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SIR HENRY THORNTON AND THE GRAIN TRAFFIC.

Sir Henry Thornton was asked by The Times-Star and The Telegraph-Journal whether the putting into use of the Transcontinental railway for the purposes for which it was built rests with him as President of the road, or with the Parliament of Canada. Sir Henry's reply, published in full to-day, is startling in character. It constitutes, intentionally or otherwise, a sharp challenge to Canadian public opinion, and it renders action necessary by the Government and Parliament of this country.

Let us examine the statement closely, in order to avoid any mistake as to its tenor or significance.
"Nothing," says Sir Henry, "neither the Canadian National Railways nor myself as its President can control the port of shipment for export grain. The control lies entirely with the grain pools and the owners of the grain."

It was shown by recent figures that from two-thirds to three-quarters of the Canadian wheat crop thus far moved has gone by way of American channels. Washington figures, published this morning, show that the diversion continues and is increasing. For last week 5,737,000 bushels of Canadian grain passed through United States ports as compared with 5,421,000 during the previous week. If Sir Henry's first statement were accepted as final, it would mean that the Canadian people are helpless, that American agencies, having already captured so great a portion of this traffic of Canadian origin, will proceed to get more and more of it.

The control, says Sir Henry, lies entirely with the grain pools and the owners of the grain.

Let us ask one question with respect to that:
If the rates to Canadian ports over the C. N. R. system were sufficiently favorable, would the grain pools and the owners of the grain still prefer to ship via American channels?

Secondly, Sir Henry says there is every reason why the Canadian National Railways should desire Canadian ports to be used to the fullest extent, "but persuasion is the only pressure we can bring to bear, and this is being fully employed. I do not think even the Parliament of Canada can exercise effective control in opposition to the inclination of owners of grain."
Parliament is on record as saying the very opposite. Parliament, in committing the people to the expenditure necessary to build the National Transcontinental, and to take over and operate the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk, stipulated that the traffic should be moved east and west, and not north and south.

Parliament, together with many transportation authorities and many political leaders, is on record as saying definitely that the grades on the Transcontinental would justify such rates as would control the grain traffic.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the late Charles M. Hays, Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, Sir Clifford Sifton and many others were a unit on this matter, and, of course, actual carrying of the traffic is the only possible justification for the tremendous expenditure on the railways which are now public property, and so, in the matter of rates and policy, wholly within public control.

Sir Henry says "persuasion" is the only pressure that can be brought to bear. The people of this country will remember an occasion on which the Motor Company of Canada was sued by C. N. R. agents to route traffic via New London instead of through Canadian ports. That persuasion was anti-Canadian. Presumably Sir Henry is referring to persuasion in another direction now, but as the diversion of traffic increases, persuasion is clearly ineffective, and we must do better.

When the grain rate on the Transcontinental was increased some 400 per cent. eight or nine years ago, the grain ceased to flow over that road. The country believes that if the rates are made right the traffic will be recovered, and that it is a sound and necessary national investment to recover it.

Sir Henry says a solution of the matter will not be reached by "persuasion" statements, and that a satisfactory conclusion "will only be gained by a recognition of the sincerity of purpose by all sides, coupled with harmonious effort."

"Precipitate" is not a word which the history of the case justifies. The Maritime Provinces have been waiting for about fifty years for traffic justice. It is nine years since the Transcontinental was completed and turned over to the Government. Instead of precipitate action to keep the traffic in the right channels, there has been no effective action to that end, and under

Sir Henry Thornton's management of the C. N. R. system the stream of diversion has constantly and alarmingly increased.
What does Sir Henry mean when he says "the subject is engaging the earnest efforts of ourselves and other interests"? How long has it been engaging those efforts, and what is their nature? For, whatever they are, the public is confronted by the startling fact of the loss of traffic has increased instead of diminished, and it is still increasing, as is shown by the latest available figures.

So it comes down to this, that Sir Henry professes helplessness, and he expresses his opinion that the Parliament of Canada is helpless.

As to his own helplessness, it is not necessary to say anything further, but certainly Parliament is not helpless, and certainly neither the Government nor Parliament can afford to tell this country—or to intimate to this country by lack of action—that Sir Henry Thornton's statement is anything like the last word on this subject.

