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ANOTHER REVERSE.

In the absence of Premier Lloyd George who is in Genoa, his government was defeated in the House of Commons by two votes, not on a question of policy but on a motion to adjourn discussion of a bill relating to teachers' superannuation. This is the third time the government has met with an adjournment vote, but on neither previous occasion was it regarded as sufficiently important to call for the resignation of the members. It would be unfortunate if Mr. Lloyd George should retire during the present critical period of negotiations with other powers in regard to Russia and the economic restoration of Europe. His towering genius could ill be spared at a moment when the Genoa conference has partially failed and a new one at The Hague is under consideration, with some hope that the United States may enter the negotiations on a basis which would be acceptable to the other powers. It has not infrequently happened in political history that a government has been defeated on a minor issue and has resigned, but yesterday's vote may not be regarded as a defeat, since it was taken in a slim house and in the absence of the prime minister on an important mission. The government should stick to its guns until he returns. The vote of yesterday may well be regarded as a reverse—but not a defeat.

THE MUSQUASH POWER.

Only by visiting Musquash, seeing the three large pipes that lead into the power house, then visiting the main dam on the east branch of the stream, where a great body of water is confined, its surface one hundred feet higher than the wheels it will turn in the power house; then visiting the west branch and its dam, from which one of the large pipes (interior diameter feet) will convey water from the stream to the power house; then visiting the various storage dams and learning about other such dams that may be utilized to store still more water, can anyone clearly comprehend the magnitude of the work that has been done, and know of the great body of water held in leath to turn the wheels and produce continuously the current which will give cheap light and power to St. John.

Only in a few places on the continent is there such a dam as that on the east branch of the Musquash. It is a remarkably fine piece of concrete work. Water was running through the narrow outlet yesterday from a water surface seventy feet above the level of the old Musquash stream below it. By closing this outlet still more water may be stored, and the balance of the hundred foot fall occurs between this dam and the wheels in the power house. The construction of the various dams and the pipe lines was a tremendous work successfully accomplished and one cannot but admire the vision of the man who first went over the large territory now draining into the various dams, and seeing in his mind's eye the completed development, with this great body of water gathered and harnessed for man's use.

The citizens of St. John do not realize what is at their doors because they have not visited the scene of the Musquash development. The work of placing the electrical machinery in the power house is nearly completed, the transmission line to the sub-station near Fairville is built, and the installation in the sub-station also nearing completion. The time cannot be long before the current may be turned on. The best answer to assertions that the power is not available at Musquash is a personal visit to the place. The project is a storage proposition on a great scale. It is not at all an experiment. All that has been done there has been done elsewhere.

SCOUTS PLANT TREES.

Forestry Association Begins State-Wide Campaign. (New York Evening Post) Nearly 5,000 trees were planted last Saturday by the Boy Scouts of Yonkers in the establishment of the first municipal forest to be planted through the co-operation of the New York State Forestry Association with the Scout organization of the State. Two hundred Scouts participated, about five acres being planted for the protection of the watershed of the Grassy Spring reservoir, from which Yonkers gets its water supply.

"The success of today's planting was such that we shall make this an annual event for the Scouts of Yonkers until the entire shore line of the reservoir is planted," said Homer H. Wright, Scout Executive of Yonkers. "Yonkers has blazed a trail which will be followed all over New York State," said J. R. Simmons, secretary of the New York State Forestry Association, in announcing that a special bronze medal would be awarded to each boy who participated. "The State Forestry Association will begin a campaign to hold similar plantings with the Boy Scouts at the planters in all parts of the State."

Mayor Walter M. Tausig of Yonkers planted the first tree, and was followed by the Scouts as an honorary tenderfoot by Ralph E. Prime, Jr., of the Yonkers Council, and Leon O. Fisher, president of the council, presiding officer at the ceremonies. "After the mayor had planted his tree, the boys were divided into groups, each

THE CAVE MAN WAKES.

My mate sleeps sound by my side, and I lie all the night awake, Looking out through the mouth of the cave, At the path the white stars take. This day I followed the brown bear's track, Till I trapped him in his lair. I slew him and took his fish for food, His skin for my mate to wear.

Where do the white stars go as they pass Out through the rim of the sky? Where does the sun go when it is dark And close in our caves we lie?

My limbs are heavy; the day was long; The wrath of the bear was great; I slew him and took his fish for food And his skin to deck my mate.

Where do we go when our day is done And our limbs are cold and stiff? Do we hunt for game in another land, Our mouths with food to fill?

I chased the bear up the mountain side And slew him in his lair, My limbs are strong and my sight is keen, There's nothing I will not dare.

Where am I going when slight grows dim And my limbs grow weak and old— Where will I go when my day is done, And my flesh is still and cold?

My mate sleeps sound by my side, and I lie all the night awake, Looking out through the mouth of the cave, At the path the white stars take. —Ella Van Wyck in New York Times.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Peterson came home from the banquet blissfully unconscious that some of his friends had fastened a menu card on the back of his coat. "What's that you have got on your back?" "Ah!" said he, "removing the card, 'Only a table of contents, my dear.'"

