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THE LATE L. R. ROSS.

The whole community has lost a valued friend by the death of Lewden Robert Ross, who passed away yesterday in Bermuda. A quarter of a century has elapsed since Mr. Ross was appointed terminal agent of the C. N. R. in Saint John, and during his long tenure of that post he was brought into contact with nearly all of his fellow-citizens here and with many thousands of people from other communities, and upon all he left the impression of a fine personality.
A man of genial temperament and friendly ways, and something of a philosopher, he naturally made many warm friendships and enjoyed a wide popularity. He was fair-minded and tolerant, and had a high sense of the rights of the public and the service due those with whom he came in contact in his official capacity. He met an unflinching sense of humor. He had little fortune without deflection, and good fortune, which is said to be a still sweeter test, never spoiled him. He was kind and generous, helpful and considerate, and always good company. He will long hold a warm place in the memory of an immense circle of friends who knew his worth.

A SIGNIFICANT VOTE.

When the House of Representatives at Washington voted the other day on President Coolidge's proposal that \$50,000 be appropriated to meet the expenses of an American delegation to meet the League of Nations in conference concerning plans for disarmament, only one man in the House said "Nay." He stood alone against 339 members voting for the appropriation.

Both the House of Representatives and the Senate on more than one occasion have adopted resolutions asking the President to call a conference on international disarmament, and Mr. Coolidge took some soundings in Europe last year with this proposal in mind, but at that time the chief nations there had not been able to compose their differences sufficiently to make the project look promising. Later came the Locarno meeting, and then the League decided upon a preliminary conference in preparation for a general meeting on disarmament, to be held at Geneva, and invited the United States to participate. The Americans would have preferred to have the conference in their own country, and some members of the Senate have thundered loudly against any form of American participation, but Mr. Coolidge, through his message on the subject was very cautiously worded, felt that his own country, in view of his messages and those of his predecessors in relation to world peace, could not logically or properly stand aside.

The New York Times regards the almost unanimous vote in the House in favor of sending the delegation to the preliminary conference as indicating a growing feeling in favor of the League of Nations, and while the President has pointed out that the next Geneva meeting is merely a preliminary one, the Times says there is no doubt that the United States will join Europe in dealing with disarmament when the time comes. "If," it says, "we can without wrecking our country work with the League in the suppression of the opium traffic, we surely can do it in the project to make the nations secure without the need of great armaments. For the present it is enough to have taken the first step. The next one will be much easier. America is slowly getting over the obsession that the League of Nations is a super-State threatening to destroy our sovereignty. Even the extremists who have denounced it as the sum of all villainies are now compelled to admit that it has already given the world many blessings. Every indication that the old dread and jealousy of the League are passing out of the public mind is to be hailed as ground for believing that in the end reason and justice will prevail."

There are many difficulties about disarmament, but Sir George Foster, who has been lecturing so impressively throughout Canada on the work of the League of Nations, believes it is merely a matter of time, and that the high hopes of those who believe international disputes can be settled peacefully are fully justified.

Concerning Thunberg, the sporting editor of the Toronto Star writes: "There is no question that Thunberg is a vastly better skater than he has appeared to be in his first two races in the United States. He won more points for Finland in the 1924 Olympic games than Nural did, and he is perhaps the best amateur skater in the world on a big outdoor track." That is a fair estimate, and its value will be tested here on a track which will give the Finn a chance to do his best under circumstances more like those under which he scored his greatest victories. But he will be in fast company in every race—the fastest to be found. The contests here will provide all sorts of thrills for sport lovers. The Finn has

made a good impression in Saint John, and a fair-minded public will ask no more than that the best man may win. Now, by the way, is a good time to buy your tag and your tickets and to so arrange your business that you may witness races that are likely to be long remembered.

The Montreal Gazette, while it objects to any arrangement by which the Progressives can keep the King Government in power, is critical, but not equally critical, of any bidding for Progressive support on the part of the Conservatives. Referring to Hon. Hugh Guthrie's statement that if the Progressives aided with Mr. Meighen and enabled him to form a government, they would be in the same dominant position then as now, the Gazette says: "There was little doubt at the time, and there is none now, that such a declaration was ill advised. It was obviously intended to influence the Progressives, and as far as it went it weakened an otherwise strong Conservative position. Moreover, it failed, and there is ground for thinking that its effect upon some Progressives was contrary to the intent. Granting all that, however, there remains a great gulf between the Conservative and Liberal positions." The Gazette condemns Mr. Forke for indicating that he will assist in defeating Mr. Meighen's amendment. It is somewhat difficult to see any difference between Conservative bids for Progressive support and Liberal bids for the same. Whether the bidding was successful in one case and unsuccessful in the other does not affect the question of its propriety. What is going to happen at Ottawa is still a puzzle, but the next vote may throw a little more light upon the situation.

