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## MARITIME RIGHTS

The case for the Maritime Provinces is very clearly and forcibly set forth by Hon. Fred Magee in the Telegraph-Journal of Saturday, and by Capt. J. E. Masters in today's issue. Hon. Mr. Magee points out that we should have railway freight rates adjusted, a larger use of our ports for national business, readjustment of federal subsidies, a Maritime Minister of Marine and Fisheries, fairer treatment in regard to immigration, and a square deal in relation to the natural resources divided up among the provinces to the westward. He elaborates each of these rights just enough to drive his remarks home, and concludes with a warning to those who would try to make Maritime rights a partisan political issue.

Capt. Masters also refers to freight rates, our national ports, immigration and the fisheries, and adds the express service and the composition of the C. N. R. board of directors. He expresses regret that the Maritime board of Trade has failed to arouse interest on the part of either federal, provincial or municipal governments, and directs attention to the fact that though a promise was made by the three Provincial Governments to employ and pay a capable man to report in the need of a freight expert and permanent secretary for the Maritime Provinces the promise has not been kept. The remedy, Capt. Masters says, is in the people's hands.

This question of Maritime rights is one that will not be settled until the people forget party politics long enough to make a united drive for recognition at Ottawa. They have not done and this they are not doing. Free discussion of the matter will, however, tend to crystallize public sentiment and in the end lead to more fruitful action. It is absolutely essential that party politics be kept out of the agitation.

## "WHUTS THE FUSS?"

The United States Senate has solemnly resolved to make itself ridiculous. Because Mr. Edward W. Bok offered \$100,000 for the best plan for promoting world-peace, and over twenty-two thousand persons entered the competition, the Senate has decided to make a dark and dreadful plot to overthrow the commonwealth. There was nothing at all in the prize-winning plan to disturb the slumbers of the most timid, or excite the fears of the most ferocious defender of the Monroe Doctrine. Indeed it was a very mild document, and at worst would only lead the United States into a kind of co-operation with such trouble-seekers as Canada and Great Britain. The Senate, however, scented danger, and was smitten with the horrible fear that foreign propagandists were seeking to pull down the pillars of the republic. Therefore a committee of five senators, selected no doubt for their sleuth-like appearance, will begin today to save the country. Believing that the nest of traitors is concealed in Mr. Bok's office or behind the skirts of Miss Esther Everett Lape, these two have been summoned to appear, and certain wretches who believe in the League of Nations and the International Court are also expected to be placed on the gridiron. Not a single voice was raised in the Senate in opposition to the purpose proposed. The Senate had rejected the League of Nations and the International Court, and who should dare to meddle with its affairs or say that its members could ever err in judgment? To make matters worse, every member of the Senate had been deluged by propaganda in favor of the League of Nations. To open a communication in the expectation that it would be a request from some constituent that he be appointed postmaster, and find that it was a plea for the League of Nations, was intolerable. Hence Mr. Bok and Miss Lape must be brought before a stern and uncompromising group of Senators prepared to make any sacrifice of their valuable time that may be necessary to prove that somebody somewhere has been doing something without first asking the consent of the Senate.

It is really disturbing to observe how little attention the country at large is paying to these defenses of the nation's life. No sooner was the Bok prize awarded and the plan published, on Jan. 7th, than a "straw vote" of the people was instituted to learn what they thought about it. Such "foreign propagandists" as the Y. M. C. A., the Federation of Women's Clubs, the Farmers' organizations, the great industries, the hotels, the colleges and schools, the railroads, the business men's organizations, labor unions, the churches, and even some city councils began to take the referendum. They sent for copies of the plan in hundreds of thousands, and are having it circulated with a request that the reader write "yes" or "no" on an enclosed slip and return. For example, the hotels of Chicago are sending to every guest a card which reads: "Enclosed

## Press Comment

### FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS.

Few announcements will be received with more relief than that made recently by the federal health department that the campaign against the narcotic drug traffic is meeting with results. Poisonous drugs were said to have taken a hold upon a certain number of citizens of Canada, which threatened to work havoc upon the whole nation.

The success attending the efforts of the authorities is undoubtedly due to the awakening of public opinion to the extent and evil of drug traffic. A few years ago comparatively little was heard of the pollution going on by the use of habit-forming drugs, but since the end of the war investigations revealed a shocking state of affairs. Aroused to the proportions of the menace, federal, provincial and local authorities have co-operated and concentrated their efforts upon eradication. Success is promised in the near future. It must be remembered, however, that the police authorities are attacking the branches of the traffic, not the roots. That is to say, they are directing their attention to the "rings" which peddle the dope to crazed victims. This is strictly the function of the police. The roots of the problem lie in the hundred and one agencies which encourage the use of habit-forming drugs. Dr. A. A. Amyot, deputy minister of health, told a Toronto audience last week end that there were many "false cures" on the market which were advertised as remedies for various ailments but which were really dope compounds, the taking of which might induce a taste for the real, unadulterated drug.

