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A LEARNED STATESMAN.

There is a very intelligent gentleman in the New York state legislature. How he got there or what his name may be we are not told, but he opposed a grant toward the celebration of the Dante centenary on the ground that no such money should be appropriated to do honor to "a baseball player."

It appears that Gov. Miller appointed a committee of seven members of the legislature to make plans for the celebration, and one of them Senator Cottino, whose name would suggest some knowledge of Dante's land, thought that about \$10,000 would be a suitable appropriation to enable the state to participate officially in the observance next fall of the 600th anniversary of the poet's death. He broached the subject to an up-state senator, and received the answer already noted. A writer in the New York Evening Post explains his attitude, as described by Senator Cottino.

"This stubborn legislator, according to Senator Cottino, had a notion that Dante played right field or something for the New York Giants, and in a year when Gov. Miller was presiding over the legislature, through fear that he might meet another legislator who would think the story of Dante and Beatrice was only another divorce scandal."

It is quite possible, of course, that the up-state legislator had been deeply impressed by the recent baseball scandals and was taking no chances. At all events he appears to have saved the state ten thousand dollars, and for that his constituents will give him credit. Also he helped to stage a comedy, even if by no stretch of imagination could it be called "divine."

BRITISH-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP.

President Spangler of the St. John Rotary Club has two able colleagues in the appeal he made recently before the Canadian Club for a better understanding between the two great nations of the Anglo-Saxon race. In his oration at the closing exercises of the University of New Brunswick, Canon Armstrong said:

"As graduates of this university, stepping out of hope and aspiration into this troubled world, make your lives tell for peace. We are in a peculiar position here in Canada, and we of the maritime provinces have a wondrous opportunity along this line. We have been reared amid Loyalist traditions, where the marks of the past are very deep, and we are side by side with the New England states, where the deep feelings of the past still run strong. It is therefore our peculiar opportunity as leaders of public thought in these parts to advance by all means at your command the friendship of the United States and Canada. I suppose there is not one of us that would willingly say or do anything to shatter that cordiality, but we are so often thoughtless. We think a speech is funny or smart and we utter it, little thinking of the sting it leaves and how it means that our influence is not for peace but for strife. Or perhaps it is not thoughtlessness on our part. We may be goaded to it. Some citizen of the United States makes a speech more noted for zeal than culture, and we foolishly answer in like kind and fall to the same level. . . . Some of you may become teachers and this whole question will lie largely in your hands. Lead Canada and the empire to the utmost, but pray, don't run down any one else's country. Every country has its part to play in God's great world. It is a godless thing to run down your own country. It is almost as godless to run down another man's, and especially so our near relatives in the family of nations. In the friendship of the English-speaking nations lies the hope and peace of the world. See to it, then, that you make peace in that quarter."

In his oration at the closing exercises of King's College, Rev. Robert Norwood said:

"There is need for clear and sane thinking on the matter of our political relations with Great Britain and the United States. I believe that the forces of Democracy are working with hellish ingenuity and patience to sunder those relations. Misunderstandings are in the air. Words—evil, malicious, stinging, anger-provoking words—are floating like poisonous spores over those spacious lands of North America. We breathe them unconsciously and hate without knowing it. Rash and unwholesome statements, innuendoes, these are the weapons of our foe. . . . Because King's has been foremost among North American universities in loyalty to the empire, it is now her practical task to lead the way into the consideration of that better empire of the world—the Anglo-Saxon race. This is no little task. It calls for breadth of vision and depth

of understanding. It requires of such a leader emancipation from historic prejudices, and emotional memories. . . .

* Already the international soul is stirring, and its voice is going forth unto the ends of the earth. Its voice is the voice that speaks in Shakespeare and the English Bible. Like the sound of many waters is the Anglo-Saxon voice. In it is the quiet word of Boetius blending into the song of Chaucer. The battle-cry of the Normans and the answering shout of the Saxons at Hastings, make in that voice a perfect chord. The Ironsides of Cromwell and the Fathers of Valley Forge meet whenever English words are spoken. All great needs for the freedom of humanity find their clearest utterances in the tongue that is heard in English, Australian, Canadian parliaments and the American Congress. Surely these facts are prophetic indications of God's purpose. He who frustrates the unity of this Anglo-Saxon speech will be held before God accountable—charged with the great crime against Humanity."

A HALIFAX EXAMPLE.