From coast to coast an aroused public opinion is demanding a remedy, and without delay. Sir Henry Thornton's plea of inability will not add to his stature in the eyes of the public, but certainly it will have one useful effect, for it must cause Parliament to vindicate its authority through early and effective remedial action.

The will of the late Judge John R. Armstrong, published today, devotes considerable sums to good causes. His provisions show his kindly and helpful disposition and his sincere desire to minister to the welfare of others.

By the death of Frank A. Munsey, which occurred this morning, the United States loses a dynamic personality, a great organizer, and one whose conquest of success and whose attainment of great fortune in the face of extraordinary difficulties, showed remarkable resolution and ambition. Mr. Munsey was not a newspaper man, properly speaking, although he became the owner of many great newspapers. He had a genius for organization. He was more like Harmsworth than like Dana.

Odds and Ends

"Now It Can Be Told"
(P. B. M., in Ottawa Citizen.)
When Goliath was in training To meet David in the ring, A Philistine saw David At practice with his sling.
"If Goliath isn't here to this, The kid will knock him dizzy!" He tried to tip the champion off, But central said, "Line busy."

A Roman in the forum Saw Brutus when his knife And thought, "That hungry cuckoo Has designs on someone's life." He hurried up to Caesar's To impart his priceless hunch, But on the door a notice Read, "Caesar's gone to lunch."

There was a sound of revelry— Byron remarked that, too— That rang through Belgium's capital On the eve of Waterloo. Then a scout who heard the English plan Sought Nap with pride and joy, But "The Emperor's in conference," Announced the office boy.

Some of the Lutheran churches in the United States, seeking to increase the summer attendance at church and Sabbath schools, are urging the adoption and installation of ice cooled ventilation systems as a means of drawing the crowds.

Lepers Want Newspaper
Patients at the Lepers colony of Kalaupapa on the Moloai Island in the Hawaiian group have applied for permission to issue a newspaper. Several wealthy residents of the community have offered to finance it. The unfortunate inmates feel it would be a boon to them.

Electric Trains for Japan
What is said to have been the first electric train in that community has been operated on a line between Tokyo and Kozuka in Japan. The line is 30 miles long and regular electric service will be maintained. Much interest in the innovation is shown by the natives.

Coal Second in France
Coal is next after textile manufacturing in France as an industry of major importance. There are five distinct and separate districts in France where coal is mined on a large scale. The number of men employed dropped from over 200,000 in 1912 to 50,000 in 1915, due to the war. France, however, consumes more coal than it mines by 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 tons.

Just a Name.
Sometimes there is quite a bit in a name, as the following list suggests. These names are said to be authentic: Edna Broker Mothershead, Marian English Eadie, Sawyer Turner Somerset, Nelson Fray Dally, Benton Killin Savage, Owen Taylor Moore, Ima Little Lamb, Broker Husbands Hart, R. U. Phelan Goodie, Marie A. Bachlor, Eaton Grove Phattie, May Tynes Uppe, Betty Sawyer, Knott Worth Reading.

Just Fun

THE RADIO is as bad as the toothache for keeping its victims up late, except that there is a cure for the toothache.

EVERY TIME he sends his girl a telegram one New York business man puts it down on his expense book as "chicken wire."

NANI
"POLLY want a nut?" asked the duke mildly; and the parrot looking him over carefully shook his head.

THE kind of pressure easiest yielded to is that brought to bear on a man to get him to run for office.

LITTLE GIRL (telling of her first ride in an elevator): "We went into a little house and the upstairs came down."

IF the telephone had been in use in them olden days— Solomon's line would have been busy continually.

Mark Anthony would have had a heck of a long distance bill. Romeo and Juliet would have made a date before hand and not gotten mixed up on the tomb business.

Paul Devere wouldn't have had half so much trouble. And Dante could have added chapters to his "Inferno."

IN THE OLD DAYS girls never thought of doing what the girls do now. That's the only reason they didn't do them.

"EXPOSURE makes men tough," says a health expert. But a good many tough politicians are never exposed at all.

