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A COSTLY DELAY.

By delaying the election up to the time when the census is nearing completion, Hon. Mr. Meighen has created an awkward situation for his government. The West, naturally, is highly impatient over the delay in securing the increased representation which is bound to come to it by redistribution, and the delay is due solely to the government's delay. Had the government heeded the call from the electorate and gone to the country, even in 1920, the injustice which the West is resenting so bitterly would not have existed. But the partisan advisers of the Premier had their way, and the government which had no mandate continued in office in spite of the most determined protests from all parts of the country.

The whole situation is a vindication of the demand made for a general election last year. Under ordinary circumstances an election should have been held in 1916, but the war created conditions which made it inadvisable to extend the life of parliament for another twelve months. These conditions led to the formation of the Union government, and the election of 1917 turned entirely on the question of how best to conduct the war. The issue split the Liberal party in two, but it was decided by the Canadian people to the best of their judgment. The parliament chosen then was for the consideration of war problems; that question was paramount; there was no other great issue. With the coming of peace the government was morally, if not legally, bound to seek a fresh mandate at the polls. It did not do so. It refused to keep faith. It broke its trust. Liberal after Liberal left the cabinet, Liberal after Liberal returned to the opposition benches, and the Union government was no more. In 1920 Sir Robert Borden retired and Hon. Mr. Meighen took his place. A party caucus decided upon a new name for the government, and the House was re-elected almost to the minimum, although the by-elections went against the government with almost unbroken monotony. Mr. Meighen was deaf to the nation-wide clamoring for an opportunity to elect a new House of Commons representative of public opinion. He continued to steer his political ship straight into the teeth of a head wind that daily increased in violence, and the tide which had been setting against the disabled government craft carried it swiftly and surely into the breakers. Now with not a single anchor, with no hope of staying off destruction, Mr. Meighen has taken the plunge—but too late.

The Conservative leaders were willing to trust the judgment of the people in 1917. Why did not Mr. Meighen permit the people to exercise their judgment in 1920? The electorate of Canada are not likely to adopt any wild or reckless course. They have remained steady during the war and the period of excitement following it. They may be depended upon to take a sane view of the situation as it presents itself in the present campaign. Any appeal to narrow partisanship, any effort to question the loyalty of political opponents, will be hotly rebuffed. The government is now in the hands of the people. It is doomed to defeat and there will be no further adherence to blind authority; but Canada will have a new House of Commons with a mandate to carry on.

THE RECOVERY OF FRANCE.

France had a trade deficit of 14,000,000 francs for the first half of 1920. For the corresponding period this year she had a favorable trade balance of 400,000,000 francs. These figures have been given out officially, and the following statement gives the value and volume of trade for the periods mentioned shows how the change was effected:

By value—Imports, 1920.	1921.
January to June: (Millions of francs)	
Foodstuffs	2,489
Raw materials	5,139
Manufactures	2,779
Total imports	26,191
By value—Exports:	
Foodstuffs	1,115
Raw materials	3,046
Manufactures	7,621
Parcel post	474
Total exports	12,256

By volume—Imports, 1920.	1921.
January to June: (In metric tons.)	
Foodstuffs	3,226,785
Raw materials	17,584,057
Manufactures	12,159,788
Total imports	22,130,610
By volume—Exports:	
Foodstuffs	470,956
Raw materials	4,210,296
Manufactures	823,934
Parcel post	9,965

French traders have been quick to take advantage of the downward trend of prices of raw materials for manufacture and the comparative stability of prices for finished manufactures. The nation reduced its imports by sixty per cent, or 15,748,000,000 francs, in the corresponding period in 1921. The reduction in volume of the reduction was about 6,000,000 tons, or twenty-seven per cent. In other words, France purchased abroad in the 1921 period seventy-three per cent. of the quantity of goods brought in the 1920 period, but paid for them only sixty per cent. of

what her 1920 imports cost. The official figures indicate that the greatest decline in imports was in raw materials, both in volume and value. At the same time an actually larger tonnage of manufactures made from imported raw material was shipped out of the country, and the value was only sixteen per cent. less than that of the manufactures exported in the 1920 period.