A psychiatric clinic is to be established in Halifax to deal with the cases of feeble-minded persons. It was at first hoped the National Committee for Mental Hygiene would finance the clinic, but lack of funds prevented. The Nova Scotia Society for Mental Hygiene has now appealed for funds locally, and has secured premises and the promise of the services of medical experts. The other requirement is a trained social service worker. As soon as three thousand dollars can be raised the clinic will be opened. One citizen and his wife have given five hundred dollars toward the fund. This is practical service of the most valuable kind, and the example will no doubt stimulate others that the necessary fund will soon be available. The establishment of such a clinic, in addition to the splendid health center work carried on will give Halifax high rank as a city whose people aim to provide for the needs of the feeble-minded. The establishment of such a clinic, in addition to the splendid health center work carried on will give Halifax high rank as a city whose people aim to provide for the needs of the feeble-minded. The establishment of such a clinic, in addition to the splendid health center work carried on will give Halifax high rank as a city whose people aim to provide for the needs of the feeble-minded.

There was a man who did not approve of foreign missions. One Sunday at church a collector approached him and held out the box.

"Never give to missions," whispered the man.

"Then take something out of the bag, sir," whispered the collector, "and money is for the heathen."—Public Opinion.

ALL SORTS.

"My wife doesn't understand me." "You're lucky."

"Mine knows me too well."—From The Pittsburg Sun.

200,000 VISIT CONEY ISLAND ON FIRST BIG DAY.

Coney Island there wide its gates yesterday, and started in with a good summer. Every one who went to the park, and 300,000 persons were there to spend nickels and dimes on "hot dogs," scenic railways and the amusement contraptions in Steeplechase.

There were twelve lost children, two to the clouds, and a large dent made in the supplies of plain-clothes men under Inspector Byron Sackett looked over the things to drink in various resorts and found eighty-four once bottles labeled "Ginger Ale" behind the cashier's counter of the College Inn on Surf avenue. But they placed William Pearlman, the manager, in his possession, and he was held in \$500 in the police court for a hearing.

Joseph Mundo, proprietor of a saloon at 461 Neptune avenue, also was arrested for selling liquor and held in like hall. One of the things which disturbed some of those who wanted to ride on the roller coasters was the new price of twenty cents. Last year the proprietor of one of the largest of these coasters said he could make money by charging ten cents.

The Palace of Joy, which is the old Sea Beach Palace made over, will open on Saturday. It will have a large boxing arena seating 7,000 persons, and a large swimming pool.

BRIGHTER OUTLOOK AT NEW GLASSGOW.

One of Larger Steel Mills Starts Rolling, Employing Three or Four Hundred Men.

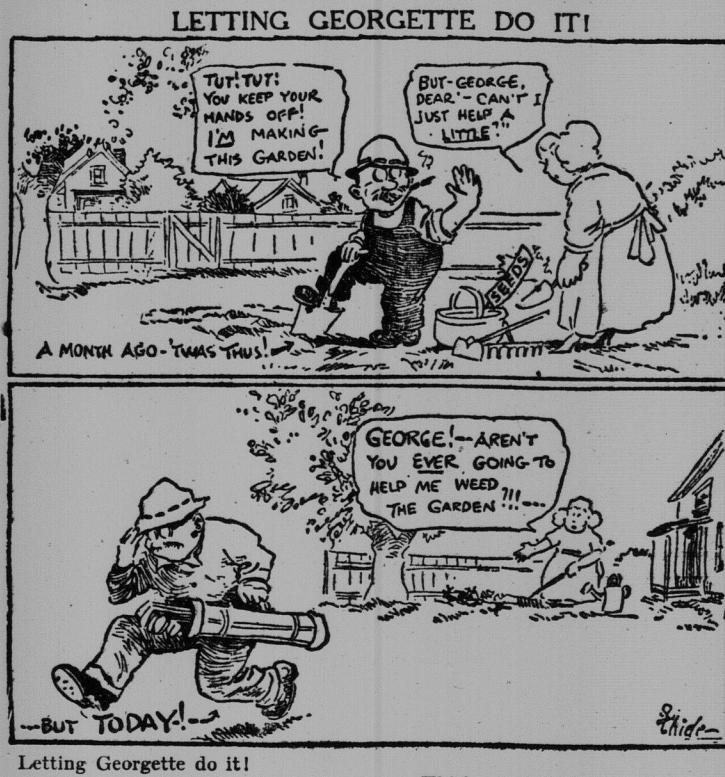
New Glasgow, May 14.—This week the industrial situation has taken on a brighter aspect. One of the large mills at the Steel Works has started rolling, and along with additional work at the plant will take care of three or four hundred men. Civil work is running full blast and giving those of work the earliest opportunities. About seventy-five are on Mayor Mason's special undertaking of park improvements and road repair. He has set a nine hour day, and the wage scale is at \$1.50 per day. They are eagerly taking up the work, awaiting better openings as soon as opportunities present themselves. On May 22 a week one is permitted to erect and live in a tent not containing more than 10 by 12 feet and containing not more than four persons.