"THEY ALL PET" said the old grandmother as she watched her children playing with the kittens on the floor.

"RASTUS, whar's dis 'ere Naked State dat dey find all de crazy people wanderin' round in?"

GROCER: How about some nice apples?
Mrs. Dumber: Apples? I hate 'em. My mother died of apple-plexy.

FLOWERED crettonne waistcoats for men are now the vogue. The old gray polka-dot effect, however, will continue to be worn in most localities.

DON'T believe all you hear about your neighbor. He likely hears the same things about you.

ADVERTISING takes the bum out and puts the boom in business.

NOTICE TO ROAD COMMISSIONERS
WHAT this country needs most is a supply of shorter and funnier detours.

THE CHANGE
I still attend the circus.
But, oh, it seems to me The clowns aren't near as funny As what they used to be.

IT IS EASY for a girl to find a husband. Her difficult problem is finding a single man.

I KNOW A GIRL named Louise who is so modest she won't go hunting because she might find her tracks.

MANY A MAN has married to get a helpmate and got a spend-all instead.

A MAN was ground to death in a sugar crusher in Philadelphia. That would be a sweet death.

ONE working honey-bee is worth a whole swarm of maybes.

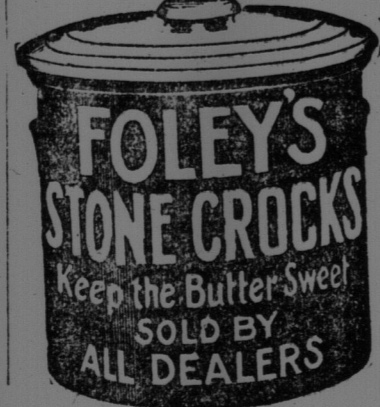
GRIEVING with others helps to lighten our own griefs.

He tried to cross the railroad track, Before the rushing train; They put the pieces in a sack, But couldn't find the brain!

Who's Who IN THE DAYS NEWS.

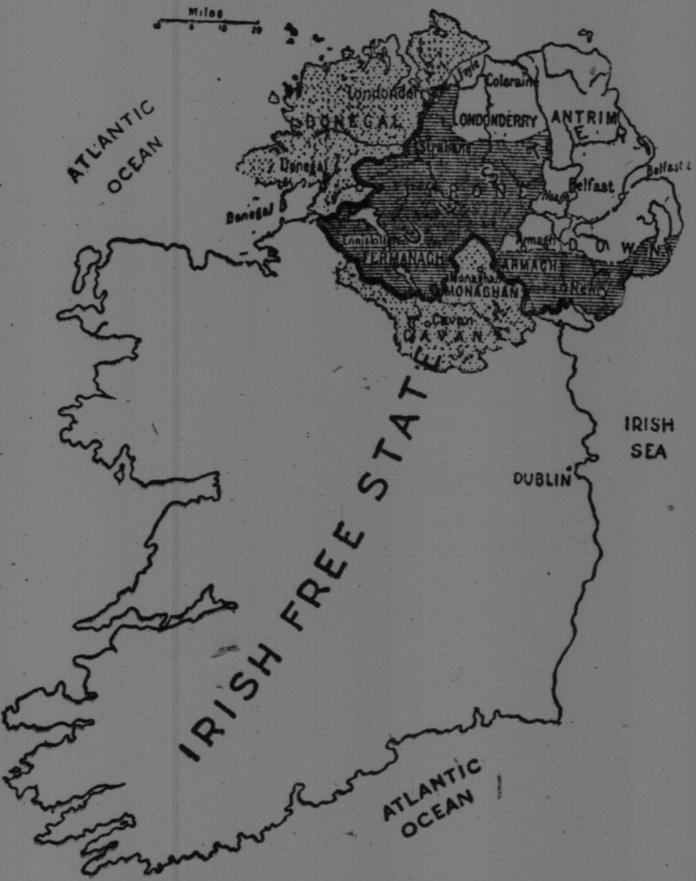
PRINCE AAGE OF DENMARK.
A SOLDIER from the Riff war is now a visitor in the United States. He is Prince Aage of Denmark, a member of the Foreign Legion. He is here on a six-month furlough and plans to make a lecture tour. The prince, who is a cousin of the King of Denmark and England and a nephew of the late Queen Mother Alexandra of England, is a soldier of fortune, known to his soldier comrades as Captain Aage, for he believes that the only thing which matters in the legion is a man's ability as a fighter, not what rank he holds in the world. Upon his arrival in the United States Captain Aage explained that he had joined the legion because it offered a good means of earning a living. He does not enjoy fighting, but it is an out of doors life and he likes to handle men.