Johnny Browne was the brightest boy in his class, but he cracked the naughtiest. After a time the teacher's patience was exhausted. She wrote a note and gave it to Johnny for his mother, who read the following: "John Browne is the brightest boy in the class but also the most mischievous. What shall I do?" "John's mother wrote the following in the upper left-hand corner:— "Do as you like. 'I've got my hands full with his father.'"

A Kind Heart.

An eminent judge, one of the most compassionate of men, presided over a criminal court. His softness of heart did not prevent him from doing his duty as a judge. A man who had been convicted of stealing was brought into court for sentence. He looked very sad and hopeless, and the court was moved by his pathetic appearance. "Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment?" the judge asked. "Never, never," exclaimed the prisoner, bursting into tears. "Don't cry, don't cry," said the judge, consolingly; "you're going to be now!"

The Limit.

A small child had been unusually naughty and had received threats and, finally, a "spanking" from his father. With unfeeling dignity the child went upstairs into his mother's room. "Mother," he said in a voice of exasperation, "will you please tell your husband that I have had enough of your much longer."

MILLIONS MORE IN ACTUAL WANT.

Canadians Asked to Heed the Call of Starving Little Ones of Russia.

The purpose of the Genoa Conference is primarily to effect such conditions as will enable Russia to get back into the world family and help to restore the equilibrium which has been upset by the chaos resulting from the Russian revolution. The Save the Children Fund Committee is firmly of the belief that it will be necessary to restore Russia to normal conditions well before the year 1922.

Some Canadians who do not sense the significance of these world events are prone to speak lightly of the harrowing conditions which confront many innocent people in Russia. In condemning Russia for her failures these same people forget that the masses of the Russian people are not responsible for the insane acts of some of their leaders.

The Save the Children Fund Committee is concerned only with the human question of rescuing millions of innocent children from the plight in which they find themselves by reason of the drought of last year and the breakdown of the whole economic system of Russia. What Canada had one so far has been the means of relieving the distress among only 75,000 children. There are millions more in actual want—dying by inches because there is no help. Canadians must not rest until the greatest measure of relief has been given.

Send your subscription to Sir George Burn, Treasurer of the Save the Children Fund, Ottawa, or forward it through your local committee or bank.

RADIOPHONE TO BRING 'OUTSIDE WORLD' TO NORTH.

Timmins, May 17.—Prospectors and mining men in Northern Ontario are alive to the possibilities of the radio-telephone, and many camps will this year be brought into touch with the "outside world." Some of those who are hunting for mines are including radio in their outfit, and the far-off haunts of these men of the trail where the feet of women have never trod will ring this year with the finest voices of Broadway. Great stretches of trackless forest will no longer separate these pioneers from the news of the world.

Assigned a tract of land to serve as its own part of the new municipal forest. The boys worked in squads of three, one to dig the hole, another to set the tree, and the third to tamp the ground after the tree was planted. The trees were supplied by the Conservation Commission from State nurseries.

RADIO PLANTS SOON TO LINK CONTINENTS.

Those in Colombia, Cuba and Buenos Aires to be Ready This Year—To Avoid Interference.

High-power wireless stations of the Radio Corporation of America will be completed this year at Bogota Bay, Colombia, and in Cuba, and the great Buenos Aires station will be in operation in 1922, says E. J. Nally, president of the company, who returned a few days ago to New York after conference in Europe at which a working agreement was reached among the great wireless companies of England, France, Germany and America.

From any part of the United States wireless messages may be relayed to Buenos Aires, South Africa, Java, Calcutta or Melbourne, when the radio building programmes of the great American and European countries are completed. At present France has the most powerful station in the world in the medium-wave system, located near Bordeaux, but this will be superseded by the end of this year by the Post-Jefferson station of the Radio Corporation, which will be the most powerful station in the world. The station under construction at St. Assise, near Paris, will be second.

The British wireless chain connecting England with the empire will have one station comparatively close to Argentina, and that will be the station at Bathurst, in Gambia, on the extreme western point of Africa, where the continents of Africa and South America make their closest approach.

The stations of the Radio Corporation of Cuba and Colombia are practically completed, said Mr. Nally, "and are waiting on the completion of the Buenos Aires station to be put into going into service. That will take place in December. Relaying from New York to Cuba, to Bogota and to Buenos Aires will be possible, but will be used only as an auxiliary system. When the Buenos Aires station is completed next summer it will send to and receive from the Port Jefferson station direct."

All of the great systems will use different wave lengths and avoid interference, according to the agreement reached at the conference. The use of the same wave lengths would reduce to confusion high-power wireless communication all over the world. The British colonial chain of wireless stations is described as follows by L. W. Austin, head of the United States Research Laboratory, in a communication to The Journal of the Franklin Institute:

"Unlike the plans for communicating over vast distances by means of high stations, the Imperial Committee, headed by Sir Henry Norman, has recommended that stations of only moderate power be used, spaced at distances of not more than 2,000 nautical miles, the intermediate stations acting as relays for the more distant."

