done by fiery speeches and brass bands, and nobody is considered noble or honorable that does not offer himself to have his inwards blown out, to prove that his country, whether right or wrong, could lick the other one.

As a gentleman in former times who would not fight a duel would be run out of town, so a nation in these times who would not go to war would probably have to get off the earth.

Pope Clement VIII, on one occasion declared that murders committed by several men fighting on each side were no less sinful than murder committed in single combat. This bit of common sense, however, has been entirely swallowed in the storm of mania that has over-run the earth.

Poor old common sense has a hard time of it. With all of the enemies it has, the only wonder is that any of it is left at all.

To the Editor

The Situation in Forest.

Many People There Believe Cost of Waterworks System Is More Than They Can Bear.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—I noticed in the last issue of the Free Press of this town a reference to The London Advertiser, and also the statement that there has been a campaign of libel and misrepresentation carried on here by the people against waterworks. We, as citizens of Forest, have been shamefully slandered by this same paper of Forest. Even if we wished to carry on a libel campaign, and we do not, we have no chance to do so, as no paper here is open to us.

The reason the ratepayers are so strongly opposed to the move to put waterworks here is that we never had a case of sickness from bad water; also about ninety per cent are opposed to it, instead of a few as the Free Press says. It is over two years since the so-called test was made, and there are none dead yet from drinking the water.

There are only about five hundred ratepayers in Forest, and we have always felt it is unjust to force a waterworks system here, because many of these ratepayers are widows or men whose earning days are over. FOREST TAXPAYER.

April 24, 1934.

Canadian National Service.

Connection with Cunarders "Carmania" and "Caronia" Quebec-Liverpool.

In order to provide high class rail connection between Montreal and Quebec for patrons on the Cunard Line new Quebec-Liverpool service, Canadian National will operate a train leaving Montreal (Bonaventure Station) 9:25 a.m. sailing day, arriving Quebec (Palais Station) 2:45 p.m., and running via the famous Quebec Bridge. This train will first operate for the "Carmania" sailing May 1st from Quebec. It will carry coaches and parlor and dining-car service, and will be of Canadian National standard in every particular.

Last connections from Toronto will be trains leaving the evening previous to sailing day at 8:30 p.m., 10:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m., Standard Time. Full particulars may be obtained from any agent of the Cunard Line or Canadian National Railways.—Advt. A. 24,26,29

BARON HIKOKIOHI IJUIIN DIES SUNDAY IN JAPAN

Associated Press Despatch.

Tokio, April 28.—Baron Hikokiohi Ijuiin, foreign minister in the recent Yamamoto cabinet, died Sunday.

Baron Ijuiin, born in 1861, served as attache in the embassies at London and Vienna and later was in the



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