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MORE DELAY.

It is a race track axiom that an added starter upsets the betting. There was enough political confusion in this country before Captain Burgess, M. C., the Independent-farmer-aviator, took the air against Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King in Prince Albert yesterday. The chief result of his flight is likely to be faster and more frequent flights by the aviator, who is likely to be a constituent of the Conservative party in the House of Commons. It is not unlikely that the vote may not be counted officially until a month hence.

Meantime the Progressives have flocked to the Liberal standard at Ottawa on Mr. Meighen's second amendment, giving the Government a majority of ten over the Opposition on the second test of strength. There will be another motion today or tomorrow evidently, probably one calling for protection for the Canadian dairy industry, and designed to detach a sufficient number of Progressives to upset the Government, but if we are to judge from their attitude this year and last with respect to similar resolutions, the Progressives are likely to stand pat or to divide in such numbers as to still leave a margin with the Liberals, however small. Then it is expected, there will come another vote of confidence motion in opposition to the Government's desire for a six weeks' adjournment. The House has been in session more than three weeks already, and has transacted no public business of importance. If there is an adjournment, more than two months will have been wasted before any important legislation is dealt with, even assuming that the adjournment the Government will be in a position to proceed with the programme announced nearly a month ago.

Captain Burgess sounds one new note in Prince Albert. He wants a general election at once. If he were elected he would find himself in the company of about 240 other gentlemen at Ottawa who do not want an election at once, or at any time. The remainder of his programme more nearly resembles that of the Government than that of the Opposition. He has succeeded in preventing an adjournment as was wholly within his right, but the net result of his appearance is to produce more delay, a commodity of which the country already has had more than an abundance.

The public wants quick dispatch of business at Ottawa, fully justified demand for an election being too loud to be ignored by Parliament.

GROUND-HOG DAY.

If Canadians day be fair and bright, Winter will have another flight; If on Candian day it be shower and rain, Winter is gone and will not come again. There is a rural tradition, of American origin, that the ground-hog or woodchuck emerges from his hole on February 2, to size up the outlook, and that, if he sees his shadow, he retreats to his den for six weeks, which is a sign of a late spring, whereas if he does not see his shadow, there will be an early spring.

There are manifest difficulties about the matter, however, for the woodchucks are never unanimous. Those in this county could not see their shadow today, but there is no guarantee that in all the other counties, not to speak of all the other provinces, conditions are the same. So we get a conflict of ground-hog counsel, and the fellow who puts off buying more coal, after consulting his local ground-hog, may blame himself later for depending on his little guide, counsel, and friend instead of taking his own head for it. Likewise, we do not elect the ground-hog, and therefore we have no means of getting even with them if they fail to make their promises good.

When all is said and done, however, it has been a benign winter so far, and while it is always better to prophesy after the event, it looks like an early spring and a glorious summer. Of course, why not?

PORT CONTRACTS.

In deciding to write to the Minister of Public Works and the Minister of Marine, asking if this year's estimates will contain any appropriation for port development here, either in Courtney Bay or in connection with the carrying out of the tri-partite agreement on the West Side, the acting Mayor and Commissioners no doubt expect, and have a right to expect, something more than the customary official assurances that the matter will be given due consideration.

Contracts are contracts. The C. N. R. wants terminal facilities in the Courtney Bay area. Plans for a comprehensive development there were completed long ago, and on the eve of the last general election the

Government let a contract for dredging preliminary to the construction of the first pier unit, and announced, on the authority of a minister of the Crown, that it was going to carry the project to completion. The public here welcomed the announcement at the time, for this is a necessary national work, and there was no doubt that the Government committed itself fully to early construction. That work must be done if the port is to be equipped up to the requirements of existing traffic and of the greater traffic that is to come. So much for the eastern harbor.

On the West Side the Government is under contract to provide additional facilities as rapidly as the traffic requires them, and it is already somewhat in default. The city, by arrangement with the C. P. R., transferred to the Government an area sufficient for the expansion of terminal facilities there, and a contract was executed and signed by the city, the C. P. R. and the Dominion, specifying the obligations of all three. The city and the C. P. R. have lived up to the contract, and are waiting for the Government to do its share. Hon. Dr. King, Minister of Public Works, when this matter was brought up in the House last year, said that the Government would carry out any contract it had made, and that declaration should be implemented by the Government as well as in Courtney Bay.