MEXICANS ABANDON SEARCH FOR DEADLY TYPHUS GERM.

Mexico City, April 29.—(Associated Press, by Mail.)—The search for the typhus germ, for the discovery of which the newspaper Universal offered a prize of 25,000 pesos, has been abandoned by the numerous Mexican physicians who sought it and the newspaper's offer has been withdrawn.

FORGOT TO COUNT PREMIER.

Paris, April 21.—(Associated Press, by Mail.)—The census of this year's census as a resident of France. He happened to be in London on important business the day the count was taken. This omission, however, and a great many others were corrected before the final figures were given out.



LIGHTER VEIN.

Deserved to Be (London Tit-Bits)

He was an enthusiastic Scot, and he was arguing with an Englishman over the merits of their respective countries. Military prowess, brilliant invention, engineering, travel and empire-building and all had passed in review, and the Scot had won hands down. Eventually the Englishman sought refuge in literature.

"Well, take that literature," interrupted the Scot, "there's Rabble Burns, Walter Scott, Stevenson, Hugh Miller, Barrie—that's just mentioning a few at random—Scott."

"Yes, yes, but wait a bit," protested the Englishman. "There is one greater than all these put together—William Shakespeare. You wouldn't suggest he was a Scotsman?"

"Well," thoughtfully responded the Scot, "I wouldn't precisely say that. But the man's intelligence was almost warrant the inference."

ROSE FROM ALL FOURS TO HIND.

Legs When in Hurry—Long on Speed But Short on Brains.

New York, May 14.—(Associated Press)—Best minds of the American Museum of Natural History agree that the Gorgorosaurus, a gigantic beast which lived way back in paleozoic times, ran when in a hurry, on its hind legs.

Nobody ever saw a Gorgorosaurus, but scientists snoop around his ancient habitats have found enlightening footprints and other evidence that he once lived in what is now the Canadian province of Alberta. They show that this carnivorous dinosaur used all fours in ordinary traveling but being spurred to high speed, the big fellow got up on his hind legs. Accordingly, a Gorgorosaurus skeleton recently acquired by the museum from the Red Deer River beds of Alberta was just mounted in its running pose.

In explaining the probable habits of the Gorgorosaurus, Dr. W. D. Matthew, curator of the museum's department of vertebrate paleontology, pictures the dinosaur monster in chase of a couple of unwary duck-billed dinosaurs that have carelessly wandered from the banks of a river into the open prairie. The Gorgorosaurus was a powerful runner, and he would pursue his prey, catching them, he would attack ferociously with claw and tooth. The duck-billed dinosaurs had no means of defense, and they were promptly consumed to a place on the Gorgorosaurus' menu.

FAIRVIEW MISSION BAND ENTERTAINS.

The annual entertainment of the Fairview Methodist Mission Band was given last evening in the Church vestry with Rev. Thomas Marshall presiding and offering an interesting occasion for the audience from the first number to the last.

The Mission Band under the leadership of Mr. Arthur McColgan has been working hard for the last month and the proper credit upon the youthful entertainers and their instructor as well.

The following was the programme: Chorus—"Welcome Song." The Band. Exercise—"Welcome."—Hilda McKillop, Greta Schofield, Lily Wright, Norma Linton, Marie Lester, Audrey Morrison, Marion Kirkpatrick.

Piano Solo—Hazel McCumber. Exercise—"The Garden."—The Band. Exercise—"Mother Goose and Her Mission Workers."—Irene Cheeseman, Glen Lester, Marie Lester, Leonard McColeman.

Piano Solo—Muriel Kirkpatrick. Mandolin Solo—Vera Dickson. Exercise—"A Lesson in Arithmetic."—Margaret Lester, Myrtle Cunningham, Edna Cheeseman, Louise Ellis. Trio—Hazel McCumber, Luella Bunnell, Hazel Craft.

Piano Solo—Jennie Cooper. Presentation of Life Membership. Exercise—"The Garden."—The Band. O Canada—The Band. God Save the King.

