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WHAT OTHERS SAY

Fur Coat Weather.
(New York Herald.)

Not until New York encounters a cold wave like the present does the fur coat weather what a large number of fur coats there are in winter wardrobes. Let the mercury fall to ten degrees above zero two days in succession and out comes the benjamin, whose wardrobe is concerned with the skins of beasts. Some of the garments belonging to father, some to grand-father. Some of the shells are of broadcloth, some of gay worsted. The dollars, usually more pretentious than the lining, are of lamb, mink or beaver. The linings run all the way from sable to Russian dog. The fashions may be the barge style of the '20s or the snappy college cut of the day. Once to every man who lives in this climate comes a mad desire to own a fur-lined coat. These who yield to it have been drawing dividends the last few days.

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

We got a new sitting room clock yesterday, being a big round one that plays a tune every 15 minutes so everybody can tell its 15 minutes later, and ma didn't say anything to pop about it so he would be surprised, and after supper he started to read the sporting page in the setting room and the clock played a tune, pop saying, Hello, what the deuce? Which jest then ma came in with her hat on waiting for Mrs. Hews to come and go to the movies with her, saying, Isent that bewtful, WILLYUM? I got that this morning with my tobacco kowpoms, aren't you glad you saved them for me?

Its quite a clock, sed pop. And he started to read again, and pretty soon the clock played another tune, pop saying, Hello, the darn things out of order allready.

It is not, certany its not, Its supposed to do that every 15 minutes, thats wat you call the chimas, sed ma, and pop said, Do you mean to say I half to listen to them every 15 minutes? and ma sed, Certany, theyre bewtful.

Theyre all rite, any way youve heard them once you dont feel like heering them agen 15 minits later and so on indefinitely, sed pop, how am I going to keep my mind on wat Im reading?

Now Wilyum dont be absurd, theyre the chimas, sed ma.

Well I dont need any chimas, ringin over me, Im not sick or anything, sed pop, and ma sed, Now Wilyum, thats a perfectly bewtful clock and theyre perfectly bewtful chimas and its certany disappoining to have you carry on about them after I stood in that dreadfil mob 2 hours to have my kewpons redeemed.

Im not saying anything, wat am I saying, the clock all rite, sed pop. And he got up and started to look at it close, saying, Hello, heers a little gimmick to make the chimas stop ringin, O thats a fine idee, thats swell, its a grate clock.

Now Wilyum, dont you dare tamper with that clock, dont you touch it, youd have it out of order, sed ma, and pop sed, Who's touchin it, Im not touchin it. And he started to read agen and Mrs. Hews came and ma went out and the chimas rang 2 more times and then pop got up and turned them off and kept on reading with a happy expression.

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THE INTERCOLONIAL

Upper Canadian papers, almost without exception, assert that the main object of the Maritime Province members in seeking to have the control of the Intercolonial restored to the Minister of Railways, with head offices at Moncton, is simply to bring about the return of the patronage system. One would have thought that if the editorial writers of these papers ever trouble to read their Maritime Province contemporaries, they would have learned enough to make them know better than to impute any such motives. The delegation which waited upon the members of the Government expressly disclaimed any desire whatever to restore the patronage system.

For instance, the London Free Press says:—

"With the Intercolonial again a Maritime Province railway, the Liberal members frankly admit their hope that it will mean a restoration of the old days of patronage. Before 1911 the Intercolonial was just an annex of the political machine. Hon. Frank Cochrane was the first minister with courage enough to try to put the Intercolonial on a business basis. He abolished patronage and took it out of politics. As usually happens he, and the Government of which he was a member, got no credit for the move, while he antagonized the party workers. If the Liberal members and heeler have their way at Ottawa and the Intercolonial is removed from the Canadian National system and the old methods restored, it will mean the first move towards complete cunctation of the whole public-owned system."

Nobody in these provinces wants to undo such work as Mr. Cochrane did to put the Intercolonial on a business basis, what they want is merely to try to undo some of the mischief that has arisen from the linking up of that railway with the other non-paying systems in Upper and Western Canada. The Maritime Provinces have never raised any objection to the expenditure of public money to improve the canal system of Ontario, a system that benefits Ontario alone, and yet they have to bear a share of that expenditure. Yet when their representatives ask for some concessions in connection with the railway which is of just as much importance to them as the canals are to Ontario, they are met with opposition on all sides.

