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A WARNING.

"There are voices in Canada today, lifted on behalf of independence. It seems the break-up of the British Empire. Will the Maritimes take the initial step by disrupting Canada?"

The words are those of the Reverend Canon A. P. Shafford, Montreal, who spoke the other day in Toronto after a visit of two weeks to Nova Scotia where, according to his belief, "secession has more support than in healthy Canada."

Canon Shafford talks somewhat like a prophet of doom, and we in the Maritimes, who have no thought of "disrupting Canada" and who believe the foundations of the Empire were never more solid, nevertheless recognize in this clergyman a sterling and vigilant patriot who would avoid any leaning toward exaggeration but who is most anxious that his fellow-Canadians should avoid the one real danger by giving reasonable satisfaction to the Atlantic provinces and to prepare this country for a greater measure of reality and a deeper sense of Canadianism throughout the nine provinces.

Canon Shafford says that secession for Nova Scotia would be the direct calamity for that province, that the rights of the Maritimes could not be secured by secession, and that the true destiny of this division is within the Canadian nation—statements that will be received with ready assent and approval, statements which should be considered thoroughly by the federal government and by the people of Ontario particularly, since upon the federal authority and the selfish interests in the industrial centres of Canada must rest the larger share of responsibility for the Maritime movement which Canon Shafford regards with so much uneasiness.

Answering his own question, "Will the Maritimes take the initial step by disrupting Canada?" Canon Shafford replies "I cannot think it. I refuse to believe that there are problems insoluble within Confederation. It is incredible to me that we should undo sixty years of Canadian history."

It is incredible to us in the Maritimes that it should be necessary to suggest undoing sixty years of Canadian history, but it is also incredible to us that the Maritimes can be expected by some of the little Canadians in the Upper Provinces to continue to contribute their share of the cost of federal enterprises and policies without enjoying their rightful share of the benefits arising from them.

We are now awaiting the report of the Duncan Commission regarding matters of vital importance to the Maritimes, and the action of the Maritimes King administration with respect to the whole Maritime situation. Canon Shafford's fears and suggestions might well be addressed rather to those who have the power to deal promptly and generously with the Maritimes than to the million and more Canadians who dwell in this part of the Dominion.

SPARE THE ROD.

Owners of motor cars in London, Ontario, are complaining that somebody is removing numbers of hub caps from cars parked in the streets. Profound mischief of this kind sounds like boys. This and the suspicion that the sinking of the old man-of-war Pelican at her moorings in North Sydney harbor may be the work of boys who opened her valves, invites us to ponder the question of dealing with youngsters of that description. Boys will be boys in all ages and climes. Mischief is almost as highly developed in and quite as natural to the young of the human species as is the case with our simian collateral. In fact most boys are monkeys only more so—and we would not have it otherwise.

Generally speaking the adult realizes that outbreaks of youthful mischief are mere ebullitions of animal spirits which are to be controlled by affording legitimate outlet, rather than by repression. The story of a prank amuses more often than it arouses ire. But there are limits. It is one thing to hand a tube of muck to a short-sighted friend who asks for tooth paste and quite another to proffer white arsenic to the neighbor who wants to borrow sugar. There are alleged jokes that lack even the elements of humor. In short, there is a limit to the tolerance of mischief.

It is naturally human to wish to go the limit every time. Youth is often prone to over-step the bounds, and that is where the parent—in most cases the school teacher, does his or her best to inculcate discipline—should come in. If not for his own peace and comfort then as a civic duty, the parent must check too great exuberance of spirits when such is manifest in his offspring. Punishment stern and relentless is then called for. Exactly what form it should take is a matter for individual consideration, but the rod, or its equivalent in strap, shingle or slipper, applied in the conventional manner, is the surest, safest, speediest and most efficacious guard to juvenile excesses. King Solo.

The Price of Victory



Young Fritz: "Who is that worried looking man over there, Father?"
Old Fritz: "Well, you would hardly believe it, but that is the gentleman who won the war."
From The Evening Express, Cardiff, Wales.

Queer Quirks of Nature

APPEARS EV'RY SPRING

By AUSTIN H. CLARK

THROUGHOUT the Pacific Islands the spring season is recognized as the time of the appearance of this creature, and wherever it occurs the season and even the months are named for it. It would seem, therefore, to be a creature of importance. So it is; it is none other than the palolo. The palolo is a kind of sea-worm which when fully grown averages about 16 inches in length and is sharply divided into a thick forward part measuring about one-quarter of its length and a slender posterior part.

