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## THE NAVAL DEFENSE QUESTION.

It is in no sense a matter for surprise—in fact it is almost natural—that the views of the Premiers of Australia and New Zealand should differ considerably from those of the Premier of Canada on the matter of naval defense. The geographical situation of the former is so different from that of this country as to make the conditions they have to meet entirely dissimilar. Away by itself, remote from all other portions of the Empire, Australasia probably feels the need of naval protection to an extent that Canada does not. There is only one possible enemy that either of these countries would ever have to fear, Japan; and on the face of things the wisest course would seem to be that they should agree on a mutual policy to be followed out by both. As matters stand, the Australian and New Zealand premiers are desirous to see the agreement that has been in force for some years between Japan and Great Britain renewed, while Premier Meighen is said to be strongly averse to any such course. As the Pacific coast of Canada is just as vulnerable as the coasts of Australia and New Zealand, we would not unreasonably think that a policy which is satisfactory to one, would be equally satisfactory to the other.

Australasia and Canada however, are not quite so similarly situated as would appear to be the case. The people of the former, for instance, have resolutely set their faces against the entrance into their country of either the yellow or black races. They are determined at all costs to maintain a white man's country. For this among other reasons, Australasia wishes to see the Anglo-Japanese treaty renewed, if only for the reason that as long as that lasts, there is never likely to be trouble between Japan and herself. Canada, on the other hand, feels that she would be in a very awkward situation were the treaty renewed and trouble should break out between Japan and the United States. As part of the British Empire, Canada would be bound by the treaty, the condition of which is that Britain and Japan stand by one another if either is attacked. Canada would therefore technically be at war with her neighbor to the south, a condition of affairs would be disastrous in many ways.

Taken as a whole, public opinion in Canada is against not only a Canadian navy, but also against any contribution to the Imperial navy. The idea seems to be that Canada is not likely to fall out with any other nation, therefore she has no need for naval protection. But as long as Canada remains part of the British Empire, she is subject to all the dangers that beset it, though it should not be a difficult matter to provide in renewing the treaty, that in the event of trouble ever breaking out between Japan and the United States, Canada should be regarded as strictly neutral. At the same time, one can hardly imagine Britain taking up arms against the United States, even if she did enter into a treaty with Japan. From a Canadian standpoint, there is really very little need for an Anglo-Japanese treaty, from an Australasian point of view there is some need. Contentedly alone and unprotected, Australasia might become an easy prey to Japan's fleet, if the latter nation should ever take it into its head to forcibly resent the exclusion of Japanese from Australasia. On the other hand, Canada could never afford to take sides with any other nation against the United States. The situation is not at all clear, and it may be that the suggestion that a conference of all the nations interested in the Pacific, Great Britain, Canada, the United States, Japan and Australasia, at which all the points in difference could be taken up and discussed, is perhaps the wisest course to take.

## CIRCUSES EVER THE SAME.

Circuses are always the same. The only difference is in size. Perhaps if their owners tried to make them less like the old-time tent shows the public would lose interest. Certainly the present time circus binds the older generation to the past. Yesterday's street spectacle varied but little from the gorgeous displays of years ago, and under the big top there were the same three rings, with elephants, trapeze acrobats, bare-back equestrians, clowns and performing seals. There have been some new things introduced into a circus performance in later years; but in the main, the features are the same.

But old-timers will remember the palmy days of the circus, when the countryside for twenty miles around would pour into the county town to witness the great "free" street parade. For weeks the boardings would tell of the astounding feats of the

performers, and the denizens would stand in wonder at the leaping man-eating tigers and the blood-sweating behemoth. Vivid posters cost a lot of money but they induced circus talk in every household and circus day was the event of the year. Was there a real boy in those small town days who was not willing to forego the comfort of bed for the excitement of seeing the giant pachyderms detained and the great canvas city raised?

Burnum tried to make his circus different but the result was only expansion. He featured his "white" elephant, the circus wonder of that age, and the discovery that the "white" was ordinary housepaint did not lessen the interest in this alleged freak. The people liked to be fooled. He made Jumbo the most talked of show animal on earth, but Jumbo was just an elephant, though longer in leg than most elephants.

In those days the side-show feature was played up and competition to secure real nature freaks was keen. The real Siamese twins suggested fake freaks. The Wild Man from Borneo was a product of some dark town alley, with ivory tusks gummed on. There is a paucity of ideas just now and the side-show freak feature is languishing. Perhaps our country cousins are becoming too sophisticated.

Some will remember the furious poster advertising efforts of some of the smaller shows. Leon W. Washburn's "prancing steam-horse Ajax" spread his startlingly snorting picture in live colors over every high boarding in the town. We remember, too, the man who was shot from the cannon's mouth, the picture showing him hurtling through the air several hundred feet to the very peak of the tent. The actual feat was less blood-curdling, but we enjoyed the days of anticipation better than anything else that year. After all, we, speaking as a boy, are in favor of the old-time circus advertising stunts, even if the show doesn't live up to them.