Odds and Ends

Ford and Tennyson

"Airplanes will stop all warfare," says Henry Ford. "The war-makers," he says, "have been able hitherto to hide behind armies and navies. With airplanes, the war will be brought into the war-makers' back yard. You can find the whole future of the airplane in Tennyson's 'Locksley's Hall.' Did you ever read it?"

Tennyson's prophecy, now 83 years old, is as follows:

For I dipped into the future, far as those dim eyes could see,
Saw the vision of the world, and all the wonders that would be;
Saw the heavens fill with commerce,
Argues of magic sails,
Pilot of the purple twilight,
Dropping down with costly bales;

Heard the heavens fill with shouting,
And there rain'd a ghastly dew
From the nation's airy navies
Grappling in the central blue;

Far along the world-wide whisper
Of the south-wind rushing warm,
With the standards of the peoples
Plunging through the thunder-storm;

Till the war drum throbbed no longer,
And the battle flags were furled,
In the parliament of man, the Federation
Of the World.

There the common sense of most shall hold
A fretful realm in awe,
And the kindly earth shall slumber,
Lapped in universal law.

Agreed Against "Hip Pockets."
(New York Herald-Tribune.)

In supporting football as played at New York University, Chancellor Brown remarked in a speech: "I venture to call your attention to the fact that there is no hip pocket in a football suit." By inference one is left with the conclusion that Chancellor Brown believes there are "hip pockets" in other kinds of suits.

Opponents as well as proponents of prohibition will unite with Chancellor Brown for a campaign against "hip pockets." There is no place for them in any American suit. The sooner tailors return to the building of suits of pre-prohibition style the better every one will be pleased.

The Brune!
A well-known actress was appearing in a play with a certain actor who was noted for his irritability. He complained that the woman continually laughed at him during one of his most important scenes.

He wrote her a letter, in which he said, "I am extremely sorry to tell you that it is impossible for me to make any effect in my scene if you persist in laughing at me on the stage. May I ask you to change your manner, as the scene is a most trying one?"

To this the actress replied, "You are quite mistaken. I never laugh at you on the stage. I wait till I get home."

What a Few Months Does.
(Brantford Expositor.)

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, now says that he will consider any plan to end the strike. One wonders whether this is the same Mr. Lewis who so imperiously broke off the conference at Atlantic City last July and declared that a strike was necessary. It has apparently made Mr. Lewis more amenable to reason, at any rate.

Insists on His Law
(Canton Daily News.)

Nearly everyone who complains there are too many laws can think of just one more than ought to be passed.

Just Fun

IT'S ODD that the upkeep tends to keep man down.

"WELL," groaned a tired business man, "my help has ordered me to do so many things I fear I won't get through today."

VISITOR—Don't you think five years is rather young to start your daughter on the piano?
Wise Father—Oh, no. You see, she uses only the minor keys.

KEEP THIS DARK
FATHER (to son): Look through the keyhole into the parlor.
Son: I did.
"And what did you find out?"
"The lights."

WE WONDER if it isn't about this time of the year that most winter engagement rings begin to turn green.

THE BIBLE continues the best selling and most widely unread book published.

"GIVE ME a sentence with the word 'device.'"
"It's device bird that gets up early to get the worm."

ONCE in a while the lucky man at a wedding is the bride's father.

EVERYTHING in its place. Knees are all right in swimming but they attract attention in an office.

CONDUCTOR: Fare!
Passenger (looking out of window): No, it's raining.

BOBBED HAIR is getting to be an old glory; may it permanently wave.

THE BEST WAY to judge the wheels in a man's head is by the spokes in his mouth.

FEARFUL TEST
No doubt that his affections is a true and lasting flame;
He saw her in a bathing suit,
And loves her just the same.

PHILOSOPHY is what makes a woman think of herself as "just a little too plump," when she tips the scales at a hundred and sixty, and a man think of himself as "slightly overweight," when he lets his belt out to fifty-two.

SOMETIMES a man gets possession of more money than he knows what to do with, but not so with a state government.