In the slender hinder part the eggs are formed, and on or near the day of the last quarter of the moon in October and November, which is spring time in the regions where it lives, it wriggles backward in its burrow in the coral rock of similar situation and breaks off the hinder end, which rises to the surface and swims about, finally bursting and scattering the eggs.

These swimming worm-ends are considered a great delicacy by the natives and are gathered in great quantities. In Samoa and in Fiji this swimming worm is well known and has been carefully studied. The same or a similar worm occurs in the same way at other places, in the Gilbert and Banks Islands, in the New Hebrides, on the east coast of New Ireland, and at Amboina.

The Palolo



FREDERICK LUNNEY

Extraordinary how people are forever discovering facts that have been well known for ages. The London Housekeepers' Gazette announces as a new thing that jam makers are coloring their manufactures with Quebec blueberry. The only novelty about it is the Quebec part. For at least thirty-five years, and it may be 850 for all one knows, Ireland has sent London tons of what are called bilberries in County Cork—but are identical with the Canadian blueberries—for jam coloring. Moreover, the dye used for deep blue-mauve in Scottish tartans is made from the blueberry—the same fruit.

The Press throughout the continent of North America has been and still is increasingly active in its campaign to reduce the number of fatalities due to motor accidents. There is good cause for this when it is learnt that one year's loss of motor accidents in the United States cost that country's total war casualties of killed and died of wounds. The newspaper offensive ranges from the preventive to the punitive and the educative. In Oklahoma the policy is "to keep everlastingly at it to drive home the fact that any one makes for the elimination of traffic accidents." One of the most original methods is the organization of "Safe Driving Clubs" whose members pledge themselves to caution and display a button in token thereof. All automobile clubs and associations might well make similar representations to their members.

Notable Remarks
A full stomach cannot be aroused to revolution over the empty dinner pail of someone else—Edgar Lee. The modern woman doesn't want enough clothes to fill a trunk—S. W. F. Draper, (President of the New York Transfer Co.)

Most college presidents, if they dared to admit it, would undoubtedly describe their heaven as a place that lacked alumni—ercy. Marks. Mergers conceived by engineers and astute business men as a means of lowering production costs and increasing profits frequently end up in the reverse order—J. Barton Neely.

The question of sex is really cupping thunder for less than that at any time in history—Hugh A. Studdert Kennedy.

The essential quality of culture is zest and delight—Jesse Lee Bennett. Slowly does the adult world come to view the child as something besides a possession and a responsibility—Miriam Van Waters.

Safety First
When Sandy got on the tram he asked for a penny ticket. "At the end of the penny stage he asked for another penny ticket. This was repeated for about five stages until at last the conductor, getting irritable, said to him, "Why didn't you get a sixpenny ticket?" "Loah, man, dinna teller!" replied Sandy, in great surprise and indignation. "What if the car broke down?"

Renewal.
Against a glow of amber, pierced By crystal stars, the plowers fly, And sharply through the icy air Cut their keen cry. Cuts through the cloth that held me fast.

And in my heart that amber glow, Awakes, and stars sing in my blood, And I must go.

Wilfred Gibson.

Timely Views On World Topics

FALSE IDEALS OF FASHIONABLE RICH BREED TRAGEDY

By MRS. PHILIP LYDIE, Wealthy Social Leader of New York, in the October Red Book Magazine.

THERE are, of course, in fashionable life, some happy marriages of young people who fall in love naturally, in spite of their wealth, and married couples any where. But there are few of them. They are usually the sons and daughters of very wealthy parents who counsel them, in their childhood, against the dangers and temptations of the rich, and who very often ruin the children of the rich.

I used to be told that such a point of view about marriage was romantic and mushy, and people continually pointed out to me in the same way at other places, in the Gilbert and Banks Islands, in the New Hebrides, on the east coast of New Ireland, and at Amboina.

COPC CLEAN UP.
EDINBURGH.—During the strike, it now appears, Edinburgh Police used up all available supplies of the official police club, oft referred to as the "billy." The shortage presented a major problem. A policeman, obviously, is no policeman without his stick. It simply isn't done. In the emergency a great mind rose and suggested that proper sticks could be made of roller towel rollers. So alterations were interrupted and the situation was saved.