All things considered, the recovery of France has been remarkable. She has turned a trade deficit of 14,000,000,000 francs in the first half of last year to a favorable balance of 400,000,000 francs in the first six months of 1921. This was done while the nation was faced with a wide range of difficult problems, political, social and economic, a safe and reasonable solution of which was necessary in order to successfully continue the work of reconstruction.

BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 1915

Gain of 366 During the Last Year—Matter of Uniformity of Legislation.

Ottawa, Sept. 7.—(By Canadian Press)—A reception last evening by the executive of the Canadian Bar Association to the delegates and their ladies concluded the first day's events of the association's annual convention here. At the afternoon session Mayor Frank McLean welcomed the delegates and conferred upon them the freedom of the city. Stuart Jenks, K. C., vice-president for Nova Scotia, presided during the afternoon and thanked Mayor McLean for his hearty welcome. Clarence Darling, local secretary for British Columbia, gave an address on co-ordination of official law societies. The membership report by W. F. Bentley, K. C., convener of the committee, showed a gain of 366 during the last year. The total membership now is 1,915. Sir J. Aikens and J. D. Falconer, K. C., both spoke on the work of the conference of commissioners on uniformity of legislation. Both emphasized the fact that there was no desire to take from Quebec any privileges she at present enjoys.

LOCAL NEWS

Yesterday's fog and rain caused the postponement of the first annual meeting of the Permanent Force Rifle Association match. The "All Comers" and cadet matches will be shot off Saturday and the other events on the first fine afternoon.

Representatives of the north end wards met in the Main street Baptist church last evening to discuss plans in connection with the campaign for the liquor referendum. It was decided to hold a public meeting on next Monday evening.

St. Dunstan's University at Charlottetown will reopen tomorrow. Among those from the city attending this institution are Harry J. Osborne, Leo Mallette, Alcide Wedge, Rennie Wedge and George McInerney.

The provincial headquarters of the Red Cross society received word that the branch of the society at St. John's had been reorganized. The following officers were elected. President, Mrs. W. R. McMillan; first vice-president, Mrs. R. L. Ellis; second vice-president, Mrs. Martin Senechal; third vice-president, Mrs. Ambrose Brown; secretary, Mrs. D. McAllister. An executive and Junior Red Cross committee were also appointed.

PUT WIDTH OF UNIVERSE AT MILLION LIGHT YEARS

Middleton, Conn., Sept. 7.—A feature of the meetings of the American Astronomical Association, which are being held at Wesleyan University, is new evidence on the size of the universe which has been obtained through some recent photographs of heavenly bodies taken at the Mt. Wilson Observatory in California, which were sent here to be exhibited.

After an examination of the photographs at two sessions of the convention, the association gave out figures showing that it is estimated that it takes light, traveling at the rate of 186,000 miles a second, a period of 3,000,000 years to travel from one edge of the universe to the other.

The photographs show that between the earth and the most distant points in space there are dark clouds of some sort of matter suspended in space. No light passes through these clouds, which are opaque. Some scientists believe these are great groups of stars. The best guess at present seems to be, however, that they are numbers of stars spinning around at great speed, some of them so large that it takes from 50,000 to 100,000 years to turn around.

DISTILLS HIS DEATH POTION.

Man Dies After Drinking Home-Made Liquor—Fried Survives.

Camden, N. J., Sept. 7.—Arrested in a helpless condition from intoxication, Charles McGroarty, of 129 State street, died in the Camden prison on Sunday. Coroner Hall gave a certificate of death from acute alcoholism.

The police were unable to learn the identity of the man until they found Michael Kelly of 230 Vine street, who also was found intoxicated, the police say. Kelly laid his intoxication to liquor made by McGroarty, and took policemen to McGroarty's home, where a still was found in full operation in the kitchen, and near it were molasses, cornmeal and prunes. A still not in use was found in Kelly's home.