In one respect at any rate, the present day circus is a vast improvement upon those of former years. There is now a marked absence of toughness, the coarse and ribald joke is gone, references which passed for wit but were really vulgarly have all disappeared; and they have given place to a very much more refined and in every way satisfactory exhibition. In this respect the circus which showed here yesterday left nothing to be desired. The comedies were clean and mirth provoking, including the very up-to-date "vamp."

## HIS PLACE IMPERISHABLE.

The New York Herald says: There is no length to which the Secretary of the Navy may neglect to go that can do harm to Admiral Sims. The branding of official power, court-martial, even, can do him no injury in the eyes of the American people, in the eyes of the world. His great position did not come to him over night as manna from heaven. He won it through years of work, years of thought, years of patient toil in naval tactics and naval warfare.

The achievements of Admiral Sims are carved out of the solid rock. They are imperishable. They are of the kind that place a man among the immortals. History will write the name of Sims big across its pages; it is already irrefragably written in the hearts of the American people. The ill-advised telegram of Secretary Denby to Admiral Sims, peremptorily commanding his immediate return reveals a regrettable lack of poise in the present head of our Navy. An effort to humiliate or degrade Admiral Sims, be it done by an official of the Government or by Congress itself, can have no justification. All this hysteria over the Sims utterance reveals a political subservience that is heartening to clear-headed, honest thinking Americans.

Rochester, Minn., is a town of 5,000 resident population, and it is just completing a new hotel with a capacity of 600 guest rooms. It is eleven stories in height and covers a space of upwards of 200 feet square. Yet St. John, with 20,000 people, couldn't build an hotel half this size when the proposal was put up to it some months ago.

The Government candidate in Hertford, England, was defeated in a parliamentary by-election by Rear-Admiral Suter, who presented himself on an anti-waste platform. The case is the second of the kind in a few weeks. The situation may not promise much in the way of reducing taxation; but it should be uncomfortable for the ministers.

The only business in which Sir Joseph Flavelle acknowledges he was ever beaten was in running a news-

## WHAT OTHERS SAY

Praise From Sir Hubert Stanley.  
 Prime Minister Wirth seems to be doing just what he was assigned to do. Germany, convinced that she must pay, named Wirth as paymaster. It was a thankless task. All the other leaders that had controlled German affairs since the signing of the armistice of 1918 had occupied themselves chiefly with devising means of evasion. There was no evasion with Wirth. It was incumbent on him to pay not only for Germany's war against civilization, but also for the tricks and duplicities of his predecessors. He is paying conscientiously, and almost graciously. Even Premier Briand expresses confidence in the sincerity of the new German leader.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Taught American Golf.

The great golf invasion from America serves to recall that there is still living the man who may be said to have introduced golf on the other side. In his "Fifty Years Golf," Mr. Horace Hutchinson has told us how, in a Sunday afternoon, he gave some simple demonstrations of the game at a country club near New York, and how little enthusiasm his first introduction raised in the minds of his hosts, whose utmost enthusiasm did not go beyond the concession that it might be a way of passing a lazy Sunday afternoon.—London Daily Chronicle.

## A Prevalent Malady.

A Chicago boy who stole \$100,000 worth of securities was described as suffering from "bond-intoxication," which suggests, of course, that the man who appropriates a motor car is a victim of auto-intoxication.—Boston Transcript.

## What is a Better Way?

The Toronto Star asks a pertinent question when it queries whether the Province of Ontario is possessed of a fair, honorable or satisfactory method of disposing of its timber wealth. We imagine the answer, if truthfully given from all interested, would be that it has not.

There appears to be too much guess work about the value of the timber limits offered for sale from time to time by the various governments who appear to be in power, and it is this lack which has given rise to much of the suspicion which prevails over the disposal of timber limits in Ontario. This might have been prevented by the sale of timber as much as possible, but it is not so any longer.

Some better method than the one now in use which plays into the hands of the "interests" could easily be devised. A better policy, for the time being at least, would be to put only such timber for sale as have been thoroughly cruised by agents of the province. Were this done and the data put at the disposal of possible buyers, a larger revenue should accrue to the province. Under any other system the public will always be suspicious that it is not getting full value for its forest wealth, and that privileged persons are getting confidential tips as to the nature of the information in the possession of the government.—Guelph Herald.

## A BIT OF VERSE

## A CADDIE OF COMFORT.

She whispers when the ball is teed,  
 "Slow back, sir, too, and mind yer  
 heel!"  
 Just get a dunt and gar it speed,  
 Yet, though it flies into the rough,  
 Declares I hit it right enough.

She says, when I have made a hash  
 Of every stroke and merely gash,  
 Her native soil, "Hoots! dinna fash!"  
 And when a two-hundred goes skew,  
 "Yon't want the best of them you will do."

Still, should I chance to keep the  
 And manage the long hole in nine,  
 She tells me I am "dacin' fine."  
 And then assures me with a laugh,  
 "Few will be given you a half!"  
 So at the many shots I've played  
 Most vilely she has simply said,  
 "Weel, sir, no every yin I braid."  
 And when I have even such as he  
 Have sometimes their bad days, like  
 me.