OUT OF A JOB.
PARIS.—Gay Paris is not so gay these days. With a sense of national calamity hanging over the city, Parisians are unusually sensitive to minor or purely imaginary ills. Take the case of the Baroness de Lamare. A short time ago she was acclaimed by all Paris for her courage and devotion to duty. She was a successful and was working her way through the world of the competitive field. And then Paris became inflamed over the Hungarian franc forgery and race track scandal, and she became so bit that the Baroness was forced to give up the only work she was able to do in order to make a living. In common with many other of Europe's aristocracy her finances have been depleted. The Baroness now seeks work elsewhere.

Other Views
EASY MONEY
(Stratford Beacon-Herald.)
Jack Dempsey makes as much as \$850,000 out of one prize fight, and the total gate receipts are expected to be \$1,750,000. If 875 men were paid a wage of \$2,000 a year, the gate receipts would meet their entire payroll. And 875 men working at \$2,000 a year is certainly more to the point than two men galloping off with the pay sheet for punching each other, trunk and jaw, a few minutes.

LAW IS ENFORCED
(Petrolia Advertiser-Tropic)
According to a new law that has just been enacted in England, the penalty for being drunk while driving a motor car is four months in prison and a fine of \$250. In addition to this the license of the driver is automatically revoked for one year. And when a law is passed in England it is enforced. They do not put as many laws on their statute books as we do, but there is no playing with the law when once enacted.

AN EPITAPH
Here lies in peace John Henry Drake Who made one sad mistake, alas! Instead of jamming on the brake He put his foot upon the gas.

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POEMS I LOVE

"The Spire of Oxford," by W. M. Letts.

Miss Letts's poem will live when many another has died. It was one of the most inspired of the many beautiful utterances brought forth by the World War, and everyone should know it. Curiously enough, I found the present mission is to be a peaceful containing it two years ago in Oxford, and the keeper of the book confessed to me that he had never heard of it!

I saw the spire of Oxford As I was passing by, The grey spire of Oxford Against a peal-grey sky, My heart was with the Oxford men Who went abroad to die.

The years go fast in Oxford, The golden years and gay; The hoary colleges look down On careless boys at play, But when the bugles sounded—War! They put their games away.

They left the peaceful river, The cricket field, the quad, The shaven lawns of Oxford To seek a bloody sod. They gave their merry youth away For country and for God.

God rest you, happy gentlemen, Who laid your good lives down, Who gave the life and the gun Instead of cap and gown. God bring you to a fairer place Than this Oxford town. (Copyright by David Mead & Co. Poem reprinted by permission.)

WHO'S WHO IN THE DAYS NEWS

COUNT FELIX VON LUCKNER The German "Sea Devil" is head of the United States. This announcement would have caused some apprehension during the late war, but his present mission is to be a peaceful and harmless one. He is coming as a lecturer.

"Sea Devil" is the sobriquet that Count Felix von Luckner, commander of the German raider Seeadler (Sea Eagle) earned during the third year of the war, when he played the devil with commercial shipping in the Atlantic Pacific.

Late in 1916 a German submarine captured the 2,800 ton American ship *Peconic*, the property of a British lumber firm. The vessel was fitted out as a raider, with Captain von Luckner in command. The Seeadler flew the Norwegian flag. She had Norwegian papers and photographs of the royal Norwegian family adorned her cabins. Her crew of 88 from Captain von Luckner down, spoke Norwegian. And on her decks and in her hold she carried lumber.

Thus disguised, with two 105-millimetre guns and sixteen machine guns and provisions and water to last her crew four months, she sailed forth at the end of December, 1916, on a cruise of destruction. Within ten weeks she had sunk 13 French and British ships. The 14th, a French bark captured off the coast of South America, arrived in Rio de Janeiro with 800 prisoners, the crews of the other 13 vessels, aboard.

Thereafter von Luckner had little success. He sank two more allied ships, but on August 2 his vessel was wrecked in a hurricane on the coast of a South Sea island. A month later he was captured and interned at Wellington, N. Z. Until his release at the end of the war British authorities and officers treated him at all times with the respect and friendly feelings due a gallant enemy.

