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**Sold His Peace for Mess of Berries**

Dr. Levermore, Winner of Bek's \$100,000, Almost Sorry.

New York, Feb. 6.—To Charles Hermet Levermore the price of peace is \$100,000, to his own front door. Dr. Levermore is glad he won that much money with his plan in the book competition, but he began to realize very soon after the cheque was delivered to him in Philadelphia, that when sudden wealth adheres, peace spreads her wings and flaps away. In the apartment building in which Dr. Levermore lives in a very sad state of Brooklyn, peace was an abject as a clamorous rabble gathered with stocks, automobiles, good things of the third race at New Orleans, museum cleaners and phonographs, all for sale to a man with \$100,000. At his small office on Fifth Avenue, where the embattled professor withstood the importunities of brokers, agents and another crowd of salesmen, peace was also A. W. O. L. "Peace, peace, when there is no peace," exclaimed the annoyed Scandinavian who swabs the tiles and adds the fire in the Levermore's apartment, a job in which he has been exposed to the influence of the doctor's large intellect. "Where is peace? Outside, everybody, or we got 'em!" And so the persistent hosts retired to the curb, beyond the range of the doctor's authority, and planned a new war on Mr. Levermore's peace.

Rather vexing. There were six stock and bond men bivouacked in the corridor of the doctor's office when he landed back from Philadelphia, probably with the cheque in his pocket, to begin a most successful day at the desk where he composed the essay on peace which now disturbs the tranquil routine of his existence. By stealth and audacity he won past them all and gained his office where the telephone was ringing impatiently. He answered. It was someone with something to sell that he simply couldn't do without, although he had reached the age of 67 without it. He hung up, slightly vexed but still at peace. Instantly the jangle resumed.

**A Calendar Romance**

Our hero was the common sort, when all was said and done. He worked his head off daily and was out to get the MON. The reason for his diligence was commonplace, 'tis true—He tried to swell his salary so it would suffice for TUE. And maybe that's the reason why one day he lost his head. And falling on his knees, he cried, "Oh, maiden, wilt thou WED?" He may have thought this sudden, but it seemed not so to her. She slipped a quick acceptance and said forcibly, "Yeth, THUR." But when they went to keeping house he feared that he would die. For, oh, that modern maiden could neither bake nor FRI. She could not run a bungalow, or even run a flat. So on many sad occasions in a restaurant they SAT. But he forgave her everything—as man has always done. When she presented him one day a bouncing baby SUN. —John Canuck.

**International Rotary Convention**

TORONTO, Feb. 15.—(By Canadian Press.)—From the tiny acorn grows the gigantic oak. From the inconspicuous luncheon meeting which eight friends in Chicago held weekly to discuss affairs along the business line of such, has grown the great Rotary organization of to-day. In 1904 the first Rotary club was formed with Paul E. Harris, a Chicago lawyer, as President. That was twenty years ago. Since then the internal development of Rotary has been rapid. The fact that "Service" is the keynote of the organization may have something to do with its success and popularity. In 1904 there were 122 Rotary Clubs throughout the world with a membership of 15,000. To-day there are 1,493 clubs with a membership of 92,000, distributed in 29 countries. Representatives of these clubs and countries are to meet in Toronto for the Fifteenth International Convention, from June 18 to 29, both dates inclusive.

International conversations have been held in Chicago, Duluth, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Salt Lake City, Atlantic City, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Portland, Ore., Houston, Texas, San Francisco, Atlanta, Georgia, and Edinburgh, Scotland. Toronto is the first Canadian city to receive the International and the second to be chosen outside the United States. Preparations are being made here for 8,000 visiting Rotarians, with their wives and friends.

The International President is Guy Gundaker, of Philadelphia. Two Canadians have been honored by being chosen for this, the highest Rotary office. These were Rev. E. Leslie Pidgeon, of Winnipeg, who served in 1917-18, and Dr. Crawford C. McCullough of Fort William, Ont., who presided over the International in 1921-22.