Upper Canadian papers seem to think that the movement with regard to the Intercolonial is confined to the Liberal members from the Maritime Provinces. It will be found when the time for action arrives that the five Conservative members from New Brunswick will be equally insistent upon fair treatment being meted out to the people of these provinces in respect to their railway and transportation privileges.

A Provincial Income Tax

(Windsor Telegram.)

The proposal of Hon. Edward Brown, the provincial treasurer, to impose a provincial income tax has nothing whatever to commend it. There are, on the other hand, many very solid reasons against such a tax.

An income tax is in its nature a federal tax in the first place. A province is not a sufficiently complete and separate unit to impose a tax of origin or enjoyment of income, to make such a tax easily collected except from those who can least afford to pay it, and who are already feeling the burden of taxation very heavily.

We already have a federal income tax which yields a very large revenue. The bulk of it comes, not from the capitalist who lives on the income of investment, but from the hardest worked men in the community who earn every dollar they get, and the need charges on whose incomes are at once so heavy and so little capable of reduction that they are actually poor so far as possessing free money to spend.

Invested capital can dodge a provincial income tax even if necessary, by dodging the province in which it is imposed. The farmer, quite properly, is to be expressly exempted for the purpose of encouraging his production. But the wage-earner man, the individual business man and the salaried man, because of the ease with which he is able to move, and possessed of little resisting power, are the fish to be caught in the net.

Such a tax on the part of a province is obviously unfair and inequitable. It is simply an impounding of money or credit that seems to be in sight in the hands of part of the people of the province, without reference to any economic principle of revenue production except that the money is in sight, and that the taxgatherer can bring it down on the wing with a good shot.

To the credit of the revenue, upholding and service to its vast territory, of the city of Winnipeg, the consequences of such a tax imposed by the province of Manitoba, will be ultimately disastrous. Winnipeg is the goose that lays the golden egg for Manitoba. Its advantages as the metropolis of the West are enormous. But if people are to be penalized who do business in the West, the golden egg will be lost. The extension of business enterprise and if it is going to be penalized, it will look like some easy money. The taxgatherer will look before they leap.

This is what Mr. Brown should look into the future before he leaps at what looks like some easy money. The extension of business enterprise and if it is going to be penalized, it will look like some easy money. The taxgatherer will look before they leap.

THE LAUGH LINE

The man who agrees with everything you say lies to others also.—Binghamton Sun.

It is difficult to get self-confidence and an empty purse to travel together.

A commuter's life is full of outings and innings.

If some men possessed clear titles to mansions in the after life, they would try to do so to be mortgaged them.—Los Angeles Express.

Sweet Anticipation.
"You look dejected."
"Yes. Married life gets on my nerves."
"Been married long?"
"No. The wedding takes place to-morrow."
—American Legion Weekly.

Literal Interpretation.
Teacher—In this verse, what is meant by the line, "The shades of night were falling fast?"
Bobby—It means that someone was pulling down the window blinds.

Defined.
Knicker—What is a merger?
Booker—When a lamb swallows a lamb to keep from being swallowed by a lion.

Synecopated Sheet Music.
Mrs. Newell (shaking anoring husband)—Gracious goodness, Bob! I didn't know I had married a jazz band.
—Boston Transcript.

How Could She?
Girl—Have you hair nets?
Girl—Yes, ma'am.
Girl—Invisible?
Clerk—Yes, ma'am.
Girl—Let me see one.—Life.

Sticking to a Poor Story.
"You had a forty gas bill last month," said the dry agent.
"The wife has—er—been doing a little canning," said the home distiller.
"Turn. I want to sample some of the stuff."
"Wife," called the home distiller, in quavering tones, "open a can of salmon for the gentleman."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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THE ARMS CONFERENCE

Any critical appraisal of the work of the delegations which have completed their programme at Washington cannot yet be undertaken, and perhaps time is the only critic whose verdict matters greatly. But President Harding was able to give fully deserved praise to the Conference for its patience and good will and for the large measure of success with which it has sought an agreement upon highly contentious questions. Nobody pretends that 100 per cent of success was realized, but if such ideal unanimity as that had been attainable a Conference would hardly have been needed.