Drug addicts begin their enslavement in this way. Dr. Amyot says his department is working to suppress these "medicines." There are three ways in which the drug habit may be formed, one of which is the too frequent use of "pain-killing" drugs administered by some medical practitioners. The public should be on its guard against these dangers, and Dr. Amyot might make a good beginning by publicly exposing the fake medicine sellers who trade upon a credulous public.

### DEMOCRACY IN EGYPT

The sweeping success of Zaghiul Pasha in Egypt's first general election makes a man whom Britain banished twice during the last four years the dominant figure in the land of the Nile. Since Gladstone's time Britain has taken a special interest in Egypt. Egypt was nominally a part of the Turkish empire, with the Khedive paying tribute to Constantinople. But the British consul-general was the most potent force.

When the great war developed, the Khedive sided with Turkey and fled from the country. The British then claimed Egypt as a protectorate for the first time, and had to use a firm hand to keep down the disorders fomented by German agents. Unfortunately, the military regime introduced by the war cost Britain much of the support of the Egyptian people, which her beneficent policy over an extended period had won for her.

Impatient for complete independence, Zaghiul Pasha and his followers incited riots and General Allenby, who came to Egypt which her beneficent policy over an extended period had won for her.

But his wife, ignoring traditions and the customs of women, took his place as a leader and stirred up many educated Egyptian women to boycott British goods and agitate against British supremacy.

Britain favored a constitutional monarchy for Egypt and headed off the attempt of King Fund I. to set up a solution. The constitution which was adopted proclaimed Egypt to be a free and independent state with a hereditary monarch, and declared that all power emanates from the people. It also provided for free and compulsory education for both sexes. The nation was pledged to protect British communications with the far east, to protect foreign minorities, and to follow Britain's advice in foreign affairs.

Nationalist feeling has grown to extraordinary intensity in Egypt, and the elections have shown that the king, foisted on the country when his predecessor, favored by the British, refused to consent to absolutism. Zaghiul has a 90 per cent. majority in the parliament of 400 members. A government minister was returned.

Zaghiul is not the most extreme force in Egypt. He is disposed to negotiate terms with the British with a view to the lessening of British control.

### HE WANTS LESS PAY.

(New York Herald.)  
Chenango is one of those pleasant and fertile countries central New York which run heavily to butter fat and lightly to crime. County Judge Herbert C. Stratton of Norwich, Chenango county seat, has asked the Board of Supervisors to petition the Legislature to cut his salary because there is little judging to do.

As County Judge and Surrogate Judge Stratton is paid \$4,000 a year, with \$500 additional for presiding over the Children's Court. But Chenango's children so seldom get into court that the Judge has not the heart to accept \$500 for that part of his work. He also would like to see \$200 clipped from the \$4,000, thereby reducing his salary by \$1,000.

Stratton does not quite know what to make of the suggestion. The Supervisors hesitate to go through with the cut for fear of advertising their county as hard up, whereas the fact is that Chenango is getting along nicely. In common with other stately rural counties of the state it has lost population in the last twenty years; but its lands are worth more today than they ever were.

Judge Stratton's unusual request comes at a time when the trend is toward larger judicial salaries rather than smaller. While the needs and desires of a Judge in New York city are not to be measured by the same standards as those of a rural jurist, nevertheless there is a challenge to all public officers in this example. Judge Stratton is clearly in tune with his times, the keynote of which is reduction of taxes.

### GIVE PATIENTS A CONCERT.

The choir from the Christian church, Douglas avenue, paid a visit to the St. John County Hospital at East St. John on Friday evening, last, and delighted the patients with excellently rendered solos and choruses.

## HEATHER HILLS

(Eleanor Duncan Wood in the New York Sun and Globe.)  
The heather hills of Scotland, how royally they gleam.  
Like purple cloud banks lifting, like fragrant tents of dream.  
And heather bells are fairly bells, so when the sun sinks low,  
They ring to me, they bring to me the World of Long Ago.

Once more the wild clans gather, with claymores, bow and shield;  
The flocks tremble in his walls, the Gael is in the field.  
Fair Maids the plaid and tartan, the banners how they shine,  
Now lo! now lo! the pibrochs blow on these old hills of mine!