Therefore, the acting Mayor and Commissioners should have early and definite official assurance from the minister with whom they are communicating. If, however, the matter should be adjourned, in any doubt when they are heard from, Saint John's representatives at Ottawa should produce the facts and press the Government for early action. Contracts are contracts. Moreover the need for these facilities is beyond dispute. They must be provided if future congestion is to be avoided and if the country's freight is to be moved expeditiously and through home channels.

Odds and Ends

"For Those in Peril"

(Toronto Globe)

International broadcasting tests this week have been partly foiled by repeated S. O. S. calls from ships in trouble at sea. Radio stations were ordered silent while the delicate mechanical ears on land and ocean were strained for the message of distress which might call aid from watchful mankind. Thousands of radio fans eager to hear the melodies of some distant land, were disappointed while effort was made to save the lives of "those in peril at sea."

Shipwrecks have ever awakened the sense of humanity. They have inspired innumerable poems and paintings, arousing to those who have never seen the sea a sense of its might and dangers, and recalling past griefs for families whose men folk sail their living on the deep. Longfellow may have made minor technical errors in "The Wreck of the Hesperus," but his lines are full of pathos and power, as he describes the dreadful night, dark and drear, and the whistling sleet and snow. Like a sheeted ghost the vessel swept toward the reef of Norman's Woe.

Wireless has reduced navigation dangers by permitting an immediate call for aid even from mid-ocean, and the nearest ships may hurry to rescue. It has shortened distance and sympathy, and resulted in the saving of many imperiled sailors. Yet, as the radio fans, in the comfort of their own fireside, heard the whistling winds, of a January night, their hearts went out to the brave ships, and they would quickly renounce their night of pleasure if all were by broadcasters would save one human life.

A Week in Epigram.

The newspaper of the day may die with the day, but its work, if well done, does not die; it enters into the life of the Nation.—P. Scott.

Naughtiness is a disease of civilized life.—Dr. J. A. Hadfield.

In art there is no kindness. Art must be cruel to its disciples. There is no place for self-indulgence.—Joseph Stiglitz.

The Slav has many fine qualities, but he cannot make fun of the things he believes in.—G. K. Chesterton.

A museum should really be a temple of the muse, but to most of us it is simply an expensive storehouse where we get tired.—Forest H. Cooke.

Life is impossible unless one can be an insignificant private individual occasionally.—George Bernard Shaw.

The Bible knows nothing about evolution, just as it knows nothing about automobiles and radio.—Harry Emerson Fosdick.

Life in the twentieth century is going to be purgatory for the man in a black coat.—Dean W. R. Inge.

While for democracy we willingly washed institutions; and while we fought to free others, we wasted in spending our own heritage of liberty.—Herold Underwood Faulkner.

What is more delightful than to have a little ahead?

Just Fun

WHATEVER femininity it isn't the lack of a neck that needs clipping.

WHEN Opportunity knocks you know it isn't one of the neighbors. It knocks but once.

SARCASM is saying what others are too polite to say.

A MAN is known by the company he keeps from yawning.

ANSWER THIS PLEASE. Just why can you call a girl—a chicken but not a hen. A terror but not a fright. A kitten but not a cat. A vision but not a sight?

"ALAS, I am undone," cried the Duchess as her maid unloosed her bodice.

THOSE who get up in the world are those who get down to work.

A scientist has just discovered that plants grow better if the day is prolonged by artificial light. Further investigation proves that the plant which profits most from this treatment is the electric light plant.

PROPRIETOR of a new barber shop displayed a sign reading: "We trim you properly!" and then wondered why he couldn't get a customer.

THERE'S a woman in New York society who claims she belongs to the nobility because she was born in Dutchess County.

PROHIBITION has done some good. A Russian now refuses to visit America because of it.

"HEY, shut the door! Was your old man a draftsman?"

ADAMANT. I have always Admired Beautiful women. My wife has Always Admired Intellectual women. Thus we have Seldom Admired The same women.

TRUTH may be stranger than fiction, but it is not nearly so convincing.

SAID the sage, "Character will get you to heaven but a reputation will put you on the first page."

BRIDGET (who is giving a month's notice): "Please, ma'am, I've got a place at an asylum."

"But, Bridget," protested her mistress, "you've had no experience whatever, have you?"

"Well, ma'am," said Bridget, with a smile, "I've been here nearly two years."

GOOD times are coming back, says a news item. Yes, to those who hustle out and bring them back.

Other Views

CURIOSER AND CURIOSER.