Captain Luckner will visit the U. S. and later circle the globe, in a ship of his own—a sailing vessel of the same type as the Seeadler. The funds for the purchase of the ship were raised by a nation-wide appeal, particularly to the young men and women of Germany.

TREATMENT OF HARVESTERS (Edmonton Journal)
The Western Producer has a plea for the according of better treatment to these young men who are brought to the west each year to help the farmers with their harvesting operations. In many instances, it says, the impression of westerners, which they have taken home with them has not been good. Too much of a disposition has been shown to regard them as an unavoidable nuisance, something to be got rid of with the least possible delay, an unpleasant incident in the life of the farm. The Saskatchewan weekly finds that on the whole they have been a very decent lot, and that more of an effort should be made to induce them to stay or to come back at a later date. As a purely agricultural journal, it is in an exceptionally favorable position to give this advice, which should be heeded carefully.

A MAN AND HIS COW
FARMER (to his son). Set out a bottle and mark plain on them bottles which is for my wife and which is for the cow. I don't want nothing to happen to that Jersey cow."—Tit-Bits, London.

Just Fun
THE young woman who boasts that her face is her fortune should realize that she will in time have to charge off quite a lot for depreciation.

THE sky is brightest when bluest, but it's different with a man.

THE industrious gardener may be accused of hunting for fish worms, while the fishing devotee may be credited with being a hard working gardener.

STICK TO CHOICE
"SO YOU want to marry my daughter," said Mr. Brown to the anxious youth. "Have you seen her mother?"
"Yes, but daughters don't always grow up like their mothers."—Answer, London.

BETWEEN SPORTSMEN
"ANY luck today?"
"Two rabbits. And you?"
"Twelve rabbits, nine geese, a turkey and four ducks!"
They put their games away.

A HUSBAND is a person who goes out regularly and comes in irregularly.

NO Delusion About the Latter: From a divorce report—"She claims that marriage is nothing but a delusion and a snore."

WE DOUBT if all the radio static is due to the weather. Ever hear any of the orchestra broadcasting?

A SINGLE man doesn't have anyone to sympathize with him so he feels good nearly all the time.

CLERK: For the love of Mike, operator, when are you going to get me that number?
Operator: Say, you got a drum in your car?
Clerk: Yes!
Operator: Well beat it.

DINNER STORIES
A YOUNG American went into a barber shop in Monte Carlo the other day and asked for a hair cut. "Head rest right, sir?" said the barber, as he got out his scissors. "No," said the young man. "It's too comfortable. Raise it please. You see the last time I was in a Riviera barber shop I fell asleep, and when I woke up I owed the establishment my next quarter's income."

THE bishop, seated in a Pullman car, was absorbed in a book. The porter scrutinized him very carefully, and said:
"Seize me, Schator, anything? Ah kin do fo' you, sub?"
The bishop replied in the negative. The porter soon returned and asked: "Shall Ah open the window, Gounmuh?"
"No, thanks."

A third excursion he ventured, "Seize me, Kull'm, kaint Ah brush yo' off?" The bishop looked up. "Listen, porter, he said, 'I'm not a senator, or governor or colonel, nothing but a poor common, episcopal bishop.'"
"Yassah, Bishop, Ah jes' knowed yo' was one of dem faw cawds."

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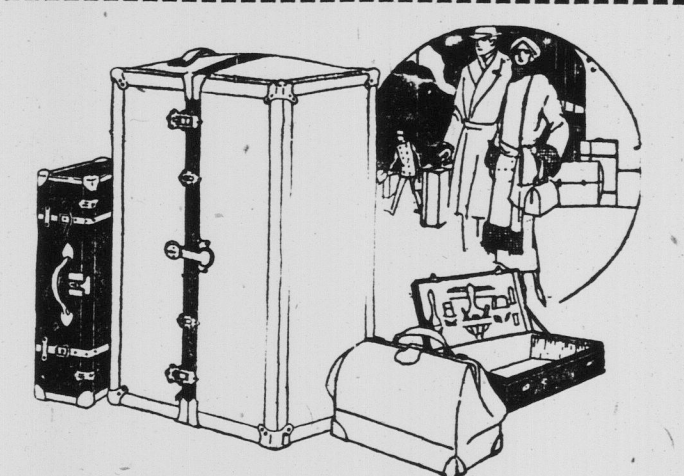
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