The prince, who is 38, has fought in the Riff for three years without a furlough. He is married to the Countess Calvi di Bergolo, an Italian, whose lack of royal blood forced him to renounce his claim to the throne of Denmark. His modest fortune was lost at the close of the world war when two Danish banks failed. After the Riff difficulty is settled he feels that he will continue in the service and says, "There will be something to do. They keep the legion busy."



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Irish Boundary



The heavy black line shows the boundary of Northern Ireland, which remains unchanged under the recent agreement among the heads of Ulster, Free State, and British Governments. Tyrone and Fermanagh, two of the six Ulster counties, were claimed by the Free State, on the basis of their inhabitants' wishes, but remain a part of Ulster. The three other counties of the original Province—Donegal, Cavan, and Monaghan—remain with the Free State.

The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD
INFANTS IN ADULT CLOTHING.

IT is agreed among important thinkers of today that man's control over the forces of nature has increased far BEYOND his moral fitness to exercise it; and it is also agreed that herein lies the greatest menace to civilization.
Our knowledge of our inner selves has not kept up with our conquest of material things.
Life has been growing more and more complicated, but human nature has remained the same.
We are PEOPLE OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY with the souls of ANCIENTS. We are INFANTS IN ADULT CLOTHING.

PSYCHOLOGISTS differ in one vitally important respect from other persons engaged in improving the condition of humanity.
Political and social reformers, teachers and professional moralists, religious reformers of every kind, all depend, in their various efforts, upon APPEALS to man's reason, self-interest or PEAR.

Psychologists, instead of urging people to be good and strong and wise, set out to PRODUCE people who are

good and strong and wise by whatever methods are necessary.
They CHANGE THE TEXTURE, not of man's clothing, but of his BODY AND SOUL.

A NEW school of this science of the soul, founded by the Viennese scholar and neurologist, Dr. Alfred Adler, is now engaged in developing processes intended to prevent the decade which, in the opinion of important thinkers, threatens as a consequence of the overdevelopment of scientific technique at the expense of human individuality.
However, panaceas for the moral ills of humankind are notoriously inefficient.

IT is observed that the late war has provided us with "a prospectus of the possibilities of scientific extermination."

If the world is to be saved from itself, obviously the thing needed is that man shall be raised to a level where he shall no longer, like a child playing with a loaded pistol, constantly risk DESTROYING HIMSELF BY MISUSE OF HIS OWN POWER.

Twenty Years Ago Today

From Times' Files.
Lieut. Col. J. D. Sharp delivered a lecture on his travels in Bermuda and Newfoundland in No. 1 Barracks.

Bandmaster F. H. Jones of the 62nd band was presented with a gold watch by members of the band.

The civil employees' monthly payroll amounted to \$8,283.79.

Dinner Stories

THE BATTLE was going against him. The commander-in-chief, himself ruler of the South American republic, sent an aide to the rear, ordering General Blanco to bring up his regiment at once. Ten minutes passed, but it didn't come. Twenty, thirty, and an hour—still no regiment. The aide came tearing back hallooing, breathless.
"My regiment! My regiment! Where is it? Where is it?" shrieked the commander.
"General," answered the excited aide, "Blanco started it all right, but there are a couple of drunken Americans down the road and they won't let it go by."

