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EXTRAVAGANCE AT OTTAWA.

For some years back the cry of bank managers and other financiers has been "economize." One party that paid no attention to this was the group of men in power at Ottawa. There has reigned a carnival of extravagance.

Speaking on the subject of "The Civil Service Administration," Hon. W. S. Fielding said that there has been "gross mismanagement and gross waste." Evidently an Augean stable awaits some Hercules to clean up. Shakespeare talked on "cleaning out the catapillars of the commonwealth." It is worse than a case of catapillars at the Canadian capital.

As for the cost of national railways, the figures are so frightful that the small percentage of Canadian electors who think at all about governmental affairs are beginning to be appalled. The militia services are to cost us this coming year \$19,000,000, 441 men drawing salaries of \$643,751. Last year 132 men were enough, with salaries of \$227,930! Whatever may be said about the public necessity of railroads, why in the name of common sense should the country pay salaries to hordes of civil servants with little or nothing to do? The other departments show much the same story. (The Government seems to be doing all it can for its friends before the inevitable end. Witness the 24,000 people appointed by patronage to gather in the census. We may rest assured that this census will cost us all it can be made to do.)

THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

Sir Philip Gibbs says that President Harding will probably call a world council to settle the affairs of Europe. This would be welcomed by Great Britain and France so far as settlement of debts among the Allies is concerned. But they would not agree to any supersession of the League of Nations or a Republic clique at Washington.

Possibly the German leaders still hope for some breach between the Entente and the United States to help them out of paying their debts. As Sir Philip Gibbs says, whom no one can consider a reactionist or a jingo, "you cannot believe a word the Junkers say, and the trouble with Germany is that that old crowd is still in power." President Harding will soon find out, if he does not know already, that the first step towards a restored world, with prosperity for America, as well as Europe, must be not a tearing up or forgetting of what was done at Versailles, but a united world compulsion on Germany to keep her word, keep peace and pay her debts.

One thing that holds Ireland still in tumult is the expectation of the Sinn Feiners that war is not over yet. In Europe, the United States may be jockeyed into playing Germany's game against West-European civilization, and that the Bolshevik peril may be worked to let German schemers have their way. But sensible people will look to Harding, Hughes and Hoover to steer the United States right, to support the manifest interest of civilization, to make truth and honesty prevail, and put down lies.

CLEANSING THE STAGE.

The big men of the movies, vaudeville and music are working to bring about a cleaner stage. In Los Angeles the most largely-attended meeting of the Motion Picture Directors' Association of America was addressed by W. W. Hodgkinson, the well-known distributor. Mr. Hodgkinson told the directors that the total volume of theatre business now is about eight hundred million dollars a year, and that it would increase to a billion and a half dollars the first year of clean pictures.

When mothers and fathers can permit their children to go to theatres freely the box-office will double its business.

Samuel Goldwyn issued instructions to his Culver City studio as follows:

"No pictures showing sex attraction in any suggestive or improper manner shall be produced, and there must be no salaciousness in photoplay titles and advertising matter."

No picture shall be produced which makes drunkenness or gambling attractive, and stories dealing with the underworld shall not be presented unless such scenes are merely a part of a conflict between right and wrong. Nothing is to be pictured which might instruct in the methods of committing crime.

No incident in a story shall needlessly offend the holders of a religious belief.

Jesse L. Lasky has promulgated a list of "fourteen points" to be observed in future pictures produced by his company. They include:

No pictures showing sex attraction in a suggestive or improper manner.

Stories built up on illicit love relations, or only if they convey a moral lesson.

Nakedness banned. No pictures depicting indecent exposure, or unnecessarily prolonged passionate love scenes.

No pictures principally concerned with the underworld.

No pictures which might instruct the morally weak in crime methods.

No stories which may offend any religious sect.

No incidents which may offend decent people.

Suggestive comedy barred. Unnecessary depiction of bloodshed must be avoided.

No salacious titles nor advertising.

Mr. Lasky declared he undertook the purification of his own volition, and was not influenced in any way by censorship or "blue law" agitation. He asserted also he would make no effort to induce his fellow-producers to take similar steps.

The president of one large vaudeville circuit has sent out orders to the effect that nothing of a vulgar nature is to be permitted on any of his stages.

The board of governors of the Music Publishers' Protective Association in New York decided to urge every publisher of modern songs in the country to turn down any lyric that should not be rated chemically pure.

