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DEATH OF HON. L. P. FARRIS

The death of Hon. L. P. Farris, one of New Brunswick's Old Guard of public men, will create deep regret throughout a wide circle in this province. Had he lived a few days longer, Mr. Farris would have completed his eighty-second year. His was not only a long life but one of much useful activity. Interest in politics has long marked the Farris family, and Mr. Farris' father was a member of the House of Commons for a great many years. Mr. Farris was elected to the New Brunswick Legislature in 1892, and held his seat there for sixteen years, retiring in 1908 when the Hazen Government went into power.

He served under Hon. A. G. Blair, Hon. Henry Emmerson, Hon. L. J. Tweedle and Hon. Clifford Robinson during his terms as Premier, and for many years he was a member of the Legislature, a work to which he devoted himself most assiduously, and in which he gave all the more valuable service because he was himself a practical farmer and was closely in touch with the needs and possibilities of his agriculture.

His four sons have all achieved distinction in their walks of life. One is Dr. Farris of the County Hospital, famous as a tuberculous authority; another, J. W. deB. Farris, K. C., was formerly Attorney-General of British Columbia, with whom a third son, Wendell B. Farris, is in partnership, and a fourth, Bruce M. Farris, is a member of the King, Farris Lumber Company of British Columbia.

An earnest and friendly man, the late Mr. Farris was highly esteemed for his excellent qualities, and his death will be mourned sincerely by a great circle, including many beyond the bounds of New Brunswick.

A PARIS MARE'S NEST.

The young woman who was arrested in Paris on suspicion that she was a spy in the employ of the British was probably attempting to qualify for a career in the moving pictures. The Paris newspapers and the Paris police, by affecting to regard her activities seriously, have certainly helped her along. It is announced to-day that the police can discover no evidence in support of her alleged confession that she was engaged in espionage, and it is now made known that three Englishmen, said to be former British officers, who were arrested because of her statements, will be released.

It is pointed out now by French experts that spying upon the airmen would be useless and unnecessary, inasmuch as British military attaches in Paris are given every facility for obtaining information concerning French aerial developments, and the French observers in Britain are accorded the same privilege. In other words, anything the young woman might discover was available without any spying.

The incident, as it was treated by the Paris newspapers, appears to be merely further evidence of an increasing sentiment against foreigners which has been evident in Paris throughout the negotiations of the settlement of the French war debts. Recently an American business man with large interests in Paris contributed to the American Mercury a score of clippings from Paris journals voicing hostility towards foreigners, particularly Americans and British. Among these excerpts was this one from L'Ouvre, the favorite paper of M. Herriot, a recent Premier: "The professors at Johns Hopkins have placed an order for several families of Himalayan monkeys. If the Americans intend to prove that they are not descended from monkeys, they are bound to fail, we may be sure." From the same paper is taken a note by M. Gustave Tery, who is a strong supporter of the League of Nations and of peace in general: "I am going to found a Jean of Arc Society for the purpose of booting the English and the Americans out of France. We have got to teach these unwelcome visitors that they are not wanted here." To the Mercury's list may be added the Paris Mide, which a few days ago made a bitter attack against the foreigners who make up more than one-tenth of the country's population, bracketing Americans with Germans and Russians as the kind that should be "only tolerated while others should be sought after."

The Paris newspapers are noted for that sort of thing. It has rarely no international significance. France, which is deeply disturbed over the question of finance, appears unable to face the debt situation with good humor, and Paris is particularly sensitive and given to barbed words.

There appears to be increased hope for the recovery of Rudyard Kipling. The noon bulletin to-day reports that he is making slow but satisfactory progress.

Ramsay MacDonald declares that much land in Great Britain is lying idle, while people who could live on it are being urged to emigrate to the overseas Dominions. He says that

what is wanted is a great national scheme of land development which would mean the employment of fifty per cent. of the people on the soil. Lloyd George has been preaching that doctrine, and Mr. MacDonald's latest speech will lend additional interest to reports concerning a possible alliance between the Liberal party and Labor.

The real weather prophet—who knows what is wanted and proceeds to predict it—gets into the news to-day from Montana. He is a ninety-year-old Chippewa Indian—old enough to know anything. Being told that rattlesnakes are still keeping above ground out there, he says the winter will be warm. The Indian and the snakes make up a promising antidote against those dismal prophecies who have been saying the winter will be one of intense severity and that there will be no summer in 1926. They never consulted the rattlesnakes.