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

SWIFT AEROPLANE CIRCLES WORLD; POWERFUL LIGHT REACHES MARS

"The Sky Ranger" Foretells Marvelous Inventions When Science Has Completely Mastered the Elements of the Air.

At one time the world scoffed at inventions that we now take as a matter of course, hardly realizing the genius that created them, or helplessness of modern man without them. Steamboats, locomotives, the telephone, telegraph and wireless, and the automobile are now familiar to the point of contempt. The airplane and the submarine we still have a deep respect for.

"The Sky Ranger," the Imperial theatre's new Pathe serial, starring June Caprice and George B. Seitz, and produced and directed by Mr. Seitz, deals with inventions of the future.

The plot of the story, written for the screen by Frank Leon Smith, revolves about the most powerful searchlight in the world. When it is completed its inventor can signal to Mars.

It is the task of the villains to destroy the light and its plans, for the chief villain is the inventor of the largest and swiftest airplane. Its engine is noiseless, and its speed such that it can circle the world in a few hours. In warfare, such airplane could be invaluable, and could only be fought by the searchlight, the powerful rays of which could ignite the flying machine and burn it in mid-air.

With these inventions for the main theme, brightened by a charming romance, "The Sky Ranger" is the most thrilling and adventurous of any of the Seitz serials. Miss Caprice makes her first appearance in a serial, and when you see her hanging from an airplane speeding through space thousands of feet above the earth, you get a tremendous thrill, because the petite June has never done stunts before.

George B. Seitz plays the hero role with his customary punch and vim. He is given the assistance of Harry Sennel as the airplane's inventor, Frank Redman as the light's inventor, Joe Cuny as a rival scientist, Peggy Shannon as a companion, and Charles Nevada, Spencer Bennett and Thomas Goodwin in other roles.

"Out of the Clouds," the first episode of "The Sky Ranger," will be shown at Imperial this week-end.

"SILK HOSIERY" A VERY PRETTY FILM

Will be Seen at the Imperial Tonight—Enid Bennett the Star.

Appearing in a Paramount picture of supreme appeal and beauty, Enid Bennett will be seen at Imperial theatre tonight and tomorrow in her latest Thomas H. Ince directed photoplay, "Silk Hosiery." This announcement makes the interest every woman film fan in this picture. Aside from its superiority as a picture story, "Silk Hosiery" constitutes a veritable fashion display. The scenes are laid for the greater part in a fashionable modiste's shop and the heroine is a model. You will see a stunning costume of a Lady of Gaiety, with a hat to match, and a gown of fairy tulle and moonlight, a shimmering silver froth and—but what's the use of trying to describe it? See more than we can possibly tell you. The story of "Silk Hosiery" is one of the most charming of the Enid Bennett repertoire and her role is one of dramatic force. Her support is made up of first-class artists, Geoffrey Webb, an English actor, being her leading man.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Here's a Cool One.

"Chilton is having the interior of his new house decorated with a rather odd taste by doing—"

"That's appropriate; he made his money in the ice business, you know."—Boston Transcript.

Yes, How Do You?

An American in London was bragging about his auto. He ended his eulogy by declaring:

"It runs so smoothly you can't feel it, so quietly that you can't hear it, it has such perfect ignition you can't smell it, and as for speed—boy, you can't see it!"

"But my word, old dear," interrupted the British lady, "how do you know the bally thing is there?"

Wanted "The Present"

Charlie had been to school that morning for the first time. When he came home his mother said to him:

"Well, Charlie, how did you like school?"

"I like it well enough, but I haven't got my present yet."

"Your present?" queried mother.

"What do you mean?"

"Why, teacher said when she saw me, 'You may sit here for the present, little man.' But last there all the morning and didn't get a thing. Perhaps I'll get it this afternoon."

Half and Half.

Jeffrey Farnol, novelist and expurgator, was talking in New York about diet. "We can't eat too little," he said. "The less red meat you eat, the less sugar and bread, the less fats we eat, the better for us, especially in the summer."