The first station of the Imperial chain, Leafall, near Oxford, was opened last summer, and is expected to communicate with a station about to be built near Cairo. From Cairo the Imperial chain divides, one line extending to the Red Sea, the other to the Mediterranean in East Africa, while the other is expected to reach Australia by way of India and Singapore.

"There have been heated discussions in England regarding the relative merits of the high-power, long-distance transmission of signals, and the use of moderate power, intermediate relay systems. There can be no doubt that the system of intermediate stations will give by far the most reliable communication, largely on account of the small variations of signal intensity and the shorter distances. And probably for government purposes, where reliability is of more importance than economy, the intermediate system is superior."

"The plans of France for transmitting long distance communication are complete, and the huge transmitting station now being completed at Ste. Assise, between Fontainebleau and Paris, is expected to be ready for use by the end of the year. It will be used to communicate with Saigon, Indo-China, 5,000 nautical miles distant. Atres, 5,000 miles, and, of course, many nearer points."

Holland is building one station at home of 200 kilowatts, and is communicating a distance of 8,100 miles, almost entirely overlaid. On the question of the radio it is likely to replace the cable in transoceanic communication in the near future, Mr. Austin said.

"Frankly, I do not believe it will, and if it should it will be because the atmospheric disturbances have been practically eliminated. But even now there are certain classes of traffic which can be sent by radio much more economically and quite as satisfactorily where delays of a few hours are not objectionable. Continuous twenty-four hour service is, of course, already possible where distances are moderate. Here automatic high-speed reception is making radio a formidable rival of the wire and cable lines."

SAYING PASTLE KILLED.

23 FOWLS, FARMER SUES CIRCUIS FOR \$1,000.

Trenton, N. J., May 17.—Charging that a paste dropped by circus employees placed a fence on his farm caused the death of 23 of his chickens, Clarence W. Cochran, an Ewing Township farmer, has brought suit for \$1,000 against the Sells-Floto Circus.

Attachment of the circus property was made to its landing after showing here. After considerable difficulty in procuring the \$1,000 bond calling for appearance in the Mercer County court, the property was allowed to get started for Newark yesterday.

\$100 FOR MARITIME HOME.

A clear and comprehensive account of the work to be done by the maritime home for young women near Moncton and a description of the home property were given at the meeting of the W. C. T. U. yesterday by Rev. H. A. Goodwin, chairman of the committee for the home. The W. C. T. U. fully sympathized with the establishment of the home and voted \$100 towards its support. Mrs. Lucie Thomson, the newly

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The Canadian Pacific is the first in Canada to install a radio apparatus on its trains. Those on the live stock improvement train of seventeen cars now touring the province of Manitoba will bear radio concerts from Winnipeg headquarters and receive the news of the world as they go along their itineraries, even to the quietest rural places.

Two Marconi representatives and a radio mechanic accompany the train to insure the successful working of the apparatus. The livestock improvement train is equipped and maintained by the Canadian Pacific Railway. The project is backed by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, the Agricultural College, the Livestock Exchange, the packing companies and the Cattle Breeders' Association of Manitoba.

SEEING CANADA.

(Toronto Globe) Canadian Senators are pleased with their visit to St. John, N. B., and Sir James Loughheed suggests that eastern members of the Senate and Commons should visit the west. With a population of less than nine millions, scattered over an area of 3,729,665 miles, it is desirable that everything possible shall be done in the way of travel and otherwise to promote understanding and unity. One hears complaints that the inhabitants of this or that region are narrow and sectional. Such a criticism is heard in regard to the prairie west, where people, on the other hand, say that they are not understood in the east; so with Ontario and with Quebec. Each of us is apt to think that his fellow-citizens in some far-away region are lacking in broad Canadian point of view.

The vast distances make travel expensive, but members of parliament have free transportation, and ought to avail themselves of that privilege to become acquainted with all parts of their country. The traveler should occasionally move out of the Pullman car and make the acquaintance of other passengers, especially of those who either cannot afford the luxuries of travel or are going short distances and are likely to be real dents of the district. Then, if time is available, it is well to make frequent stops and see places that are out of the beaten path of travel.

TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

The Rt. Hon. H. A. L. Fisher, minister of education, said recently that 170,000 girls were in attendance at secondary schools under the Board of Education. Speaking to a group of high schools in Kitchener, the minister said: "While at school it was their duty to occupy their time as to fit themselves to take part in the life of the place they lived in, of the country in which they resided, and the country and the empire to which they belonged. They had the opportunity of acquiring a lasting and enduring interest in the world's affairs. He urged them to cultivate the habit of reading, and he advised them to endeavor to find an interest in all their studies. If a subject were dull they might look not at the subject, but at themselves for the reason."

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