Odds and Ends

Kipling and the Kaiser

To the Editor of the Transcript:

In connection with Rudyard Kipling's valiant fight against the ravages of pneumonia at the present time in Burwash, England, it is interesting to note the fact that he was just as seriously ill of the same disease, if not more so, in New York city in 1899, when he was 34 years of age and his fame was spreading far throughout the world.

Wilhelm Hohenzollern, then German emperor, at that time cabled the following message:

BERLIN, March 5, 1899.

Mrs. Rudyard Kipling, Hotel Grenoble, New York City:

As an enthusiastic admirer of the incomparable works of your husband I await with anxiety news of his condition.

God grant that he may be spared to you and to all who are thankful to him for the heart-moving manner in which he has sung the deeds of our great common race.

(Signed) WILLIAM, I. R.

The above cablegram is quoted from a newspaper clipping of the month and year which is in my scrapbook.

There would be still more interesting to know what Wilhelm thinks today of our great common race and whether he has duplicated his message of 1899 at this time.

C. S. GIFFORD.

A Woman Leader.

Miss Agnes Macphail is now the leader of the Ontario Progressives in Parliament.

How Nature Helps.

Scientists say that in a few million years there will be no coal. The time seems rather long to wait for the settlement of a controversy involving so many interests.

Father Notices It.

As Christmas approaches, father notices that the lady members of his family are inclined to become dreamy and introspective. Their minds appear to be concentrated on the sweet buy-and-buy.

Old Silver Dollar To Go.

And now, as though enough American institutions had not been scuttled in the last few years, they are being taken from us our good old silver dollar. The dollar bill, it appears, wears out too soon and must be replaced by a coin which people will use. The coin will be part gold, part silver, about the size of a quarter and very convenient to handle. Well, if it can carry the place of our silver dollar, the best-loved and least-used coin that was ever minted. There was romance in a silver dollar. It came to symbolize something, the large and generous aspect of American affairs. From it arose a whole vocabulary of month, it was a plunk, a simoleon, a paving stone, an iron man, a cart-wheel. It has a fulsome ring to it as O. Henry said, when it was dropped on a bar in large numbers it sounded like a selection on the xylophone. And now it goes the way of the medicine bottle, the dime novel and the Sunday night buggy ride.

The Gun That Isn't Loaded.

(See Daily Star.)

There is a universal rule that a gun should not be left loaded in camp. But against the foreigners who make up more than one-tenth of the country's population, bracketing Americans with Germans and Russians as the kind that should be "only tolerated while others should be sought after."

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Just Fun

OUR idea of an egotist is the man who thinks his wife ought to call him "Colonel," just because he parts his hair with military brushes.

FIRST BRIGHT LAD: Is there a word in the English language that contains all the vowels?

Second Ditto: Unquestionably.

"What is it?"

"I've just told you."

IT'S been several years since it was safe to cuss in a barber shop.

ALL that wrinkle are not rolled.

SOME ONE played a mean joke on us the other day when they mailed us a post card bearing these words: "Enclosed please find \$1.50 for our subscription."

THE SHORT DRESS

Like other fads that don't endure, it will have its little day.

The girls, though, should first make sure

That they are built that way.

ARDENT LOVER: Ah, Bearie, please say the words that will make you mine.

Girls: Two million dollars.

SO LIVE that when you leave town for a few days some one won't say: "Well, I certainly am enjoying his vacation."

BEFORE THE AWAKENING

Of troubles, connals, jars and divorce,

This, we believe, is the fruitfulness source

A man falls in love with a dimple or curl,

Then foolishly marries the entire girl.

IN a graveyard in Worcester, England, is a slab over the grave of a departed auctioneer bearing the single word "Gone."

GOLDBERG was taken to the hospital one day, and a diagnosis showed him to be suffering from small-pox.

"Send for a priest!" he moaned.

"A priest?" queried the doctor. "You mean the Rabbi, don't you?"

"No!" yelled Goldberg. "Do you think I should want to give the small-pox to the Rabbi?"

A NORTH END woman admits that, to her, among all delightful sounds, the sound of somebody else doing the dishes ranks among the highest.

AN OLD FLAME rarely produces as much heat as a new match.

THE MASCULINE GIRL

"She BOSS her hair."

In the afternoon she GYMS;

She's always on the lookout for JACK.

She loses BILLS;

Her head is HARRY;

She likes to drive a HENRY;

4 times she won't be PAUL;

Her fresh admirers are CLAUDE and

She tackles all with GUST-ol

THERE are some folks in this world who do not read the Bible because they did not write it.

THERE'S a fellow in Saint John so dumb he thinks his father used to drive a mule along the alimentary canal.