The specific accomplishment of the Conference is to banish the war clouds that have hung dark and low over the Pacific Ocean since the clumsy bungsling at Versailles resulted, as the late Viscount Bryce so well put it, in "sowing the seeds of future wars."

Practically every consideration that has been in controversy with relation to Far Eastern affairs has been adjusted, and war has been made as nearly impossible there as human accomplishment can make it.

What remains now is the ratification by the different governments interested of the work of the Conference. In signing the different pacts to which they had agreed, the delegates solemnly pledged the honor of the nations they represented to the good faith of the settlements made. Any violation of this good faith is not to be conceived of. A nation or any government which sought to violate it would be committing against humanity a crime so black that the thought of it must cause living men to stand aghast with horror. All was not done at Washington which it had been hoped might be done. Some things were done which the individual or that individual, or this government or that, might wish to change. But what the Conference has accomplished has brought the world nearer to the goal of universal peace than it has ever approached before. It has brought hope to the heart of sorely distressed humanity where there had been despair, and it has lifted from its shoulders, in part at least, a burden it had thought never to be relieved of. To extinguish that hope, or to crowd back that burden, would be the crime of crimes, to rest for all eternity upon the souls of those responsible.

The Delicacy of Doctors.

(Ottawa Journal.)

There is an ancient and venerable belief in the efficacy of publicity and none who employs it more consistently than the famous commissioner of New York, Dr. Royal S. Copeland. He holds that almost all civic, social and human ailments can be remedied by the free and judicious use of mediums for the dissemination of information.

Addressing the Advertising Club of New York, Dr. Copeland regretted the ethical secrecy of the medical profession. It prevented it from being as useful to mankind as it should be. Publicity, he declared, if properly applied, would wipe disease off the earth. To illustrate his argument, he said that when recently the distinguished Vienna neurologist, Dr. Lorenz arrived in New York and the newspapers announced that he could cure paralysis, thirty-two thousand persons sought his help. But all the while there were at least twenty surgeons in New York who possessed just as great ability as Dr. Lorenz. They had not advertised the fact and the sufferers from paralysis did not know it. Said Dr. Copeland:—

"There is something wrong with the system that makes it impossible for the folk who are the cripples, person not to know that he can be healed. And the fault is with the medical profession, which has been unwilling to advertise what it can do."

"Here we come to the problem of advertising. The medical profession, through the ages, has chosen to make itself a secret thing. The doctor has been looked upon as a sort of a miracle man. He has hidden his wisdom behind a veil of silence. An air of mystery has surrounded the profession and we have developed a code of ethics. This, I believe, is the most antiquated, moss-covered and germ-laden institution in the world."

It is a nice question the New York Health Commissioner has raised. Undoubtedly there would be advantages from greater publicity on the part of the medical profession as to its work and its claims. It is making progress that the public know, but it is not clear how many sufferers from rheumatism, for example, know that in the past few years medical science has found a way to deal successfully with it. But the other hand, the disadvantages of the adoption by the medical profession of a general policy of commercial advertising are apparent. There would be unscrupulous doctors who, freed from the restraints now imposed by the ethics of the profession,

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Fredricton, Feb. 8.—A meeting of the directors of the United Lumber Company, which has had its head office in Fredericton for several years and which has done business in various parts of central New Brunswick, was held here Tuesday. This was the second meeting of the kind, held recently, as the company for some time past has been reported to be in financial difficulties, resulting from the depressed condition of the lumber market. It was stated today that, as a result of the meeting, a decision had been reached to make an assignment within a few days. The Eastern Trust Company at St. John, will be the assignee and trustee in bankruptcy. Its liabilities are in the vicinity of \$125,000, and the assets considerably less.

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Funerals

The funeral of Blanche Fishery took place yesterday morning from her late residence, 26 Elmwood street, to the Cathedral for high mass of requiem by Rev. J. H. Ramage. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Andrew O. Lamoreaux took place yesterday afternoon from 220 Tower street, West End, to Cedar Hill. Rev. Mr. Freeman conducted service.

The funeral of Lawrence J. Donovan took place yesterday morning from his late residence, Goldbrook, to St. Joachim's church, Silver Falls, for high mass of requiem by Rev. C. F. Carleton. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery. Relatives were pall-bearers. He received a large number of floral tributes.

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