

## MASS TELEPATHY TEST FAILURE

10 Million English People Concentrate, But Jury Unable to Get Idea

Interesting Experiment is Tried—Lady Tree is Amongst Judges

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The concentrated thoughts of approximately ten million listeners in failed a few nights ago to convey to the minds of eight prominent men and women, seated in a locked room in the Savoy Hotel, six simple subjects on which the vast multitude had been asked to fix their minds.

The occasion was an attempt on the part of the B. B. C. to test the possibilities of "mass telepathy." Sir Alfred Robbings, seated at the microphone in the 2 L O studio, directed the test and informed the listeners-in of the subject on which they were to concentrate.

Lady Tree, Miss Diana Dore, Commander Kenworthy, M. P., and Mr. James Agate were among the eight people who tried to read the thoughts of all Great Britain. After the listeners-in had been given the subject, the "jury" were allowed one minute in which to receive the telepathic wave.

VARIED ANSWERS. The letter "K" was the first subject chosen. All England thought of "K" for a minute. In the Savoy Hotel the "jury" tried to keep their minds blank for the reception of the thoughts. At the end of the minute they gave their conclusions. "K" said Mr. Agate. "Z" from Lady Tree. Miss Zena Dare chose "G." "B" was Commander Kenworthy's choice. Miss Dorothy Warren picked on "K" as her third guess.

The whole jury were mystified by the choice of the word "Saturday." Not one of them guessed right. When the three of diamonds were chosen for the third test subject Mr. Stobart, of the B. B. C., was nearest.

He selected the "four of diamonds." "Seven" was selected for the fourth attempt. Again the jury were hopelessly "out." "49-13-300-13-19-33" came the guesses. "A triangle" was the fifth test. Miss Warren said, "An isosceles triangle." All the rest chose circles or polygons. Lady Tree said she could not keep her mind off "a shilling."

STRONG ON SHILLINGS. Sir Alfred Robbings chose the game of bridge for the final test. Mr. James Agate, possibly voicing the unconscious thoughts of the people, thought of "lamp" that might be burning on the Cenotaph. Lady Tree again plumped for shillings. Miss Warren finished the test by declaring that every one was thinking of "Charlie Chaplin."

Every one at the London station and at the Savoy was disappointed, but much amused, at the failure of the experiment. It is understood that Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir A. C. Doyle were asked to join the "jury," but refused.

## Weddings

Hamm-McLaren.

ST. ANDREWS, Dec. 9.—A quiet but pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wright McLaren Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 9, when their daughter, Robena Jean, was united in marriage to Frank McLeod Hamm, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hamm, of Saint John.

Ramsay-Aitken.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Lord Beaverbrook's youngest sister, Miss Laura Aitken, was married today to Douglas Ramsay, of Bowland. The wedding ceremony took place in St. Columba's Presbyterian church. There were six bridesmaids, three of them being nieces of the bride. Lord Beaverbrook held the bride in marriage.

## Deaths

H. P. Timmerman.

Word was received in the city yesterday of the death of Henry P. Timmerman, at his home in Montreal, after an illness of two days. Mr. Timmerman was 69 years of age and was well known and popular in this city, where he was located for a number of years as general superintendent of the Eastern Division of the C. P. R.

Deceased, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Parker Timmerman, was born in Odessa, Ont. He entered the service of the C. P. R. in 1885, and rising rapidly, was appointed general superintendent of the Atlantic Division in 1910. In quick succession he held the same position in the Ontario Division and the Eastern Division. He later held the post of Industrial Commissioner in the Ontario Division, and after that he was transferred to the Eastern Division. He was superannuated a few years ago.

He has often visited this city during the past few years, and had a large circle of friends who will learn of his death with deep regret.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Everett Drinkwater, one brother and one sister.

Everett Timmerman married Miss Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ford, of this city.

Ellis Bell.

After one week's illness of pneumonia, Ellis Bell died in Boston on Dec. 7. He was born in Sussex, N. B., a son of the late Thomas Bell of that place, but he had made his home in Boston for about 15 years. Many friends in New Brunswick will learn of his death with keen regret. The body is being brought to Sussex where interment will take place on Friday. He is survived by his wife, two brothers and four sisters. The brothers are Thomas, of Boston, and Frank, of Fredericton, and the sisters are, Mrs. C. W. Cooper, of Queen street, Saint John; Mrs. Elizabeth Bell, of Sussex; Mrs. John Roche, of New York, and Mrs. Edmund Beales, of Portland, Me.

Mrs. Joseph Major.

MONCTON, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Joseph Major, Sunny Brae, N. B., died suddenly yesterday after a short illness.

## Tide of National Sentiment For Using Home Ports Rising

By A. M. BELDING.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 9.—No representative of the Maritime Provinces will lack a welcome in London. "We are with you," is a sentence I have heard many times from the lips of men who have large business concerns, and who sympathize fully with the aspirations of the provinces by the sea. More and more the significance of the diversion of Canadian trade to United States channels is being realized in Ontario, even while the difficulties in the way of doing all our business through our own ports are apparent. Out of the growing sentiment will eventually come action which will be good for Canadian railways and Canadian ports. The rising tide of national sentiment is encouraged by the manifest determination of our neighbors to the south to push every advantage they may discover to get another slice of what should belong to us, but without offering any concessions themselves.