"ELOCUMENTS are very fashionable now."

"Yes, only yesterday a horse ran away with a young widow."

A DUSKY SON of Alabama was busily engaged in a cootie hunt. When asked by a sergeant what he was doing, he replied:

"I'm a-huntin' for dem 'rithmetic bugs!"

"Why do you call them arithmetic bugs?"

"Cause dey add to ma misery, dey subtracts from ma pleasure, dey divides ma attention, and dey multiply like hell."

WHY NOT A SILENCE INDICATOR?

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Effectually to silence the fellow who "lets you in on the ground floor" of the Party.

Effectually to silence the "hard luck" bird.

Effectually to silence the gloom bound.

Effectually to silence the "silver lining" propagandist.

Effectually to silence the one who "told you so."

Effectually to silence the club bore.

Effectually to silence the bridge wrangler.

Effectually to silence the spooney couple.

Effectually to silence the Mah Jong maniac.

Effectually to silence the radio "bug."

Effectually to silence the monopolist of the telephone.

Dinner Stories

AN ENGLISH paper tells of rival butchers. They lived on opposite sides of a certain street, and on one day one of them placed over his shop the legend:

"We sell sausages to the gentry and nobility of the country."

The next day, over the way, appeared the sign:

"We sell sausages to the gentry and nobility of the whole country."

Not to be outdone, the rival put up what he evidently regarded as a final statement, namely:

"We sell sausages to the King."

Next day there appeared over the door of the first sausage maker the simple expression of loyalty:

"God Save the King."

AN ELDERLY lady entered a store and asked to be shown some tablecloths. A salesman brought a pile and showed them to her, but she said she had seen those elsewhere—nothing suited her.

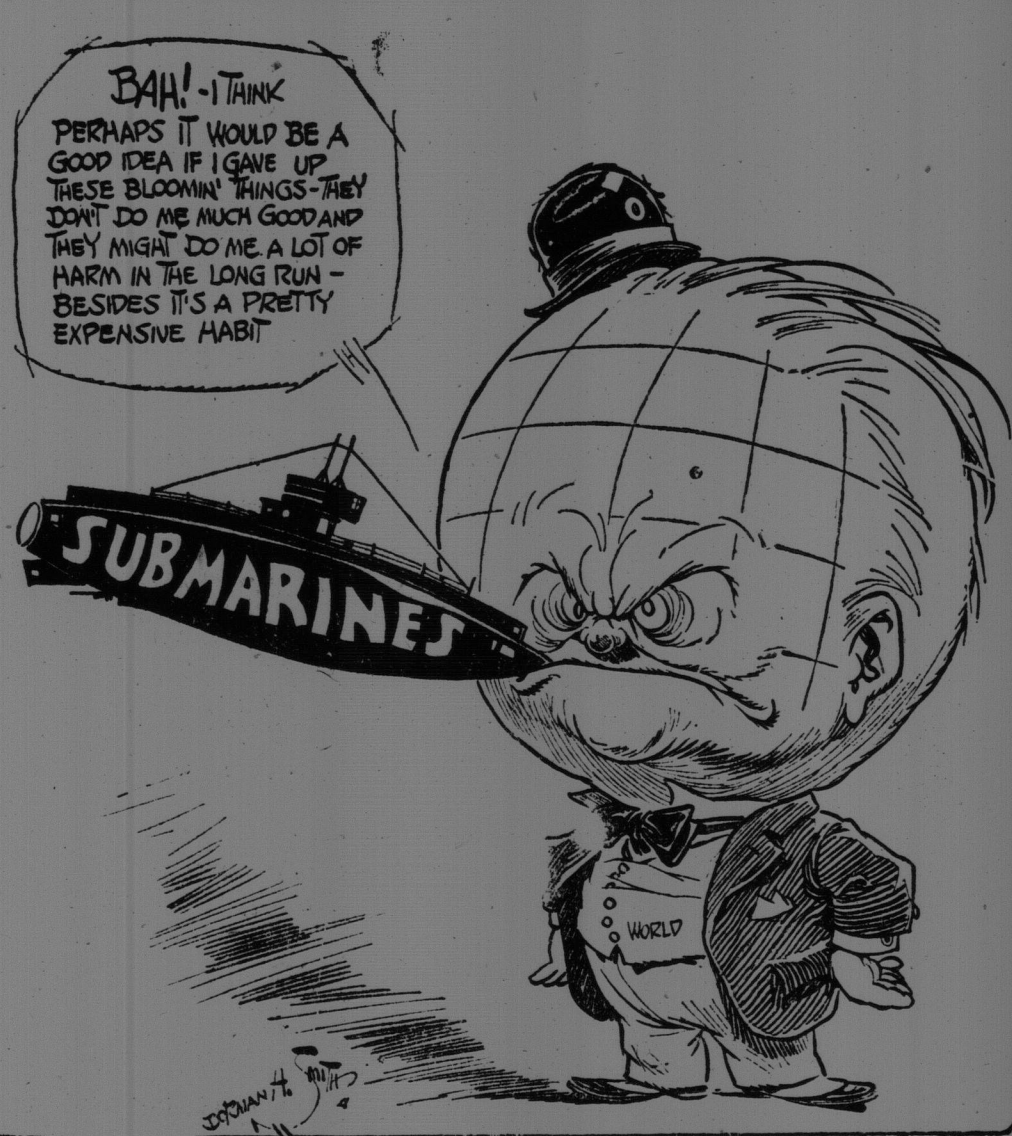
"Haven't you something new?" she asked.