A GREAT many of us think we're standing up for the truth when we're only being obstinate about a personal opinion.

Other Views

DESPOITISM IN EGYPT.

(Cairo Al-Balagh.)
(Hassan Pasha Nashaat, King Fusa's confidential adviser, who is blamed for the autocratic ambitions of the Egyptian dynasty, has been removed from power, apparently at the instigation of the new high commissioner.) We note with regret that the situation has become so grave that no other means could be found of putting an end to the despotism than by appealing to the power in occupation of Egypt. Nevertheless we should not care to be the last to express our satisfaction at this step, which has been taken in time interests of public safety.

SIGNS OF WEALTH.
(Los Angeles Times.)
People who own motor cars and radio sets may not have their kindred cared for at the expense of the state. This seems to be the new understanding. A son who is driving a Rolls-Royce may not send his mother to the poorhouse at public cost. Neither may a father who owns a five-tube radio set have his kid cared for at the expense of the state.

PUNCTUAL ENGLISH TRAINS.
(London Times.)
When trains are late everybody grumbles—sometimes in print. When they are punctual almost everybody holds his tongue. An exception may be noted, if only for its rarity. A correspondent has written to the Times calling attention to the "extraordinary standard of punctuality" on the Midland section of the London, Midland and Scottish railway. He recently visited St. Pancras, and was surprised to find that not only the Manchester and Yorkshire express trains arrived on or before time, but the long-distance Scottish trains drew up at the platform well within schedule. Strange as it may appear, many of our trains do keep time rather wonderfully. According to the writer of an article in one of the reviews this month, even Italian trains are improving. It was a pity, so far as London is concerned, that the Times had hardly printed the above grateful letter when fog came to upset everything.

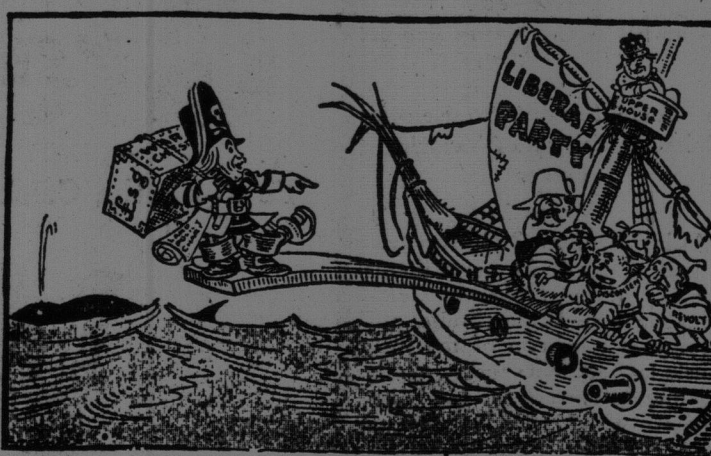
SOME SNAKE MYTHS.
Superstitious fear of snakes has led to persistent belief in various baseless myths about the habits of different species. The "hoop snake" and "stinging snake" traditions are among these. The hoop snake is credited with the power to form itself into a hoop and roll in pursuit of its victim with race horse speed. If the victim dodges and a tree is struck by the hoop snake, the tree is said to be sure to die. That any snake could place its tail in its mouth and roll along is manifestly absurd and anatomically impossible, say biologists of the United States Department of agriculture.

The stinging snake myth apparently originated more than 200 years ago. It was based on the appearance of the horn snake, which is harmless. The tail of this snake has the shape of a horn or spike, but it is quite incapable of piercing or stinging anything.

The so-called glass or jointed snake, some persons think, can break into pieces when struck and reassemble itself later if its head has not been crushed or destroyed. This animal is really a legless lizard, which, like many other lizards, has the power of dropping its tail in escaping from a pursuer. Because of its food habits, this reptile is of considerable value to agriculture.

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He'd Do It Too?



Ambrose Applegerge: "Any more nonsense from you knaves and I'll throw myself overboard—with the treasure."
(The British Liberal party suspects that Lloyd George is about to break away and form a new party.)
—From the Daily Express, London.

Poems That Live

ETHIOPIA SALUTING THE COLORS.

Who art you, dusky woman, so ancient, hardly human,
With your woolly-white and turban'd head, and bare, bony feet?
Why rising by the roadside, do you the colors greet?

(Tis while our army lines Carolina's sands and pines,
Forth from thy hovel door thou Ethiopia com'st to me,
As under doughty Sherman I march toward the sea.)

