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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 differ considerably from those of the Premier of Canada on the matter of naval defence. 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.

performers, and the denizens would stand in wonder at the leaping manning 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? Barnum 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 gummied on. There is a paucity of ideas just now and the side-show freak feature is languishing. Perhaps our country contains are becoming too sophisticated.

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, on 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 \$700,000 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. We should 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 persons and the 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 permissible in times gone by, when timber was so cheap, but it is not so any longer.

Some better method than the one now in vogue, which plays into the hands of the "interests" could surely be devised. A better policy, for the time being at least, would be to put up only such timber lands 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 would be derived from 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 heels." "Just get a dunt and gar it speed," Yet, though it flies into the rough, declares I hit it right enough.

His Place Imperishable. The New York Herald says: There is no length to which the Secretary of the Navy may glee to go that can do harm to Admiral Sims. The branding of official power, court-martialing 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 LAUGH LINE. Same Old Stuff. "There is nothing new under the sun." "You're right, old top, I was quite convinced of that when I went to the circus." The Fall of the Mighty. Harold Hairbrush was not able to appear at the recent rehearsal of a caveman scenario in which he is to be featured. He was completely prostrated with a hangnail. It will be remembered that Harold was held last year for some time with a vicious attack of dandruff.—Thrift Magazine.

THE LAUGH LINE

Practice Makes Perfect. "Scotch is making quite a name for himself as a writer of Boston." "No wonder, he had a splendid preliminary training for such work." "How so?" "He used to write booklets for summer resorts." Ain't it the Truth. South Portland says says the advice that is given for nothing is generally worth just about as much.

Benny's Note Book

I was wawking past Mary Watkins's house slow in case she mite come out, with she dident, 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 particularly, I sed. Why? I sed. Because she has quite a bad stummick ake, so its prober-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 drefill 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 wiz, I sed. Its a diskrace to mention it in frunt of my very face wether I had one or not, and I never sed I had one and Im going rite in, sed Mary Watkins, and I sed, Well wats a minnit, hony 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 sat 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 in 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.

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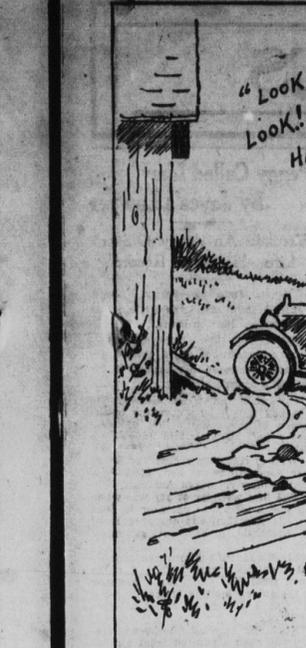
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After the Jones Bail

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 La Patrie, L. J. and Eugene Tarte, and Joseph Tarte, publishers of La 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 La Patrie, 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 that those aspersions were unjustified indeed, we had pressed among others

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