(London Daily News)

Chicherin went to lunch with General von Seeckt in Berlin. He is alleged to have said such nasty things about British policy that the British embassy was shocked, and protested to the German foreign office. The British embassy has now denied that it has done any such thing. M. Chicherin will no doubt deny, if he thinks it worth while, that he said anything of the sort. Then we shall know the purpose, or the purpose, of the Chicherin visit to lunch with General von Seeckt.

THE THIN-LIPPED RACE.

(London Truth)

The squaring in the United States and the price of rubber grows more and more comic. Mr. Hull, of Tennessee, was right when he told his fellow-legislators at Washington that they had become the laughing-stock of the rest of the world. He was wrong, though, when he suggested that this was the world's laughing-stock. The rest of the world is laughing at the universal amusement is the childish unreasonableness of the agitation.

THEY WON'T WALK.

(Kingston Whig)

The motor business has not yet reached the point where saturation is one's health taken seriously by other people.—Father Ronald Knox.

As God made 80 per cent of His creatures morose or mental defectives, He necessarily provided religious adapted to their capacities.—Poulney Bigelow.

Every boy should learn a hobby to save him in his middle life.—Sir Bruce Bruce-Porter.

Neither Nathan nor Menckan can live without hools.—Ezra Pound.

Go to a play early and help keep it running. Be a Monday-nighter rather than a Saturday-nighter.—St. John Ervine.

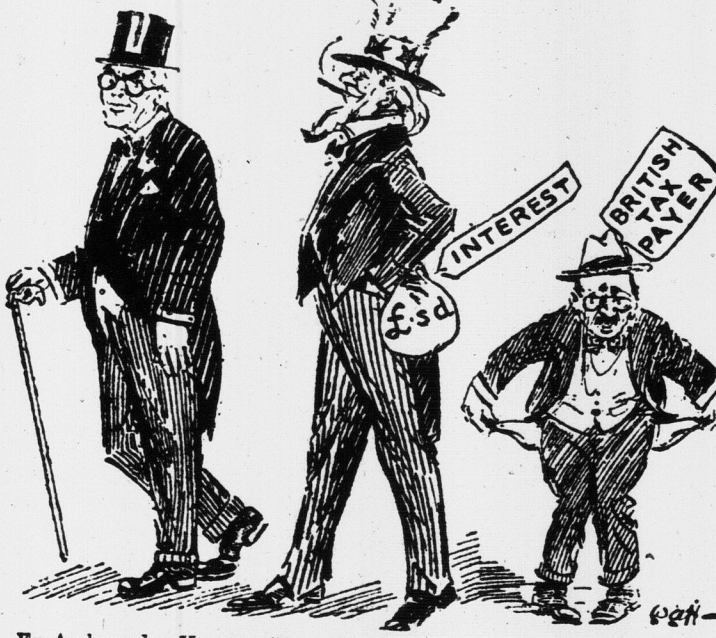
Art and good citizenship do not co-exist in narrowly escaping the police.—Channing Pollock.

Choice of Evils.

A certain island in the West Indies is liable to the periodical advent of earthquakes. One year before the season of these terrestrial disturbances Mr. X, who lives in the danger zone, sent his two sons to the home of a brother in England to secure them from the impending havoc. Evidently the quiet of the staid English household was disturbed by the irruption of the two West Indians, for the returning mail steamer carried a message to Mr. X, brief but emphatic: "Take back your boys; send me the earthquake."

The Dog Still Led. An Easterner brought a high-priced wolf-hound to the West in order to get rich by catching wolves on which a high bounty was then in force. A wolf was scared up, and the hound went after him. The Easterner and the natives followed for many miles through the prairie grass, without getting sight of either wolf or hound. Finally they came upon a man chopping wood. "Did you see a wolf and a dog pass here?" the Easterner asked. "Yes, they just went by," was the reply. "How was the race?" "Pretty hot—help an' tuck. But the dog was a little ahead."

Sidelight on War Debts



Poems That Live

PATIENT WITH THE LIVING. Sweet friend, when thou and I are gone Beyond earth's weary labor, When small shall be our need of grace From comrades or from neighbor, Past all the strife, the toil, the care, And done with all the sighing, What tender ruth shall we have gained, Alas, by simply dying!

Then lips too chary for their praise Will tell our merits over, And eyes too swift our faults to see Shall no defect discover. Then hands that would not lift a stone Where stones were thick to cumber Our steep hill path, will scatter flowers Above our pillow'd slumber.

Sweet friend, perchance both thou and I, Ere love is past forgiving, Should take the earnest lesson home— Be patient with the living. But wise it were for thee and me, Our blinding tears tomorrow; Then patience 'e'en when keenest edge May whet a nameless sorrow.