To warrior vision passes, and now I seem to see  
The lovers of a thousand years walk purple hills with me.  
The Maids are like the heather, sweet; the lads are like it, strong.  
And Love still clings where heather springs to roll the world along.

Oh, heather hills of Scotland, I see you nevermore!  
The wild sea maddens on the sands, the help drifts into shore.  
But back to you across the miles my homing heart would flee.  
Oh, Hills of God my fathers trod, still keep the trust with me!

## LIGHTER VEIN.

And Witness One.  
If you think the day of miracles is gone say "movies" to a little girl who is too sick to do her hair practice.

On Good Terms.  
Doctor—"Now put your tongue out."  
Stun Urchin—"What for? I ain't mad at ya."

## More Serious.

Motorist—"It's preposterous. I'm an expert driver. What I know about driving would fill a book."  
Constable—"And what you don't know would fill a hospital. Give me your name and address."

## Slippery Word.

Employer—"Miss Ponder, you have spelled 'lubricant' with a 'k'—that is wrong."  
Steno—"Have I? It's such an easy word to slip up on."

## Hence Those Tears.

"Did the bride's mother cry at the wedding?"  
"Yes, indeed. That was the only way she could attract attention to her new gown."

## Noblesse Oblige.

An impecunious tenant had not paid the rent of his room for several months. "Look here," said the landlord, "I'll meet you half way. I am ready to forget half of what you owe!"  
The tenant replied: "I'll forget the other half."

## Why the Parade?

Two Irishmen watching Shriners' parade.  
"Who are those fellows, Mike?"  
"Yes, indeed. That was the only way she could attract attention to her new gown."  
"And what are Shriners?"  
"Why, they're Masons."  
"Sure and what the hell do they want now? They're gettin' 'is a day!"  
Forbes Magazine (N. Y.)

## A Fast Worker.

Farmer Goehaw's hired man was very slow, a topic upon which the old gentleman was wont to comment. One afternoon the worthy agriculturist came in from the yard and began to rattle the pots and pans in the kitchen.  
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"He's chasing a turtle. If he catches it, we'll have turtle soup for supper. I think he's gaining."

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## SAYS MORE BOOTLEG LIQUOR THAN EVER

Pennsylvania Governor Gives Anti-Saloon League Set of Astounding Figures.

Washington, Jan. 21. — Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania, addressing the Anti-Saloon League "thirty-year jubilee" convention here offered statistics to prove his contention that bootleg liquor was now circulating through the country in larger quantities than ever before. Here are some of the high lights of his speech: "Arrests for drunkenness have enormously increased, the population of jails and institutions is rising, illegal withdrawals of whiskey continue on increase, and most significant of all, the withdrawals of alcohol to be denatured have nearly tripled in two years."

"They jumped from 86,000,000 proof gallons to over 105,000,000 or an increase of 27,000,000 proof gallons in 24 months. In the face of figures such as these the relative insignificance of smuggling is perfectly evident."

"Withdrawals ostensibly for perfumes, lotions and similar barber supplies, increased from less than 1,000,000 gallons in the fiscal year 1922 to more than 4,500,000 gallons in 1923."

"The total withdrawals under for-mulas which make denaturing easy increased by more than 12,000,000 gallons in the fiscal year 1923 as against the year before. If all of this 12,000,000 gallons went into bootleg whiskey, as many of us did, it would make more than 80,000,000 gallons of illegal drink."

"The foregoing withdrawals of alcohol were made on legal permits with the consent of government officers, but the situation as to illegal withdrawals of whiskey is hardly less remarkable."

## TWO ORDINATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD

Frs. Alfred Pellerin of Moncton and G. D. Breen, St. John, Ordained

Yesterday morning there was raised to the priesthood by His Eminence Cardinal Bagn in the city of Quebec the first Acadian born young man of Moncton to be elevated to that position. The person of Rev. J. Alfred Pellerin, C. S. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pellerin, after studying at St. Joseph's University, Memramcook, the candidate for Holy Orders joined the Holy Cross Order, completing his studies at St. Laurent College, Montreal, afterwards pursuing his theological course at Laval University, Quebec City. The young priest will remain in Quebec for the present.

Fr. Pellerin, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Breen, 4 Shore street, St. John, with their daughter, Miss Evelyn, and son Harold, left for Quebec, to be present at the ordination of their son, George D. Breen, C. S. C., yesterday, by Cardinal Bagn.

## More than fifty billion cigarettes are smoked in the United States every year.

In 1914 Americans were smoking about sixteen billion annually.

Bread made from the Soya bean is said to contain the best elements of both meat and milk.

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