"Aside from the fact that publishers do not wish to be sponsors for songs capable of indecent construction," said E. C. Mills, executive secretary, "the purely commercial aspect of the situation is that from now on such songs are to be barred from the better vaudeville theatres, and publishers who back them may find professional support withdrawn."

Unquestionably the entertainment interests of the country have placed the burden of responsibility where it belongs, squarely on the shoulders of the public. The people can have clean entertainment by encouraging and supporting those producers and those theatres dealing in clean pictures, clean vaudeville and clean music. Tell your story to the box-office, and you will find the film people anxious to provide the form of photoplay you demand.

THE RIGHT THING.

There should be general approval of the decision made by the Legislature to probe charges against the honesty of its members. The public wants to know what members have been corrupted, if any bribes have been accepted in connection with legislation. On the other hand, if the charges are wild statements, without foundation, those making them should not be permitted to escape a public reprimand. If we are to hold the Legislature in respect, accusations of corruption unsupported by facts must cease.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The board of education should not be swamped on the high seas of estimates. The trustees could Row to shore.

In his inaugural address President Harding unleashed two split infinitives. So we know he's just plain folk like the rest of us.

England will scrap eight more battleships. That doesn't sound as if she wanted another "scrap," as some of her enemies charge.

The Moscow Government hotly denies there is any connection between the Petrograd rebellion and the peasant revolts, but that only proves that Sovietism is unpopular in different parts for different reasons.

LETTERS.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

To the Editor of the Advertiser: I have read the letter of Mr. Gavin W. Allan of Toronto in your column in relation of the charges made against Christian Science as a system of healing by the Ontario Medical Association in their recent memorial to the Provincial Government. The main issue is, of course, more the concern of the medical fraternity. However, as Mr. Allan speaks for his association or so-called church in a general way, a few observations from the lay point of view may not be regarded as an intrusion.

To begin with, I have no animosity whatever to that peculiar faith or to any of its adherents, and only give my personal opinion in the interest of what I regard as the truth. Regarding "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," which Mr. Allan alludes to as the textbook of this religious fraternity, I can only say that I have tried on different occasions

to interest myself in its teachings, but without success. To me it is but a hope-pledge of misinterpreted and misapplied Scripture citations and allusions—and bad metaphysics. Even the name is objectionable as the cognomen, "Key to the Scriptures" carries the unwarranted implication that Mary Baker Eddy held some kind of a "corner" on Scripture interpretation.

The claim is boldly made that that strange book of absurdities is founded entirely on Scripture. The writer may be dense, but he has yet to be shown where Christ or his New Testament interpreters taught that sin, disease and death have no objective reality, but are merely vagaries or "delusions of mortal mind!" The whole mental and spiritual atmosphere of Jesus and his apostles was a stern reality, not a region of mist and metaphysical unrealities and absurdities.

The claim of Christian Science, expressed by Mr. Allan in his concluding sentence is misleading and indicative of the narrow outlook and provincialism of that system in common with some other small sects. He says: "Christian Science is neither more nor less than the rest of the world's religions, and the practice of the Christian religion."

Such an anachronism is impossible and absurd. We cannot put the new wine of twentieth century knowledge into the cracked and smoked wine-skins of the first century of our era. They believed in bodily demoniacal possession, as an explanation of many forms of mental and even bodily disease, and practiced exorcism. Their whole surroundings were primitive and insular, and their so-called "physicians" in their ignorance and superstition made their "patients" suffer horrible concoctions. Christ walked up and down through Galilee and Judea healing the sick by his miraculous word and touch, and this gift of divine healing was afterwards conferred upon his disciples and apostles. These miraculous cures were not merely an expression of the innate human sympathy of Jesus, but they were to be regarded as the credentials of his mission. To the followers of Jesus and the infant Christian church they were, besides, divine supports to enable them to "carry on" in the stifling spiritual atmosphere of surrounding heathendom. All this, however, was but a stage in the evolution of Christian society and Christian belief and experience, and just as the church and the world has long since outgrown the dictum of Paul regarding the subjection of women, so also she has been enabled to discard the crutches of miraculous cures and depend upon modern sanitation and expert medical and surgical knowledge. Think of the rise of science and the useful arts and the affiliation of the former with the church, once its enemy! Think, too, of the rise of democracy and the emancipation and enfranchisement of women! How gloriously, too, woman rose to the great occasion in her war activities! There was hardly a field of human labor from the most plebeian toil to the most intricate processes in the mechanical, chemical and surgical arts where the hand of woman was not seen. This was forcibly impressed upon the writer while viewing two characteristic pictures depicting a woman in her shop where two sturdy British matrons were engaged in the arduous task of forging heavy iron sockets used in the construction of large tanks. There they were, the glow of the forge reflected in their tanned faces, their heads bare and their sleeves up to the elbows. One woman held the heavy die upon a glowing piece of metal she had just placed upon the anvil with the tongs, while her companion wielded the sledge-hammer and forged it to the necessary shape! The other picture depicted a young woman, neatly dressed, as well as more studious and refined in appearance. She sat at a table, having before her a chart upon which she was all the resources of modern mechanics at her command was plotting the trajectory of projectiles at different velocities! Yes, and think of a leading war hospital and surgeons. Think of those noble women, inspired by the desire to relieve human suffering, and with the confidence born of expert medical and surgical knowledge, undertaking successfully even difficult major operations!