'Tis easy to be gentle when Death's silence shames our clamor, And easy to discern the good, Through memory's mystic glamour; But wise it were for thee and me, Ere love is past forgiving, To take the tender lesson home— Be patient with the living.

—Margaret Sangster.

The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

WE ALL BUILD STATUES OF SNOW. ONE of the Medici once employed Michelangelo to make a statue out of snow. That was a stupid waste of time. But if Michelangelo's time was as precious to ourselves, and yet we too often waste it in making statues of snow, and, even worse, in making too many.

"WE all complain," opined Seneca, "of the shortness of time, and yet we have more than we know what to do with."

"Our lives are no sadder thoughts than truth," said Emerson. "To live, and 't'is all we have been." "Time is a trust, and for every minute of it you will have to account."

"Be spare of sleep, spare of diet, and sparest of Time."

There's no such thing as saturation," says a big manufacturer. "The reason has been given in three words: 'They won't walk.' I look for a bigger output and bigger sales than ever. They will be smaller and faster cars, one for every member of the family."

RECOGNITION OF RUSSIA. The nations of Western Europe recognized Russia because they were only a step from financial and industrial ruin after the war. "They thought recognition would mean a little rest, business, and they reached for it. The United States was not left so badly off after the war that it is called upon to pursue what may be a real or only an imaginary profit, to abandon its old ideas of justice and right in its attitude toward the Russian dictatorship."

TIP FROM SING SING. Marion Nixon has received one of the most interesting fan letters this week. The writer, a young man, has been found his way to Hollywood. An inmate of Sing Sing who saw that he was playing in "Hands Up" with Raymond Griffith, has written Marion explaining to her the various methods he used in holding up people, all the terms of the underworld and the best methods to avoid the police. Miss Nixon states "that she is carefully preserving this letter to use on the first underworld picture that she appears in."

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FOR THE KIDNEYS

Twenty Years Ago Today

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WESTERN beef sold from seven to eight cents per pound in the local market.

A LETTER was received from Captain Arch McLean telling of his experiences in a shipwreck in Behring Strait. Captain McLean was a Saint John mariner.

GRAVE fears were entertained of the death of Alderman Christie. He was reported as being very low.

Timely Views On World Topics

"THE Polish government" is taking vigorous steps to pull out of its financial difficulties," remarked Professor E. W. Kemmerer of Princeton University, in an interview upon his recent return from Poland. He has been there as a financial advisory expert.

"I think they are going to pull a lot of unemployment out of the government's general policy, so far as announced and adopted, of meeting the financial situation by drastic reductions in the budget expenditures, discouragement of the home consumption of luxuries and the stopping of the issue of government paper money, I believe is eminently wise."

ARMY IS REDUCED. "The Polish government decided upon a reduction of its army as the first step toward budget reduction. The government also is cutting the size of its appropriation for educational purposes and forcing the municipalities to assume a larger share of that burden. Economies also are being effected in index number basis."

"The government is taking hold with a firm hand. Of course there is a lot of unemployment. Business is still depressed, but I think the worst is over and that they are going to pull through all right."

BOLSHEVISM NOT STRONG THERE. "There is no evidence of any danger of revolutionary uprisings. Bolshevik propaganda does not seem to be effective in Poland. The country

has a very small per capita public debt, one of the smallest of any advanced country in the world, and, I believe, the smallest in Europe. It amounts to about \$14.

"The recent Locarno agreement has greatly strengthened the security of Poland's position in international affairs."

Dinner Stories

A MAN left his umbrella in the stand in a hotel recently, with a card bearing the following inscription attached to it: "This umbrella belongs to a man who can deal a blow of 250 pounds weight. I shall be back in 10 minutes." On returning to seek his property he found in its place a card thus inscribed: "This card was left here by a man who can run 12 miles an hour. I shall not be back."

GEN. ROBERT LEE BULLARD, at a recent A. E. F. celebration, was talking about China.

"Practice," he said, "has inspired the Chinese soldier. A friend of mine attended a Chinese review in the days before the China-Japan war. Two regiments were very much applauded. And they went through a very curious performance, certainly. With little pails in the right hand and long bamboo fishing rods things in the left, the men rushed at the oncoming yelling and making the queerest gestures and grimaces."

"What's the idea?" asked my friend.

"Those regiments," a Chinese colonel answered, "are among our very oldest, and they are now practicing a form of attack which dates from prehistoric times. The idea is to trip up the enemy with the long wand, throw

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