The clerk then brought another pile and showed them to her.

"These are the newest patterns," he said. "You will notice that the edge runs right around the border, and the centre is in the middle."

"Isn't that lovely!" said the lady. "I will take a half a dozen of those."

Something Else To Swear Off



The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

WHEN COURAGE IS VALUELESS.

IT SHOULD be obvious that next to prudence, the quality of mind most essential to happiness is courage.

Life is one long battle; we have to fight at every step; and Voltaire rightly says that if we succeed, it is at the point of the sword, and that we die with the weapon in our hand.

However, and this should be remembered always, it is possible for courage to be carried to an excess and to degenerate into rashness.

It may be said even that humans need some fear in their mental makeup to enable them to exist in the world.

Bacon connects panic with Paul the penitentiary tells you, is that there is no clear notion of any definite danger bound up with it; that it presumes rather than knows that danger exists;

and that, in case of need, it pleads fright itself as the reason for being afraid.

SCHOPENHAUER preached that man's attitude should be such that he would not quake even if the world fell in ruins.

"Our whole life itself—let alone its blessings—would not be worth such a cowardly trembling and shaking of the heart."

"Therefore, let us face life courageously and show a firm front to every ill."

NEVERTHELESS, "NO SURRENDER" is a dangerous motto.

Courage works ill unless it is tempered with prudence.

Courage avails us nothing unless we know how to use it.

It is true that we cannot endow ourselves with either courage or prudence, since man inherits both; still he can do much to develop them by means of resolute exercise.

Who's Who

IN THE DAYS NEWS.

DR. JOHN J. ABEL

THE annual \$2,500 reward of the Research Corporation of New York, which is given to the man "who has made an outstanding contribution to the cause of science without profit to himself," has been given to Dr. John J. Abel, Professor of pharmacology at the Johns Hopkins Medical School. He has dedicated his life to research and among his discoveries are an artificial kidney and a synthetic preparation of epinephrin from which the

Dr. Abel at one time was principal of a high school, and superintendent of the schools of La Porte, Indiana. He has been professor of pharmacology at Johns Hopkins since 1893. He is a member of a great number of professional organizations and has been editor of the Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics.

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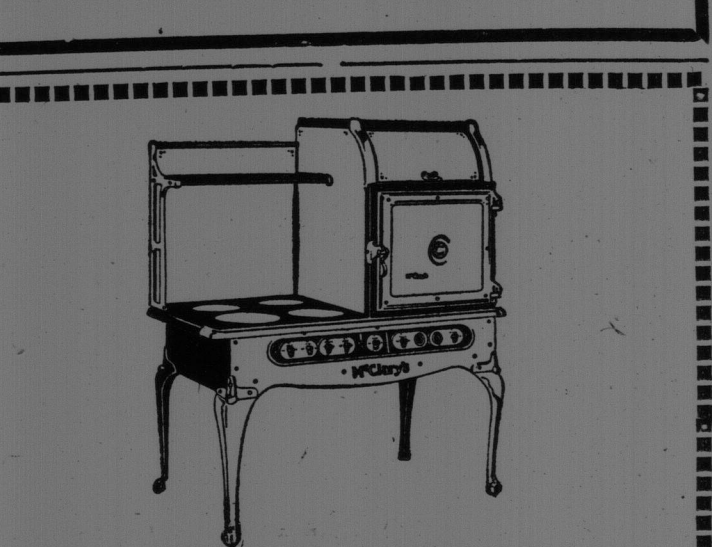
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