No, we cannot go back to the healing methods of the first century. We can, however, recover their intense religious zeal, their hatred of evil, their love for the brethren, and their undying regard and attachment to the person of their risen Lord. D. STEWART.

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EVERYTHING.

LOVE'S PHILOSOPHY. [Shelly.]

The fountains mingle with the river, And the rivers with the ocean, The winds of heaven mix forever, With a sweet emotion.

Nothing in the world is single: All things by a law divine In another's being mingle— Why not I with thine?

See, the mountains kiss high heaven, And the waves kiss one another; No sister flower would be forgiven If it disdained its brother; And the sunlight clasps the earth, And the moonbeams kiss the sea; What are all these kissings worth, If thou kiss not me?

A TENSE SITUATION.

Fortune Teller—You wish to know about your future husband? Customer—No, I wish to know about the past of my present husband for future use.

"SHADOWS ON THE CURTAIN." [E. W. Dewar.]

I awoke from the dreams of the night, To find the curtains flung aside, And looked, when the sunbeams lay bright,

To see that the moon might disclose, My window looked out on the east, And opened to welcome the sun, As he rose from the darkness released, All girded, his journey to run, I watched as I lay.

The leaf shadow play, (For the trees were marked in green) As they silently danced, And the curtains parted between, On the curtain suspended between, Then I drew the broad curtain aside, And looked out on the beautiful world, The dewdrops were flashing, and wide Were the banners of beauty unfurled; The leaves that had silently hung Their shadows to darken my room Each answered with musical tongue To the zephyrs that played with its bloom.

And thus it may be, At life's ending with me, When death rends the curtain away, I may rise to behold, In beauty unrolled, The morn of a shadowless day.

ONE EXCEPTION. [Punch Bowl.]

Professor—Nobody ever heard of a sentence without a predicate? Bright Soph—"I have, prof."

Professor—"What is it?" Bright Soph—"Thirty days."

LAUGHTER. [Philander Johnson.]

A baby laughs as if its face Reflected sunshine from the sky: The light may fade and leave no trace Amid the clouds, a year or so. One man will show a cunning leer, Or grin with avicious pride; Another with contemptuous sneer, Has put true laughter far aside.

A real retain the power to touch Each weary day with generous fun All men attempt to laugh, but much Depends at last on how it's done.

TRIBUTES. [New York Sun.]

Madge—"Did you send his presents back when you broke the engagement?"

Marie—"Of course not. Did you send back the silver cups you had won when you resigned from the golf club?"

VOCATION. [John Drinkwater in Scribner's.]

This be my pilgrimage and goal, Daily to march and find, The secret phrases of the soul, Who still upon the port word As heavenly fowls wait.

While easy tongues are lightly heard, Let me with them be great, Who still upon the port word As heavenly fowls wait.

In taverns none will I be seen, But on my demon teach My cloudy thought to wash all clean In the bright sun of speech.

OTHERS' VIEWS.

FORTY-FOOT SHARKS. [San Francisco Argonaut.]

Shark fishing on the Pacific Coast of Canada is reported as having developed into an established industry. Shark fishermen are making money, and are also making records in big catches.

The sharks are what is known as the "mud" variety, ground feeders at great depths and entirely harmless to human beings. They live in great numbers in the deep inlets of the coast, and are valuable for their livers, their skins, and the fertilization value of their flesh and bones. At Main Island, the shark fishermen are catching very large mud sharks at a depth of 100 and 125 feet. Some have been 35 feet long, and one skipper of a coast schooner declares one body he saw was at least 40 feet long from nose to tail.

JURY TROUBLE. [London Observer.]

