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CANADA'S FIRE AND BUILDING BY-LAWS
Analysis of Conflagration Condition—Construction Should Be Regulated

London, March 18. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Both the Germans and ourselves have to admit that neither guns nor defensive planes can always stop a raider who knows his business and is equipped with a first class machine gun. writes an aeronautical expert commenting in the Evening Standard on the recent air raids on London.

"Intensive battle, like a barrage in Flanders, is crossed and recrossed incessantly by airplanes. Our raids on Mannheim and other German towns show that the enemy cannot bar our machines from reaching their objective, and the recent raids indicate that Germans can penetrate the London defences.

But there is a tremendous change in the conditions governing the raids as compared with those existing less than a year ago. Of the many airplanes which may now approach London very few indeed get through to attacks by single machines or very small groups. Never again are we likely to have the humiliating spectacle of a big formation of enemy machines moving with impunity above our capital.

In this respect we have reduced the danger very considerably, for with modern bombs and modern improvements in bomb release, a fleet of raiders could now do terrible damage in London. The massed attack has been broken up, however, and now our danger comes from units and very small groups. We cannot make light of this development, all the same, for the Germans have formed the habit of running their raids in a kind of Indian file, group after group coming over to England, and each endeavoring to send one or more machines over London.

"The single or small group of raiders is the most elusive, and no agency save that of this practice has been able to stop this form of attack. The heaviest barrage is jumped over by a daring pilot, and so immense is the sky space and so defective is visibility at night, that great fleets of pursuers often fail to bring them down.

"If our airplanes are growing more skillful in breaking up the fleets and with further experience, aided by more liberal use of very fast machines, we should be able to give every solo raider a terrific chase from the coast to London and back again. For this chasing we require the best brain work, coupled with the best supplies of the best machines. Until this system is carried to perfection we must continue our gunnery barrage.

The object of this fire is not so much to hit the raider as to drive him very high, as thereby we force him to come rather lightly loaded with bombs, and in addition his accuracy of aim is diminished."

Warning

The cold weather of the present winter has frozen the ground to an extraordinary depth and the danger of broken and leaking service lines is correspondingly increased.

With the advent of the spring thaws the ground will crack and swell and be apt to cause broken lines. The Gas Company is doing everything in its power to prevent and take care of leakage in its lines and consumers are requested to make careful examination of the house piping and their service lines leading from the street to ascertain that they are in proper condition for transporting gas from the Company's line to the point of consumption. Consumers should make their inspection, as above indicated, at regular and reasonably frequent intervals that accidents may be guarded against by their keeping the pipes and fittings owned by them in first-class condition.

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FRENCH "ACE OF ACES."
(Associated Press.)
Paris, March 18.—Lieutenant Nungesser, who became the French "ace of aces" after the death of Captain Guynemer, has just brought down his thirty-first enemy machine. News of his latest

SIDE TALKS
BY RUTH ROLAND CAMERON

WHY?

Why is it that the average woman distrusts labor-saving devices and sheers away from using them even after she has bought them?

The other day I was visiting a friend who needs to have things as easy as possible. On the kitchen wall hung a device for reminding oneself what to order from the grocer.

It was as simple as anything could be. Beads were strung on wires opposite a list of groceries. When you wanted to order something you slipped the bead over. No writing to do, no look or pencil to get lost, just an ultra simple way to shift the burden of ordering off your mind.

I thought, "What a Nice Gift it Would Make."

Bethinking myself of its possibilities as a gift, I asked if she used it a great deal.

She gave an indifferent glance towards it. "Sometimes."

"Why not often?"

"Oh, I don't know. Well, one thing I don't like. Lots of things I want aren't on it. And there's such silly things instead—beer for instance and 'hominny.' I'll bet a man got them up."

That's the Trouble With Many Devices

To that part of her complaint I was ready to agree. Mechanically the thing was perfect, but it hadn't

Music and Drama

"THE IRISH FIFTEENTH"
Al Wilson, the well-known singer of Irish ballads, was seen and heard by a large audience at the Grand Saturday night, in his latest romantic vehicle, "The Irish Fifteenth," a drama of love and intrigue with the scenes located in Ireland and in Paris during the early days of the war.