Then, should I be, say, five holes  
 down  
 And sure to lose my good half-crown,  
 She cries, "Gang on! ye'll win the  
 kind that place a man among the  
 immortals."  
 "And, though defeated, she'll exclaim,  
 'Ye've seldom played a better game.'"  
 And the next time I come to stay  
 She'll grip me by the hand and say,  
 "It's far too long ye've been away."  
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## Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

I was wawking past Mary Watkins's house slow in case she mite come out, with she didn't, so I started to wawk back again, even slower, and her mother opened the parlor window to look up and down the street, and she saw me out there, saying, "How do you do, Benny, you're not waiting for Mary are you?"

Not especially, not partickilly, I sed. Wy? I sed.  
 Because she has quite a bad stummick ake, so its probber-ly she wont be out this afternoon, sed Mrs. Watkins. And she looked up and down the street agen and then shut the window, and I went home feeling sad, thinking, Gosh, G, a stummick ake, I wonder how much it hurts.

And after supper I went around agen and Mary Watkins was setting on her front steps not looking as if anything hurt me saying, Hello Mary, hows your stummick ake?  
 I think you're perfectly dreedfil and Im going rite in, sed Mary Watkins.

Wich she started to act as if she was going to do, and I quick sed, Wy, wats the matter, wy?  
 How dare you use such a word about me in frunt of my very face? sed Mary Watkins.

Wy, gosh, wats the matter, wy? I sed. Your mother told me you had one. Its no diskrace to have a stummick ake, is it? Gosh, G wizz, I sed.

Its a diskrace to mention it in frunt of my very face weather I had one or not, and I never sed I had one and Im going rite in, sed Mary Watkins, and I sed, Well wate a minnit, holey smooaks, G winners, I want to ask you something.

Wats? sed Mary Watkins.

Hows your hed ake? I sed.

Mutch better, thank you, sed Mary Watkins. And she at agen and kepp down.

## IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

St. John, N. B., June 20, 1921.  
 To the Editor of The Standard,

Sir,—I read with much interest a letter in your paper today regarding our milk supply, and if I may impose on you would like to ask the writer of it several questions through your paper:

1st. Give reasons for disagreeable odor and bad taste which we get in milk before it has turned sour, and is such milk safe to use?  
 2nd. Is the milk which is delivered in bottles by our local dealers safe from an increase in the bacteria. And are these bottles fit for use unless properly sterilized?

3rd. In some of our city dairies I find considerable dirt and bad odor, is milk safe in such places? How about milk which is stored over night in barns?

4. How long do you consider milk should keep sweet, providing the bacteria count is within 15,000 or 20,000? Would you consider milk unfit for use if it takes on the bad taste and odor within four hours after delivery?

5th. Should milk be delivered direct to the consumer from the milk train?

There are several other questions I could like to ask, but trust that Mr. Tilley will favor us with a complete report on conditions which we see in St. John every day. That they are deplorable, there is no doubt, and what we need is a little more thought and education on so important a subject.

Thanking you for your trouble, and trusting for a full report, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,  
 CONSUMER.

## TO JOIN GRENFELL MISSION.

Boston, June 20.—A volunteer group of nine women was on the way today to the wilds of Labrador to join the forces of W. Grenfell, medical missionary. They left here last night.

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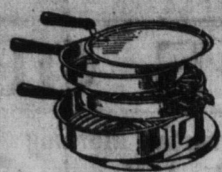
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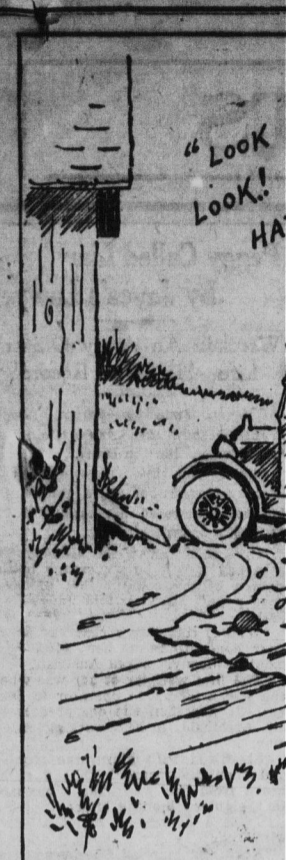
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## Atholston-Tarte Case Is Settled

Apology Made in Court—Could Not Find Evidence to Back Statements.

Montreal, June 20.—The Atholston-Tarte case, in which Lord Atholston, publisher of the Star, is suing Louis and Joseph Tarte, publishers of the Patrie, for approximately \$50,000 which was to have come up for hearing today, has been settled out of court. The sum involved was the alleged amount of three promissory notes.

The Messrs. Tarte made the following statement in court:

"The case of Lord Atholston against us, Tarte, L. J. and Eugene Tarte, was settled this morning to the satisfaction of the plaintiff. We published in connection with this matter certain statements of a derogatory character against Lord Atholston. We believe it to be our duty to declare those aspersions were unjustified. Indeed, we had pleaded among other

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