How far-reaching and how fully in accord with the best thought of today is the motive power behind the Rotary organization is at once sensed on glancing over the field which its objectives strive to cover. "To promote the recognition of the worthiness of all legitimate occupations; and to dignify each member's occupation as affording him an opportunity to serve Society; to encourage high ethical standards in business and professions; to increase the efficiency of each member by the exchange of ideas and business methods; to promote the science of acquaintance" as an opportunity for service and an aid to success; to quicken interest of each member in the public welfare of the community and to co-operate with

others in civic, social, commercial and industrial development; and to stimulate the desire of each member to be of service to his fellowman and society in general."

To carry out the above programme with best chances for satisfactory fulfilment, membership is confined to those who, generally speaking, should prove fittest to carry it out. A member must be engaged as proprietor, agent or manager, or partner, in full charge of a legitimate profession, business-calling or undertaking, or an executive officer of a company, the classification of which is not already represented. From all of which it is easy to see that the business of the "Rotary" is not placed in the hands of the neophyte, but is entrusted to the experience of those who have already "made good" in one special line. A federation of such men in a manner a federation of sports. From such a body nothing is too much to expect along the march of progress.

The ideas of "Rotary" were cleverly and beautifully expressed in the slogan "He profits most who serves best," which was coined by Arthur Frederick Sheldon at the 1911 "International" held in Portland, Oregon. Something of this service may be visualized by the vast programme of days' work started by the Rotarians at the Atlanta, Georgia, International Convention, in 1917.

Toronto Rotary Club which is to be host at the next big gathering of Rotarians was formed in 1912 with William A. Peace as first President. The membership of this club is 390. The officers, directors, committee chairmen, together with those of the special committee form a body of citizens whose standing in the public life of the community guarantees business efficiency and cordial co-operation in preparation for the 8,000 expected guests. Toronto officials are: Frank H. Littlefield, President; Norman Sommerville, Vice-President; Hugh L. Kerr, Honorary-Treasurer; A. Eldrid, Secretary; Fred J. Neale, Sergeant-at-Arms; Alex. Tamilton, Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms; Directors: Frank Kennedy, Hugh L. Kerr, Frank H. Littlefield, Hawley S. Mott, Morden Neilson, J. Robert-Pear, Fred L. Ratchiff, J. P. Richards, Norman Sommerville, Sidney B. McMichael is chairman of the special committee on the Convention, which includes Harry Rooks, Vice-President; J. F. Stewart, Treasurer; Earl M. Benedict, Convention Manager.

**A Truly National Forest Policy**

Hon. James Lyons, minister of lands and forests, of Ontario, in a speech in Montreal recently, outlined his ideas of a proper forestry policy and the one he intends to initiate in Ontario. Mr. Lyons' policy would make a fine national forestry policy for Canada. He demands: "Better methods of cutting timber to make possible the utilization of all timber. More extensive use of the by-products now wasted. Proper methods of slash burning to prevent forest fires. An end to the slaughter of young trees for shipment to the big Canadian and American cities at Christmas time. An embargo on the export of unmanufactured wood. Mr. Lyons stated that the province of Ontario intended to start at once on a survey of the timber and water-power resources of the province in order that proper steps might be taken to provide for the reproduction of timber. He said also that reforestation methods would be studied and that broader efforts would be made towards combating the menace of fire. To that end twelve or fifteen flying boats would be in use next summer and these would patrol the forested areas of Ontario daily. Quick detection of fires is essential to prevent their spread and airplanes would find the fires quickly. Last year, said Mr. Lyons, more than 2,000,000 acres of forest land was burned over, 45 per cent. of it new timber or second growth. It cost the province \$1,100,000 to fight forest fires or one-third of the whole provincial revenue from the forests. The need for a national forestry policy for the Dominion of Canada that would protect the capital invested in the lumbering and pulp industries of the country has long been urged. Canada has many millions of dollars invested in her forestry industries and thousands of people find employment in these industries. Yet the entire superstructure of the forestry industry of Canada is in danger—definite, real, present danger. Unless drastic measures are taken to insure a future supply of raw material for these industries they will waste away in the years to come.—Financial Post.

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