Now comes distressing news from Leicester—the case of the jurymen's child. A mixed jury—six men and six women—was sitting on a murder case. After a long session the court was adjourned at 8 o'clock in the evening and the jury conducted to a neighboring hotel, where they were to pass the night, resuming the trial in the morning.

About 9 o'clock a desperate young man rushed up to the constable on duty at the court and asked news of his wife, a jurymen's child.

"I've come to see her," he said, "I can do nothing with the child. It keeps crying for its mamma. I've called in all the neighbors, but they can't stop its crying. I've tried my hardest to soothe it. It's no use. Can't I take the baby to its mother?"

The warden said: "It is not recorded what the young father did to amuse the baby until the case was concluded, at 2:30 p.m. the next day."

AS THEY DO IT NOW IN ENGLAND. [London Morning Post.]

Most parents in announcing through the press the birth of a child, generally adhere to the usual stereotyped way of doing so, and state: "To Mr. and Mrs. 'X' a son or daughter."

"A son or daughter," occasionally one comes across the phrase, "the gift of a son or daughter," as the case may be. The parents, however, are now adopting a style which is very unusual in this country, and that is the new arrival himself or herself apparently announcing his or her advent. In the case of a daughter the announcement is in the following terms: "Miss So-and-so, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. 'X' has been born."

—(address of her parents), on the 1st inst., and is doing well."

WHY THE 'BUS DRIVER LIKED THE BISHOP. [London Daily Chronicle.]

It is because of his breezy intimacy that the bishop of London, who is 63 today, has won the affections of those who form his thronging diocese. Perhaps the handsomest compliment ever paid to him came from an old 'bus driver. "Look at 'em! Just look at 'em!" he said, waving his whip towards the crowd gathered round the bishop, who was preaching from the open-air pulpit at St. James' Piccadilly. "I ain't religious, mind you, and I can't stomach parsons. They're fair pizen to me; but 'im—well, 'is 'is different. There's something 'uman about 'im. I've 'ard 'im down east many a time, and I tell you, when you've been a listening to 'im for a bit, a kind of clean feeling takes 'old on you, same's if it was your day off and you'd 'ad a bath and got your Sunday suit on."

CABINET RECONSTRUCTION. [St. John Globe.]

Dealing with the question of cabinet reconstruction, talk of which continues at Ottawa, the usually well-informed correspondent of the Montreal Star says "there is no question as to who are in view for ultimate choice, but the doubt, rather, has been as to when it will be done. It is now reported that reconstruction may be begun at once, starting with the choice of Deputy Speaker Bolvin as a cabinet member, and including, sooner or later, D. Manion of Fort William, W. A. Boys of Simcoe, H. H. Stevens of Vancouver." The writer suggests that no extensive changes will be made during the session, but expects there "will be at least a start."

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CANADA? ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUESTIONS.

1—Nova Scotia's two largest lakes are Bras d'Or and Little Bras d'Or.

2—Canada's 1919 merchandise imports yielded \$158,046,334.

3—The Canadian National Railways was organized by an order-in-council in 1919.

4—At the time of the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway the total population of Canada west of the Great Lakes was 168,165.

5—The area of Vancouver Island is 10,000,000 acres.

6—The great strike in Winnipeg was held May 1 to June 1, 1919.

7—The Titanic was sunk in April, 1912.

8—Peter Donovan, Canadian journalist, is the author of "Imperfectly Proper."

9—H. J. Daly is president of the Home Bank of Canada.

10—Canada's 1918 tobacco consumption was 47,463,483 pounds; cigars, 221,087,110.

TODAY'S QUESTIONS.

1—Which of the Great Lakes is the highest above sea level?

2—What is Toronto's population?

3—What is the combined yearly expenditure of the federal and provincial governments in aid of agricultural development and production?

4—When did the United States declare war against Germany?

5—What proportion of Canada's territory is still unexplored?

6—Who is Dr. Wilfred Grenfell?

7—When did the Hudson's Bay Company celebrate its 250th anniversary in Western Canada?

8—In whose honor was Toronto's name changed to York?

9—Who was the first white man to explore Bering Sea and Bering Strait?

10—Who is president of the Imperial Bank?

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Toronto, Ontario—"I suffered for a long time from a female weakness, inflammation, and a terrible backache caused by that condition. One day one of your booklets was left at my door, and I read how other women with troubles like mine had been made well, so I got a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and a package of Sanative Wash, and it helped me wonderfully, and I now have the finest little baby boy that any mother could want. I want to recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to any woman who has female troubles."—MRS. JOSEPH LA BELLA, 773 Shaw Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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