TREES TO BAR SAND.

Ontario Government Will Plant Many to Stop Drifting.

Toronto, May 14.—With a view to preventing the sand drifts in Prince Edward County from continuing their work of destroying gardens and orchards, the Ontario government proposes to plant between 75,000 and 100,000 poplar trees, the forestry department of the government, states that the plan is in the nature of an experiment, but it is hoped that the trees will take firm root in the drift sands and reduce the drifting very materially. The tree planting will commence in a few days.



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MAY DISRUPT THE PEACE OF EUROPE

Germans' Threatened Attack on Poles Would Mean Civil War.

Oppella, Silesia, May 13.—If the Germans carry out their reported plans for a counter-attack against the Poles, Upper Silesia will be thrown into a state of civil war in which the Allied forces here will be compelled by circumstances to remain neutral and let events, which might disrupt the peace of Europe, take their course.

This statement was made to the Associated Press today by General Lezard, head of the inter-Allied commission in Upper Silesia.

The general declared that the situation, which found the Entente only able to act as mediators between the Poles and Germans "was brought about by the failure of Great Britain and Italy to furnish a fair share of troops of occupation in Mesopotamia."

18 MONTHS OLD HAS TWO SKETCHES ON EXHIBITION.

Cardiff, Wales, April 13.—John Williams, of South Wales, is said to be the world's youngest artist. His claim to this distinction is that, although she is only 18 months old, she sits up in her of every day with a pencil and drawing board and sketches the things that adorn her nursery.

Two of her studies drawn from memory, one being exhibited at the annual exhibition of the Royal Drawing Society in London. Her pictures are an outline of a cat with ribbon bow and a running gamecock.

At the home of W. H. White, Douglas avenue, last evening, the choir of the Main Street Baptist church gathered for choir practice, after which a social time was spent, during which Miss Maizie Bailey, a member of the choir, was made the recipient of a beautiful picture in honor of an approaching event.

The presentation was made by Mr. White, who spoke in a humorous vein, to which Miss Bailey fittingly replied. Congratulatory speeches were made by Percy Cruikshank, Bayard Silwell, Harry Dunlap and Mrs. Archibald. Mr. Cruikshank and Miss Parlee sang solos, and refreshments were served.

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IN PARLIAMENT

Wife Desertion Bill—Twenty for Divorce—Some Legislation is Dropped.

Ottawa, Ont., May 14.—(Canadian Press).—Yesterday, in the commons, first reading was given a bill to make wife desertion an extraditable offence between Canada and the United States. It will bring into force a recently negotiated treaty. A bill to amend the customs act was dropped.

Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, introduced bills to amend the Evidence Act and the Juvenile Delinquents Act. Sir George Foster introduced a bill to amend the Inspection and Sale Act. Premier Meighen said that the Grand Trunk Railway Company had agreed to the terms laid down by the government. Third reading was given to twenty-one bills, of which twenty were divorce bills.

Hon. Mr. Meighen continued the budget debate, and was followed in the evening by J. J. Fectard (Montreal), R. K. Anderson (Halton), and J. A. Maharg (Maple Creek).

The house adjourned at midnight. In the senate, second reading was given a bill abolishing the commission of conservation. A bill amending the gold and several marking was dropped. The senate adjourned until Tuesday at eight o'clock.

DEFORESTATION IS CAUSE OF FAMINE

China Suffering Because of Reckless Denudation of Forest Resources.

China's great famine is the result of deforestation, according to foresters of the United States department of agriculture, who asserted in an official statement that the once fertile country of China is now subject to frequent droughts and floods, that mountains, stripped of trees and undergrowth, allow rains to run off rapidly, and that the result is famine in seven out of every ten years.

"The ruthless destruction of the forests by the Chinese," the department of agriculture's statement reads, "is one of the reasons why famine and plague today hold this nation in their sinister grasp. Denudation, wherever practiced, leaves naked soil; floods and erosion follow, and when the soil is gone men must also go—and the process does not take long." Forests, it is pointed out, not only play an important part in the distribution of mankind over the earth's surface, but also deeply affect his spiritual, physical and economic life. A country that recklessly wastes its natural resources faces ultimate poverty and decadence. History is full of such examples.

"In the provinces of Honan, Shensi and Chihli, China, over an area some 100,000 square miles in extent, several million people are starving. The immediate causes of the famine were disastrous floods, followed by long periods of drought, which resulted in the failure of three successive crops."

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