I FOUND a man in London who knows more about the West Indies and the Caribbean Sea region than many people who see the West India steamers come to their wharves. He is Henry Pocock, of Canadian Concrete Machinery Co., Ltd., and he was one of the party of which W. S. Fisher was a member, who toured that region in the interests of Canadian business a few years ago. Mr. Pocock does not anticipate a sudden large increase in trade in that direction. The Americans, he says, are well entrenched, with frequent steamship services; and, aside from that, our people must be prepared not only to purchase what our neighbors down there have to sell, but to give them our products in the shape in which they want them. Mr. Pocock adds that an improved steamship service is needed, and the business of getting more trade must be conducted with a full consciousness of the competition that must be met. With regard to the export trade of his company, he says the only time they use an American port is when they cannot get a satisfactory Canadian service.

W. N. Manning, of Sherlock Manning Pianos, Ltd., gave the same information. They have a large export business, and it is all done through Canadian ports except in cases where, as in Australia, they send their product to ports where Canadian steamers do not call. Mr. Manning declared his complete sympathy with the campaign to route all possible traffic through our own ports.

J. M. Gunn, for the McClary Mig. Co., said that their policy is to buy everything through Canadian ports, although it is on rare occasions necessary to use an American port to get a desired service to some overseas market. The friends of Col. Garthshore will be glad to know that he has recovered from a serious illness, and was able to attend today's Rotary Club luncheon. I also met D. George Clark, former manager in Saint John, who was active in the campaign that resulted in commission government. As was said in a previous letter, I also met Mr. Gilmour of the McClary staff, a Saint John man, and George Rivers, who is here for a few days.

I GOT some further information today about the advantage Buffalo has over Canadian ports in the flour trade. Canadian wheat, ground in Buffalo, in bond, gets a rate of 16 cents per hundred pounds to New York, while the rate from the Canadian side, a few miles away, is 18.5 cents. From Goderich, Ont., to the seaboard the rate is 21 cents, and from Port Huron, a few miles away, it is 16.5 cents. Flour milled from our wheat on the American side gets a lower rate than the products of Ontario Mills, and has that advantage in competition with our flour in overseas markets. Hence Buffalo is getting the elevators and the mills—at our expense.

The London Chamber of Commerce, with R. H. Dowler as president and Major W. H. Woods as commissioner, and a strong executive, has accomplished a great deal in the last year. Major Woods has twice gone to the Northwestern University to take a short course in industrial research, and is an indefatigable worker. Within the last year the executive called into conference the executives of the various service clubs, such as Rotary, Kiwanis and the Lions, and asked for frank criticism, and fully answered unfounded rumors regarding the attitude and activities of the Chamber. In January it will make a drive for membership and funds, placing clearly before the citizens what has been done this year, and what may be done next year, and putting squarely up to the people the question whether they want the programme carried out, and are willing to provide the funds, or whether they are not. To get industries which have a real chance of success, to attract trade, and to labor in community building are among the aims of this progressive body of business men, and their example is worthy of emulation now as never before in the Maritimes.

THE Rotary Club gave the message of the Maritimes a most sympathetic hearing today, and President Herbert Spittal remarked that no better method of creating understanding and awakening active sympathy could be adopted than that of sending thorough and business representatives to make the situation clear. Among the Rotarians present was George Wesley, formerly of Saint John, who conducts a large and successful engraving business here, and who was very kind and helpful to the writer on his former visit to London.

The London Advertiser contains the following editorial:

### ON THE WAY HOME

"MR. A. M. BELDING, editor of the Saint John Telegraph describes himself as a reconstructed Canadian. He started out last year as a missionary from the east to tell the rest of Canada that the Maritimes Provinces were part of the Confederation past. He admits that he had some misgivings at the outset; rather suspected that he would find an indifferent reception to what he had to say.

"Last year he was in London; now he is here again. In the interval he has travelled far and learned much and the greatest lesson he will carry home is that the people of the provinces in Canada have not in the past had an understanding of each other's problems.

"Mr. Belding's claim for recognition of the Maritimes seems reasonable. Western Canada has its big wheat crop, and much of the money derived from it comes to Ontario and Quebec factories, and business is stimulated as a result. This trade does not reach the Maritimes. In the east they have natural products of the farm, mineral production and fishing wealth; they are on the seaboard or close to it. The great need is a chance to find markets for their goods and facilities to reach these markets. They cannot ship west because the distance is too great; they cannot get into their logical market in the New England states because a tariff stands in the way. What they do want is greater development and use of their reports so that they will have a better chance to ship to the outside world. That seems to be a very reasonable request, one which the other provinces should be willing to assist.