Me master years a hundred since from my parents' sunder'd,
A little child they caught me as the savage beast is caught,
Then hither me across the sea the cruel slaver brought.

No further does she say, but lingering all the day,
Her high-borne turban'd head she wags, and rolls her darkling eye,
And courtesies to the regiments, the gauds moving by.

What is it, fateful woman, so bleak, hardly human?
Why wag your head with turban bound, yellow, red and green?
Are the things so strange and marvelous you see or have seen?
—Walt Whitman.

The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

THE ELEMENT OF SUCCESS.

IF WE are to believe the speeches they make, and the interviews they give the Opportunity magazines, then there is a theory among successful men that there is no such thing as luck in business; that success depends solely upon hard work, diligence, foresight, thrift, superior brains and the like.

It is refreshing then to read what Joseph E. Gilbert, builder of several of the world's tallest skyscrapers, and a successful man by all the popular canons, has to say about success:

"A successful man is an accident. The only element a successful man can credit himself with is concentration."

"This success stuff you read about in the magazines is a lot of bunk. I read of these fellows getting up early and staying late and never missing a day of work."

"Well, I doubt it."

The original Astor who settled in this country, by industry, thrift and sharp trading in furs, made a small fortune and became a money lender in New York. Except for accident or luck he would doubtless have passed away and been forgotten.

It was certainly not foresight or brains which led him to lend money on a small farm on Manhattan far above what was then the city.

It is told in the Baltimore Sun how he was very disappointed when he had to take the farm for debt, and offered to sell it for the amount of his loan, but nobody would buy.

The farm which he tried to get rid of was untenantable. Anyone who has ever milked a cow knows that the pressure required to obtain a flow of milk is greater than any snake could exert, the biologists declare. Furthermore, a snake has two rows of recurved teeth in each jaw, which would make sucking impossible.

The spreading viper or puffing adder, known also by other names, is one of the greatest bluffers among snakes. One of its peculiar habits is that of feigning death by rolling over on its back. It is entirely harmless, as is also the coachwhip snake, which is supposed to be able to whip a man to death.

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Timely Views On World Topics

"DUCKS, quail, wild turkey and big game such as elk, bison and deer will soon be extinct in the United States if drastic measures are not taken soon," warns Dr. William T. Hornaday, noted authority on wild life. He has fought for 28 years to preserve the nation's game.

In a recent interview he said: "For 50 years the sportsmen of the East and the Middle West have been regulating the killing of game and solemnly calling it 'game protection.' That designation, however, is a grim joke. If you or I lived in a land inhabited by and governed by giant gorillas who ate men, and the gorilla man-catchers elected that humans should be killed and eaten during only three months of the year, we would call that every kind of man-protection. But is not that the kind of protection that they, and they alone, have been giving American game for 50 years?"

"The areas of game species extinction, already enormous, are increasing and spreading in devastating waves. Mighty little work has been done in mapping the state areas of extinction and spreading them before the people. The subject is too disagreeable! The stories they would tell of greed, folly and imbecility would be too humiliating. Look at our own maps of the duck, quail and wild turkey situations as samples of the whole. The disappearance of big game like the elk, bison and deer from farming and grazing countries was unavoidable, and we charge up nothing on their account, save against the men who killed those animals in wicked wastefulness of valuable products."

SCORES CONGRESS.

"The Department of Agriculture has for two years stubbornly maintained its support of the present killing privileges of sportsmen, as expressed in murderous bag limits and open seasons, and its rejection of all appeals against that policy appears to be fixed and final. Congress could make a quick change in that situation—if it would. But who is going to make a campaign in Congress to arouse that body, and convince it that prompt and strong action is now imperatively necessary?"

"No one! It is too much trouble!"

Dinner Stories

THE victim of a motor-car accident was being examined by the village magistrate. "You say you didn't see his number?" the magistrate remarked. "Could you swear to the name?"

"Well," answered the countryman, "I do, but I don't think he heard me."

AN IRISHMAN had received an anonymous note, stating that if he did not "leave five hundred dollars in a certain role by nine P. M. on Friday night his wife would be kidnapped on Sunday morning."

The Irishman appeared at the stated place at 9 p.m. promptly, and was

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New Business 1924 - \$53,580,000
1923 - 44,750,000

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In Force - 1924 - \$178,325,000
1923 - 151,780,000

Total Assets - \$31,500,000.

Assets - 1924 - \$27,019,000
1923 - 23,074,000

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