"Two doctors were talking at the bedside of a gourmet."

"I believe," said the first doctor, "that had cooks supply us with half our patients."

"Quite right," said the second doctor, "and the other half are supplied us by good cooks."

TODAY AT THE EXHIBITION

2.30 p. m.—Parade of dogs.
3.00 p. m.—Dancing in Amusement Hall. Admission free.
3.30 p. m.—Vaudeville performance before grand-stand. Music by Calais City band.
5.00 p. m.—Balloon ascension by Prof. Bonnette.
7.30 p. m.—Concert in Main Building by City Cornet band.
8.30 p. m.—Vaudeville acts before grand-stand. Music by Calais City band.
11.00 p. m.—Doors closed.

THE EXHIBITION.

Dense fog and rain did their best yesterday to dampen the ardor of those attending the exhibition, and the record of attendance showed less than the average number of people. An outstanding feature of yesterday's programme was the playing of the Calais City Band in the main building. The majority of the members of the band are from St. Stephen. Reports were current yesterday that some swindlers had been arrested on the grounds, but this was incorrect. The public are warned, however, to be on their guard. Some excitement was caused when a bull, while being given its bath with a hose, broke away from the man who was holding him and went up near the Wentworth street entrance to the grounds. Here one of his owners spoke gently to him and was able to secure the end of the rope and lead the wanderer back to the platform, where his ablutions were completed.

Provisionally displayed about the grounds and buildings are several signs and banners exhorting people to buy articles made in Canada. The display was arranged by H. R. Thompson, secretary of the maritime division of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, who was in the city.

INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTS CONFER

Unemployment, Tariff Legislation and Other Matters to be Considered.

New York, Sept. 7.—Chemists of Great Britain, Canada and the United States began here yesterday an international conference which was heralded as the greatest meeting in the history of their science and industry. More than 3,000 of them were expected to attend the series of addresses, symposiums and exhibits which will continue through September 10, embracing all phases of chemical work, with particular emphasis on post-war problems.

The following seven days will be devoted to the seven main subjects of the chemical industries. Prominent among those scheduled to address the gathering were Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, Sir William Emery, president of the Society of Chemical Industry of Great Britain, and a number of professors from universities of the United States, England and Canada, and heads of research departments in many industries of the three countries.

The British and Canadian delegations came here from Montreal where the Society of Chemical Industry of Great Britain recently held a convention. In New York they were joined by the American division of their organization and hundreds of members of the American Chemical Society.

Unemployment among chemists was scheduled as one of the foremost topics for discussion. In this connection chemists expressed hopes of absorbing many of the unemployed graduates of chemical schools in research work in preparation for expected freshening of industrial activity.

Tariff legislation affecting the chemical industry in America also was booked for consideration.

A broad field of chemical endeavor is represented in the various symposiums. These will include subjects as old as the filtration of water and as new as vitamins which like apple acids, always have existed but were late in being recognized.

ELKS' BEER SEIZED

Seventy Barrels at Pienic—Quebec Liquor Commission Statement.

Montreal, Sept. 7.—"The Quebec Liquor Commission will respect the wishes of our neighbors across the border and will sell them liquor only if the government permits it," said Hon. G. A. Simard, chairman of the commission, speaking of the seizure of seventy barrels of beer which upset the plans of 3,000 Elks from New York State at their picnic on Monday at Lacolle.

Mr. Simard said the same course would be pursued by the commission in connection with people coming into Quebec province from any of the Canadian provinces where prohibition was in force.

SUCCEEDS HON. M. W. DOHERTY AS DIRECTOR OF FARMER'S NEWSPAPER

Toronto, Sept. 7.—The Drury government no longer has any representative on the directorate of The Farmer's Sun. At the annual meeting of the Farmers' Publishing Company, yesterday, W. L. Smith of Barrie was elected to succeed Hon. Manning W. Doherty on the board of directors. Ever since the farmers acquired the paper Mr. Doherty has been a member of the board. He did not attend the meeting.

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