"The Maritimes do about 80 per cent. of their buying in imported goods in central Canada, a much larger proportion than we get from the eastern provinces. Mr. Belding should feel free to tell his people that the rest of the provinces will play their part in making it possible for his corner of the dominion to reach out and occupy markets where the produce of the Maritimes can be sold."

## Let Baby Cry, Advises Coue; Says All Will Reap Benefit

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Professor Coue, famous for his slogan "Every day in every way getting better and better," has just paid another visit to London. The professor now says that his system "is one of the best things possible" for babies.

"The simplest way to apply it," he said, "is to leave a crying baby to cry. If a mother is certain that her child is as comfortable as it can be with good food and bedding, and that there are no pins pricking it," he continued, "she should let it cry. She will soon be able to enjoy uninterrupted nights of sleep, and the baby also will benefit."

The professor added naively that he did not expect every mother to agree with him.

### New Cartridge Gives Bullet More Speed

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Successful experiments have been conducted on the ranges of the Hythe School of Musketry, Kent, with a new type of cartridge for army rifles. The explosive used increases the rate of propulsion of the bullet, and, as a consequence, considerably flattens the curve of flight and reduces wind deflection.

At the same time the fouling of the rifle barrel is appreciably less with this particular explosive, and the life of the weapon is thus lengthened.

## RUSSIAN TOP-BOOTS ARE LONDON RAGE

One Shop Disposes of 1,400 Pairs—Sell From \$4 to \$40 a Pair

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Russian boots are in great demand. During the last month more than 1,400 pairs have been sold by one shop alone, which cannot obtain supplies quickly enough to meet the demands of its customers.

Fashion has piped a merry tune, and women are dancing to it—along Pond street to Piccadilly, through the Strand, citywards, and from suburb to suburb, all shod in the nearest of neat top-boots.

The reason for the sudden popularity of Russian boots is really easy to find. The weather is at the root of the matter. A harsh dictate of those who set the fashion? No; women have accepted the notion of their own accord this winter.

The boots can be bought at all kinds of prices, from \$4 to \$40. Of course, those of suede or of kid, with fur-trimmed tops, or hand-torn pairs, are more expensive.

Russian boots do not vary much in type among those most commonly bought. Quite plain boots are obvi-

## Tourist's Offer of \$1,000 For Museum's Model Ship Refused

AN AMERICAN TOURIST recently offered \$1,000 for one of the remarkably fine rigged ship models here. He was told that he could not have the model, but that it would probably be possible to have a similar one made for a quarter of the price. He replied that he did not want any duplicate.

Four of the rigged models show the types of wooden ships made in Saint John from 1820 to 1880, and form a record of the development of the different types.

### EARLIEST TYPE.

The largest model with a seven-foot hull and 10 feet overall, is of the oldest type. The model is of the "Commerce," built in Saint John in the late '20's of the last century. It is primitive in its details, the galley being the only structure above the deck. In those days it was necessary to have a galley on deck because an open fire was used for cooking. It was in vessels of this type that the early immigrants traveled to Canada.

The late John Rogers, famed wood carver of Saint John, has described his own experiences in cooking on these open fires at sea when he came to Canada and the vessel encountered great storms. The model is planked like a ship.

### THE TYPE OF 1839.

It was the next model that the American visitor so greatly desired, a model named "Britain's Queen," which is four feet, eight inches in the hull, and six feet, four inches overall, and represents the type of ship built in Saint John in 1839. It shows the advance on the first type, as it has both quarter deck and fore-cabin, and has a captain for hoisting the anchor.

The "Britain's Queen" model was

## NECK BROKEN BUT HOPES FOR RECOVERY

Injured Man Walks Alone After Accident, But is Taken to Hospital

LEEDS, Dec. 10.—An extraordinary case under treatment at the Leeds Infirmary is that of a man suffering from partial fracture of the neck, but of whose cure hopes are entertained.

While cutting up a haystack at Locas Farm, Narmanton, a laborer 33 years old, fell from the top, a height of about 15 feet, and broke two small bones in his spine.

He was alone, and, getting up from the ground, he walked several hundred yards to the farmhouse, and was then taken to the infirmary. His head was on one side, supported only, as it was afterwards found, by the broken spinal bones. He was quite rational in his speech.

### GOVERNMENT TO SELL SHARES

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Government has now yielded to the pressing requests of the board of the British Dyestuffs Corporation, and decided to dispose of its large holding of shares in that enterprise.

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- Rothsley College Sweaters—\$4.25 to \$8.
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- Golf Clubs—\$2.50 to \$10.
- Practice Balls—\$1 ea.

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Always an Appreciated Gift. Linen Handkerchiefs. From 25c to 50c ea.

Silk Handkerchiefs in Pongee and Crepe with plain and colored borders. 50c to \$2.25.

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Flat Cashmere Cloth in pretty plaids and stripes. \$1.50 to \$4.00.

Cashmere Squares and Scarfs—White with blue or black spots. From \$2.25 to \$3.25.

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**Pyjamas**

These too must be in colors to be style. Cotton and Broadcloth from \$2.50 to \$12.75.

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