Mr. Wilson was an irresistible figure in the role of Lt. Richard Dale, and was supported by a cast of exceptional strength, notable members of which were Ralph Patterson, as Lt. Darcey Wood and Miss Laura Lemmers as Mona Fitzpatrick. Mr. Wilson's singing was one of the features of the play, "The Irish Will Be There" and "My Mother's Wedding Ring," being the offerings which were best received.

"30,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA"
The greatest of all ocean voyages that recently accomplished in the giant merchant submarine, the Dauterode, was described in fiction form over forty years ago by the greatest of all imaginative writers, Jules Verne, in his "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." This novel has been visualized by the Universal Film Company and will be presented at the Grand Opera House March 21-23, matinee daily, under its title "30,000 Leagues Under the Sea."

GUS HILL'S MINSTRELS.
A new burnt cork organization projected by Gus Hill, and named for him, occupies the Lyceum stage this week.

It is a more accurate and entertaining one of the "good ol' boys" Negro minstrel of slavery days, when the art had a real foundation in the pathos and the humor of plantation life, than any other recent attempt in that direction. This veteran expert, James Gorman, one of the famous Gorman Brothers—put the show together, and its liberal management brought into the fold the best available talent of the hour.

Consistencies among the performers is George Wilson, a valuable "End Man," a mellow joker, and a wag of resource in providing fresh material. Also he is one of the most fetching monologists that have exploited that specialty in minstrelsy in our time, and a welcome purveyor of the better traditions of an art with which are associated many famous American names.

Other outstanding members of the company are Eddie Mazier, a real come lian; Bob Richmond, Thomas Hughes, John Burke, John P. Rogers, J. W. Bean, Jack McShane, and William H. Thompson.

Gus Hill's minstrels are coming to the Grand soon.

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KITCHENER WINTER KILLED
New Westminster, B.C., March 11.—Harry James Smith, of Kitchener, Ontario, author and playwright, on a special mission in the Pacific Northwest as a spangnum moss collector for the American Red Cross, was killed at Murrayville, late Saturday night when a train struck his automobile. A. McPhee, of Murrayville, driver of the car, was seriously injured. A morning paper dispatch indicated the address of Mr. Smith as New York.

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TAX ON LANDS.
(Associated Press.)
Mexico City, March 18.—Under a proposed taxation scheme for all lands which has been approved by the Council of Ministers and President Carranza, it is expected to raise a million and a half pesos yearly. Under the powers granted him by Congress, President Carranza has the power to make this effective by decree, but he has not yet made use of this right. If not made effective by presidential decree, it must be passed upon by congress, which reconvenes in September.

MURDER IN MONTREAL.
By Courier Telegram Wire.
Montreal, March 18.—The police have not yet arrested the suspected murderer of H. Gagnon, who was stabbed to death on Thursday evening, but they are holding a young man in the belief that he can throw some light on the murder.

Pa'll Just Have to Live Now

THAT SON-IN-LAW OF PA'S —By Wellington

GOSH-BLAME IT, MA, I TELL YA IT'S SILLY 'T BE BOO-HOOIN' OVER WHAT THAT FORTUNE-TELLER TOLD YA!

B-BUT SHE SAID YOU WERE GO-GOING TO D-DIE WITHIN A WEEK, PA?

BUY YOU SAY YERSELF THAT SHE DIDN'T GIVE MY NAME—HOW D'YA KNOW SHE MEANT ME?

SHE NEVER GIVES NAMES, BUT SHE SAID, 'A SOUL YOU HOLD MOST DEAR WILL SLIP IT'S EARTHLY BONDS WITHIN A WEEK—AND THEN SHE DESCRIBED YOU PERFECTLY!

WELL, COULDN'T TH DESCRIPTION HAVE FITTED ANYONE ELSE BESIDES ME?

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