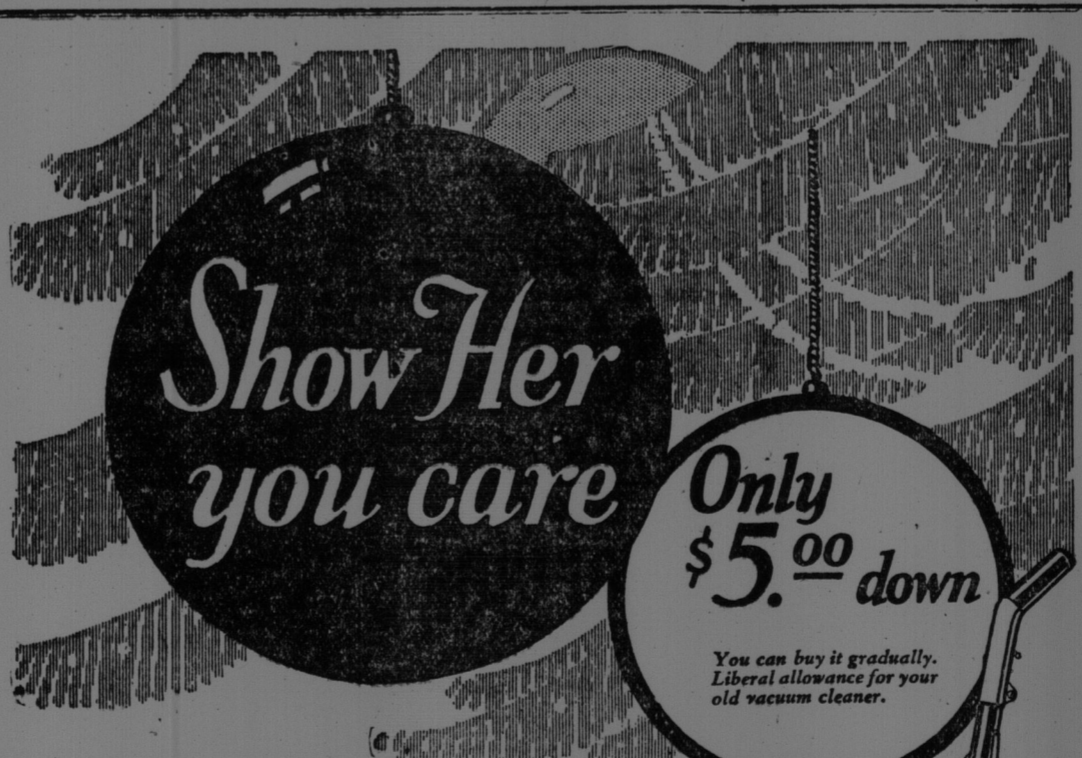
A MOTORIST stopped at a filling station on the outskirts of a village on his way to visit one of his wife's relatives he had never seen. He had heard that the relative had a flourishing business, and he decided to use the opportunity to learn something about him. "What kind of a store does Joab Miller run at Road Rock?" he asked the service man.
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postoffice, sells stamps, hams and molasses, and takes in boarders. I guess you'd call it a drug store."
THE OLD lady from the country and her small son were driving to town when a huge automobile bore down upon them. The horse was badly frightened and began to prance, whereupon the old lady leaped down and waved wildly to the chauffeur, screaming at the top of her voice. The chauffeur stopped the car and offered to get the horse past.
"That's all right," said the boy, who remained composedly in the carriage. "I can manage the horse. You just lend Mother past."



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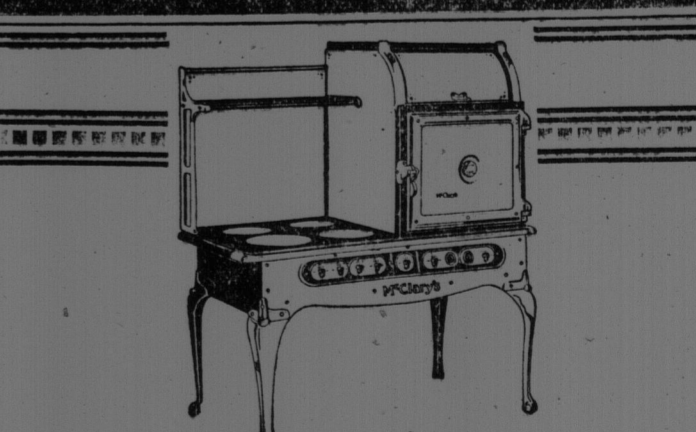
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